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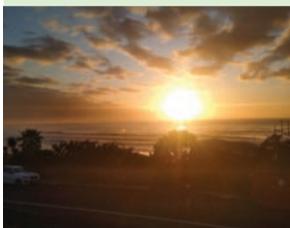
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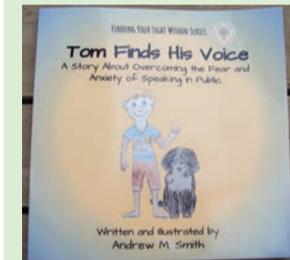
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Don't neglect to vote



From left Glen Bennett who is standing for Labour in the New Plymouth electorate, Te Waiti Marekura, owner of the Health and Fitness Centre in Waitara and the Hon Andrew Little.

The Minister of Justice Andrew Little and the Labour candidate for New Plymouth Glen Bennett were at the Waitara Health and Fitness gym lumbering up on the eve of the polls opening for voting in the General Election on Saturday October 3.

"It's an important election we're faced with," said Andrew Little commenting on an extraordinary year with the Covid-19 pandemic and the enviable international reputation New Zealand has gained in the Government's handling of the crisis.

"New Zealand is seen in the top five countries," he said in dealing with the pandemic. "We've had a complete lockdown," and seen the economy recover earlier he continued. "We've followed scientific and medical advice, he said. "The impact on the international market has meant our export goods are seen as healthy. We're getting a premium on our goods." New Zealand was seen as a safe place to come to, he added.

Mr Little described the Prime Minister as "One of the most highly respected leaders in the world."

Overall the country needed to transition to new needs he said, exploring new means of energy and how it is produced. Exploring hydro storage at Lake Onslow was an example.

Asked what made him want to be part of the Government, Mr Little spoke of his legal background. "When I studied law I got a thing about justice," he said adding he came to realise "It's not just about what happens in the law courts, it's about the community."

He went on to work for a trade union where he advocated on behalf of the

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From left, David Bennett MP, Harete Hipango MP and Jonathan Young MP.

Rules governing agriculture as too rigid and in fact "draconian," which stymied the potential for farmers to diversify and establish new initiatives such as horticultural crops such as kiwifruit and avocados, says David Bennett, the MP for Hamilton East speaking in Opunake recently.

He was attending a National Party event organized by local businessman Steve Corkill at Corkill Systems at 5 Tasman Street on Wednesday September 30 in Opunake. Also attending the 11am which featured a sausage sizzle and drinks were Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth, Harete Hipango MP for Whanganui and former MP Shane Ardern. David Bennett MP who gave the keynote address and has a farm in the Te Awamutu area explained how National would do some things differently, if elected. In particular, he considered that National, if elected, would legislate to allow more flexibility and freedom. He did, however, explain that such ventures were likely options in such places as the Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Hawkes By, rather than Taranaki.

Here in Taranaki more pertinent issues were ensuring fresh water and making sure technology, such as Broadband connectivity, is in place to support farming.

Mr Bennett also advocated a stronger access to overseas markets than is the case at present. Although China was "number one" he saw other possibilities in locations such as South East Asia which should be promoted.

He also felt more flexibility should be allowed in seeking employees from overseas. National will establish a Primary Sector Visa to ensure the fast track of overseas workers to ensure they can be readily and swiftly accessed.

Mr Bennett also paid tribute to Jonathan Young. "Jonathan has been an amazing MP - just look at what he's done for the gas and oil industry."

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Kath Lauderdale



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Voting place locations

More than 2,800 voting places locations are operating for the 2020 General Election and referendums.

Polls opened on October 3 with the last day to vote being Saturday October 17 when the voting booths will be open from 9am till 7pm. These include church and community halls, marae, mosques and shopping malls," says Graeme Astle.

For the first time, there is a bilingual voting place where election staff can take people through the voting process in te reo Māori. The voting place is in Huntly at Te Wharekura O Rakaumanga.

Another new initiative is the pilot of a New Zealand Sign Language interpreting service for deaf voters at six voting places in Auckland, Hamilton, Palmer-

ston North, Wellington and Christchurch.

The number of voting places has been increased this election, especially on the weekend before election day, as a COVID-19 measure to reduce queues.

There are more than 600 advance voting places, increasing to 1348 on Saturday 10 October and 829 on Sunday 11 October. On election day, Saturday 17 October, there will be at least 2,564 voting places. A small number of additional voting places are also available. Hours are available at vote.nz or by calling 0800 36 76 56.

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Battle over Mt Messenger bypass

As a former Urenui person, my father was a grader operator for the Clifton County Council for 20 years plus helped out the Minister of Works. As far back as then there were many upon many arguments over Mt Messenger bypass which has been going on for at least 50 years as this bypass would supposedly link up with the Tongaporutu Bridge.

The John Key-led National Government finally decided after many conversations with different organisations within Taranaki and the Waikato District Council and many transport owners to give \$200 million towards

this bypass, then Transit New Zealand gave us the people six different options on where this new bypass should go, the majority picked the left hand side, but Transit changed it all, now supposedly it’s going to the right side, which will wipe out Tony and Debbie Pascoe’s entire farmland, also it will kill most of the wildlife if it does eventuate, plus there’s going to be another 253 metre-long tunnel.

Should this all happen, Ngati Tama (Pukearuhe) will receive 7.7 million dollars as compensation, while the Pascoes will get nothing at all, yet Transit NZ has now stated they are prepared to build the Pascoes a brand new house, but where? And no compensation as this huge farmland has been in

the Uruti Valley for many long years, so I am against this bypass, simply because it will eventually kill a wonderful farm and the native life.

*Tom Stephens
New Plymouth*

The icon that is Mount Taranaki

Wow, I looked up at our icon, Mt Taranaki and the beauty struck me as always. This icon plays such a huge part in all of Taranaki’s lives. Some look from afar, others venture to its upper regions, others wish to, some walk its bush covered hills and streams, while others farm the surrounding foothills

and 55 Department of Conservation employees manage and look after it for us. Everyone plays a part of creating Taranaki’s history, and what makes Taranaki, Taranaki.

Can you imagine Taranaki, without a mountain, where we would get our crisp clean water from, the Waikato or Waitara Rivers. Taranaki is very special. When you next look up at it, take the time to think about what an icon it is, and this summer take the time, and take a walk in your backyard, Egmont National Park.

*Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth*

Opunake street names: Hector Place

Named for Sir James Hector (1834 - 1907) He carried out extensive geographical and geological explorations in Canada for which he was made a fellow

of the Royal Society and the Royal Geological and Geographical Societies. In New Zealand he participated in many important explorations over a period

of several years and was largely instrumental in forming the New Zealand Society. In 1885 he was elected Chancellor of the New Zealand University

and continued for 18 years. He carried out detailed research into the flax industry. He was one of New Zealand’s greatest scientists.

ADELPHOS

Cross and the Internet

In the 2010s the social internet bubble was born. It changed the world and the way people think and make decisions. The term was coined by Eli Pariser, a social media internet activist, while doing a TED talk. Advertisers pay internet

company providers to access your preferences and opinions, targeting them and creating your personalised bubble. The social media news you receive often predicts, through mathematical algorithms, what you want to see and

hear, and can insulate you from what you don’t want to hear or see. You are made the human product, being sold to advertisers who want your money. It can also be called propaganda when you’re bombarded with only opinions you want to hear and see. The game continues with your every finger click. I myself have fallen victim to this deception. Can you think of a solution?

and street violence during an increasing global viral pandemic. Could this be a form of insanity? In America some biblical Christian pastors have succumbed to a polarising theological propaganda and division created by popularity seeking internet preachers, who alone claim to possess the true gospel.

I hear some people say, “I’m not in any propaganda bubble. Not me. I listen to both sides and make my own decisions.” However, when asked about listening to a conflicting opinion/viewpoint they say, “I can only listen to that rubbish for 15 seconds before I click the bloody thing off.” Internet companies record the exact amount of time you access information.

So what does the cross of Jesus have to do with internet bubbles? Everything. In one way, God also creates an algorithmic internet bubble: that works for you. When you sincerely and repeatedly access His viewpoint through talking with Him and reading His Word you will be profiled as one who is seeking His will. God, through Jesus, saves those who seek Him and search for His way to live. God-seeking will always lead to Good Friday’s saving cross. However, if you constantly access the Devil’s bubbles of anti-Christian disbelief or human apathy, your mind and heart will be filled with just that.

Your filtered bubble can make you feel better by creating your own reality, but, it has also addicted and polarised people in countries around the world by creating one-eyed intellectual and emotional Frankensteins. The American social media based elections are just one sad case in point. Targeted political propaganda has led to polarised “alternative realities” producing six months of anarchy, vitriole

By grasping the love of Jesus’ cross we can gain entry into God’s eternal bubble now and in eternity. And it begins by talking to God like He’s a real person. He is.

Adelphos

Deadlines for copy

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

Our deadline for copy is Monday 10am.

This gives us an opportunity to proofread the copy.

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

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

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

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

Editor

Opunake & Coastal News Paste Up Night



Don't neglect to vote



Andrew Little MP (left) flexing his muscles and Glen Bennett (right) in the run up to the opening of the polls for voting in the General Election.

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workers. He decided then he wanted to be involved in creating the conditions under which people worked.

The Justice Minister who has also been the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations since 2017, said that one of the "most challenging and satisfying jobs" related to the Treaty of Waitangi negotiations." On Waitangi Day, he gave a speech entirely in Te Reo Maori. He spent the holidays learning his address in Maori and confessed when the big day arrived he was very nervous (he used a more colourful description which amused the mostly young audience). His address was 4-8 minutes long but actually took about a quarter of an hour to deliver, he said. "It's one of the moments in my life I cherish," he said. "I hear and understand a lot more now. It's an incredibly rich language."

Though there are challenges ahead, there are big opportunities and Labour was committed to both keeping New Zealanders safe and, with people at the heart of their plan, keeping the recovery moving.

Child poverty, delivering extra state houses, making apprenticeships and many training courses free for the next two years was an example of an investment in the jobless which would help employers and create employment.

As regards the forthcoming election Mr Little said he was "never over confident but added Jacinda Ardern "inspires confidence."

Glen Bennett also paid tribute to the Prime Minister.

"We're grateful to have a leader who's so courageous, strong and so kind." Directing his comments to her he said, "Thank you for leading us and keeping us safe and for showing us what politics can look like."



From left, David Bennett MP, Steve Corkill and Jonathan Young MP.

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He also acknowledged the input of Harete Hipango. "She really shows her class and is a vital part of our team." Former MP Shane Ardern also was mentioned, "as the lone voice of the dairy sector" while in Parliament. He added, "You've always been a strong believer in Fonterra." Mr Bennett strongly endorsed Fonterra as a vital part of agriculture.

Mr Bennett cautioned against splitting the vote between National and ACT. "Don't do that, I implore you, give two ticks for National."

When asked about the protection of native bush, Mr Bennett referred to Simon Upton, the Parliamentary Environmental Commissioner who is preparing a report on such aspects as the sustainability of native forests, replanting and the impact of greenhouse gases methane and carbon dioxide. This report, once published, will be closely examined so the existing rules can be comprehensively reviewed.

Jonathan Young MP spoke briefly and mentioned some of his earlier jobs before he was an MP. As a 15-year-old he worked so hard he lost two stone working on a coastal farm. Later he was a fork lift driver. He has also been a teacher and was a church minister for many years in Auckland.

Near the end he said, "I also own a cow and so does John Key. I hope it's still ok and not on its way to Korea" to much mirth. He added, "John Key called his cow Helen" to more laughter.

Finally, Harete Hipango MP spoke and outlined how she and Jonathan Young had supported each other as parliamentarians. She mentioned her dual ancestry with Maori, Irish and Scottish components, as well as her thirty years as a lawyer. Her son has continued the legal tradition and is a lawyer in New York working for the United Nations.

The National party's Tourism policy was mentioned, with the importance of such initiatives as homestay facilities on farms, "where we can tap into a unique market." She said she had visited the farm of Ross and Jan Dunlop. Near the end of her speech she commented, "It is a privilege to be an MP and every day I learn something."

She also strongly recommended that the National Party be given both votes, "two ticks blue." She added, "A vote to ACT is a vote towards a Labour/Green Government."

EDITORIAL

General Election will be nailbitingly close

About the only thing we can be sure of after voting is completed on October 17 is that we will have a woman prime minister.

Don't read too much into the various polls, the result will be very close. However, one thing we can maybe learn from the polls is that the Government appears to have lost one of its coalition partners (New Zealand First), while there is a question over the other (Green Party)

attaining the 5% threshold. If neither partner makes back into parliament, the Government is in trouble.

National's obvious coalition partner ACT has an easier road into parliament by not having to attain the 5% threshold thanks to the Epsom electorate held (and likely to be retained) by David Seymour.

In the 2017 election Labour ended up as the Government (despite trailing National by

9%) primarily by Winston Peters deciding to go with Labour, as did the Greens. It is entirely possible that National could form a Government, despite ending up with less votes than Labour.

With many New Zealanders serving prison sentences, being disenfranchised, our nation cannot really call itself a true democracy, although the current Government has allowed some shorter term prisoners the right to vote.

Let's hope these people, who are already paying for their crimes, are permitted to vote in the 2023 election. Surely this basic right should be part and parcel of their rehabilitation.

Also, it would be good to get rid of the ridiculous rule that the winning of an electorate means a party does not need to attain 5%, which is highly undemocratic. Thirty per cent of the vote

(say) should yield 30% of the MPs for a particular party, end of story.

Anyway, make sure you get out and vote to ensure whoever you want to win has the best chance.

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COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

Otakeho Church comes with many memories

It's good to see the consent for the Stevensons to move the old Otakeho church has been granted. The last church service was held in the church in December 2016. The Young Family has very strong ties to this 1893 church with the stained



CHRIS YOUNG
glass windows in front of the altar being a memorial to my great grandmother Eliza Young. The baptismal font also commemorates my grandfather's brother who was killed in World War I. So I look forward to the preservation of this historic building and the many artefacts it contains.

A community meeting is being held by the Community Board at Sandfords Events Centre on Wednesday October 14 at 6:00pm. This is an opportunity for community groups in the area to share what they are working on with others and provide an opportunity for collaboration between groups. If your community group is interested in attending this meeting, please get in touch with Masina Taulapapa, at the STDC on masina.taulapapa@stdc.govt.nz or call 0800 111 323.

Draft plans for the Eltham and Waverley Innovative Streets Pilot Fund project have been developed and

further public feedback is being sought. The draft plans are aimed at testing safer crossing points, slowing down traffic and making the towns more welcoming and vibrant. The draft plans will be displayed in the Town's LibraryPlus centres from 5 October to 16 October and residents can give their thoughts there, email them to cdunit@stdc.govt.nz or phone 0800 111 323. Feedback forms will also be available on the Council website www.southtaranaki.com

It is nice to be heading towards summer as we start daylight saving, even though we've had another wintery blast. The longer evenings certainly allow more outside activities. The Opunake loop track is a great example of a local recreational opportunity with a group from the New Plymouth Mountain Biking Club travelling down to do a circuit on Thursday night. The provision of this wonderful facility has encouraged more people into the area. Also the recently opened ablution pod the Council has put in at the Cape Egmont Boat Club is something else for locals and tourists to use as they travel through our part of Taranaki.

Enjoy the school holidays, stay safe and COVID free.

Chris Young

Time to rethink quarantine

The Ministry of Health has said cases of COVID-19 in managed isolation show that most of the rest of the world is still dealing with high levels of COVID-19.

Professor Nick Wilson, Department of Public Health, University of Otago, comments:

"These large number of cases arriving all on single days are imposing extra burdens and risks on New Zealand's quarantine system. It should prompt serious work by health authorities to lower the risks further. This could be by requiring pre-test screening (eg, a negative PCR test for the pandemic virus in the 48 hours before departure) in countries with high pandemic spread and where cases exceed a particular threshold of new cases per million population per day. This threshold should be set at a level to cover those on flights from countries with poorly controlled pandemic spread such as the UK, the US and India.

"This is necessary to both

reduce the burden on the quarantine system in New Zealand, but it will also reduce the risk of outbreaks from spread on the planes – since mask use on planes is not perfect as people have to eat and drink. This system would need to be carefully evaluated and if successful it could be rolled out to flights from all countries where COVID-19 is circulating, even at low levels.

"But if the NZ Government is really serious about reducing another large outbreak as per the August one in Auckland, it should stop using hotels for quarantine in the country's biggest cities (like Auckland). It should also seriously study the pros and cons of purpose-built quarantine facilities in places such as Ōhakea Airbase.

A cost-benefit analysis that took into account the huge economic cost of the recent Auckland outbreak, might tip the balance towards having a high quality approach to quarantine facilities."

On this month in history:

Keith Holyoake becomes PM

On September 20, 1957 Keith (later Sir) Holyoake became prime minister when the incumbent Sid Holland stood down for health reasons. However, he lasted just 83 in this role as Labour won the next election. National won 39 seats to Labour's 41.

However, Keith Holyoake

became PM again in 1960 and held the position until he retired in 1972. Only Richard Seddon and William Massey have held the position for longer.

John (later Sir) Marshall took over, but lost to Norman Kirk's Labour Party later that year.



Wonderwoman and the Kiwi

Left: Wonderwoman and the Kiwi by Coastal Taranaki artist Graham Kirk will be at the Taranaki Women's Refuge auction in November.

Funding boost for Rahotu Hall



Rahotu Hall.

The Rahotu Hall Society is more than \$200,000 better off thanks to the Provincial Growth Fund.

The Society will receive a grant of \$210,156.96 to renovate the Rahotu Hall.

Society chairman Murray Horo says a dedicated group of committee members had set a goal to upgrade the Town Hall and were thrilled

to secure this funding.

“The Provincial Growth Fund is a real boost for our project as we can get started straight away,” he says.

The funding has been granted for interior and exterior improvements, accessibility ramps into the hall and upgrading the heaters, which are currently run on a meter system.

At a public meeting in April 2017 to discuss the hall’s future Murray had been named as chairman of an interim committee with Caleb Burkitt as secretary and Kent Helms as treasurer. Three years later they are all still there.

The committee had carried out a number of fundraising activities since then, which

have included. slink runs, quiz nights, Christmas social functions, garage sales and supplying labour for other community groups and hireage of facilities.

“While the committee have been working hard to build up the funds for this type of project, they have spent the past three years dealing with repairs and maintenance to ensure that the hall is available for the community,” says Murray.

The Rahotu School, which has outgrown its school hall use the nearby Rahotu Hall for school productions, sport activities and school celebrations.

It is also used for community events and gatherings.

“The original hall was moved to its present site from Opunake in the 1890s, where it had been used as army barracks. The original hall is now the supper room and the present main hall was built by Claude Ward for £100 around 1905

Other Taranaki country halls have also received grants from the Provincial Growth Fund. The Stratford District Council was successful in their

application to fund local halls in their district, and received \$339,190 to renovate eight town halls and war memorials. These are the Stratford War Memorial Centre,

Hall of Remembrance, Centennial Rest Rooms, Whangamomona Hall, Kohuratahi Hall, Makahu Hall, Tututawa Hall and Douglas Hall.

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Kill the Act, not the vulnerable

A group of professionals have launched a series of ads calling for New Zealanders to ‘Vote No’ in the upcoming End of Life Choice (EOLC) Act referendum, claiming the Act is risky and will have serious unintended consequences for our most vulnerable Kiwis.

The ‘Vote No to the End of Life Act Society’ says the poorly drafted Act, which will be voted on in New Zealand’s first ever binding referendum, will not provide real “choice” but will have serious unintended consequences for the most vulnerable in our society. They say the Act lacks safeguards necessary for both patients and medical professionals (thousands of whom are fiercely opposed to the Act).

The advertising campaign from ‘Risky Law’ is supported

by three testimonials from Lawyer Grant Illingworth QC, Geriatrician Doctor John Thwaites, and Rachel Major, daughter of a patient who lived much longer than doctors predicted.

Peter Thirkell, Chair of the ‘Vote No to the End of Life Act Society’ says, “The ads are harrowing, and it doesn’t give us any pleasure to depict such a bleak scenario for our vulnerable elderly or young people, in particular. It’s not our intention to scaremonger, but to show what could happen under the current legislation. We are calling on our team of five million to Kill the Act, not the vulnerable.

“The fact the legislation includes terminally ill people within six months of death down to people as young as 18, that there is no requirement to notify any friends or family

members, and no provision for a cooling-off period after euthanasia is requested - as is the case in Canada - is unacceptable. This is a bad law and opens the gates for coercion and wrongful deaths against the backdrop of our already dismal elder abuse statistics,” says Thirkell.

As someone who has had the privilege of spending time with an elderly mother in her later years (like General Election candidate for the New Plymouth electorate Rusty Kane I was moved to recently read) and who incidentally spent her entire professional life as a doctor intent on preserving life, I totally agree with this article. The elderly should never be made to feel a burden and obliged to prematurely leave this world (sometimes to appease

self interested others) They should be cherished and valued. The End of Life Act is risky and so subject to misuse.

Editor

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Electrical fire prompts fire safety reminder

Fire and Emergency is reminding New Zealanders that electrical appliances do have a fire risk and need to be used safely, following an electrical house fire in Chatswood, Auckland.

The fire appears to have started from the bathroom fan and spread quickly through the house says Steve Turek, National Manager Community Readiness and Recovery.

“We use electrical appliances, like the stove, bathroom fan, electric blanket or phone charger, every day so it’s easy to forget that they can have a risk of fire,” says Steve Turek.

But it does happen, and it can happen to anyone.

There were more than 1,100 fires which started from an electrical appliance in the past twelve months. These ranged from overloaded multi boards causing appliances to short circuit, having flammable materials too close and leaving cooking unattended on the stove or mechanical / operating failures.

“Minimise the risk of fire by taking precautions when using appliances,” says Steve Turek.

“Turn off appliances when they are not in use - including switching the stove off if you need to walk away from your cooking. Don’t overload multi-plugs - there should be one appliance per socket and keep appliances away from water.”

“You should take action if you find wear and tear (i.e. fraying on cords and leads) or notice any issues with your electrical appliances.”

“Contact an electrician if you’re worried about the condition of your appliances.”

“If you notice anything concerning like smoke or sparks from an appliance, please call 111. We’d rather help you with a small flame, than be putting out a house fire.”

APPLE SPICE CAKE

By popular request I’m putting this recipe for Apple Spice Cake in the Opunake & Coastal News. It’s always a hit when I make it.

It’s been christened Bernice’s Apple Spice Cake but there are variations of the recipe everywhere I’ve since discovered.

The moist cake is so easy to make and this is a no fail recipe I guarantee.

So here it is.

250g butter

3-4 apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

2 cups sugar

2 eggs, beaten

2 and a half cups of flour

1 tsp baking powder

2 tsp baking soda

3 tsp cinnamon (I usually add a couple more teaspoons to spike it up)

1 cup sultanas (I usually use sultanas) or raisins

Icing sugar, to dust

Preheat oven to 150C. Grease the sides of a 26cm-diameter cake tin and line the base with baking paper. Melt butter in a large pot.

Remove from heat and mix in apples and sugar, then eggs. Stir in flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, sultanas or raisins, and stirring just enough to blend evenly. The batter will be quite runny. Spread

into prepared tin and bake until it is risen and golden and the top bounces back when pressed

(about 1 hour, 20 minutes).

Allow to cool for 15 minutes before turning out of the tin. Dust with icing sugar before serving.

Editor



Apple Spice Cake.

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Manaia WI

The monthly meeting of the Manaia Womens Institute was held on Tuesday October 6.

The motto for the day was “It’s not just about ideas it’s about making ideas happen - do it”

Arrangements were made for members to attend the Federation Fun and Friendship Day on Monday October 19 and the International day lunch in November, President Phyllis Malcolm

attended the National Conference in Wellington where she came third in the Rissington CWI Diamond Jubilee Trophy with her photograph of a School aged child.

Members are collecting recycled lids from milk and cream containers. The wondering coin was won by Ann Chisnall

Competition results. Shrub. 1. Ann Chisnall. 2. Daphne Ashley. 3. Phyllis Malcolm.

Any Other Stem. 1. Raewyn Fredrickson. 2. Joy Brogden. 3. Ann Chisnall. Home Craft. Three Savoury Muffins. 1. Daphne Ashley. 2. Ann Chisnall.

Handcraft – A top from the Opp Shop. 1. Daphne Ashley. 2. Joy Brogden. 3. Meg Kelly.

Members enjoyed a time of fellowship together over a shared lunch.

Meg Kelly.

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A former mayor of New Plymouth Peter Tennent described Taranaki as Paradise on a radio interview.

Living the dream

Twilight cruises, just the name enticingly conjures up sunsets, the mountain and the stunning Taranaki coast.

Barry Watkins from Oakura has just started Twilight Cruises leaving from the Ngamotu Marina in Breakwater Bay. They include afternoon cruises, twilight cruises and half day and full day fishing charters.

"It's something I've thought about for a while," says Barry who has run MJ Marine Services since 2007. It's only recently though, he's had the time to devote and energy to fully devote to his dream.

"To see the sun setting on the mountain and the lights of New Plymouth, it's just lovely," he says adding if you get another day like today (last Friday when a brilliant sunset typically concluded a beautiful sunny day).

Barry also does fishing and dive charters.

"I love doing it," he says.

An ex commercial fisherman, he says he delights in taking people out on the water and sharing his love

of the sea.

The trips vary according to the length of the cruises which go out round the islands, up to Te Rewa Rewa Bridge and Urenui and, for the full day cruises, down to Okato and Cape Egmont.

Barry adds "It's a great idea for a birthday present, Christmas present or a group function." Certainly, they'd make a novel gift for the person who has everything.

Barry has recently bought a new 9.2 metre White Pointer boat Leg A Sea.

Barry says he's seen whales off Okato and adds, "There's plenty of dolphins around" and of course seals. He insists though he doesn't was to intrude into Chaddy's Charters territory.

The former dairy farmer – he owned a farm in Kahui Road – later selling the the farm and moving to Oakura. He went on to get his first skippers ticket in 1992, then his engineer's ticket in 1997. In 2007 Barry upgraded his skippers and engineers tickets. He's had years and

years of experience he says having served time he says going in all the harbours in New Plymouth, Tauranga, Auckland, Christchurch and Timaru.

Barry's daughter is also involved in the business and does the paper work.

He is clearly passionate about the sea and has always been interested in it, he says keen to share his passion.

Invites Barry,

"Come and enjoy."



Barry Watkins who has recently started Twilight Cruises.



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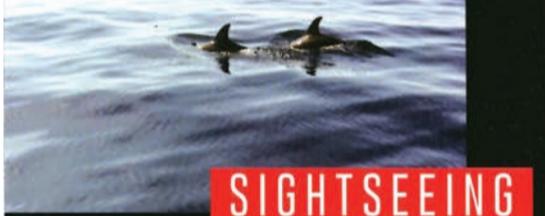
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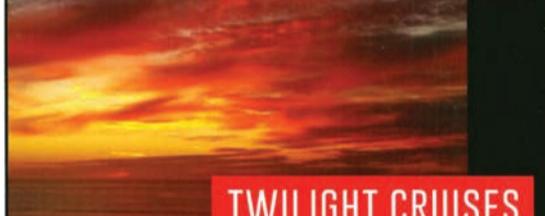
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When farming does well we all do well

It was a pleasure to host National's Agriculture spokesperson David Bennett, alongside my fellow Taranaki MPs Barbara Kuriger and Harete Hipango on a visit to Opunake last week.

He was particularly impressed at how farmers and the Regional Council have worked together to protect our waterways with riparian planting. More than 6.2 million native plants have been supplied to landowners since the scheme began in 1996 and that's paying off in healthier water as evidenced by increasing numbers of macroinvertebrates.



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

We can be proud of our farmers and the efforts they're making to be more sustainable.

Although agriculture is responsible for almost half of New Zealand's greenhouse

gas emissions, international research consistently concludes Kiwi farm systems are among the most efficient. A United Nations report on Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Dairy Sector showed the emissions from a litre of milk produced here are estimated at between 0.65 and 0.75kg CO₂-equivalent. The average for Europe and the United States is double that at 1.3.*

Farming has been the backbone of our economy, providing 60 percent of New Zealand's export goods.

As well as on farm jobs, the sector has and will continue

to have a flow on effect through our communities from engineering to financial and legal services.

Increasingly, technology is a vital part of modern farming which offers more opportunities for jobs in support services. During David Bennett's visit, we went to the Cram's farm on Auroa Road and saw the monitoring equipment being used to measure water quality entering and exiting a new wetland being developed. This is a good example of how cutting-edge thinking can help improve our environment.

National's approach to agriculture is simple - allow the sector to thrive by investing in and encouraging innovation, not constraining the sector with excessive regulations.

There is a demand for more sustainability in our farming practices. Farmers are up for this challenge and this desire for improvement is clear in their efforts.

When farming is doing well, all our towns and settlements and people in Taranaki do well. I'm proud of the work being done and thank our farmers for their continuing commitment to excellence and improvement.

*Jonathan Young
MP for New Plymouth
National Party*

Spokesperson: Energy & Resources

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We need to change the way things are done

As candidates, like me for New Plymouth and Social Credit line up against the two major party machines, smoothly groomed candidates, a national media suffering groupthink, mass produced campaign material, stacked meetings with partisan acolytes, and experience suppression by any means possible fair or foul to deplatform dissenting voices or views in favour of their big business, corporate or ideological backers, I for one will be relieved when the results are in.

I have no doubt the Social Credit monetary system is the best for Aotearoa, New Zealand in the grips of a mass extinction event, a collapsed economy and worldwide plague as well as literally being on fire.

The storm here last week was a good example of the nature of this campaign and it is another reason the cunning and hostile Government(s) should stop holding elections in winter. But no one organised around the long predicted next pandemic which



Kath Lauderdale, Social Credit candidate for Whanganui.

would throw campaign arrangement, accessibility and calendar into chaos. Being able to participate

in Zoom meetings has been great for candidates to attend what really has been a chaotic campaigning period full of having to contend the usual "bullshit and jelly beans" from professional and very well-funded politicians with all their Wellington, or worse, internationally directed agendas. Unfortunately not enough people have accessibility to these technologies, or can afford either them or the time and expertise involved.

A few shared slots at a public meeting is not going to be adequate to explain the enormity of the challenges we all face, but as one man recently said "some more than others"....as always. I have to remind myself this is a worldwide phenomenon and reassure myself many people are fully aware we need to change the way things are done and have

been done for a very long time.

This is everyone's chance to vote strategically given the local incumbent National MP retains his role in Parliament whether he gets any votes or not, as he's on their party list at 22 a guaranteed return.

My position on Social Credits party list is five, also a good chance of getting in with a high enough party vote.

My assessment is Labour will have a cake walk this election but have they or will they do enough given their propensity for commissioning reports but very little action or progress on our biggest issues?

A vote for me and Social Credit means neither major, or any other party can claim what this country needs is "unaffordable." It simply is not.

What a relief.

We have a Representative Democracy which means you get a chance to choose someone who can keep your best interests in mind in the decision making processes available for our region and country at the table.

The upside though has undoubtedly been the wonderful people I have got to meet on this particular campaign journey who simply need action now.

*Kath Lauderdale
Social Credit candidate
Whanganui*

On this month in history Putin born

On October 7, 1952 Vladimir Putin, the Russian leader, was born in St Petersburg, Russia.

He was reputedly a talented student and martial arts exponent.

The KGB (Russian secret police) trained him in counterintelligence and he spied on NATO members while living in Germany, as well as recruiting informers and agents.

After the reunification of Germany he returned to Russia and was elected as Deputy Mayor of St Petersburg. He opened the city to foreign investment including the likes of Coca Cola and Credit Lyonnais.

When the first president Boris Yeltsin resigned before his term was due Putin took over. Putin became Russia's second president in March 2000.

Steph Lewis
for Whanganui

Labour

Let's keep Opunake moving

If elected as your MP, I am committed to working together with you on how we recover and rebuild post COVID-19.

I am asking for your support to represent our electorate as we recover, respond and rebuild. This means being available and accessible to everyone in our communities. I'll be hardworking, sincere, and focused on the issues that matter to you - issues like how we get through and thrive post covid, jobs, health, housing and education.

In my role as chair of Labour's Economic Development Policy Committee, I helped develop policies to create jobs and raise incomes in our regions. My skills from working as a lawyer, an advocate, and in the public sector mean I also know the system of government. I will be an effective advocate for everyone, in all communities, in our electorate.

Let's work together, and let's keep moving.

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Priorities for health

Last week, I was asked, 'what are my priorities for Health?'

This was something front of mind, having recently welcomed National Party Leader Hon. Judith Collins and Spokesperson for Health Dr. Shane Reti to Whanganui to announce MySmile (Tamariki Niho Ora); a youth dental care initiative.

It's a small part of a comprehensive Health Plan that will deliver for all New Zealanders, regardless of income, background or postcode. Importantly, there will be investment in rural health. Our rural



Harete Hipango MP for Whanganui.

communities need better access to healthcare, to primary providers, clinics, screenings and midwives. South and Central Taranaki are facing a critical shortage

of GPs which has put a strain on emergency services. On top of this there is need for improved mental health support services. These are not new issues, but have been building for some time. Over the past year I have received numerous calls and emails from concerned doctors and patients, desperate for support and better access to services.

The Taranaki District Health Board (TDHB) has been working on and implementing a new model of healthcare or 'Health Hub', to help meet current demands in South Taranaki.

The TDHB and National Party have both highlighted the need for rural training and education. National would look to establish a third graduate entry medical school focused on retention of GPs in rural areas. Additionally, we would address rural mental health issues and progress digital technology solutions for isolated rural areas.

We would also introduce primary care navigators nationwide, to ease the workload of GPs and help bridge the gap between medical and social services, as medical presentations

often have social welfare factors associated. Navigators are already in practice in some of our facilities like Te Oranganui in Whanganui and the Whanganui District Health Board.

Other priorities for me in health are addressing inequalities/inequities in our communities and our disproportionate Maori health statistics, as well as reinstating health targets. We must have a goal and the capability to measure the effectiveness of policies and our health system.

Finally, National has

announced additional funding for PHARMAC, the creation of a rare disorder fund and a dedicated cancer drug fund worth \$200 million over four years. Cancer drugs need to be drugs that demonstrate high levels of effectiveness internationally and are as affordable and accessible to as many New Zealanders as possible.

While these are just highlights, National's full Health Policy can be found at <https://www.national.org.nz/health>.

*Harete Hipango
MP Whanganui*

It's like the scene in the Titanic says candidate

Rowena Wood is a former Londoner who has called New Plymouth home for the last 12 years. She is also the Advance New Zealand candidate for New Plymouth and was in Opunake last week as part of her election campaign.

A self-employed social worker, she is married with two boys.

"This was the last thing I wanted to do," she says of her decision to stand for parliament. "It was never a desire of mine. I was quite happy with my life, then we got put into lockdown and everything changed forever. Then I looked at my nine year-old son sleeping, and I thought I could not not do it. It was that simple. The injustice was so great. I believe we've been deliberately lied to."

Rowena says concerns about a loss of freedom, liberty and sovereignty led her to stand for parliament. She has United Nations Agenda 21 in her sights. Agenda 21 had its origins in the 1992 Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, with an aim of achieving global sustainable development.

"This is one of the biggest crises in history ever, and if we don't do something about it, we're going to be subject to a globalised system of control. We are the party that's kicking against it," she says.

Kaponga farmer Arnold Fitzgerald said he is voting for Advance New Zealand because it's the only party talking about Agenda 21.

"It's been rolled out as sustainable development, and we're all in favour of that, but what does that mean?"

He describes himself as a fourth generation dairy farmer who operates his farm biologically, working



Advance New Zealand candidate Rowena Wood campaigning last week in Opunake.

with nature and excluding anything harmful from his farming operation.

"We walk the talk, and we've been doing this since the 80s," he says.

Arnold says there is a "creeping paralysis" with new rules meaning farmers are losing control over their farming operations.

"Ownership is determined by the amount of control over a particular property, but if property rights are

being whittled away, where will it end?"

He points to farmers in the South Island needing resource consents for winter grazing and believes some of the rules applying there could come to Taranaki.

"They are talking about 10 degree slopes. "What kind of slopes do we have here in Taranaki?" he says.

Arnold says he is worried about the future of farming. "Farming is what built places

like Opunake and kept them going," he says.

Rowena says Advance New Zealand wants to see more use made of binding Citizens Initiated referenda, as happens in Switzerland,

which is generally regarded as one of the world's most stable democracies.

She describes the campaign so far as a "roller coaster."

"We've been called conspiracy theorists, but I believe the tide is turning. That conspiracy theory thing

is outdated, as has been proved time and time again.

It's like the scene in Titanic where the second officer in charge says we are about to hit an iceberg but nobody listens. We've got to stand up and speak to power."

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We've got to keep moving forward



Over the past three years, our Labour-led Government has dealt with a terror attack, an eruption, and a global pandemic.

Despite this, Taranaki has had some of the biggest investments the region has ever seen: big improvements to our road north, a massive \$300 million addition to Taranaki Base Hospital, more state and first-owner houses, and major upgrades to our school buildings.

We can't stop there. I was a key facilitator of the Taranaki 2050 Roadmap - the plan to drive our region forward. To implement that plan, our electorate needs a voice in Government, not in opposition.

I will be the strong voice that Taranaki needs. I've spent 20 years working for the people of this electorate, and I won't shy away from the big issues.

Between now and 7pm on Saturday 17 October, you've got an important choice to make. Choose to keep Coastal Taranaki, and New Zealand, moving forward.

 **Glen Bennett**
For New Plymouth



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Mortgage lenders shrugs off alert level move

Despite August being affected by the latest round of social restrictions, mortgage lending activity showed no clear effects. Indeed, lending flows were again significantly higher than a year earlier, with low mortgage rates clearly still playing a key role

in boosting activity. The end of the wage subsidy and the prospect of higher unemployment needs to continue to be watched closely, but there doesn't seem to be too much else on the horizon that might slow mortgage lending activity markedly over the next few

months.

After a bumper level of activity in July, mortgage lending figures from the Reserve Bank (RBNZ) showed that banks followed it up with another busy month in August. There was about \$6.8bn of new lending, up by around

\$1.4bn from the same time a year ago, and a continuation of the strong rebound from April and May's (enforced) weakness. Given the move back up the alert levels on August 12, it could have been assumed that lending activity might have been much weaker than it has

turned out to have been. The breakdown of the figures showed that interest-only lending has stabilised, sitting at 25-26% of the total for the past three months now (still much lower than figures of about 40% in 2015-16). Meanwhile, even though the loan to value ratio (LVR)

speed limits have been temporarily removed, the share of lending at >80% LVR has also tailed off a bit, sitting at 11.2% in August. In addition, the banks continue to scrutinise borrowers' income and expenses very closely.

Fifi painted



Twelve-year-old Fifi of Okato enjoys going into strange places, such as this paint container, which luckily had no paint in it.

Credit rating plus for Council

The New Plymouth District Council has welcomed the latest update from Standard and Poors affirming their AA/A-1+ rating.

"It is great to get confirmation from independent global credit rating company Standard and Poor's of our 'AA/A-1+' rating, especially at this tough economic

time as Covid-19 really starts to bite," says New Plymouth District Council chief financial officer Joy Buckingham.

"It means we're one of the best performing Councils in New Zealand from a financial performance perspective, which is underpinned by the strength of our Perpetual Investment Fund and the fiscal foresight

of successive governance teams. We will continue to work hard to get the best deal for our ratepayers as we look to make some big decisions and prioritise the multi-million-dollar "wish list" for our 10-year plan. Public feedback is still open on some of the potential big work programmes in our 10-year plan."

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ZERO WASTE – BURIED WASTE EXPERIMENT

We collected a weeks worth of our lunchbox rubbish earlier in the term and what a colourful collection we had! There has been lots of korero about rubbish and where our rubbish goes. Our tamariki came up with an excellent idea that we should bury our lunch box rubbish and with that, came the idea of the buried waste experiment. The rubbish will be buried for about two months then we will dig it up to see and investigate what happens to the rubbish. Together we will be scientists! EnviroSchool learning is proving to be a great way to empower tamariki by building on their ideas and inspiring genuine hands on experiences. It is wonderful to see that parents and whānau are on board too. Thank you!



Above left: Maunga Room – Diane, Leonie (2) and Esme (3) burying a buried waste experiment at Kindy.



Above right: Moana Room – Ethan (1y) helping Pauline burying his nappy.

CURIOS MINDS PROJECT

Here's an update on Our Curious Minds Project – Our Green Ōpunakē Journey. Together with Sustainable Taranaki, we will be promoting a positive shift in recycling habits! Some of the activities that we have planned:

- **Kids Education Session** (16 Oct 2020)
 - Starts at 10am. Jamie and friends from Sustainable Taranaki are coming to help us all learn more about recycling.
- **Supermarket Education Sessions** (27 Oct 2020 and 28 Oct 2020).
- **Community Surveys** (Currently on our Facebook page).
- **Recycle Bin Audits** (TBC)
 - In not too distant future, you may notice 'strangers' sifting through your recycling. Part of our project includes Sustainable Taranaki conducting recycle bin audit. Before our education drive(s) we need to measure how everyone is going with their recycling; how much currently going into recycling bins can actually be recycled?
 - Then after our education drive(s), we will do two more bin audits; one soon after the education drive to see if we all learnt something new and habits have changed. The second bin audit will be in early 2021; this will measure whether we have remembered what we have learned and continued with our changed recycling habits.
 - **Important Note:** The Sustainable Taranaki bin audits above have nothing to do with the Council regular checks. We will not be reporting what we find to them or sticking stickers on your bins. Our checks are only going to be used to help us with the behavioural science part of our experiment, where we gauge if education changes people's habits.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

In today's world, children have an increasing need to learn skills, attitudes and knowledge to keep themselves safe in a range of situations involving interactions with other people. The earlier children get personal safety education the more likely they are to develop sensible attitudes to personal safety and to adopt and use personal safety strategies in their lives.

Our current focuses for this term are as follows:

1. All about me – Tōku āhuatanga whānui

- Key messages:
 - For children: *I am awesome.*
 - For whānau: *All children are special.*
- We want children to know that they are awesome and whānau to know that all children are special in their own way. Children have been sharing why they are awesome as well as what others are awesome at. This builds children's confidence and self-esteem.



Left All about me - Display of photos of all the tamariki doing something they are good at, at Kindy. Archer (3) is showing Meera, Haig (3) and Arthur (2) his photo.

Right: My body – Diane, Eleanor (5), Lucian (4), Kenzie (5), Avery (4) and Madison (4) exploring the magnetic children and labelling the body parts.



2. My body – Tōku tinana

- Key messages:
 - For children: *I'm the boss of my body.*
 - For whānau: *Whānau must respect children's rights to have control of their own bodies.*

KINDY'S ENVIRONMENT

Check out the changes in our outdoor environment. Come and join us on Wednesday 14th Oct 2020 for our Open Day to see it for yourself!

Below left: Willow hut, Below centre left: Weta hotel, Below centre right: Loose parts, Below right: Compost bin.



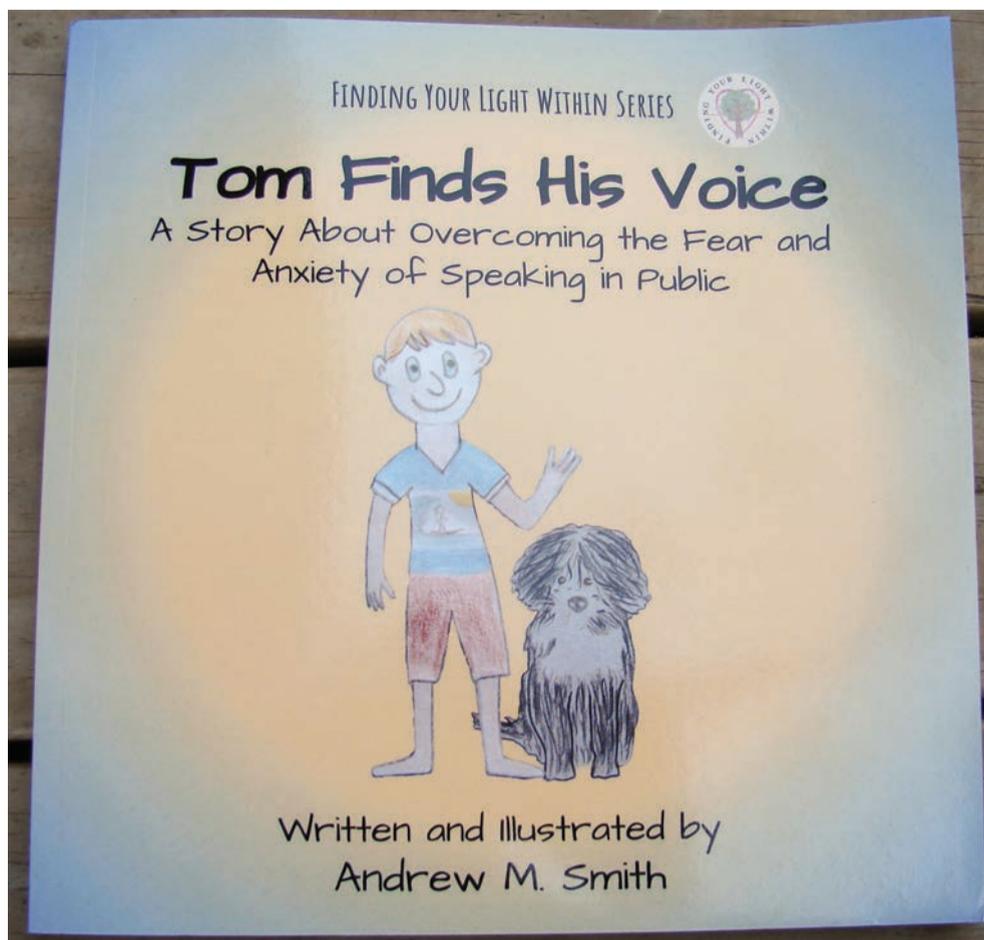
Tom Finds His Voice – book review

Andrew M Smith's most recent book *Tom Finds His Voice: A Story About Overcoming the Fear and Anxiety of Speaking in Public* is the second of the author's *Finding Your Light Within* series. Andrew is both the writer and the illustrator of this book.

A feature of this book is the imaginatively drawn pictures, which add a brief caption summary of the associated text. I found this aspect most appealing and informative. I love the pictures.

The gist of the text, which is a simple yet richly explanatory narrative of the experience of a boy (which is closely allied to the experience of the author as a youngster), who has low self-worth, partly as the result of having an overbearing father who delights in belittling the boy in the home setting. At school and away from home, every time Tom tries to do the simplest thing an ice monster (within) saps (devours) Tom's confidence with various demeaning insults so that the lad does virtually nothing.

The book has a happy ending as Tom, with the help of positive friends Keeva and Maia, overcomes his low confidence and attends



Tom Finds His Voice by Andrew M. Smith is available at Pastimes, Opunake.

the latter's birthday party, a social triumph.

This book is available from Pastimes in Opunake, but needs to be circulated much more widely. *Tom Finds His Voice* is a very worthwhile

book, is extremely well written and ideally should be in every primary school in New Zealand.

I strongly recommend this book of Andrew M Smith very highly with

its valuable message of youngsters finding tactics of overcoming bullying and endorsing positive self-worth.

Rolland McKellar

Feedback wanted on draft street plans for Eltham and Waverley

Draft plans for the Eltham and Waverley Innovative Streets Pilot Fund project have been developed and further public feedback is being sought. The project has received funding from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and the draft plans are aimed at testing safer crossing points, slowing down traffic and making the towns more welcoming and vibrant.

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) community development manager, Claire Symes, says initial ideas gathered earlier last month (September) from Waverley and Eltham residents were all considered and fed into the development of the draft plans.

Both projects are being

co-designed in partnership with local communities and businesses and the plans will be finalised in November.

"Whether the treatments will be permanent will depend on feedback from the community, businesses and Waka Kotahi that they are successfully alleviating the issues identified in the Town Masterplans relating to speed of traffic through the central business areas, unsafe crossing points and lack of a town heart," she says.

The Innovating Streets projects are 90% funded by the Waka Kotahi Innovating Streets pilot fund with the South Taranaki District Council funding the remaining 10%.

Andy Smith children's books on sale now, each with important messages

- 1: *Finding Your Light Within: Inspiration & Truth From Travelling the One True Path*
- 2: *Maia and the New School: A Story About being the True You*
- 3: *Tom Finds His Voice: A story about overcoming the fear and anxiety of speaking in public.*

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Venture Taranaki regional road trip to support enterprises impacted by COVID-19



Some of the Venture Taranaki team Jane Moffitt, Kayleen Schoeman and Shaan Davis.

Venture Taranaki is embarking on a regional road trip throughout October to further engage with local

enterprises and spread the word about the Regional Business Partners' Covid-19 Business Advisory Funding,

which enterprises may be eligible to apply for. The funding enables enterprises to apply for up

to \$5,000 + GST, which can be used to access expert assistance and advice. Funding support is

available for advice and assistance with human resource matters, employee relations, legal and contractual matters, health and wellbeing, marketing strategy, digital enablement, business continuity, and cashflow and financial management.

Additionally, tourism enterprises can also apply for up to \$5,000 of funding through the Tourism Transitions Fund, allowing them to access advice for recovery support, along with hibernation and exit strategy support.

“We understand it’s a challenging time to be in business and want to be sure Taranaki enterprises know there’s support available for them, with the road trip being one way of doing that”, explains Venture Taranaki General Manager

Enterprise, Michelle Jordan. From October 7-22, Venture Taranaki will visit 17 towns throughout Taranaki, from Mōkau to Ōkato, Whangamomona and Waverley; the road trip will take the Venture Taranaki team right around the region. “By visiting our regional

towns, we hope to connect further with local enterprises and help break down any barriers or hesitation there might be around applying for funding,” continues Michelle.

“We encourage all Taranaki enterprises to check out when we’ll be in town and to drop in for a free, confidential chat with one of our advisers.”

To date, Venture Taranaki have issued over a million dollars in funding to support over 750 Taranaki enterprises. “We have engaged with many Taranaki enterprises during and since lockdown, however, we know there are also a large number who have not utilised the support, and we want to change that. We are here to help.” says Michelle.

To see the full calendar of regional road trip locations or to apply for this funding support, register via the Venture Taranaki website at <http://business.taranaki.info/sector-support/covid19-response.aspx>.



If you’re in business, you could be eligible to apply for up to \$5,000 + GST through the Regional Business Partners’ COVID-19 Business Advisory Funding.

This funding will provide support in areas such as HR, employee relations and legal, health and wellbeing, marketing strategy, digital enablement, business continuity, cashflow and financial management.

We’re going on a **Regional Road Trip** and coming to a town near you. Come and see us at any of these locations for a free confidential chat about the types of support available.

To apply for this funding support register via the Venture Taranaki website bit.ly/VTcovid19support



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5	6	7 Ōakura Hall 10am – 12pm Ōkato Hempton Hall 1 – 3pm	8 Kaponga Town Hall 10am – 12pm Eltham Library 1 – 3pm
12 Coastal Care, Ōpunake 10am – 12pm Waimate Hotel, Manaia 1 – 3pm	13 Whitebait Inn, Mōkau 10.30am – 12.15pm Mud Bay Café, Urenui 1 – 3pm	14 Whangamomona Hotel 11am – 2pm	15 Waverley Community Centre 10am – 12pm Pātea Library 1 – 3pm
19 Waitara Library 1 – 3pm	20	21 Stratford Library 9.30am – 11.30am Fred Tucker Memorial Hall, Bell Block 10am – 12pm Inglewood Library 1 – 3 pm	22 Normanby Recreation Centre 10am – 12pm Hāwera Library 1 – 4pm

Living the dream at Brooklands

New Plymouth women Renee Downing and Monique Williams have got a world-class start to their dream career by volunteering at NPDC's Brooklands Zoo.

Renee and Monique, both 24 and both former Spotswood College pupils, grew up with frequent outings to Brooklands Zoo and were over the moon to join the nine-strong team.

"We've grown up with all the animals. My mum and I used to sit together watching the capuchins for ages when I was a kid," says Renee.

They both loved animals, but it was volunteering at



Monique Williams, left, and Renee Downing's voluntary work at Brooklands Zoo helped put them on the career path to working as a zookeeper.

Brooklands Zoo that set Renee left school and them on a career as keepers. worked in cafes before

working as a volunteer and as a summer intern, while Monique got an animal science degree in ecology at Victoria University of Wellington before coming home and joining the volunteers.

They became professional keepers after getting their captive wild animal management qualifications at Unitec.

Brooklands Zoo has been an accredited member of the Australasia-wide Zoo and Aquarium Association since 2016, which shows it meets the highest standards of animal welfare and ensures the animals are mentally and physically healthy and

happy.

The zoo also adds animal information to the Zoological Information Management System, run by international conservation group Species360 and has a Wildlife Act Authority permit from the Department of Conservation to help with rehabilitating injured wild birds.

"This is a very hard field to get into and we're both super lucky to get jobs here," says Monique.

They both admit the work is more physically demanding than they expected, but they'd never look back now.

"If you're having a stressful day, it's good to take a

moment and be with an animal. I also enjoy teaching people about conservation and training the animals in things like getting on the scales so we can weigh them," says Renee.

"I can't imagine doing anything else now. It's our lives, our passion," adds Monique.

Brooklands Zoo currently has a waiting list of volunteers, who must be 16 or over and physically fit.

Volunteer work includes preparing animal food and cleaning habitats, making enrichment items for the animals, talking to the public and helping with maintenance.

Property prices go from boom to zoom

An emerging trend in residential property markets across the United States of America hasn't yet made its way to New Zealand – but Quotable Value (QV) property experts think it's just a matter of time before it does. Popular US holiday destinations such as the Hamptons, Cape Cod, Aspen, and Lake Tahoe are quickly becoming what real estate agents and journalists have dubbed as "Zoom Towns" for remote workers seeking

better work-life balance and often cheaper property than in the major American cities. As remote working continues to gather pace amidst the global Covid-19 pandemic, experts agree that this trend is only likely to continue. QV general manager David Nagel commented: "In New Zealand, we have beautiful beaches, lakes, forests and mountains on our doorstep, so you can certainly see the appeal of escaping city life for a quieter or more scenic existence

somewhere else, especially if you don't have to give up any career opportunities to make that move." Although QV property consultants and valuers across New Zealand have reported only anecdotal evidence so far of people leaving the cities to live and work remotely in places such as Orewa, Matakana, Raglan, Mount Maunganui and the Coromandel, he said the normalisation of remote working was bound to have an effect

on the property market. "In Auckland right now, North Shore residents are being encouraged to work from home to avoid taking the damaged harbour bridge. If their employers don't see any drop in their output as a result of working from home, then why wouldn't they also be open to more permanent remote-working arrangements?" "As house prices in Auckland and Wellington continue to hold up, even under the enormous amount

of economic uncertainty that we're seeing now, relocating to a more affordable area of the country where you're still able to work remotely might be one way that young people will be able to get on the property ladder in the future." In fact, almost all of QV's more than 120 property consultants and valuers regularly work from home. A remote worker we spoke to was New Plymouth valuer Danny Grace, who said he seldom visited the office any

more. "My support people at QV work in other regions, and QV's information technology is good enough to allow me to work seamlessly at home and in the field. It's the ultimate work/lifestyle balance." He said remote working arrangements were more common than many people realised and were only likely to become more common in the future – especially as the Covid-19 pandemic dragged on.



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So back to rugby. I played for the Taranaki Colts and Taranaki Maori and in 1956 was chosen to play no 8 for Taranaki against the touring Springboks – what unbelievable luck.

Another incident which made me feel so proud was, that just after the team was announced, I had to see my father about a matter and found him in the Central Hotel, which was in Union Street in the bar. He said to his mates, “Here is my young colt.” He must have heard of me making the team and I knew by him saying that he was proud of me, as normally he was much more reserved.

However, fate made itself felt because ten days before the Springbok game I broke my leg playing for Hawera against Patea in Patea. This meant I was away to the Patea Hospital, then back to Hawera and never to play for Taranaki as I went to live in Nelson and played for that Representative side in 1977 and 1978 for South Island Maori (Waipanamū) for the Prince of Wales Toanga and did have a few

Chosen to play against the Springboks



The South African Springboks.

games for the Buccaneers, a team made up of past and present rep players. On my return to Taranaki I played for the Trojans on the same principal as the Buccaneers.

At home again I played for Taranaki Maori and was later appointed Selector Coach and Chairman of the TMRU, as well as Manager of Taranaki.

When JJ Stewart was Coach, I also spent 7 years on the RFU until 1972 when I moved to Auckland. In

1967 (I think) I was made a Life Member of the TMRU so have been one for close to 50 years.

One point I recall was that, early in my senior rugby career, I was approached, while in the Royal Hotel, by a gentleman who I think was Patron and one of the heads of the Hawera Rugby League Club who offered me 500 pounds to play Hawera League. In the era I speak of that offer was a lot of money, and even more so

to me, but I turned it down as I enjoyed playing Rugby Union.

I had the misfortune to be ordered off the rugby field a number of times and when this happened Hawera League would get me to play for them until my suspension was over; they had to register me under a false name for the rules at the time meant that if you played League you had to be reinstated back to Rugby Union by the TRFU.

Helpful tips to reduce fire risks outside your home



Fire and Emergency New Zealand is keen for Kiwis to protect their homes from the risk of fire.

National Manager Community Readiness and Recovery, Steve Turek says it is important to check and monitor flammables surrounding your home.

“Spending time now to identify potential wildfire fire risks around your house will reduce considerable stress down the line,” Steve Turek says.

“We recommend homeowners start by removing leaves from gutters. While the leaves may be soggy and heavy now, a week of sunshine can quickly dry them out and turn them into paper-like fire spreaders,” he says.

“It is also important to prune back bushes and trees, especially within 30 metres of your house. Having

large unmanaged trees and bushes can increase a fire’s ability to spread around your property.”

“Once you have tidied up your trees, gutters and bushes around the section, we’d also encourage you to get rid of any dead plant material. Once dead plant material dries it becomes highly flammable,” Mr Turek says.

Ensuring your property is well taken care of can stop a fire from spreading over dozens or hundreds of hectares, if you live in a rural or semi-rural area.

Fire and Emergency also wants people to think about fire safety even when undertaking fairly basic activities.

“We have seen in the past fires can be caused by insignificant actions like lawnmowing, barbecuing or lighting a small brazier,” Mr Turek says.

“Every fire starts with a spark or a small source site. Take care when you mow the lawn or light a fire during these warmer months.

“We are also keen to see Kiwis create burn plans for any planned fires, no matter the size.”

“Making sure you have water nearby, lighting fires away from flammables and only lighting on calm days will reduce the risk of fire spreading,” Mr Turek says.

AA calls to make transport better, safer and cleaner

The AA has published its Election Calls, highlighting 12 actions it wants the next Government to take to make transport better, safer and cleaner.

The calls are realistic and achievable, says AA Motoring Affairs General Manager Mike Noon.

“They’re actions that we need the Government to prioritise and lead now, regardless of which political parties are in power after the Election.”

The AA’s advocacy is based on regular surveys of its members. The Association’s membership has been growing strongly in recent years and includes over 1 million drivers who are personal AA members. Nearly 700,000 business fleet vehicles are also signed up for AA roadside assistance.

“With our large

membership, we naturally receive diverse views when we send out our surveys. AA members aren’t just drivers: approximately 10% regularly use public transport and 13% consider themselves cyclists. Our calls on Government reflect areas of strong common ground among our members. Given the size of our membership, we also think it’s also a good reflection of what many Kiwis want,” says Mike.

“We are facing serious challenges with the global pandemic, but we can’t lose focus on other major issues that will affect our future environment and economy.

“Meaningful action on our transport calls will result in fewer deaths and injuries on the roads, less environmental harm from transport, less time wasted in congestion, and more enjoyable travel.

All this helps us maintain the lifestyle and choices Kiwis want.”

12 ways the next Government can make transport better:

1. Revive essential road maintenance
2. More testing and catching of drunk and drugged drivers
3. Lift the standard of regional highways
4. Target cellphone use behind the wheel
5. Give drivers more safe places to pass
6. More help for young people to become safe and licensed drivers
7. Get the rapid transit process back on track
8. Boost the benefits of buying an electric vehicle
9. No escaping interlocks for high-risk drink drivers
10. Turn the waste of old tyres around
11. Quickly develop speed camera signage
12. A clear road-map for safer, greener vehicles

On this month in history:

New Zealand sends soldiers to Boer War

On September 28 1899 the NZ House of representatives voted 54 to 5 to dispatch a contingent of mounted soldiers to South Africa to join Britain’s fight against the Boer republic. The move was proposed by Richard Seddon, the premier. This was the very first deployment of soldiers to an overseas engagement.

By the end of the war in 1902 about 230 New Zealand soldiers had died, but over half of these lost their lives through disease.

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Taranaki Regional Council Summary Annual Report 2019/2020



David MacLeod,
Chairman
Taranaki Regional Council



We are pleased to present the Taranaki Regional Council's Summary 2019/2020 Annual Report.

The year brought unprecedented and extraordinary challenges for the region, the nation and the world. The impacts of COVID-19 will be felt for the foreseeable future but it's reassuring that the Council finished the 12 months to 30 June in good financial shape and with most operational targets achieved or exceeded. We remain committed to supporting livelihoods, improving lifestyles and taking Taranaki forward.

COVID-19 and its impacts

The Council was able to deliver the majority of its core services during the national lockdown period from March to May, with no significant technical or logistical issues around staff working from home.

We saw a significant impact on public transport operations, but passenger numbers and farebox returns are beginning to recover.

A \$20m 'shovel-ready' grant has been secured for the Yarrow Stadium repair and refurbishment project. This project is discussed in more detail below.

Freshwater quality & riparian programme

Freshwater ecological health continues its improving trend in the region. As has been independently confirmed by NIWA, a significant contributor to this improvement is the region's world-scale and non-regulatory riparian management programme, which is ever closer to full implementation. During the year to 30 June 2020, participating farmers voluntarily:

- Took delivery of almost 600,000 Council-supplied native plants for riparian protection – a record number despite COVID-19 restrictions.
- Completed 338km of new fencing, taking total of new fencing to 5,386km.
- Completed 444km of new planting taking the total of new planting to 3,553km.

Taking pre-existing protection into account, total streambank fencing is now 14,174km and the total vegetated where recommended is now 9,419km.

The Riparian Management Programme places the region in good stead as the Government rolls out its 'Action for Healthy Waterways' initiative. Already, new requirements are adding complexity and cost to the resource consenting process and consent compliance, as well as ratepayer-funded environmental monitoring.

It's disappointing to see one-size-fits-all national regulations that are unlikely to result in much more progress, despite

their cost to the region. But we can't ignore them. We have a history of meeting challenges with the most effective and pragmatic solutions that suit this region. Now we must do it again.

In the meantime, we're looking forward to a positive and fruitful partnership with iwi and hapū as we work together to improve the health of Waitara River and its catchment. Under recent legislation, a portion of Waitara endowment land proceeds is directed to this Council for this specific purpose. A joint committee arrangement involving relevant iwi and hapū authorities will decide on use of the funds, which continued to accumulate during the year. Committee arrangements were still being finalised as the year ended.

Towards Predator-Free Taranaki – Taranaki Taku Tūrangā

The ground-breaking Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project is leading the way nationally with its work to restore native bush and wildlife by removing predators from urban, rural and conservation land.

Launched in May 2018, it has attracted support from rural and urban residents, iwi, community organisations and schools, with innovative tools and methods deployed to eradicate possums, rats and mustelids (stoats, ferrets and weasels) from different landscapes.

Thousands of traps have been rolled out across the region – around 12,000 in New Plymouth alone – with the majority maintained by private landowners and volunteers. Early indications are they are making a real difference.

Yarrow Stadium

The \$20m 'shovel-ready' grant to the Yarrow Stadium repair and refurbishment project is great news for the region and its ratepayers, who can expect a reduction of just over 40% in their Yarrow Stadium rates from July 2021.

Works were put on hold during the lockdown while we conducted a thorough review of the project in the light

End of an era

The end of the 2019/2020 year brought a significant milestone with the retirement of Basil Chamberlain, the Council's Chief Executive since its establishment in 1989.



Basil was fully committed to the region for all of those 30 years and made an extraordinary contribution. The region has benefited immensely from his powerful intellect and his superb ability to strategise and develop robust and effective processes and programmes.

We wish Basil well in his retirement, and we welcome Steve Ruru as the new Chief Executive. Steve is due to take up the role in early October, having previously served as Chief Executive of Southland District Council, Kaipara District Council and Thames-Coromandel District Council.

of changing circumstances. The review gave us a clearer understanding of the stadium's prospects.

Work on the project began ramping up again shortly after the end of the financial year. The first priority is repairing the West Stand, with announcements pending on other aspects. We remain committed to restoring the venue's status as the nation's top regional venue.

Strong financial position

The Council finished the 2019/2020 financial year with a surplus of \$7.5m. This result was strongly and favourably influenced by property and asset revaluations (\$1.4m), and a lack of expenditure on the Waitara River and its catchment (see above). Excluding these extraordinary influences, the budget ran as planned, a pleasing result.

David MacLeod, Chairman

Deloitte. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

The summary of the consolidated annual report was derived from the annual report of the Taranaki Regional Council (the Regional Council) and its subsidiary and controlled entity (the Group) for the year ended 30 June 2020.

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

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in net assets/equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2020;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary performance information.

Opinion

In our opinion:

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

and

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

Summary of the annual report

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

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

The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the Council information and a qualified opinion on the Group financial statements that we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020 in our auditor's report dated 22 September 2020.

Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

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

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

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

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in the Regional Council.

Melissa Youngson,
Deloitte Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Hamilton, New Zealand
22 September 2020



Supporting livelihoods



Planting and fencing streambanks

6.2m plants put along streams by landowners. Almost 600,000 this year along 444.7 km.

88.1% riparian plan streambanks protected with fencing

76.3% riparian plan streambanks protected with vegetation.

Prepared for nature's extremes

2065 year to which climate change predictions were factored into design of recently upgraded Lower Waiwhakaiho and Lower Waitara Flood Protection Schemes.

100% performance rating standard to which all flood schemes were maintained in 2019/2020.

4 Councils make up the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, whose meetings are hosted and administered by the TRC.



Regulating use of natural resources

100%

resource consents processed in RMA timeframes for the past 20 years

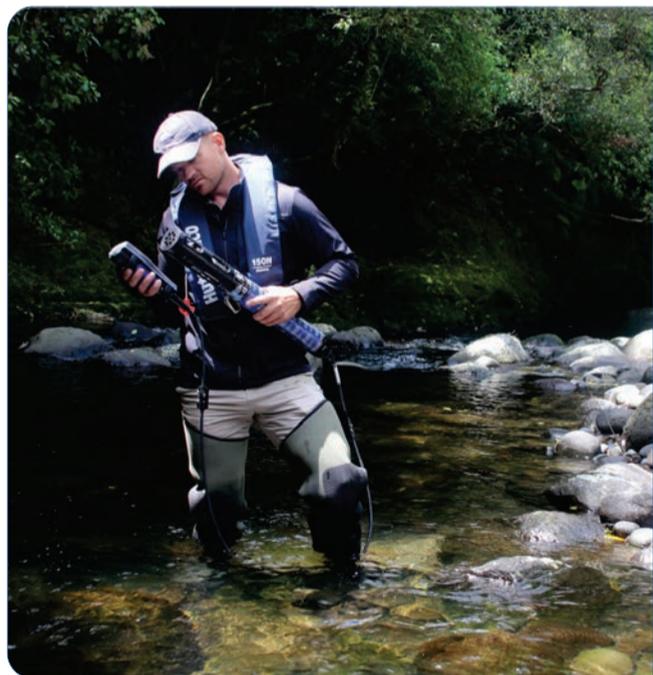
Restoring native habitats



100%

improvement rate found in progress checks at 8 Key Native Ecosystems. Baseline assessments completed at another 36 sites.

24 new biodiversity plans covering 584 ha of ecologically important habitats on private land. Total of 155 plans covering 5708 ha.



Reporting environmental performance

120 major consent monitoring programmes publicly reported

98% 'high' or 'good' environmental performance for major consents.

94.8% dairy farms complied with consent conditions

High level of environmental performance by industries and farming sector.



Removing predators and targeting pest plants

12,000 predator traps rolled out in urban New Plymouth and NPDC reserves to move Towards Predator-Free Taranaki

6.8% residual catch rate across self-help possum control programme, significantly reducing effects on biodiversity and agricultural production

1,246 inspections for pest plants.

Enforcing environmental standards

529 environmental incidents attended - control and cleanup initiated where required.

187 abatement notices served

5 prosecutions launched

105 infringement notices issued.

Sustainable farming

456 sustainable land management plans over 68% of private hillcountry land

87% hill country being managed sustainably





Improving lifestyles



Checking marine and river health

99% coastal beaches samples met MfE bathing guidelines over summer

80% freshwater bathing site samples met MfE bathing guidelines over summer

44% freshwater ecological sites show significant trends of improvement

75% nutrient measures at representative surface water sites stable or improving in recent years

Consistent progress in waterway health

Ensuring clean air **100%**

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



Public bus services and transport

25,072 passenger trips on the Hāwera-New Plymouth service

50,522 subsidised trips by 1701 Total Mobility cardholders

510,212 passenger trips on New Plymouth's Citylink urban service



\$20m Yarrow Stadium

COVID-19 economic recovery funding secured for Stadium repair and refurbishment project

Assisting Puke Ariki, heritage and culture

Funding of two projects at Puke Ariki and one at Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki.



World-class gardens

116,609 Visitors to Tūpare, Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens despite COVID-19

1370 rhododendron types at Pukeiti - up 86 on previous year



Taking Taranaki forward



Taranaki Regional Council is made up of eleven publicly elected Councillors pictured above with members of the executive team. Back row Cr Neil Walker, Fred McLay (Director – Resource Management), Cr Elvira Van Der Leden, Cr Craig Williamson, Cr Donald McIntyre, Cr Matthew McDonald, Stephen Hall (Director – Operations), Cr Tom Cloke, Mike Nield (Director – Corporate Services), Cr Charlotte Littlewood, Gary Bedford (Director – Environment Quality), Cr Michael Davey. Front row: David Lean, David MacLeod (Chairman), Michael Joyce (Deputy Chairman).

Port Taranaki ownership

\$8m dividends from Council-owned Port Taranaki Ltd.



Building scientific knowledge

7 National Science Challenges projects in which the Council is involved

Educating future generations



7,791 students experienced class visits or field trips through the Council environmental education programme

17 environmental champions recognized by TRC Environmental Awards
60 Taranaki schools and kindergartens in Council-supported Enviroschools programme

Sound financial performance

Council balance sheet remains very strong, with only \$4m of public debt.

Speaking for the Taranaki region

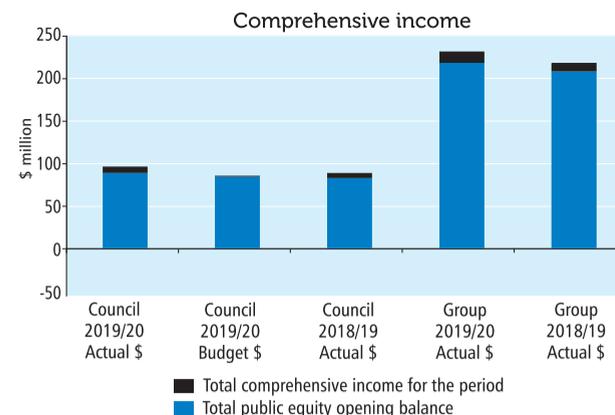
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Comprehensive revenue and expense

	Council 2019/20 Actual \$	Council 2019/20 Budget \$	Council 2018/19 Actual \$	Group 2019/20 Actual \$	Group 2018/19 Actual \$
Total expenses	37,833,073	45,093,287	31,349,965	69,443,903	64,942,803
Total income	43,525,435	43,919,781	35,460,705	87,305,985	74,122,046
Operating surplus/(deficit) before finance income and expenses and taxation	5,692,362	(1,173,506)	4,110,740	17,862,082	9,179,243
Finance income	411,873	3,286,719	390,969	384,508	437,156
Finance expense	(40,399)	(937,500)	-	(2,091,368)	(2,102,643)
Operating surplus before taxation	6,063,836	1,175,713	4,501,709	16,155,222	7,513,756
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of buildings	-	-	-	(1,890,148)	-
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment properties	1,046,000	-	1,132,500	1,046,000	1,132,500
Impairment of assets	-	-	-	(224,032)	-
Income tax expense	38,448	(10,000)	42,051	(3,303,082)	(3,540,037)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	7,148,284	1,165,713	5,676,260	11,783,960	5,106,219
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss when specific conditions met.					
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment	387,562	-	319,972	767,562	4,853,477
Change in cash flow hedge	-	-	-	799,153	197,813
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	7,535,846	1,165,713	5,996,232	13,350,675	10,157,509



Changes in net assets/equity

The Council's equity grew by \$7.5m in 2019/2020 to 96.4m. At a Group level, the total community ownership of the Council and the Group grew by \$13.3m to \$232.1m.

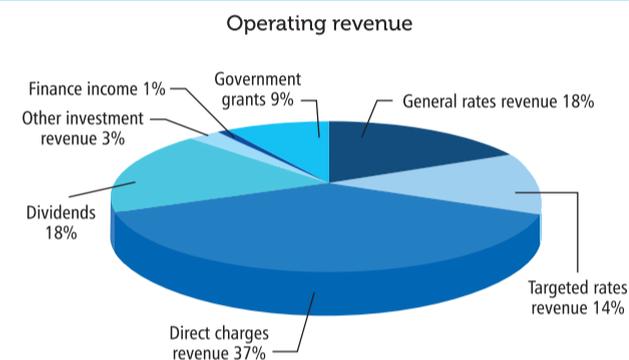
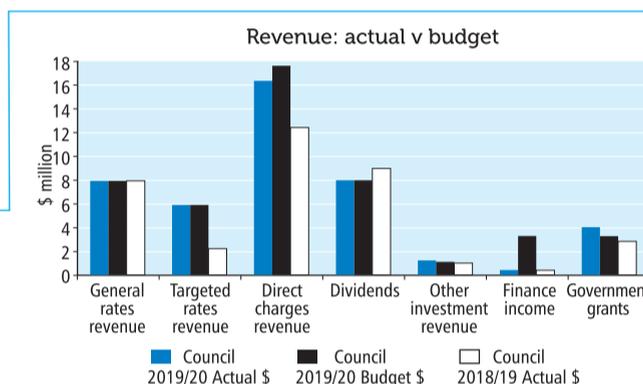
The Council's total equity of \$96.4m (Group – \$232.1m) is made up of retained earnings \$70.5m (Group – \$142.6m), special purpose reserves \$20.7m (Group – \$20.7m) and asset revaluation reserves \$5.2m (Group – \$68.9m).

Comprehensive income

The Council made a net operating surplus (other comprehensive income) of \$7,535,846 (2018/2019 \$5,996,232) compared to a budgeted surplus, before transfers to and from reserves, of \$1,165,713. The entire operating surplus is from continuing activities.

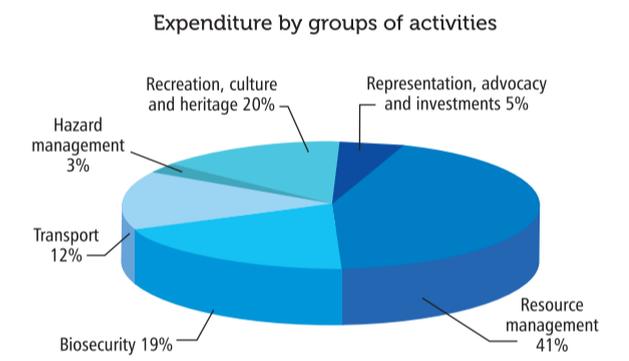
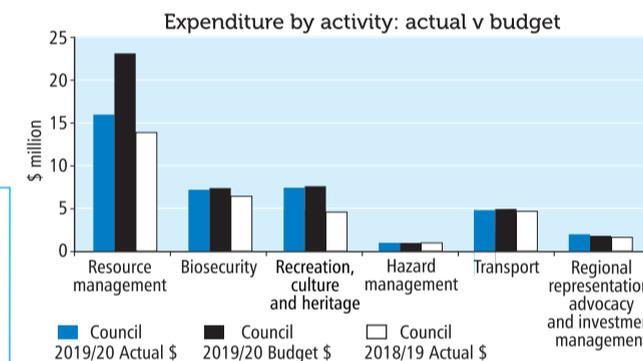
Revenue

Total Council only revenue (including finance income) was under budget for the year by \$3,269,192.



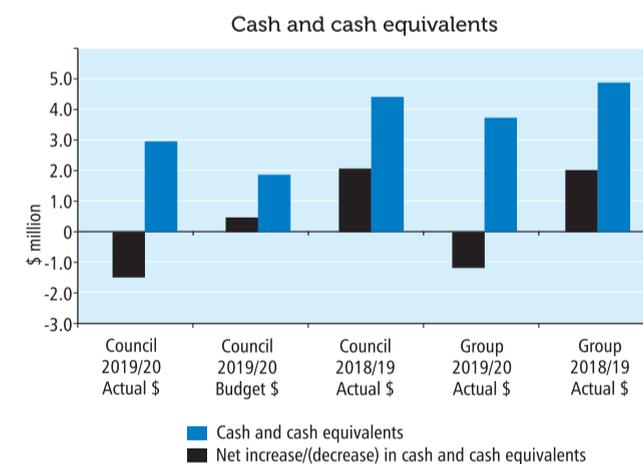
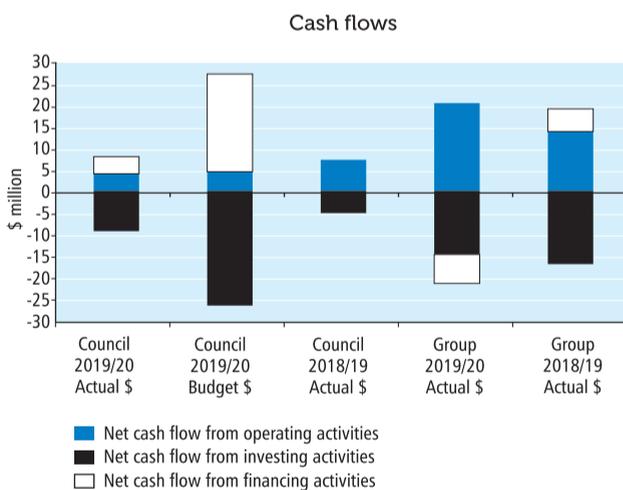
Expenditure

Total Council only operating expenditure (including finance expense) was under budget for the year by \$8,157,315.



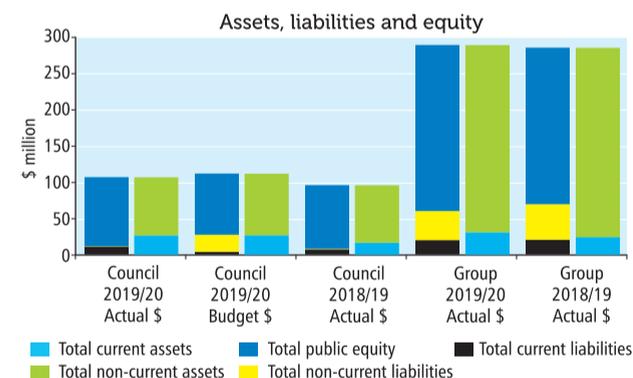
Cash flows

The Council's cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$1,448,582 during the year. Net cash inflows from operating activities was \$3.99m, net cash outflows from investing activities was \$9.44m and net cash inflows from financing activities was \$4.00m. At a Group level cash balances decreased by \$1.1m to \$3.7m in total.



Financial position as at 30 June 2020

The assets grew by \$11.2m for the Council and by \$3.9m for the Group. Liabilities increased by \$3.6m for the Council and decreased by \$9.5m for the Group. The Council has only \$4m of public debt.



Notes

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

This summary financial report has been extracted from the Taranaki Regional Council 2019/2020 Annual Report dated 22 September 2020. The Council received an unmodified audit opinion. The Group received a qualified audit opinion due to the limited audit procedures able to be performed over the Yarrow Stadium stands asset value as at 30 June 2020. The opinion was dated 22 September 2020. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars. The Summary Annual Report was adopted and authorised by the Taranaki Regional Council on 22 September 2020.

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

The primary objective of the Taranaki Regional Council is to provide goods or services for the community or social benefit rather than making a financial return. Accordingly, Taranaki Regional Council has designated itself and the Group as public benefit entities for the purposes of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The full set of financial statements included in the Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP. The full set complies with IPSAS, and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate for public benefit entities.

These summary financial statements are in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of IPSAS but do not comply with the presentation and disclosure requirements of IPSAS. The summary financial statements are in respect of the Council and Group's IPSAS full financial statements. This summary annual report has been prepared in accordance with Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) standards.

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

Yarrow Stadium land and buildings were valued as at 30 June 2020 by TelferYoung Taranaki (Limited) and were adjusted in the financial statements, for the year ending 30 June 2020, to reflect this revaluation. Due to both the eastern and western stands being compromised in terms of earthquake strength the valuers have considered the impairment of the stadium assets. Due to the eastern stand not being able to be used at all and the cost to earthquake strengthen the building being similar to the unimpaired fair value, there is no value allocated to these improvements. As parts of the western stand are still useable the majority of its components have been valued at 20% of its unimpaired fair value. The total fair value of the Yarrow Stadium land and buildings valued at 30 June 2020 was \$12,992,178.

The Trust is committed to the repair of the stands and the investigations on the repair options has been completed. The Taranaki Regional Council has approved

the repair and refurbishment of Yarrow Stadium. The project will include repairs to the earthquake-prone grandstands and consequential changes. Other important refurbishments include additional food and beverage outlets, toilets, technology upgrades, LED pitch lighting, improvements to the car park and gates, new South Terrace seating and the reinstatement of Field 1.

This work essentially restores what existed, with essential updates. The estimated total cost is \$50 million, which will be funded by a \$20m "shovel ready" grant from the Government and a 25 year loan through Taranaki Regional Council.

A significant amount of work has been undertaken on the detailed investigations and design work ahead of going to market to seek contractors to undertake the work. Physical works to implement the fixes will commence in the 2020/2021 year.

The Taranaki Regional Council has contingent liabilities of \$58,000 as at 30 June 2020 (\$58,000 - 2018/2019). This relates to land purchases as part of the Opunake Flood Control Scheme. As at 30 June 2020, the Council has a contingent asset for fines waiting to be awarded on four prosecutions through the Environment Court (2018/2019: two).

Events subsequent to balance date: For the Council, it has received funding commitments from Crown Infrastructure Partners of \$20m for the Yarrow Stadium repair and refurbishment project and has agreed to sell an investment property for \$345,000 (2018/2019: Nil). For the Port, on 13 August 2020, the Board resolved to pay a fully imputed final dividend of \$3.50 million at 6.73 cents per share on 6 October 2020 (2018/2019: Nil). For the Trust, there have been no material events subsequent to balance date (2018/2019 Nil).

Bayleys Taranaki acquires local real estate agency

Bayleys Taranaki will be expanding with the acquisition of TSB Real Estate.

General manager Dean File said as part of the sale agreement, all TSB Real Estate agents have received an offer to transition to the Bayleys team.

"We look forward to welcoming TSB Real Estate's

well-regarded agents into the Bayleys family and helping them grow their business in a focused real estate environment.

"Bayleys and TSB have similar values. We're both New Zealand owned, focused on doing the best for our communities and recognised as high-class service providers, so we're

confident we can provide a great new home base for the TSB Real Estate team and their clients."

Bayleys Taranaki will formally takeover TSB Real Estate under the Bayleys brand on Thursday October 22. Current TSB Real Estate customers will be contacted to guide them through this change.

TSB General Manager Customer Solutions and Service Tracey Berry says TSB has made the decision to sell its real estate arm to Bayleys Taranaki in order to get the best outcomes for its customers and communities.

"We've recognised that in real estate, our customers deserve the same level of expertise and service that TSB is known for in banking. That's why we're pleased TSB Real Estate will be taken over by Bayleys, an organisation which operates with similar principles to TSB, is New Zealand owned, and is able to give the business the commitment and support it needs.

"This sale means we'll be able to focus our investment and skills on enhancing our award-winning standards of customer care in our core business of banking. That will help us attract more Kiwis to TSB, which in turn enables us to put more profit to purpose in our Taranaki home.

"We're working closely with our team to support them through this transition."

Bayleys Taranaki is part of the Success Realty franchise encompassing Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Taranaki regions, with the group operating from 21 offices, with 576 staff completing \$2B in sales transactions in the last financial year. The group also have

3,749 properties under management, including the almost 300 in Taranaki. With a strong focus on showcasing all properties to the widest possible audience of buyers, they annually spend some \$8M on specific

targeted marketing.

Success Realty is part of the wider Bayleys Realty Group, spread nationwide and in Fiji, with 90 offices, 1,920 staff and transacting \$11B in sales and leases on an annual basis as well

as \$3.3B with its property management business.

Bayleys also have an international working partnership with Knight Frank, giving them a very strong global presence.



Dean File.

Consumers struggle with hard-to-fix appliances

Research by Consumer NZ shows people are frustrated by how hard and pricey it is to get their appliances repaired.

The consumer watchdog's latest survey found only 45% of respondents thought it was easy to find someone to fix an appliance, while 24% thought it was easy to find spare parts. Two-thirds said appliance repairs cost too much.

It's time this changed.

Kiwis expect their appliances to be repairable – 98% of respondents think they should be able to get their washing machines and dishwashers fixed.

"It's clear people want it to be easier and more affordable to get broken appliances repaired. Just 24% of Kiwis would sooner replace something faulty than get it repaired, while half felt bad when they've had to junk an appliance," Consumer NZ chief executive Jon Duffy said.

"That's why we've launched our #BuiltToLast project. Our aim is to make it easier for people to buy more repairable and durable products. This means we'll be doing more durability testing and more research. We'll also be encouraging

manufacturers to address the problems we find in their products," Duffy said.

Consumer NZ also asked about what should happen with appliances once they reach end-of-life. Two-thirds of respondents think manufacturers and retailers should be responsible for recycling the dead appliances they make and sell.

While 40% of Kiwis don't mind paying someone to recycle their dead appliances, only 20% think it's easy to find somewhere to recycle them. This shows New Zealand has a lack of appropriate recycling services.

The Consumer NZ #BuiltToLast campaign and associated e-waste project are made possible by partial funding from the Government's Waste Minimisation Fund. As part of the wider plan to reduce the amount of harmful rubbish ending up in landfills, Associate Environment Minister Eugenie Sage recently announced electrical and electronic products as one of six priorities for a regulated product stewardship scheme, under the Waste Minimisation Act.



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Animal feed shop with fascinating history

Cindy Baldwin has been selling animal feed from her business Brighton Feedbarn at Omata has just managed to get in two popular brands of horse feed which means it can now be bought locally.

"I kept getting requests for an equine range which I've just got in," says Cindy. Previously people had to travel to Cambridge for Harvest Grains or get it freighted down. For the other brand, Millers (?), they had to go to Levin. "People are rapt they don't

have to travel, says Cindy adding both are companies that promote fresh mixes for maximum nutritional value for smarter feeding.

Cindy has been running her business from their farm house near the corner of Hurford Road and State Highway 45 for the last 8 months.

She stocks a range of animal feeds, "Fresh feed for optimal animal health," and uses it herself for her menagerie of animals which includes horses (6 in total), cows, chickens (I assume?),



Cindy outside her shop, Broughtons Farmfeed.

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goats and sheep on their 16 acre farm.

"A lot of it I've used on my animals," she says adding they're "absolutely good. I wouldn't use it otherwise."

She also knows her stock feed. Cindy who grew up in Tariki spent 9 years selling animal feed and two years selling animal health products. She has also helped train horses around the coast.

She also stocks a few animal health products and other paraphernalia such as little lamb bottles.

Cindy is also interested in history and the farmlet (Cindy would you describe it as a farmlet?) features in historic records of the area.

The name Brighton Feed Farm comes from the original name of the property which was Brighton Place. It was the site of Reverend Gilbert's homestead which dated back to 1863. He was one of the original settlers in the region.

She and her husband have lived there for five years but says Cindy "We're not sure exactly of the original house site."

They've found on

the property though a fascinating artefact - a coin with the date 1816 embossed on it. Though worn on one side, the other side is not and bears the image of a head and the date 1816. It must have belonged to one of the early settlers.

It's quite a find and they've been looking for further artifacts since. A relative staying recently came with a metal detector to try his

luck. Apart from fragments of old plates and some old nails and the occasional horse shoe they haven't yet unearthed much else of such interest yet. They have however recycled posts from the original fence post and they can be seen alongside the shop.

Cindy also has a drawing of the original homestead, sited on a small rise, which was apparently done by

Rev Gilbert's son. She's also curious about the exact original site if anyone can help.

Rev Gilbert, unnerved by the killing of some fellow settlers, left the property shortly after for the safer surrounds of Auckland, never to return.

"A couple of years ago

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Brighton Place, Omata. The Residence of the Author.

The original Brighton Place homestead. Cindy has used the image on her business cards.



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Biodiversity benefits recognised

More landmass in New Zealand is used for pastoral farming than public conservation, but what do farmers think about the value of maintaining native biodiversity on their land?

New research from the New Zealand Journal of Ecology has shed light into Kiwi farmer attitudes towards making pastoral land more biodiverse.

A survey of 500 beef and sheep farmers found that over 90 per cent acknowledged some sort of benefit from managing biodiversity on their farmland. These benefits were mainly social or environmental, such as protecting land for future generations.

However, most farmers also identified barriers to conservation efforts, such as financial costs or time investments.

Dr Melanie Davidson of Plant and Food Research said what resonated with her about the study was the fact that sheep and cattle farmers are the custodians of so much of New Zealand's



A survey of beef and sheep farmers shows more than 90 per cent see some benefit from managing biodiversity on their farmland

privately owned bush, and that most see advantages to having native bush on their farms.

"Despite this, we are still seeing a decline in our native bush. The study highlights our need to show how native bush on farmland can bring an economic benefit to farmers, such as providing

habitat for beneficial insects (pollinators, predators of insect pests, and decomposers), erosion control, carbon sequestration excess nutrient uptake, and improving water quality of streams and lakes."

University of Auckland Associate Professor Bruce Burns added that farmers

were the "unintentional guardians" of a huge wealth of New Zealand's biodiversity, but "the uneven quality of their care" is the source of "social tension".

"The major downside for farmers was how they should cope with the costs of managing such areas in dollars and time," he said.

Animal feed shop with fascinating history

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however his descendants visiting from Australia called in to have a look at the property," said Cindy.

Her shop displays a few historic items including some two man saws (originally from Wortley Road Inglewood found in a barn belonging to Cindy's parents in law) and old bottles.

She also has some colourful tin art (is that the term?) in the shop.

Brighton Feeds is usually open from 10:30am till 5:30pm five days a week and on Saturdays from 10am till 2:00pm.

Just look for the big for sale flag at the gate. "If outside these times and people are stuck, feel free to text me," says Cindy.



The coin dated 1822. Perhaps one of our readers may be able to shed some light on its origins.

"The research suggests that a carrot approach to supporting farmers efforts to plant trees and control possums would be more successful than applying a stick, and provides a grounding for effective policy."



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Sustainable Nutrient Management

Kiwi Dairy innovation leading the way

Dairy is New Zealand's top earner following the impact of COVID on tourism and education. Much now rests on the shoulders of busy farmers, some of whom are still struggling to get key staff back through New Zealand's borders.

Annual breeding is a key pressure-point in the dairy

calendar that requires skill and experience. A local Hamilton company is now attracting global attention for an imaginative solution to a perennial farming headache.

Kiwi dairy farmers need to know exactly when to artificially inseminate cows. FlashMate was created to

stick to cow hair during the breeding period to interpret cow behaviour. The red light comes on at just the right moment when the cow is on heat and the unit is easily removed after breeding without bothering cows. "Reading body language when you have as many as 1,200 cows isn't easy" says Matt Yallop, one of the creators of FlashMate.

It's a problem worth solving. Industry body DairyNZ put an annual value of NZ\$1.5 billion on lifting the percentage of cows that are pregnant in the first six weeks of the annual mating period to 78 percent as the key industry target. Heat detection efficiency is a critical element in achieving this goal.

New Zealand is renowned for its dairy industry and FlashMate has not gone unnoticed by farmers and experts worldwide. FlashMate has reached far flung cows in remote Russia, Brazil, China, Chile and the Baltic shores of Estonia - even the mountains of Japan.

Dairy Industry bodies in Ireland, Japan and the USA are embracing FlashMate for its potential to lift productivity. In all three countries, clinical work has been completed to confirm the accuracy of the product. "We've been stunned by the strong interest outside New Zealand" says Yallop who receives offshore enquiries from farmers and experts every other day.

He suggests that with COVID effectively eliminating overseas travel,



FlashMate lights up the way.

people are very open to doing international business online. This has freed up energy and resource which we can now focus directly on the local market. "There's a huge number of positives there; I can be here in New Zealand with the family more and be far more available to support local farmers," Yallop says.

Peer-reviewed publications utilising FlashMate are being accepted into the prestigious Journal of Dairy Science in the USA. "It's really exciting to see a New Zealand innovation unlocking valuable new insights into animals that have been farmed for millennia." Once published, the science can be shared back to our industry via DairyNZ.

Yallop adds that many cultures find the concept amusing, "it's a brilliant ice breaker," he says. "People soon see the science and results behind the idea; realise it's not a gimmick and are keen to see their own herds fitted out with flashing lights."

Internationally, language

is challenging and while actions and gestures can help convey the message, this can get awkward too with the subject matter. "Google translate has also handed us some hilarious moments" laughs Yallop.

The product has clinically demonstrated a 6.3 percent lift in six-week in-calf rate on New Zealand farms, head-to-head with skilled farmers using tail paint. A number of farms have already attributed more than \$100,000 in improvements over several years, freeing up labour and helping sustain their farming way of life, while improving on-farm efficiency.

Because FlashMate has a very low skill requirement and makes life easier on the farm, it can help to save the day for farms affected by staff caught in COVID border closures, which may explain an early surge in local demand for the

seasonal product.

Here at home, most people don't know the full story says Yallop, but word of mouth is steadily growing. FlashMate has already been used on DairyNZ research farms and the product is building a reputation among artificial breeding technicians for alerting heats that even highly-skilled farmers would otherwise miss.

"Farmers are constantly being told to use technology but aren't always offered a realistic starting point" says Yallop. "Our approach is to keep it very simple, muck in with farms and support the real decisions farmers have to make." He adds that everyone in New Zealand should look to support farming in every way they can while, particularly as they lead our economic recovery.

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Scholarships invest into the future



Claude Nicholls, with his wife Eleanor and son Royce are buried in the Otakeho Cemetery near the land they once farmed.

The legacies of two Otakeho farmers continue to have a positive impact for young people training in the agricultural sector.

One of these was known locally as something of an inventor. The other was a former publican. Both said in their wills that they wanted their farms to be used as homes for boys where they might learn the finer points of agriculture.

In both cases these ideals were ultimately deemed unfeasible and the money was used for scholarships for young men training in the agricultural sector. In 2003 women were allowed to apply. The two trusts were both taken over by the Bishop's Action Foundation in 2008, and merged in 2017.

This week applications open for the Bashford Nicholls Scholarships. These are available for tertiary (vocational or undergraduate) and post-graduate (Masters or PhD) students. Applicants must be attending or planning to attend a New Zealand educational institution studying or researching agriculture or veterinary

science, must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and must intend to take up a career in, or related to, agriculture or veterinary science or undertaking research in those fields that may also provide an economic, social or environmental improvement or benefit to the province of Taranaki.

James Dawson (Dawes) Bashford was at one time publican at the New Commercial Hotel in Manaia, fought in World War I where he was wounded, and farmed on the Rama Road. After his beloved wife Margaret (Madge) died, his niece Rhoda Lister came in as housekeeper. After Bashford died in 1963, she continued to live there, becoming a local identity in her own right.

Bashford and Margaret had no children, and in his last will he asked that his home become the Margaret Bashford Memorial Home for boys under 21 "who being orphans or needing assistance for any other reason are willing to live in a home where they can learn practical farming out of school hours." If

after 10 years this did not happen, the Trust should go to the Anglican Diocese of Wellington. The Boys Home was eventually deemed impractical, and ditched in favour of granting scholarships for boys wanting to study agriculture or veterinary science. In 1984 the Bashford Scholarship Trust was set up along the same lines as the Nicholls Scholarship Trust.

Like Dawes Bashford, Claude Nicholls had originally wanted his farm to become a home where boys could learn the finer points of farming, and like Dawson these plans were deemed impractical after his death.

Claude, who farmed on the South Road, Otakeho was known locally as something of an inventor. He had a dam, race and waterwheel on his farm which powered his cowshed. There are stories of him building a caravan made of wood, as well as building a hedgecutter on a Fordson tractor which had steel wheels, something Claude claimed was the first in the district. The cattle stop he built to his own design was also claimed as being among the first in Otakeho.

From the early 1960s scholarships were awarded named after Claude and Eleanor Nicholls' son Royce, who had died in 1920 at the age of 14.

In 1962 Vern Verbeet was taken on as sharemilker. He would be followed by his son Peter, and Peter's son Chris.

In 1970 history turned full circle when the estate bought the neighbouring farm which had once belonged to Claude's brother Bert. The two brothers had bought the farm in 1908 and split it between them. In 1996 the Trust sold the farm to their neighbours the Putt family and bought a farm on the nearby Taikatu Road instead.

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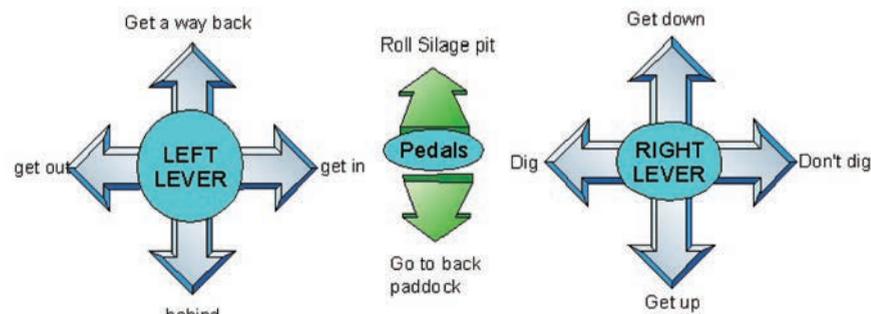
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Late drenching boosts rainfall totals

Rainfall for September ranged between 77% and 196% of normal, with an average of 115%, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. The rainfall event that occurred over September 26-28.

accounted for approximately a third of the monthly rainfall to all sites. Six sites (North Egmont, Hillsborough, Brooklands, Bell Block, Motunui and Cape Egmont) recorded below normal rainfall for the month, with totals ranging between 77% and 92% of normal. The Bell Block rainfall site recorded the least, with just 77% (102 mm) of normal, while the Patea site recorded almost double, at 196% of normal (166 mm).

Year to date rainfall across all sites is sitting between 70% and 94% of normal, with an average of 84%. Egmont Village has recorded 1,649 mm, which equates to 94% of its normal rainfall to date, while North Egmont has recorded just 70% of normal at 3,611 mm.

River flows were above normal for all sites, except the Waingongoro River in Eltham and the Tawhiti Stream at Duffys Farm (near Whareroa). These sites recorded 1,097 L/s and 217 L/s lower than their long-term September mean flows, respectively.

Water temperatures were mixed for the month with seven rivers (Patea, Waingongoro (Eltham), Kapuni, Kapoiaia,



Waitara, Mangaoraka and Waiwhakaiho) recording below normal by between 0.03°C and 0.28°C. The other three rivers: Kaupokonui, Timaru and Waingongoro (Ohawe), recorded above normal by between 0.10°C and 0.19°C. The Waingongoro River (Ohawe) recorded both new maximum and minimum water temperatures for the month at 15.28°C and 9.12°C.

The average air temperature for the month (excluding the Mountain sites) was 11.52°C, which is the same as the long-term average. Waitotara at Coast recorded the highest air temperature for the month with 19.88°C, while Whareroa recorded the coolest with -1.80°C. Seven

sites recorded new minimum September temperatures by between 0.31°C and 1.90°C, these sites were: Mangorei (Bushline), Motunui, Bell Block, Okato, Te Kiri, Manaia, and Waitotara Coast.

Soil moistures were below normal by between 0.26% and 9.84% for all sites, except Kotare (Tongaporutu), Pohokura Saddle and Kaupokonui (Manaia) which were 0.78% to 3.84% above normal for the month. Soil temperatures were above normal by between 0.23°C and 1.26°C for all sites except Waitotara at Coast, which had a mean soil temperature of 12.09°C, which was 0.37°C cooler than its long-term September average

Working together delivers best results

Sector body DairyNZ say they are encouraged by many of the pragmatic solutions being put on the table for agriculture policies to encourage sustainable, profitable farming.

DairyNZ chair Jim van der Poel said working in partnership with the next government, whoever that is, is a priority and it is pleasing to see parties putting a largely positive

vision forward for New Zealand agriculture.

“We welcome the discussion around farming, as dairy farmers are keen to see practical policies on the table. As a food-producing nation, we are at the forefront of free-range farm systems, safe nutritious food, sustainability and economic value. It’s vital we get policies right,” said Mr van der Poel.

“It’s good to see the parties

discussing key policies to help, and work with, the food and fibre sector and farmers. What will be most helpful to NZ Inc. is for any incoming government to sit down after being elected and work through the issues and plans together with the sector and farmers.

“DairyNZ is keen to see pragmatic, enduring solutions that will deliver for rural communities, the environment, farm systems

and the economy.”

Mr van der Poel said some aspects of policy proposals appear particularly valuable – including Labour’s support for farm plans and committing funding to help their implementation; and National’s proposal to revisit some regulations, investment in broadband and RMA changes.

An investment in farm plans is valued, as DairyNZ

has advocated for Farm Environment Plans and has a target in place.

“Through the sector’s Dairy Tomorrow strategy, we have a commitment to have all farms with an environment plan by 2025. This underpins our sector’s efforts to improve the health of rivers and streams, protect biodiversity and reduce emissions.

“Increased support to implement farm plans will

go some way to helping farmers deliver on this commitment.”

Likewise, farmers are being impacted by significant regulation and compliance changes, and a revisit proposed by National to water quality and climate change targets has merit to ensure they are grounded in science, fair and achievable, he said.

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Opunake bowlers break 98 year drought



Opunake Bowling Club members, winners of the Western Division, who won the Taranaki Mens Shield 2019-2020 at Rahotu on 19 September, against winners of the Northern and Southern Divisions.
Back Row: Levi Davis, Daryl MacKenzie, Kewene Ratahi, Paddy Deegan. Front Row: Peter Clement, Harry Davy, Rodney Woods, Bob Commane.

Congratulations to our Opunake men from the Opunake Bowling Club, who won the Taranaki Men's Shield at Rahotu against Oakura from the Northern Division, and Hawera Park from Southern Division. This is the first time ever that Opunake has won it in its 98 year history. So well done guys. The crowd is proud of you all.

Opening day was held on Sunday September 20, and was a huge success, with incredible summery weather. It was so nice to be back playing bowls. A roll up in the morning was

followed by a wonderful pot luck lunch, and another roll up in the afternoon. A raffle run by the Under 8s was drawn, with 24 money prizes. Winners could pick a sealed envelope which could contain \$20, \$50, \$100 or \$200. There were some happy people after this.

The Champion of Champions Women's Pairs was played at Opunake on October 3. Our finalists, Eileen Rothwell and Val Langton played well, but lost their first round.

The Men's competition was held at Rahotu. Levi Davis and Kewene Ratahi

played and won their first round, but lost their second.

The singles have been played, and the Senior Men's winner was Paddy Deegan, with Levi Davis winning the Junior section. The Women's Senior Singles champion is Chris Commane, with Rita Davey winning the Juniors. These four will compete against other club champions over the next few weeks. These are all from the 2019-2020 season, and were unable to be finished in that season because of the COVID lockdown.

Opunake Bowling Club.

Sandfords Manaia Golf Club results

September 26. Saturday Men. The Willows Round A.
 1. Wayne Baker. 2. Nathan Ngere. 3. Phil Elliott. 4. John Oliver. 5. Jamie Johnston.

October 3. Saturday Men.
 1. Caleb Symes. 2. Kevin Murrell. 3. Gary Dowdle. 4. Jim Ngere. 5. Rod Le Fleming. 6. Coby Clark.

72 Holes Roger Mori

Memorial played at Westown. 1. Sam Jones. Runner Up Ethan Jones.

72 Holes Pegasus Open at Christchurch. Sam Jones 10 shots off the pace. Well done. Daniel Hillier 275. Sam Jones 285.

Four Manaia players have been named in the Taranaki Men's Squad. Sam Jones,

Ethan Jones, Caleb Andreoli and Caleb Symes.

Taranaki Women's Foursomes played at Manaia. 27 Holes.

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The New Plymouth District Council is seeking feedback on how to fund a multi-sport stadium.

Debate on how to fund multi-sport recreational hub

Sport Taranaki recently revealed its vision for a multi-sport and recreational hub in the District and NPDC wants feedback on the idea ahead of next year's 10-year plan. They are looking at how \$2 billion in public funds should be spent and what big work programmes are in or out.

The regional sports body trust says stage one of the proposal would cost about

\$60 million and include a purpose-built indoor stadium, hockey turf, grass fields and road upgrades.

Cr David Bublitz says sports and recreational groups are finding it tough to arrange matches and tournaments in the District.

"There are so many organisations competing for ageing facilities and there are not enough spaces to play," says Cr Bublitz.

"Imagine this awesome place, in the heart of our District, alive with people watching and playing sports like hockey, netball, cricket, rugby, football, basketball, gymnastics and tennis."

Cr Gordon Brown says while the proposal is in its early days, it would be great for the District.

"A modern multi-sport and recreational hub would be epic for our District. It would

also hold big nationwide sports tournaments along with major lifestyle and cultural events like kapa haka," says Cr Brown.

It will take some years to plan and if councillors decide to partially fund it, it would need to stack up against competing multimillion dollar work programmes and ratepayers' ability to pay via NPDC's 10 year plan.

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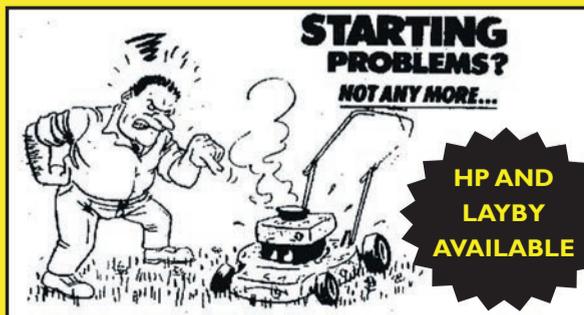
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Opunake Library Plus Book Review

Khaki town by Judy Nunn

I am listening to this as an audio book but it is also available in print. It's a really great listen/read but as time goes on it's a hard one. Set in Townsville, Australia during World War II it is based on a true story that was kept hidden until 2012, about the riot of the black soldiers against their white officers with several injuries and deaths. The story starts at The Browns pub which is run by ex-prostitute Val Callahan in March 1942 after the fall of Singapore and the bombing of Darwin. Australia fears the imminent invasion of the Imperial Japanese Forces and Val is rather delighted because another invasion is happening. 70,000 American and Australian troops are deployed to Townsville and the Americans have money to spend and gifts to give. We get to know Val, her employees and the

lives of the people around them and all is going well for a while until the white American soldiers realise that segregation doesn't exist in Townsville and most of them don't like it one little bit. They don't mind being entertained by a young black GI named Casey who can sing like an angel, they don't mind the dance and the sing a longs. They do mind the fact that white girls will dance with the black GIs. They mind that Casey and Betty the barmaid are so obviously in love. They mind that some of the girls won't have anything to do with them because of the treatment they see meted out to the black soldiers, the name calling and the insults. They mind that things are not the same as 'back home.' I came to hate the character of Charles 'Chuck' Maxwell who being sent to be an officer in a black non-combat

unit by 'Daddy' acted like black soldiers were slaves to their white officers and took his hate out on Casey and another young soldier named Ant.

Eventually there is trouble and clashes between white and black GIs. The white GIs are not blamed nor punished but the black soldiers are confined to camp and not allowed entertainment nor leave and are barred from going into town. Along with the bullying they experience, tensions begin to simmer and finally after the death of a black GI that is, not for the first time, covered up as an accident – everything explodes. This too will be covered up. Enter a young United States Congressman, Lyndon Baines Johnson, who is sent to Townsville by his president to investigate. 'Keep a goddamned lid on it, Lyndon,' he is told, 'lest it explode in our faces

...' I was horrified to find out exactly how much of a 'lid' has been kept on what happened back then. It is history in a raw form no matter that it is fiction.

I find myself wandering through a myriad of emotions, two of them being anger and sadness. Judy Nunn makes no apology for the language she uses in the story and nor should she as it's very true to that period in history.

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Pukeiti launches Tamariki Ara Hiko



Pukeiti Kids Treehouse Trail Weta House.

Pukeiti has expanded its popular Kids Treehouse Trail activity into te reo Mori, just in time for the school holidays.

The arrival of two new activity satchels in te reo Māori aims to encourage non-Māori speaking families to engage with the language by learning

names of native creatures and plants in te reo, and supporting those expert speakers with accessible options.

"We are really looking forward to whānau and kura coming to Pukeiti to learn about the rainforest using te reo," says Greg Rine, Taranaki Regional Council

Regional Gardens Manager.

"We see this as a way to help support the revitalisation of te reo Māori in our community, by encouraging families to engage with the language."

The Kids Treehouse Trail launched in 2017 and has become a popular activity for families to complete together

on their visit. It offers a full sensory experience, as children follow the secret trail between treehouses and discover the creatures that inhabit Pukeiti.

While Covid-19 restrictions delayed the launch planned for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week), Mr Rine says the school holidays are the perfect time for families to visit and try out the new satchels.

"The Regional Gardens are here for the community, and it's really important to us that we are continuing to implement new initiatives that support all of our community members and create a positive environment for learning."

The Treehouse Trail takes approximately 40 minutes. There are two te reo satchels and five English satchels available for collection from the Rainforest Centre, next to the new Rainforest Eatery.

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Renee Murray, NZME Event Director, says "It's been incredible seeing our communities coming together to support local. We are so pleased to be able to hold events here in New Zealand and provide an opportunity for Kiwi businesses and local Taranaki companies to connect with thousands of women. We have always been well supported by the community and this year we encourage the people of New Plymouth to attend the show and support Kiwi businesses after what has been a deeply challenging time for many."

The expo is happening on Saturday 17 October (10am to 5pm) and Sunday 18 October (10am to 4pm) at TSB Stadium in New Plymouth. Door sales are \$10 per person and children under 12 are free.

Looking Through the World through a Camera's Lens

Nature on Linen at Downtown Cafe Okato

The exhibition, which runs from October 1 to October 30 identifies just a few of Lesley Dowding's passions including textiles and print making.

"My teaching degree is Drama in Education.

My thesis was set design and installations of plays in car parks, street theatre, gardens and disused buildings. To achieve my designs I used various photographic images and projected them on different materials, such as glass and brick walls.

My post grad qualifications extended my ideas into writing plays, directing and performance, notably storytelling.

This exhibition is a sample of my photographic collection.

To me each block has a story it is not just a flower or a seed pod.

I like to pose questions to

the viewer.

What might have led to this image?

How does the time of day affect the image? How does the light draw you into the picture

The linen enhances the plants, flowers and branches. It attempts to show texture and breathe life into images which is not possible on paper.

The image captures Natures' earring, fluid shapes, inner threads, moments of water droplets on a still day.

I am currently working on a storytelling exhibition titled Labour of Love.

The life of washing past and present and its impact on women's lives.

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Nature on Linen at Downtown Cafe Okato.

The New Plymouth Women's Lifestyle Expo October 17 -18 at TSB Stadium.

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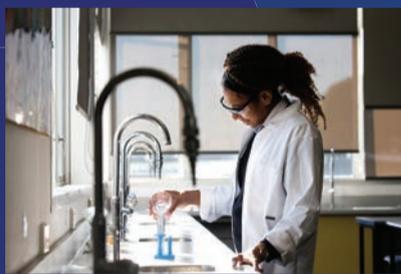
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A+ for Home Work Exhibition

The amazing talents of 57 home-grown artists are being showcased in an exhibition which opened on September 26 at NPDC's Puke Ariki Museum.

The final pieces, which showcase the works of Taranaki artists, were selected by Puke Ariki curator Laura Campbell alongside renowned artists Ngāhina Hohaia and Reuben Paterson and range from paintings, sculptures,

ceramics, photography, jewellery and textiles.

"It's the third time Home Work has been on show, so for this iteration we wanted submissions of new and unseen pieces that interpreted the theme of 'Tuku Iho', which means celebrating traditions that are passed down through generations," says Ms Campbell.

David Le Fleming's submission is based on

astronomer Beatrice Hill, who left New Plymouth for the United States and went on to become a leading expert in the evolution of galaxies.

Le Fleming painted Beatrice's image on to a 1940s car bonnet and the piece acknowledges the achievements of Taranaki people who have come before us.

Le Fleming says the exhibition highlights the

strength of the arts scene in the region.

"Being far from famous art schools and renowned artistic centres is a gift, and allows the scene to develop its own sense of identity."

Puke Ariki Museum manager Colleen Mullin says: "Our creative community frequently puts Taranaki on the map and the number and diversity of artworks in Home Work are testament to the growth



David Le Fleming's submission is based on astronomer Beatrice Hill.



Taranaki Artists feature at the latest exhibition at Puke Ariki Museum.

and importance of the arts sector."

The exhibition runs until 8 February and will feature artist workshops, virtual reality experiences, floor talks and a blank mural canvas by artist Dside which is available as a colouring-in activity for children during the September-October school holidays.

There were 140 pieces were submitted by established and emerging local talent. The largest piece is MiSun Kim's Birth painting (measuring 1900 x 1500mm) and the smallest piece is Belinda Lubkoll's delicate diamond and sterling silver necklace. Artworks not sold in the exhibition will be returned to artists.



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God of Carnage is brilliant



From left Michel Vallon (Antony Jones), Veronique (Helen Snook), Annette Reille (Donella Weir), and Alan Reille (Ron Scott).

South Taranaki Theatre-goers are in for a treat, Hawera Repertory's latest offering *God of Carnage* is superb – one of the best plays I have seen. The play, which is ably directed by Clive Cullen, runs from October 30 to November 7. You

can buy tickets at Hawera's I-site or Ticket Rocket. The play was written in 2008 by French playwright Yasmina Reza and was adapted by Christopher Hampton. It has been described as a comedy of manners – without the

manners. Perhaps, it could also be termed a black comedy. The simple but effective set was designed by Clive Cullen. The play opens with two sets of parents discussing an incident whereby the son of one of them Ferdinand gets

angry because another child Bruno refuses to let him join his gang. Ferdinand picks up a stick and whacks Bruno in the mouth, and knocks out two teeth. Both children are aged eleven. "Your son has disfigured my son!" exclaims Veronique.

The acting is simply excellent with the actors well chosen for their respective roles. These include Ron Scott who plays Alain Reille, Donella Weir playing Annette Reille, Antony Jones playing Michel Vallon and Helen Snooks playing

Veronique Vallon. The two boys never appear, but a hamster and John Wayne figure – although not in the flesh. I found the play very absorbing and, for the first half, very funny. As the parents discuss the incident and gradually veer miles off course as the angst increases, the atmosphere became harrowing – although no less absorbing. Just as you think no more can happen, another extraordinary thing happens as the parents become angrier and angrier, not just with the opposing couple, but also with each other. "I'm already doing you a favour being here in the first place," explains Alain, between intervals when his (virtually) endlessly ringing mobile is silent. Imagine how that went down with his wife Annette. However, I won't say too much more so I don't spoil the suspense – and there's plenty of that.

Everyone who contributed to making this play so engaging must be congratulated. Make sure you see this first class production.

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Film Review

Greenland

Thriller, Action | 1 hr 59 min | R13: Violence and content that may disturb. Screening at Everybody's Theatre on Sunday October 18 at 7 pm. Starring: Gerard Butler, Morena Baccarin, Roger Dale Floyd. Director: Ric Roman Waugh. Writer: Chris Sparling

Well, there's nothing like a nation-wide disaster to put your marriage back on track. John (Gerard Butler) and Alison (Morena Baccarin) are having a bit of a wobble. Possibly due to John's lapse in judgement. I like how this is conveyed in an un-American, no fuss, it happened, we're dealing with it, kind of way. The nation-wide disaster on the other hand is in your face from the beginning, and so it should be, it's a pretty drastic situation. A comet is speeding toward earth and only a hand-picked few thousand are given the chance to fly to safety.

The journey that John and Alison embark on, along with their 7-year-old son Nathan (Roger Dale Floyd), comes across as quite believable, given their dramatically dire



Screening at Everybody's Theatre on Sunday October 18 at 7 pm.

circumstances. Writer Chris Sparling hasn't gone too much out on a limb, he's kept the storyline straight-forward so we are able to jump into it with ease. *Greenland*

shows us how both sides of humanity would react given 48 hours until impending doom.

Butler, who I recognised from *The Ugly Truth* with

Katherine Heigl, has also starred in a wide genre from *Atilla* to *The Phantom of the Opera*. He's very watchable, sort of a washed and dried Russell Crowe variation. Baccarin is just as watchably gorgeous, she's been in the *Deadpool* movies, *Spy* and *Ode to Joy*. The onscreen chemistry wasn't quite there between them, but she made up for it with Floyd who plays her son Nathan. He did annoy me a bit, appearing to act more like a 4-year-old than 7. There were times when I felt like yelling - Oh for goodness-sake pull yourself together. Might just be me; having raised three sons virtually on my own. I don't tolerate unnecessary whinging, even if an incoming comet is about to destroy your planet. Although, there was one scene where Nathan's assertiveness defies his behavioural age, and maybe saves his life. I wonder if Ric Roman Waugh could have directed this talented young actor better.

If you are looking for some thrilling action with stunning CGI (which by the way is not over-used), then *Greenland* is definitely your movie for next Sunday night.

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New Plymouth helps light New Zealand up in Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This October, for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a New Plymouth landmark will join others around New Zealand to light up in pink for the Global Illumination campaign in support of Breast Cancer Foundation NZ's (BCFNZ's) annual Pink Ribbon Street Appeal.

The Clock Tower is taking part in the campaign, where sculptures and landmarks in 140 countries around the world promote global awareness of breast cancer.

In the Taranaki District Health Board area, each year around 90 women are diagnosed with breast cancer, and sadly every year around 20 will die of breast cancer.



Pink Ribbon Month.

The campaign runs for the entire month of October and ends with Breast Cancer Foundation NZ's major

fundraising event, Pink Ribbon Street Appeal, which takes place on October 30-31.

Money raised through the appeal and other October fundraising events around the country will fund research into new targeted treatments, life-saving awareness initiatives, education programmes, and support New Zealanders going through breast cancer.

Evangelia Henderson, chief executive of Breast Cancer Foundation NZ, said: "It is fantastic to see New Plymouth join so many other towns and cities across New Zealand lighting up pink for Breast Cancer

Awareness Month. It's such a powerful visual reminder that nine Kiwi women are diagnosed with breast cancer every day - it's still the most common cancer for women in our country. We hope New Zealanders will get behind this cause and donate generously to our appeal, so that we can continue our crucial work to see zero deaths from breast cancer become a reality."

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For further info contact CoastalCare Manager Aretha Lemon on 06 761 8488

What's On Listings



ONGOING

Jonathan Young: Need to chat with your local MP Jonathan Young? Jonathan will now hold his meetings at Coastal Care. For more information phone: 06 7591363. Or email newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

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

SUNDAYS:

Open Mic at the Rahotu Tavern: Every second Sunday from 1-5pm.

MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

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

TUESDAYS

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

Life Drawing Group: Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake at 7pm. \$10 to pay for the model.

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

THURSDAYS

Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

WEEKENDS

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

SEPTEMBER 21 TO OCTOBER 16

'Focus on Taranaki' photographic exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

SEPTEMBER 26 2020 TO FEBRUARY 8 2021

'Home Work' Taranaki Art 2020 Exhibition: At Puke Ariki Museum, New Plymouth.

SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 24

'Social Print' Exhibition: At Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera.

OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 7

Popup Museum, Opunake: At Library Plus Opunake. Refer ad and article.

OCTOBER 12

Ngati Tara o Oaonui Sandy Bay Society Inc AGM and normal meeting: At Oaonui Hall, 5.30pm.

OCTOBER 15

Pihama Cricket Club AGM: At the Clubrooms, 7.30pm start.

OCTOBER 17

Election Day - NZ General Elections 2020: Last day to vote. Polling booths open 9am to 7pm.

Rahotu Tavern Blues & Reggae Show: At the Rahotu tavern. Five bands from 4pm to 10pm. Door sales \$20.

OCTOBER 17 & 18

Women's Lifestyle Expo: At the TSB Stadium, New Plymouth. Expo runs from 10am-5pm Sat and 10am-4pm Sun.

OCTOBER 20

Eltham Community Development Group AGM: At Eltham & District Historical Society, 12.45pm start.

OCTOBER 24

Ngati Haupoto 106 Marae Reservation - Pokimi Marae AGM At te Potaka Marae, Oaonui, 3pm.

OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 7

God of Carnage: Repertory House, Hawera. Refer ad.

NOVEMBER 5 TO 15

RESET 2020 - A festival for Aotearoa: Events around Taranaki.

NOVEMBER 8

Home Sewn 2020: 10am to 2pm at Hampton Hall, Okato.

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Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish CHURCH SERVICES

St Paul's Opunake Co-op & Rahotu
 Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St
 9.30am every Sunday and the
 Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month
 Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays
 Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays

Opunake Catholic Church

St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday
 Other areas
 Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)
 Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am
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The Bashford-Nicholls Trust, managed by BAF, has scholarships available for tertiary (vocational or undergraduate) and post-graduate (Masters or PhD) students. For tertiary students awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per year and for post-graduate students from \$13,000 to \$20,000 per year.

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- You must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- You must be intending to take up a career in, or related to, agriculture or veterinary science or undertaking research in those fields that may also provide an economic, social or environmental improvement or benefit to the province of Taranaki.

The number of scholarships available each year will vary depending on the level of funding available to the trustees to distribute. In the event that the total funding requested exceeds the funding available, scholarships will be granted to those applicants most closely aligning with the criteria and aims of the Bashford-Nicholls Trust - www.bashford-nicholls.org.nz

Returning students with a current scholarship only need to submit their results to uplift their next year's award.

To apply or submit results please visit the Taranaki Scholarships Portal and select the Bashford-Nicholls Scholarship you are applying for:

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Applications close on 20 November 2020 at 5pm

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Request for a by-election should be sent to:
 Andy Whitehead
 Board of Trustees
 Opunake High School
 PO Box 4
 Opunake 4645

by: 4th November, 2020

ELTHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP AGM

20th October 2020, 12.45pm
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This scholarship has been established to assist past and present pupils of Opunake High School from Year 12 up to the age of 25 years with overseas travel.

Due to Covid-19, the Board of Trustees have decided to defer this scholarship to 2021.

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Application forms are available from all South Taranaki LibraryPlus centres, the Council Contact Centre on Albion Street, Hāwera, or the Council website www.southtaranaki.com.

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