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## Man charged in missing person case in Opunake

Police investigating the disappearance of Opunake man Aaron Roigard have arrested and charged a man with his murder.

The 50-year-old Taranaki man appeared in the New Plymouth District Court on October 17, and was remanded in custody to appear again on November 7.

Detective Senior Sergeant Blair Burnett, officer in charge of the investigation says: "Information gathered over the past four months from our substantial inquiries and public appeals has resulted in the arrest and charge."

Aaron was last seen at a Waiteika Road address on Queens Birthday weekend — Monday 2 June, 2014 after a family disagreement.

Police have conducted extensive aerial and ground search phases into his disappearance. A team of up to 15 officers from Central District

have been working on the inquiry.

"The investigation team and I want to thank the public and local media for helping us with our appeals for information.

"While this arrest signals considerable progress in our inquiry, our goal is to locate Aaron's body.

"The investigation team is committed to returning Aaron to his family who grieve for him deeply. We encourage anyone that has any information relating to this investigation to contact Police immediately," says Detective Senior Sergeant Burnett.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Chris Allemann (06) 213 9536. Information can also be provided anonymously to the organisation Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Guilty plea to Opunake murder

A murder that rocked Opunake last year had its sequel in court last week.

Thirteen months after the stabbing of Desroe Bishop, a 34 year-old Ohakune man has pleaded guilty to his murder.

Shiloh Dallas Mariekura entered a guilty plea when he appeared before Justice Rebecca Ellis at the High Court in New Plymouth on October 20. He has been remanded in custody until sentencing on December 16.

The death of Bishop had shocked the town of Opunake in September last year. Aged 37, he lived with his 12-year-old son, and had been a popular member of the community in which he had lived all his life.

His body had been found in his Gisborne Terrace early on the morning of September 5. He and Mariekura had known each other, and had previously argued. Police arrested Mariekura later that morning.



Peter Snell with lifejacket - before it was taken.

## Concerns for safety of lifejacket thief

Peter Snell is an Opunake sporting icon and one of the greatest sportspeople ever to come out of New Zealand.

Sometime on Sunday October 19, the lifejacket placed on his statue in Tasman Street Opunake, as part of a campaign to promote boating safety, was stolen.

Concerns have been raised about the safety of whoever took it should they try to use it as a lifejacket.

The lifejacket is oversized, has an extra zip to enable it to be fitted to a statue, lacks buoyancy, and is unsuitable for use in the water, Egmont Plains Community Board chair Sharon Arlidge told the board's October meeting.

"To say I'm annoyed would be as polite a thing as I could say at a board meeting. I'm furious. If whoever took it could just come back and leave it by the statue. We just want it back," she said.

The jacket had been placed on the Snell statue on Friday. Sharon said she had made a point of taking the jacket away every night so it wouldn't attract the attention of thieves. The jacket had

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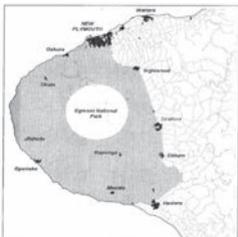
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## Letters to the editor

### Thank you to our supporters

On Saturday the 25th of October 2014, TenderLink Taranaki won their first ever ITM Cup Premiership title. That game will forever be etched in the memories of the thousands who packed into our fortress at Yarrow Stadium to cheer our team onto victory. On behalf of the TenderLink Taranaki team, Taranaki Rugby Board and staff, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the people of Taranaki for your enthusiastic and inspiring support this ITM Cup season. Thank you for attending the games here and around the country and for welcoming our players into your schools, businesses and homes. The unity and community spirit shown these past twelve weeks is something we should all be exceptionally proud of. This victory is yours Taranaki, enjoy the celebrations and take pride in what your team has achieved: TenderLink Taranaki - 2014 ITM Cup Winners.

Michael Collins

Taranaki Rugby CEO



The Taranaki Captain James Marshall holds aloft the coveted ITM Cup.

## B.B.C The Sixth Seal

A world changing earthquake, the sun and stars out of place, every island, every mountain being shifted around. It all sounds like a Hollywood blockbuster, but it is the sixth seal. Revelation 6 verses 12-17 describes a not too distant future event, God's judgement on the earth. But that follows something that the world itself created, World War 3. What Christians know as "the tribulation" happens just before the sixth seal. It is the world's own self destruction. The book of Daniel tells us that there will only ever

be four major worldwide empires. These are Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and finally the Roman. What this last one does is to have a new world order. It's a blending of politics, economics and religions. This last world power is centred at a city with seven hills. We don't know when this will happen, but it may be pretty close as globalisation and inter-religious co-operation is already here. For three and a half years of peace this new world order will look good to those who accept its authority or support it (Hands and head). Those

that reject it cannot buy or sell. Opposition, even if it is only religious differences, will not be tolerated, hence the foolish believers and the 144,000 Jews are to die for their testimony. But at the end of forty two months, the centre of this new world order is destroyed by atomic bomb and World War 3 starts. The northern nation that drops that bomb will invade Israel, God's special nation. They attack Israel from the north across a wide flat valley where the ruins of the ancient city of Meggido stand. It better known as

the valley of Armageddon. So, the sixth seal is preceded by a new world order that enforces religious, political and economic rule for three and a half years. Two prophets preach the Christian message to the Jews as part of the fifth seal. Then they and their 144,000 converts are martyred, as are remaining Christians. Then Israel is attacked. Having killed the Jews and Christians, is it any wonder at this point God brings judgement with the sixth seal? And this ushers in a millennium of real peace under Jesus Christ.

Richard Oliver

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The photos say it all.  
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Kane Barrett (in the suit) celebrates with his Taranaki team mates.

### Concerns for safety of lifejacket thief

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been returned at 6.05am on Sunday October 19. Sometime between then and 1pm it was taken.

Snell, who now lives in Texas, was born in Opunake in 1938. Ironically it is 50 years since the Tokyo Olympics when Snell achieved gold medals in both the 800 metres and 1500 metres.

The statue in Tasman Street next to the Opunake Library and TSB Bank was unveiled in 2007. It is one of seven

around the country to be adorned with a lifejacket as part of the first ever Safer Boating Week, an initiative by Maritime New Zealand and the National Pleasure Boat Safety Forum to promote boating safety in the leadup to Labour weekend.

Among other notable statues to be wearing lifejackets are the Plimmer statue in Wellington, Pania in Napier and legendary mayor Dove-Meyer Robinson in Auckland.

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Mountainview Medical is growing from strength to strength with the increasing number of doctors including Dr Mitch Feller. The General Practitioner owners of Mountainview Medical are delighted that Dr Mitch Feller will be working with the practice delivering GP

services in Hawera and Manaia. Dr Feller previously worked at Opunake Medical Centre and now with his medical council registration reinstated, commenced work at Mountainview Medical in Hawera on October 29.

When Dr Feller left Opunake Medical Centre where he previously practiced, he expressed the desire to make Taranaki his permanent home. Mountainview medical saw this as an opportunity not only to strengthen their doctors

numbers to meet the ever increasing patient demand, but also to keep a committed general practitioner in South Taranaki. South Taranaki constantly struggles to attract GPs, thus to be able to retain Dr Feller in the district is a real advantage especially when he was so committed to staying says Dr Marlene Bezuidenhout.

Mountainview Medical will now have six doctors, which is good news for its growing patient community. The strengthened work force

will increase the availability of GP appointments and will hopefully avoid people visiting the Hawera Hospital ED for conditions which could have been handled by their GP. Mountainview Medical is working with the TDHB and the Hawera ED to assist with the management and redirection of GP type patients who present at ED during practice hours.

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is very pleased with the financial performance of the organisation. "The surplus was achieved through lower than budgeted expenditure (\$673,000) and higher than budgeted income (\$1,149,000) which gave us an operating surplus of \$1.82 million dollars before various accounting adjustments," he says. Mr Stevenson says the Council's Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) also continued

to perform strongly. "The LTIF returned \$14.3 million for the year which was about \$5.2 million or 56 per cent ahead of budget. This is the third year in a row the fund has significantly exceeded budget expectations," he says. Mr Stevenson says at year end the LTIF balance totalled \$120.8 million. All revenue over and above the annual drawdown of \$5.6 million is returned to the fund to build

it up for those years when it doesn't perform so well. Each year the Council's \$5.6 million drawdown provides \$3.87 million to subsidise general rates and a further \$1.73 million to service interest and loan repayments for specific community projects. In this way the LTIF has returned over \$78 million back to the South Taranaki Community since it was started in 1997.

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receivership, liquidation or voluntary administration. The retailer must tell you that they are cancelling the layby. They must also give you a written statement if you request one. There are rules about when a retailer can charge a fee, and how much it can be. A retailer can only charge a cancellation fee when all of the following apply:

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  - the retailer hasn't breached the agreement themselves.
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  - the reasonable cost of storing and insuring the layby goods
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ing Place have been visiting Opunake High School since 2006. This was, however the first time they had come to the Community Board asking for funding. Representing the Parenting Place, Nicky Prichard said their group is non-government funded, and wants to carry on doing their courses, even if some schools aren't in a position to financially support their visits. They also wanted to spread their net wider to include intermediate as well as secondary schools.

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# Crisis situation spurs funding

Outgoing Egmont Plains Community Board chair Sharon Arlidge believes there is a crisis situation in Opunake. "I'm really concerned about the amount of drugs in town. It's something which everybody has to do something about. If good people do nothing, then we are in a very bad position," she said. "I feel quite strongly that people are the crisis in town, not pavements." At her last meeting, the Egmont Plains Community Board voted funds to two different groups with similar

aims coming to Opunake. One is no stranger to Opunake, the other is looking at bringing in a programme which will be a first for New Zealand. The Attitude Youth division of the Parenting Place has been making presentations at the high school since 2006. Supporting Families in Mental Illness Taranaki is looking at bringing in a programme which will be a first for New Zealand. Teams from the Attitude Youth Division of the Parent-

ing Place have been visiting Opunake High School since 2006. This was, however the first time they had come to the Community Board asking for funding. Representing the Parenting Place, Nicky Prichard said their group is non-government funded, and wants to carry on doing their courses, even if some schools aren't in a position to financially support their visits. They also wanted to spread their net wider to include intermediate as well as secondary schools.

She said their presentations were made by Under-30 year olds. "They are not like teachers, but they are not like your mates either. They are people who have life experience." Sharon said that as a teacher at the high school, she had always been impressed with their presentations. "They are very effective, dynamic, and their morals and ethics are very strong," she said. Supporting Families in

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# Award for community service



A man who has long been seen as the face of the Opunake Coastal Walkway received a South Taranaki District Council Community Award last week. Rex Langton (left) received his award from South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop (right) at the October meeting of the Egmont Plains Community Board.

Rex was recognized for his longstanding contribution to the Walkway, as well as his involvement in community groups, including the Lions Club.

## Crisis situation spurs funding

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Mental Illness Taranaki was looking for funding for programmes aimed to help teenagers in the Opunake area with a parent or family member struggling with mental illness or addiction. A separate programme would assist parents with mental health or addiction problems in their parenting.

Their Up programmes,

which will be running in Opunake and New Plymouth are an Australian initiative, not tried before in New Zealand. This would be the first time they had been tried anywhere in the country, although it is understood there is interest in starting up a programme in the Waikato.

The board voted to grant \$750 to The Parenting Place from the board's discretionary fund, and \$500 to Sup-

porting Families in Mental Illness Taranaki.

Community board member Andy Whitehead said there is a huge need for groups like this in the community.

"Maybe we can't see the benefits straight away, but we can see the results of not granting their applications or not having them come before us," he said.



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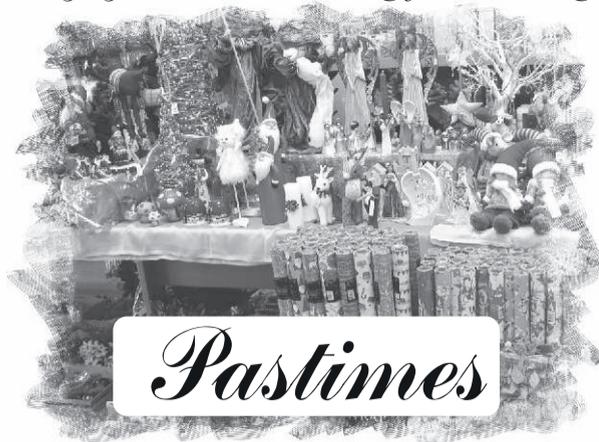
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please be aware of what is behind you when travelling.

In other traffic matters, we have received a number of complaints from Rahotu residents of a small number of young people driving around the village behaving like clowns. To those concerned, don't be surprised when we come knocking on your door to and give you a nice summons informing you of your pending Court date and letting you know we are also taking your car from you. Weigh up the options guys. Nobody likes the village idiot!

It is a worrying sight to see an increasing number of people, in particular children, who are riding their bikes around Opunake without cycle helmets. We all know the consequences of head injuries and that is why the

law says you must wear cycle helmets. We intend to start focusing on this problem area and would encourage those parents of children and also adults not wearing them to get one. As I have alerted to in previous columns the \$55 ticket for not wearing a helmet is more expensive than the price to buy one. The alternative could be a maximum fine in court of \$1000 if you continue to ignore this advice.

Over night 22/23 a shed was entered on Clouston Place and 2 x Stihl weed-eaters were stolen. If you have been approached with an offer to buy a cheap Stihl weed eater chances are it is one of these stolen ones. Contact either of us; we would be more than happy to take it off those that have been involved.

Also over night 23/24th a vehicle parked on the front lawn of a Tasman Street address was broken into. Fortunately nothing was taken, but it has been a huge inconvenience to the elderly owner.

Just a little something to ponder, - "An intelligent fool can make things bigger more complex and more violent. It takes a touch of genius and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction." - Albert Einstein.

That's about it for now. Remember, if you have any information for us give us a call - we are more than happy to help. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers at 0800 555111 with all anonymous information.

**On the move**

This house on the move had to be cut in half, and its roof lowered in order to transport it to its new home in Hurford Road, Omata..

For 40 years, the 4 bed-roomed house was home to Lorraine and Terry Mullin on Patiki Road. It was here that they raised their family.

The main part of the house

is over a hundred years old, said Terry and Lorraine. Over the years they had added to it, and 20 years ago they repiled the house. They have rebuilt a new home in Patiki Road.

In its new life the house is to be set up as part of a retreat for people going through troubled times, said Jamie Allen who had the idea.



Making it's way down Tasman Street in Opunake is this house on the move, transported by Taranaki Building Removers.

People will be able to stay for "a bit of time out."

**On this month in history: Katherine Mansfield is born**

On October 14, 1888 Kath-erine Mansfield was born as Kathleen Beauchamp in Wellington.

She is best known for her short stories, although her published letters and journals are fascinating. She knew many of the literary greats of the time such as DH Lawrence, Virginia Wolfe, as well as Bertrand Russell.

She contracted tuberculosis

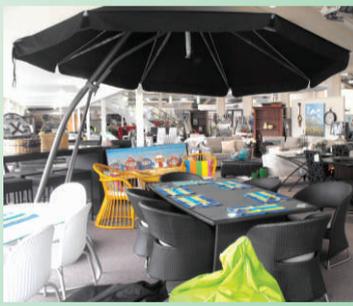
and travelled around the con-tinent seeking a cure, but dy-ing of the illness in 1923 aged just 34. She was survived by her writer/publisher husband Middleton Murray.

She is probably New Zea-land's best known writer internationally.

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# On With the Show - a full house



The Coastal Singers entertaining everyone at their recent dinner show, with Choir Mistress Noleen Moir accompanying the singers on the piano.

The deserved excellent reputation of the Coastal Singers saw a full house at their 2014 Dinner Show on Saturday October 18. The Choir Mistress was Noleen Moir, who offered skilful musical direction, as always. The guest artists this time were 'Begorrah', a lively four piece band. The musical event was held at the Opunake High School hall.

The show got off to a rousing start with 'No Business Like Show Business', followed by a welcome delivered by Mervyn Ross. Catering was by Anderson's Pies and they offered their usual delicious entres after the first section of songs, followed up by the main course and dessert, at intervals between musical brackets.

Of the early part. I especially enjoyed the Coastal Singers rendition of the Bee Gees numbers entitled 'Stayin' Alive'.

After the entre break we were entertained by soloists Alan Smith and Barbara Waite with the beautiful 'Pie Jesu', which has been recorded by our own Hayley Westenra and by Welsh singer Charlotte Church. Alan and Barbara's rendition was a delightful highlight.

The 'Phantom of the Opera' medley followed, and I loved the performance with its dramatic and memorable musical effects. This was perhaps my favourite part of the whole concert - it was excellent. Soloists were Melanie Brown, Stephanie McKellar and Reg Woodfield, who all added a positive, tuneful contribution.

'Begorrah' came on after this and what a musical bonus they proved. They played a selection of songs, many with an Irish flavour. They

were reminiscent of 'The Irish Rovers' and just as good to my mind. At times they even inspired some dancing in the aisles. I loved their toe tapping 'The Hot Asphalt'. After the break for the main course they were back. Their 'Whisky in the Jar' was bril-

liant. There was a lot of audience anticipation. "If you don't clap we'll stop," they threatened. They didn't need to stop.



Myar Smith (left) and Dawn Mills dance to the lively music of the four piece group Begorrah. The group, from left, is Mark Corbett, Rob Green, Dennis Green and Geoff Notman.

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One of the dancers was Dawn Mills, who jived with Myar Smith. In an interesting coincidence, Dawn who was a winner at the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary awards in 2013 and is a finalist this year, was dancing to the beat of drummer Geoff Notman, a close relative of the famous writer/musician. Geoff is a son of Colleen Notman, Ron Morrieson's first cousin.

After the dessert break the audience were entertained with 'Under the Boardwalk' - a song I love and finally 'Save the Last Dance for Me'. Everyone had been optimally entertained - a great concert. At the end there were a number of special acknowledg-

ments, with outstanding local politician and Coastal Singers supporter Sharon Arlidge amongst them. She and her husband Warren are heading south to live; they will be greatly missed.

Noleen Moir gave a brief speech and commented, "You

Coastal Singers she added, "You amaze me with your commitment."

There many people to thank including Dylan Arlidge for his control of Lighting, greeters Aileen Simpson, Aileen Joyce, and Jenny & Guy Oakley. The Printe Shoppe did a

have supported us year in and year out." Turning to the

sterling job with the printing of the programme.

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Hon Chester Borrows, Whanganui MP

There is a warm glow settling over provincial New Zealand as the first second and third division rugby championships all found their way to the heartland. Even more surprising was the fact that all three finals involved six provincial teams. We all hope that this sparks a run of future champion teams coming from where rugby began. It follows another trend which we have enjoyed watching too,

# Rugby was the winner on the day

and that is the rejuvenation of country clubs in those provinces having a stronger hold on rugby within the local competitions feeding in to rep rugby.

My view has been that we have seen a rebirth of country football, as more of the farming community has realised that the old employment conditions which saw less flexibility in working hours and practises because of depopulation on farms after amalgamations meant there was less likelihood of a young farmer being available for club rugby.

Farmers have found that the type of bloke they want on the farm is a self-starter, who can manage himself and his ambition, and has the right incentives to keep working when the going gets tough,

who will show flexibility with their own expectations around of conditions of work.

This becomes even more pertinent given the championships were all finalised on Labour Weekend when we celebrate the achievement of the eight hour working day and forty hour week. Farming is a perfect example of how that system probably never fit the practise, as it doesn't and won't for many occupational groups. A small business with low staff numbers, or a service related enterprise such as in health, a demand driven service, or seasonal work relating to processing or animal health, are all examples where a fixed work period, with fixed breaks, and conditions may not work. Usually these conditions are negotiated on site as and

when required, or are well known and accepted within the industry. If the job will be finished at 3.30pm, staff may well be happy to push on through smoko and knock off earl, rather than take a break and finish later. If there are shorter numbers on the hospital ward and there is an incident to deal with, then a meal break may come later than usual.

Funnily enough, the fact that the vast majority of employers work by reasonable consensus slips right past the union movement, who continually contest that workers get shafted every which-way in search of the mighty dollar. The fact that until the current legislation before the parliament which allows for more flexibility, the ability to enforce all breaks, leave

the negotiation table and withdraw labour was all in the hands of the worker, was unfair in itself. The overriding principle of "good faith bargaining" remained solidly a test by the workers collective rather than the employer.

No doubt the Employment Relations Amendment Bill will be the cause of much angst over the near future. Lines will be drawn politically and along worker and employer lines. The Opposition will fight any change regardless of the myriad of changes to employment conditions, new occupations, work environments and prospects. Yet the Act is called the 'Employment Relations Act' and good workplace relations are what we all want.

*Chester Borrows MP for Whanganui*

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Andrew Little, List MP

With Labour weekend just gone, it is a pity to see the newly re-elected government, which promised no lurch to the right, trying to pass as one of its first laws the statutory right to meal and rest breaks.

By the time you read this the law will probably have been passed, and it does more than just affect rest and meal breaks. It changes the rules for negotiating pay and conditions if you're in a union, making it harder to get a deal. The friendly term the National Party ministers use

to defend these changes is flexibility. It will make workplaces more flexible. No, it won't. It will hand more control over to the employer or to managers. The only flexibility will be for employees and contractors who will be expected to bend to every demand made. That's the flexibility the government is talking about.

As a country, we have been slowly moving away from an understanding of the employment relationship as one, if not entirely as equals, then

certainly one where both parties have a fair balance of rights.

Business owners, who have invested in the business and taken a risk, naturally want to make sure the business functions properly and they can earn a decent income and get a good return off the business. Those employed in the business to make it work and help generate the income have similar interests. They want the business to be viable – their ongoing livelihood depends on it. And they also

want a fair return for what they do – good wages or a good price for their contract work.

But employees aren't machines. There are human needs that need to be met. People cannot work continuously, hour after hour. They need a break. And people get sick. So they need time out for that. And they need holidays to recharge their batteries, and make themselves more productive as a result.

The problem with the latest National government

law change is that there are employers who will work to the letter of the law. "It's my business and my right to insist you work through the break you thought you were going to have" they will say.

Of all laws that need to have a human element, it is surely our employment laws. But we are losing that. And we will all pay for that in the long run, with more work accidents, more sickness, and more businesses that will just not be a pleasant place to work or be a customer for.

*Andrew Little MP*

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## On this month in history: First Labour Day demonstration

On October 28, 1890 the first Labour Day demonstration was held in Wellington, which coincided with the first anniversary of the formation of the Maritime Council, a group of unions.

There was a special guest at the demonstration, namely Samuel Parnell, a carpenter from Petone, who began the movement for an eight hour working day in 1840. Unions organised their individual demonstrations every year until 1899, when the Labour Day Act was passed by

Richard Seddon's reformist Liberal Government, making the first Wednesday in October *Labour Day* – a public holiday. Eventually, it was made into a Monday and moved to the fourth Monday in October.

Samuel Parnell, who gives his name to a suburb in Auckland, was born in London in 1810, but emigrated to Wellington in 1840. There was a shortage of carpenters in Wellington, so he refused to work any longer than eight hours in any day to uphold the stand he passionately

believed in.

These days we all enjoy an extra day off from work, but is worth remembering how the special day came about, thanks to the vision of Samuel Parnell, who envisaged eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep and eight hours for recreation.

The Liberal Government passed a plethora of labour legislation, which greatly improved conditions for employees, such that strikes became quite rare during Seddon's time. Seddon died in office in 1906.

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# Where does the gas come from?

Anyone familiar with New Zealand's energy industry will know what the word "Kapuni" means.

It refers to the place where natural gas was first found in large quantities in 1959, a small hamlet on the southern side of Mt Taranaki that has hosted a major natural gas field for more than half a century.

While Kapuni, the place-name, means assembly or camping place (bestowed by early Māori navigator Turi from the great voyaging waka taua, Aotea), the modern translation of Kapuni is "natural gas".

And it's that version which dominates the front cover of a new Māori language (te reo) book called "Nō hea tēnei mea, te KAPUNI?"

Translated to English, that means "Where does gas come from?" and is one of a series of children's illustrated books aimed at senior primary school kids showing them how everyday products like milk, wool, bread, honey - and now, natural gas - get into their lives.

Produced by New Plymouth publisher TuckerMedia, the

gas book is unlike any te reo Māori schoolbook available, according to Waitara primary school teacher Mike Taiapo. "There are general teaching

texts in te reo, of course, but I've seen nothing like this," says the St Joseph's Waitara School senior class teacher, who tried the book out on

his class of 18 level 6 and 7 pupils.

They loved it, and some of the 10- to 11-year-olds who have parents working in the

Taranaki oil and gas industry were able to relate directly to the book's main character, a young South Taranaki Māori boy, Harper. He catches an eel in a local stream and then explores Shell gas fields in Taranaki to see where the gas comes from that will cook the eel for dinner.

During photography for the book, Harper received special safety training, and was fitted out with safety gear and bright red overalls, so he could become - at 10 - the youngest New Zealander ever allowed on a natural gas field.

One St Joseph's pupil, Kaea Beggs, has two parents who work in the energy business, and he knew most of the answers to teacher Mike's questions about the book as they read through it together in class.

The story also features a geologist, and Kaea not only knows what geologists do, but he wants to be one.

About a third of Mike's pupils have Māori ancestry, with a few (including his daughter, Layne), able to speak some te reo. All understand the Māori common words he uses while teaching.

To make the reading easier, the pupils had iPads on hand with the English language version of the book on display so they could check meanings.

Mike - whose whakapapa (genealogy) connects to Ngaruahine in Taranaki and Ngapuhi in Northland - says the school is delighted to receive the gift of a class-set of the books from TuckerMedia proprietor Rob Tucker.

"This links in very well, especially to those with parents in the industry."

The 42-page book, translated by Otaki translator Jenny Jacob, provides a detailed explanation of where natural gas is found, how it is extracted and processed, and how it gets to the homes of New Zealanders.

Shell New Zealand has a 10-year partnership with TuckerMedia and opened the doors to its Kapuni and Pohokura natural gas fields so the publishing company could tell this story as part of its broader *Where Does* book series.



The front cover of the book shows Harper is in his element trying on a hard hat and other gear.

# Kaponga WI celebrates 83 years

Members from Kaponga, Hawera, Stratford and New Plymouth attended a social day hosted by Carolyn Nicholas at her New Plymouth home to mark the Kaponga Institute's 83rd birthday.

Items for Roll Call at the Fun and Friendship Day were collected. Members heard a report on the combined Women's Institute/Rural-Women trip to Wanganui.

Dorothy Hughes, Rayleen McDonald and Fiona Collins had attended.

Jo Jones and Fiona Collins had attended an enjoyable social afternoon held by the Carlisle WI at Patea.

The 70th Jubilee Dish was presented to Sharyn Hurlley, Anzac Poppy patterns were given out, and some completed poppies were displayed. Each member re-

ceived a garden gift voucher from Institute, and there were lucky spot prizes organised by Carolyn.

After lunch a short programme, organised by Fiona Collins, was presented.

Mollie Nicholas read "Honk if you love Jesus", Val Eliason presented an extract from Pinky Agnew's book. Margaret Watts and Fiona read from Pam Ayres, while Fiona also read the very funny "A

Retired Husband".

Members who took reading parts in two sketches, "Miss Trippett's Farewell" and "The Train Trip" were: Margaret Arbuckle, Margaret Broomhall, Fiona Collins, Jo

Jones, Val Eliason, Dorothy Hughes, Mollie Nicholas, Nancy Stokes, and Carolyn Nicholas.

This was a most enjoyable occasion to mark 83 years for Kaponga WI.

# On this month in history Errol Flynn dies

On October 14, 1959 famous Australian actor Errol Flynn died in Vancouver, Canada of a heart attack aged 50.

He was born in Hobart, Tasmania the son of a marine biologist father Thomas whom he was devoted to and his mother Marelle with whom he had a troubled relationship.

After stage acting in England he headed to a Hollywood where Warner Brothers put him in films such as *Captain Blood* and *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. He soon became one of the top actors although he never won an Academy award. Just before he died he wrote 'My Wicked Wicked Life' which told of his highly irregular adventurous life, but the book was published after his passing. Dr Paula McKellar, formerly

of Opunake, met him while she was boarding with his parents Professor and Mrs Flynn in Ireland. She described him as, "Very charming with a bit of devilment."

Errol Flynn is closely associated with actors such as David Niven whom he flattered with for a while (also acted with) and also Olivia De Havilland, who acted with him in several films. However, things were not so rosy with Bette Davis and there was some tension between them. He objected to a overly hefty slap he received which she excused as acting. Between takes he asked her not to hit so hard and she refused. He responded in kind saying, "Oh I'm only acting." She never spoke to him again after the film was released.

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# Tractor soon to head to Gaua Island, Vanuatu



Many people came to celebrate the tractor, which is soon to head to Gaua Island, Northern Vanuatu.

At a special occasion at Malcolm and Jill Pease's home on Saturday October 18, a large number of people turned up to look over the Massey Ferguson 135 4WD tractor that is almost ready to be shipped to the remote Gaua Island

(one of the Banks Islands), in Northern Vanuatu to help the farmers in various ways, but with emphasis on the transport of the Islands only export crop, which is Copra and comes from coconuts. At present most of the 70kg bags

of copra are carted out on the farmers backs.

In his talk to the visitors, Malcolm paid tribute to Gaua mechanic, handyman and bridge builder Markie Freshlie, who has come down from Gaua for 4 weeks to especially help him prepare the tractor and equipment. Markie will have the important task of training up suitable drivers to safely operate and maintain the tractor, to ensure it serves the community of Gaua for many years to come, as well as looking over the other equipment also going to Gaua, such as a good sized kitset trailer.

The visitors viewed a display set up to explain something of the island and the project, and Markie gave a demonstration

of Copra making, as carried out by the farmers on his home island.

Mention must be made of the team of men who annually come from Gaua to NZ to work in the vineyards and orchards of Blenheim and Otago, who work hard to raise funds for their families back home. This year they will be putting a large part of their NZ earnings into this Tractor Project.

Additionally the tractor has been provided at a generously low price, by Arnold Cooper of Hawera, who described the occasion as, "Excellent. I feel humbled to be part of it." A special thank you is due to Arnold.

The tractor has been fully overhauled and repainted. It

has had a major upgrade and is now resplendent with new galvanised steel mudguards, tyres and clutch, but also especially fitted front, side and rear carry trays for carrying the 70 kg bags of Copra out of the rugged plantations and down to the Copra landings ready for the bimonthly Copra boat. (One item Malcolm and Markie couldn't locate is a MF steel bucket seat. Any offers?)

The tractor will be firstly trucked to Auckland, then shipped to Santo in Vanuatu, then transported to Gaua Island on the Copra boat to be put to work. It will start its journey in about a month. "This tractor, the very first on Gaua, will lift their copra production quite a bit," said Malcolm.

What is Gaua Island like? It measures just 20km east to west and 20km north to south, and is dominated by an

the only export crop.

Jill and Malcolm had provided an enjoyable lunch with various Gaua Island staple foods – including cassava, taro, green bananas, kumara, watermelon – and much more. Very tasty.

At the close of the display and Copra demonstration, the tractor was blessed by the Rev Peter Barleyman, with a prayer to ensure the Lord's assistance accompanied the tractor's safe travel and it's important work ahead.

Malcolm and Jill Pease must be commended for the Christian-based humanitarian work they have carried out over many years. However, their efforts do need financial support with the current one still needing more funds. If you can



Malcolm Pease introduces the delicious food, such as is eaten on Gaua Island. Malcolm and Jill spent a considerable time preparing this feast.

active volcano and large central crater lake. Gaua has two weather-dependent sea landings and one airstrip. The medical clinic is supported by a flying doctor service. The mission presence was established 150 years ago. The economy is virtually a subsistence one, with copra

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If viewers wish they can find more information on Google Earth - look up Gaua Is, Vanuatu. It's a great down-to-earth visitor destination.

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## Nominations needed for notable trees

The South Taranaki District Council is wanting to hear from residents about trees worth protecting.

They are in the process of updating the District Plan schedule of notable trees throughout the rural and

urban areas. There are currently 71 Notable Trees across South Taranaki listed in the schedule. The majority of these are in Hawera, Opunake, Patea and Waverley. By keeping a schedule of notable trees within the District Plan, the Council is able to

protect and recognise those of value to the district.

Where trees are included on the schedule the Council will attach a plaque or tag to the tree to indicate that the tree has "protected" status. Once a tree is listed on the Notable Tree Schedule, resource consent is required to either remove the tree or carry out major trimming.

A notable tree is one that has either historical or cultural value, or is recognised as a landmark, visually pleasing, a rare species or of botanical significance. Trees can be nominated, citing the address and type of tree, and any relevant information.

Nominations close on 10 November 2014.

The Council will then review the nominations received, and an evaluation will be undertaken (including a site visit) using the Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM) and a recommendation will be made on the tree's eligibility to be included in the Notable Tree Schedule.

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## STAFF CHANGES

### MARIA POTTER

The Board of Trustees are sad to announce that Maria Potter will be leaving our school at the end of the year. After 5 years as Principal of Opunake High Maria is heading to Sacred Heart College in Lower Hutt as Principal. The move will take Maria closer to family and back to the school that she attended in the 80's.

We all wish her well for the future and thank her for her valued contribution to our school.

*I would like to thank the Board who appointed me back in 2010. Working at this school has been an honour and a privilege. Opunake High School is a truly special school supported by a great community.*

More farewell messages to follow in the next newsletter.



### SIMON FULLER

Andy Whitehead and the Board of Trustees are excited to announce the appointment of the new principal for Opunake High in 2015, Simon Fuller, currently DP of Naenae College, Wellington.

With a large number of high calibre applications received for the position the board had the tough task of going through the procedure to select the final five for interviews. With the guidance of Mark Bowden the Board of Trustees felt that Simon has the qualities to keep Opunake High School in the fore front of education and bring a new chapter for Opunake High School.

*Kia ora tātou*

*I am very excited and honoured to be appointed as the next Principal of Opunake High School. My wife and I are looking forward to making the move up and getting to know the wonderful people and places that make up the Opunake community and the wider Taranaki region.*

*Opunake High School is a high achieving, vibrant and passionate school. To be given the opportunity to work with the entire community, staff and students, to continue to ensure our tamariki live their DREAMS is itself a dream come true for me.*

*I wish everyone in the community a productive and successful end to the school year and warm seasons greetings for the upcoming holiday period. I look forward to meeting you all next year.*

*Hei konā mai  
Simon Fuller*



### SHARON ARLIDGE

Sharon, a long serving teacher at Opunake High, is leaving us to relocate to Wanaka with husband Warren and her family. Sharon, a vibrant and colourful personality will be greatly missed by the school and community. We wish her all the best in her new venture.

A new maths teacher is currently being advertised.



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- 5 NCEA Exam Info meeting
- 6 Senior Prizegiving
- 10 Junior Exam Week
- 11 Linkage Interviews begin
- 12 H&S Clothes Swap 7pm
- 24 BOT Meeting

### DECEMBER

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# Stratford's Original Maternity Hospital on the market

A huge nine bedroom weatherboard house in Stratford with 290 square metres of floor area, has just come on the market.

It would be ideal for a big family, rental investment, bed and breakfast, backpackers, or to run your own business from the premises.

Built in 1914, it was the first maternity hospital in Stratford, with doctors quarters located next door. In 1919, it was taken over from Dr Paget by the husband and wife team of Dr Doris and Bill Gordon, and named 'Marire Hospital'. A private hospital, it predated the first maternity annex at Stratford Hospital, which opened in 1922.

At one stage, according to 'Stratford, Shakespearean Town Under the Mountain', a history by David Walter - it had four beds for maternity use and six for general use.

Dr Doris Gordon in her autobiography 'Back-Blocks Baby Doctor', tells how she diagnosed the first case in the Stratford district of the 1918 worldwide influenza pandemic - an 11 year old girl at Strathmore. According to Dr Gordon, the peace celebrations in the Town Hall escalated the spread of the disease. The influenza which lasted six weeks

claimed 6716 lives - more than the soldiers lost during the First World War.

On Dr Gordon's death in 1956, a Daily News editorial described her as "an inspired and undeviating worker for the nation's womenfolk, who may one day be granted a place in New Zealand history," similar to that enjoyed in British history by Mrs Pankhurst or by Florence Nightingale.

This century old villa with solid walls up to 200 mm thick, and 12 foot high ceilings, is ready and waiting for a new owner to continue renovations already started by the present owner Kevin Kirk.

Kevin, who purchased the property in 2005, said "he has met many people who were born here. Recently, a woman called in to the house, and I took her for a tour of the property, so she could show her children where she was born".

Through the front door from the sheltered entrance-way there is a long hallway, with high ceilings and an upper archway.

To the left is the first of nine bedrooms. One of the house's two front rooms has bay windows attractively set off with stained glass.

A little further along, two



24 Juliet Street Stratford., a former maternity Hospital. with an interesting history.

more bedroomseach have have theri own stairway, leading to the mezzanine floor. The children sleep up there", says Kevin.

On the other side of the hallway, another door leads into the dining room, with a large formal lounge, also featuring attractive bay windows with stained glass. A pallet fire in the left hand corner completes this cosy open plan living area, exuding plenty of warmth on cold winter nights, The dining

room previously had an open fireplace, as does the main dining room. Then, from the dining room, there is a large kitchen with plenty of space for cooking..

Turn left down the hallway and there is a large walk-in linen cupboard. On the right there is a bathroom with a bath, separate shower and toilet, as well as a separate laundry, giving easy outside access to the large backyard. As an added bonus, the laundry includes a handy second toilet.

Continuing down the hallway, there are six more bedrooms, three of which have access via french doors to a verandah and deck. Passing three more rooms on the left hand side, the 32 metre hallway leads into another sitting room - with a second open fire place, and an additional room off that, featuring french doors leading to the verandah. As Kevin points out - the house could easily be modified by adding another bathroom and kitchen at the rear end of the house to make a sizeable self contained flat.. The ninth bedroom is also spacious with a double wardrobe, and it is well positioned

for all day sun. An office appears alongside with ample storage for books and paperwork. This completes the interior with plastered, wall-papered and mainly painted walls throughout.

"Virtually all the windows in the house are the originals", says Kevin. Where they have been replaced, he has been careful to match the existing style. All the bedrooms bar one have built-in wardrobes.

In a prime location within close walking distance from Stratford primary school,

Stratford High school, the supermarket, parks, and the central business district, this property is set on slightly over a quarter of an acre flat section, with plenty of space for a barbeque and outdoor setting. Great for entertaining friends, plus the kids have lots of area to play. To top it all off, there is off street parking with space for at least two vehicles It has a

special charm, ready for new owners to put their own stamp on it - well worth a look.

The property is being marketed by, among other agents, Danny Bates from McDonald Real Estate, Stratford who is holding an open home on Sunday November 2 from 1;45 to 2pm.



Courtesy Dr Ross Gordon  
Dr Doris Gordon, who led Stratford's fight against the influenza pandemic of 1918.



The built in beds on a mezzanine floor which feature in two of the bedrooms.



The lounge and dining area.



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# “Wonderful worker” accorded Life Membership



Nola Corbett (left) with fellow foundation member Barbara Williams.

until a side room was made available at the Okato Hall used mainly for the storage and displays in the hall when required. Later a permanent display was put in place and open to the public. Nola recalls in her time as a member being involved in four family reunions. She also has uncovered all sorts of items of interest. These included a photo of Rutherford’s Mill in mid Parihaha Road

owned by the family of Lord Ernest Rutherford. Another interesting find was the discovery that one of the Harrods - related to the original owners of Harrods in London - lived in Okato. There was talk that he was a remittance man. He went on to make a creditable contribution to the Okato district and is buried in the Okato Cemetery. There are currently 21 members of the Okato Historical Society. “A

number of younger members taking office and taking us into the computer age,” said Barbara. These days the society boasts an onsite computer to help with the cataloguing of material that Nola helped gather, said Barbara, particularly pertinent with Okato’s forthcoming 150th celebrations in March next year. After the presentation those present enjoyed a special afternoon tea.

Nola Corbett has been made a Life Member of the Okato & Districts Historical Society at a special presentation on Thursday October 2. Nola was one of the founding members of the Okato Historical Society formed in 1995 and a former

president of the society. Barbara Williams, another foundation member who presented Nola with her Life Membership certificate, commended Nola for the sterling work that Nola has done over the years. “She’s a wonderful worker,” she said adding

“there would not have been an Okato Historical Society without her. “So much has been preserved which would otherwise not be there,” she commented. Prior to presenting her with her Life Membership certificate, Barbara Williams read out the minutes of the first meeting which was held at Nola and Des Corbett’s residence in Okato. Fifteen people were at the public meeting which was called with the view to forming the historical society on July 27 1995. The first meetings continued to be held at Nola and Des Corbett’s house in Okato



## New lay preachers

From left, Ann Smith and Elva Symons from St Pauls Co-operating Parish in Opunake who have recently been made lay preachers. They were presented with their certificates by the Rev Arthur Barnfather during the Sunday morning service on October 12.

Your English lesson for the day: complete or finished.

No dictionary has ever been able to satisfactorily define the difference between “complete” and “finished.” However, during a recent linguistic conference, held in London, England, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world, Sam-sundar Balgobin, a Guyanese linguist, was the presenter when he was asked to make that very distinction.

The question put to him by a colleague in the erudite audience was this: “Some say there is no difference between ‘complete’ and ‘finished.’ Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand.”

Mr. Balgobin’s response: “When you marry the right woman, you are ‘complete.’ If you marry the wrong woman, you are ‘finished.’ And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are ‘completely finished.’”

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## Changes to NZCP1: Code of Practice for the design and operation of farm dairies

This code of practice is recognised and has been assessed to be a valid and appropriate means of partially fulfilling the requirements of a risk management programme for farm dairies. The Ministry of Primary Industries(MPI) are reviewing this code of practice and in particular the cooling requirements for raw milk. The proposed

changes are to help the NZ dairy industry meet the requirements and standards of new and existing export/import markets. One of the main focus areas is around the faster cooling of raw milk post harvest. The code of practice suggests farm dairy operators should be targeting to cool their milk more effectively than these requirements to ensure the quality of milk is maintained.

The following is an extract from section 7.14 Milk Cooling NZCP1: Code of Practice for the Design and Operation of Farm Dairies July 2013 Version 5 Amendment 2. The full document can be reviewed at <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/dairy-nzcp1-design-code-of-practice/>



Some of the team at Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration

### Future requirements

The milk cooling requirements are currently under review. Although any change is not likely to take effect before June 2016, it is recommended that Farm Dairy operators contemplating an upgrade to primary cooling or bulk milk tank refrigeration discuss options with their dairy company and/or refrigeration supplier, and consider solutions that employ the latest technology (especially for primary cooling) capable of meeting the following criteria:

- Raw milk must:
- (a) be cooled to 10 degrees C or below within 4 hours of the commencement of milking;
- (b) be cooled to 6 degrees C or below within 6 hours of the commencement of milking and 2 hours of completion;
- (c) be held at below 6 degrees C until collection of the next milking;
- (d) not exceed 10 degrees C during subsequent milkings.

Farm Dairy operators are to have auditable systems capable of demonstrating

conformance to milk cooling requirements. Where electronic data capture and recording systems are installed it is recommended that such systems should be capable of holding delivery line and bulk milk tank temperature data for the previous 30 days for both milk and CIP. In situations where there is continuous milking, the milk must enter the bulk milk tank at 6 degrees C or below, continuous milking being defined as milking for 6 hours or longer from the time that milk first enters any bulk milk tank.

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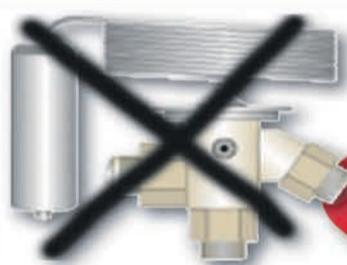


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# Revamp for historic church

Opunake's St Barnabas Church has recently had a bit of a revamp. The church in Tasman Street built in 1895, was turned around 180 degrees around 23 years ago in order to join the church to the hall which was separate from the church.

This had meant building a foyer to connect the church to the hall. Unfortunately the foyer has suffered some water damage over the years. "Water was getting in," said Rosalie Drummond, Administrator of St Barnabas, adding "The longer you leave

these things the worse they got." Renovations have included replacing the carpet in the foyer, which they'd managed to match to the distinctive existing highly patterned carpet, sourcing it from Australia.

Other building work had included structural changes -the ceiling in the foyer had been lowered and a skylight added. They also removed the very high windows in the foyer as they were rotted.

In the hall, one of the rooms had been sacrificed in order to add a toilet with wheelchair access, a requirement these days if you're doing up a property explained Rosalie. This had entailed also shifting a wall and widening the doorway.

As well as painting the entire exterior, the buttresses have all been replaced.

Opunake resident Audrey Baylis had also kindly re-vamped the font.

The original architect who designed the historic church was the renowned architect Frederick de Jersey Clere who designed most of the churches, not just in the Ta-



Rosalie Drummond in the newly renovated foyer.

ranaki region but all over New Zealand.

A memorial plaque on the wall dated 1914-1918 with familiar names of those who died in the Great War and other memorial plaques around the wall testify to the

many generations who have worshipped at St Barnabas. A photo of the church in its very early days shows no houses at all visible. The first baptism was Rosa Mary Easton. The first marriage was Henry James Newman to Zoe Ethel Prasset on January 8 1896. The descendants of the couple still reside in Opunake.

"It looks like a church," says Rosalie with a grin, clearly referring tongue in cheek to some of the more modern churches around.

Funds to do this work only came about because we're now part of a regional cluster which includes Stratford, Eltham, Manaia, Kaponga

and Opunake, says Rosalie, all of which come under the jurisdiction of Dean Peter Barleyman.

Some of the funds came from the sale of the Kaponga Church, which was moved and is now a wedding venue run by Mrs Paul Echdale.

In addition to donations by parishioners, other funds came from the bequest of Mrs M Hepworth (nee Corkill).

Funds for the painting of the church came from the TSB Community Trust.

Overall \$90,000 was spent in the upgrade.

"The whole thing has been teamwork," said Rosalie proudly.



St Barnabas in earlier days....



...and today.

The church had been closed for three months during the refurbishment.

The next project is the garden.

"We're planning to perhaps have a plaque for a memorial to honour people.

A thanksgiving service is planned to thank all the people who've helped in the new building work at St Barnabas.

There had been an added bonus with the new building work. The church used to seat 70 but now we can accommodate more says Rosalie.

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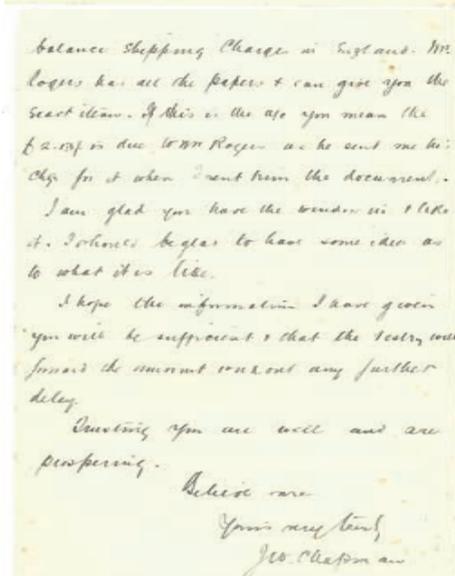
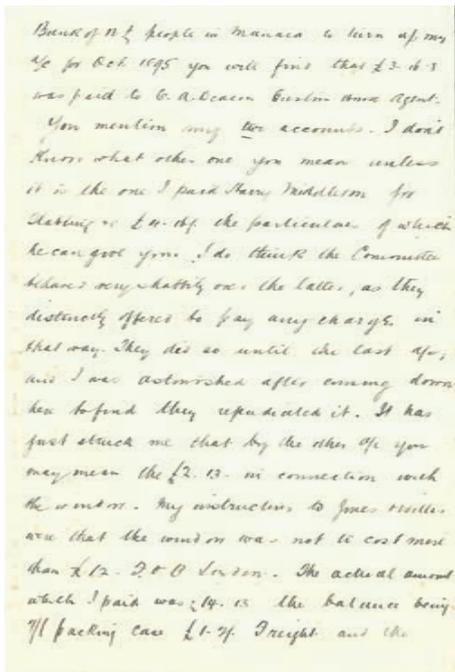
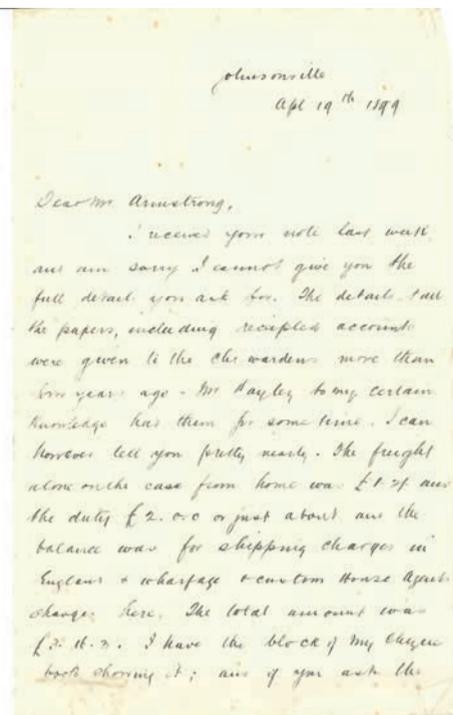
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# Revamp for historic church

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A note relating to the transporting of the two stained glass windows which is still in existence. The stained glass windows at the front of the building came from England, and were shipped to Wellington, then transported by horse and dray to Opunake. The carriers were paid for the cartage, but the man who delivered the windows was clearly annoyed because he wasn't reimbursed for the costs of stabling his horse overnight at Middletons Hotel yard. His beautiful hand so well written is interesting to read 100 years on.

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# Dairy SolutionNZ develops new heat tolerant cow

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origins are based on years of research at the University of Florida. Researchers at the University had originally bred a recently discovered 'slick locus' (originating from Senepol cattle) into American Holsteins. This gave the new American composite breed an improved ability to regulate its body temperature while maintaining milk yield under heat stress. "The Dairy Solutionz team has now taken the slick locus and introduced it into New Zealand pasture genetics for the first time as part of what is now a seven-year programme. The new composite animals will be branded as Kiwipole™ dairy cows. The company has a range of cows and bulls all containing DNA proven as holding the slick locus.

"The point of difference for Dairy Solutionz New Zealand, world-first composite Kiwipole™ dairy cow is that it has great heat tolerance, coupled with the best pasture genetics in the world." "This creates an animal ideally suited to maximise production in grass-based, tropical dairy systems." Earlier this year, research indicated up to two litres per day improved milk yield per animal through better heat tolerance. "Multiply this increased milk yield over a large or national herd, and the end result is a very significant prize," said Mr Fairweather. The first Kiwipole™ bulls – Kiwipole™ Slick Grazer son of Scotts Comanche, Efficient, Supreme and Super are ready to make to order. Many cows have been bred with Kiwipole™ genetics over the past few seasons and Dairy Solutionz has begun a three-year proving programme.



Derek Fairweather with Kiwipole™ Slick Grazer, who is 50 per cent Scotts Comanche – a high ranking crossbreed to provide pasture efficiency and fertility, with 25% American Holstein to match export milk pricing for local volume, and 25 per cent Senepol for heat resistance and the slick locus. His dam, who is 50 per cent American Holstein and 50 per cent Senepol has been producing milk at volumes greater than the New Zealand average cow at over 6500l last season, indicating the Senepol should be considered a very good dual purpose breed.

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## Rodeo not part of our tradition says former rider

As Huntly Rodeo shuts down for good, a United States former rodeo performer and veterinarian is condemning rodeo as 'inherently inhumane.'

As the New Zealand rodeo season begins, Dr Peggy Larson has joined with animal advocacy organisation SAFE in appealing to the New Zealand public not to buy into the cruelty, which she says is not part of United States' tradition – or New Zealand's. The plea comes after Glassons controversial advert depicting a girl riding a bull. The company received hundreds of complaints. Now reports announce

that the organisers of Huntly Rodeo have closed their doors for good after receiving warnings for animal cruelty from the Ministry for Primary Industries. Dr Larson's condemnation follows the Huntly rodeo abuse case.

"Rodeo is not part of our heritage, as rodeo promoters claim. And it is most certainly not a part of New Zealand's heritage. I urge all New Zealanders to not buy into this cruel practice," says Dr Larson.

Dr. Larson has been a bareback bronc rider in the rodeo, a farmer, a large animal veterinarian, a medical researcher, a meat inspector, and a prosecutor. She has been a strong opponent of the rodeo for years, and is now turning her sights on New Zealand rodeo. "Based on my extensive

training and experience, it is impossible to create a humane rodeo. It is simply animal abuse for entertainment," she says.

SAFE is also concerned that animals are being subjected to senseless cruelty, for the sake of entertainment. "Hurting animals for fun is not acceptable, in any circumstance," says Mandy Carter, head of campaigns. "What was regarded as breaching the animal welfare act at Huntly Rodeo is common practice at every single rodeo. SAFE firmly

believes this could be the beginning of the end for rodeo in New Zealand." In the letter, Dr Larson states: "Rodeos have nothing to do with good stockmanship or farming practice. Farmers aim to handle their animals in a manner that causes the least amount of stress to the animals, whilst rodeos do the opposite.

"I urge New Zealand to ban this cruel practice. And in the meantime, I ask all New Zealanders to boycott rodeo." The New Zealand rodeo season began on 25th October in Winchester. Huntly Rodeo was held every January.

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# Shareholders urged to get out and vote

On October 31, Fonterra shareholders will have the chance to quiz the six candidates vying for three positions on the Fonterra board of directors. The director candidate roadshow comes to Stratford, with the meeting starting at 7pm at the

TET Multisports Centre. With Jim Van Der Poel not seeking re-election, there will be at least one new director elected to the board. The candidates are Gray Baldwin, Leonie Guiney, David MacLeod, John Monaghan, Gary

Reymer and Grant Rowan. The candidate assessment matrix and profiles had been sent to voters along with voting packs on October 17. Pihama farmer Rob Poole, who represents the Egmont Plains Ward on the Fonterra Shareholders Council said these meetings are

an opportunity to meet the candidates personally, and ask them questions in a small group environment, while looking them in the eye. It's important shareholders remember to attend these meetings and cast their votes, he said. "We often hear comments

that these elections are determined by the larger farms, but in fact the opposite is true," he said. "Over 50 per cent of the votes come from farmers producing less than

200,000 kilograms of milk solids. It's so important for farmers to cast their votes and to make an informed decision. All farmers need to know that their vote counts."

# Meat works employee maimed by hoof machine

Meat works company Riverlands Eltham Limited has been fined \$57,949 and ordered to pay reparations of \$15,000 after a worker's left hand was caught and trapped in a machine. The employee's hand was crushed and lacerated, leading to surgery and a five-day stay in hospital. Riverlands Eltham Limited was sentenced in the New Plymouth District Court under the Health and Safety in Employment Act for failing to take all practicable steps to ensure the safety of an employee.

While he was cleaning the machine, he accidentally activated a foot pedal and his hand was drawn into the machine. The emergency stop was not easily accessible, and he had to reach around with his right arm to push it. He then had to get his hand out himself. WorkSafe New Zealand's Chief Inspector Investigations, Keith Stewart, says this is Riverlands' third prosecution for a serious harm incident relating to injuries caused by machinery. "This machine came with a hazard report that specified how placing hands in the rollers was a risk. The rollers remove nails from beef hocks by gripping and ripping nails from the hoof," says Keith Stewart. "Riverlands' own internal

hazard and risk assessments guarding the machine and adequately training and supervising all staff. The machine were an issue and could cause 'laceration/bruising/crushes'. he now has to live with "Riverlands' should have a life-long injury due to eliminated the hazards by Riverlands' failings."

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**Have your say!**  
On the makeup of the Fonterra Board of Directors. Jim Van Der Poel is stepping down there will be at least one new director being appointed.

**6 candidates vying for 3 positions:**

Gray Baldwin	John Monaghan
Leonie Guiney	Gary Reymer
David MacLeod	Grant Rowan

**Meet the candidates**  
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## Smiles at Stratford



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# Black Sticks women celebrate a 2-1 win against USA

Goals from Anita Punt and Sophie Cocks have given the Black Sticks Women a well-deserved 2-1 win against the USA in their second test at the TET Multisports Centre in Stratford played on Sunday October 19. "I think USA really stepped up and were much more intense and had a higher work rate, it took us a while to match that but I'm really pleased the girls stepped up," said co-captain Sam Charlton. "I think it's really great

when you have a six games series, you are able to improve each time because you are playing against the same team, obviously they may change their structures throughout the week and that will challenge us a little bit, but to be able to progress forward and see where we are at against a world-class team is really positive, especially for the new girls in the group. On the previous day, the Black Sticks and the USA had drawn 1-1. Charlton said there was still lots of

room for improvement. "I think we need to come out with higher energy, I think we were rushing into our tackles a bit much and allowing them to break infield far too many times which was causing us some problems on defence. Keeping them playing out wide I think is a real work-on for the next game," said Charlton. In the first quarter, USA held possession for long periods and New Zealand at times struggled to work their way into the circle despite the support from the 800-strong crowd. In the 18<sup>th</sup> minute, co-captain Anita Punt converted a penalty corner but the lead was short-lived, with American Melissa Gonzalez picking up a rebound from goalkeeper Georgia Barnett and equalising three minutes later. The Kiwi's lead was regained in the 49<sup>th</sup> minute when Punt drag flicked a



North Harbour's Erin Goad debuts for the Black Sticks in the second game of the USA series at the TET Multisports Centre, Stratford.

penalty corner and Cocks deflected it in to claim her second goal of the series. North Harbour's Erin Goad had fans in the stand for her

debut game, and came inches away from claiming her first international goal in the fourth quarter when she took a superb reverse stick shot

from the left hand side of the circle that unfortunately ricocheted off the cross bar. The USA went on to win the test series 3-2.

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## Thumbs up for skatepark

The long awaited Manaia skatepark is getting closer. The South Taranaki District Council has bought a site at 56 South Road Manaia for developing the park, and Presco Group of Hawera has been selected as the contractor, with work due to begin shortly. Meanwhile local community fundraising by the Manaia and District Lions Club, Manaia Primary

School, Maata Whangai and the Manaia Community Centre Committee had reduced the current project shortfall to \$3004. Last week the Egmont Plains Community Board voted to make up that shortfall with a grant from the Waimate Plains Development Levy Fund. The fund's origins date back to the time of the Waimate Plains County Council, and is used for public

assets on council owned property or reserves within the boundaries of the former Waimate Plains county. In voting to grant the full amount of \$3004, the board also knocked back a request for a grant from the Kaupokonui Beach Society to go towards a barbecue area at their campsite. "The barbecue is a nice to have, but the skatepark is a need to have," South Taranaki district councillor Ian Armstrong said. "It's investing in the kids, and

keeping them occupied."

The council's community development officer Marcia Haigh said that although it was called a skatepark, this didn't limit the things that could be done with the site. Community Board chair Sharon Arlidge said the board had previously supported the skatepark. "We decided there was a real need, and that it would make a real difference to the youth in the town, and to the town as a whole," she said.

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## Opunake Golf results

September 30. Rouse Cup. Stableford LGU. L Simpson 36. J Forsyth 36. Winner Rouse Cup. B Gadsby. R/U L Simpson.

Nine Holes Club Championship final. J O'Rorke defeated D Fisher. October 7. RI Club Championships. D Williams defeated J Deegan. B Gadsby defeated L Langton. P Smith defeated K Williams. Extra Stableford. K Pointon 37.

October 14. Nine Holes. Hidden Holes. W Vickers 17. J Forsyth 17. T Hurly 18. October 19. Finals of Club Championships. Silver. A Siciliano defeated D Forsyth.

Bronze 1. D Williams defeated L Simpson. Bronze 2. P Smith defeated B Gadsby. Bronze 3. K Pointon defeated J Forsyth.

Men's Senior. A Langton defeated T Forsyth. Intermediate. J Caldwell defeated L Robins. Junior. R Langton defeated R Julian. Limit. M Collins defeated D Chard.

October 21. Jubilee Cup winner. K Pointon-6. LGU winner K Pointon. Stableford P Smith 38. Putting K Williams 31.

## Opunake Bowling Club

Opening day was held on September 14. It was a very wet day with the green under water, so a nice pot luck lunch was a good way to start the season. Presidents Trophy was played on September 21. This was a mixed mufti day, which it is hoped will be a monthly event. It was cool in the morning, but warm in the afternoon. Winners: Bill Rothwell,

Heather Radford, Pat Barrett and Anne Woods. Club Triples held on September 24 were won by Eileen Rothwell and Kay Fleming. Club fours played on October 1 were won by Joy Collins, Heather Radford, Kathy Stanley and Pat Barrett. October 12 Club mixed mufti day. Winners: Pat O'Hanlon, Eileen Rothwell, Kay Fleming, Paddy Deegan.



Excited bike recipients with Sarah Walker ambassador for Variety Childrens Charity.

## Calling all deserving Taranaki kids: Fancy a new set of wheels?

### Trout fishing day a success



Riley Scrivener of New Plymouth catches his first trout at Opunake Lake with expert fishermen Murray Dobbin and Tony Brown helping out on the day.

The kids trout fishing day on Saturday was a great success, with all 90 children that turned up catching a rainbow trout. The overcast and at times drizzly conditions were perfect for fishing, and the trout continued to bite well throughout the event. But, no-one was able to catch the "trophy rainbow trout," a 3kg whopper that was donated by the Eastern Fish and Game Region. Along with the remaining rainbow trout it will now be happily swimming in Opunake Lake. Many thanks to members of the Opunake Surfcasting and Angling Club for

organising the event and helping the children fish, and also to Brian Collins of Collins Sports for hosting the event's booking sheet (and fielding all the calls that went with that). The remaining trout in Opunake Lake are available to anglers who hold a trout fishing licence. Whole season licences are free for children under 12 years old on October 1, 2014 and cost just \$25 for those under 18 on October 1. Opunake Lake is a scenic location that provides a great place for junior and novice anglers to go trout fishing, and is open all year to fly, spin and

bait fishing for brown and rainbow trout. There is a daily bag limit of two trout per angler, and all that is needed is a fishing licence and a rod and reel (no hand lines). Fish and Game NZ is a non-profit organization and all licence fees go back into the management of the resource. *Allen Stancliff Senior Field Officer. Taranaki Fish & Game*

Variety - The Children's Charity is calling for nominations for children in the Taranaki region to receive a brand-spanking new bike.

Up to 450 bikes will be given out as part of Variety Bikes for Kids tour which gives deserving or disadvantaged children the chance to receive their very own bike. The tour will take place from November 24-27 and cover the central and lower North Island.

Commencing in Tauranga, the bike-laden truck will travel to Te Kuiti, New Plymouth, Hawera, Wanganui, Bulls, Palmerston North, Levin, Paraparaumu and Lower Hutt. Variety encourages schools and communities in these areas to nominate a deserving child to receive a bike.

Children must be aged 7-9, and be between 111 cm and 135 cm tall. Some children may have overcome adverse circumstances, in some situations the family is simply not in a position to purchase a bike, and in other cases the gift of a bike recognises and rewards children who are role models at their school or in their community.

Variety CEO Lorraine Taylor says that every child should be able to experience the thrill of having their very own bike. "Riding a bike is a child's prerogative - something that provides them with a sense of independence. However for many Kiwi Kids certain circumstances mean they miss out. We are encouraging teachers, parents, caregivers, friends and grandparents to nominate a child aged between seven and nine from these areas to receive a brand new bike and helmet from Variety"

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# Sanderson garden full of memories



**The Sanderson garden fountain.**

Another year, and Elaine Sanderson, assisted by neighbour Dave Agnew, has been preparing for the Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular. She and husband John first showed their garden in the festival 25 years ago. Ten years after this, they had a break of 10 years, then started again. This will be the fifth year in a row they will have been open.

She and John farm between the Otakeho and Kaupokonui streams, with trees lining the nearby Otakeho stream providing some shelter from the westerly winds. Elaine says the garden has not been pre-planned. "It becomes an ongoing job once you start," she said. One example is the fountain on the north side. Elaine said it seemed a logical progression from having a fountain, to having a pond, to putting in plants around it..

The Sanderson garden is full of memories, like the rocks from the Kaupokonui stream which their children used to play on. Later Elaine decided it would be a good place to grow rhubarb. Then there is the playhouse, with Noddy and Big Ears painted on the north wall by John's sister, Rae over 20 years ago. Elaine decided the outside of the playhouse provided good shelter for growing vegetables. There is still some furniture inside, and the playhouse is open during the festival, making it a big attraction for children visitors. Other features include

a crushing bore, brought from a forestry block the Sandersons have in Huiroa, as well as an old bathtub, and

a fountain on the west side bolstered up with rubble from a long discarded cowshed. "This was made when

our daughter Natalie was three. She's 27 now," Elaine said. The original pump is still in use.

## Rose's Opunake garden open for festival

Rose Ratahi has always enjoyed gardening. "I've always liked to play in the dirt. Gardening is good therapy for everything," she said.

Rose's Opunake garden has been a regular feature of the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival, and before that the Coastal Safari held in January and February.

as a "mixed garden," which includes camellias, magnolias, irises, and her favourite, the rose. Some of the plants are ones she has nursed along from her mother's and grandmother's garden.

"There's something here for everybody. To me, it's my garden. It's the way I like things. I like colour. I just plant."

She has lived in Hughson Place for the last 33 years. After eight years, putting in the shelter belt, she felt she could get around to establishing the garden 23 years ago. "If you haven't got shelter, you haven't got a garden. That's very important

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# Thousands of roses imported for art installation



**The Falling Garden installation at TSB Showplace.**

Thousands of roses are being flown in from India and Columbia to create a unique art installation of suspended flowers by London artist, Rebecca Law for the Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular running from October 31 to November 9. As the International Landscape Design Project at this year's garden festival, *The Falling Garden* will be the first installation of its kind in New Zealand, and will set a new benchmark for floral exhibitions, says Syd Hansen of Hansen flower wholesalers. "The sheer volume of roses of all colours and variety will be spectacular," says Sydney, who has volunteered her time and assistance with sourcing and advice in transporting

the flowers to New Plymouth for the installation. "This is the single largest order of roses we have received in 30 years of being in business. We have managed to source 70 per cent of the order locally, and the other 30 per cent will be flown in from our suppliers in India and Columbia." Hansen's Indian supplier, husband and wife team Hem and Anu Jalan of Zygo Flowers in Bangalore has been so enthralled with *The Falling Garden* concept that they have donated more than 2,500 stems. New Zealand suppliers Shiphers Roses of South Auckland, and Van Liers Roses of West Auckland are also donating roses. With funding from the TSB Community Trust, each year,

the Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular adds something completely new and inspiring with its International Landscape Design Project. While *The Falling Garden* is her first installation in New Zealand, over the past few years, Rebecca has been commissioned to transform public spaces such as museums and galleries using suspended flowers, and for events by brands such as Hermes, Cartier and Gucci. Rebecca says *The Falling Garden* will be a "floral dreamscape" installation. "Most of my installations are reflecting what's happening in nature by looking at plant patterns or observing the way something grows," says Rebecca. "Then I imagine these themes in real life, and times

that by a thousand, so that it becomes a fantasy." Installed in the TSB Showplace's Alexandra Room for the duration of the Powerco Taranaki

Garden Spectacular, viewing the installation will be free, and open to the public daily from 9am until 5pm. To create the installation will be a logistical exercise for Rebecca and her team of four, plus a team of more than 15 local volunteers. Firstly, imported roses will be carefully dry packed for their flight to Auckland. Once in Auckland, the roses are re-hydrated in water in preparation for being trucked to New Plymouth. Scheduled to arrive in New Plymouth on October 28, Rebecca and her team will be spending three days carefully suspending the thousands of roses from the ceiling of the Alexander Room in time for an official opening

on Thursday, October 30. The Alexandra Room and *The Falling Garden* will also be the venue for two events during the festival. 2014 Master Class TV show winners Karena and Kasey Bird will be hosting some cooking classes of their classic, as well as innovative dishes on Saturday, November 1 from 7 to 8.30pm. Tickets cost \$35 per person, and include a glass of bubbly and a goodie bag. And a Spring Fashion parade hosted by et vous fashion and design store will be held on Saturday, November 8 from 7 to 8pm. Bookings for this event are essential with tickets costing \$30 per person which includes a glass of bubbly and a goodie bag as well.

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## Rose's Opunake garden open for festival

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around this coast," she said. "I made a few mistakes when I first started. You have got to work around the wind, and what will grow where." As befitting a country garden, a number of old farmgates are on show, including one left over from when her daughter and son-in-law

were farming at Pihama. Living at the end of a cul-de-sac presents its challenges with limited space for buses and campervans visiting the gardens. Two years ago, she asked the council if the section behind her place could be used for parking. She said she enjoys the feedback she has had from

festival visitors, including a large number from overseas. "I have had quite a lot of Germans, English, Canadians, Americans, and Dutch. I've had marvellous feedback from lots of people. You have different people with different opinions."



**Farm gates are an integral part of Rose's Opunake country garden. Once more Fringe Festivalgoers can enjoy Rose's love of gardening**

**Visit London artist Rebecca Louise Law's 'Falling Garden' this year's Landscape Design Project**  
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# Coastal community gears up for explosion of art

Artworks have started arriving in Opunake from all over the country for the *Taranaki National Art Awards*. The annual event is a highlight of our regions creative calendar. In its thirteenth year, the awards have close to 175 entries from all over New Zealand, showcasing diverse works in seven categories, with artists competing for a prize pool of over \$15,000. South Taranaki District Council Arts Coordinator, Michaela Stoneman says "The awards attract a truly eclectic mix of work. The focus has always been to be inclusive. It's an ideal forum for emerging artists to exhibit and offer their work for sale alongside more established artists. The event is a great

example of a small town doing it for themselves. It's a real achievement for a small voluntary committee to continue to secure sponsorship and organise this huge event every year."

Major category sponsors this year are the TSB Community Trust, Fred and Eunice Rodie Charitable Trust, Shell Todd Oil Services, Parinihi Ki Waitotara Trust and Fish & Chips and More. Other sponsors are Corkill Systems, Pastimes, Headlands Opunake, Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration, Opunake Business Association, Viv Scott, Gibson Plumbers Ltd, Coastal Vets, Nice Hotel and Jane's Gallery.

"It is a challenge to transform a sports stadium into an art gallery. This week the carpet will be laid, curtains hung, display boards and plinths laid out – then there is the challenge of displaying the 175 artworks," committee chair Leigh Awahou says. Judges Helen Telford and Greg Donson face the daunting task of selecting the winners. The awards ceremony will be on October 31, offering a great night of NZ artwork, entertainment, wine and food. It is also an opportunity to meet many of the artists and pick up some original artworks for your walls. Tickets are \$15 - available at the door. For \$20 you can become

a Friend of the Taranaki National Art Awards and receive free entry to the awards ceremony, early VIP entry to view and purchase artworks, and unlimited free entries to the exhibition. The theme this year is Black and White – dress up and you could win a spot prize!

The Taranaki National Art Awards Exhibition will be on display 10am-4pm daily, from 1-8 November 2014 at Sandfords Events Centre, Opunake.

**Awards Ceremony:**  
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## Tali coming to Oakura

On Saturday November 8, Taranaki's own singer, songwriter and freestyle MC Tali (at left) will be returning to our province with an exciting new live set.

Many will be more used to seeing her in the role of MC alongside a DJ, with a live band, or with a guitarist for accompaniment on her acoustic sets. However this will be the first time Tali has

performed a solo set, performing brand new works from her forthcoming album 'Wolves' due for release in March 2015.

"This is the first time in 15 years that I will be performing on my own" says Tali. "The logistics of a full live band are too exhausting for one person to handle, and while I enjoy MCing and continue to do that, it's something I have done for 15 years now, so it's nice to express myself in a different way. My guitarist recently moved abroad, and I have no desire to replace him. In doing my own solo set, I have no one but myself to rely on and think about, which is both challenging and liberating".

Tali's new album is written and produced independently, and with the addition of a new Roland keyboard, Tali has been able to interpret her new material through backing beats, and by playing the strings and keys sections herself. As well as the usual singing and rapping thrown in.

"The sound of this new album is slightly similar to my last one ('Of Things To Come...'). However because

I produced all the beats myself this time, I was able to fully determine where I wanted the sound to go. This has meant there are a lot of other influences in there, cinematic scores, jazz licks, fat gangsta beats, even cabaret styles. All things that I have drawn on over the years making music, and which I feel are what make me me".

Tali has also invited two talented young singer/songwriters to join her on the bill. The first is ex Hawera native Bailey Wiley, who was taught by the same singing teacher as Tali, Julie Cudby. The two of them are also graduates of The National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Art in Christchurch.

"It was crazy when Bailey and I first met and she was telling me how a part of her musical upbringing has been so similar to mine" Tali tell us. "It cracked us up, but also made us connect instantly, two Taranaki girls out there, doing their music thing."

Bailey's voice has been described as liquid honey, her R and B and Soul influences evident in her singing style and lyrical content on her new EP 'IXL'.



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# Rahotu Playcentre welcomes new families

Welcome back after a few weeks holiday. Our centre has just celebrated our Pet Day on October 23 held at with the school. Children got to run their calf or lamb through an obstacle course and receive a certificate, ribbon and a treat for their efforts. We also have our AGM coming up to elect all our officers. This year it will be held at the Stony River Hotel with the theme, Halloween dress up. It'll be a great night for the mums to get out! We are having a garage sale as per the advert on November 15 so any locals having a clean out and are willing to donate preloved items, can they drop off them off at the centre during session hours. The children have been enjoying lots of messy

play and the sun shine when outside in the sand pit coming up with some interesting mixes comprising washing detergent, citric acid, food colouring and bakingsoda!

We had lots of new purchases of equipment made last term as every adult member was allocated an area. As there are 16 areas of play in the playcentre their brief was to 'love an area' and pretty much to give it a revamp/face lift so it was more appealing to the kids. It has worked out great.

CJ the clown, a bouncy castle and a visit from Santa are planned to finish off the term. We welcome any new families to come along and have a look.

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### Gone Girl

Drama, Mystery, Thriller | 2hr 29mins | R16 | Graphic violence, sex scenes and offensive language  
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EVENING - Sat 8<sup>th</sup> & Tues 11<sup>th</sup>-Sat 15<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm. MATI-

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## If I were you

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## New exhibitions at Percy Thomson

The Outdoor Room is a group exhibition to coincide with

the Taranaki garden festival. Artists have been asked

to explore 'The Outdoor room' as a theme. Many favourite artists are featured including Dale Copeland, Tony Rumball, Anne Holliday, Paul Hutchinson and Lorna Davies. This show promises a wide variety of work including photography, stone sculpture and painting. The 12 x 12 challenge by Taranaki Patchworkers & Quilt Guild, also features sculpture by Warehoka Smith. This exhibition offers up nine different themes by 11 artists taking on the 12x12 challenge, in conjunction with the Taranaki Patchworkers and Quilt Guild exhibition at the Stratford War Memorial Hall. Always a visual feast showcasing our local talented quilters and new sculpture by Midhurst artist Warehoka Smith. You are invited to meet the artists at 4.30pm on Saturday November 8. Refreshments provided. Both exhibitions guarantee something for everyone to enjoy.

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**MATINEES - Sun 9th 4.00 pm, Sat 15th 2 pm**  
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