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Lake Dive Hut

the courts. Fair effort, but this is not the case now as the accused man has faced the courts and DoC have had 24 months to draw-up and get funding for the hut rebuild, so that park-users can enjoy our Egmont National Park's Circuit of Maunga Taranaki. There have been tracks leading to Lake Dive since 1900 for people enjoying the lake."

Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth

Positive change comes from grassroots

"Our dreams don't fit into a ballot box." Yes, that's right, not into a box, and certainly not into an envelope. I encourage you all to support progressive candidates around the mouna who stand for environmental and social justice. However, it's important to remember that positive change always comes from grassroots organising in the community and in the workplace. That's why I have spent the last 20 years as an activist in the peace movement, supporting environmental causes, volunteering as a union organiser, getting involved with climate justice organising and spending time supporting grassroots initiatives such as community gardens or our local swimming pool.

After this election, our work to push for more public transport, for swimmable rivers and regenerative agriculture continues - inside and outside of the Taranaki Regional Council. I would be stoked to get your support and get

ected to the council.

The key to create change is for all of us to be active in our local communities, in our unions, on your hapū and marae committees, in clubs and at our schools. It is there that we can use our collective ability to create a just and regenerative future for coming generations.

We are currently facing numerous challenges. The capitalist system of endless extraction of finite resources and exploitation of people and communities has created an existential threat - climate change. We only have a short time left to turn things around, but we are not giving up. We are doing what we can to lower emissions, to fight for climate justice and to say loud and clear: system change - not climate change.

Urs Signer
Taranaki Regional Council candidate

The elections are upon us – part 3

Here I am again folks. A lot of you will have now received your voting booklet and pa-

pers. I realise it is not always possible for people to attend the "Meet the Candidates" meetings, so I've decided for those of you who couldn't be present, I would come to you in print with the speech I delivered at the public "Meet the Candidates" meeting in Eltham. I would be pleased to receive your vote for myself in standing for a second term. This speech sums up who I am, what I stand for and how I see and intend to represent you the people of the Eltham/Kaponga Ward and districts.

Hello and greetings ladies and gentlemen. I'm Lindsay Maindonald. Along with my wife Anita and daughter Elizabeth we reside in Eltham where I have lived for the past 25 years. We have heard the words "service to the people" a lot this past week as we mourn the loss of our greatly admired Queen Elizabeth. Not that I'm likening myself to Her late Majesty, but the words "to serve and care about people" is also that which motivates me to stand for another term. We can build all the infrastructure we like; we can shout from the roof tops our titles and prowess to all our achievements, but if we don't have

love and care towards the people we live amongst and stand to represent; then our words amount to nothing. As I stated last term; "I'm here for the people's concerns not my own agenda". At times I may not have been well received in standing up for the people's voice. If re-elected I intend to champion for actions and causes more strongly, and for more respect to be shown if I may disagree on a principle or point when bringing the concerns of the people to the table. Whether the discussions are about the town's upgrades or presentation or amenities or just an individual's concerns, however small the matter may seem to Council, or the person may present themselves on the matter, everyone, I emphasize everyone has a democratic right to be heard and listened to politely and attentively, to achieve a positive outcome for the town and residents. I championed to save the Municipal Building, challenging the Council to include the residents' opinions, as I noted the ink was hardly dry on election papers and the people were to be excluded

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Make your mark and vote in the 2022 local elections

Voters can start making their mark and choosing who they want to represent them in District and Regional council positions after voting packs began to arrive in letterboxes on Friday (16 September) says South Taranaki Electoral Officer Becky Wolland.

In South Taranaki there are 32 people running for 19 positions (Mayor, Council and Community Boards) and five people standing for two vacancies in the South Taranaki constituency on the Regional Council. Candidate profiles are included with the voting documents.

Wolland says that completed voting papers can be returned by post at any post shop or post box but should be posted before Tuesday 4 October to make sure they are received in time to be

counted. Voting documents can also be returned to the Council's Administration Office in Hāwera or any of the district's seven LibraryPlus centres up until noon Saturday 8 October.

Council Chief Executive Waid Crockett encourages South Taranaki residents not to miss the chance to have their say.

"Local Government plays such an important part in people's daily lives. From the water we drink, to the roads we travel on, the facilities we enjoy, to the waste we dispose of and recycle. With around \$1 billion in assets and an annual operating budget of \$74 million it's important that voters have their say on the people managing our resources and making the big decisions about the future of our District," he says.

ADELPHOS

I had some pretty promising students when I was a secondary school teacher. Some became doctors, musicians, engineers, lawyers, social workers, teachers, artists and All Blacks. Little did I know at the time that Craig Dowd, Craig Innes, Mark Carter and Isaia Toeava would become All Blacks legends one day.

By definition a promise is an assurance that someone will do something. We've all made promises, haven't we? Some promises were based on conditions and others were unconditional. It's the same with God. He uses conditional and unconditional promises throughout His Word.

Here's just two examples of

Promises

God's conditional promises. Firstly, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that IF we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And IF we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him" (1 John 5:14-15 NIV). This promise presupposes that Christians exercise their faith to believe God hears them. A second conditional promise by Jesus is, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you" (John 15:7). Again, this promise is conditional on Christians exercising their faith by "remaining" and applying Jesus' will and words in their lives.

Here are two unconditional promises of Jesus in the Bible, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me... And if I go [away]... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also will be where I am" (John 14:1-3). A second unconditional promise of Jesus is, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26). These two unconditional promises are like two anchors for a ship in a storm.

God is incapable of breaking His promises, unlike some of my students who promised to hand in assign-

ments but didn't. His many unfailing promises empower us with confidence to live our lives for Him and others. But, we can only receive His promises by abandoning our self-centredness and exercise a childlike faith and humility by inviting God's Holy Spirit daily into our hearts, minds and lives (Matthew 18:3).

It is estimated that God has made over 7,500 promises directly to people in the Bible. He hasn't broken one. Not too bad a track record, eh?

Manaakitanga,
Adelphos

P.S. Craig Dowd was my best and biggest student in third form (Year 9) Social Studies!

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An extraordinary woman dedicated to serving others

South Taranaki District Mayor, Phil Nixon has expressed his "deep sadness" at news of Queen Elizabeth's death.

"I know that I speak for people across South Taranaki in offering our deepest sympathy to members of the Royal Family at the passing of the Queen," he says.

"While for us the Queen was a much respected and constant figure in our lives, for them she was a mother, grandmother and great grandmother."

Mayor Nixon says Queen Elizabeth was an extraordinary woman who dedicated her life to the service of others.

"As our monarch for 70 years, and typically working to the very end, she was a symbol of strength, stability, reassurance and encouragement."

Mayor Nixon says New Zealanders, like many others throughout the world, will be feeling a great sense of loss

at this time.

"We are in the process of organising ways that our community can share their condolences and recognise the service Queen Elizabeth has made to our country over many generations."

Following the death of the Queen, the South Taranaki District Council made condolence books available at each of the LibraryPlus facilities and the Council's Administration Building and i-SITE Visitor Centre in Hawera for those wanting to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth II.

The New Plymouth District Council opened a condolence book at Puke Ariki following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

People could also leave floral tributes at the band rotunda in Pukekura Park.

The Queen made several royal visits to Taranaki during her 70-year reign, with Pukekura Park being one of the many locations visited.



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip at the Criterion Hotel, New Plymouth (1954). *Taranaki Herald*. Collection of Puke Ariki (PHO2009-286).

Reflections on the passing of the Queen

We share with the rest of the world in conveying our sadness at the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

The card sent to our dear mother on her 100th birthday from the Queen bearing her image stands on a bookcase in my lounge.

My mother was invited to the Queen's Garden Party and attended when the Queen visited New Zealand in the 1960s.

Then living in Dunedin, I recall a crowd of us standing waving Union Jacks as the Queen drove past at St Leonards. My sister, 6 years my senior, however refused to join in. She was not a royalist.

Our mother always had a story she told us about King George VI (father of Queen Elizabeth) when we lived in Aberdeen (where I was born).

One day when she was out walking with my sister in a pram (I wasn't yet born) the King's entourage came by and stopped and allowed my mother to cross the road, the King waving her on.

We lived in Deeside Gardens which was on the western side of Aberdeen. ie near Balmoral.

Another royal recollection was attending a newspapers conference at the historic Waitomo Caves Hotel some years ago. There were huge

floods and part of the road from Taranaki had been literally swept away. It had been something of a mission to get there and I arrived very late to be greeted by applause from the other attendees. When I checked in to the historic Waitomo Caves Hotel I was told that I had the room that the Queen stayed in on her first visit to New Zealand in 1953 as a reigning monarch.

I arrived in London on the eve of the marriage of Charles and Diana and myself and John, a former flatmate now living in London, stayed up all night along with the rest of London, scenes reminiscent

of those screened into our living rooms these last days albeit a sadder occasion.

I recall an amusing incident which still sticks in my memory. The next morning we, along with thousands of others, stood in Trafalgar Square and watched as the royal bridal party drove by up the Mall to St Paul's and listened on loud speakers as the couple exchanged their wedding vows. Diana however, clearly flustered, reversed the order of Charles Christian names saying I take thee Phillip Charles Arthur George to be my wedded husband. John who was quite a wit

loudly announced she's just married his father to great hilarity all around. Swept up in all the festivities I later did a drawing of Lady Diana which I sent her. I received a letter back from her Lady in Waiting.

The Queen has been a steadying influence in the 70 years of her long reign.

She lived with decency and dignity. Loyal, dedicated and working right up to the end she was an example to us all.

My brother not anticipating the Queen's extraordinary long reign used to tease our mother about the card she would receive from King Charles

and Queen Camilla on her 100th birthday.

It became something of a family joke and always got a rise from our mother who disapproved of Charles subsequent dalliances with the woman he should have married initially and of course subsequently went on to marry after Diana's death.

Charles now inherits the late Queen Elizabeth's mantle and no doubt will bring his own unique style to the role. With his interest in environmental issues he's always seemed to be ahead of his time.

His time has now come.

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from discussion to its future. On another point, it was "thought that elected members would back the Council". Yes, my reply "If I believe it's right, I will, if not I won't." I am a person who will not be swayed by public opinion or peer pressure. Many know the church-related ministry roles with families and children and the community I am involved with. A person's status in life doesn't bother me. I hold traditional attitudes and values in respect to a person's age or position in life, but I will not compromise my belief; ethics or values to cater to or conform to a PC world if it contradicts that

for which I stand. I believe we are all equal, no one is better than anyone else. That's why your individual voices must be heard and appreciated and taken into consideration when working to improve our communities for all walks of life, families and age groups.

"Its your voice that must be heard, first and foremost"

Thank you. Vote tick for Lindsay Maindonald, Eltham/Kaponga Ward.

Lindsay Maindonald
Eltham.

Our environment

Firstly I must apologise to the good residents of Rahotu for any concern when I

stated there was a 5G tower erected in their town in my last letter. The tower I was referring to was in Okato, as most of you will have realised.

I have spoken to some of the residents of Okato since, and the concerns raised in my letter appear totally justified. Apparently the owner of the tennis court land in Okato is to be paid approximately. \$9000 per year for 35 years, to have the tower on his land. This is very suspicious for a start. How is this justified?

Why were the residents' concerns and the request to resite the tower out of town not heeded?

Then we talked about the

meeting held and the lack of credible answers given to concerns. The EMF level close to the tower was off the chart when tested by one resident, and yet there was no improvement in cell performance. Several residents sold their properties and moved away due to the tower's existence.

We are all electrical beings, and so it is not hard to imagine how our functions and health could easily be upset by these electromagnetic frequencies. Some of us will be more susceptible than others to any signals. Significant research needs to be carried out, including investigating overseas findings, to

address these concerns before allowing the towers to operate. The Regional Council should be involved in monitoring all towers as they are responsible for the air environment.

The Telecommunication Regulations Act – National Environmental Standards for Telecommunications Facilities was altered in 2016. 4G (Fourth Generation) was previously restricted to 2.5GHz. For some reason the government saw fit to alter the allowable levels to 3 Ghz- 300 GHz, an alarming and unnecessary increase. The possible microwaves emitted are worrying.

We are still unsure of the

effects of 4G on humans, but 5G is of major concern because of the minute size of the waves and the pulsing system which can harm insects, birds and humans easily. 5G is a military development, a similar frequency to crowd control. Although disputed by some, many suggest the tower's power can be turned up which would explain the large electrical cables involved, clearly a major alteration from previous towers. A potentially dangerous development. Why?

The whole rollout of these towers is suspicious.

Alan Murray
Ohawe Beach

OPUNAKE FIRE SERVICE

Upskilling a must for firefighters

The last couple of months have seen us responding to a wide variety of calls, including a full cattle truck rolling. Luckily, all the cows survived their ordeal and were seen happily munching grass at the end of the day. A gas bottle found stuck in a culvert under the Surf Highway was removed by contractors as we provided safety cover. It turned out to be empty, but we wondered if it may be the reason that roads in that area had suffered from flooding more than others recently. Other calls over the last couple of months have been, four medicals, four weather related events, two alarm activations, three MVA and two small structure fires.

Some of our firefighters have been taking time out of their busy lives to do some upskilling. Courses recently attended were first aid and MVA (motor vehicle accident). As Opunake is the only brigade around the coast between Hawera and New Plymouth that carries vehicle extraction equipment (jaws of life) this is a very important course. On this course our firefighters are taught the use and limitations of our gear and the best techniques



ABOVE: Brian Vincent as good as gold on Seven Sharp.

to get patients out, without causing more injuries. Now that electric cars are getting more common, an extra layer of training has been added because of the battery cells and high voltage wiring running through these cars.

Pictured are two of our new recruits Levi and Zoe. If you would like to join Levi and Zoe and train to become a volunteer firefighter, come along to our next open night. This is planned to coincide with daylight saving and will be on Monday October 3 from 7.00pm. If you are interested in joining us or just want to have a look around the station, please come along. A little birdie tells me the BBQ might even be going.

Congratulations to Brian Vincent, who was nominated for the ASB 'Good as gold' on Seven Sharp. Well done Brian for all that you do for the Opunake Brigade and the community.

Andrew Pentelow (CFO)



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Local body election issues

Most potential voters, when asked if there was any issues that concerned them or could determine who they voted for, replied in the negative.

However, the few who had something to say replied as follows.

The state of the roads was of concern to a businessman in Inglewood, with potholes of particular concern. He thought the road from Inglewood to Stratford was especially bad. "They are like booby traps, you don't see them." So far he had not damaged his vehicle, as far as he could tell. "You don't see the damage, you can't tell unless you jack the car up."

He was also concerned that some local body politicians had been around for too long. There was the need for new blood. "They have been stuck there for too long and had become too comfortable." He mentioned one male councillor as an example.

Another person, a businesswoman in Inglewood was upset by the considerable increase in rates. "That's the big thing," she explained. She felt that some things that were done by Council were unnecessary. When asked if she hoped Mayor Neil Holdom would be re-elected she replied, "I hope not."

A Stratford businessman had concerns that the brick paving in the CBD had not been maintained well. He also had an issue with the parking in the vicinity of his business.



Potholes on roads a concern.

"Its 90 minutes maximum, but that means nothing." He pointed out that many cars were parked there all day. He intends to vote but so far, "I don't know who for."

The situation regarding shopping worries another Stratford businessman. "There's not so many people coming out to buy." There needed to be ways to get shoppers back out to frequent shops in the town. He was also horrified at how much the cost of material had skyrocketed of late. He stated that they had increased by 10% over the last six months. Part of the problem he thought was "the cost of shipping" of materials he needs.

An Opunake businessman has a number of concerns,

but the proposed Three Water reforms is the issue that is foremost for him. "It is government theft of an asset paid for by ratepayers over the years," he declares.

"Bring back the Egmont County Council as they were a lot better," said one businessman. "There are projects in Manaia that have taken 10 years to sort things out. The old councils were far more efficient. It's the same with road repairs. The councils owned all their own equipment. Now they have sub-contractors doing everything."

One person who lives at Pungarehu said he would like more of a grass verge on the Surf Highway as there was nowhere to walk safely. Or even a cycle way he added

as he has recently bought an e-bike but says he would not be game to ride to work on the highway as things are.

A New Plymouth business owner commented "I think we've lost sight of what councils are about." He added humorously "A generation ago it was people wanting to make things better from the outside. It's worse than an Australian in a singlet because they're purporting their own vested interest." He also felt for residents water should be part of your rates and there should be a flat rate, not user pays. Water rates were appropriate for businesses however he felt. He also proposed an artificial lake for storage capacity in farmland which would collect rain and runoff from the snow on the mountain. "We need to build more capacity for storage."



Lemonwood re-opening

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Popular police constable thanked

Senior Constable Kylie Brophy is back to where his policing career began. Twenty years ago after completing Police College he was assigned to what was then known as the "Booze Bus" in New Plymouth. After finishing one week short of nine years based at the Opunake Police Station he is back working in New Plymouth with what is now called the Police Impairment Team.

Kylie will continue living in Opunake, so the afternoon tea put on for him at Soul Kitchen on Friday September 16 was less a farewell and more a chance to thank him for his service to Opunake.

"On October 23 I will have been 20 years in the police, so a little short of half my policing career has been in Opunake," says Kylie.

He says station records show that he is the longest serving officer based at Opunake since Ernie Gulliver in the early 1970s.

Apart from his time in Opunake, he was based at Waitara for three years and Ohakune for six months. For the rest of his time in the police he was based at New Plymouth, including the first six months after finishing Police College when he was assigned to the Booze Bus.

While in Opunake he has served on the Opunake High School Board of Trustees.



Acting Taranaki police area commander Inspector Phil Gillbanks(right) addresses Senior Constable Kylie Brophy(centre). At left is Sergeant Brian Gasson.

Kayanna Holley also paid tribute to Kylie's work with Blue Light which runs programmes with youth and works to foster good relations with police.

Kylie said before coming to Opunake he had twice applied to be transferred here, but had missed out both times. He says in the meantime he had got more experience and developed skills which helped him when he did get to Opunake.

"I had always wanted to come home. This is where I was born, bred and raised," he said. "I want to thank my wife Chantal for allowing me to come home and do what

I love and that's to help the community.

"There have been some down times, but a young person said to me once, turn your face to the sun and let the shadow fall on you."

Aria Brophy paid tribute to her father.

"I'm very very thankful for being able to move here where Mum and Dad both grew up. We're immensely proud of you."

She noted that her brother Pero, who was at university had been Head Boy and basketball captain at Opunake High School.

South Taranaki District councillor Bryan Roach paid tribute to the work that Kylie had done while based at Opunake.

"It's always sad when we lose a senior constable in Opunake, but we wish Kylie all the best on his new career path, particularly at a time when there is high crime in rural New Zealand. I'll be looking keenly to meet his replacement in Opunake."

Acting police area commander Inspector Phil Gillbanks said Kylie's position has been readvertised.

"It's pretty essential that we get the right person out here," he said. "I've a soft spot for rural communities and rural police staff. It's a different style of policing

in a small town. The skills and communication skills working in a small place like this are hugely valuable to us in our organisation.

"When you hear about our staff being on the Board of Trustees and various other things like Blue Light, and the extra commitment, it's essential we get the right person."

Inspector Gillbanks said having worked in rural centres earlier in his career he appreciates the challenges faced by country police officers and their families.

"You get disturbed in the middle of the night and your loved ones don't know what you're being called out to, or if you are coming back."

Sergeant Brian Gasson who is based in Hawera said that Kylie's total service to Opunake was in reality much more than the figure of nine years would suggest.

"In that role you are never really off duty. You are policing 24/7. You don't have the luxuries a lot of our colleagues in the metropolitan areas have. It's hard work and Kylie's done a great job here serving with a lot of strength, integrity and hard work. Kylie will still be in our community, but from our perspective in the police, his departure is going to be keenly felt."

Kylie says he will commute to and from his new position. "I will be here for a little while longer," he says.



Kylie with daughter Aria (left) and wife Chantal.

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Talking Taranaki

Chairman's chat

Council in great shape for the future

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, greetings to you all.

This will be my last 'Chairman's chat' as I prepare to say farewell to Taranaki Regional Council after serving as an elected member for 22 years, the last 15 of those as chairman.

I want to start by thanking everyone who has supported and helped me over those years including my fellow councillors, the amazing staff and, of course, the public. It's only from working as a team that we have managed to achieve so much over the last two decades and that comes down to the kotahitanga I have seen again and again from the people of Taranaki.



As the Māori proverb says: He aha te mea nui o te ao What is the most important thing in the world? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

It is the people who made my time on the Council such a pleasure. It is people who have made it a privilege to serve. It is people who have and who will continue to take our region forward.

A huge amount has changed since the early 2000s as the Council has worked hard to improve lifestyles and support livelihoods across the region. There are too many programmes to list all of them but I'm particularly proud of the work to improve our waterways through riparian planting and the efforts to control pests

like possums through our Towards Predator-Free Taranaki programme.

I've also been pleased to see how the Council has moved towards a partnership approach with tangata whenua and stepped up to fix Yarrow Stadium when it was discovered the East and West Stands were earthquake-prone.

There is an enormous amount of change to come such as freshwater reforms, Three Waters reforms, Resource Management Act reforms, local government reforms and adapting to climate change but I know the Council has the right people and right approach to meet all of these challenges and opportunities.

Ngā mihi maioha, thank you with appreciation.

David MacLeod, Chair

Around & about the region



East Stand revealed

Yarrow Stadium's new East Stand has been revealed with the release of artist's impressions of the design. The stand has a flexible 'double sided' design meaning it can be used by those watching the main pitch or the sports field behind it and is fully accessible to those with mobility issues. There are three spaces in the hospitality area, the kitchens can be opened for weekend sports as well as large-scale events and there are a mix of toilets including gender neutral facilities to cut down on waiting times. Construction of the stand starts this year and is scheduled to be completed by 2024.

Biosecurity threats

Alligator weed was discovered in a lagoon near Waitara last month – the first confirmed sighting in Taranaki. This invasive pest plant clogs waterways, increases the risk of flooding and can be toxic to livestock. Inspections so far indicate it is confined to the lagoon system. A further survey is planned for November when the plant would be most visible. Meanwhile, a wallaby found in Mōkau also sparked concern, given its proximity to Taranaki. The Council is in close contact with Waikato Regional Council and to date, no further wallabies have been found. We're always on alert for Taranaki's 'next pest' and you can help. If you see an unusual species, upload a photo to Find-A-Pest or call us on 0800 736 222.

Nitrogen reporting tools

Three new tools are now available for dairy farmers to report the amount of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser they are using. The tools are provided by fertiliser companies Ravensdown and Ballance as well as a regional portal called N-Cap. Farmers who are Ravensdown or Ballance customers can use their tools while all other farmers should use the N-Cap tool. Farmers have until 31 October 2022 to submit their data. For more information head to trc.govt.nz/synthetic-nitrogen-fertiliser-cap/

Make your mark and vote in the 2022 local elections

Voters will get the chance to make their mark and choose who will make the big decisions around the Taranaki Regional Council table when voting packs arrive from 16 September.

There are 24 candidates running for 11 seats across the region with the election ending at noon on Saturday 8 October. Voting papers should be posted before 4 October to ensure voters make their voice counted.

Council Chief Executive Steve Ruru urged Taranaki residents not to miss the chance to have their say.

"We really want to see as many people as possible getting involved in local democracy as your councillors will be making some big calls that will directly impact on people's lives.

"We know that the turnout for local elections has been low in recent years so it's vital we get the message out to people that your vote counts. Please take the time to find out more about your candidates and what they stand for and get those voting papers in the post as soon as possible."

The Council uses the first past the post electoral system and this year's election will see the addition of a Māori constituency for the whole of Taranaki and a reduction in the number of South Taranaki Constituency members from three to two.

Elsewhere, voters will elect five members in the New Plymouth constituency, two members in North Taranaki and one member in Stratford and the councillors will serve a term of three years.

For information on the candidates, please head to trc.govt.nz/2022localelections/

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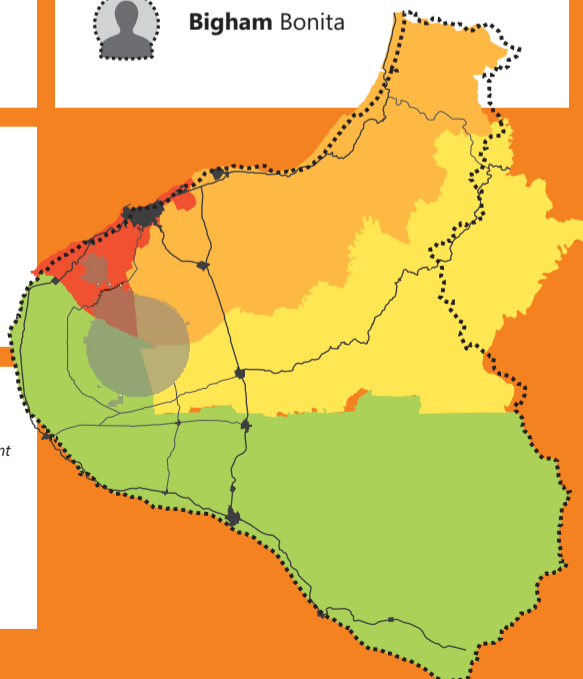
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On a road to nowhere

Tyre shops in my electorate are flat out these days thanks to the state of our roads. Bent and buckled wheel rims from blown out tyres, have become part of the daily stock in trade for these businesses. Businesses that normally only see this kind of damage from customers once or twice a month. As a frequent traveller from southern Taranaki to the north Waikato, I can concur. In the past few days Louis and I have already had a flat tyre and two windscreen stone chips. The cost to commuters, travellers, business and transport operators through

the Taranaki-King Country/ Waipa region is now well into hundreds of thousands. Our roads are literally falling to bits, and the recent wet winter weather while making them worse isn't to blame. They've been bad for some years. Potholes alone, without taking into account any other roading issues, have become a major safety issue. In our predominantly rural area, where we must move about to get things done, figures on the wrong side of the financial ledger are also mounting due to productivity losses. It's difficult to drive at



BARBARA KURIGER MP
TARANAKI-KING COUNTRY

consistent speeds anywhere, as reduced speed zones have been created for sections where repairs are needed, or we sit in queues flanked by long corridors of cones at sites where roadworks are being done.

After speaking with my colleagues, the problems are nationwide and there is no light at the end of the tunnel. Take Labour's flawed Road to Zero strategy. Its July 30 monitoring report said it was failing to deliver promised road safety measures like median and side barriers, and that police were delivering half the required three million breath tests. Not a great report card given alcohol and drugs contribute to 47% of all deaths on our roads. To date, the only thing it has delivered is an advertising campaign which will cost

\$14.7 million over three years and includes five large red 'zeros' costing almost \$5000 each. The zeros will be used as props for the campaign's road shows. But the most crucial thing about the strategy and report, is Labour's failure to consider the quality of our nation's roads and/or the maintenance taking place on them, among the ever increasing potholes. Despite billions being spent, and an entire transport agency charged with keeping our roads up to scratch, New Zealand's roading infrastructure, like much of what this Government is in charge of, has gone backwards. And the decline has been

rapid. From 2009-2017, our National Roads of Significance programme was dedicated to improving our major state highways. The Waikato Expressway and Tauranga Eastern Link are examples of this. Others, including a major expressway north of Auckland to Wellsford, which would have been up and running by now, were stopped dead in their tracks by Labour. Such a waste of time, resources and money. Instead, the Government has squandered millions in transport blunders, during the past five years. Classic examples include \$51 million spent investigating a second Auckland Harbour crossing; \$50+ million

spent on the business case for Auckland's Light Rail project, a project which will cost more than \$15 billion to build, down to the \$337,000 to celebrate Transmission Gully's opening. Such careless spending while regional and district councils across the country are desperately short of funds to fix essential access roads and transport links.. Until such time as the Government ever gets to work on righting our roads, we will remain in the immortal words of Talking Heads' David Byrne ... on the road to nowhere!

*Barbara Kuriger
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Looking forward to summer with certainty

This summer will be the first in nearly three years where events won't be cancelled, where borders are fully opened and there isn't the fear of being separated or stranded.

Here in Taranaki, we've been through a lot together in the past few years. We've stayed home, made sacrifices, and changed our everyday lives to control COVID. While it hasn't always been easy, we've pulled together – now we're in a position to move forward with greater confidence and certainty.

As you have already heard, we've removed the COVID-19 Protection Framework, commonly known as the traffic light system. Mask wearing requirements have been removed, except in healthcare and aged care settings. We've also changed the requirements around isolation, so it's now only people who test positive that need to isolate.

New Zealand's economy is set to recover faster from the pandemic than it did from the Global Financial



GLEN BENNETT
MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

Crisis – with near record low unemployment, wages outstripping inflation, low debt and record exports.

However, there's no question that it's been a difficult few years for Taranaki. Moving on safely from the traffic light system and welcoming back the world is going to help to drive greater economic activity and allow Taranaki to build back better.

I know there may be some people in our community who feel concerned by the changes to COVID settings, and I want to reassure everyone that we wouldn't be taking this step if the

country wasn't ready.

The most recent health advice shows case numbers and hospitalisations are at their lowest since February. Our communities are well vaccinated, and we've just doubled the number of people who can access antiviral medicines, with 40,000 extra courses due to arrive in the country.

This is an exciting step for Taranaki and it's taken a team effort with CoastalCare in particular really standing out to me. The way their staff embraced the challenges of the COVID response, showing they cared, making sure everyone had easy access to testing, vaccinations and exceptional healthcare. Thank you to the CoastalCare team for your tireless service. These efforts have made a real difference. For the first time since 2020, Taranaki can look forward to summer with certainty, a summer where events won't be cancelled and our borders are fully open.

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Mangatoki Hall meeting.

Mangatoki WI

Our Tuesday August 2 meeting was held in the Mangatoki Hall when 17 members and one grandchild attended. Riverlea WI members were also invited and 11 members attended our meeting, soup and bun lunch. Everyone was welcomed by our President Robyn Roberts. The minutes and correspondence were read by our secretary Helen Whyte. A sympathy card had been sent to a member's family. Cathy White, our treasurer read the bank statement. Our August effort of the value of a cake amounted to \$143 with more to come was donated to Medical Research. Five members went to the unveiling of the

South Taranaki Federation of WI seat in Manaia, on a very cold windy day. Members took part in the Flower and Shrub Competitions and brought along their purchases for their winter wardrobe. The raffle was won by Denise Carter and the church had been cleaned at the Pioneer Village. After the business meeting, our speaker, Andrew Blanche, a bread maker of the Good Score Food Store in Hawera (which his wife runs) spoke to us about his bread making, mainly sourdoughs. He had previously worked in cafes and restaurants mainly in Wellington and even as a funeral director, before deciding to make his own bread and buying the shop in Hawera. Andrew was thanked by Robyn, and then our hostesses, Karen Joblin and Charmaine Roberts provided two delicious soups for lunch, and Andrew had brought a batch of his rolls to go with it. The committee made and brought some sweet treats to have for afters. Members enjoyed the time together, the first time for a number of members since calving has started.

For our September 7 meeting, members met up on King Edward Street, Eltham, to pool cars and we all drove out to Moonacre Alpaca, a shop on Rawhitiroa Road. The owner told us a little about how she started the shop and how long she had

been running it. We spent about three quarters of an hour there and members made some purchases of alpaca garments (gloves, blankets, scarves, etc) and gifts. From here, we drove back into Eltham, to the Inflamm Cafe, where we had lunch and our business meeting. Our President, Robyn Roberts, welcomed 16 members, one visitor, a friend of Jenny Brown and Olwyn Duthie's grandson to the meeting. Secretary Helen Whyte read the minutes of the previous meeting and the correspondence. A thank

you card had been received from the Duthie family. The financial report was read by Treasurer Cathy White and \$193 was donated to Medical Research, from our "donate the price of a cake" during August. Members baked for the Daffodil Day fundraising stall in Eltham and some members attended the Daffodil Day lunch fundraiser in Stratford on August 26. Members showed their support for a two day Christmas shopping trip to Palmerston North in November and a trip to the house and garden show in

March 2023.

The Mangatoki Church at the Pioneer Village was to be cleaned. For sustainability month, it was decided to clean up the bus shelter, outside of the Mangatoki Hall. The raffle was won by Anneleasa Evans.

Members enjoyed their trip to Moonacre Alpaca shop and lunch at the Inflamm Cafe and much catching up was done after another wet month and cows still calving.

Lucy Moger
Mangatoki WI Reporter

Kaponga WI enjoys "spotted dick"

Kaponga WI Members met at the home of Jo Jones in Stratford for the September meeting of Kaponga WI. A minute's silence was held in memory of Queen Elizabeth II and each member shared their personal memory of the Queen. Many had actually been at one of her visits to New Zealand and remembered it well. A lovely lady who has served well. The thought for the month read by hostess Jo Jones was 'If it was easy everyone would be doing it'. A donation was agreed to go to hospice and names taken for International Day in November. Next month we celebrate our birthday and plans were finalised. Another lot of knitting was collected for SANDS who dress sleeping babies for their families to then grieve with their baby. The monthly raffle was won by Joy Eliason. Dorothy Hughes won a raffle at the

National Camellia Society so was presented with the Silver Dish. The silver dish is presented to a member who does something notable – good or bad. Our very talented President Jo Ellis has had the Silver Dish for a month and was prompted to put pen to paper and write a poem as follows.

The Jubilee Dish
Kaponga Women's Institute has a special dish
To get it each month is every members wish
Whoever gets it makes a terrible clatter
but never is it used as a special platter
It lives in a bag brightly coloured tangerine
The bag is rarely opened, so the dish is hardly ever seen
Ladies be careful of what you do or say
A special birthday, wedding anniversary or event
Doing something lovely, for the love that is sent

But watch out ladies, for the eyes of others are watching you

for some of the silly things that you are bound to do
Now ladies if it's you that gets it ,it's an honour don't you see

As it was presented to the Kaponga WI in 2001 for their '70th Jubilee'

After our delicious shared lunch we got to have some Spotted Dick with custard. President Jo made it with several 'issues' during preparation making us a wee bit nervous about trying it. But it was delicious and fitting, as it is an old British traditional steamed pudding, so we felt we were honouring the Queen who more than likely had it on her menu at some time. The remainder of the day was spent catching up with each other. Thank you to our hostess Jo Jones.



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Eltham meets the candidates

The Three waters legislation was hotly debated at the Meet the Candidates meeting held at Eltham on September 15 with four of the five candidates vying for three places on the Taranaki Regional Council South Taranaki Ward, two of the long term members having retired this election.

South Taranaki mayor Phil Nixon and Glen Katu from the Te Tai Tonga Maori Ward (1) also attended along with those standing for places on the Eltham Community Board.

All candidates were each given three minutes to speak and the audience invited to ask questions.

The subject of the Three waters reform was clearly a controversial subject with most of the regional council candidates, while acknowledging there needed to be changes, did not support the government proposal to shift the delivery of three waters - drinking water, wastewater and stormwater - services to four new entities. The services are currently managed by 67 councils.

Urs Signer standing for the

Taranaki Regional Council South Taranaki Ward who spoke first began by saying if you want the same old, same old he wasn't your candidate but if you're concerned about climate change and treaty partners "I'm your candidate" he said.

The music graduate from Victoria University School of Music who resides at Parihaka went on to outline the three things he stood for. Regenerative agriculture - he grows kumara and spuds - and claimed "we have the best soil in the world" was first on the list. Public transport was another priority he said stating we need to invest in public transport. He was also concerned about the rivers and the beach and cleaning up the waterways.

Next Neil Walker seeking re-election on the Taranaki Regional Council, began by congratulating the two retiring members with whom he has worked for many years - David McLeod and Michael Joyce. A food science graduate who also has a degree in business, Neil spent 35 years with Fonterra and since leav-

ing Fonterra had become interested in the honey industry. His long tenure in the Regional Council included being involved in a wide variety of council related matters. "I've really enjoyed being a regional councillor. I think my reputation is good." He added "We want to work with people."

Deborah Clough next spoke. With husband Stephen she has been dairy farming for over 35 years and has worked in various voluntary community roles, including as a Victim Support Worker. She has also been involved as a performer in local theatre and is a trustee on the Rotokare Trust and also the Percy Thomson Trust. She is also a graduate of the Fonterra Governance Development course. "I believe I would bring to the table an understanding of the Taranaki Region as a whole," she said.

Donna Cram was the final speaker standing for the Taranaki Regional Council South Taranaki Ward and she and her husband Philip are also dairy farmers. A qualified accountant with a Bachelor of Business Studies and a Diploma in Agribusiness Management,

Donna sees herself as a visionary leader who thinks "outside the square" and is committed to hard work with a vision for thriving communities and sustainable prosperous businesses.

Asked directly by a member of the audience as to what was each candidate's feeling about the Three Waters reform Donna Cram said she was against it and said she felt that if central government controlled the water it would not work. She drew comparisons with roading and the number of potholes in Taranaki which she felt was neglected. Taranaki was "a unique region" she said.

Deborah Clough also was opposed to Three Waters and stated "our population is not big enough to sustain it." Urs Signer however thought the proposed Three Waters legislation made us "better treaty partners" but expressed concern that any contracted 35 year leases "could lead to privatisation".

Neil Walker said he opposed Three Waters and said there would be no accountability with those running it being appointed rather than elected. Currently people who are not happy can "contact your councillor" He

added "It's happening in a lot of things with centralised government citing the dissolving of health boards as an example. Localism is getting things done locally. "You can kick their backside," he said to laughter.

Urs Signer who has been proactive on issues relating to climate change also commented "In terms of fresh water" he thinks the Riparian plan is inadequate. "We need to change our attitude to fresh water. It needs to be protected."

Neil said he agreed with Urs that that climate change was an issue that we needed to focus on but commented "Everyone wants to go to heaven but no one wants to die." Donna Cram also acknowledged that climate change was "huge" and said we "need to support people" to comply with new regulations.

The audience on the whole seemed to be in agreement with the candidates however one person who said they were "anti 3 waters" conceded "we did need to change."

He noted that the \$30M needed to finance big processors and questioned "How can Stratford afford that." Seeking his fourth term in Local Government and

his second as mayor, South Taranaki mayor Phil Nixon also spoke at the meeting and began by reflecting on his "three years of hell with the pandemic" humorously describing how at the first lockdown when he noted people walking out with computers he "thought it was a robbery." In fact council employees did work successfully at home and council services continued.

He also was unhappy with the Three Waters legislation which he felt was being rushed through. "Yes there needs to be change," he said. He believed in local control. "We know what needs doing because we know our community. Patea is different from Eltham."

He also drew an analogy with housing and the money "wasted on KiwiBuild". If the money had been given to Council we would see more housing, he said.

He expressed frustration that the population of Eltham doubles every day. "If we could get houses here I guarantee we'd have a lot more people." He proposed if councils could work with developers this could help with the shortage in housing.

Eltham Kaponga Community Board

Four of the six candidates standing for the four places on the for the Eltham Kaponga Community Board attended the Meet the Candidates meeting.

Karen Cave standing for her sixth term and chairperson of the Kaponga Community Board said a highlight of her last term had been attending the Community Board conference in Gore. Karen is active in various organisations including the Eltham Community Development Group and South Taranaki Forest and Bird. Projects with which she has been involved are diverse and include getting the Eltham Dog Park fenced and doggy-doo bags for both Eltham and Kaponga to being involved in the \$2 million Town Revit-

alisation plans for Eltham.

Originally from Auckland and now happily settled in Kaponga, Sonya Doud is also seeking another term on the Community Board. She includes getting heat pumps in the hall as one of her achievements in the last term and spoke enthusiastically about the Holland Gardens walkway which she feels would be a huge asset to the community. She believes strong small communities leads to stronger larger communities.

Hemi Haddon in his address acknowledged the Eltham Fire Station building as a central place in the community and also acknowledged "the passing of the Queen". Reticent to talk about himself and what he had to offer, he quoted a

Maori proverb which states that "a kumara does not brag about its own sweetness". He added that he was there to represent Maori in the community and urged people to ask themselves are they engaging with Maori in our community.

Lindsay Maindonald who is seeking a second term on the Community Board said he wanted to serve and also care about the community. "I'm here for other people not for my own agenda," he said adding "each one of you has a democratic right to be listened to attentively".

Among his achievements in the last term was being proactive in saving the municipal building.

Among issues raised by those in the audience included rubbish sitting in the

gutters in Eltham - Councillor Mark Bellringer who was in the audience urged people who had complaints to contact the council. "When you do they will respond," he said. Also go to the Community Board meetings if you have problems.

Other issues raised were the proposed walkway at Kaponga.

Lindsay who is keen trumper and mountaineer said the Taranaki Crossing which goes from Dawson Falls, five minutes from Kaponga, and ends at Mangorei Road - or vice versa - would rival the popular Tongariro Crossing and urged people to look at the huge car park at the end of Mangorei Road built anticipate the new walkway's expected popularity.

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Eltham bank burglary foiled

The vault in the former Eltham Bank of New South Wales building is now used to store photos and negatives. A hundred and seven years ago it was the scene of an attempted tunnelling break-in.

The former bank building on the corner of Bridge Street and York Street has been home to the Eltham and Districts Historical Society since 1999. When the Society moved in, the safes and vaults were removed, except for the strong room which is part of the building. The tunnel which the two would-be burglars had been digging back in 1915 led from Charles Wilkinson's store next door to somewhere just under the vault, and has long since been filled in. The vault is now carpeted and the Eltham and Districts Historical Society use it to keep their photos and negatives. The only indication of the nefarious happenings of August 1915 is an account taken from the August 31 1915 issue of the Te Puke Times which can be seen inside the vault's door.

"Attempted Bank Robbery: An Eltham Sensation," screamed the



Maureen Drylie of the Eltham and Districts Historical Society at work in the vault which was the scene of an attempted break-in 107 years ago.

headline in the style of the day.

The tunnel was two feet wide by two feet six inches high and led from a trapdoor

under the general store to a point under the strong room.

"The attempt was made on a thoroughly workmanlike plan. And would no doubt

have been successful, but for a fortunate discovery, which led to the police being informed," the report read.

"It appeared that they

had actually carried their operations so far as to be tapping the concrete floor on which the vault is built. Spades, tomahawks and other tools were found in the tunnel and with another day's grace the thieves would probably have achieved their

purpose." Wilkinson had been missing some items from his store for some weeks, before his manager came across the trapdoor.

"An investigation was made and in the tunnel was found a quantity of produce, a box of butter, fruit and pickles," the report read. The guilty pair were named as Samuel White and William Keith.

"Both are residents of Eltham and were considered to be respectable citizens."

On September 15 the Eltham Argus reported that they both pleaded guilty to attempting to break and enter into the Bank of New South Wales with intent to commit a crime, and were committed to the Supreme Court for sentencing.

On September 25, the Argus reported that they were both sentenced to two years labour at forestry camps. White was sent to the Waipa Forestry camp, Keith to Kaingaroa.

Maureen Drylie of the Eltham and Districts Historical Society said they have no record of what happened to them after that.

"They spent six months digging that tunnel and they got rumbled just before they got there, and they did hard labour up in the King Country," she says.

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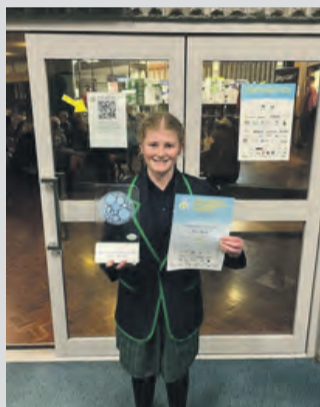
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5 Year Old Boys:

Beaudy Raaymakers

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6 Year Old Boys: Jock Julian

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7 Year Old Boys: Heath Bevan

8 Year Old Girls: Celeste Langton

8 Year Old Boys: Liam Lynskey

9 Year Old Girls:

Frankie Campbell

9 Year Old Boys: Mack Lynskey

10 Year Old Girls: Olivia Lynskey

10 Year Old Boys: Xavier Le Prou

11 Year Old Girls: Maddie Brown

11 Year Old Boys: Zion Aldridge

12+ Year Old Girls: Ellie Lynskey

12+ Year Old Boys: Cade Carr



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- 24/25 September - Pihama Flat Track MX Fundraiser
- 21 October - Ag Day
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Local body election candidates on the Hempton Hall stage. Speaking at the podium is Hepa Te Moana who is standing for the New Plymouth District Council: District Wide ward.

Local body election candidates

On Saturday September 17 there was a public meeting of local body election candidates (mayoral, councillor, community board, Maori ward). The meeting, which was organised by Okato Lions, was held at Hempton Hall in Okato. The MC Will Fleming did a capable job controlling the meeting. "It was run very very well," commented Cr Joanne Kuvarji. "The organisers have done a fantastic job." Former mayor Cr Harry Duynhoven also proposed a vote of thanks for Will's running of the meeting, which was well received - including applause.

The various non-mayoral candidates were allowed

two minutes to speak or three minutes for the mayoral candidates, which does not allow much time for a thorough scope of the issues. One candidate commented, "I thought the meeting went well, but was quite challenging." By this qualification, he felt the time limitation and lack of question time made it tricky to have a comprehensive examination of the various issues.

There was a reasonable turn-out of candidates although, "It would have been nice to have had a few more," comments Will.

Overall, the meeting "went very well," said Will. "Those in the audience who came along got clarification on

how to vote." He added, "There were some very very good speakers."

Amongst the issues raised by speakers, there was a clear message about the Three Water reform, which is proposed by the Government. Most candidates are opposed. It is seen as an asset being taken away to be run nationally.

One candidate was concerned that many candidates had "generic" issues, rather than coming to grips with "grassroot" issues concerning the Okato area. One of these issues was the island at the beginning of Hampton Road, which is seen as a traffic hazard, so longstanding that it dates back "to when Harry Duynhoven was mayor." Evidently, plantings have reduced the visibility for motorists, thus increasing the risk factor.

Also, the nearby bridge (as you approach Okato from the south) is of concern for pedestrians as it has no footpath. Okato residents out for a walk need to run across it, while watching out for any fast moving cars suddenly appearing.

More globally, the issue of

climate change was raised by some candidates and the many severe weather issues.

Another issue is the increase in rates, with the concomitant concern amongst ratepayers as to exactly how the money is being used.

Local people are wary of any upgrade of sewerage infrastructure, as they are worried as to what hike in rates it would entail.

One candidate was concerned that there was not enough Council representation at events, although she made a pointed exception of Cr Amanda Clinton-Gohdes, who is present at many of these, such as ANZAC parades in Okato. She also felt that meetings and associated agendas would be well served by more advertising. *On this issue our reporter did not know about this meeting, as it was not advertised in the Opunake and Coastal News and simply came across it when returning from New Plymouth, at the latter part of the event.*



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NPDC District-wide constituency

Amanda Clinton-Gohdes



It has been a privilege to be one of your councillors and Chair of the Community Funding Investment Committee this term, and I want to keep building on the work achieved. I have also loved being the Kaitake Community Board Councillor representative over the last three years, learning more about the issues that our coastal community care about, and advocating for positive change.

I am a former lawyer and scientist with a heart for our community. I have experience in property and commercial law, research,

the tertiary sector, strategy and equity advice, and have held both volunteering and governance roles in the community sector. I am currently a trustee of Wild for Taranaki, and have previously been on the board of Dress for Success New Plymouth, the Taranaki Branch of the New Zealand Law Society, and volunteered at Taranaki Retreat.

I bring a dedicated, well-researched and future-focused approach to Council. As the parent of a one-year-old, I strive to anchor each Council decision in what is best for the next generation.

To ensure our district keeps being an incredible place, we need to support each person in our community, especially those who often don't have a voice. We need to look after our environment and respond to climate change, while transitioning to a low emissions economy and ensuring that no one is left behind. We need to do this for our future, but also for our children, our grandchildren – because your future matters, and so does theirs.

Murray Seamark



Kia ora. My name is Murray Seamark, and I am a first time candidate for the NPDC district wide. I am the current chair of the Clifton Community Board and over the past three years have advocated strongly for the needs of our district. I am standing for Council to ensure that the voice of the rural and outlying communities is not swallowed up by the dominance of the city vote. We have already lost two rural ward councillors in the last electoral review, and we need to restore some balance.

Representing the Clifton Community, and myself

at times, I have stood up publicly at Council calling members to account, promoting community issues, and defending social equity across the district. I do this boldly and with confidence, while holding the respect of the audience and peers.

I have a business background, understand the value of teams, the need to listen widely, to be fiscally prudent and entrepreneurial. I have learned to stay focused on the goal ahead and to stick to my convictions. I am one person: public, work or home, no difference. What you see is what you get. Respectful, inclusive, honest, faithful, and diligent.

I live in the districts, I understand the challenges of the districts, I am a strong voice for the districts. We need to balance the discussion at the Council table toward the districts. To make this happen, vote Murray Seamark #1, 2, or 3 in your candidate ranking.

Ngā mihi

Harry Duynhoven



I've taught apprentices at Taranaki Polytech, technical students at Spotswood College and was Head of Engineering at New Plymouth Boys' High. Following that I completed a Masters Degree, and have served 18 years as MP for New Plymouth. After Parliament I served as Mayor for one term and returned to council in 2015.

New Plymouth born, married to Margaret with three adult children, I have always lived here. My working life began with my electrical apprenticeship long ago. I learned lots about the trade, but more about life and the challenges many people face. Through that and my involvement as a teenager with the setting up of the Trade Aid Shop I've developed a strong sense of justice and a determination that everyone deserves "a fair go in life." This, and a real appreciation of the need to spend wisely should be no surprise, given my Dutch and Irish forebears.

My career has involved a few changes along the way;

Throughout my time on Council I am unusual in regularly attending Community Board meetings, keeping up with issues across the whole district. We have many big challenges ahead. If re-elected, I will continue to ensure that the interests of all our district's people are kept in focus around the Council table. Clearly there will be some new councillors, but only four of us (current councillors) have been on council more than one term. Proven experience, knowledge and determination will be vital in these three years. Therefore put Duynhoven as your first choice.

STDC Te Kurae Maori Ward

Leanne Horo



Kia ora tatou
I have lived on the Coast for a number of years and have been involved in all parts of the community at different stages including Board of Trustees for Primary school and Opunakē High School,

coaching school netball teams and administration roles for netball and rugby clubs and a Hall committee.

I have extensive governance experience in local and central government, currently sitting on the

Te Kahui Matauraura (Iwi Liaison) for South Taranaki District Council; and Trustee roles on Te Kahui o Taranaki iwi, Taranaki Māori Trust Board and Taranaki Māori Rugby Union board.

What is my why? Whānau

(family), community, our special places, whenua (land) and taiao (nature), celebrating our diversity and to leave a positive legacy for our future generations.

I think about how the Council's decisions impact on our whānau/families and community in our day to day lives, we need our voices at the table to influence these decisions and remind Local Government of its obligations. The voices

that make up our small rural communities, including marae and pā, schools, kura kaupapa and kohanga reo, pahake (seniors) and rangatahi (young people), family units with or without children, local workers and commuters, sports clubs and local businesses.

I offer my skills, knowledge and experience to serve you on the Te Kurae Maori Ward.
Ngā mihi nui

Caroline Waiwiri



Caroline Waiwiri is standing in the Te Kurae Ward and is an active participant in the coastal community while living and working in Opunake, she is a former member of the Opunake Kindergarten Governance Committee and the Rahotu School Board of Trustees. She is also Chair of Wharepuni Marae in Normanby and a Trustee of Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui as the Hapu representative for Ngati Tupai.

I'm concerned about our water quality and in this

day and age I think it's just unacceptable to have to use chlorine or to boil water to ensure our water is safe to wash or drink, let alone the state of our awa [rivers and streams] and our Takutai Moana [ocean]. It's time to make a change, to up our game. Our Council needs to not just pay homage to its responsibilities but strive for better outcomes, improvements, better ways of preserving and protecting our water, whenua and environment.

With a Māori perspective included at the Council's decision-making table I believe we can be that difference that brings us closer to the changes required. I've heard our people say - No more excuses for the continued desecration of our whenua, our wai, our Takutai Moana and we must protect our puna. We must adapt to climate change now and ensure sustainable management is not just a

catch-phrase but actual action that is in essence Kaitiakitanga in everything we do and for our tamariki and mokopuna.

My husband Brent and I have four sons and eight mokopuna.

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NPDC District-wide constituency

Dan Thurston Crow



Likewise, every other local with an opinion on that spending must also be heard. This isn't a nice-to-have. The Local Government Act requires NPDC to "enable democratic local decision-making."

We must remember that there are some who can't be heard like the marginalised, and generations to come.

What could you expect from me? My priorities:

1. Define and measure performance against the "four wellbeings."
2. More local decision-making.
3. Change the timing of Long Term Planning, so inexperienced councilors aren't prematurely entrusted with defining the strategic direction of the District.
4. Minimise bureaucracy, by ensuring that any increase in Council staffing or operational budget shows tangible public benefit.

As a strategist, business owner, technology founder and conservation volunteer I believe I have the qualities required for the role. As Trustee for Startup Taranaki and Chair of Sustainable Taranaki I demonstrate my commitment to better performance in economic, environmental, cultural and social arenas.

I hear people saying NPDC is about infrastructure. The thinking is "Get that right and the job's done."

However, Council is legally required to do more than just provide adequate infrastructure. It's obligated to promote wellbeing – a resilient economy, vibrant natural environment, free cultural expression, and a harmonious and equitable society.

I hear grumbles about Council spending – water meters, art gallery, coastal walkway, sports and culture hub ... These concerns are valid, especially in a time of runaway inflation, supply chain and labour issues, climate and pandemic effects.

If you have concerns about how NPDC allocates its budget, you must be heard.

Dayna Jury



"I will never forget the first time that I picked up a guitar, 11 years old, the guitar sat lonely on its stand in my parents room, a string missing, I dared not enter my parents room without permission. But curiosity killed the cat. I plucked, I strummed, the strings answered back with variations of noise some bad some good... My parents Barbara and Brent Jury supported my desire and that was enough to start a passion inside. By 14 I was playing in public venues surrounded by people I didn't know, I was on my way to being a great guitarist, a master of music. I became successful at a very young age which gave me the wisdom to understand that if I wanted to become good at something, all I needed was to put my effort

and time into it, I started my own business at 18, and been successfully self-employed since, But that's not the only thing it taught me.... between every note is. silence, and for notes to be successful the silence must exist.. I learnt how important it was to rest and make the sound clear. When to be silent and when to make the noise. I learnt at a very young age how to listen.

I stand as a grown man 45 years of life, married, beautiful wife Penelope, and two beautiful young children Zach and Portia.

Our future involves this community. Our community. For our community to be successful I must listen to you whether it be a bad or good note I will listen, I will listen as every voice has something to offer.

Every voice has value. If our voice is lost, then we lose our notes, and we will lose our ability to make beautiful music together."

Hepa Te Moana



after which I was moved next door to the Kura Kaupapa. At age 12 I then moved on to Francis Douglas Memorial College. The changes between mainstream and Te Ao Māori schooling was a challenge - I distinctly remember as a kid being asked in Te Reo by my teacher if I had my togs and after replying 'no' the entire class laughed at me. I was baffled at first, until I learned that the kaiako had actually asked if I could swim

What these experiences have taught me is that empathy and understanding can go a long way, everyone is interconnected and there is much to be achieved when we align.

Whilst I have a strong grounding in Te Ao Māori, much of my family is not from that world so being a bridge and communicating between these different communities has always been my life. I am the epitome of the saying: It takes a village.

I am 34 years of age and proud to be born and raised in Ngāmotu, New Plymouth, but I actually grew up all around Taranaki.

This was because during my teens, I became a ward of the state and therefore moved between a lot of households from Tongapōrutu down to Opunakē. I found this hard as a kid; having no sense of belonging and inconvenient to all of the amazing people who took me in. I would frequently cry myself to sleep and wonder 'Why me?'

My schooling started at Spotswood Primary School

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Kaitake Community Board

Teresa Goodin



counselling and chaplaincy. I'm passionate about mental health and wellbeing.

I have a background in economic development, environmental issues, project management, event coordination, strategic planning, fundraising and promotion. I have a good understanding of local government from both management and governance perspectives. I will hit the ground running if I am elected.

I'm concerned about the state of our democracy. Increasingly the public is losing confidence in the democratic process and dissenting views are being shut out of important debates. I am a fierce advocate for democracy, transparency and local decision-making.

I'm concerned about the cost of living and the impact the last few years have had on businesses, employment, mental health, social cohesion and general wellbeing. I'm committed to healing, recovery and building a healthy, resilient and prosperous future - a future where our children can thrive.

Graham Chard



Ko Kurahaupo te waka
Ko Taranaki te maunga
Ko Hangatahua te awa
Ko Pūniho te marae
Ko Tarankai me Te
Whānau-ā-Apanui te iwi
Ko Ngā Mahanga-a-Tairi te hapu
Ko John Chard raua ko
Cherie Hill ōku mātua
Ko Karen Chard(Scott)
toku hoa rangatira
Nō Ngāi Te Rangī ia
Ko Graham Chard toku
ingoa

Born on the coast, and raised in Marfell and Spotswood, I left Taranaki to enlist with the New Zealand Defence Force, in the Royal New Zealand Air Force, to serve my country, to have personal values to live my life by, and to develop the leadership, management, command, governance and critical thinking abilities that I have brought to bear in the civilian sector on various School Boards of Trustees, as President of

local RSAs, in executive positions on provincial sports associations, serving the Ōkato Community Trust, and through my eight years of involvement with the Kaitake Community Board.

I am business qualified, having attained a Diploma of Management, Diploma of Business, Certificate in Human Resource Management, a Certificate in Accounting, and APEX Project Management Qualifications, and I am business experienced, having built up and operated various successful business ventures including: The Whenuapai Dairy in Auckland, the award winning Ōkato Takeaways, and the nationally recognised Founders Cafe at Pukeiti.

If you consider these are attributes that would provide benefit to the NPDC, and to you as your elected representative, then please give me your vote for the Kaitake-Ngāmotu Ward, and for the Kaitake Community Board.

Renee Hohaia



Kia ora,

My name is Renee Hohaia, I grew up in the farming district of Pihama in South Taranaki with my parents Adrienne and John Kensington and my four sisters. I attended Ōpunake high before moving to boarding school at NPGHS, then to Elite International School of Beauty in Auckland.

I thoroughly enjoyed travelling around the world in my early 20s before

settling down in Oakura where I have lived with my husband Nathan Hohaia for the last ten years. We have three children - Mace (8) Thea (7) and Jax (4) who all attend Kaitake Kindergarten and Oakura Primary School.

I have owned an Ōākura based business R & Co Skin and Beauty for the last five years. I am involved in the Kaitake Kindergarten committee, I organise and coach Ōākura Junior Netball for 5-7 year olds and help out with Kaitake Junior Rugby Club.

I am very blessed to live in such an epic seaside community and I would like to play my role within our community by being involved on the board.

Nga Mihi

Paul Lobb



retirement home in Oakura beach.

I semi-retired last year after almost 50 years in agricultural research. In my career I had to learn how to prepare and manage multimillion dollar budgets and manage up to 20 scientific staff. I believe the skills I have learnt through my career, being on the School committee and Board of Trustees, as well as positions with the Oakura Boardriders Club will be beneficial when dealing with NPDC staff and councillors.

My previous career enabled me to visit many countries around the world and I know where we live is up there

with the best. Let's make the right decisions to keep it that way. Last week I visited Tauranga/Mount Maunganui for business meetings. What a madhouse that place is. We need to ensure our growth is planned to avoid the issues they have.

I enjoy family time, travel, the beach, fishing, gardening, walking and I spend a few hours every other month checking a trap line for the Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust.

I have no burning agenda or ambitions if elected but want to understand the issues and make the right decisions to ensure the Kaitake area remains the awesome place it is.

Kaitake-Ngamotu Ward

Craig Nielsen



experienced many aspects of community through work commitments, event coordination, fundraising and the charitable sector engaging with people and groups through empathetic leadership. I have sound business management experience, am financially aware with governance experience in education and community at local and national levels.

Ensuring our community is accessible is a passion for me, encompassing all ages and abilities from parents pushing strollers, wheelchairs, all the way through to our more mature generation. I'm talking playgrounds, toilets, parks, footpaths and simple things like getting across the road!

I authentically believe the majority of challenges, including the drive for better outcomes for our diverse community and its needs, can be realised through sound discussion and reasoned thinking, and I see resilience and big picture thinking as keys to making these things happen. I am solutions focussed with experience in collaborating with and empowering people and groups to voice their concerns and seek results.

As an elected member I would look forward to authentically engaging with our community groups and boards. I am young enough to be enthusiastic and old enough to be streetwise and an effective decision maker.

Nga mihi nui

Elayne Kessler



I came to New Zealand in 2000 from Albuquerque,

New Mexico where I had been working as a speech therapist. I told the Ministry of Education that I liked rural living but my 16 year old daughter who was coming with me wanted a more lively social life. The Ministry of Education sent me to work out of the New Plymouth office and we settled in āOakura, and I've lived there for 22 years.

I worked with all of our coastal schools, including the wonderful small schools that no longer exist.

When I left the Ministry I focused on what was closer to home. I shop locally as much as I can, support our hospitality businesses, get my health care here and do recreational activities in this area. This is my community and I care about it.

Many of you may remember me as 'The Ice Cream Lady' who had a small business for five years

in Shearer Reserve next to the Boardriders.

I decided to stand for the Kaitake Community Board because I want to make a difference. I have both the time and commitment to devote to the Board. Some issues I have a particular interest in are:

- Climate change and sustainable living. We are Kaitiaki, the caretakers of our land, air and water and we must do it better.
- Growth of our communities, retaining what we love about living here, and also valuing and promoting inclusion of new residents and businesses.
- Having engaged and active people of all ages, including those with disabilities.

I hope you will vote for me. I think I can represent you well.

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AgFirst Engineering and DeLaval Coastal Agri team up to hold Effluent Field Days

AgFirst Engineering and DeLaval Coastal Agri have been busy over the past 20 years designing and building dairy effluent management systems locally in Taranaki, and for AgFirst, nationally and internationally. These effluent systems have evolved over time and the need for systems with higher capacity and greater efficiency has become evident especially over the past few years with increased intensive rain events and increased scrutiny on environmental compliance. The four effluent field days feature farms of which have evolved to overcome these challenges with a focus on reduced effluent volumes, reduced water use, increased storage capacity and increased irrigation capacity. All this saving the farmers time, money, and stress. The Field Days will be led by AgFirst Engineering's lead NZ Dairy Effluent System Designer and Managing Director, Davieth Verheij. If you are looking to upgrade your system in the future, take this opportunity to see these four farms in action and engage with the AgFirst



and Coastal Agri team. AgFirst Engineering to visit your farm for a free effluent system design and proposal. Davieth's direct contact details are 0800 118 111 and engineering@agfirst.co.nz. Email or call to RSVP to one or all the events.



28TH SEP 10:30AM

Brendon & Anna Harvie
544 Omuturangi Road, Auroa
Fonterra Supply no. 42151

- 400 cows
- New feed pad/standoff pad with rubber matting .
- Weeping wall solids separation system.
- 7,141,000L lined storage pond.
- Green water recycling flood wash systems on cow yard and feed pad.
- Effluent irrigation system with low-rate Weta travelling raingun irrigator.

28TH SEP 12:30PM

Jacques and Vanessa Le Prou
2816 Skeet Road, Pihama
Fonterra Supply no. 41522

- 650 cows
- Feed pad
- Weeping wall solids separation system.
- 2,389,000L lined storage pond.
- Green water recycling flood wash systems on cow yard & feed pad reducing water costs from Cold Creek and Waimate West.
- Effluent irrigation system with low-rate Weta travelling raingun irrigator.

29TH SEP 11:00AM

John McCarty
1993 Eltham Road, Awatuna
Fonterra Supply no. 41405

- 400 cows
- Feed pad
- Weeping wall solids separation system.
- High-capacity green water recycling flood wash system on feed pad.
- Green water gate wash system on cow yard.
- Irrigation pumping system upgrade.
- Utilising existing 2,537,000L effluent pond.

29TH SEP 1:00PM

Poharu - Mark Bridges, Graham Mourie, Shane Stevenson
310 Kaweora Road, Opunake,
Fonterra supply no. 41478

- 520 cows
- Green water recycling gate wash system on cow yard and feed area.
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Three bulls in one straw increases NRR by 4.2 per cent

Research has found that having semen from three bulls in one straw can increase dairy farmers' average 56-day Non-Return Rate (NRR) by 4.2 per cent.

The research was carried out in The Netherlands by CRV in partnership with the Belgian Blue Group. Initial trial results are based on NRR data from over 1,000 inseminations using CRV Fertabull Belgian Blue.

This improved NRR means for every 100 inseminations, at least four more cows will get in calf using CRV's Fertabull when compared with average conventional straws.

Fertabull straws contain semen from multiple sires, lengthening the life of the semen in the straws and giving cows a greater chance to get in calf.

CRV Genetics Product Manager (NZ Market) Mitchell Koot says the research findings are good news for dairy farmers looking to tighten up calving patterns, reduce bobby calf numbers and breed higher-value dairy beef calves from their lowest genetic merit cows.

"This large-scale trial backs up the results that CRV's New Zealand farmers have



CRV Genetics Product Manager (NZ Market) Mitchell Koot.

been experiencing since the introduction of CRV Fertabull more than 20 years ago," he says.

CRV currently has 20

breeds of dairy beef for farmers to choose from. These range from breeds with easy to identify coat markings, such as Hereford

and Belgian Blue, to breeds with high growth rates that appeal to beef finishers, such as Charolais, Angus and Stabilizer.

"CRV's dairy beef Fertabull (Hereford, Angus, and Belgian Blue) remain the most popular options within the respective breeds

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Report shows strong progress for Ravensdown

Ravensdown's 2022 Integrated Report shows the fertiliser co-operative owned by primary producers is tracking well against its strategic objectives.

Highlights include:

- A 12 per cent reduction in carbon emissions from fertiliser against the previous year.
- A net reduction of scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions of 2,206 tonnes of carbon dioxide (14%) since the base year of 2018.
- Confirming plans to convert the company's Dipton, Southland coal-fired combustor to biomass eliminating at least 1100 tonnes of greenhouse gas

emissions per year, almost 10 per cent of Ravensdown's direct carbon footprint.

- More than one million hectares of New Zealand farmland is now captured by the company's proof of placement technology, enabling increasingly precise application of agri nutrients by Ravensdown customers.
- Approving plans for a \$630,000 project to restore an ecologically and culturally valuable wetland adjacent to the company's Napier facility, therefore helping improve Hawke's Bay biodiversity.
- A \$95 million profit, up from \$52 million

last year.

• Development of EcoPond, a technology with potential to almost eliminate methane emissions completely from dairy effluent ponds.

• Increasing the company's equity from \$492 million in 2020/21 to \$609 million this year.

Ravensdown chair Bruce Wills said the company successfully overcame a wide range of challenges to help the country's hard-working farmers and growers contribute the income required for a better New Zealand.

"Farmers and growers are both our customers and

shareholders. They sit at the heart of everything we do. For our customers we supply the right amount of farm nutrients, and the right products and solutions to optimise production, while mitigating the impacts of land use on the environment. For our shareholders we use the power of the co-operative to enhance the value of their investment inside the farm gate.

"We ended the year in a healthy financial position. In the face of global pressure on supply, and domestic incentives for environmental improvement, we leveraged long held and carefully nurtured relationships to

minimise supply disruption, while continuing to invest in services that support farmers."

CEO Garry Diack said Ravensdown has a clear focus on its vision statement 'Smarter Farming for a better New Zealand.'

"For us 'good' is meeting and exceeding our progressive pursuit of this vision. We do that on a sustained, planned basis, sharing that pursuit with all those who invest in us, work with us, work for us, use our products and services, and all those in society who live with the impacts of our endeavours.

"As proud as we are of our

excellent company, there is still much to do to ensure our good performance remains aligned with, and where we can, leads in the fast-changing environment in which our farmers and growers operate."

Ravensdown has produced annual integrated reports since 2018/19. Integrated reporting principles expand on traditional financial reporting and are founded on the concept that an organisation creates value for key stakeholders across manufactured, intellectual, human, social and relationship, and natural as well as financial capitals.

Head to head in memorial match

MPs and farmers go head-to-head in John Luxton Memorial Match

Dairy farmers, sector leaders, MPs and parliamentary staff will be battling it out on the sports fields of Morrinsville this Saturday, September 24.

The rugby and netball matches are a memorial for the late Hon John Luxton, the inaugural DairyNZ chair and former Agriculture Minister, and they're shaping up to be entertaining and competitive encounters.

"DairyNZ is organising the free community event on behalf of the dairy sector to bring the community together to celebrate John's life, showcase the strength of the sector, and help forge strong relationships between the competitors," says DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle.

The event is also raising money for the John Luxton Trust, which aims to support young Māori from the local area into agricultural careers. The Luxton Family will be well represented in the match, with John's son Richard and grandchildren joining the dairy teams.

"John was a true leader of the New Zealand dairy



John Luxton.

sector, his contribution to progression and innovation in the sector was significant. John was a well-respected farmer, founding chair of DairyNZ, chair of Tatua Dairy Company and co-chair of the Waikato River Authority," says Dr Mackle.

The event has great support across the sector, with an impressive line-up of personalities set to play.

In the Parliamentary teams a strong contingent of MPs

includes Mark Mitchell, Michael Woodhouse, Greg O'Connor, Meka Whaitiri, Barbara Kuriger, Louise Upston, Nicole McKee and plenty of others. They've also called in a reinforcement – former All Black Piri Weepu.

In the dairy sector rugby team, Southland farmer Tangaroa Walker is flying up to pull on the number 8 jersey – Tangaroa runs his

own Farm4Life programme with how-to information for people starting out in dairy farming. Ahuwhenua Young Māori Farmer Award winner Quinn Morgan will be playing mid-field – he takes an active role encouraging other young people to join the sector.

"We've got a full front row from Federated Farmers – president Andrew Hoggard, vice-president Wayne Langford and dairy chair

Richard McIntyre – and I'll be pulling on my boots to play on the wing," says Dr Mackle.

"For the netball we have a really strong sector team including radio personality Rowena Duncum, Dairy Environment Leaders chair Melissa Slattery and Pouarua Farms chief executive Jenna Smith."

A key goal of the event is attracting young people to work in the sector, and

there's a great cohort from Young Farmers playing in the rugby and netball teams. The event dovetails with DairyNZ's drive to showcase the many positives of working in dairy.

"The Memorial Match is shaping up to a great family-friendly day, so I really encourage the community to get behind it and support the teams on the day," says Dr Mackle.



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Alligator Weed found at Stratford

Alligator weed has been discovered at a second Taranaki site, but so far, both infestations appear to be well contained.

The invasive pest plant was found in a Waitara lagoon last month, the first confirmed sighting in the region.

Taranaki Regional Council Environment Services Manager Steve Ellis says initial surveys indicate it is confined to the lagoon system. However, it is too early to rule out the possibility of further spread.

Another survey of the area is planned for November when the plant would be most visible, therefore easier to spot. The Council will then decide how best to control the infestation.

The weed was found in the coastal Waitara lagoon after a report by a member of the public. Subsequent conversations with locals suggest it could have been there for a couple of years, Mr Ellis says.

“Alligator weed had never been seen in Taranaki, so it’s understandable people didn’t realise what it was.”

Meanwhile, a small infestation has also been confirmed in a private ornamental pond in



Alligator weed at a Waitara lagoon.

Stratford. There is no sign it has spread, however the Council will closely monitor

the area while working to control the plant. The invasive South

American pest plant clogs wetlands, lakes and rivers, can increase the risk of

flooding, is toxic to some livestock and can block access to waterways for recreation.

The Council is also looking at where the alligator weed may have come from. The closest known infestations are Marokopa to the north and Manawatū to the south.

“Alligator weed spreads easily so it may have been blown along the coast and pushed inland or it may have been inadvertently transported by other means.”

The Council is working with the Ministry for

Primary Industries on a joint project identifying pest pathways and raising awareness about biosecurity threats. Public vigilance is crucial to help prevent the “next pest” joining alligator weed in Taranaki.

“We are asking the public to keep their eyes peeled for anything resembling alligator weed and if in doubt, report it. If there are other infestations around the region we need to find them and act quickly to limit potential damage.”

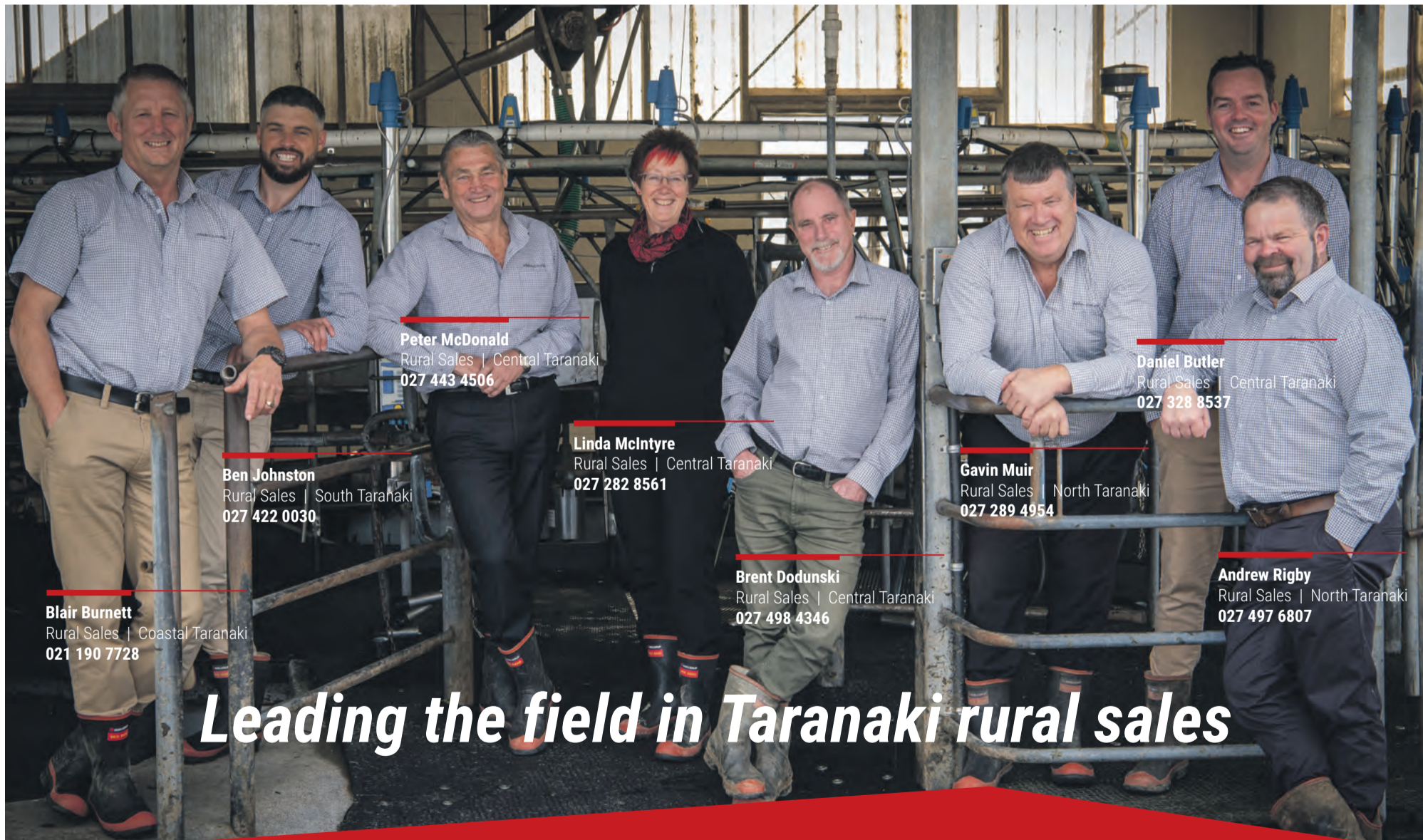
Concussions may affect academic performance

Teens who get concussed could be 25% more likely to be in poor academic standing than their peers, new research suggests.

The research analysed more than 10,000 US high school students, with 15% reporting they had had at least one sports and activity related concussion in the past year. The researchers calculated that those students

had a 25% higher risk of poor academic standing, and the association was stronger with a history of repeated concussions. However, the authors acknowledge an important limitation - that their study did not look at a change in academic standing before and after the concussions.

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Council reports \$2.6m surplus

Taranaki Regional Council has a \$2.6m surplus for the 2021-2022 financial year.

“The surplus is a fantastic result and our achievements show we continue to make a difference to the lives of people across Taranaki,” Chair David MacLeod said after the Council adopted its 2021-22 Annual Report..

The \$2.6m surplus was significantly ahead of budget and was strongly influenced by property and asset revaluations (\$1.8m) and the non-commencement of expenditure on the Waitara River catchment (following enactment of the New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act 2018) and the Kaitake Trail Te Ara a Ruhiiherapini. Excluding



TRC Chair David MacLeod.

Protecting New Zealand’s highly productive land

Over the last 20 years, 170,000 hectares of highly productive land has been converted to lifestyle blocks. The new national policy statement will require councils to identify, map, and manage highly productive land to ensure it’s available for growing vegetables, fruit, and other primary production.

Professor Amanda Black, Director, Bioprotection Aotearoa, Rutherford Discovery Fellow, comments:

“The protection of highly productive land has been a concern for food producers and scientists for more than two decades. The release of a NPS on highly productive land at least is an acknowledgement of the national importance that this issue has and the impact that continued loss has for our own food security, the wider Pacific food security and, of course, income from export.

“My concern is that it will take at least 3.5 years to really implement and it relies

heavily on coordination between authorities. While it comes into effect on the 17th October 2022, any land already marked for subdivision will still go ahead.

“There are also a number of exceptions to protecting highly productive land that begs the questions: will the NPS be able to adequately protect our future food supply? And is this it too little too late?”

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these extraordinary influences, the budget ran close to plan.

“We’re laying the foundations for the future with work on the new Natural Resources Plan and we’ve started to implement the freshwater reforms,” says Mr MacLeod. “Change is a constant and the Council is well placed to take on board those changes and

continue delivering services across the region.”

As well as freshwater reforms, the Council is planning for proposed changes from central Government to the Resource Management Act, Three Waters and local government.

Areas of the Council impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic have continued

to recover with a 40% rise in passengers using the South Taranaki to New Plymouth Connector bus service while visits to Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens hit 110,000.

Figures show efforts to safeguard the environment by working together with the community continued with the addition of 30 new comprehensive farm plans and 24 biodiversity plans prepared for Key Native Ecosystems. The Taranaki Taku Tūrangā Towards Predator-Free Taranaki programme expanded, including an additional 23,000ha in Ōpunake and Oeo added to the rural project that controls stoats, weasels and ferrets (mustelids).

A key focus was improving how the Council works with Māori and this included a new Heads of Agreement with the eight iwi of Taranaki detailing how they and the Council can work together to advance development of the Natural Resources Plan. This year also saw the introduction of a Māori constituency for the 2022 local elections.

Less time in isolation and fewer infectious people

Requiring negative RAT tests before leaving isolation could mean fewer infectious people in the community, and less time in isolation for many people infected with COVID-19. RATs are currently the best way

to tell if someone is still infectious. By modelling a scenario with a minimum isolation period of five days and a ‘two test-to-release’ policy with a maximum isolation period of ten days, researchers from Covid-19

Modelling Aotearoa showed that there would be a 40% reduction in the number of people leaving isolation while still infectious, as well as a 8% decrease in the total hours confirmed cases spend in isolation.



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Best practices for managing effluent and stormwater

Many regional councils are advocating for stormwater diverters to be in operation as part of dairy farmers' effluent management. But are they really necessary? Here's our advice for managing effluent and stormwater...

Is stormwater bad for effluent ponds?

There's a lot of information stating stormwater has a negative effect on effluent treatment ponds, decreasing their efficiency. This is true for oxidation ponds, but not the case for regular effluent ponds used in land application.

Oxidation or treatment ponds are being phased out over the next few years by councils in favour of



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land application. If you still run treatment ponds, we'd suggest a proactive move to a land application system before it becomes a requirement. The investment may not be as much as you think and quite often the old treatment pond can be repurposed to add value to the new system.

Do I need a stormwater diverter for my effluent pond?

Having a stormwater diverter in place for extreme weather events, or for use during the off season is recommended. They can also be useful in early Spring when excess water can be an issue.

What's the best way to manage effluent and stormwater?

We recommend ensuring you've got enough effluent storage capacity to handle stormwater from the general heavy rain and storms experienced over winter and spring, and a good pond stirrer to keep everything well mixed. There are a few reasons for this:

1. The added water will be of benefit when the dry season hits, and you'll be glad to have plenty of liquid to fertilise the ground.

2. If using a stormwater diverter, you need to be diligent in monitoring where the flow is going to avoid accidental discharge of effluent to waterways.

3. To use a stormwater diverter the yard must be clean before diverting to the creek or waterway – regular use will require a commitment to cleaning after each milking.

As stated above, a stormwater diverter is a good tool to have in place for extreme weather events or during the off season

when you're not milking.

Where should a stormwater diverter be installed?

Stormwater diversion needs to be installed before your stone trap otherwise dirty water will accumulate in the stone trap.

Are automated stormwater diverter systems any good?

There are a range of automated stormwater diversion systems available, and like anything, some are better than others. Given the risks of accidental discharge of effluent, we prefer to err on the side of caution and would generally recommend a manual system where you have full control of the system.

However, for dairy farmers who winter milk an automated stormwater diverter system could be beneficial as you've got a lot more flowing into your pond during the wet season.

If you do decide to install an automated system, be sure to:

1. Commit to cleaning the yard after each milking.

2. Assign someone to check the system is in good working order daily.

The last thing you want is a fine from accidentally discharging effluent to waterways!

*Michael Prestidge
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Election time for DairyNZ

From September 19, candidates for DairyNZ's levy-paying dairy farmers Board of Directors. The successful candidates can vote for two farmer

will play a key role in helping create a better future for dairy farmers, by contributing as a board member to the leadership and direction of industry good body, DairyNZ.

The farmer representatives in DairyNZ's board election are:

Tracy Brown – Waikato
Elaine Cook – Bay of Plenty

Chris Lewis – Waikato
Electionz.com returning officer Anthony Morton says farmers will have until October 17 to vote.

"I encourage all dairy

farmers to have their say by voting for the candidates they believe can make the best contribution to DairyNZ's board," says Mr Morton.

"DairyNZ levy payers will receive their voter information pack via email on September 19. Dairy farmers should look out for it in their inbox, as it includes more information about the candidates and voting."

Any farmers who

don't receive their voter information pack by this date should contact electionz.com (phone 0800 666 935).

DairyNZ's board consists of five farmer-elected directors and three board-appointed directors. Appointments to DairyNZ's Board of Directors serve a term of three years, with directors retiring by rotation. This year, directors Tracy Brown and Elaine Cook are retiring by rotation.

No nominations were received for one position on DairyNZ's Directors' Remuneration Committee position, which reviews and recommends changes to directors' payments and other benefits. DairyNZ's board will determine how this vacancy is filled.

The successful board candidates will be announced at DairyNZ's AGM in Invercargill on October 18 2022.

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On this month in history Edwin Hubble died

On September 28, 1953 Edwin Powell Hubble died aged 63. The Hubble Space Telescope was named after him.

The American astronomer was born on November 20, 1889 in Marshfield Missouri.

Firstly, he studied law at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. His law practice was in Kentucky before returning to

astronomy.

He helped establish extragalactic astronomy and observational cosmology. He also discovered the Andromeda Galaxy and determined that what was thought to be clouds was actually collections of dust and gas fields.

He helped theoreticians develop their Big Bang theory.

Hubble developed a classification system for galaxies by content, distance, shape and brightness which is still used.

His 1929 Hubble's Law showed that the universe is expanding and that the speed at which galaxies are moving away from earth is proportional to their distance from Earth.

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Manaia Bowling Club roll up for another year

Manaia's own Auckland Cup was being competed for when the Manaia Bowling Club had their opening day on September 11.

It all harks back to when a couple of busloads of Aucklanders would travel to Hawera for the Easter Trots, meet at the Waimate Hotel in Manaia and play bowls at the local bowling club. In appreciation of their stay in Manaia they presented a trophy to the Manaia Bowling Club which can be competed for in either triples or fours. On Opening Day they were playing triples.

"This is a real good turnout for opening day," said Ross Clark, who for the past six years has been club president. "The club's going really well. We've re-established the women's bowls which is growing all the time and a couple of our ladies have made the Taranaki Juniors team for the last couple of seasons."

Membership currently stands at 40-45 playing members, and a number of new players were at the opening day, including Dee Young.

"I played twice before,



Opening day at the Manaia Bowling Club.

years ago," she said. "It's something I've always wanted to join."

The Manaia Bowling Club was founded in 1899, celebrated its centenary in 2000, and is looking forward to celebrating its 125th jubilee in February 2024.

Those wanting to see something of the club's history as well as that of other Manaia-based sporting clubs need look no further than the museum which bounds the southern end of the playing greens.

As well as photos, records and honours boards from the Bowling Club's 125 year-long history, there is memorabilia from other

clubs, much of it previously kept in the Manaia Sports Complex, which like Manaia's town hall was closed after failing to meet earthquake standards.

"We've just started the museum," says Ross. "We've got the tennis club to go up, and the Waimate Netball Club wants to put their photos on the wall."

Glance across the photos in the museum and familiar names of well-known local sporting identities come into view. These include a number who have both played for the local Waimate Rugby Club and represented New Zealand, like the Good brothers, Alan and Hugh,

as well as Billy Glenn, a member of the 1905 Originals, the first team to



Club president Ross Clark with the club's new defibrillator.

be called All Blacks, and the first All Black to later serve as an MP.

Manaia Bowling Club secretary Megan Peters says the museum can be opened up on appointment.

"This is quite cool," she said. "We've had a bus stop here to have a look from the Hawera Park Bowling Club."

Kelvin Putt has been a member for the last 40 years and says in his time he has held every position in the club. He has seen a number of highlights along the way, including being part of the Manaia team that were the

Taranaki Third Division Inter Club champions in 2017-18.

Last year the Manaia Club ended a 10 year drought by winning the Symes Shield for Men's Fours which is competed for every year between clubs in the Taranaki Southern Division.

As well as looking to its past, the club is also looking to its future with refurbishments to its club rooms including a new roof, new windows and a paint job.

The Manaia Bowling Club is becoming something of a hub for the community. The Manaia RSA are now based here, and have shifted their honours boards and memorabilia from the War Memorial Hall to the club rooms.

Another new addition, installed less than a month ago is the defibrillator, handily located on the outside wall a short distance from the entrance to the bowling green. Ross says the defibrillator is available to the general public 24/7, doesn't need any codes and is under security camera surveillance.

Taranaki Racing Results Xtreme race day

Race 1. 12:40 pm. Liquorland Courtenay Street MDN 1400m - \$15,000. 7, 8, 2 Sharada, Drop of Something, Soviet Wonder.

Race 2 2. 1:15 pm. Taranaki Pine Dash MDN 990m - \$15,000. 5, 4, 9 Stan, Huzzah, Serena's Spirit

Race 3. 1:52 pm. NZB Ready To Run Trainers Series Dash. Rating 65 Benchmark* 990m - \$30,000. 1,3, 5 Ima Roca Bee, Fleming, Magic Show.

Race 4 2:26 pm. Seaton Park. Rating 65 Benchmark* 1300m - \$30,000. 1, 2, 4 Soldier Boy, King Of Hearts, Blue Vein.

Race 5 2:58 pm. Gib Open OPN HCP 1400m - \$40,000. 5, 2, 10 Tavis Court, Deerfield, Chajaba.

Race 6 3:33 pm. Zed @ grangewilliam stud Rating 65 Benchmark* 1800m - \$30,000. 5, 3, 1 Captain Oumuamua, Jay bee gee, Iffie Shows

Race 7 4:08 pm. ITM Interprovincial Championship. OPN HCP 1800m - \$60,000. 6, 11, 8 No Loitering, Cetus, Justaskme.

Race 8 4:48 pm. NZB Airfreight Road to Jericho. Rating 75 & JMPS Benchmark 3210m - \$30,000
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Taranaki Cricket representative squads an exciting mix of youth and experience

Two settled squads have been revealed as the coaches of the Taranaki Men and Taranaki Women eye up the 2022-23 representative season.

The Taranaki Men's coach Chris Coombe has injected some fresh blood, with five debutants in his squad of 26, which will compete for the Furlong Cup from November to January and the Chapple Cup in February.

The newcomers are wicketkeeper/batsman Jarrod Cunningham, all-rounder Kurt Leuthart, and spin bowlers Liam Carr, William Jull and Aaron Manning-Fleming. Youngsters blooded in last year's Chapple Cup limited overs campaign and now getting a chance as part of this season's full squad include all-rounders Robson Chapman, Robbie Yule, and Jacob Mitchell.

Experienced all-rounder Ben Frewin has been named to return after missing last season with injury.

Key players again shape as batsman Sebastian Lauderdale-Smith, and the experienced foursome of fast bowler Ryan Watson, batsman Dean Robinson,



The Taranaki Cricket teams are set for a great season.

and all-rounders Liam Muggeridge and Mattie Thomas, who will miss the opening games of the season as he recovers from injury.

Meanwhile, international batsmen Will Young and Tom Bruce will play if their schedules allow.

Another addition to the squad is assistant coach Gary Cunningham. Cunningham played his representative cricket for Manawatu and spent six years as Manawatu head coach and as a CD selector.

Cunningham's wealth of experience is vital for a squad looking to improve on a disappointing campaign last season, Coombe said.

"It's a privilege to work

alongside Gary. His work ethic and character add a lot of value to this team, and no doubt he'll be an unbelievable mentor to each individual," Coombe said.

"We've had the opportunity to look at close to 40 players over the last couple of weeks, and we're extremely excited to see the talent that makes up Taranaki Cricket.

"The squad is a mix of experience and exciting young talent, glued together by pride and eagerness to represent Taranaki - we believe that this squad of 26 will be the ones challenging each other to be better on and off the field," Coombe said.

Meanwhile Taranaki

Women's coach Debu Banik has also pulled together a settled squad of 17 for the Mike Shrimpton Trophy campaign.

Kelsey Husband and Melanie Megaw are the only two additions from last year's side, which finished second equal in the competition.

Husband is an experienced Taranaki all-rounder, having

debuted in 2015, while Megaw is also a former Taranaki rep and represented the CD Hinds in 2015-16.

They will join key players including last season's standout batswoman Maree Heal, current Hinds Emily Cunningham and Natalie Dodd, former Hinds Kate Baxter and Taila Hurley, and exciting youngsters Grace Foreman, Jessie Hollard,

Caitlin Marshall and Sophie Campbell.

The Taranaki Women will venture to the South Island for the first time, playing Nelson in a February double-header.

Banik said he is expecting a very high standard of commitment from the women to build on last year's success and look to go one better this season.

Coastal Riding Club winter series final day

Several riders had a very successful day at the Coastal Adult Riding Club's final day of its' winter Dressage Series held in the TSB Indoor arena at Hawera.

Maree Collins and Nikki Spedding both took home trophies and Helen McCallum from Manaia and Olivia Benefield of Hawera were well up in the placings.

Judges for the day were Helen Thomson from Tariki and Michelle King from Okato

Results. Class 1 Riding Club Test 1B. 1.Nikki Spedding (Trevalda Mt Amour). 2. Lara Williams (Grace). 3. Tania Hopkins (Rosco).

Class 2 Pony Club Test B G 5. 1. Maree Collins (He's A Gem). 2. Olivia Benefield (Butterscotch). 3. Nikki Spedding (Trevalda Mt Amour). 4. Helen McCallum (Beau).

Class 3 Pony Club Test J.7. 1.Maree Collins (He's A Gem). 2. Olivia Benefield (Butterscotch) and Helen McCallum (Beau).

Class 4 Pony Club Test I/14. 1. Kaysey Reed (Midnight Airtime). 2. Sherleena Griffin (Regalo). 3.Sherilee Jane (Pravia MI).

Class 5 Riding Club Test 2A. 1.Kylie Robertson (Farlo Galen). 2. Sherleena Griffin (Regalo). 3. Kaysey Reed (Midnight Airtime). 4.



Olivia Benefield riding Butterscotch in the Dressage.

Sherilee Jane (Pravia Mi).

Class 6 Riding Club 3B. 1.Viv Percy (Jackson). 2.,Kirstie Pryce (Pat).

Class 7 Riding Club Test 4A. 1.Sarah Neilson (Dancing). 2.,Viv Percy (Jackson). 3.,Kylie Robertson (Farlo Galen). 4.Kirstie Pryce (Pat).

Trophies were awarded for the accumulated scores over the series. Introductory Level trophy went to Nikki Spedding. Training Level trophy, Maree Collins. Preliminary Level trophy, Sherilee Jane. Novice Level trophy, Vivienne Percy



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Okaiawa bodybuilder going to Oceania Championships

Dairy farmer Lyn Delehanty has traded in her gumboots for the workout shoes and picked up national bodybuilding honours on the way.

At the start of the month she entered the ICN (I Compete Natural) New Zealand national Bodybuilding Championships at Takapuna for the first time. She took out the 40+ category which allowed her to go against the other category winners to vie for the Open title, which she won. She was also presented with a Pro Card making her one of less than 10 people in New Zealand with this honour. On top of all this she will be competing in the 2022 Oceania championships in Brisbane on October 8-9.

Lyn and husband Sean have five children and milk just over 200 cows at Okaiawa. She also works part-time at Hawera Physiotherapy.

It was only two and a half years ago that she started going to the Kiwi Life Gym in Hawera and it was nine months ago that she started training with Shaun Fowler of Fowler Fitness.

"I felt I was at the right



Lyn Delehanty with Shaun Fowler of Fowler Fitness(left) and Alan Hughes of Kiwi Life Health and Fitness.

stage of life to take up a challenge and crack on," says Lyn.

"It's definitely something I never thought I would have been interested in, or that I

would be doing, however I have definitely enjoyed the experience and it has totally put me out of my comfort zone."

The I Compete Natural

New Zealand organisation has a focus on following a 100 per cent natural path without any performance enhancing substances.

Lyn says she has enjoyed

working with Shaun and appreciated his expertise in training and nutrition.

"I've definitely followed Shaun's planning to a tee, and he's been pretty accurate with the training and preparation. I would highly recommend Shaun as a coach and for the nutritional side of things. With his knowledge Shaun could be anywhere, but he's chosen to be here in Hawera."

It has been a rewarding experience she says.

"A lot of time has gone into training and I am very grateful to my husband Sean and awesome five children for their wonderful support and encouragement. They

are always pushing me to just give things a go."

Shaun Fowler says many people think they will get into body building at some time in the future when they are fitter, but there's no time like the present to do so.

Shaun describes Lyn as "a very humble lady."

Lyn says she still doesn't think of herself as a bodybuilder.

"There are so many different categories within bodybuilding to suit anyone thinking of taking it up. I feel very fortunate that Alan and Kiwi Life Health and Fitness are sponsoring me to compete in the Oceania Championships."

Sandfords Manaia Golf results

September 3. 1. Quintin Symes. 2. Noddy Symes. 3. Wayne Baker.. Joshua symes.

September 10. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Rod Le Fleming. 3. Noddy Symes. 4. Kevin Murrell.

Juniors. Pee Wees. 1. Ashdyn Laing. 2. Marlin Severn. Seniors. 1. Carter

Symes. 2. Nixon Laing.

September 17. Saturday Men. 1. Jimmy Greenough. 2. Oliva Symes. 3. Wayne Baker. 4. Andrew Gibson. 5. Josh Symes.

Juniors. Carter Symes did well at the Aims Games finishing eighth overall. Well done Carter.



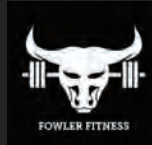
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Taranaki Heritage Month: 1 October to 5 November 2022

Heritage Taranaki, in collaboration with Iwi and Hapū, Museums, Historical Societies and other such community groups, will host its inaugural Heritage Month in October.

The month-long programme of activities will reflect upon and facilitate the sharing of community understanding of our complex and interesting past in this province.

The month begins with a Pōwhiri on Saturday October 1 at Puke Ariki. This event will be kindly hosted by the local Te Kaunihara committee, after which buses will then transport people to New Plymouth Airport to hear the explanation of the Ngā Hinga Whakairo- the artwork embedded in the interior architecture of this award-winning terminal.

On the evening of October 6, a panel discussion in the



The Taranaki Heritage month kicks off this October.

Plymouth Hotel will focus on the broader definition of heritage; what is heritage, who has ownership over it,

what are the consequences of decisions made, who do we entrust to make these

decisions and how do these decisions resonate from our past into our present?

The expert panel will consist of Meng Foon our Race Relation Commissioner, Claire Craig, Deputy CEO of NZ Pouhere Taonga, Brett Graham a recent artist in residence at the Govett Brewster Gallery (Ngāti Koroki Kahukura, Tainui) – Jay Ruka, Manuhautū of Taranaki Cathedral; Debbie Ngārewa-Packer, MP Te Paatī Māori, Ngāti Ruanui and Dion Tuuta, CEO Te Kotahitanga O Te Ātiawa (Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Tama, Taranaki Tūturū) This discussion will invite audience participation.

Organising committee chair, Rob Green, says,

“We believe that an honest gaze to face our past is well due. And the stories we tell ourselves of our heritage will naturally be different according to our perspective,

our “lens”. We need to challenge ourselves to better understand how our identity is reflected and reinforced through the monuments and heritage chosen to be honoured and celebrated.”

Heritage Taranaki hopes that at month's end people will feel that they have a better grasp on local heritage and have a thirst for more. Our aspiration is that the Taranaki Heritage Month becomes an annual fixture for our province.

The programme is extensive and is published on Heritage Taranaki's website and FaceBook page.

<https://heritagetaranaki.com/taranaki-heritage-month-2022/>

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Next Week: What's On – When – Where

Sat 1 October – Pōwhiri at Puke Āriki – **Gather on Landing at 8.45 am.**

After formalities travel to Airport and listen to artist/sculptor Rangī Kipa tell of the Te Ātiawa story woven into this award-winning building.

Thu 6 October – 6.00 pm start. **What is Heritage? Whose Heritage? Who decides?** – Plymouth Hotel Ballroom

Listen to our panel discuss these questions – Meng Foon, Debbie Ngārewa-Packer, Brett Graham, Jay Ruka, Dion Tuuta, Carole Craig – Chaired by Dr Ruakere Hond– will include audience participation.

Sat 8 October – 10.00 am Pukekura Park Tour

Gather at Rogan St entrance. Wander through the park with Alan Metcalfe as he shares his knowledge of this place – its people and history.

Sun 9 October – 10.00 am - Puketarata Gardens Hāwera – Join

archaeologist Ivan Bruce and local historian Ken Horner to hear stories of this place and the surrounding area. Bus leaves Puke Ariki at 9.00 am

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

Carrfields stock agents at the 2021 Auction.

Carrfields agents will again be running the Stevenson Annual Young In Milk Cow Auction to be held on Friday 7th of October starting at 11.30 am on Patiki Road Pihama.



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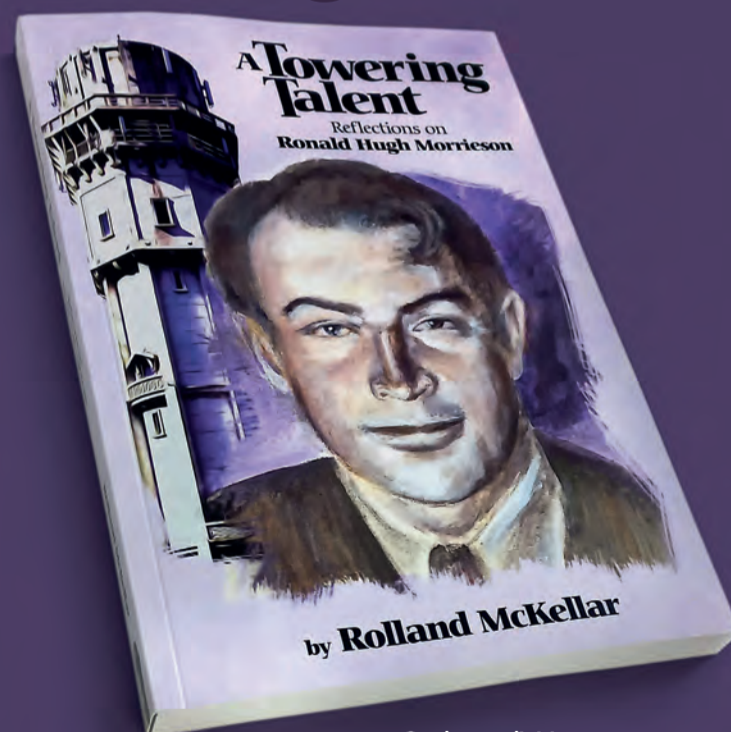
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Coastal author Kathy Stanley will be signing copies of her newly published novel, *Three Times Lucky in Love* at Pastimes Opunake on Friday September 30 from 1-2pm.



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	<p>Indoor bat down/ Games</p> <p>Time: 10-12pm Venue: TSB Hub – Cost: free + free lunch provided Ages: 6-11 yrs Registration via website to sign up & consent https://www.tearapae.org.nz/events/</p>	<p>Tennis *</p> <p>Time: 10am-12pm Venue: TSB Hub Cost: \$5 Ages: 5 years and older</p>	<p>Indoor bat down/ Games</p> <p>Time: 10-12pm Venue: TSB Hub Cost: free + free lunch provided Ages: 12-18 yrs Registration via website to sign up & consent https://www.tearapae.org.nz/events/</p>	
<p>Movie Magic* "DC League of Superpets"</p> <p>Time: PM session only Venue: Hāwera Cinema 2 Cost: \$10 per person includes a free kiddicorn! Age: Any age</p>	<p>Creative Space * "Dynamic Adornments"</p> <p>Time: 2pm – 3:30pm Venue: 41 Princess Street, Hāwera Cost: \$15 Ages: 5-14 years 5-7 accompanied by an adult Jewelry making</p>	<p>Creative Space * "Amazing Animal Masks"</p> <p>Time: 2pm- 3:30pm Venue: 41 Princess Street, Hāwera Cost: \$15 Ages: 5-14 years 5-7 accompanied by adult Paint an animal mask and create 3D features to attach</p>	<p>Movie Magic* "Paws of fury: The Legend of Hank"</p> <p>Time: AM session only Venue: Hāwera Cinema 2 Cost: \$10 per person (2D) includes a free kiddicorn! Age: Any age</p>	<p>Hawera Aquatic Centre- Fun at the Pools Under 8's</p> <p>Time: 11-12:20pm Venue: Hawera Aquatic Centre Cost: pre school \$1.70/ child \$4 Fun and games at the pools, spot prizes to be won Sign up at reception or phone 06 278 0021</p>
Monday 10 th October	Tuesday 11 th October	Wednesday 12 th October	Thursday 13 th October	Friday 14 th October
<p>Art with Kerryn * "Bird Houses"</p> <p>Time: 10am – 12noon Venue: Patea, Old Folks Hall Cost: \$15 Ages: 6-15 years</p>	<p>Roller Skating</p> <p>Time: 10am – 12noon Venue: TSB Hub Camberwell Road, Hāwera Cost: \$5 entry Cash only – no EFTPOS Pay on the day</p>	<p>BIG DAY OUT *</p> <p>Time: Depart TSB Hub at 9.00am Return approx. 4.15pm Age: 10 years+ Cost: \$20 entry What to bring: Togs, towel, change of clothes, money for lunch. Get on the bus for a day trip to New Plymouth! Start off with the hydro slides and a swim at the Aquatic Centre, stop off at Burger King for lunch, then head along to Mega Bounce for a jump around before heading home.</p>	<p>Kids Adventure Land *</p> <p>Time: 10am-1pm Venue: 28 Tawhiti Road, Access of Queen Elizabeth Playground Cost: \$15 Ages: 6-15 years</p>	<p>Hawera Aquatic Centre- Fun at the Pools 8 years and over</p> <p>Time: 11-12:20pm Venue: Hawera Aquatic Centre Cost: child \$7 / hydroslide \$4 Fun and games at the pools, spot prizes to be won Sign up at reception or phone 06 278 0021</p>
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Thank you Graeme

At Everybody's Theatre AGM on Sunday 11 September Graeme Dodd was acknowledged for the long service and dedication that he has given to Everybody's Theatre by awarding him Patron of the Theatre. Graeme has been the longest serving member of Everybody's Theatre, having joined the team in the mid 1980s and resigning from the committee in 2021.

As projectionist he spent many hours in the projector room rewinding film on the reels preparing for the screening and then afterwards ready for the next screening, with up to nine reels for a single movie screening. Using the Simplex Standard Projectors which ran a Peerless Magnarc High Intensity Lamp was highly intensive work for the



Graeme Dodd named Patron.

projectionist. The film strip was highly flammable hence the reason for having a tin lined projector room.

Often staying at the theatre late at night, this is when he discovered the ghost. To this day he is still not keen on remaining alone at the theatre.

Along with being projectionist Graeme fulfilled many roles ensuring that the theatre ran smoothly in the preparation for public movie screenings.

Even though Graeme is no longer an active committee member he or Judy collect the laundry weekly, wash and replace neatly folded, which is very much appreciated.

We thank you immensely for your generosity and input into ensuing Everybody's Theatre remains a viable and strong movie theatre for Opunake.

Maree Drought

Everybodys sign off a good year

Having 1pm Boutique screenings is proving a hit, particularly with out-of-towners. This was among the highlights of the year for Everybody's Theatre, according to Everybody's Theatre Society Inc chairperson Kim Gatenby. Kim was speaking at

the Society's AGM Chair Report for Everybody's Theatre AGM September 2022.

She said the community is support the theatre with both private and group bookings.

"The area schools have again supported us with many of the movies we

have. The highlight would have to be the Lion King Te Reo which was attended by groups from all around the Maunga.

"This would not be possible without a great band of Trustees and Volunteers who have worked tirelessly all year in their various roles and working bees - thank you for your support."

"During this last year we have recruited several new volunteers as well as farewelling a few familiar faces."

The theatre has continued to run training sessions for health, safety and evacuation.

"During this last year we have purchased a new UPS,

server, and laptop to run the projector - this has proven a great move after some stability issues with the old one. During this process we were also able to semi automate movie screenings, freeing up the projectionist to assist in the shop. We have installed Wifi, eftpos and combined the roles of cashier and shop."

The theatre is currently in the process of getting the ticket and shop sales system Veezi up and running.

Officers. Kim Gatenby (chair), Katrina Smith (vice chair), Maree Drought (treasurer), Aretha Lemon (manager), Jenny Bennett (projector room/shop).

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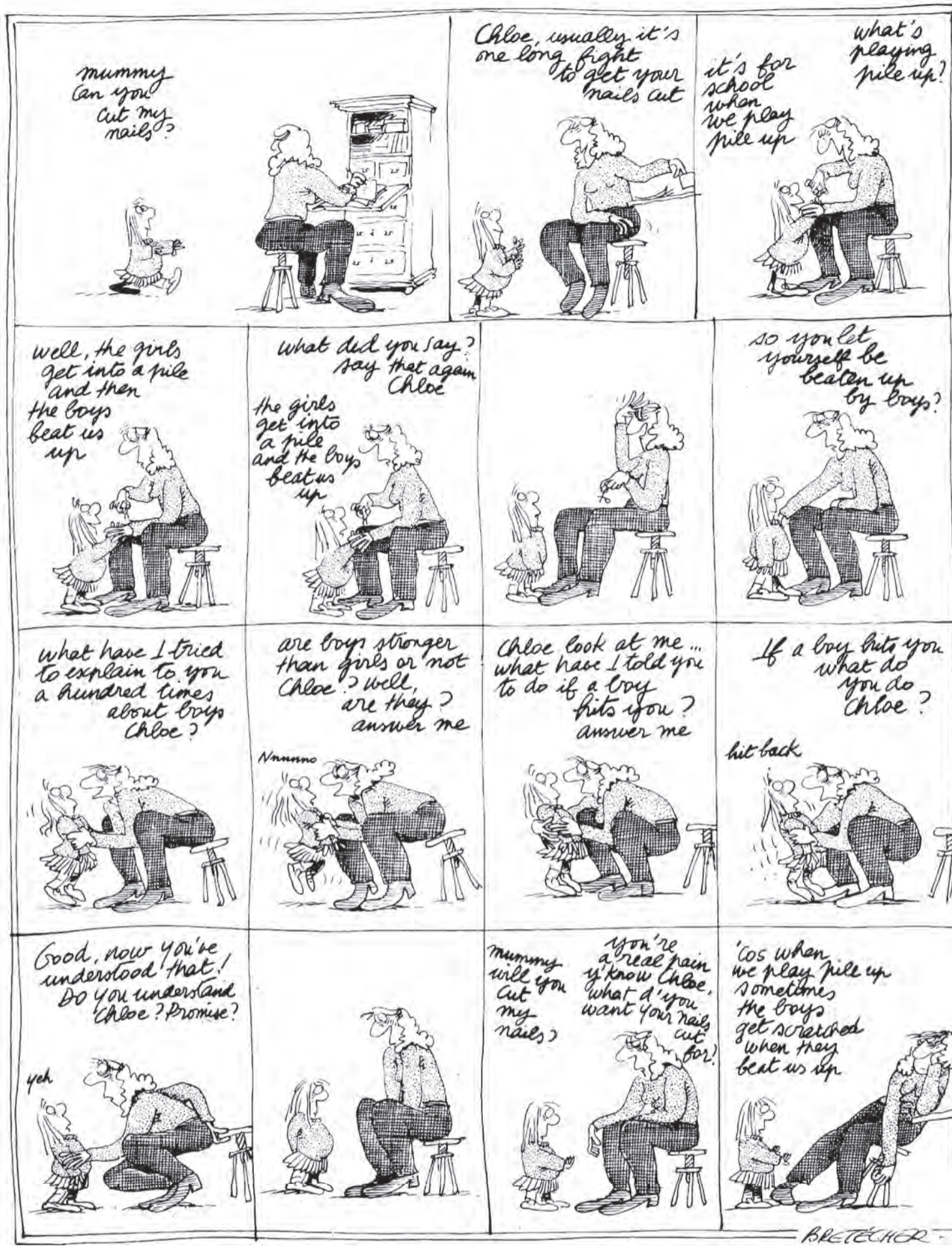
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17: Warea Hall
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Outside Wall

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ONGOING

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Opunake: Playing several days and nights each week. Refer timetable in newspaper.

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4.30 to 6.30pm.

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

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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 23

Friday Night Fever: At King Edward Park, Hawera. With the South Taranaki District Council. 6-9pm.

SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 16

Adam Portraiture Award 2022: Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford.

SEPTEMBER 24

Te Korowai o Ngatiruahine Trust Group AGM: Kanihi Marae, Okaiawa, 9am.

SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 21

'Takirua' exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham. Opening event 4pm Sept 26.

SEPTEMBER 30

'Three Times Lucky in Love' by Kathy Stanley booksigning: At Pastimes, Opunake. 1 to 2pm.

OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 5

Taranaki Heritage month: See article for more info.

OCTOBER 7

Stevenson Annual Young In-Milk Cow Auction: 437 Patiki Rd, Pihama. 11.30am.

OCTOBER 15

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust AGM: Parahuka Marae, Pungarehu. 10am.

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