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The Meet The Candidates meeting in Opunake on Tuesday night.

### **Town Hall meeting thrashes out local issues**

**OPUNAKE & COASTAL** 

Tip O'Neill, the late legendary Speaker of the United States House of Representatives famously said that all politics is local. This was certainly true on Tuesday night as local election candidates pitched for votes at the Opunake Town Hall.

This became immediately apparent when the first candidate to speak, Alan Moffitt who is standing for the South Taranaki District Council's Coastal Taranaki Ward said that this ward had less than 5000 voters, but in area was the size of Hong Kong which has seven and a half million people.

Candidates for mayor, district council, regional council, community board and Taranaki District Health Board were at the meeting organised by the Opunake and District Business Association. While some listed the various community and sporting groups they are involved in, others cited their family links to the Opunake area. Lindsay Maindonald is seeking a council seat representing Eltham/Kaponga but said he has always had a soft spot for Opunake.

<sup>4</sup>For a hundred years the Maindonald name has been here. You're a town of doers." Mayoral candidates were

**STARTS TOMORROW...** 

given six minutes to speak. Other candidates were given five with a warning bell when they had only one minute left to speak. Community Board member Sharlee Mariekura led everyone in a singalong of "You are my Sunshine."Taranaki Regional councillor Michael Joyce said he would use his last minute to answer questions, at which point he was challenged as to why the regional council didn't declare Yellow Bristle Grass a noxious plant.

"I personally would consider that," he said.

Community Board deputy chairman and candidate Andy Whitehead said the community board had been able to bring up issues not previously canvassed including Yellow Bristle Grass and the state of power poles at Rahotu.

Brian Vincent who is also seeking re-election to the Community Board said he liked being "the eyes and ears of the council."

"Every week there's something I get in touch with them about."

Liz Sinclair cited connectivity as a big issue, while Daphne Holley made a plea for encouraging visitors including freedom campers.

While Community Board candidate Bonita Bigham said she came from Manaia, "the other centre of the Universe," Ray Hayward said he came from Pungarehu and wanted to advocate for the area north of Opunake which had not been represented on either the Council or the Community Board.

"The area I live in is the real Coastal Taranaki and produces the largest rateable area in South Taranaki," he said.

Taranaki District Health Board member Te Aroha Hohaia said she was the only candidate from South Taranaki, with the nearest other candidate coming from Stratford.

"Please vote for a South Taranaki perspective. STV Number One would be much appreciated," she said.

Mayoral candidate Craig Baylis said South Taranaki should stop using Venture Taranaki and instead "tell our own story."

He would like to see a sign between New Plymouth and Waitara directing visitors to the attractions of South Taranaki. He would also like to see local contractors given preference when awarding council contracts.

"As Einstein said, insanity comes from doing the same thing over and over again and getting the same result," he said.

Mayoral candidate Clem Coxhead said he wanted to see a fairer system of rating

for rural areas.

"There's a sense that better roads would be more appropriate than an \$8 million Library many will never visit."

He also wanted more spent on rural halls, which since the closures of the local schools had increasingly become the focus of their communities.

Deputy Mayor Phil Nixon spoke about what the Council had been doing around Opunake and if elected mayor he aimed to build on that.

Taranaki regional councillor Neil Walker attacked the government's freshwater proposals and the singling out of the Waingongoro River as one of the 10 worst in the country.

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> Regional Council candidate Alan Murray said that he lived in the Waingongoro catchment. He had previously lived in Northland where he had his own farm consultancy business. He had always pushed the message that nature and science needed to work together and farmers needed to be careful when they applied nitrogen to the soil. It is a message he wants to see the Taranaki Regional Council get on board with.

> "Farmers don't need to be told off. They need to be educated and helped," he said.



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#### The people's councillor

Hello from Lindsay Maindonald to the farmers townfolk of the and Kaponga/Eltham Ward, from Auroa Rd to the Mangamingi Saddle to Omoana /Moeroa.

Well, the Election campaigning is well under way. The calving season for some is nearly finished. Now it's full on milking cows and feeding calves, looking for the first full flush in the milk vat. Your early mornings and nightly cow checks of expectant mothers, I trust have been well rewarded with a successful calving season. I'm starting to see some of you now the pressure is off a bit.

If you elect me to council, I'd like to be the councillor who is welcome to your door and farm, someone you feel you can invite to your farm discussion groups or social events, not just when something is amiss, but someone to share your ideas, concerns or visions with, or just to chew the fat, to recognise you the farmers as the backbone of what Taranaki is known for, a major dairy province of New Zealand. To meet your families and take an interest in your farming operation. I know there's a lot of you, but Rome wasn't built in a day.

I'm from a strong farming background, with the old traditional farming ethics where a handshake and a man's word was his word; I still hold to these values today. I'm a Taranaki man, mountaineer/tramper. There's nothing I like better than to be out in the hills and backblocks, with my pack and boots on. Yes and I like and fit a suit just as well. I'm at home in both. Wherever you find me, I will just be Lindsay. The townsfolk of Kaponga/Eltham, business person, young people, grandparents and parents to the more hippie type alternative lifestyle I was sharing with the other day, you are all important to me, you all are the voters, the real people of our communities, the people I already care for and live amongst.

I hold the same ideals for you, as I believe I've already shown you in my 22 years in Eltham, being a part of your lives in times of joy and in sadness.

So you're going to be a politician? My reply, you can hang a title on me, a title doesn't make a man, his character does. Whether a backpack or suit, I will be the same Lindsay you've always known me as. Not making great promises I find due to legislation I can't keep. Not having my own agenda, but your opinions. To be known as the People's Councillor.

If I have your vote, I say thank you now. I look forward to meeting and working with you, to endeavour to fulfil your dreams, aspirations, concerns, and visions, to hear your opinions, whether it be on the farm or in the town. Remember tick V for Lindsay and let's work together. Lindsay Maindonald Eltham

#### **Main street** Opunake

Travelling frequently to the various small communities in the Taranaki area, I've noticed the effort many of these small towns have put into making their main streets more attractive. Not only for the people passing through for the first time, but also for the residents that live there.

Unfortunately, Opunake doesn't share that same vision. Please take note the next time you walk or drive through Opunake. No hanging flower baskets lining the main street, shabby and worn paint on the majority of the store fronts, empty shops with some looking quite unsightly and uninviting, some even being used as storage and closed for business. Not a good look for a store front location on Opunake's main street. Quite drab and depressing.

Complacency is а dangerous attitude for building thriving а community. Most people just don't notice, seeing it every day. Newcomers tend to see the worn, shabby uninviting featureless shops. Even the old court building has been sitting in disrepair for years, belonging to a trust in which no one seems to care or have pride in.

Let's make Opunake's main street an attractive destination, a place to shop, enjoy a meal, take a walk and catch up with friends. Everyone that has a business on the main street, has an obligation to the community. Otherwise don't

A most unusual woman - x rated (sex and violence)

be on the main street. To all the shop owners, take pride in your building and your community. It's great for business and a better place to live. Opunake's residents will thank you for your efforts.

> Kelly Knadle Hawera/Opunake

#### Well done Rahotu

It was encouraging to see how the coastal community supported and funded the Rahotu Church roof renovation. The theft of some of the roofing iron only fired up your coastal spirit. Such generosity speaks well to the fact that local people recognise that churches are more than places of worship but iconic reminders of their cultural, rural and spiritual identity. They are places of prayer, hope, community meetings/ support groups, children's plays, weddings, funerals and Christmas displays and sing-alongs. They are also a testimony to God's blessing of material abundance provided by the tears of joy from Mt. Taranaki. Many scores of small town New Zealand rural churches have closed over the past decades. Usually it was over something like a leaking roof or not enough money to support a part-time minister. Ironically, it's often a lack of vision from national church advice to set possum traps for smaller rural church closures.

A thank you to Elva Symons for her tenacity in taking the Rahotu church services and Sunday school. Surely a small church roof didn't warrant a church closure and the muzzling of God's Word and blessing upon the

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#### ADELPHOS

There's often someone in our family who isn't held in high esteem. They may be a black sheep or an unmentionable family skeleton in the closet. You and I might be considered one of them? One such woman in the Old Testament was Rahab. She was in the oldest profession in the world as a non-Jewish prostitute.

Rahab lived in the Amorite civilization in the area of Jericho. The Amorites and Canaanites worshipped the gods Baal, Asteroth, Molech, Chemosh and Milcom. Many of their gods championed temple prostitution, bestiality and The worship of incest. Molech required "religious" parents to sacrifice their brand new firstborn babies. The infants were placed in the fiery red hot metal hands of their bull-like god. Plutarch, the second century Greek biographer, tells us that loud drumming and flutes were played so parents couldn't hear their screaming babies sizzling to death. Their infant sacrifice to Molech was in exchange for good crops and future material prosperity.

Jehovah God had specifically forbidden child sacrifice to Molech 18:21) (Leviticus and forbade His people from participating in Canaanite idol worship practices. As a result, God severely punished the Canaanites only after 400 years of patiently warning them to stop slaughtering tens of thousands of innocent infants, along with other unmentionable sexually perverted practices. This was Rahab's world—a world that hated both the Israelites and God's Word.

But something happened to change Rahab's heart. She had heard of God's faithfulness in delivering the

Israelites through the Red Sea. And she decided to help protect Hebrew spies sent by Joshua and hid them in the crumbling walls of Jericho and helped them escape. In return the spies spared her and her family from death when the city walls of Jericho were surrounded and finally collapsed. The Israelites marched around the enemy walls for six days blowing their horns once a day and on the seventh day they blew their ram's horn seven times. The walls collapsed and came tumbling down. Archaeologists have found evidence that the foundations of Jericho were poorly engineered and the walls would have been on the verge of collapse and were hastened by the earthquake.

Rahab changed her heart by having faith in God and refused to let an inhumane immoral Amorite and upbringing continue to define her. Her courageous decision to assist the God of the Israelites helped prevent the deluded killing of innocent babies. Rahab is certainly an exemplar in today's unstable post-Christian western world of ever changing postmodern values. Her faith and courage merited her inclusion as one of only five women listed in Jesus' male dominated genealogy or whakapapa (Matthew 1:5). She is also listed in the Hebrews chapter 11 Hall of Fame for Faith. Rahab found a new purpose for her life and helped pave the road of faith for future believers in Jesus, the coming Messiah. Today God's loving grace still reaches out to everyone who has faith in Jesus.

#### Adelphos

PS. You might want to listen to Radio Rhema 93.6 FM broadcasting from Kina Road, Opunake. And worship this Sunday and support your ministers and priests at churches in this readership.

### **Questions for the the STDC mayoralty candidates**

The following questions were put to the three South Taranaki mayoral candidates and their responses noted. Q1. Do you have any ideas



#### **Clem Coxhead**

Q1. We have spent a large amount of money on some consultants for advice.

Last Tuesday a local resident came to see me as a town beautification expert. She showed me her work and it is just what we need.

So much can be done with colour and trees and gardens that have fruit trees and vegetables.

We need to make our towns appear smaller so that people stop at a central point. Toilets built well will help a great deal as will local caretakers.

Q2. Throughout Europe they are turning small towns into high tech hubs. Industrial parks are a thing of the past and locals can now work from home anywhere in the world. I would like to see some new warehouse type buildings in these small towns suitable for big city people to move here with their online business.

Q3. We have a classic story to tell and it involves us being as we are. I have lived in cities and the greatest desire most city people have is to be able to spend time in small country towns seeing the sights and tasting real food. If by chance they can meet a local or two with a story to tell then that is a bonus.

Q4. I see the real benefit of freedom camping when young people travelling find a nice friendly town. They will return in a few years with children and a bit more money to stay in hotels and for rejuvenating rural towns? Q2. Employment is an issue in rural areas. Have you any ideas for stimulating *employment?* 

motels. I believe we need to welcome all freedom campers and provide pay as you go services. I would like to know that friendly towns exist through out the world who would look out for my children and grandchildren as they travelled.

Q5. Our major tourist attraction is our Mountain and the sea. We just need to promote our natural sites such as mountain walks and surfing etc. The new cycleway will bring hundreds of people to the area so we now need to promote other things for them to do while they are here.

Q6. We have the perfect place for a gondola going over the lake and down to the beach. The Mountain will be out of bounds for that sort of thing.

A Gondola ride from the old wharf across to the head land by the rest home would provide some of the greatest views of the beach and mountain anyone could wish for.

Q7. We are currently renaming streets with a Maori name that relates to an area. Many times we will probably put a Maori name on the same street pole. I think in this case we should have a Maori name on top and leave the Chute name as a reminder of a past to many people would like to forget.

Q8. No. It is a lame excuse for continuing to feed our children sugar and unhealthy food. The future lies in councils partially treating water that is suitable for animals and industrial use and installing a safe water treatment system in every house to turn that water into drinking quality.

O3. Tourism is now New Zealand's largest export earner. Any ideas as to how we could capitalise on this in Taranaki?



#### **Craig Baylis**

Q1. I think by playing to our strengths of having affordable housing (compared to many other places in our nation), easy commutes with less traffic and better work life balance we are in a perfect position to market these advantages to the people exiting our metropolitan centres so they come here with their skills and fill our schools.

O2. Council needs to collaborate with landlords, developers and Iwi to focus on selling the advantages of South Taranaki's well trained population, central location and affordable set up cost's to business, industry and retailers.

Q3. It is my belief that South Taranaki needs to exit from Venture Taranaki and put those funds towards marketing our own region as nobody can tell our story better than us. Too many of our attractions and even our location including its country towns and west coast beaches are kept a secret. We are South Taranaki, let's control our own destiny.

Q4. I think a well regulated freedom camping programme with well-defined locations is an excellent way to introduce a new style of adventurer to our region.

Q5. I think we need to start with the basics, such as a sign between Waitara and New Plymouth informing people to turn left to explore

Q4. What are your ideas on freedom camping? Q5. Have you any vision

for a major tourist attraction that would encourage visitors

the great country towns and fantastic west coast beaches of our region. Let's get the basics right first and promote what we currently have before dreaming too big.

Q6. As per above

Q7. I am in favour of the council having a more robust process when naming new streets and subdivisions in our province, but I am reluctant for us to start cleansing our history because it doesn't suit our modern sensitivity.

Q8. Yes.



#### Phil Nixon

O1. Council has recently consulted with our rural towns to hear what they would like to see for change in their towns. These plans will be discussed at council and continue to be discussed with the various communities for the best outcome for each community. I believe along with encouraging private enterprise to enhance their properties council can initially work on similar enhancements and through to leading and creating subdivisions, intergenerationally funded by council.

Q2. Council is currently discussing a Business Park in our district. The whole district was considered as to where the best positioning of this could be. It has been identified close to Hawera is the best place and I am very keen to see this initiative get underway. As industry and employment grows centrally in the district, (which could



from the main tourist paths of Auckland, Rotorua, Queenstown to Taranaki?

Q6. Your views on a gondola on Mount Taranaki?

be with business that does not even exist yet) I can see industry throughout the district establishing, supporting this. To support and enhance business further like to see an innovation centre established.

Supporting and creating Tertiary Education opportunities in our district will see us further upskilling young people will see their development and that of our district. We are short of skilled people so we should be focused on upskilling our current and future workforce, for the continued development of our great district.

Q3. We already do well with our tourism and being judged one of the best two places in the world to visit by Lonely Plant two years ago really highlighted this. We capability showcasing our wonderful

district and its attractions. Council working with private enterprise to continually promote and enhance tourism will help us to see more tourists. More people, more often, staying longer.

Q4. Freedom campers are a great investment in our tourism future. South Taranaki District Council runs a very successful Ambassador programme to assist and inform Freedom campers and how we wish them to enjoy our district in a sustainable way. If we embrace these campers now, they will talk to friends and family around the world and we will see them here. If we also treat them well they could decide to come back in future years to enjoy a great district they enjoyed all those years ago.

Q5. Building on the good things we already have will be a great attraction rather

Q.7.should Chute Street in Normanby have a name change?

Q8. Fluoridation of water, yes or no?

than creating one particular attraction. It has been proven what we have is great as mentioned above

with Lonely Planet. This does not mean we should not in our district I would also look at any great ideas that arise. Rather than focusing on a major attraction, we work collectively on the great combined attraction that we are.

> Q6. This was looked at many years ago and did not proceed. Where these attractions have been built they have been very successful. This an option that could grow tourism in our district but would have to be fully discussed with the whole community, starting with iwi. I believe done in a respectful, non-intrusive way it could open up a beautiful world on a small part of our mountain, to a lot of people who would never be able to witness it.

Q7. With street name changneed to keep up our tourism ing I would like to looking to the future and council is working on a policy for street naming. History is history and we today had no part in creating it, but we also need to understand and respect what happened in the past. Any changes of street names need to be discussed by the community respecting all views - those of iwi, people that live in those streets and the wider community. I am certainly up for the discussion.

> Q8. I am not an expert on the science of fluoridation of water. Fluoride is a common natural element that is in air, plants and water and fluoridation of water is just boosting what is naturally there. The medical profession, especially those involved in oral health, are saying water supplies should be boosted with fluoride. Oral health experts say they are seeing a decline in oral health in areas where fluoride is not boosted in water supplies. I am happy to be guided by robust science.

Nixon for nine years in Council positions. Phil always does his homework, is very levelheaded and considered in his decision making. He's a good team person, a strong advocate for South Taranaki and one I would definitely recommend as Mayor. Phil will have my vote."

"I have worked with Phil

- Ian Armstrong, Ōpunakē

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From left Maddy Henare, Ruby Gatenby, Richmin Hughson-How and Aria Brophy.

### Everybody's a winner

Everybodys Theatre from Opunake has beaten out heavy hitters like Fonterra and Silver Fern Farms to take the Employers Award at this year's South Taranaki Youth to Work Awards. Everybodys had been

nominated by Opunake High

community? Sure, rural NZ

churches are experiencing an

attendance drought. But if Je-

sus, the good shepherd, was a

dairy farmer would He stop

feeding out to His animals

during a dry spell because it

Please pray that God will

give Rahotu and the parish

a future vision to encour-

age the provision of future

finances for more than one

monthly service or the faith

and finance for securing a keen part-time young profes-

was too expensive?

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Letters to Editor

School and the award was presented by South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop. The Judges acknowledged

the example of Everybody Theatre Trust managed by volunteers, additionally the judges commended the Trust for offering training and

sionally trained minister and

family to assist Elva with

these services. Opunake was

my first parish. Don't forget

the all important home visita-

tions to know the needs of the

community. As the former

minister in the 1990s I made

it my core gumboot business

to visit and pray with every

parishioner's family in all

three churches at least once in

each of my three years. There

were and now still "are" many

families with children in the

present parish boundaries.

Perhaps you the community

have ideas outside the square

encouraging young people to think about civic duty and responsibility.

The Theatre runs a training programme for Opunake High School students with an interest in the film and theatre industry. The award noted there is currently one

to share among yourselves,

because, "Without a vision

the people perish" (Proverbs

29:18). For example, an ac-

tive Sunday school and chil-

dren's Easter celebrations is

the future of any church, as

well as a mother's support

and play group or a monthly

men's support breakfast-

especially at times when

they're not milking/calving

or during hard times. Small

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student learning all facets of the industry one day a week, while another has completed the training programme and is now employed as a fulltime projectionist. Four additional students volunteer their time to develop their skills in the theatre.

families. Some food for your thought machine.

As a retired and former minister in the Opunake Cooperating Parish in the 1990s it was my privilege to take services and visit parishioners at the three lively churches of Opunake, Awatuna and Rahotu. All glory to God and credit to those faithful stalwart workers for that. God's blessings and well done again for your generosity and thoughtful consideration!.

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### **Farmers out in force for water meeting**

Freshwater announced by the will government have implications beyond the farming community says Taranaki Federated Farmers president Mark Hooper.

"It's going to impact the whole of our community and region, urban and rural alike," he said after a farmers meeting held in Opunake last week.

"It's going to impact on places like Opunake which are our key service towns. In that sense it's really important that the region as a whole fully understands the implications for all of us.'

Representatives of Federated Farmers, the Taranaki Regional Council and DairyNZ spoke to a packed meeting at the Sandfords Event Centre.

Mark told the meeting that the three key elements of the Essential Freshwater proposals are an amended National Policy Standard, a new National Environmental Standard and new regulations on stock exclusion from waterways.

A number of speakers said the new targets had been set irrespective of the costs to farmers or the community, that they are a "one size fits all" measure which didn't take local factors into account.

Mark said a Ministry of Environment representative who had been at a public meeting in New Plymouth did not seem to understand the benefits of riparian

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Farmers at meeting.

planting as opposed to the five metre buffer from waterways.

"The five metre switch back is a very simplistic plan while riparian planting is a tailored bespoke type plan for the individual farmer."

Oaonui farmer Bryan Roach said the new measures would hit farmers.

"I'm very annoyed. It's a kick in the gut for farmers. Absolutely it's a cost for farmers. It's a cost for councils. It's a cost for roading. It's going to cost everyone. All I see is cost, cost, cost.

Earlier that day about 55 people had turned up to a similar meeting at Normanby where the state of the Waingongoro catchment had been a hot issue.

"The Waingongoro was focused on as it was the only Taranaki catchment mentioned in the Essential Freshwater Document but the same principles ultimately apply to most of our catchments and rivers as they will not meet the base nutrient level target," said Mark. "The Waingongoro might be first off the rack but the others will follow in succession."

Taranaki Regional councillor Neil Walker said he questioned why the Waingongoro was identified as one of the country's 10 worse rivers from a health point of view.

"Everything they have done is based on nitrate levels. They're not interested in what's going on in the river at all. Seventy per cent of the water in Taranaki is in the sea in 24 hours, so it gets flushed out quickly. They are saying if it's high nitrate then it's a bad river. There are 162 farmers in the catchment of the Waingongoro River. If you go this way, you will push them out of business." South Taranaki mayor

Ross Dunlop, who was at the Opunake meeting said he farmed in this catchment and was frustrated that the new rules didn't take into account the work farmers had already done with riparian planting.

"It's disappointing that the work the Regional Council has been doing all these years of which we have been so proud has been ignored." Like other speakers he said organisations can make submissions but there was nothing like individual farmers telling their own stories through their own submissions.

Mark Hooper said they

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had only just heard that the deadline for submissions had been extended until October 31.

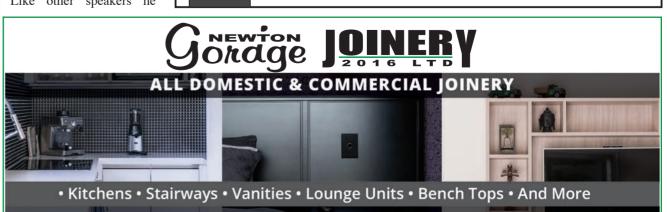
"It's a slight improvement, but there's still a new National Policy Statement

for Biodiversity out soon, so the government has got a tight agenda getting all this stuff through by election year, so there's probably not going to be too many more extensions."



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Ross Corrigan outside the family home Parkhill.

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On September 11 1899 James Corrigan bought 116 acres at the Oaks west of Hawera. Four generations and 120 years later the Corrigans are still farming there. Ross Corrigan who is the third generation, still lives at Parkhill, the two-storied house which his parents built in 1936.

James Randall(J.R) Corrigan arrived in Hawera from Canterbury in 1893 after drought had put paid to his first farming venture. He reputedly borrowed ten pounds from a mate and decided to try his luck in South Taranaki, says Ross.

Three years after buying land at the Oaks, J.R moved his young family which included two daughters and son Alec (A.J) who would go on to be Ross' father on to the farm.

From around 1900, J.R was breeding and exhibiting stud Lincoln, English Leicester, Border Leicester and Shropshire sheep. In 1912 he imported pedigree Jersey cattle and the Corrigan family's

interest in the Jersey breed continues to this day with 300 Jerseys being milked on the Oaks property.

Farming in Taranaki proved to be more successful for J.R than his earlier Canterbury experience had been. He was chairman of the Hawera Dairy Co-operative from 1917-34, and when the Tawhiti Dairy Factory burned down in the middle of the 1917 season, he unilaterally decided to get another factory going. Although long since closed, this later factory will be familiar to many as home to Nigel Ogle's Tawhiti Museum.

In 1912 J.R and his Scottishborn wife made a sentimental visit to Britain. Ross said that on this visit his grandfather also took note of "how the merchants of Tooley Street operated."

J.R was always a big supporter of co-operatives and farmers having control over their own affairs. He was one of the leading lights in setting up the Farmers Co-Operative Organisation Society. In 1922 at a meeting in Wanganui of

the North Island dairy companies he called for a single seller to market New Zealand dairy produce overseas.

"Bill Massey was the prime minister at the time," says Ross. "In 1921 Massey had given the OK to form a Meat Board, but Massey was reluctant for the dairy industry to form a single seller. That's why J.R chose to stand for parliament in November 1922."

J.R was elected as an opposition MP, only to be turfed out three years later in the Coates landslide. He had not had a happy time of it, said Ross.

"Politics was pretty robust in those days. In Parliament he felt very much out of place. He felt like Saul amongst the Phillistines."

Nevertheless J.R was in parliament long enough to help guide through legislation setting up the Dairy Export Board. He died in 1935. The family's political connections did not end with J.R. His daughter Dorothy married Harry Atmore who was



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# farming and sporting family

MP for Nelson and Minister of Education in Sir Joseph Ward's last government. Ross still has a walking stick which Rotorua Maori had presented to him in 1929. Atmore later fell out with his party and continued to represent Nelson as an Independent MP. After Atmore's death. Dorothy returned to Hawera. She was awarded the MBE for her community work.

J.R's many interests included harness racing, an interest in which his son and grandson were to take up and make big contributions.

His son Alec(A.J) had come back from World War I, having been wounded in the jaw at Messines in 1917.

In the 1930s A.J built the two-storey house Parkhill which became the family home.

"My mother was interested in having a garden so it was decided to have a garden laid out," says Ross. "Initially until the shelter belts were got up, growth was pretty slow, but they took off after that and I've been busy with the chainsaw for the last 60 years."

As well as South Taranaki, A.J also had farming interests near Inglewood and in the Bay of Plenty. In the 1920s his 1200-strong flock was the largest flock of commercial Southdown ewes in the country.

Like his father, A.J had interest in trotting and was elected to the New Zealand Trotting Conference in 1949. In 1956 he visited the United States and came back with ideas that he thought could be used closer to home.

"He said to the other members of the executive that there were two things he saw in the States which he thought would have a future in New Zealand, night trotting under lights and a mobile starting barrier to start races.," says Ross. "The other members of the executive were good businessmen but they had never trained or driven horses for a living."

Undeterred by this lukewarm response A.J got to work himself and with a bit of kiwi number eight wire ingenuity he borrowed a land rover and put together a primitive barrier with the help of Mortlock's Garage in Hawera. As a result the Hawera Easter Trots in 1957 saw the first use of a mobile start in the Southern Hemisphere. Visitors from Christchurch were on hand to see this and asked A.J if he could put something together for New Brighton. The job was given to his son Ross.

"I built it at the little workshop half a mile up the road.," says Ross."All I had to go by were a couple of slides of the starting gate at Yonkers



The founding father James (JR) Corrigan.

Raceway. I had to work through it and took it to Christchurch on November 23 1957 and did the start there. It was the first mobile start in the South Island. We did 84 race starts in three years and none of them was

a failure. My father said we were busy with our own business so we had to give

A.J died in 1982. In 2012 Ross was awarded the MNZM(New Zealand Order



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### **Coal use increasing under Labour-Green policies**

I'm very pleased with the ongoing positive turnouts at my Constituent clinics in Opunake this year, and last week we had a big crowd to hear from special guest, List MP Brett Hudson.

Brett is National's Police spokesperson and was interested in local feedback on crime and firearms legislation. He told the meeting the Government

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focused unduly has responsibility and regulation on law-abiding gun owners and hasn't done enough to address access to guns by gangs and those involved in criminal activity. Brett has released 13 changes National wants to see in the second tranche of gun reforms before considering our support. Go to https:// www.national.org.nz/press to find out more.

I also took the opportunity to update people on matters relating to my portfolio of Energy and Resources. New Zealand is in an alarming situation where electricity generation using natural gas is declining, while generation using coal is increasing.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) released their quarterly energy report, which shows a 19% reduction in electricity produced by natural gas, but a whopping 62% increase in electricity produced by coal over the last year.

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Brett Hudson MP addressing the Opunake meeting.

that is transitioning out of gas and into coal.

MBIE advised the Minister of Energy on 10 April 2018 that gas reserves were at the lowest reserve to production level since 2003 and no new discoveries had been made since 2005.

Two days later, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced a ban on future exploration permits.

New Zealand is now paying the price for this reckless,

ideological decision as our dependence on coal has actually increased.

The Government refused to consult with the sector on the oil and gas ban, rejected advice from officials, and didn't request any analysis from the Ministry for the Environment or the Treasury.

National believes it is important to have a plan to reduce emissions. However, it makes sense to use natural gas as part of the energy mix as we transition to a lower emissions economy. We believe in science-based, practical solutions rather than costly and ineffective virtue-signalling.

Jonathan Young New Plymouth MP National Party Spokesperson for: Energy and Resources National Party Spokesperson for: Regional Economic Development (NI)

# Police spokeperson comes to Opunake

Gun control and police response times were among the hot issues when the National Party's police spokesman spoke to a meeting in Opunake last week.

"We were all shocked and devastated by the events in March," Brett Hudson said, referring to the mosque shootings in Chriastchurch which took 50 lives. Nevertheless the National Party was "determined it's not going to be railroaded into supporting the latest round of gun control measures proposed by the

government.

"All it does is add more cost and responsibility on to law abiding people. It does nothing about genuine criminals. That's 180 degrees wrong. We're not going to fall in line and make life tougher for people who are already finding it tough."

Having a gun register wouldn't keep guns away from criminals, he said. In Australia 95% of guns used in criminal activity were not on the register and 85% of people committing offences did not have a licence.

A New Plymouth businessman who described himself as a lifelong National Party supporter and a firearms owner for over 40 years said the "horse has bolted" because National had supported the government's initial gun control legislation.

"National didn't stand up for the quarter of a million firearms owners in this country. We're in this mess because a vote of confidence was given to these clowns by inaction.

"The only politician in Wellington who had the balls to support us was Seymour. That's why tens of thousands in New Zealand will party vote ACT."

Mr Hudson said the government always had the numbers in the house to do what it wanted to do any way.

As well as gun control the issue of police response times also came up for discussion. Liz Sinclair said she had become aware of the issue after she had been

the victim of a burglary and she knew of others who had also experienced difficulty in getting police to turn up. At one time police stations

like Opunake had been manned by volunteers but the plug had been pulled on this scheme.

"At what point do we become vigilantes?" she said.

Mr Hudson said the decision to pull the volunteers out had been an operational matter, and as such was outside political control. He had discussed the matter with police commissioner and he said there appeared to be some interest in getting something like this going again.

"It's not kicked for touch," he said.

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### Police spokesperson comes to Opunake

continued from page 8 Mr Hudson said the National Government had set a target of 94% of burglaries being attended, and before the election this had reached 91% but since then these targets had not been pursued. They had also set a target of 95% of New Zealanders living within 25km of a 24/7 police station, and before the election had started with the Balclutha Police Station being set up on this basis. This policy had also been



Brett Hudson MP speaks to listeners at Coastal Care.put on ice since the election.of getting rid of targets.""This government has a habitSince the meeting the

National Party has released a list of 13 things it wanted to see before it would support new gun control legislation.

These include firearms prohibition orders and greater flexibility for sports shooting and pest control, as well as clarity and flexibility for gun clubs and sporting ranges.



# **RSA says thanks**

For the Opunake RSA thanking local groups for their support is something they like to do every year.

Although there was a gap in 2018, things were back on track this year as representatives of schools, churches and community groups were at the Opunake Fire Station on Sunday to receive certificates and enjoy afternoon tea.

"We thought doing it this year made sense given the 100 years of the finality of the war," RSA secretary Geoff Williams said, referring to the centenary of the Treaty of Versailles, the official end of World War I. He said having students from local schools reading the names of the fallen at the ANZAC ceremony had been a special moment.

"That was one of the greatest things. I was proud to think of the schools doing that," he said. He also noted Opunake High School's contribution of looking after the raising and lowering of the flags in the last 12 years.



Receiving certificates from the Opunake RSA were: Back row, from left; Ian Sargeant (St Barnabas), Bernadette Bourke (Our Lady Star of the Sea), Monique Bastin, Deborah Bastin, Bob Clark (Opunake and District Business Association, Opunake Cottage Rest Home), Bryan Kirk (Opunake and Coastal News).

Front row, from left; Bernadette Gopperth (Pihama WI), Diane Forsyth (Lakeside Lions), Sylvia Klenner (St Paul's), Heather Turner (The Wave), Brian Vincent (Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade, Coastal Community Transport).

Certificates were awarded to Opunake High School, Opunake Primary School, St Joseph's School and Rahotu School.

As well as the ceremony in Opunake, the RSA also has ANZAC Day commemorations at Pihama

and Te Kiri. The Te Kiri Hall Committee and Pihama WI were thanked for their

help with these services. The four Opunake churches, St Barnabas, The Wave, St Pauls and Our Lady Star of the Sea were thanked, as were the Opunake Volunteer



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The Opunake and Coastal News received a certificate, as did the Opunake and District Business Association who look after the ANZAC Day poppies.

As well as the groups there were two certificates for individuals. For the past two years Deborah and Monique Bastin have provided Christmas baking for the RSA.





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### New owners at Okato Takeaways

Early last month Craig and Jillian Moffit bought Okato Takeaways, 63 Carthew Street. They also have shifted from New Plymouth to live in Okato. The friendly couple are enjoying running the popular award-winning Takeaway, helped by their staff of seven.

For Craig it is a case of "coming home" as he spent his formative years in the Okato district. He grew up on a farm in Puniho Road and spent his first 30 years here. Jillian was born and bred in New Plymouth.

Why did they choose to take over this Okato business? "It was something different and I have good



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memories of coming here

up with the local gossip,"

Craig says with a smile. "I'm my own boss," he years ago. It was a treat for adds - "Apart from taking us as youngsters and was a orders from Jill," he laughs. good meeting place to catch

Craig's previous work has been as a caregiver, at locations such as Jean Sandel Retirement Village. Jillian has extensive vocational experience in retail, including men's clothing. She has also spent time working at the Shell Service Station in Seaview Road. She points out that you get to deal with a wide range of situations in such a work place. "You learn to listen and engage, rather than the other way round."

Craig and Jillian acknowledge the expertise of the previous owners Graeme and Karen Chard, who won a number of awards including one for the best chips in New Zealand. "I don't think I'll

be looking for awards in the first year," comments Craig.

Craig and Jillian are sticking with the same seven days hours (11.30am until 8pm) established under the previous owners. However, despite this heavy weekly schedule, the couple expect to find some time for their interests. Craig plays cricket for the Oakura club, with bowling his forte. "I've slowed down a bit," he admits.

Jillian explains that meditation is an important part of her life, with the



beverages on offer. The

attractively-appointed

premises have several

cabinets with soft drinks,

such as Cocoa Cola and

Bundaberg, as well as Pump

Water. They have a large

range of cone ice-cream

options, as well as favourites

such as Tip Top Trumpets.

Also on offer are milkshakes

with flavours ranging from

lime, coffee to cookies &

cream. Fish is brought in

fresh from Egmont Fisheries

each day. There is so much on

offer - toasted sandwiches,

curry rolls, samosas, donuts,

The attractive exterior of Okato Takeaways at 63 Carthew Street.

occasional wine with friends. The couple also enjoy spending time with their grandchildren in Rahotu.

Okato Takeaways has a huge range of food and

pineapple fritters, burgers, as well as sizes suitably reduced for children (eg Brat Packs and Kidz burgers). The Barron Builders burger sounds intriguing.

friendly service and a wide range of quality food. The last word goes to Jillian, "I find Okato a friendly community and the people are very supportive.'



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### Stylz serving the community with style

Earlier this month Michelle Fleming set up a new hairdressing enterprise Stylz, which caters for both women and men. Stylz is situated at 164 Bridge Street in Eltham. "The whole town has been supportive. Bookings are coming in thick and fast," says Michelle.

Michelle has a wealth of experience extending back to 1987 when she served her hairdressing apprenticeship. She has worked for other salons including Cut Above in Opunake and also owned Paula's Hair Studio (which was renamed as Stylz Hair Studio), where she operated for number of years. She has also worked in Australia for several years. Stylz has a staff of four including Kathleen (full time), Natalie (part time) and Emma who is an apprentice. "We're all highly qualified," points out Michelle.

Michelle is proud of the fact that Stylz is very much part of the community.

Michelle is definite about using only products of the highest quality and considers the Wella 'The Heart of



Michelle Fleming in the men's area of Stylz.

Hairdressing' range ideal to suit her high standards. She stocks such products as shampoos, conditioners, colouring agents, styling and hair strengthening serum, to mention just a few.

Unlike many premises Stylz has a separate area for men and Michelle is happy for these clients to be attended to without an appointment. "Men don't tend to make appointments," she says with a smile. Wella has a range of men's quality products, with the Sebastian products to the fore, such as styling product, shampoo and shaving cream.

Stylz also has Genoapay whereby clients can pay for

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their consultation over ten weeks, which is great for those with a modest income. Michelle and staff are happy to carry out all the grooming requirements for weddings, anniversaries and the like. She can even do home visits for elderly or disabled clients who are unable to visit Stylz.

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Michelle is keen to keep an eye on the future, so is intending to train apprentices at regular intervals to ensure the community's hairdressing needs are always met, as well as sharing her expertise and experience with upcoming hairdressers.

Stylz is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 4pm, with extended hours on Thursday from 9am until about 8pm. (Saturday-by appointment). "We can be flexible with hours," comments Michelle. Don't miss their opening specials which are on offer until September 30.

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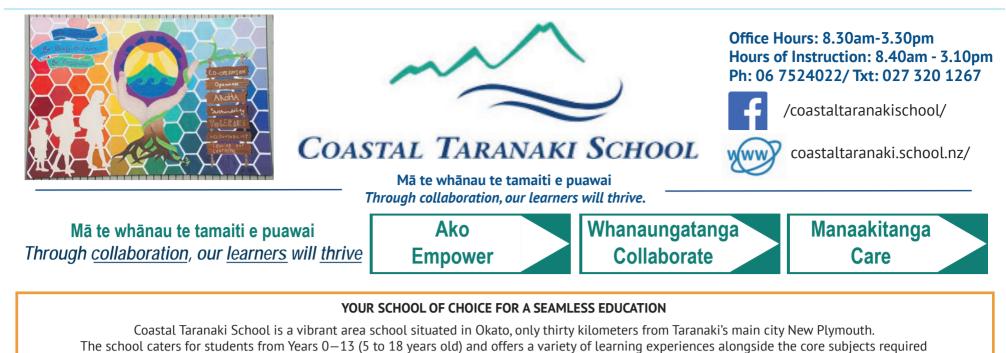
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#### **COASTAL TARANAKI SCHOOL - VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS 2019**

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2019 has been another successful year in our Vocational Pathways Department where we aim to provide a wide range of learning opportunities and make better use of the education network to clarify student pathways while they are still at school and on exiting into the world of work and further training.

- The following initiatives have been developed to improve this transition: • Students participate in the Trades Academy and Level 3, 3+2 at WITT
- Students participate in the mades Academy and Lever 5, 512 a
  Students participate in work placements as part of Gateway
- Volunteering is encouraged in local projects and organisations
- Partnerships between work place providers and skills training providers have been strengthened
- A Mentoring programme is available for students
- Students complete certificates in Work place Health and Safety and First Aid
- We assist students with Learners Driver's Licence training
- Leadership is promoted through experiences outside school.

We expose students and parents to the language and experiences of Vocational Pathways. With this we hope students create their own opportunities for networking and are exposed to local training providers and knowledge of job market trends.

Coastal Taranaki students are encouraged to think about their dreams and where they wish their future to take them. Gateway work placements provide experiences that require commitment to attending every Thursday for the first three terms and to learning essential work ready skills. We also encourage them to approach these businesses themselves where they can own these relationships.

Our recent offsite partners and tutors are:

• Ivy Lane Florist – Steph Murray • JFM Contracting Okato – Jared McBride • Okato Four Square – Wendy and Craig Fleming • Craigs Tyre and Service Centre – Craig Judd • Pukeiti Garden – Andrew Brooker • Streamline Swimming Academy • Jumpstart ECE • TOPEC • Brian Hill Builders • CTS Community Library – Delwyn Pearce • CTS Junior School – Sarah Oke • Access Radio • Tainui Rest Home • The Warehouse - Red Shirts • The New Plymouth Club – Brittains Life Long Choices

The goal of the Coastal Taranaki School Vocational Pathways Department is for our students to be exposed to experiences outside the classroom where they gain knowledge about the education resources in their community and become confident to manage their own career pathway. We encourage them to step outside of their comfort zone and engage in things that scare, excite and enable them. We want our students to be employable young adults with academic and practical knowledge and real world experience!

If you, your business, or someone you know has a desire to help our students to succeed in your work place and are willing to mentor them for one or up to three terms next year(1 day a week), please make contact with us so we can connect our students with people who can help them achieve their dreams and be successful and valued members of our community.



Left: Taranaki Careers ExpoCentre: Senior students visit to Massey University and UCOL open dayRight: Students at the New Plymouth Club learning about cafe and barista work

#### TATARAKIHI FESTIVAL



Our Junior students took the stage for the recent Tatarakihi Festival, the Taranaki Primary Schools Cultural Festival. We were extremely proud of our students and they were stunning! We are extremely fortunate to have our kapa haka group supported and taught by Matua Clive Tonga-Awhikau.

#### **NEW HORIZONS**

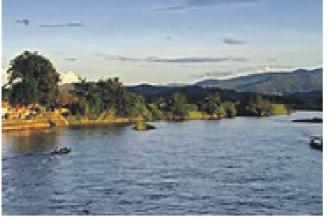
Our middle school students were selected to participate in the New Horizons mentoring program. Students constructed a 'Buddy Bench' with the guidance and support of mentors. This was then presented to Rahotu School as a gift to be used in their school playground. These students were also asked to participate in a Kiwi release on the mountain which is a rare and special opportunity. A second group of young people are working on a second 'Buddy Bench' with volunteer mentors from Jean Sandel Retirement Village, students are very close to completing this programmes traps for Taranaki Mounga and Red Cross's Buddy Bench - this term being donated to Opunake Primary School.

### Mac Sole: Episode 13 Continuing adventures in Thailand

Mac continues his journey through Thailand.

Getting to our next destination, the accommodation had paper thin walls, gaps in the floorboards and no electricity. The meals were cooked on a barbecue and, worst of all, there was no gin.

One evening the hill tribe put on a show, dancing on stage and other items. One item was a local spinning a very large top like the little ones, but a bigger version of the ones little kids play with in New Zealand. I repeat, the top was huge. The audience was asked if someone would go on stage to spin the top, to which the crowd I was with yelled at me, "Get up there Kiwi." So, bugger it, I went on stage like a professional. It also surprised the crowd and I did get a lot of laughs and applause to which I bowed and gave them all the finger salute then turned to the German group and gave them the same, as I was to



The Kok River in Thailand.

have another incident, with the Germans later.

After the show I had a few drinks with my party. They had got hold of a few beers and I had been wise enough to have packed the odd bottle of gin.

It was a lot of fun that day, but very hot also.

The next destination was to visit the Wiang Pa Pao people living in north Thailand. The people looked like Chinese to me and not as good looking as those in the south. We had lunch with them, then off on a journey on the river for a three hour trip in long boats, which carried 8 passengers and a boatman.

These boats were similar to our Maori waka and had outboard motors, which stuck out the back of the boat on a long pipe-like rod. After we got going, I asked the boatman if I could steer. I gave him a corona cigar, but he was uncertain whether he should smoke it or chew it.

Now, to relate back to my mention of the next meeting

I feel you might like this

with the Germans. This happened when we saw the Germans' boat having broken down, so I asked our boatman to go very slow and get close to them when we were near. I stood and put two fingers under my nose in reference to Hitler's moustache and extended my other arm out in front of me and said 'Heil Hitler' telling them not to panic as submarine U27 would be along shortly to rescue them. My boat companions looked shocked, gave little laughs and tried to hide their faces. They told me later that they hoped the Germans did not understand what I said and that we would not meet them again.

However, on we went up the Kok River, stopping at a couple of villages where the locals tried pressure selling, but I learned to carry lots of sweets and gave some of them to very grubby kids on leaving. The locals threw water on us as they were still celebrating their New Year.

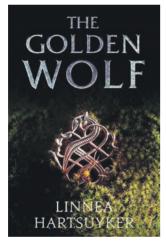


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and Harald have created together and try to separate him from all those who love him. Svanhild is also going through painful times filled with hard decisions and risks that could destroy what she seeks to save. Yet as old heroes fall, new heroes arise. Sacrifices and dreams will be carried by those who follow in future generations and the family legacy will emerge in the pursuits of golden fates. If you are a Games of Throne or Outlander fan

book. It is part of the Halfdrowned King trilogy but reads well as a stand-alone. This historical novel takes us back to the world of Vikings filled with welldeveloped characters that engage us fully in their Each character lives. has their own story that weaves easily and truthfully together, creating a truly rich plot and an emotional conclusion. It has elements of the political intrigue of the era and involves romance and adventure with all the sacrifice and betrayal that goes along with it. It is a compelling read. This isn't just about Vikings and ships, it is about family, vision and heroes.

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Cobus Blom in front of the new map. The old map studded with pins representing where customers came from it was something of talking point in the old shop but was sadly

result.

The business has operated as a takeaway which also provides sit down meals since the 1950s.

Ali has introduced loyalty cards with various freebies. She has also introduced a

new way of ordering. Customers have the option of placing – and paying for - an order via an app on their phone stating when they want the order by. For the less computer savvy customers they will of course also take phone orders as previously.

Four of the staff who worked previously in Fish Chips and More have returned.

They will continue the same wide ranging choice of hamburgers from the Malibu – classic beef patty hamburger through to the

the **The interior of the shop after the fire.** 

### Congratulations to Ali and the team.

We are proud to have been associated with their business



### Opunake Fish Chips and More are back

The popular Takeaway in Opunake which was gutted in a fire late last year has now been refitted and customers seem delighted with their state-of -the-art new look takeaway.

Thursday, September 26, 2019

As previously, owner Ali Hayward has also reinstalled a map designed to show where their customers hail from.

Designed with "a beachy surfing theme", the new look takeaway now boasts a huge wrap around counter, with attractive baby corrugated iron a feature of the refurbished premises.

"It's a modern upmarket look," said Ali Hayward clearly delighted with the

destroyed in the fire.



Owner Ali Hayward.

Big Kahuna – aka The Works. They also offer Hot Sand – a chicken or beef burger with a hot sauce and Green Room – a vegetarian burger.

The seafood menu includes crumbed and battered fish, oyster in season and curly fries, wedges and 'glorified chips' – you need to call in to find out what that is. "I'm particularly pleased I can still offer home-made chips," says Ali.

Camembert and plum sauce are other interesting options.

They also sell fresh fish attractively displayed in their new fresh fish display cabinet.

The shop also now has wheelchair access.





### Opunake Fish Chips and More are back



The interior of the smart new refurbished premises.



The brand new fryer gets a run through on the eve of Fish Chips and More reopening for business.

The entire shop is now "more user friendly" says Ali. Phoenix 45 jointly owned

Phoenix 45 jointly owned by Ali and her sister Daphne which has been operating from a food trailer in the interim while the shop is being refurbished, is no longer open. "I'm not sure of its

future," said Ali adding she had enjoyed it and it had been "great" being outside

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and would like to thank the customers for their support. Daphne will now also be working at Fish Chips and More.

Opunake Fish Chips and More is open 7 days a week

from midday till 8pm.

To ceebrate the re-opening of Fish, Chips and More, members of the fire service and tradespeople involved in the refurbish were invited to a trial run evening on the eve



Fresh fish for purchase in the new display cabinet.

of the official opening last Wednesday night.

Opunake Fire chief Craig Dingle who was at the preopening on Tuesday night reflecting on the 3am call out they received on the night of the fire commented, "It was well ablaze when we got there".

He added they got the fire under control "pretty quickly by dampening the hot spots." Unfortunately however "It was all burnt inside".

The concrete wall however saved the building next door which opened as usual the next day.

"Concrete is a fire wall," commented Craig.

He added that the century's old building was structurally sound though needed to be completely refurbished.

The kitchen area which adjoins the shop was undamaged. The chiller was salvaged though the wall was damaged. The chipper was also undamaged.



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### Local Body Elections We meet the candidates New Plymouth District Council MAYOR 6 nominations



Max Brough.

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My guiding principle as Mayor is resetting how the system works thus delivering Councillors that make decisions giving good outcomes for us all in our local areas.

Not -"one size fits all".



Irene Godkin. Irene Godkin is an independent candidate for Mayor, Councillor and Waitara Community Board. Irene is on a career break and is a chartered accountant, with over 26 years professional membership and expertise in Australia and New Zealand. Irene lives with and supports her elderly father to live independently in Waitara. She will reside in New Plymouth from October 2019.

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Diploma in Education.

If you want to make changes you need to be at the table.

The reasons why I am standing for the Mayor and Northward Councillor are

the need to review all agencies, responsible for carrying out work for NPDC, including financial, policies and codes, the Waitara leaseholder's predicament to freehold, the role of Māori, the amalgamation of all four councils, the upgrading of all recreational areas in New Plymouth District to a world standard, funding community boards over the next three years, Climate change, sporting facilities, the ward system, housing, homeless, role of grey power, cultural centres, IT centres and community engagement ."Your vision my commitment our future." Vote (1) as your preferred Mayor and Northward Councillor



### I have listened and make the following statements:

1. We need more fairness and equity when rating the rural ratepayers.

2. We need an urgent upgrade of public toilets and a caretaker in each town.

3. We need to lead from the outside boundary in wards to include every one.

4. We need to find things for families to do that are free or cheap such as a Mini Golf Course that covers the entire district from Waitotara in the south to Stoney River in the north.

5. We need to find other streams of revenue to supplement current income or cut back on the services we provide. The burden is too high for our seniors and the decreasing population coming through.

6. Roading is now run in-house but buying *a new dog collar and lead for the dog doesn't create a better dog.* We have to build roads well the first time not redo them later.

7. We need to increase the funding to rural halls as they are often the only focal point in most of our small communities.

8. As Mayor I will set up a group of citizens to plot out a plan for the long term.

9. Leadership is developing potential in the people and the district.

10. If the kids have to leave to better themselves then let's create a good base for them to come home to later.

# We meet the candidates

### South West Ward 4 nominations



Raised in Tataraimaka

near Okato I have farmed on the same road most of my

TARANAKI

working life. I have a B.Hort. Sc. from Massey University and I am keen on conserving natural resources. Sound youth education is of vital importance to me, I have served as chair of the local school and currently tutor agriculture at Witt and in High Schools. My life experience, connection to the environment and farming come from growing up locally and supporting my community through clubs and farming groups. On

council I believe that I can be a farmers' voice: sound, experienced, understanding of grass roots needs. I am prepared to ask the hard questions and expect transparency. My family of teenagers and young adults keep me in touch with young minds – they engage me in robust debate about their vision of the future. A vision of opportunities, sustainability, innovation and diversity for our district.



Richard Jordan.

David MacLeod.

improvement

Taranaki is a great region

with an environment we

all want protected. The

challenge is deciding what

over what timeframe and

how it's funded. These

challenges are primarily

driven by ever increasing

Down to earth, practical, realistic, with a background that brings a wealth of experience in different

disciplines, has energy and passion for the district. Has a vision for a New Plymouth District that is fantastic place to live and raise a family, an environment where business can flourish, where people valued, where the are outdoors are treasured, cared for and easily accessible.

Hawera born, Inglewood raised, Inglewood resident. Schooled St Patrick's and Francis Douglas College, Kellogg Scholar.

Married with four adult children and 12 grandchildren. Enjoys the outdoors and following family pursuits.

Chose Dairy farming as a career, played many sports, involved in schools, sports and community committees. Director of Moa-Nui Dairies, chaired MainStreets Inglewood, Inglewood Community Board 15 years, NPDC Councillor 6 years, Chair Performance Committee, Deputy Mayor 3 years.

Thoroughly enjoying serving the community as Inglewood/Okato South West Ward Councillor and very keen to continue in this role.

### South Taranaki Ward 4

and accompanied by Central Government policy and regulations. It's essential this journey is pragmatic and practical for our Taranaki region and I'm focused on ensuring this is so whilst

challenging ourselves to meet any reasonable expectations presented to us. It is always an honour being elected to represent the South Taranaki constituency



Chris Wilkes.

Kia Ora, I am a Waitara Uruti raised, born, environmental campaigner who is on a mission to bring balance to TRC and reset the priorities to address the urgent issues we face as a region moving forward.

**REGIONAL COUNCIL** 

North Taranaki Ward 3

Climate change is real and we need to move with the times and adapt to continued ensure prosperity long into the

future. We must adopt better, more sustainable ways to secure

the wealth of the region while protecting the ecosystem we all depend

on. We need TRC to place a our rivers, land

and sea, as these are the things that will inevitably sustain us for generations to come.

Our agricultural sector is going to struggle to adapt to

new national standards for nitrate and

fresh water. TRC must support our rural

communities through these changes.

I would be honoured to serve you on Regional Council.

### community expectations

methods,

and is a role I enjoy. E LINDSAY MAINDONALD Council (Community Board) Kaponga/Eltham



Working for: "The towns & districts that have a vision for the future"

Authorised by Lindsay Maindonald, 80 King Edward St, Eltham

higher value on the health of New Plymouth Ward



Soil consultant BSC .If elected I will work closely with the region's farmers, iwi and industry for the

region's social, economic, and environmental wellbeing. I will work hard to ensure rates are fair and equitable and that you the ratepayer are getting the best value for your rates. I support transparent sustainable commercial developments that provide a strong balanced economy that benefits all, not just a

few, while improving the region's air, land, and water quality for an overall healthy

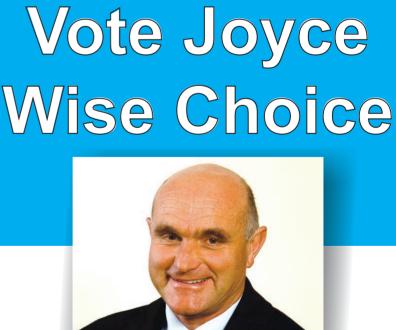
environment in which we live work and play, now and for our future generations.

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I support Mayor Ross Dunlop and Cr Gordon Brown's position on Yarrow Stadium.

I now respectfully ask for your vote of support for my candidacy for the Taranaki Regional Council.

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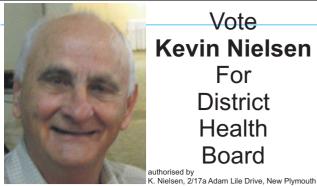
### |Michael Joyce for Taranaki Regional Council

- Understands South Taranaki issues and represents the interests of ratepayers and residents
- Will continue to ensure balance between care of our environment and progress and growth for the region
  - A common sense approach and experience in a wide range of disciplines.



"I will ask the tough questions"

Integrity | Approachable Works in the Farming Sector









as councillor for Taranaki Coastal Ward Authorised by Chris Young, 889 Oeo Rd, Hawera

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### for **Taranaki** Coastal **Community Board**

"When experience matters!"





### We meet the candidates Taranaki Coastal Community Board



**Brian Vincent** 

I have an interest in taking notice of how councils and boards perform. My background is in local history, earthmoving, which has included many drainage schemes, Maui gas lines, while completing right awaying and restoration work, Opunake sewage and water pipes etc, fand offering



Liz Sinclair

I currently live and work in Pihama. I grew up in Auckland and attended University Otago and Massey University. Later I taught at NPGHS before travelling overseas for some years. My background is in



#### **Bonita Bigham**

Tēnā koutou kātoa. After three terms (nine years) as your local councillor, I have a solid understanding of the STDC and local government and would use that knowledge to champion projects and issues within the Taranaki Coastal ward. I was Council's appointee to Sport Taranaki and Dairy Trust Taranaki and am a

advice to council on recent Opunake flooding. My wife and I leased the Opunake Beach Motor Camp for 12 vears.

I have been a member of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade for the past 59 years and a member of the Opunake Lions club for 30 years. I am a driver for Coastal Red Cross Transport and been involved in doing rosters for the Bayly Road Lighthouse. I am a Trust member of Everybodys Theatre Committee.

I believe my skills could be of value. Give me your vote for the Taranaki Coastal Community Board.

economics and horticulture. I am passionate about keeping small communities alive and see the importance of this to the local economy and the emotional well-being of the community.

I believe that taking care of the environment is an important legacy we should leave future generations. South Taranaki has so many assets. We should strive to preserve these. I am also an advocate for the arts.

This is the food for our soul. I believe I can add value to the Community Board.

passionate supporter of our rural communities. I believe in our people and will advocate for the things that are important to us.

I live in Manaia with my husband Kevin and am the only non-Opunakē candidate so I have a good understanding of our ward as a whole. I have been active in schools, sports clubs and community organisations across our ward.

A vote for me for Taranaki the Coastal Community Board will ensure a strong and experienced voice continues to speak up for our whanau and families, the special places we call home and the things that matter in our lives.



**Daphne Sinclair-Holley** 

I am standing for the Community Board because I want to see our area grow and flourish. The Coast area is a "hidden treasure" that is now being discovered by visitors and people seeking a better lifestyle away from big cities. I want to see the infrastructure properly planned and implemented as



**Andy Whitehead** 

Ko Andy Taku Ingoa, Kei Oaonui au e noho ana. I am grateful to be nominated as someone to have the qualities required to be a member of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board. I am a 51 year old dairy farmer and have lived in Oaonui for the past 20 years. I am married to Debi and have two sons, Troy (25) and Kallum (24). I



#### **Ray Hayward**

Owner/Director of Raybern Entertainment with a strong investment in my community through sponsorship and fundraising for local and regional organistaions. I am passionate about the area I

soon as possible, to manage the influx that is coming here. I need to learn about Council processes and procedures quickly so that I can be an effective representative for the whole coast, not just Opunake, but also Manaia, Rahotu and Pungarehu. I am an active member of our community. I have nursing, business and farming skills. I enjoy people and especially helping people, I care greatly for the elderly, those with disabilities and those in need mentally, physically and spiritually. My Coxhead family heritage has a long record of community service. I want to do good in our hood as well.

**OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS** 

am currently Board Chair at Opunake High School. I am or have been involved in a number of Community groups including Discussion group, Ngati Tara Sandy Bay, OMV CAG, St Joseph's BOT, Lions, Oaonui Hall, Parish Council, Coastal Rugby and Opunake Players. I believe connecting people together is my strength to grow a strong community. I have proven successfully that I can make a difference and I have the energy and support of family and friends to make things happen. If successfully elected I will work hard to ensure the voice of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board is heard.

live in.

If elected, I will be placing a strong focus on the Oaonui, Rahotu, Pungarehu, Warea and Puniho areas. This area of the South Taranaki District Council is one of the largest rateable areas. For some time now this area has not been represented at either Community Board or Council level. I intend to work alongside the community and iwi and along with the organisations within the community to ensure that they are "heard" by the Council and to actively promote what this area has to offer.



Don't forget to vote

### Mayor New Plymouth District



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Connecting people together to grow a stronger community Make sure your vote is counted.

Authorised by Andy Whitehead, 93 Lower Kina Road, Opunake

**Aarun Langton** Standing for Taranaki Coastal Ward South Taranaki District Council Community Focus

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Authorised by Aarun Langton, 223 Arawhata Rd, Opunake





"Opunake and our west coast is a can-do community and as such is the gem of South Taranaki, in spite of the Council in Hawera."

I'd be proud to represent the area I was born in and give Opunake the profile it deserves. Thank you for your consideration.

Authorised by Jo Baylis, 23 Grant VC St, Hawera, South Taranaki



#### **PAULINE L**CKETT FOR TARANAKI DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD



**Committed to** quality healthcare for all. Authorised by Pauline Lockett, 83a Belt Road.

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#### **Alison Brown.**

During my 40 years of service with TDHB in various nursing roles I have had close association with management both nationally and locally as a lead advocate for nurses and a strong campaigner for patients and their rights. I was awarded Honorary Life Membership to NZNO for services to nursing.

I am now seeking re



**Rusty Kane** 

I stand for fewer health dollars being spent on bureaucracy and more on frontline services for faster patient treatment and care. I

election to the TDHB.

We meet the candidates

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I have close ties to rural sector the and knowledge extensive and understanding of health services from both community/rural and hospital perspectives. I advocate for quality health systems. Secondary and primary services must work collaboratively to ensure sustainable and achievable improvements of health outcomes.

A strong Health Board should consult and listen to the community it serves.

All people of Taranaki region should have access to appropriate affordable healthcare services. Right Time Right Place. Right Care.

I believe healthcare regardless of age, ethnicity, income or location is a basic human right.

will be supporting measures and policies that give quality services to patients, with more of your health dollars being reinvested back into front line patient healthcare. I believe these measures will give better outcomes for patients being treated sooner and improve the overall quality and performance of our public health system to the needs of the wider community.

I now respectfully ask for your vote of support for my candidacy to the board of the TDHB.



I am a registered nurse.

My career over the past 48 years has involved working for a private general surgeon, at Taranaki Base hospital in orthopaedics, in a rest home, at Southern Cross Hospital and for the last 27 years as Practice Nurse/Practice Manager at Powderham Medical Centre. I retired in 2018.



I seek your support for a third term on the TDHB.

While I bring a particularly South Taranaki perspective to the board table, my work across the region exposes me to a range of issues and challenges to our wellbeing. More investment in health promotion and prevention,

At management level I was Treasurer of the College of Practice Nurses NZNC for five years, a member of the National Practice Nurse wage negotiation team, the Practice Nurse representative on the governance committee of what is now

Pinnacle PHO and or National Influenza the Immunisation Committee.

Having worked in many roles as a registered nurse am interested in becoming involved in a managemen role in health, working to improve health outcomes for the people of Taranaki I believe everyone should have equal rights to health care.

especially in cross-sector initiatives will continue to be my focus. A key question from me to those in the health system will be 'how does what you're doing support families and whanau manage and achieve their own health outcomes?'

I'm a capable governor and currently chair both Access Radio Taranaki and Te Ara Pae Trusts. I'm also a trustee with Te Korowai c Ngāruahine Trust and until May 2019, a trustee with the TSB Community Trust.

I am of Taranaki, Te Atiawa and Ngāruahine descent. I have two adult daughters and four mokopuna. My husband, Greg van Paassen and I live in Hawera.



#### **Pauline Lockett**

I have been a Ministeria appointment to the TDHE for the maximum term of nine years and Chairpersor since 2013. I am seeking your support for election to the Board. The Board's responsibility is to provide quality health care services to all irrespective of where you live around the mountain. I am committee to this along with ensuring that preventative health care is available and provided to all.

I am a Fellow Chartered Accountant, a Charterec member of the Institute of Directors and ar experienced governance person. My financial, governance and experience in Health are of value to the Board.

# **BEV GIBSON 1** COUNCIL

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#### **Mike Davey**

Mike Davey is standing for the Regional Council plus the Taranaki District Health Board. Mike said he has never been involved with the health system before, so comes with a fresh set of eyes.

Mike's concerns with the Taranaki Health Board is the waiting times for elective surgery for non-serious procedures , particularly , for our elderly people over



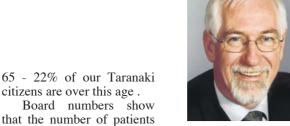
**Bev Gibson** 

Bev is seeking re-election to the TDHB. She is a practicing registered nurse in an ACC setting and has 40 years experience in the health sector. Bev's Māori interests are in health, elderly and family wellbeing, rehabilitation and recovery, and physical and mental resilience. She advocates for high-



#### **Kevin Nielsen**

Born in Taranaki, all my schooling was in Rahotu and Opunake and apart from three years in Christchurch I have lived all my life in



refused elective surgery

compared to last year exceed

250. This is concerning for

elderly people, as they tend

to stress and worry. As this

is an aging process, elderly

I suggest we can do this

better, with clarity, and

communication if the surgery

is not available. Planning is

the word, and accountability,

this is fixable. My passion is

to initiate change in a way

we deliver our healthcare,

especially to our older folk

, and make their experience

in the hospital system more

I fully understand the

funding is from government,

but services and care are the

responsibility of the Hospital

quality early intervention/

Bev knows the importance of

trouble-free access to health

services. She also promotes

the delivery of high-quality

nursing and medical care.

Bev has proven leadership

skills, is self-employed and

holds governance positions

in health, land, farms,

forestry, fisheries, and is

the Chair of Te Korowai

O Ngāruahine Iwi Trust.

She was born, raised and

schooled in Hawera, lived in

Eltham and now resides in

Married to Nigel, they

have four children and 10

Bev has a Masters in

Management, Postgraduate

Diploma in Health Service

Management and a Bachelor

New Plymouth.

grandchildren.

of Arts degree.

programmes.

pleasant.

Board.

prevention

people stress very easily.

Harry Duynhoven

Born, and always lived in Taranaki. Margaret and I have three adult children, two currently studying.

I've been a tradesman, a teacher and had the privilege of serving our area in several roles; Member of Parliament, mayor and councillor. Three years ago I was elected to the



**Graeme Sykes** 

Ι stand improve to community wellness by increasing capacity for healthcare services in local communities. This includes collaborating with primary care GPs, early detection wellness and support organisations, to understand our community needs. I have broad experience in management and governance in commercial organisations, local government and charitable trusts. Born in New Plymouth, educated at NPBHS, Victoria University (BCA), Otago University (DBA) and governance papers with Institute of Directors. I've recently returned to support whanau.

this causes

ballooning financial deficit.

Strengthening primary care

is the only way we will have

any impact on that demand.

That requires additional

investment in primary care

while the transition takes

place and we have to present

our case strongly at national

level to ensure funding allows us to meet the health

needs of our population.

Right care, right place, right

our

and

time.

Taranaki. My w

My working life was at Taranaki Newspapers for 36 years, 16 years as General Manager, then Chief Executive of Hospice Taranaki until 2017 and Board member Hospice NZ for nine years. Now retired, I have been

an elected member for six years and chair the Hospital Advisory committee.

If re-elected this is my priority: Our hospitals face increasing demand Taranaki DHB. I work well with people from all walks of life to make a positive difference. Over the years I've assisted many people to access the healthcare they needed; good healthcare and housing is at the core of society's wellbeing.

Taranaki is fortunate to have wonderful health staff providing great care. Timely, affordable access to Primary Health Services and to specialist healthcare is vital. Concentrating on preventing illness will see our health dollars achieve more. As our province's average age increases over coming years it is essential to provide appropriate services for increasing care. For me it's all about the people.

My waka was the Amelia Thompson in 1840. As a welfare guardian I have experienced the complexity of medical and mental health issues.

primary Increasing care health services for mental health, learning impairments, accidents, emergencies and rehabilitation. Additional funding is required to build capacity and skill to deliver better services for patients and families as they require it. Healthcare expenditure is an economic driver that will continue to improve wellness in our communities.



**Paul Veric** 

As a recent Principal of New Plymouth Boys' High School, I have experience and proven success in developing strategy, growing culture and regularly dealing with serious and complex community issues. I have introduced innovation and resources and constraints within a traditional government sector. It would be an honour and privilege to serve our community to improve the equity, quality and sustainability of health care

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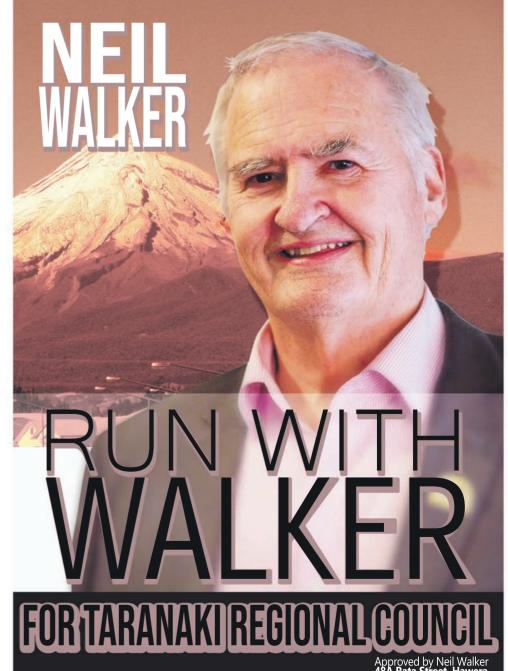


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that brings a wealth of experience in different disciplines, has energy and passion for the district. Has a vision for a New Plymouth District that is fantastic place to live and raise a family, an environment where business can flourish, where people are valued, where the outdoors are treasured, cared for and easily accessible. Hawera born, Inglewood raised, Inglewood resident.

Schooled St Patrick's and Francis Douglas College, Kellogg Scholar. Married with four adult children and 12 grandchildren. Enjoys the outdoors and following family pursuits. Chose Dairy farming as a career, played many sports, involved in schools, sports and community committees. Director of Moa-Nui Dairies, chaired MainStreets Inglewood, Inglewood Community Board 15 years, NPDC Councillor 6 years, Chair Performance Committee, Deputy Mayor 3 years. Thoroughly enjoying serving the community as Inglewood/ Okato South West Ward Councillor and very keen to continue in this role.

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Peter Henderson

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**Chris Wilkes** 

Kia Ora, Ι am a Waitara Uruti born, raised, environmental have a B.Hort.Sc. from Massey University and I am keen on conserving natural resources. Sound vouth education is of vital importance to me, I have served as chair of the local school and currently tutor agriculture at Witt and in High Schools. My life experience, connection to the environment and farming come from growing up locally and supporting my community through clubs

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and farming groups. On council I believe that I can be a farmers' voice: sound, experienced, understanding of grass roots needs. I am prepared to ask the hard questions and expect transparency. My family of teenagers and young adults keep me in touch with young minds - they engage me in robust debate about their vision of the future. A vision of opportunities, sustainability, innovation and diversity for our district.

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### Eltham -Kaponga Ward



**Gordon Lawson** 

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Regulation placed by Central Government on the three waters, climate change, minimisation of refuse and disposal and earthquake-prone buildings create challenging times for Council.

I have the support of my wife Patsy, the knowledge/ experience, passion and commitment, Time a tick is all it takes.

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#### Eltham - Kaponga Community Board I have been involved with youth. the Eltham community for i am seeking re-election many years now and have

seen many opportunities

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community to participate in.

i am very passionate about

education and providing

support in sport for our



Jim Turahui.



**Karen** Cave

Hi my name is Karen Cave and I'm standing for re-election to the Eltham Kaponga Ward Community Board.

I have learnt so much in the time that I have been on the Community Board, about Council policy and procedure and how things run. I have had the privilege so many of meeting committed and passionate

people. I have been involved in the community through the groups I have been a part of around Eltham, Taranaki ELearning Trust which ran Computers In Homes, and Eltham Community the Development Group, who have completed many amazing projects. More recently I've joined Restore Eltham and South Taranaki

community to the best of my

Forest and Bird, both of which I think are really conservation

Eltham and enjoy being a part of our awesome community and want to continue to be part of the team that helps people make things happen.

### Taranaki Regional Council South Taranaki Constituency



Taranaki is a great region with an environment we all want protected. The challenge is deciding what improvement methods, over what timeframe and how it's funded. These challenges are primarily driven by ever increasing community expectations

and accompanied by Central Government policy and regulations. It's essential this journey is pragmatic and practical for our Taranaki region and I'm focused on ensuring this is so whilst challenging ourselves to meet any reasonable expectations presented to us. It is always an honour being elected to represent the South Taranaki constituency and is a role I enjoy.





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I'm proud to be from

Eltham/Kaponga Ward. to the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board as I If successful I will ensure that I am available to assist have a project on-going in whatever the Eltham/ and would like to see the Kaponga completion of this. i will identify as a need. ensure that I represent our

#### we have.

### **Copper Nutrition of Weaned Calves**

In 2012, Pat attended a couple of Beef and Lamb field days on the subject of management of weaner dairy / dairy beef stock. He was surprised and disappointed that the treatment of trace element nutrition by presenters was minimal. Seven years down the track, not a lot has changed.

Ensuring sufficient trace element nutrition is an absolute key to achieving anything like adequate weight gains and reduction in disease risk. Not to downplay the essential requirement for other trace elements, but copper deficiency is a sneaky thief of good weaner growth. When we started our calf

rearing operation (milking cows and feeding calves) our weaners experienced the usual lag before getting stuck into the grass on offer. The calves had no reason not to kick on - pasture quality was good and meal was on offer, but they just didn't thrive. It appeared copper deficiency may be the culprit. While milk is considered low in



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copper it is subject to rumen bypass and therefore the copper is 100% absorbed. Contrast this with less than 2% absorption on forage diets when copper is faced with the full brunt of rumen based sulphur, molybdenum, and iron antagonism.

At weaning the calf essentially has a supply of copper one day but then suffers the full force of copper deficiency the next. After giving copper supplementation (a 10g copper oxide bullet) the calves were quite simply different animals.

This outcome is well backed up by the numbers. A calf at the point of weaning will, depending on the rearing system, be consuming somewhere around 6-8 litres of milk (admittedly the range is large). This will be providing well over half to three quarters at least of the calf's copper requirement, with the small requirement left over provided by the meals and forages on offer. However, once on grass only, if we assume average copper herbage content (10mg), and an average absorption of copper, the absorbed copper easily drops to a third of the calf's requirement. Despite the

oversimplification, the numbers make it pretty obvious that at weaning with the cessation of rumen bypass milk there is a dramatic drop in copper intake. The calculations

also indicate that the copper requirement of a weaned calf exceeds that of a lactating cow, suggesting that if cows need supplementing with copper then calves on the same diet will also need supplementing.

clinical picture The of deficient calves is unsurprisingly ill-thrift and scour not to mention harbouring a greater parasite burden. The usual response is to enthusiastically drench these calves - but being so young the risk of drench toxicity is very real and not uncommon.

Ensuring sufficient trace element nutrition is in place is crucial in achieving the weight gains expected in consideration of the feed on offer - whether this is a specialist crop or highquality pasture. By feed sampling and accurate trace element analysis, nutrition can be assured and required growth rates can be achieved. Bland and unsubstantiated generalisations are just not good enough.

Cynthia Northcote and Pat Poletti Mineral Systems

#### Eight farmers stand for DairyNZ board

wo positions DairyNZ's P-Direct on Board of Directors have attracted eight dairy farmer candidates.

From September 23, levy paying dairy farmers will vote for their preferred candidates in this year's DairyNZ Board of Directors election. The two successful candidates will play a key role in supporting the governance and leadership of DairyNZ.

Electionz.com returning officer Anthony Morton says farmers will have until October 21 to cast their

votes. "The 2019 Board of Director candidates are:Adrian Ball (Tirau), Tracy Brown (Matamata), Conall Buchanan (Paeroa), Elaine Cook (Hamilton),Simon Waipu), Couper( Stu Husband (Morrinsville), Hugh Le Fleming (South Canterbury), Deborah Rhodes(Collingwood). DairyNZ's board consists

five farmer-elected of directors and three boardappointed directors. This year, directors Ben Allomes and Elaine Cook are both retiring by rotation. Mr Allomes is not standing for re-election.

No nominations were received for the Directors Remuneration Committee position, which reviews and recommends changes to directors' payments and other benefits to directors each year. The DairyNZ Board will determine how this vacancy will be filled.

The successful candidates for all positions will be announced at the DairyNZ AGM in Hamilton on October 22.

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# Keep to whitebaiting rules say DOC

Whanganui DOC staff are reminding whitebaiters to keep to the rules which remain unchanged for the 2019 fishing season.

Supervisor Biodiversity Ranger Eddie Te Huia says the Whanganui Biodiversity team will be seen out and about doing compliance work this season.

"It's great getting out and chatting with our local whitebaiters in the community, even if many of them have mentioned being disappointed given the rain and murky water," Eddie says.

"The Whanganui office and staff have also heard of a number of concerns and wish to remind all whitebaiters, that regulations are the same this season."

The whitebait season opened on August 15 and will close on November 30.

Whitebait are juveniles of six species of native fish: giant kōkopu, banded kōkopu, shortjaw kōkopu, inanga, kōaro and common smelt. Those that escape the whitebait net grow into adults ranging from 10-60 centimetres long.

DOC freshwater scientist Jane Goodman says whitebait are iconic in New Zealand. "Unfortunately, four of the six whitebait species are categorised as either threatened or at risk of extinction. We need to ensure we protect their habitat, especially spawning areas and fish for them responsibly and sustainably.

"It's good to see work being done to protect and restore whitebait habitat, such as planting and fencing off spawning grounds from stock," Jane says.

People can also help these fish by contacting their local DOC or Regional Council office if they see overhanging culverts or other barriers that stop whitebait migrating.

During the season, whitebaiting is permitted between 5am and 8pm or between 6am and 9pm when daylight saving starts.

DOC administers whitebaiting regulations that cover methods of fishing, location of whitebaiting sites, legal fishing times and net size. Illegal whitebaiting carries a maximum fine of \$5000 and whitebaiting equipment can be seized. DOC will be patrolling whitebaiting sites and talking to whitebaiters throughout the season to ensure people are complying with the regulations.



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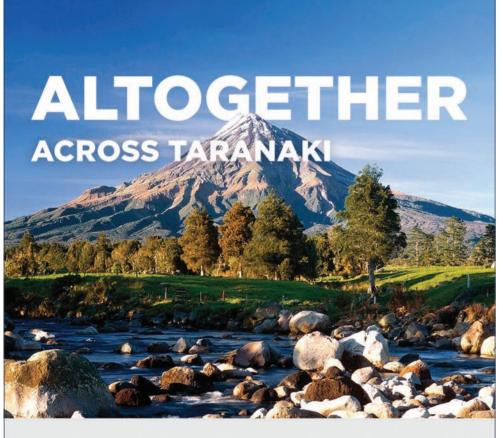
Whitebait regulation pamphlets are available at sporting shops and DOC offices.

Later this year, DOC will consult with the public on improving whitebait management including reviewing the whitebait fishing regulations. This follows public engagement in 2018 and early 2019 on improving whitebait management to restore whitebait populations and provide for a sustainable whitebait fishery. The engagement included a DOC survey, where 90% of respondents said changes were needed to make New Zealand's whitebait fishery sustainable.

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### **Breakers return to TSB Stadium**

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The Breakers will be looking for another slamdunk performance at NPDC's TSB Stadium when they take on the Sydney Kings in January next year.

After last year's sell-out, the team heads back to New Plymouth on Friday January 17 for what promises to be a great family night out.

Tickets are set to go on sale early next month for the NBL game, which is coming to the region.

NPDC Chief Executive Craig Stevenson says the atmosphere was electric at January's clash when the Breakers beat the Cairns Taipans and he hailed the hard work of the NPDC team for bringing another high quality sports event to the district.

"Bringing top sports games to our region is part of our blueprint for Building a Lifestyle Capital



The Sky Sport Breakers are taking on the Sydney Kings at NPDC's TSB Stadium on 17 January. Photo: GettyImages

and I'm delighted that the Breakers are heading back to the TSB Stadium," says

"We're Mr Stevenson. hoping for another sellout in January and I can't wait to cheer them on. Coming hot on the heels of the announcement that

International hockey will

be returning to Stratford

this October and November

as the Vantage Black Sticks

Men will be heading down

to play Japan in a four-test

series on October 10, 12, 14

and 15. This will serve as a

warm-up for when the New

Zealand side will return to

Stratford on November 2

Ben Harper will play the TSB Bowl of Brooklands and some sneak peeks of

the final opportunity for both

sides to qualify for the 2020

The last time the Vantage

Black Sticks Men played in

Stratford was in 2015 when

Stratford played host to the

Oceania Cup where New

Tokyo Olympic Games.

this year's TSB Festival of Lights, it's going to be another awesome summer in our district."

the amazing features at

Sky Sport Breakers CEO Matt Walsh said it was a great experience coming to Taranaki earlier this year and they were delighted to be returning.

"The support we got from Taranaki basketball fans in January was awesome. It's going to be another big night on 17 January and we're looking forward to bringing NBL back to the TSB Stadium."

Tickets are expected to go on sale in October, and options are expected to include courtside, premier and standard tickets as well as corporate packages.

The Sky Sport Breakers will be involved with some community events where fans will get the chance to meet the team and shoot a few hoops. Details will be revealed closer to the game.

#### Eltham **Smallbore Rifle Club** Eltham Smallbore Rifle

Club

There was a fierce tussle between the group card shooters on September 9 with almost everyone shooting 100s. Jack and David Sullivan shot two each while Gabriel Bielewski shot a 100 group followed by an 88.2 and John McGill shot a 99 group.

Top score of the night went to Paul Tidswell with 99.8, 98.5 while visitor Frank Eustace was close behind with 99.6, 97.4, 96.4. Others included Murray Chinery 97.5, 93.1; Alan Drake 93.3, 96.3; Craig McGill 94.3, 93.2, 96.2; Sadovnikova 95.5; Alex Clare Bramley 95.1, 92.2;

Bob Bramley 94.2; Henry Armond 89.0, 93.3; Don Litchfield 92.2, 92.3.

Paul Tidswell again took top honours of the night on Friday September 13with 98.6, 99.4, while hot on his heels was Bob Bramley 99.4, 96.2. Boston Taylor shot an impressive 97.4, 93.1; Bob Bramley 96.2; Craig McGill 91.2, 95.5; Bjorn Fowler 95.4, 92.1; Alan Drake 95.3, 95.2; Murray Chinery 89.1, 91.1.

Group card shooters had a battle with the ladies coming out on top. Vicki and Naomi DeOne both scored 100 groups while close behind was Esta DeOne with 98. Grace Kahui and Hamish Laurence both scored 97,

Alyssa McNab 96 and Pania Henderson 94. Jack Sullivan shot a 99 group followed by a 73.0 card.

Congratulations to Alex Sadovnikova who won D-grade at the weekend's shoot in Inglewood. Clare Bramley.

#### Manaia Golf results

Saturday September 14. Men Stableford.1. Jason King. 2. Caleb Andreoli. 3. Andrew Gibson. 4. Trevor Larsen. 5. Colin Koch.

Juniors putting. 1. Oliva Symes., 2. Jaden Siciliano. 3. Payton Siciliano. 4. Carter Symes. Nett. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Payton Siciliano. 3. Oliva Symes.

September 21. Juniors. Tigers. Gross. 1. Payton Siciliano. 2. Hannah Symes. 3. Liam Campbell. Putting. 1. Hannah Symes. 2. Payton Siciliano. 3. Liam Campbell. Seniors. 1. Joe Gibson. 2. Ashton Sharp and Jaden Siciliano.

Pee Wees. Longest hit. 1. Luke Nortris. 2. Jack Gargan. Putting. 1. Luke Norris. 2. Jack Gargan.

The Bears. 1. Carter Symes and Oliva Symes.

Saturday Men. 1. Denis Hurcomb. 2. Jim Ngere. 3. Paul Hunn. 4. Craig Jones. 5. Kerry Otene. 6. Gary Dowdle.

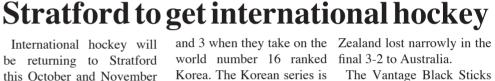
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The Vantage Black Sticks Women booked their place at Tokyo with a 1-11 draw with world number two Australia in the Oceania Cup from Rockhampton. The New Zealand Men were unable to match the feat of the women and now will need to beat a difficult Korea side to qualify for the games. Hockey New Zealand CEO Ian Francis stated "It is exciting to bring international hockey back to the Taranaki. The local support that the Vantage Black Sticks receive in this area is huge and is going to be essential in helping our men qualify for the Olympic Games".



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### **Rugby jerseys on display for World Cup**

Puke Ariki has brought nearly 100 years of All Blacks history together as the Rugby World Cup gets under way in Japan.

All Blacks jerseys belonging to father and son Handley and Ross Brown and current star Beauden Barrett are on display in the Museum's foyer as the All Blacks defend the Webb Ellis Cup.

The Museum was gifted an All Blacks jersey belonging to legend Handley Brown earlier this year from the 'Invincibles' tour of 1924-25 and will display this alongside a jersey from Ross from 1956 and a 2018 jersey from local legend Barrett.

The display also features a clip from the All Blacks' 'Invincibles' tour of the UK, Ireland, France and Canada when the team won all of their 32 games.

Museum manager Colleen Mullen says Puke Ariki was proud to be able to display the jerseys from three generations of Taranakiborn rugby legends.

"We're expecting this to be a big hit with All Blacks fans during the World Cup," she says. "The donation was perfect timing with the tournament in Japan this year. It's also great timing as we celebrate 100 years of museums in Taranaki."

Handley's jersey was donated by Ross Brown's widow, Vivienne Brown, in April after she talked with the Te Pua Wānanga O Taranaki/Taranaki Research Centre about preserving it for future generations. "My family and I wanted the jersey to remain here



Megan Wells of Puke Ariki with Vivienne Brown.

in Taranaki. Handley was born here and it is only right that his jersey from the tour remains in the place he called home," says Mrs Brown.

Handley Brown wore the All Blacks rugby Jersey worn during the 1924 – 25 tour of the UK, Ireland, France and Canada. They won all of their 32 games earning their nickname "The Invincibles." He was one of the youngest players on the tour at aged 19. He played 20 times for the All Blacks between 1924 and 1926, and 49 times for Taranaki between 1923 and 1930.

His son Ross played his first All Blacks test match in 1955, aged 20, and continued being a regular choice for the All Blacks into the 1960s, playing 25 matches in total. He played all four All Blacks test matches in their historic 1956 series win over the Springbok, and helped Taranaki win and defend the Ranfurly Shield from 1957-59 and then captained the team to again defend the Shield from 1963-65.

Beauden Barrett first made the Taranaki team as a 19 year-old in 2010 and signed with the Hurricanes in 2011. He made his first All Black cap in 2012 and was part of the All Blacks team which won the Rugby World Cup in 2015. He helped Taranaki win the Ranfurly Shield in 2011, and the Hurricanes win their first Super Rugby title in 2016. He is already one of the All Blacks top points scorers and won World Rugby Player of the Year in both 2016 and 2017.

### North Island title for Manaia golfer

Manaia golfer Sam Jones is back in New Zealand and quickly making his presence felt.

Only a day after returning from the United States where he had completed a golfing scholarship at the University of West Georgia, he finished seventh in the Wellington Stroke Play. He has since followed this up by winning the North Island Stroke Play at Whakatane with a score of 72, 67, 69, 67.

Two years ago, while on a break from West Georgia where he was studying for a degree majoring in finance with a minor in mathematics he had won the New Zealand Long Drive championship,



Sam Jones aiming high.



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title only a day after arriving back in the country. What made this achievement even more remarkable was that he had never before competed in the Long Drive.

after taking the North Island

Sam was the lead player in the University of West Georgia's seven-strong Wolves men's golfing team. Earlier this year he had led them to victory in the Buccaneer Spring Classic at Southaven in Mississippi.

Sam and his younger brother Ethan had honed their golfing skills at the Manaia Golf Club, and he credits his father with introducing him to golf as a 12 year old. Now Sam is looking to turn pro.

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#### **Opunake Lions Club**

Casualty Calf Collection Please note collections will finish on Sunday October 6. Thank you to all collectors and farmers for your cooperation.

#### **ELTHAM COMMUNITY** DEVELOPMENT GROUP

#### **Annual General Meeting**

is to be held on 15th October 2019, 12.45pm at Eltham & District Historical Society Centre



Ngati Tara o Oaonui Sandy **Bay Conservation Society** Incorporated

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sandfords Event Centre Opunake

Mon 14th October 5.30pm

New members welcome

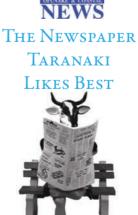


Thurs October 3 at 7pm Any queries phone Skinny on 027 331 9925 AGM will be held at Pihama Cricket Clubrooms



**OPUNAKE BUSINESS** ASSOCIATION

Meeting 1st Monday of each month at 5.30PM Hughsons & Associates Boardroom at the Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier St, Opunake





newstands Challenge Spotswood Petrol Station, The Health Shop Centre City, Ate Forty One at Westown, Outside First National in Hawera, Pereras Paper Power in Stratford..

### What's On Listings

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

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

**SUNDAYS** Opunake Country Music Club: Second Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

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

MONDAYS

Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025 Opunake Friendship Club: Meeting last Monday of each month in Opunake Town Hall at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Opunake Business Association: Usually meet on the 1st Monday of each month. TUESDAYS

Club Hotel Pool: Tuesday nights. New players welcome.

**WEDNESDAYS** 

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

Schnitzel Night: Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

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

#### THURSDAYS

Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker: Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel. Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.

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

Egmont Euchre Club: Meets every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club 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. Next one August 30.

**WEEKENDS** The Historic Cape Light & Museum: Open 11am – 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea. **APRIL 6 TO OCTOBER 6** 

'Whare Kahurangi: 100 Years of Collecting' Exhibition: At Puke Ariki, New Plymouth. Refer advert and article in previous issue of OCN.

**AUGUST 10 TO MID NOVEMBER** 

New exhibitions opening at the Govett Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre: Fiona Clark; Yuichiro Tamura; Waking Up Slowly; Open Window. At 42 Queen St, NP. Refer advert.

#### **SEPTEMBER 4 TO 28**

"As We See It" Exhibition: At Lysaght Watt Gallery, 4-6 Union St, Hawera. Refer advert.. **SEPTEMBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 9** 

Taranaki National Art Awards: Entries due 20th September. Awards Ceremony November 1 at 7pm. Exhibition runs from November 2 to 9. Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake. Refer advert.

#### **SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 18**

Stratford Painters at The Village Gallery.

SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 6 Whanganui Literary Festival: EARLY BIRD SEASON TICKET TILL SEPTEMBER 6 \$70. Refer to advert in previous issue.

**SEPTEMBER 30** Annual Combined Breeder Bull Sale At Rodney and Joanne Jupps Property Tikorangi Refer advert

**OCTOBER 3** AGM Pihama Cricket: Pihama Cricket Club 7 pm.

**OCTOBER 3 TO OCTOBER 5** 

Hawera Genealogy Annual Book Fair: St Joseph Hall Victoria Street Refer advert. **OCTOBER 4** 

Outstanding Young In-Milk Cow AuctionA/c Troy Stevenson.

**OCTOBER 5 OpunakeCommunity Pools Opening Day.** 

**OCTOBER 6** 

**Opunake Lions Club Casualty calf collections finish.** 

**OCTOBER 9** Outstanding Young In-Milk Cow AuctionA/c Jaiden and Hannah Drought. **OCTOBER 12** 

Annual Charity Ball for the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust. 7.30pm at The Plymouth International Hotel.

Oktoberfest at Mikes Bar and Bistro New Plymouth Refer Advert Bee Gees Las Vegas Show play at Butlers Reef: Refer Advert.

**OCTOBER 14** Ngatti Tara o Oaonui Sandy Bay Conservation Society AGM Sandfords Events Centre 5.30 pm.

**OCTOBER 26** 

Casino Night Fundraiser for Donohue Family Te Kiri Hall 7pm till late. **OCTOBER 26** 

Salmonella Dub play at Butlers Reef, Refer Advert

**OCTOBER 15** Eltham Community Development Group AGM Eltham and District Historical Society Centre 12.45pm.

**NOVEMBER 20** 

Robert Gibson Methodist Trust Scholarship applications close.



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# Plan the perfect day trip

School holidays and the kids are starting to get bored. We know it can be a challenge to find an outing that ticks all the boxes; affordable, easy to get to and with something to interest everyone. Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki is the perfect day-trip destination.

Here's a little about us and what we have to offer:

Aotea Utanganui purpose-built, is а architecturally-designed museum building that enhances the streetscape of

Taranaki over six hundred years ago.

A large rock containing the fossilised jawbone of a baleen whale, spotted on Pātea beach by a staff member, was identified by a visiting scientist from Te Papa. Now this fossil, from 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> million years ago, enjoys pride of place in our display. The New Zealand Wars in Taranaki are illustrated with weaponry and artefacts. We honour the warriors from both sides – Titokowaru, Tūtange Waionui, Charles Broughton and James



**Richard Wotton preparing a pair of boxing gloves from** the 1950s to be photographed.

Patea and provides a central point for culture and heritage in the South Taranaki district.

Utanganui has Aotea on display the Waitore Artefacts, the remains of what was possibly a waka repair yard destroyed by a tsunami around 1400. These artefacts tell us about the people who lived in South Livingston are just a few whose descendants live in the district today.

Farming and the joys lifestyle of a rural feature prominently. The inventiveness of South Taranaki people is celebrated in the stories and objects on display - a Gane pulsator, fence strainers, souvenir teapots and the many uses of

appreciated.

Patea Beach is a popular swimming, surfing and fishing spot and has free

The Garden of for picnics.

opposite the Museum we



Patea Port in the early days.





This image was taken at a Calf Day in Kakaramea in 1955. Do you know who these children are?

old cheese crates!

The museum is at 127 Egmont St, Pātea; open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday. Entry is free, although a donation is

Patea has more than just the Museum to offer visitors:

gas barbecues.

Tutunui is a large whalebone sculpture set in a park; ideal

Diagonally

have the Aotea Waka and Memorial Gardens, both picturesque settings for stretching your legs or enjoying a picnic.

Opposite the Museum is Patea LibraryPlus, which offers free internet computers for the public and free Wifi

24/7.Utanganui.

We look forward to welcoming you to Aotea

### ANNUAL COMBINED BREEDER SERVICE BULL SALE



Held on the property of Rodney & Joanne Jupp Monday 30th September 2019 12pm



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#### 32 WHAT'S ON Thursday, September 26, 2019 Hillsborough Holden Museum whole family with a game

of mini golf, ride on the train and merry go round, challenge your brains to a game of outdoor giant chess or draughts, or just relax in the sun or shade and enjoy a coffee, ice cream or cold drink from the kiosk.

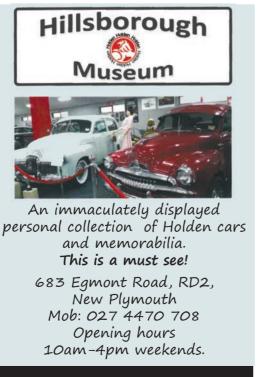


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683 Egmont Rd, NP Ph: 027 447 0708 Mini Putt school holiday hours 10am-5pm daily.



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Emily, Charlotte Cook and Lita Wilson having a great time at the Hillsborough Bathurst themed Mini Golf course. Why don't you head out there for some fun these school holidays. The Museum and Hideaway Café Opening hours are 10am to 4pm weekends and public holidays and the Mini Putt will be open every day over the School Holidays

### A fund raiser for David

David Donohue is 34 years old; He has battled with Cystic Fibrosis all his life. This disease affects his lungs and other organs, which causes him to struggle

really hard to breathe and to do everyday activities, even getting dressed. He has been a stay at home dad with our little girl Mya for four years now and it's been his greatest achievement. In October we find out if he will get on the active list to get new lungs transplanted. This will be life changing for not only him but everyone around him, especially our daughter as her daddy could finally run around with her.

We are holding a fundraiser night to raise some funds for our family because if David receives these lungs we will have to stay in Auckland for a few months. He will need round the clock care which means a lot of his family will need to take time off work to

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Please help the Donohue family fundraiser.

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help through this journey.

We also may get the call that David can't get new lungs. What this means is that over time he will slowly deteriorate, so if this is the case we would love to have the opportunity to tick some more things off his bucket list while he is still able to.

Please help us out by joining us for an evening of fun on Friday October 25 at Te Kiri Hall for a Casino Night with live music, auctions and raffles from 7pm. Tickets are \$25 each, available at Kaponga 4 Square, Country Connections, The Family Butcher Stratford or contact Jo Phillips 0274433145 to page a courtesy van available to and from Opunake. Gold Coin Donation - To Book a seat ring/text Johanna Phillips 0274433145.

If you are unable to attend please consider donating to our give a little page.https:// givealittle.co.nz/cause/ journey-to-my-new-lungs.

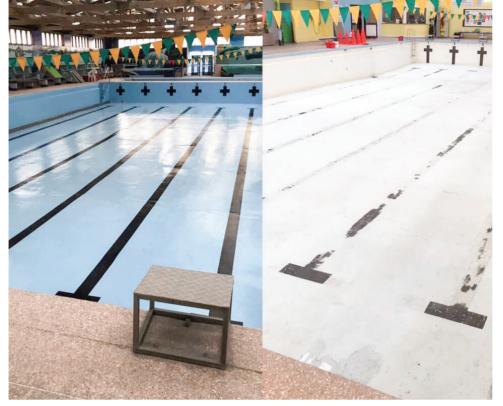
Tessa Donohue (Noonan)

### **)punake Pool new season with a fresh look**

It's that time of year again, the pools are refilled and heating up getting ready for a great season ahead. Over winter our major project was repainting all four pools. Jack and the team at Armourshield did a fantastic job of grinding back all the old paint, repairing cracks, resealing surfaces and applying the specialised paint. As you can see in the photo the difference is amazing.

To celebrate all this hard work and the new season we have been kindly sponsored by Todd Energy to kick off our opening day on Saturday October 5 with free entry and a sausage sizzle from 1-4pm.

Our awesome Aquafit Instructors Kay and Jenny are back for another season to keep everyone fit and active in the water no matter what your fitness level. Both ladies put on effective



The Opunake Community Baths has had a major spruce up.

### **Art for All' from Stratford Painters**

This month's exhibition at The Village Gallery, Eltham features the Stratford Painters Group.

The Painters meet at the Skinner Hall, Stratford A & P Showgrounds, Flint Road, Stratford, each Tuesday between 9.30 am and approximately 2.30 pm.

The group does not have a tutor, but individual members, if they wish, take turns to take along their own choice of articles to set up a still life, library books featuring the artistic style of a well-known artist, or a creative idea to be followed on that day by those who wish to do so.

Everyone is encouraged to put their work out to be evaluated, and it is always fascinating to see the different results. Constructive criticism is a feature of the group, with everyone sharing their ideas for developing a solution for any problem areas identified. Once or twice a year a tutor is engaged to take a Workshop on a particular topic.



#### Kea by Karen Waterson.

The Stratford Painters Polytech classes which were group evolved from Taranaki held in Stratford in the 1970's with various tutors taking the students. The tutor who made the most impact on those taking part in the classes at the time was the Argentinian artist and teacher, the late Tom Kreisler. Many well-known Taranaki artists who have been part of the group over the years were inspired by his unique teaching methods and his wide knowledge of art history. Tom encouraged his students to take a personal experimental approach to their art and his influence is still evident in the group today. All the present Painters belong to the Stratford Art Society, and most of them exhibit regularly in the SAS Exhibitions in the Percy

Thomson Gallery. This Exhibition features artworks from: Betty-Marie Crockett, Lorna Maxwell, Lorna Davies, Tony Rumball, Grethe Hansen, Chris Smith, Glenys Howland, Margaret Street, Trevor Knowsley, Dan Todd and Karen Waterson.

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styles, make sure you give more information. both a try. There is no extra cost for these classes, just lifeguards in training to gain general entry.

season we provide swimming programs during the school terms. Aquatots Preschool Swimming Lessons are all and Pool Lifeguard Skills taught by wonderful volunteers giving up their time to teach First Aid Level 2 - This our under fives on Tuesday also earns 40 Level 3 NZQA mornings. Learn To Swim is for school age and up in our afternoon sessions. SwimFit is available this season too, an Adult group fitness class held each week which caters for different levels with guidance around technique too.

opportunity up and running for businesses wanting to support our pool and get some advertising as well. If you are interested in getting your billboard up on our the water soon. walls please contact Hannah

classes with very different Drought on 0278748981 for

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Good luck to our four new their qualifications. This Swimming Lessons - Each is a big commitment and many hours of training but at the end they will have Pool Lifeguard Practice Certificate Award Qualifications and Credits.

I want to mention our men behind the scenes David Knapman and Paul Andersen-Gardiner. Every season starts smoothly with these two prepping the pool, making sure everything is working We have a sponsorship and the water is nice and warm.

Jump onto our Facebook page for upcoming events, changes and information. Can't wait to see you all in

Hannah Drought

### Stratford Painters 23 September to 18 October An Exhibition by Members of the Stratford Tuesday Painters Group The Village Gallery | 166 High Street, Eltham Open Monday - Saturday 10am - 3pm HAWERA GENEALOGY **ANNUAL BOOK FAIR** 3rd - 5th October 2019 St Joseph Hall, Victoria Street, Hawera 8.30am - 7pm Thurs, 8.30am - 6pm Fri, 9am -2pm Sat Ph 06 278 4292 OPUNAKE COMMUNITY POOLS Kindly sponsored by ENERGY Todd Energy **OCTOBER**

#### School Holiday Opening Hours Effective Saturday 5th October 2019 MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT

Lane	6:30-8:30am	6:30-10am	6:30-8:30am	6:30-10am	6:30-8:30am	7-10am	
Swimming	6:00-8pm	5 - 8pm		6:00-8pm			
Aqua Fit		9-9:45am		9-9:45am			
(starting 15/10)		5:30-6:15pm					
Public	*1-4pm	*1-4pm	*1-4pm	*1-4pm	*1-4pm	1-4pm	1-4pm

\*1-4pm Sessions are everyday in school holidays, but only weekends and public holidays during school terms. Public Holidays - No Lanes or Aquafit Sessions. Only 1-4pm public hours. Closed Xmas Day

#### Entry Fees – Cash Only

Student/Senior - \$3 Adult - \$4 Preschooler - \$1.50 Concession Cards (12 Swims) - Adult \$40 Student/Senior \$30 Private Hire \$50/hour Swimmer Nappies \$2

Contact: Pool Office (during open hours) – 0220819350 General Enquiries – Hannah Drought - 0278748981 Facebook – Opunake Community Baths Society

A huge thank you to Pub Charity, New Zealand Community Trust and Egmont Plains Community Board for your generous donations which made the resurfacing and painting project possible.

Check out our awesome repainted pools!

2019

# Oktoberfest is back

Mike's Oktoberfest is back by popular demand. WOW!! 2007 was the first

mike's Oktoberfest and its become an institution.

break while we worked on moving Mke's into New Plymouth.

Now that we have brought



In-Milk Dairy Auction 9th October 2019

C/O Jaiden & Hannah Drought 191 Ngawhero Rd, Kaponga Start time: 11.30am (Under Cover)

#### **DEFERRED PAYMENT** 20TH FEBRUARY 2020

#### COMPRISING OF:

120 Young Fsn Fsn X in-milk dairy cows Bw's up to 212, PW's up to 501

#### DETAILS:

 90% of cows 2-5 yrs old 3 cows confirmed for contract mating this season

- 7 cows under consideration for contract mating
  - TB C10, EBL free,
  - M Bovis undetected

#### AUCTIONEERS NOTE:

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Tickets are \$60 each



Steins of fun at Oktoberfest.

### Local business actively supports the rescue helicopter

Local entertainment business Raybern Entertainment is busy preparing for its seventh annual fundraising event for the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter.

Ray and Berna Hayward, owners of Raybern Entertainment said "when we started our business we wanted to support a community organisation by organising a fundraising event for them."

"Fundraising for the Rescue Helicopter was a no brainer really. We regard the Rescue Helicopter as our community's most valuable asset," Ray said.



This year they have boogie boogie till you can't organised a Charity Ball at the Plymouth International Hotel, in the Grand Ballroom, in New Plymouth on Saturday October 12. The event has been themed as A Night Of Song And Dance.

Ray says, "there is so much to look forward to. Miss Taranaki ladies as hostesses, Ken Swan from More FM is the MC, there's a sumptuous supper and three high quality entertainment acts."

boogie no more," he says, "and the best part is that all nett proceeds go to the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter."

Everyone who purchases a ticket will go in the draw to win a weekend's accommodation. In the previous six fundraising events they have raised well in excess of \$20,000.

And this year the event takes on even more significance for them. Just a week before last year's event, on October 5, they along with their friend

Monique Matthews, were involved in a horrendous head on crash just north of Mokau as they were on there way to a gig in Otorohanga. Three Rescue Helicopters were needed to take each of them to Waikato Hospital with the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter taking Monique.

Ray says, "so we're just asking everyone to support the event. The Rescue Helicopter has taken on an even more special meaning for us and you never know when you or your whanau or a friend may need it".

Tickets for the event are \$75.00 each and available from the Plymouth Hotel or online at www.eventfinda. co.nz (booking fee's apply).

"It will be a night of boogie Invites you To Join Us For a night of song and dance join us at SATURDAY 12TH Oktober Tur FEAST Your MC 🔜 🖂 Ken Swan From More FM BAND

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Available From the Plymouth International Hotel Online at www.eventfinda.co.nz (Booking Fee's Apply) ALL Nett Proceeds To The Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust

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### Encyclopaedias banned but anything else welcomed



Jill Williams with books that are available at The Hawera Genealogical Society annual book sale.

With about a fortnight to go the books were coming in and the Hawera Genealogical Society were gearing up for their annual book sale to be held on October 3-5.

Books are coming in at about the same rate as they did at the same time last year, convenor Jill Williams said last year. This year there appears to be less fiction, but more in other categories like history and hobbies.

"This year we had a pile of

Facility Manager on 06 761 8488

art books come in," says Jill. Is there anything they won't take? Encyclopaedias. The Society has been running the annual sale at St Joseph's Church Hall for "about four years" now. In previous years money raised has gone towards updating their computer as well as for the TV at Hawera Library Plus. This is currently screening images of South Taranaki in times past with an invitation to members

of the public to supply the

names of those in the photos. The Society has also donated money to the Hawera RSA when the statues of Hawera's two VC winners Harry Laurent and John Grant were unveiled.

This year money raised will go towards digitalising copies of the Hawera Star in the 10 year period to 1935. The results are expected to be seen around the end of next year on the Papers Past

website. "We're always looking at putting money back in the

community," says Jill. After the sale decisions will be made on what to do with any unsold books. It will also be time to start looking ahead to 2020 with donations of new books arriving throughout the year at their Union Street premises.



#### **Outstanding Young In-Milk Cow**

Auction A/c Troy Stevenson Date: Friday 4th October, 2019 Address: 437 Patiki Rd. Pihama. South Taranaki

Start time: 11.30am (under cover) Complementary BBQ lunch provided

**COMPRISING OF:** 

150 Fsn & Fsn X in-milk cows Bw 107, Pw 133, R/a 100% Herd test data available Cow 156 contracted to LIC

#### **DETAILS:**

• TB C10 - M Bovis not detected & BVD negative

• All In-Milk - in rotary shed twice daily • 4th Annual Auction - a large number of 1st and 2nd calvers

· High selection criteria & only sourced from South Taranaki

#### **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:**

All cows personally guaranteed by our Vendors offering 1 week trial. The cows are purchased to supply calf milk, then sold. The offering includes a CRL of heifers from M/S R & H Whyte whom sold their outstanding herd last season - bred to LIC 40+ yrs

#### **PAYMENT TERMS:** Deferred payment to 20th January 2020

Contact your local Carrfields Agent for details & photos **Carrfields Agent:** Brent Espin 027 551 3660 www.carrfieldslivestock.co.nz



Angry Birds - 1pm Mia and the white lion

Dora the Explorer - 1pm

The Kitchen - 7pm

Downton Abbey -

7pm

Dora the Explorer -

1pm

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The Kitchen - 7pm



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