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# Candidates still to leave a mark

With a month to go until the votes have to be in, election fever has yet to hit Opunake. This appears to be the general consensus of a survey of voters on the town streets.

There are fewer candidates this time round. Mayor Phil Nixon's only challenger is Walter Smith of Hawera. For the South Taranaki District Council, there will be contested elections for the two new Maori wards, but all sitting councillors are getting back in unopposed. In the Te Hawera Ward, only four people have put their hands up for the five available seats. There will be contested elections for all four community boards in the South Taranaki district.

Five people are standing for the two seats up for grabs on the Taranaki Regional Council's South Taranaki Ward, while Bonita Bigham will be elected unopposed for the new Maori ward.

People in Opunake were asked if they would be voting and what they saw as the main issues and which ones were of most concern to them.

"I will be voting, but I don't even know who's standing," was one woman's comment. "There's not been a lot of advertising, though there are a few signs out now."

"I am very status quo. I will vote but I don't know much about who I would vote for," said another woman. Asked

what she thought the issues were, she said there was the state of the water, and the development of the town.

One man said he didn't vote. "I'm going to vote but I've no idea who's in the election. I will look at it when the voting papers come out," said one woman. She believed the northern end of the district was being neglected in favour of the southern.

"Bloody everything is done for Hawera," she said. "They need to sort the water out and the potholes. We pay for the Hawera Swimming Pool instead of the swimming pool we have here."

Former district councillor and mayoral candidate Clem Coxhead noted the lack of

candidates putting themselves forward.

"My major concern that no election is being held here, so issues such as water will be forgotten. Water is now a health and safety issue. No matter what we do we are not going to get the water fixed until we replace the pipes which are a hundred years old.

"There's not an opportunity to debate the issues. We need to have an opportunity where the councillors standing and the mayor at least should come to a public meeting and answer questions."

He said the Walkway by Hickey Place was slipping, which in turn could put houses further up the hill in

danger.

Other issues included the shortage of housing, with people from out of town were buying houses and leaving them empty..

"There are lots of long term families who buy and live here every day of the week who have nowhere to live."

He said there is a need to find out what's happening to the old pensioner flats in King Street.

While the state of the town's water supply has again attracted headlines, it was Three Waters that was on the mind of Dave Thompson.

"It's an infringement of ratepayers' and citizens'

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## Queen of the road

Although already in service, a rare classic hearse at South Taranaki Funeral Services, Hawera is in the process of receiving a major upgrade. Reportedly, one of only twelve ever made, the 1976 Holden Statesman De Ville hearse, is an eye-catching 5.8 metres long. It is already the 'pride and joy' of Glenn Rogers and John Fullerton, owners of the highly respected funeral home. The fact that the vehicle it is an Australian-made Holden is a bonus as both are enthusiastic members of the Holden Club Central Car Club.

When Glenn heard that the Manawatu-based hearse was up for sale, he wasted no

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Glenn Rogers proud owner of the stately hearse.

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# The baby and the bath water

There is something about babies that brings a smile and a feeling of hope. They are programmed to do that for their own survival because they depend upon those around them to meet their needs. How those needs are met will influence

how the baby develops into an adult. Of course, it is more complex than that. The dilemma of nature vs nurture (genes versus environment and which has the greater affect) has been waging for decades and there doesn't seem to be a resolution in

sight.

Who would throw the baby out with the bath water and what does it mean? It's an expression (idiomatic, which means the meanings cannot be concluded from the meanings of the words that make it up). Essentially, throwing the baby out with the bathwater means discarding something valuable along with something not wanted. As humans, we tend to be more focused, or aware, of the losses. We usually have

to look really hard for the gains: but they are there, we just have to search for them. And seeing both the losses and the gains will mean that a more balanced picture is often formed.

God's kingdom is a bit like the baby. It has existed since the beginning of time and it will continue to exist long after we do. And yet most people in the Western world ignore its reality. Being a Christian has become very unpopular in this post-modern era. All kinds of

things work together to sway people away from God's kingdom: bad experiences at church (either personally or second-hand), wanting to follow our own egos and desires, not having the time or energy, not wanting to be unpopular or being discriminated against and plain old disbelief. Jesus summarised the basic reasons for throwing out the baby with the bathwater in the Parable of the Sower in Mark chapter 4.

My point is that it is never

too late to change and rescue the baby. We can think and reflect on our own attitudes and values that contribute to the bath water: what is to be lost and what is to be gained? God's kingdom is waiting to be born in each of us. The birth, death and resurrection of Jesus guarantees our rebirth into God's kingdom 'If' we choose Him as our Saviour and Lord.

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# OBITUARY: Mikhail Gorbachev

On August 30 Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev died. He was buried in Novodevichy Cemetery beside his wife Raisa (nee Titarenko).

The former leader of the Soviet Union (1985-1991) will be mostly remembered for his two reforms Glasnost (openness) and Perestroika (restructuring) and his campaign to persuade nations to abandon (or at least reduce) their dependence on nuclear weapons. When he resigned from his position as Soviet president he declared his legacy as follows: "The country received freedom, was liberated politically and spiritually and that was the most important achievement."

As to the recent invasion of Ukraine by Russia and Belarus, one of his key staff for over thirty years said, "Mr Gorbachev was psychologically devastated by the invasion."

Mikhail Gorbachev was born on March 3, 1931 in Privolnoye, Russian SFSR, the Soviet Union in a peasant



Mikhail Gorbachev.

family. Upon adulthood he attended Moscow University and graduated with a law degree. After graduation, he worked for the Agricultural Department in the Stavropol region and was promoted to its leadership.

He joined the Communist Party in 1952 and rose steadily through the ranks. In 1971 he was elected to the Central Committee and in 1978 was a candidate member of the Soviet Politburo.

His promotion was aided by the Russian leader Andropov's admiration for him and by 1984 he

was second only to his mentor. He assumed overall leadership in March 1985.

During his five years (approximately) in leadership the 1986 Summit in Reykjavik, Iceland was important where he proposed the elimination of all long-range missiles for both the United States and his own nation. This measure, upon acceptance by President Reagan, helped end the cold war between the two superpowers and, to a lesser extent included countries such as Great Britain whose prime minister Margaret Thatcher declared, "Mr Gorbachev is a man one can do business with."

However, his far-reaching reforms were too much for the hardliners in the Communist Party and an attempted coup in August 1991 was strenuously resisted by Boris Yeltsin, who was president of Russia, the biggest Soviet republic. However, despite the failure of the coup, Gorbachev resigned several months later.

After his resignation Gorbachev made speeches advocating nuclear disarmament and also spoke of the importance of protecting the environment, as well as the need to reduce poverty. The Raisa Gorbachev Foundation did what it could to alleviate child cancer by fundraising and other measures.

In 1990 Mikhail Gorbachev won the Nobel Peace Prize "for his leading role in the peace process which today characterises important part of the international community."

United States President Biden commented that Gorbachev's reforms "led to a safer world and greater freedom for millions of people."

## Deadlines for copy

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

Our deadline for copy is Monday 10am.

This gives us an opportunity to proofread the copy.

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

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

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

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

Editor

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## Fluoride in our water supplies.

Fluoride, like many substances, is toxic in quantity. The history of fluoride being added to water supplies goes like this. Manufacturers found that fluoride was a by-product of steel, aluminium and fertiliser production. They knew that fluoride was used by growing humans for healthy bone and teeth production, and that in areas where fluoride soil levels were particularly low, a benefit could be achieved by adding fluoride to the young population's diet.

Somehow they then convinced a large percentage of the developed world that they should add fluoride to their potable water supplies, regardless of the surrounding soil levels. This meant they got rid of a poor quality fluoride toxin and got paid for it instead of incurring a considerable cost for disposal.

I handled the raw powder in my early twenties while treating Hawera's water, initially with little or no training I might add. So as time went on I investigated more.

While there is a sector of society, namely malnourished growing humans that will benefit from fluoride supplementation, it makes no sense to mass medicate the remaining population with a known toxin. As we age we do not use the fluoride which means it tends to accumulate in our bodies and is known to build up in our pineal gland. The pineal gland is part of our brain and a build-up of fluoride seems to affect our imagination and memory. Is the rise in alzheimers and dementia cases a by-product of this?

We are not just consuming added fluoride by drinking the treated, presumably safe water, we are adding it to our gardens when watering, and then consuming the veges. We are adding it to the environment every time we turn the tap on, and even

when we flush the toilet. Ridiculous.

But that is not all. Dr Vivyan Howard gave a lecture at Otago University explaining that there was irrefutable evidence that the IQ of the unborn child is damaged by the mother consuming fluoridated water. Now we have another compelling reason to ban the fluoridation of our water supplies, with no argument. This stance is not anti-fluoride, it is anti-toxins added to our water supplies please.

Then we have Dr Anthony Bloomfield, who clearly has made serious mistakes lately, mandating fluoridation nationwide on his way out the door. What a debacle.

Clearly Councils need to get together en-masse and refuse to obey this poisonous directive.

We are only one of eight nations worldwide who still fluoridate potable water supplies. It is a draconian and now clearly a toxic practice, unless you wish to dumb down the future generations.

Instead we need to have good quality fluoride tablets available to parents to give to their children if they desire, and by all means explain the benefits this may provide to a growing human being.

Alan Murray  
 Ohawe

## The local elections are upon us – Part 2

So why do I wish to sit and talk of many things, (as the walrus alluded to, in my previous letter.) Because I'm a people's person who is interested in you. I'm a people's person who is interested not on how many infrastructures we can spend the ratepayers' money on, other than to get up to date with good sewerage and amenities facilities. I'm not here to build and spend again ratepayers' money on buildings, extravagant signage and things that

have served for many years and with good maintenance would stand for many more.

I'm here to ask the same questions as possibly you ask "Why?" Why aren't our roads repaired? Why is our sewage system not up to standard? Why do we have brown water? Why is our money being spent on this project and not this one? Why does it take so long to get a simple answer to a basic question?

I'm standing to challenge with more vigour, why after three years, the people are still asking the same questions, without being answered with a positive, feasible answer, when ratepayers stand and watch expenditure happen in a totally unwanted area from that of their perception.

I'm here to encourage you to sit with me around the table at community board meetings and also to talk of many things. There is strength in numbers, I may be your voice, but 'I' is a lonely number to try to accomplish a need. Together we can be strong to present a united need or request. These are your towns and districts. It's your voice that needs to be heard. You and your family make up with other families a town or district. As I said, I'm a people's person, and as such I'm interested how Council decisions are going to affect you, How Council decisions are going to help you, How Council decisions are going to enhance and benefit you as a person and family within a district.

So, if you wish for me to endeavour the best of my ability to represent you on your behalf, please vote tick for Lindsay Maindonald. Thank you.

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 Lindsay Maindonald  
 Eltham

## Our world is in jeopardy – Part 2

Further to my last letter, which I am sure will have created several different reactions in readers' minds, from worry, to concern as to my state of mind, I must continue to expose our future as I see it.

I mentioned that the WEF (World Economic Forum) is following a path known as Agenda 2030

Covid 19 and fluoridation mandates.

We also need to consider the worldwide attack on farmers and our future food supplies (which most media are alarmingly silent on); crazy climate change hysteria (resulting in ridiculous rules and spending); worrying curriculum changes in education (explicit sex education for 11 year old students – almost pornography level); and altering of genders without parental input. We also have intentional racial division (divide and conquer methodology), massive uncontrolled government overspending, (intended to run us broke so they can introduce a one world bank), closure of Marsden Point, our only refinery (to ensure we are totally dependent on imports).

Even more worrying is the introduction of 5G, which is being rolled out worldwide at mach speed.

5G is a military development and in the few experiments where results are not hidden, the EMF (electro-magnetic frequency) varies considerably from previous communication emfs, like 3G and 4G.

The waves are much smaller and pulse, which allows the waves to enter our bodies, and the bodies of all animals and insects. Babies and young children are much more susceptible to this, as are birds and insects, which cannot tolerate the emf and die. Our brains appear to be the most affected initially and the frequency is alarmingly close to that used for crowd dispersal. All emfs are prone to increase the onset of cancers, premature aging, fertility problems and dangers to our brains hearts and even DNA.

The people of Rahunu attempted to halt the erection of a 5G tower near the school, to no avail. What happened there, that their concerns were bulldozed aside. In towns and cities the proximity of the towers to each other is alarming.

I have written to all of our local authorities about these

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# Community Board hold last meeting before election

The last meeting of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board before the local body elections saw a farewell for one of its members.

Community Board member Bonita Bigham is the only candidate for the Taranaki Regional Council Maori constituency so she will be taking her seat at the Taranaki Regional Council after October 8. She was elected to the Taranaki Coastal Community Board three years ago, but her association with the board goes further back than that. She was a South Taranaki District councillor from 2013 to 2019, and during that time was the Council's representative on what was then the Egmont Plains Community Board.



Bonita Bigham.

At the final meeting held at Te Niho o Te Atiawa Marae at Parihaka, South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon noted Bonita's contribution as an elected councillor, board member and as an iwi representative on the Council's Environment and Hearings committees. "Her dedication and commitment to the community has been fantastic," he said.

Community Board chair

Andy Whitehead said it was appropriate Bonita's last meeting was held at Parihaka.

"My journey started with you at Opunake High School a few years ago. It's been a privilege to work alongside you. The biggest privilege you introduced us to was coming out here to the marae. It's been a privilege to work alongside you."

Te Niho kaitiaki Maata Wharehoka said she hoped that even though Bonita was leaving the community

board, the board would continue holding meetings at Parihaka.

At the final Community Board meeting there was some discussion about the Council's decision to accept Tranche 1 of the government's "Better Off" funding being made available as part of the Three Waters Reform passage while the Council was opposing the reforms. Mayor Phil Nixon said there were no criteria as to how the money should

be spent, and accepting the money wouldn't affect what the Council would be saying about Three Waters.

The Council was working towards their goal of becoming carbon negative by 2035 through reforestation and cutting emissions from community infrastructure and assets. Accepting the Better off funding would also help keep down the rates increase for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

There was also some discussion on the Manaia multi-use facility after the town's War Memorial Hall and Sports Facility had had to close for failing to meet the required earthquake standards. Mayor Phil Nixon said there had been a community hui at the Manaia Golf Club which had come up with a number of concepts. There was a later hui at the Waiokura Marae where a different cross section of the community had turned up and they had wanted to keep both buildings.

Since then Te Korowai o Ngaruahine had approached the Council saying they wanted to come back to their rohe and asking if they could combine forces in setting up a multi-use facility in Manaia. Mayor Nixon said he was pleased at the turnout to a hui at the Robert Gibson Hall to discuss this latest idea, but he still felt the people who turned up represented yet another cross-section of the community, so that it was still difficult to tell for sure

exactly what the Manaia community as a whole wanted to see happen.

Mayor Nixon said a million dollars had been set aside when the Manaia Town Hall was closed, and that money was still there and had been inflation-

proofed. Money that had been set aside for Manaia in the Town Revitalisation programme could also be used to setting up the new facility if that's what the Manaia community wanted, he said.

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concerns and more, and I am awaiting their response. Apparently they have little input other than the granting of resource consents. I have suggested the rollout of 5G must be stopped until further investigation ensures the technology is safe, and the existing towers be prevented from being used until results are forthcoming.

This is all scary stuff, but should not be pushed aside because it makes us feel uncomfortable. All of these issues need to be confronted head on because I believe

we are at war, and many of us just don't realise it yet.

The Government opposition parties are saying very little and yet they are at the forefront of decision making. Take National for instance – they erected signs saying they will 'Repeal and Replace' the Three Waters legislation. Replace with what? This is not transparent.

At least ACT says they will reverse the evil legislation, but sadly they are silent on the many other issues of concern. Where is the concern from MP's about 5G for crapes sake, and

the tyranny happening worldwide?

As to a suggestion of how we move forward.

The only way I can see some urgent change made possible to this terrible situation we find ourselves in, is for us to encourage all good MPs, those without any ties to the WEF, to "Wake up" and throw 'Party Politics' aside for a while, join ranks, and kick this present regime into touch now.

Alan Murray  
Ohawe

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On Tuesday morning the Opunake Fire Brigade were called out after roading contractors discovered a gas bottle stuck in a culvert under the Surf Highway.

The contractors, who were working near the intersection of Opuia Road and the Surf Highway had come across the bottle after they had put a camera into the culvert.

At that stage it wasn't known if the gas bottle could have posed any risk to the public, so the Fire Brigade was called in to extract the bottle, which was empty, and

control traffic. "It's obviously why the road's had so much flooding over the last two months," quipped Opunake chief fire officer Andrew Pentelow.



Fire Officers attending the scene.

## On this month in history F Scott Fitzgerald born

On September 24, 1896 Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States.

He became a novelist, essayist, and short story writer. He even wrote a play (*The Vegetable*).

Success as a writer did not come easy; he had 120 rejections and one short story accepted for a fee of \$30. Finally, his novel *This Side of Paradise* was accepted and published in 2020, selling 40,000 copies

in its first year and was greatly acclaimed. His best known novel is *The Great Gatsby* (1925) and his final one *Tender is the Night* (1934). He has a great friendship with Ernest Hemingway, but

there were fallings out along the way. His time as a screenwriter was not very successful. He met British actor David Niven and they became friends, despite their age difference.

F Scott Fitzgerald had issues with alcohol and died on December 21, 1940 suffering from tuberculosis.

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# Candidates still to leave a mark

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rights," he said. "It's a sneaky and surreptitious way this government is nationalising entities around New Zealand. They should keep their fingers out of local government. LGNZ need to constantly push the barrow against this, and I fully applaud Phil Nixon for putting a stake in the ground as far as Three Waters is concerned."

Raewyn Cornford said she would be voting, and would be looking for someone local who cares about Opunake.

She said the town needed a water upgrade. She also wondered if the Opunake end of the district was being neglected, noting that it was local input that had got the Bowen Crescent playground up and running.

"The community playground was built with local money while Hawera was paid for "willy nilly," she said.

She also expressed concern about the appearance of the former medical centre in Havelock Street and the former post office which remain empty.

"Us retailers and people



Council owned pensioner housing to be demolished and there's a housing shortage

in this township don't want things looking bad," she said.

One local farmer said he had a number of issues on his mind.

"Roading, potholes, road surfaces and one lane bridges. Where's the plan? Or are we just supposed to be happy being told it's going to happen?"

A local businessman expressed similar sentiments.

"I was coming back here via Stratford Road and it was washing out. They had put in some bitumen and that was squeezing out," he said.

The wastewater system was another issue.

"The wastewater system is not big enough. It's not working the way it was designed to work, but we have less people now in 2022 than we did in 1962."

Another issue was crime. "We need to sort the crime

out. We could do with more security cameras around town."

There were, however some positives.

"It's great that we've not got that many empty shops around Opunake," he said.

On the question of the town's water supply he said that the water can turn brown when there has been heavy rain, but people would complain if there was no water at all.

# Queen of the road

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time in expressing his interest. In fact, some time ago he'd let the previous owner know that, if the hearse was ever to be sold, he was very keen to put in an offer. "I was very lucky. I knew the chap who owned it, so could say that I was very interested in it. I told him to get in touch with me, if the hearse was ever up for sale." And he did. Glenn affectionately calls the hearse Queenie – short for Queen of the road.

The vehicle has a colourful and very varied career and has not always been used as a hearse. At one stage it was used as a promotional vehicle to tow classic caravans. Glenn has many photographs of the car in its previous lives and one shows Queenie with a caravan

attached.

It was first used as a hearse in Australia by the Fry Brothers Funeral Home, who are located in Maitland, New South Wales.

Queenie has been in several car shows. "At the one held at the Tui Brewery it was one of the most unique cars in the show," explains Glenn. At the Mangatainoka Show in the Manawatu (just out of Woodville) it won the prize as the vehicle which had travelled the furthest distance.

Taking a ride in the hearse is an interesting experience as many heads are turned during the journey, accompanied by mouths open in surprise, followed by a friendly wave as we drive past.

So far, the hearse has been used in five recent funerals

at South Taranaki Funeral Services, one involving a good friend of Glenn's, who had died far too young. Although the hearse was not optimally ready to be used, Glenn engaged in a flurry of activity to prepare for this sad occasion involving his departed friend. There was much positive comment from mourners at this and subsequent funerals. "It was very very well received. People loved it."

So far, the hearse has had a new deck installed, and some mechanical work (It still has the original 308 engine, with 189,000km on the clock). However, there will be more upgrading including paint work and new upholstery. "It's still a work in progress," concedes Glenn. He mentions an estimate of the cost of further

improvements, which would make any accountant wince. "I want to make a statement with Queenie," comments Glenn bravely. Some of the next improvements include having the interior hood area relined and some stainless steel sections restored. A number of parts are needing to be specially manufactured. "You have to have a passion for this," Glenn comments.

Glenn is grateful to the many people who have helped with this upgrade and, in many cases are still helping. We look forward to the final stage in this worthwhile project. Well done to Glenn and all who have contributed to this upgrade, past, present and future.

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# Food and fibre has a strong future

We all eat and that gives everyone a role to play in our food chain. While there are a series of environmental issues to solve, farmers and growers have made good progress

over the years. Fencing waterways, planting millions of trees in riparian strips, ensuring effluent spreading systems are efficient and don't run into our rivers, as well as



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measuring fertiliser needs more accurately, are all great examples of this. Big conversations As a country, water issues are to the forefront, in both rural and urban areas. Rural waterways have improved in many locations. This has taken a lot of work and those who have achieved this, usually at their own cost, deserve credit for the progress that has been made. Our nation's water conversation has changed over the past four years, in terms of quantity and quality. Adding more cows to our landscape no longer features. We have grown cow numbers in New Zealand to a point where many catchments are at their limit. We are finding more precise answers to our challenges. DNA for example is playing a real role. It can now identify which animals are responsible for E.coli contamination of water. While farmers must take responsibility for the quality of water around them, birds, wild deer, wild pigs and rodents for example are among the other species, adding to the bugs. This doesn't mean farmers are off the hook, but what it does mean is that they should not feel they bear the brunt of responsibility for our rural waterways. Water storage is essential to our future especially in

places like Hawke's Bay and the Wairarapa. But I was surprised to be talking about it in Southland earlier this year.

Home to high rainfall areas Fiordland and Milford Sound, this region overall is not normally drought-prone, but here they were in the middle of one, rethinking their water management.

As climate change effects take hold over our particularly dry areas of NZ, the conversation around sustainable water supplies in urban communities for household use, energy, environmental replenishment and recreation, has intensified. These talks cannot be about finger-pointing between rural and urban communities, but about working together to find solutions to our collective water challenges.

However, blanket central government regulations for both water and land, are not going to fit across our regions. Not even within the same catchment, does one-size-fit-all. I recently met with Thriving Southland members. This community-led group working with 27 catchment groups has data going down to a scale of just 10sq metres. Now that sort of detail cannot be driven from Wellington. It also means one prescriptive rule is not suitable, even on the same farm.

It's this approach by the Government, with top-down driven regulations, which is creating the greatest stress among farming communities right now. Taking the lead The ever-increasing developments in science and innovative technology are where the answers to many of our challenges lie. Urban readers will have heard a lot about emissions from ruminant animals and their contribution to climate change. While our farmers are

among the most efficient system operators in the world and the lowest climate emitters, we have millions of ruminants, producing a lot of methane.

Several promising inhibitors are emerging from research currently underway.

Our genetics companies have been breeding lower methane-producing bulls for some time and each year these traits are being passed on to the next crop of calves. Fonterra is working on a potential methane-reducing solution called 'Kowbucha' and other European solutions are being tested for safety and effectiveness in our pasture-based farming systems.

People power Although technology, research and science will be the answer to most of our issues, food production at the farm and orchard level is a people-productive industry, as are our processing factories, meat works, harvesting and picking processes.

Human resources are very scarce right now for the hundreds of full and part-time roles in agriculture and horticulture. Often when we talk about immigration, it's said NZ doesn't have enough housing and infrastructure to cope. In rural and provincial New Zealand, on our farms, orchards and vegetable blocks, we do all waiting to be filled with seasonal employees.

Fruit picking and vegetable harvesting is largely done by Recognised Seasonal Employee (RSE) Scheme workers.

These people who are proud to come to our country from the Pacific and beyond, work for part of the year and take their wages back home to develop their own country.

There are also the Northern Hemisphere / Southern Hemisphere cyclical workers who shear sheep, pregnancy scan sheep or drive combine

harvesters at the peak of the cropping and silage season. These are not immigrants, but are a complementary work force, and Kiwis get to do the same in return.

This lack of workers in the past two and a half years has seen the appalling wastage of crops and food at unprecedented levels.

With food scarce globally and methane produced by food waste, we are sending ourselves backwards, economically, environmentally and socially.

How does that make sense? Geo-politics

While we are working on these issues, there are global geopolitics playing out, and food and energy security issues stemming from the war in Ukraine.

National will ensure transitions are fair, affordable and take our farming community with us to ensure environmental, social and environmental factors are considered.

Food leakage across borders is not an acceptable option. Our policies regarding agriculture, will be based on these principles:

- taking a science-based approach;
- focussing on innovation and technology;
- giving long term signals to the economy;
- considering and managing any wider economic impacts;
- ensuring New Zealand acts with international partners, not in isolation.

New Zealand's food and fibre production is world-class.

National supports the sector to stay at the forefront, by applying sensible principles to policies, as we navigate our way through our environmental obligations.

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# Growing a skilled workforce for Taranaki

We recently saw our Mana in Mahi programme - which works with businesses to get young people at risk of long-term unemployment into work and training - surpass its target, and overwhelmingly keep participants in work.

Across the country, we've supported more than 200,000 Kiwis through our free apprenticeships and trades training programmes, and we're seeing more people move into jobs through successful initiatives like Flexi-wage and He Poutama Rangatahi.

In the past year, we've supported more than 100,000 people off a benefit and into work.

The latest figures show that unemployment has remained



**STEPH LEWIS  
MP FOR WHANGANUI**

at near record lows thanks to our economic approach that supports families and businesses, resulting in more people in work and rising wages.

I've had conversations with employers throughout the electorate about staff shortages, and a shift in priorities for employees and

job applicants. Since the pandemic lockdowns, we're seeing more people wanting to continue with a hybrid, or flexible work arrangement, and place more emphasis on the culture of where they work while achieving a more balanced lifestyle. It was widely felt that these factors did influence the types of jobs being applied for and meant some sectors and businesses faced, and still are experiencing, skill shortages.

To provide support in this area, we recently rebalanced our immigration settings so that the system is streamlined and simpler for businesses to attract the workers they need. This will help to attract migrants in hard to fill roles like health workers, tech and

construction engineering.

I'm pleased to see we are creating more jobs, supporting more people into work, and making sure that more Kiwis can get the skills they need to prosper.

Our Government is committed to playing our part to make sure that all New Zealanders have the opportunity to thrive.

During the Youth Parliament tenure earlier this year my Youth MP Ebony Kalin, and Youth MP Advisors identified that not only is it important for our rangatahi to gain skills and experience, they also need to be supported in learning how to write CVs and cover letters in order to apply for jobs.

I'm thrilled to say Ebony

and the Youth Advisors have been working on a resource tool to share with our youth community who are looking to prepare their own job applications. I'd love to share this resource with you when it's ready, send me an

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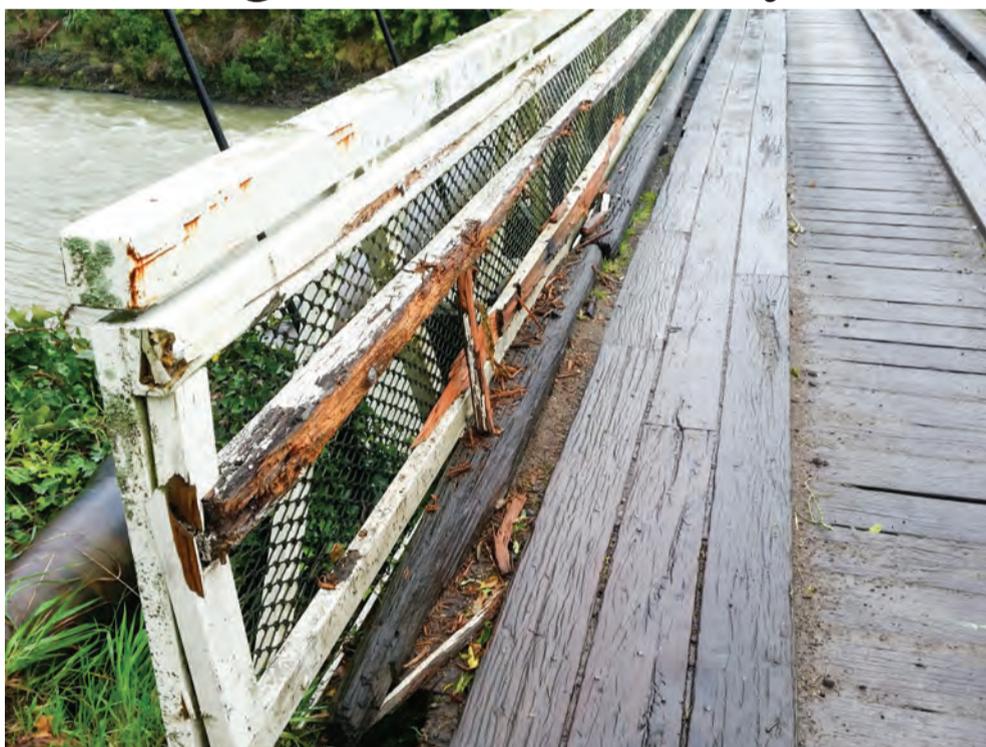
Truck and tractor drivers trying to save time by taking short cuts are costing ratepayers about \$150,000 a year and making roads dangerous say the New Plymouth District Council.. Some of Taranaki's iconic landmarks, such as the Uruti Tunnel and the Bertrand Road Bridge, which marked its 125th birthday this year, are being needlessly smashed up by drivers forcing oversized vehicles through them.

Some of the worst examples include:

The Bertrand Road Bridge, which was built in 1897 and rebuilt in 1927, was only ever made for cars and smaller vehicles, but regularly has large vehicles scraping their way through the bollards at either end and smashing up the woodwork on the sides and deck.

The 235-metre Uruti Tunnel, which was built in the 1920s, often has its support and bracing timbers shattered and girders bent by big vehicles.

"This sort of damage makes these roads dangerous for other drivers and costs ratepayers about \$150k a year to fix. We've spent \$60k alone fixing the Uruti



Damage like this to Bertrand Road Bridge, Uruti Tunnel and other bridges and tunnels across the district is costing ratepayers thousands every year.

Tunnel over the last two years. The repair work also holds up other traffic. And the really frustrating thing is that it's all totally avoidable," said NPDC Transport Manager Rui Leitao.

"We work with trucking companies to steer drivers to use navigation apps designed especially to take big vehicles over suitable

roads, but too often we see them relying on standard GPS or just chancing a shortcut.

"We suspect some drivers have even climbed on top of their cabins to move height restriction signs at tunnel entrances and in 2014 a big truck actually got stuck in the Uruti Tunnel," he says. NPDC say they attempt to recover the costs, but

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# Taranaki Treasures An antique coffee grinder

Cecilia's on Tasman in Opunake has an interesting Victorian kitchen aid - a hand-cranked coffee grinder, which owner Raewyn Cornford has recently acquired. The black and white painted grinder was manufactured by Spong and Co Ltd, an English firm, which was founded in 1856 by James Osborn Spong.

The firm was a real family affair for about a century, with the last member of the family Christopher joining the company in 1955, following his father Roger and uncle Donald. Christopher continued his involvement for another 30 years before retiring in 1985. I should be noted, however, that there were several take-



overs and associated name changes. By the time of Christopher's involvement the company was called Brit Nit (which was eventually sold to Cafetiere Household Articles).

Apart from labour saving kitchen devices, such as coffee grinders, mincers and bean slicers, Spong and Co also manufactured safety devices such as fire extinguishers and fire escapes, animal traps, hedge trimmers and, at a later date (1930s), filters for car engines.

Left: The antique hand-cranked Spong and Co coffee grinder.

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## Be a Zero Waste Hero

Three young men have put a NPDC Zero Waste Fund grant to good use by to learning how to make compost properly.

Now KAItiaki Composting picks up food waste from four local businesses to turn into compost at the Marfell Community Garden.

"The businesses love it," says Simon Cayley, CEO of the Bishop's Action Foundation, which works with Zeal on delivering KAItiaki Composting. "They're really finding it simple and easy. They've each got a bin to chuck all their food waste into and they know that on Thursday mornings the bin is going to be collected.

"NPDC's Zero Waste grant has helped the team contribute to the environment - they feel that they're making a real difference with this sustainable enterprise."

Simon says KAItiaki Composting is still in its pilot phase, and they're working



on what would be needed to scale-up the operation so that more businesses with food scraps can take part.

Currently, KAItiaki Composting collects about 150 litres of food waste every week - although diverting this resource from the landfill is only one benefit from the project.

"It's shown the team that they can create something valuable. They don't have to wait for someone else to give them a career path: they can be taken seriously and use their own ideas to create a career for themselves," says Simon.

NPDC's Zero Waste initiative has the ambitious goal of no waste from New Plymouth District residents and businesses going to landfill by 2040.

At left: Kanye (left), Te Ringa and Caesar are helping local businesses turn their food waste into rich compost through KAItiaka Composting.

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# Gardening with kids

Gardening is a wonderful way to teach a valuable skill and connect kids to the earth. Half the fun of gardening is eating what you sow.

Fruit and vegetables can easily be grown in pots or containers, on a balcony or windowsill. Strawberries do very well in hanging baskets and tomatoes absolutely thrive in containers.

**Potatoes**  
Potatoes will happily grow in planter bags, pots or containers. As you start with a seed potato, it's a little bit like a science experiment, which is lots of fun. Once



Children love being involved in gardening.

the seed potatoes have 'eyes' you can plant them in a deep bucket or potato bag. Every time the plants reach the surface, cover with more soil.

### Peas

Peas are easy and quick to grow. They are the most fun to harvest as the kids love shelling them from their pea pods. Peas can be frozen which makes them perfect for getting the most out of your crop. Choose the sunniest spot in your garden to grow your peas. Plant seeds 2.5cm deep and space 5cm apart. Cover and water.

### Leafy greens

Look for the varieties that you eat most as a family, this could be lettuce, mesclun, rocket, silverbeet, spinach, bok choy, kale, or you could even add some herbs to your garden and have your kids

create planters for them.

**Cherry tomatoes**  
Cherry tomatoes are a great crop to grow. Usually high yielding, producing a heap of sweet and delicious tomatoes. Try Red Tumbler which will happily grow in pots or containers and is perfect for snacking, lunchboxes, salads or vegetable kebabs.

### Strawberries

Happy in hanging baskets, garden beds, pots or containers, strawberries are bound to get kids excited growing something that they love to eat. Plant five plants per person to ensure a bumper crop.

## Awards for New Plymouth airport terminal

New Plymouth Airport's terminal has won two major accolades for design excellence from the New Zealand Airports Association.

Owned by NPDC, the terminal Te Hono, was named medium-sized airport of the year and medium infrastructure project of the year at the 2021 awards, recently held online because last year's ceremony was postponed from last year because of Covid.

The judges described Te Hono as an "iconic gateway for the region" and praised it for "giving life to the cultural narrative" of Puketapu hapū.

They also noted the airport's terminal redevelopment project had shown genuine leadership in passenger experience and included sustainable building design principles.

It sits on ancestral land of Taranaki's Puketapu hapū,



Arriving at the big time. From left, airport Chief Executive David Scott, Property Manager Ian Baker, Operations and Safety Manager Paul Tench and Wildlife Officer Martin Smith pictured outside the Airport of the Year.

who worked with the project team.

While the last two years had been extremely challenging for airports around the world, the awards recognised the airport is well placed for a brighter future, New Plymouth Airport chief executive David Scott said.

"In the year to June, we had about 244,000 passengers come through Te Hono,

and were expecting about 350,000 over the next 12 months. We look forward to sharing Te Hono with travellers from around the world for many years to come," said Mr Scott.

The awards add the airport's success which includes a win in the Prix Versailles for best airport exterior in December last year.

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# Last day at school for Andy



Andy Whitehead outside Opunake High School with the carved huia feather he was presented with at his last meeting

After 21 years as a school trustee Andy Whitehead is calling it a day. Having shifted to Oaonui in 1999, Andy was a trustee at Oaonui Primary School from 2001 until the school closed in 2003. This was followed by a year on the Opunake Primary School continuing board from 2003-4 and then six years at St Joseph's from 2004-10, before serving

12 years on the board of Opunake High School, 10 of them as chair, a position he stood down from last year.

He attended his final meeting as trustee last week when he was presented with a carved huia feather. His interest in the school will continue as preparations get under way for the school's centenary celebrations in 2025.

"I've seen it all," said Andy. "I've seen a school closure, I've seen a merger, I've seen a statutory management, and I've seen Opunake High School named the best school in the country for its decile. I go knowing the school is in a very strong position with a very good presiding member (chair) and a very good principal."

Andy, his wife Debi and their two sons Troy and Kallum had moved to Oaonui in 1999. Two years later Andy was a trustee at the school which his sons attended.

"I blame Geoff Watt. He asked me to put my name forward when he was a principal at Oaonui," says Oaonui.

When Oaonui, like other

schools along the coast were threatened with the chop, Andy joined protests at parliament opposing the school closures.

"I still think it was a bad decision," says Andy. "After all these years I would still tell the minister that more money should be given to smaller schools to create equity. The bigger schools have more money to pay for the top teachers."

Andy says he has had a positive relationship with all the principals he has worked with.

He served as chair for the entire time he was on the St Joseph's Board of Trustees.

"I caught (principal) Judy Maindonald as she fell from the top stair of St Joe's," he recalls.

When he was at St Joseph's Andy says the school had gone through "stages and challenges" and been placed in statutory management. He believes that longer term this had led to a positive outcome under Dee Luckin as school principal.

While at Opunake High School Andy had the satisfaction of seeing both his sons becoming head

prefects.

He continued as chair of the board after they left school.

"The main reason was that a new principal was coming in and we wanted to have continuity rather than a fresh chair and a fresh principal," he says. "I was still passionate about education and Opunake High School. After Kallum left I realised how much I knew the other students that were there, so that I was not just doing it for my boys, I felt I was making a positive difference. The board of trustees had individual strengths and we did combine really well. I still wanted to be there and I was really enjoying it."

"One of my passions is getting the individual strengths of the individual students. The great thing about Opunake High School is that it doesn't box kids in. It allows them to find their own success."

He says one of his highlights was taking five boys out at lunchtime to places like the fire station and Sandy Bay to help them find their own individual strengths.

Andy says being a school trustee has been a worthwhile experience.

"It's been such a massive growth experience for me, meeting new people, stepping out of my comfort zone and meeting new challenges. I would like to think I made a difference to lots of new students over the years. My only regret is that we didn't get back to Samoa."

A planned trip in 2021 had to be called off because of COVID.

He says he will miss being a trustee.

"The do it yourself attitude in Opunake makes the school such a success, as well as the individual passion of teachers committed to making a difference to each and every student."

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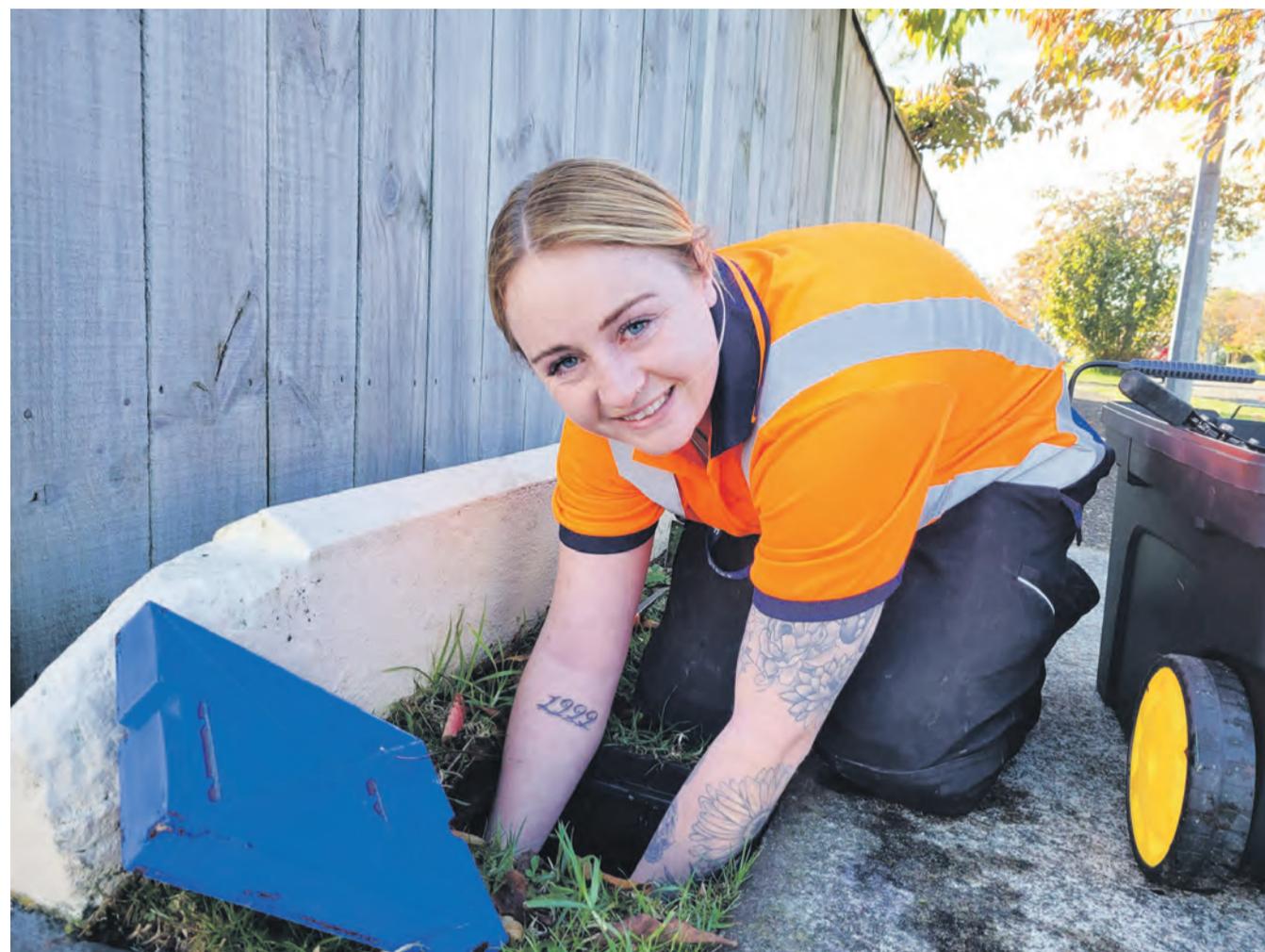
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NPDC Cadet Kezia Neither helped install water meters as part of the Brooklands pilot in May.

# Water Meters to be rolled out

Water meters are set to be rolled out to around 26,000 homes around the district over the next two years as part of NPDC's major investment in Fixing the Plumbing and save millions by stopping waste.

New Plymouth is one of the highest consumption places in Aotearoa, using up to 50%-100% more water than places of a similar size and

make-up, putting extra strain on the district's 800km of ageing drinking water pipes, which are more than 100 years old in some places and literally bursting.

using water more efficiently, said NPDC Three Waters Manager Mark Hall.

Combine that with a growing population and the fact that we're already maxing out our water sources during dry periods, and it makes a pressing case for

“Locals use on average 288 litres per person per day in New Plymouth versus 222 litres across New Zealand – but water meters would help cut our water use by about 20% and help reduce the cost of future investment in the infrastructure,” said Mr

Hall. If we cut our water use by a quarter, we could cut the cost for new pipes and equipment from \$171m over the next 30 years to just \$50m.

The water meter rollout will start this month in Fernleigh following NPDC's 1 pilot installation of meters in Brooklands earlier this year. NPDC will coordinate the roll-out of water meters in towns and suburbs with other water projects so that any inconvenience to residents is minimised. Under the proposed Three Waters changes, from July 2024 the district's water infrastructure will be owned by a new Water Services Entity, which will be responsible for billing water users. Until then, local homeowners will continue to pay a fixed charge as part of their rates (except those with swimming pools).

# On this month in history Henry Lawson dies

On September 2, 1922 Henry Lawson died in Sydney, aged 55. He had suffered a fatal stroke. He is famous as a writer and bush poet, with many publications.

Bulletin in October 1887. Other well-known poems include The Wreck of the Derry Castle and Golden Gully.

depression. He was jailed for a while at Darlington Gaol.

His many honours include bronze statue (with dog and fencepost) at the Sydney Domain. This was unveiled in 1927.

His family name was actually Larsen but was changed to Lawson.

His The Drovers Wife has been described as one of the very best Australian short stories, although is somewhat bleak.

In 1940 a postage stamp featured Lawson and in 1966 the decimal \$10 paper note featured the writer (later replaced by a polymer equivalent).

For most of his life he suffered from deafness. Originally he had an ear infection making him partially deaf, but by age 14 he was totally deaf.

His writing involved short sharp sentences, sparse adjectives and honed-to-the-bone description – reminiscent of Ernest Hemingway.

His first published poem was A Song of the Republic, published in The

His life was not easy as he became an alcoholic, was poor and suffered from

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# Dennis fire engine restored to a high standard

The Hawera Volunteer Fire Brigade's Dennis fire engine was bought new in 1925 for 987 pounds and 8 shillings by the Hawera Borough Council for service by the Hawera Fire Board. The British manufactured vehicle (made by the Dennis Specialist Vehicle Company, Guilford, England) has 34 horsepower, four cylinders and a top speed of about 40 kph. The vehicle weighs three and a half tons of which the all-brass radiator accounts for 150kg of the total.

An intriguing aspect includes its additional role as a hearse and it has a designated space to carry a coffin.

Its fire-fighting service came to an end in the early 1960s and after a Miss S Matthews paid sixty six pounds for it, it spent a number of years at Auckland's Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT).

It should be mentioned that the Okaiawa Volunteer Fire Brigade had the Dennis for the period preceding its retirement (from 1955-1963).

Concerned that it had not



Nigel Fraser and Nicola Walsh looking understandably pleased with their excellent restoration of the fire engine.

been upgraded at MOTAT the Hawera Volunteer Fire Brigade, with their Social Club at the helm, decided to fundraise to return the Dennis to its original home and restore it to its former glory. It was purchased in 2007 and took pride of place in the 125th brigade jubilee parade.

Nigel Fraser, owner (with wife Michele) of Classic Auto Repaints, was chosen to restore the fire engine, as the respected firm has an outstanding reputation for the successful restoration of vintage and veteran vehicles, including one used in the film *Predicament*, which was based on the novel (of the same name) by Hawera author Ronald Hugh Morrieson.

In a sad state, it has to be said, Nigel received the vehicle on June 22, 2020. The dismantled Motor Turbine engine, for example, was delivered in five boxes and an earlier upgrade of the vehicle's side panels had (unfortunately)

used MDF particleboard, which was so deteriorated it was "like weetbix" according to Nigel, leading to considerable cracking of existing paintwork.

Nicola Walsh, a hardworking employee of Nigel's, was tasked with attending to much of the Opunake restoration of the vehicle, but other aspects were outsourced to such locations as Neil Carter of Alton to attend to the woodwork. The motor was overhauled by Mark Morgon, Diesel Engine Repair Specialists in Levin. Stratford's Chris Foley undertook important renovation of the vehicle's upholstery.

The paintwork needed urgent attention as it has faded to a "Victorian red"

parts of the vehicle, scraping and sanding off old paint, priming with epoxy paint and much more. One problem area was the inner chassis. "The chassis alone took two and a half weeks," she explained.

After three coats of red paint and two of clear lacquer the Dennis looked very smart.

Nigel also is also feeling a mixture of pleased and relieved that the restoration is finally completed. "I'm feeling a bit taller, he jokes. "It was quite a stressful and overwhelming job."

An informative booklet, entitled *Hawera Volunteer Fire Brigade; 1925 Dennis Fire Appliance Restoration Project* compiled by Noel Baylis, outlines the many aspects that the restoration



Noel Baylis (driving) and Colin Dudley arrive at the Hawera Volunteer Fire Station.

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rather than the familiar fire brigade red we all recognise. Nicola attended to much of this side. She admitted that the work had been somewhat arduous. "It's been a long two years," she conceded with a wry smile. The preparation involved scrubbing many

encompassed. Nigel was also the project manager of the restoration project.

The big day for the restored Dennis fire engine to return to the Hawera Volunteer

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# Congratulations to all involved



CFO Neil Fairweather (right) was full of praise for what Nigel Fraser of Classic Auto Repaints has achieved with the restoration.



Life Member John Hall with the fire engine. As a firefighter he has many memories of the Dennis.



The entire force of Hawera firefighters pictured with the restored fire engine.

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Fire Brigade was Saturday September 3. The entire force of Hawera firefighters, their families and supporters

waited outside the front entrance of the station, as the Dennis arrived with its siren ringing a few minutes after 4pm. Once the vehicle

was inside the building Chief Fire Officer Mike

participated in the project, including Nigel Fraser and Noel Baylis. After everyone had a very good look at the

impeccably restored fire engine, they went into the lounge for an excellent afternoon tea.

fundraising, organisation, renovation or anything else, you should be very proud in what you have achieved. The fully restored Dennis fire engine looks amazing.

Congratulations to everyone involved - be it

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Currently our sports men and women are reflecting on their performances this season. Again we have punched above our weight winning the boys and girls senior hockey competitions, drawing in girls football, gaining third place with our very new junior basketball team, and our senior boys and girls basketball teams getting the great honour of playing at nationals. All their diligence, drive and determination is paying off. We also had a significant success in the Kuranui Exchange winning 7 out of 10 sports codes. But more importantly the Opunake High School tamariki showed an enormous sense of manaakitanga (caring for others), kotahitanga (unity), and whanaungatanga (welcoming others) to all of our manuiri (visitors). A huge thank you to Mr Dave Hughes and Mrs Sarah Roberts for organising the event and the catering respectively.



Girls Senior A Basketball at Regionals

Let's also turn our attention to our artists. The Arts Department have been working with their ākonga to produce murals for the skate park. Ōpunake residents are going to love what they see with these, bold, bright and beautiful artworks.

Our performing artists have also been treading the boards in our Talent Show, organised by Alyssa Poole (Music Teacher). A variety of talented ākonga and staff wowed the school with their performances. Mr Cook and Mrs Colless made a show stopping impression as Danny and Sandy, and our Te Haumoana group was bursting at the seams with talent.

In order to support their career planning our senior students were involved in the Careers Expo, a hands-on opportunity to delve into careers of interest, and speak with experts in their fields.

Our super human prefects are currently juggling exam study, national basketball tournaments, supporting Open Day, with organising a 'Relay Your Way' event with our feeder schools. This event which involves a sponsored walk/run around the loop track, followed by kai, music, and a colour run takes place on Friday 23rd September. A fun way to raise money and awareness for all of those individuals and whanau who are affected by the devastating impacts of cancer. The Aroha from our DREAMS values is alive and well amongst our 2022 Prefect team.

It is with such sweet sorrow we farewell Whaea Kerry Walsh from her role as Alternative Education Tutor. Whaea Kerry has supported many of ākonga to make positive changes in their lives. She has done this by always attending to the positive attributes of our tamariki, and forming relationships based on learning and steeped in aroha. We wish Whaea Kerry huge success in her new career as a Rongoā Practitioner, and have already booked her in to work with some of our wahine in this space! This isn't haere ra (farewell) Kerry, but ka kite (see you soon).

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui

**Andrea Hooper Carr**  
 Principal

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# Twice the time to see

Things have been blooming for the Hawera Horticultural Society, so adding an extra day to the Spring Show seemed a good fit.

In previous years the show lasted for two days, but a drop off in numbers and the cost of keeping the show going has meant the show becoming a one day affair. Now, with membership on the up and an increased interest in things horticultural, the Society decided that this year they would run the show over two days, from August 27-28.

"I'm very happy with the show, particularly considering the weather we have had," says Society president Paul Lander. The Meremere sheep and beef farmer has been a member for the last 20 years and president for the last nine. He says having a two day show means less pressure on the judges as well as giving more time for the general public to see what's on offer.

It was a good year for the daffodils, and the number of exhibitors was boosted by members of the North Taranaki branch of the New Zealand Camellia Society holding their annual show alongside the Hawera Horticultural Society Show. "The daffodils and camellias are quintessentially late winter and early spring flowers, so it's been nice to have the daffodil show and it's been nice to have the camellia people here," says Paul.

As a camellia grower, Horticultural Society vice president Mervyn Hawkes from Eltham has a foot in both camps.

"We've got a good variety of flowers especially considering the rain we have had," he says. "We have exhibitors from North Taranaki right through to



Admiring the camellias. From left. Tony Barnes, Mervyn Hawkes, Dorothy Hughes, Lyn Proffit.

the Manawatu, and now we've got the Camellia Club based in New Plymouth as part of our show," he says.

North Taranaki Camellia Society branch president Lyn Proffit says the Hawera Horticultural Society always puts on a good show and this year they decided they would be there as exhibitors.

Oakura camellia grower Tony Barnes who is a past national president of the New Zealand Camellia Society points to a camellia named in honour of Jean Clere, wife of South Taranaki dairy farmer Richard Clere. Richard had been a national president and retired to Taupo at some time in the late 1980s or early 1990s. He developed a collection of 600 different varieties of camellias which can now be seen at the Waipahihi Reserve in Taupo. One of the reasons The New Zealand Camellia Society had decided to hold their recent national conference in Taupo was so that people could see Richard's collection says Tony Barnes. There was another South Taranaki link to this conference, with

Dorothy Hughes of Kaponga winning the national raffle.

Tony Barnes says camellias come in many different forms.

"Big and blousy are not necessarily the best. The smaller ones can be better in form," he says.

Among those enjoying the show was well known grower Spud Brogden, who along with his wife Joy had recently been made joint patron of the Hawera Horticultural Society.

"I'm amazed at the amount and quality of daffodils for this time of year," he says. "We've had a very early season. Normally you'd have a few, but not like this."

Also at the show was South Taranaki gardening identity David Self. He said it was the first time in a while he hadn't had a stall there, but he liked coming along to catch up with people he knew.

"We have new people coming down from Auckland who come along to the Horticultural Society probably because it's one of the friendliest societies around."

Horticultural Society member Robin Quillinan says one of the strengths of the Society is the willingness of members to share their knowledge.

"We had a lady here who just shifted to Opunake, and she said she had no idea what grows in Opunake. I said here's the place to find out."

As well as a two day show, there is another tradition the Hawera Horticultural Society is looking to revive, the autumn show, which is scheduled for May 7 next year. This show will coincide with another first, Hawera hosting the National Chrysanthemum Show.

"Hopefully we can use this as the nucleus for a decent autumn show," says Paul Lander. "We've been looking at the old schedules to see what we're likely to get. There are roses and the late season dahlias, which always seem to last through to the first frost."

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- Sustainable prosperous businesses
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I am a visionary leader who thinks outside the square with proven commitment to work hard for the people of South Taranaki.

Qualifications and Membership include: Bachelor of Business Studies (Accounting); Member of

the Institute of Accountants; Diploma in Agribusiness Management, Certificates in Nutrient Management and Farm Environmental Planning, Massey; Graduate Agri Women's Development Trust Escalator programme (Leadership and Governance).

I am founder and Chair of Taranaki Catchment Communities (TCC) with eight catchment communities in South Taranaki, strengthening communities, improving the environment, and

businesses. I also lead the Awatuna/Auroa Catchment Community. TCC received \$1.25million from MPI.

We lead by example on-farm with over 10,000 plants planted, a constructed wetland monitored by TRC, with NIWA and DairyNZ involved. We are part of Predator Free Taranaki and have reduced our on farm emissions by over two ton per hectare. In 2021 we were finalists in the National Fonterra Responsible Dairy Award.

I am a trustee of Dairy Trust Taranaki who oversee four research farms, am on the Taranaki Federated Farmers Executive, and part of a DairyNZ initiative Dairy Environment Leaders.

I am approachable, financially astute, and believe in improved environmental outcomes while still growing the economy of the South Taranaki District.

## Urs Signer



"Having worked for many years in the community for environmental and social justice, my top three priorities if elected as a councillor are generating a shift towards local regenerative agriculture, public transport and ensuring all our kids can safely swim in every river across our region. For too long, the Council has just played catch-up when it comes to looking after the environment. Given the state of our planet, it is time for transformative change. In order to shift away from the dog-eat-dog mentality, we need grassroots and collective solutions for a just, fair and regenerative future" says Urs Signer.

"The council urgently needs progressive and environmental voices at the

decision-making table. I am more than ready to step up and be part of a team that takes this region forward."

"In order to stop catastrophic climate change, we need to urgently bring down our emissions. With over 50% of Aotearoa's emissions coming from the agricultural industry, it is vital that we radically change our farming practices from intensive to extensive, from entropic to syntropic, from degenerative to regenerative. While the way we farm has had a significant negative impact on the environment, we can change the way we do things and start to sequester carbon, diversify production, reforest many parts of the region and ensure that the social, environmental and economic spheres start to align again."

"I am excited to see a number of progressive candidates in the various wards around the mouna standing up for the environment and grassroots communities. It is time that we shake up the Taranaki Regional Council with radical ideas and solid actions for a better future for the next generation."

The next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is coming out on September 22

## Deborah Clough



Married to Stephen, we have three adult children

and four grandchildren. We have been dairy farming for over 35 years and currently own a dairy farm east of Eltham. I have undertaken many community volunteer roles, working as a Victim Support Worker, performing with various theatre groups, becoming an inaugural trustee for the Central Taranaki Safe Trust, a trustee for the Rotokare Scenic Trust Reserve and trustee for the Percy Thomson Trust.

Two years ago, wanting to

upskill, I was accepted into the Fonterra Governance Development course of which I have now graduated. I now feel ready to offer my time and skills to the Taranaki Regional Council as an elected councillor. I believe I would bring to the table an understanding of the Taranaki Region as a whole, knowledge of the biodiversity of the area and an empathy towards the people that live and work in our unique province.

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# Ward candidates

## Neil Walker



Board setting up apiculture New Zealand leading a primary group partnership. Neil was much involved in education as a mentor for many masters and doctorate science and engineering students and sat on five University Study Boards.

As a Regional Councillor he has used his scientific and research experience to challenge and critique many Government initiatives and regulations. An understanding of the science and long experience in Government, both local and national, has been invaluable.

Neil has a very wide range of business roles as well as continuing work with CCS Disabilities, several environmental trusts, a school board of proprietor, is a Justice of the Peace and a Hearings Commissioner. He has been on the South Taranaki Health Committee for 30 years.

Neil believes he can offer the people of Taranaki good governance, wide experience, networks at all level of society and an abiding desire to support everybody in Taranaki. He hopes to do that again over the next three years.

Neil is married to Helen and has 5 children and 8 grandchildren.

Neil Walker has always lived in Taranaki. He was born in Kaponga but brought up in a dairy farm in Manutahi.

He was trained as a food scientist with a science degree from Victoria University and a business degree from Massey University. He spent 35 years working with Kiwi and Fonterra in technical and research capacity and is a Fellow of the NZ Institute of Food Science and Technology. Since leaving Fonterra in 2007 he continued his research interests including representing New Zealand for 5 years in Canberra on FSANZ Food Standards Australia and New Zealand. Other national roles included chairing the

# TRC Northern Ward candidates

## Mike Davey



I have lived in North Taranaki for over 40 years, married with grandchildren. From a rural management background, I support our farming sector, as I fully

understand the economic importance of our rural sector to Taranaki. Each year this sector contributes over \$1 billion dollars, which flows through the Taranaki economy.

1. To continue support the work of our Council in promoting the sustainable use and protection of Taranaki's natural and physical resources.

2. Continue the riparian planting of our rivers / streams as Taranaki is the envy of several of farming regions ( river banks plantings completed

77% ...rivers fenced 88% ...total plants 6 million all voluntary planted by farmers...all plants paid for by farmers )

3. Continue investment in Port Taranaki as this is our "sea highway," the only western access port in New Zealand to our trading partners, vital assist for our importers, stock feed, nutrients etc, plus we receive a dividend from the port company as it is owned by the Regional Council.

4. With the tsunami of legislation out of Wellington, we must work with our

farmers to assist them in been compliant so they can farm profitability and within the environmental regulations

5. Continue support of our iconic gardens Pukeiti Tupare – Hollard

6. I have significant experience in governance , Director of Ravensdown , Deputy Chair T E T Trust , Trustee of the Taranaki Health Foundation , retired from Director Taranaki Hospital board .

## Tama Blackburn



I have lived in W'aitara for 37 years and worked in a variety of fields, including mining, oil and gas extraction, food production, farming, and most recently conservation as a Ranger, and the Science and Innovation Lead for the Taranaki Mouna Project. I enjoy fishing, surfing, sailing, and trapping as

recreational pursuits. I am a Mātanga Rongoā and currently studying at Masters level with the University of Canterbury.

This experience has given me the ability to appreciate many viewpoints from our diverse communities. I like to think that you can put your trust in a representative to listen and advocate for your interests in the governing chambers when they are familiar and connected with their community.

As a father of three, I embrace the idea of putting the health and prosperity of our land, water, and air before financial gain. However, as a company owner, I see the importance of fair and sustainable commerce.

I look forward to representing and working alongside our proud community.

Tick BLACKBURN for North Ward.

Photo Charlotte Curd

# Vote Mike Davey for Taranaki Regional Council

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*"Ask the tough questions"*

*"Support the rural sector"*

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Authorised by Mike Davey, 36 Kelly Street, Inglewood



# Taranaki Coastal Community Board candidates

## Tazmyn Katene



throw at me. However, after completing my bachelor's degree in Criminology, Māori resource management and Māori studies, I had the privilege to move back home to work for my iwi as a Taiao planner. I knew my community work starts here.

Some of the community mahi I am currently doing is involvement with Manaia new maara kai initiative, volunteer for matua whangi and working on community engagement. Basically, I try get my hands in as many kaupapa as possible to ensure our rangatahi and tamariki grow up in an awesome community that I was privileged enough to have.

So if you live on the Coast of Taranaki, please vote for me. I really want to get some mahi moving for our rangatahi and start building healthy Māori communities.

Anyway, Ngā mihi whanau,

Tazzy x\*

Well, my number one priority is I love Manaia. I was raised in this tight knit community and had the privilege to grow up where you knew your neighbour, and everyone was either aunty or uncle. Hence my need to be a part of any kaupapa that will be a part of revitalizing our community as much as possible. My second priority is I want to be a part of creating healthy Māori communities. When I left for Wellington after my senior year at Opunake High School, I wasn't too sure what life would

## Liz Sinclair



I am proud to put forward my nomination for a second term serving Taranaki Coastal Community Board. I believe I have something to offer the community. I am passionate about supporting rural communities. I think it is important to provide for small businesses and to maintain the infrastructure we need to function. Provision of reliable telecommunications continues to be a problem for businesses in rural areas. Our communities need recreational facilities, outdoor activities and the arts to enrich them. Our

community is proud and inclusive. We need to build on this. Our young people are our future. We need to encourage them to stay and participate fully in our community. We all want to be part of a safe, vibrant community. It would be great to see more investment in policing in our rural towns.

I am encouraged to hear of the council's commitment to spend \$3.3million to improve the quality of Opunake's water supply. Environmental improvements are the ways that our public amenity will improve. We have always had a "can do" attitude but need support to provide for our whanau.

I look forward to the development in our towns as the long term plans take shape.

## Monica Willson



theatre group. I also enjoy basketball, netball and touch rugby.

I have a varied professional background in strategy, policy and marketing. I'm well connected to the local business community as a business owner and through previous roles with the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce and Venture Taranaki.

A mother to Avery (5) and Farah (3), I am an advocate for quality facilities and services for local families. Coastal Taranaki is a wonderful place to be and I'd love to work with the community to make it even more vibrant and dynamic.

Thank you for your support.

Monica

Making a positive contribution to our local community motivates and excites me.

I've been on the CoastalCare Trust for four years and am a member of the Toi tu Taranaki Art Trust and the Creative Communities committee.

I'm passionate about creative arts as an artist, photographer and member of the Opunake Players

## Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

### Lindsay Maindonald



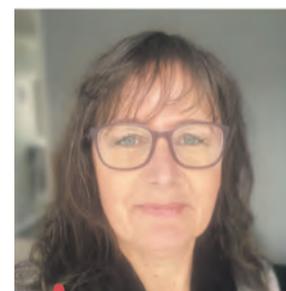
Hello Eltham, Kaponga and districts. I am Lindsay Maindonald standing again for a second term on the Community Board for which I would be pleased to have your vote to represent your voice. I'm married to Anita with Elizabeth 12 years old at home. Our older

children have flown the coop, some have married, some pursuing their careers. I've lived in Eltham for 25 years. I have been involved with the districts of Eltham and Kaponga in leadership roles within churches. I ran an after-school programme for 40/50 children for many years. I'm Padre for Eltham RSA and produce a You Tube channel - "Mountain Top Ministries". I'm a trumper, mountaineer, skier, classic car owner, musician, singer and artist on the Taranaki Arts Trail. I'm an avid gardener who was a Taranaki Fringe Garden founding member, where our garden was showcased for seven years. Although I

have a very outgoing strong Christian faith, I'm by no means "A meek, little church mouse." I stand for what I believe in. I believe in honesty, justice and integrity. I say what I mean and I mean what I say. I strongly advocated to save Eltham's Municipal building. I'm a strong advocate to endorse to Council their preparedness of Kaponga for the new alpine Taranaki crossing tourism increase when it is duly opened. I strongly advocate for continued safety/enhancement of Eltham's main thoroughfare.

If re-elected to the best of my ability, I will continue to serve you the people of the Eltham/Kaponga ward.

### Karen Cave



My name is Karen Cave. I'm married to Darryl and we have three children, who all grew up in Eltham.

I'm involved in numerous groups in our area, including the Eltham Community Development Group, South Taranaki Forest and Bird, and have been on the Eltham Kaponga Community Board for five terms and am now seeking re-election.

I have learnt so much in my past terms about council policy and procedure and how things run. This last term, I have been the Chairperson for the Eltham Kaponga Community Board, which has helped

pocket park in Kaponga and a drinking fountain at Victoria Park. and funding the Anzac Memorial at Rawhitiroa Memorial Gates. I am also involved in our \$2 million Town Revitalisation plans for Eltham.

Being an active member of the community is something I enjoy. I feel I have the skills and knowledge to be an effective board member. I'm seeking re-election for the Eltham Kaponga Community Board, so I can continue to be part of the team that helps make a positive difference.

You can trust that I'll do my best for our communities.

## NPDC City-wide constituency Jenna Brown



Kia Ora Koutou Katoa, I'm Jenna Brown. I attended Okato college and grew up in Tataraimaka so I have a close affinity with "the coast."

I am a Mum, a small business owner working in digital marketing, and a mental health and wellness advocate.

Over the past few years, I've worked with many Taranaki businesses to grow their confidence and bottom line using digital tools. I work closely with Venture

Taranaki to help upskill local businesses by facilitating programs such as digital boost, the regional business partner network, and covid relief training.

As a mental health advocate, I've created a free online platform called Unpacking Women's Mental Health, where women can share their stories, ask questions and receive peer support.

I run a podcast called Unpacking Mental Health, interviewing kiwis and talking with them about their mental health experiences. You may have also heard me on the Most FM's Wellness Wednesday with Crez.

As your councillor, you can count on me for these three things.

1 - Thoroughly researched and balanced decision-making.

2 - A fresh people-centred approach, considering financial results and improving the quality of life for everyone in our district.

3 - A Kaitiaki, which is a guardian and caregiver for our environment, ensuring its sustainability for many generations to come.

I'll participate in the council chambers making well-informed decisions that move things along.

What I lack in experience on council is offset by a fresh, enthusiastic approach.

If my values align with yours, please give me your #1 vote for the at-large ward this election.

Ngā Mihi Nui

### TAZMYN KATENE

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Authorised by Andy Whitehead, 93 Lower Kina Road, Opunake

# Boil water notice for Waimate West lifted



The catchment area for much of Manaia's water is Taranaki Maunga.

Bottled water was provided to local schools and preschools and made available from the Manaia and Kaponga LibraryPlus.

After three consecutive days of clear (negative) test results the Boil Water Notice was lifted on Thursday September 1.

"The Council is carrying out an investigation into how we got a positive test result for E-Coli, but early indications are that it was likely caused by a sampling error," said Mr Denton.

"We apologise for any inconvenience this event has caused, but we must take a cautious approach when it comes to the health and safety of our residents, and I'd like to thank everyone for their understanding

On Sunday August 28 South Taranaki residents on the Waimate West water supply, which includes the townships of Manaia and Kaponga, were advised to boil all water used for drinking, brushing teeth and food preparation after routine tests detected the bacteria Escherichia coli (known as E.coli) in the supply.

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) Works Delivery Manager, Herbert Denton, said Council was notified of the test result late on Sunday afternoon..

Mr Denton said the supply is fully chlorinated so the boil water notice was a precautionary measure while further tests were carried out.

Mr Denton said the boil water notice had to remain in place until the Council received three clear consecutive test results.

# UN Ocean Treaty talks falters as ocean crisis deepens

Greenpeace is calling on the New Zealand government to keep pushing for a Global Ocean Treaty as international negotiations falter at the last minute.

Despite making good headway, United Nations member states failed to come to a consensus as the fifth, and latest round of negotiations for a global

treaty to govern the high seas wrapped in New York.

With the talks suspended, world leaders will need to call an emergency meeting to reconvene and finalise a Treaty, which if done right would deliver ocean sanctuaries that can protect 30% of the world's oceans by 2030.

"We can restore the oceans so that they are thriving

again for generations to come, but we need urgent action to protect them from destructive industrial practices such as bottom trawling and seabed mining", says Greenpeace Aotearoa oceans campaigner Ellie Hooper.

"Encouraging progress was made during this latest round of negotiations and we urge world leaders to stay the

course. Member states must put people and the planet before profit and back a strong Treaty.

"We applaud the efforts of the New Zealand delegation at the negotiations and now call on Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Foreign Affairs Minister Nanaia Mahuta to keep using their influence to persuade world leaders to keep the talks

alive and finalise this vital agreement.

"Our fate is linked to the fate of the ocean. A strong Global Ocean Treaty would lay the groundwork for 30% of the world's oceans being placed in protected sanctuaries by 2030. Scientists tell us this is the bare minimum needed to help halt global warming and protect ocean health.

Time is of the essence. To achieve this it is vital that leaders commit to holding an emergency session before the end of the year.

"While it is frustrating that talks stalled at the last minute we believe progress has been made and world leaders, including those in Aotearoa must continue to back a strong Treaty," says Ellie.



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# Do slurry tankers take a lot of time?

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We often get farmers

comparing slurry tanker spreading to the automation of an irrigator system, but it's important to compare apples with apples. An underground system involves little to no labour, however there are limitations over how far you can spread. Yes, a slurry



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tanker will involve someone driving the tractor to pull it around, however the slurry tanker can do far more than an irrigation system.

Slurry tankers can be taken just about anywhere on the farm, and with a RainWave applicator the spread per hour is much faster than the typical travelling irrigator. Not only is it faster, but the spread is more accurate and controlled with less wind

drift. This allows spreading into corners, irregular shaped paddocks, and closer to waterways, roads or neighbouring properties.

Having a slurry tanker means you can spread when and where you want. It allows the flexibility of spreading small amounts when time allows or doing large amounts all at once.

Our advice is to get the biggest slurry tanker your

tractor can safely pull in order to make the most of your time. The bigger the tanker, the less loads you need to make – and you don't always have to fill it.

Nevada slurry tankers are very easy to pull and operate, and new owners are often surprised at just how fast they are. Auto-filling arms increase the speed to load the tank, and larger models can be fitted with a loading

accelerator for even faster filling. All Nevada slurry tankers come fitted with RainWave applicators as a standard feature, and tridem models are fitted with two.

So while a slurry tanker does require labour to operate, the time used is very efficient and productive in achieving a good spread of nutrients just about anywhere on the farm.

*Nevada*

## Bee curious this September

Beekeepers are calling on bee-lovers across New Zealand to learn more about bees and what actions they can take to support the health and resilience of Kiwi bee populations this Bee Aware Month.

Apiculture NZ CEO Karin Kos says, "Honey bees are critically important to New

Zealand's environment, food chain and economy. Bees need our help to stay healthy and Bee Aware Month is all about encouraging people to do those small, but vital things, that make a real difference."

Throughout September, Apiculture NZ members and supporters will be sharing information about bees and bee-friendly habits. These habits include:

1. Planting bee-friendly plants each season so bees can feed all year.
2. Choosing plants with single flowers – flowers with one set of petals – as these are easier for bees to feed from.
3. Providing a saucer of clean water for bees. Put a few pebbles or sticks in the water so the bees have something to stand on.
4. Avoiding using pesticides in your garden when plants are flowering. If you must spray avoid flowers and buds and spray after sunset when bees are not active.

5. Taking a break from lawnmowing – don't mow so often and let the clover flowers grow.

Bee Aware Month is a national educational

campaign initiated and coordinated by Apiculture NZ. Beekeeping clubs and supporters around the country will be visiting schools and running



Bee carrying pollen in a pollen basket on its rear leg. As well as collecting pollen for their hive bees pollinate plants as they move from flower to flower. An estimated one in every three mouthfuls of food we eat is a result of this pollination. Photo credit: Revati Vispute (ApiNZ Photo Competition 2022 Supreme Award winner).

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# Pervasive and ongoing invasion’ of radiata pine

New research says invasive radiata pine is spread more widely across New Zealand than was previously appreciated, with modelling showing that up to 76% of the country’s land is climatically capable of supporting populations of the trees.

The authors say their findings demonstrate

“pervasive and ongoing invasion of radiata pine outside plantations,” with more work needed to manage current invasions and prevent future ones. They recommend a levy on new non-native conifer plantations to offset costs of managing invasions, and stricter regulations to protect vulnerable ecosystems.

Dr Cate Macinnis-Ng, Associate Professor and Rutherford Discovery Fellow, University of Auckland; and Principal Investigator and Theme Co-Leader, Te Pūnaha Matatini, comments:

“Radiata pine invasions have a significant impact on natural ecosystems in Aotearoa. They change the

biodiversity and ecosystem services of invaded areas. This research has looked at currently invaded sites and uses projections of climate change to determine areas that may be invaded under future climates.

“The work identifies three types of uncommon ecosystems that are already invaded - geothermal, gumlands and inland cliffs, scarps and tors. These uncommon systems often include rare plants and other organisms so have high conservation value.

“Invasions of radiata pine will also change ecosystem processes such as carbon uptake and storage and water cycling, even in ecosystems that are more common. Therefore, more intensive management of invasions and prevention of future spread is a very important next step.”

Professor Euan Mason, New Zealand School of Forestry, University of

Canterbury, comments:

“The authors have done a good job identifying where radiata pine will grow, and also the instances where it is a wilding problem. Ability to grow and ability to reproduce are not the same thing, however. Natural regeneration of radiata pine is much more severely restricted by frost than that of other, more problematic wilding species such as lodgepole pine, Corsican pine, Douglas fir and Scots pine. It is also intolerant of shade and will not prosper under an existing forest canopy. This means that radiata pine is much less likely to be a wilding problem in the high country, even on open sites, where low grazing pressure often favours wildings of other species. Moreover, on unforested, lower elevation, warm, wet sites where it might reproduce easily, high grazing pressure on neighbouring properties

usually keeps it in check.

“However, there are instances, as identified in the paper, where grazing pressure is low on warm, wet, open sites, and in those places radiata pine wildings can be problematic. About 90% of our exotic plantation area is occupied by radiata pine, and as a proportion of plantation area, it is much less frequently a wilding problem than those other, more hardy species, some of which are gradually spreading across our high country. People who plant trees that reproduce as wildings on neighbouring properties should be held responsible for the control of those wildings. Imposing a levy on all exotic plantation owners for the control of wildings that have emerged from just some of the planted area, and most commonly from species that are only rarely planted, would be unfair however.”

## R.I.P. Rozaglen



Andy Whitehead with Rozaglen Joe as portrayed in the Opunake Lions Club Bulletin when Andy was club president.

An Ayrshire cow which has been part of Andy and Debi’s dairy herd for the last 20 years has passed away.

Rozaglen Joe had turned 21 years old on August 15, which, Andy says equates to 94 cow years. She was one of 14 calves given to the Whiteheads by Andy’s uncle Joe Potroz in 2002 when Andy and Debi first purchased their herd.

“She is the oldest cow we have ever had,” says Andy. “It’s crazy to think that the only cow we had left from our original herd has an ancestry connecting her directly back to the herd that helped start my

parents’ farming career 60 years ago.”

Rozaglen is the Whiteheads’ Ayrshire herd name, drawn from Andy’s original surname of Potroz and his parents’ Ayrshire herd name of Taraglen.

Andy’s great uncle Tom Potroz had shifted to Taranaki from Coromandel and farmed at Kaimata near Inglewood. The name of his herd Coroglen harked back to his Coromandel days.

“There’s going to be a hundred years of Potrozs on that farm very soon,” says Andy.

When Andy’s father Ben started farming he got some stock from his

Uncle and named his Ayrshire herd Taraglen as an acknowledgement to his uncle’s Coroglen herd. A bull bred from that herd Coroglen Demi Pierre is the sire of Rozaglen Joe’s sire.

Rozaglen Joe was retired from the milking herd four years ago, and when Andy served a year as president of the Opunake Lion’s Club, a picture of Andy with Rozaglen Joe would grace the cover of the club’s bulletin. Rozaglen Joe now is now laid to rest on one of her favourite hills under the mountain overlooking the sea.

## Oversight for young people

The Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System and Children and Young People’s Commission Bill, intended to strengthen the oversight of Oranga Tamariki and improve the care and support provided to young people in care, has passed its third reading in Parliament.

Te Hiringa Mahara - Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission, as kaitiaki (guardian) of mental health and wellbeing, monitors the wellbeing outcomes of young people with experience of care now and will do so in the future. It will continue to advocate for their right to be heard and to influence decisions made about them, Board

Chair Hayden Wano said.

“We have listened to the voices of communities, iwi, hapū, whānau and young people with experience of care who have contributed to the legislative process. We know there is compelling evidence of harm experienced by young people in care,” Mr Wano said.

“Young people who experience State care are a priority for us and in 2023 we will release insights about the collective voice of young people calling for better support of their mental health and wellbeing.

“This work will add weight to our belief that the voices and knowledge of young people should be central to the design of systems that

determine their wellbeing, as we work towards long-term transformation of mental health, addiction and wellbeing systems in Aotearoa New Zealand.”

The numbers of young people involved are significant, he said.

“There are 4,800 children and young people currently in the care and protection of Oranga Tamariki. Of those, 57 per cent are Māori, 11 per cent are both Māori and Pasifika and 6 per cent are Pasifika.

“An effective oversight system is needed that addresses the significant inequities and improves wellbeing for tamariki and rangatahi.”

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# August turns on the rain

August was exceptionally wet, with many rain-gauges collecting more than twice the

typical rain for the month according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. The average was 176.6% of the long-term average, and ranged from 80% at Rimunui Station to 387% at Dawson Falls. Rainfall was elevated on the Maunga (approaching nearly 2000 mm) and northern

hill country. Rainfall was somewhat lower than average in the south-east of the region.

Year to date rainfall is sitting between 113% (Manganui at SH3 Midhirst) and 211% (Dawson Falls) with an average of 141.7% of normal. Cape Egmont remains at around 211% of normal to date and has already received 95% of a typical years rain in eight months.

Mean river flows for August were high like July, and generally above typical August averages at around 2.05 times normal long-term averages. The minimum flows were all well above typical August lows (at 2.43 times typical low flows). Maximum flows at the seven sites were all below (on average 98.9% of) historical recorded August values; only the Waitara at Bertrand Road had a greater flow that previous peaks, prompting civil defence and TRC preparations for flood response.

Mean river water temperatures were an average of 1.3°C above long-term August values.

Nighttime-low water temperatures were on average 1.7°C above historic lows, this fits a general trend to warmer nighttime temperatures throughout the region. Peak temperatures were similar to historic highs (as in July).

The average air temperature for the region, excluding Te Maunga, was 11°C, which is 0.9°C higher than the long term August average. Minimum air temperatures for August were on average 1.9°C above previously recorded lows.

Mean soil moistures for August were close to

typical values. On average, minimum soil moistures were 0.34% above previous lows, and the maxima were generally similar to previous highs. The average range for soil moisture was 12.3%.

Like July, August soil temperatures were generally 1.3°C above the long-term average.

Nighttime minimum soil temperatures were on average 2.2°C above

recorded minima, and maximum August soil temperatures were on average 1.5°C above long-term maximum August values.

## Warmest and wettest winter on record

NIWA's climate scientists can now confirm that winter 2022 was Aotearoa New Zealand's warmest and wettest on record.

The country now has had three consecutive record warm winters.- The nationwide average temperature was 9.8°C (1.4°C above the 1981-2010 average). - Of the 10 warmest winters on record, six have occurred since 2013 - Winter 2022 was the first on winter record where the temperature anomaly exceeded +1.2C for all three months of the season

Eighty four locations experienced a record or near-record warm winter.

Coastal seas also had their warmest winter on record with persistent marine heatwave conditions

It has been the wettest winter on record due to numerous extreme rainfall events that resulted in severe flooding and slips across the country.

Forty two locations experienced a record or near-record wet winter. ; Aoraki/ Mt Cook Village had its deepest snowpack on record (since 2010) in mid-July

The sunniest four regions in 2022 (so far) are Taranaki (1701 hours), Bay of Plenty (1675 hours), Greater Nelson (1621 hours), Auckland (1564 hours)



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**28TH SEP 12:30PM**  
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**29TH SEP 11:00AM**  
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**29TH SEP 1:00PM**  
**Poharu - Mark Bridges, Graham Mourie, Shane Stevenson**  
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Letter takes aim at highways

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# Three ways pasture testing could save you money this spring

What's your motto this spring? If it's not "test now, save later", you might be finishing the season on the backfoot.

When determining the nutrient requirements of stock, pasture tests give you critical detail to support decisions about where your money is spent, and where you can save.

As seen in Figure 1, fertiliser, feed and animal health costs make up approximately 45.5 per cent of all farm operating expenditure. Making informed decisions based on pasture testing may help reduce expenditure in these areas — an ideal outcome in these high inflation times.

## Three ways a pasture test could help save you money this spring:

1. Know your pasture macro and trace mineral levels for improved animal health

Consider the scenarios



EMILY HOUSE

below:

- Grazing on spring pastures with high potassium levels leads to metabolic disease – avoid this situation by knowing your pasture potassium levels. This will potentially reduce expenditure on the treatment of downer cows, difficult births, and a whole list of related issues including mastitis, metritis and ketosis (sleepy sickness).
- Changes in the

mineral composition of spring flush pastures raises the question of whether current levels of supplementation are appropriate. Is macro element supplementation (e.g. Magnesium and lime flour) too low or too high? Is there scope to reduce your inputs? Are the amounts of trace element being supplemented remaining accurate? Confirming these requirements will assist in optimum performance by your herd and rationalisation of your costs.

## Be strategic with supplementary feed

Get the best bang for your buck when it comes to feed, and pasture test before buying. Know the gap you're trying to fill, and make sure the supplementary feed you're using will do the job. Knowing your pasture profile allows you to be strategic about your supplementary feed purchases.

Remember pasture is still the cheapest source of feed. By understanding the mineral profile you can adjust your fertiliser to ensure you are getting more efficiency from every kg of DM eaten and not overspending for no reason.

## 2. Don't over or under fertilise

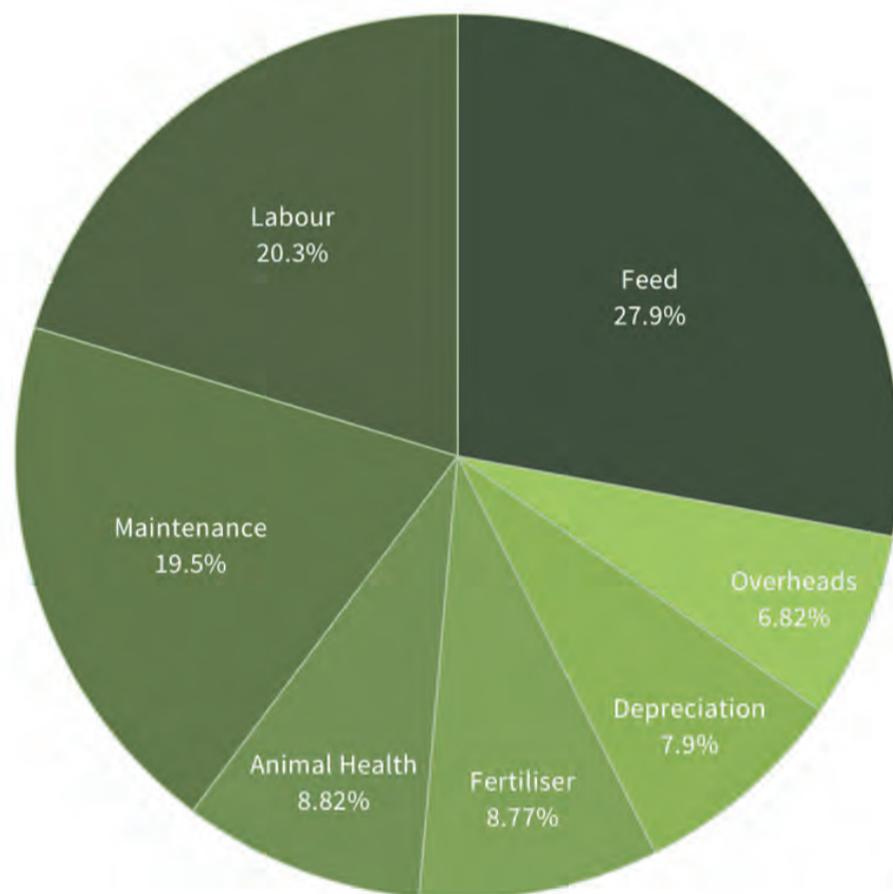
Just because a soil test shows a certain mineral level, it doesn't mean the pasture will necessarily reflect that. When nutrient cycling is

compromised or unable to keep up with periods of high growth (usually in spring) it pays to get the whole picture. Taking pasture samples as well as soils is a good way to ensure you aren't putting on too much or too little. The more accurate your fertiliser application, the easier it is to budget accurately so a cent doesn't go to waste.

Pasture testing should be done at the start of the risk period and repeated. Seasonal variation in mineral levels occurs and one test may not be enough. Fertiliser programs, temperature and rainfall can all account for

variation in mineral levels. 5th Biz Agri encourages spring pasture testing to evaluate the risks of dietary changes, check supplementation requirements, and to help confirm early season fertiliser choices. Where can you save valuable dollars and reduce part of your pie?

Emily House  
5th Business Agri



Dairy Operating Expenditure: 2020-21. From DairyNZ Economic Survey 2020-21, p.26.

# Letter takes aim at highways

The Taranaki Mayoral Forum has written to the Minister of Transport slating the condition of state highways in Taranaki.

In a letter to the Minister, Michael Wood, and signed by South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon, Stratford mayor Neil Volzke, New Plymouth mayor Neil Holdom and Taranaki Regional Council chair David MacLeod, the members of the Mayoral Forum said they had previously written about the appalling states of SH3, SH3A and SH45..

"We have been given a lot of excuses why these roads are in such poor condition, however the fact remains that there has been a total lack of investment in the network over a considerable number of years.

"Due to the very poor condition of our roads, we have very recently experienced unprecedented amounts of potholes especially on SH3 due in part to the recent rain events. We have had reports (and seen photographs) of multiple cars stopped on the roadsides in a number of places either changing tyres or awaiting salvage vehicles to remove vehicles with multi wheel

and suspension damage. In many cases resulting in thousands of dollars in repair costs to motorists which has become a hot topic with the local media. We understand that nationally Waka Kotahi is sweating its assets and that from 2015 to 2020 average seal age across the country from 6.86 to 7.96 years and average remaining seal life dropped from 2.18 to 1.23 years. We would like Waka Kotahi to advise the Taranaki statistics for seal age and seal life over the past decade and the approach to addressing these issues in the short, medium and long term.

"The vehicle damage has not only been experienced by the public but also emergency services. One police car lost two wheels and had a further flat tyre in just one incident. There was also tyre damage to an ambulance which resulted in the vehicle hitting debris and tearing off a bumper.

"It has been reported in the media that one person suffered a fractured vertebrae, broken ribs and now has a large metal plate in his neck after he hit a 400mm-by-400mm pothole while riding his motorcycle. Another person in the group that he was travelling in

ended up in hospital after hitting a pothole earlier that same day. It is very likely that more serious injuries could occur given the unsafe avoidance measures people are having to take whilst driving on the State Highways.

"The condition of our highways is totally unacceptable and is affecting our Taranaki transport network in many ways. Our local roads in the main are maintained to a far higher level than the state highways and they are built on the same "volcanic soils", out of the same materials and maintained through the same "COVID 19 pandemic" as our state highways. To suggest that COVID-19 is to blame for some of the problems is inaccurate.

"We acknowledge that we had some of our highways upgraded last summer but the amount of work undertaken has fallen far short of what is needed. We are told there are further upgrades this coming summer but unless these are very extensive we will still be experiencing sub-standard and dangerous roads next winter.

"We look forward to a positive response and a commitment that will see major upgrades to our highway network in the coming summer. These upgrades will cause disruption but the net result should be positive."

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# OSLSC comes of Age, 100 years

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Early days were belt and reel, surf canoes graduating to rescue tubes to IRB's, lifeguards positioned at waters edge reliant on vigilance only. Nowadays back up support using

radios and binoculars to the water edge guard to provide assistance, IRB rescue as well as swim assistance where required.  
The Opunake Surf Club is celebrating 100 Years next Waitangi weekend with get together, sports

events across all age groups, including national IRB racing, breakfast, social events and a celebratory dinner.  
This is a celebration beyond those who have served and are serving, the rescues completed during this time

and also the sporting success and development of so many young people. It is also beyond the club because if it wasn't from the support of the business's, local people and High School of Opunake as well as the surrounding locale we would have had

difficulty continuing. To our many sponsors over the years many thanks.  
There is a booklet being developed, with much more event information and registration forms on our website [www.opunakesurflifesaving.com](http://www.opunakesurflifesaving.com)

If you have been a member of the club, are a member of the club please join us in a weekend of remembrance, friendship, sport and reveling in our history.

## Vying for national honours

The honour of Lifeguard of the Year for Taranaki went to Macy Sinclair an upstanding member of the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club. Macy has now been nominated for this year's Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) National Awards of Excellence to be held on the 17th September This year Macy took on Patrol Captain duties as well as instructing new lifeguards within the club. Macy also helped with Junior Surf and was engaging with the

younger members. She regularly made herself available to represent the club within the community, with school visits and talking to local groups Macy put in a total of 99 volunteer hours, a huge undertaking, and with the countless hours she put in to instruct Opunake's new lifeguards, this shows how massive a season she has had.

Good luck Macy.



Opunake Surf Lifesaving Clubrooms is being upgraded before the 100 Year celebrations next Waitangi weekend.



Macy Sinclair.



# OPUNAKE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



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# Records set by Swift



Carter at the World Championships earlier this year.

Carter Swift, formerly from Manaia, has been tearing up the pool after graduating from Arizona State University where he was studying on a scholarship and swimming for the Sun

Devils University team. Carter is the son of Michelle and Stephen Swift, who lived in South Taranaki for over 30 years. Michelle (nee Judkins) swam and competed with her

brother Shaun to a national level for Hawera Swimming Club in the 80s - under coach Adrian Anderson.

Carter won Gold and a New Zealand open record in the 100 metres

freestyle, qualifying for the World Short Course champs in Melbourne in December with a FINA cut time.

At the New Zealand Short course Championships, held last month, he won Gold in the 200 metres freestyle, Silver in the 50 metre breaststroke, Bronze in the 50 metre freestyle, Bronze in the 100 metre IM relays, Gold in the 4x100 metre freestyle, Gold in the 4x50 metre freestyle (setting a New Zealand record), Gold in the 4x100 metre medley, Gold in the 4x50 metre medley and Silver in the mixed 4x100 metre freestyle relay.

At the Worlds Short Course he is competing in the 100 metre freestyle, 200 metre freestyle, 4x100 metre freestyle relay, 4x200 metre freestyle relay and the 4x100 metre medley relay.



Carter is NZ Aquablack number 282.



## Kick-off spring by joining the Fresh Air Challenge

All throughout September, The Fresh Air Challenge/Te Wero Hauhau is your chance to up your active travel.

The New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) Let's Go team is encouraging people to reduce the reliance (and cost) of car travel which begins with a footstep or the turn of a bicycle wheel. Or hailing a bus.

"People will be surprised how easy making a change can be," says NPDC Let's Go Advisor, Anna Davies.

"Get your colleagues to swap even one car trip a week for walking, biking, scootering, busing or ridesharing. Even working from home or holding virtual meetings count."

Challenge participants log how many active kilometres they do over the month and there are prizes and awards. Workplaces in the 2021

Fresh Air Challenge logged 7,633 'conscious' trips in various forms of sustainable travel choices.

Anna says the challenge is enough for some people to make a permanent switch to a more active way of getting around the district as well as boosting their physical and mental health.

Among the comments from some of last year's participants were: "It's great for my overall fitness, it's easy to do and the best thing is I don't need to find a car park."

"Car-pooling is a great way to save money, have a laugh, unwind and reduce the number of cars on the road."

"I really do get to explore some of the hidden gems of the city, skip the traffic queues in peak times, and have a moment to myself."

## Sandfords Manaia Golf results

August 20. Saturday Men. Logan Symes, Mike King, Quintin Symes, John Oliver.

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# A one night stand returns to Everybody's Theatre

Live stand-up comedy comes to back to Ōpunake with the return of A One Night Stand by DIY Comedy, featuring some of the brightest comedic stars in New Zealand.

The show will be headlined by Pat Goldsack (Katie Boyle), who has toured extensively throughout New Zealand and received rave reviews for her solo show Pat Goldsack's Swingers Club and Brothel. Described as naughty, loveable and hilarious, Pat shares many a sexy anecdote from her 87 years on this earth. Don't let her age fool you, she has a sharp wit and an even sharper tongue.

Alexander Sparrow hosts the evening and is one of New Zealand's leading MCs. He's an award-winning comedian, actor,

director and writer, most famous for playing his Donald Trump character to critical acclaim and success, including TV appearances on TVNZ's Breakfast, TV3's The Project, and Prime TV's Back Benches; and in The Wall Street Journal (US). Retiring the Trump character, he's returned to stand-up and you can expect fast-paced one-liners, killer crowd work, and no holds barred comedy with bite.

Support acts include Raw Comedy Quest winner Callum Wagstaff from Normanby, musical comedy duo RendeVouz from New Plymouth and Chardé Heremaia, best known as Memoirs of a Māori through her social media presence.

Having received funding from South Taranaki District Council's Creative



Pat Goldsack.

Communities Scheme for the last two shows, DIY Comedy producer Ben Caldwell successfully applied again and received \$2000 to bring four shows

to South Taranaki, two of which will be in Ōpunake.

"The last two shows were incredibly successful given the circumstances. The first we held during COVID-19 Level 2 restrictions and we had about 50 people in. The next we were in Red settings and a Cyclone hit that weekend which meant some people who bought tickets couldn't make it because the roads were closed, but we still had about 50 people in again. I'm just hoping this time we don't have anything

else prevent people from attending because this is going to be an awesome show," says Ben.

He adds that part of the reason to bring shows like to towns such as Ōpunake is to change people's perceptions around what is possible in terms of comedy.

"I'd love at one of these shows that we could put on an Ōpunake local who wants to give stand-up comedy a try. Traditionally comedy in New Zealand

has been done in the metro areas and we want to change that, so that location is no longer a barrier to people wanting to give it a crack. Likewise, shows don't come to the smaller towns very often and people have to travel if they want to see a show like this, so we're trying to change that as well.

"The other thing that the funding does help us with is ensuring that the ticket prices are kept low. We know that it's tough for people at the moment with the cost of living increasing, and budgets are much tighter. We want as many people to attend as possible and so keeping presale tickets at \$20 hopefully encourages people to come out and watch."

The show kicks off at 8:00pm and tickets are available from KiwiTicket or from Everybody's Theatre. Door sales on the night are \$30.



Left: Alexander Sparrow. Right: Charde Heremaia.



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## Keeping Warm



Neha and Rahul Tyagi from Opunake's Club Hotel in front of an open fire in the main bar of the popular hotel during the cold blast two days ago, an icy wind blowing off the mountain. The Club Hotel is one of the few places with an open fire these days. A true delight that warms the body and the spirit!

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# The NZ Society of Authors Roadshow

The New Zealand Society of Authors Te Puni Kaitiaki O Aotearoa are on the road to Taranaki on Saturday 10 September 2022. Here at NZSA, we are keen to get writers back connecting with each other, sharing experiences, and learning to fine-tune their craft, after more than two years hiatus due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The one-day roadshow offers stimulating and practical professional development workshops and discussions from some of New Zealand's most experienced authors and industry professionals, and NZSA wants Taranaki writers to know that it is open to all writers as well as to those working across the literary sector.

The New Plymouth event will kick off with an opening kōrero with NZSA President Vanda Symon and NZSA 2022-2023 President of Honour Witi Ihimaera, who is celebrating 50 years as a writer. His 50 years of NZSA membership coincides with the formation of a ninth NZSA branch to support Māori writers. Witi's kōrero

focuses on his writing craft, and how he writes and structures his work.

"Kia ora whānau. Someone once said, 'Witi Ihimaera is a construct.' And in many ways that's true because over my 50 years as a published writer I have constructed a persona, a craft, a toolkit to solve writing problems, a career and the stamina to stick with it. While I have written books, what I have really done is write a career. I'm looking forward to sharing my mātauranga at this year's roadshow, nau mai, haere mai," he said.

Highlights include this generous korero with Witi; Poetry with Rob Hack; Three dimensional characters – not just skin deep with Vanda Symon; How not to write for young readers with David Hill; Finding & applying for project grants, Creative NZ funding and residencies with Mikaela Nyman.

"We have something for everybody, from Masterclasses to panels and talks, offering expert advice for all writers, including those who are just dipping their toes in the writing

stream. Numbers are limited for the masterclasses to allow for deep dives; workshops and panels enable discussions, and there is social time for writers to connect," said NZSA CE Jenny Nagle.

The NZSA Roadshows are for all writers, at any stage of their career, across all genres. If you love to write, the NZSA is there to support you. These in-person Regional Roadshow events complement other professional development opportunities the NZSA offers through their fortnightly Webworkshop online masterclasses and Writer Toolkit online courses.

The NZSA New Plymouth Taranaki Roadshow starts at 9am on the Saturday 10 September at St Joseph's Catholic Church hall, 106 Powderham Street – tickets are on sale through the NZSA website and Lil Regie.

The event is fully catered and designed to be affordable, with special pricing for students and members.



Who will win this year's Jack Russell Sprint? Come to the Xtreme Raceday Saturday, and find out.

## A great day at the races

The ITM Interprovincial reprogrammed to run September 17th after the August 20th abandonment. This is the only New Zealand race that displays interprovincial rivalry. South Island participation has been confirmed for the first time in many years. Horses in the interprovincial, run-in provincial colours not their usual owners' colours

of Saturday the 17th of September is New Plymouth Raceways Spring feature race day, and it's a day of extremes, with the shortest race just 990m long to the longest, a gut busting 3210m.

There are eight action-packed races with the action starting around midday, followed by a band after the last race.

We'll also have our ever-popular Jack Russell Sprint,

as well as a new addition – The Undie 200. Details of how to enter will be published closer to the day, keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more information.

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# Three Times Lucky in Love by Coastal author

Kathy Stanley will be signing copies of her newly published novel at Poppies Bookshop in New Plymouth on Sunday, September 11 from 2 to 3pm.

Entitled 'Three Times Lucky in Love', the historical romance novel took Kathy who lives in Oaonui just three months to write though she says she had the idea for the novel for some years.

The British publishers Austin and Macauley accepting the book for publication described it as an "Entertaining, original and unpredictable novel with a wide ranging scope and an engaging manner of dialogue."

Set in the 1800s, the story is about Brigid, orphaned at birth in Ireland who is adopted by a kind Irish couple who immigrate to New Zealand on a sailing ship and settle in New Plymouth. Life is hard for the new settlers. The story traces the life of Brigid who grows up and becomes a wife and a mother. Sadly Brigid's first husband is killed by a falling tree and she is left widowed with a young son. She subsequently meets a ship's captain who she marries and has a daughter and moves to the South Island. Her second husband too however meets an untimely end. Eventually she marries for a third time



Author Kathy Stanley with her newly published novel at home in Oaonui.

and has a third child and lives happily ever after.

At least that's according to the book. Kathy says in editing they did make a few alterations – not many – but this included making the original sad ending into a positive one.

"It was too sad," reflects

Kathy saying she didn't mind them changing it.

The story is about life, says Kathy. "It shows how any woman of any age can survive. Everyone has their ups and downs in life but you can still be happy."

Kathy says she got the idea for the story from reading

about the lives of early settlers in New Zealand and how difficult it could be. A lot of women would have lost their children in childhood, money was always tight," she says. But

lest this sounds depressing, the ultimate message of the book is positive and, says the author, "with good friends and family you can carry on." It's about making the best of things

and enjoying life.

Kathy said she wanted to highlight the importance of resilience and retaining a sense of humour. How people coped exemplified the spirit of New Zealand. Kathy comments "On the coast there's a very strong spirit of survival."

This is Kathy's first novel but she has previously written a book about the 100 year centenary of the Oaonui Water Board of which her husband Ronnie is Chairperson. A farmer, Ronnie admits to not being a great reader but did offer some male advice regarding Kathy's work which he read in parts as it progressed. It was "to spice it up a bit, you don't want a coffee book." To what extent Kathy followed her husband's advice you'll have to read the book!

A trained journalist who worked for the former Auckland Star, Kathy moved to Taranaki when she married farmer Ron Stanley over 30 years ago. She also founded the Opunake News (as it was then known).

People can buy the book at the signing at Poppies (September 11, 2-3pm) or can order the book online.

## On this month in history: F Scott Fitzgerald born

On September 24, 1896 Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States.

He became a novelist, essayist, and short story writer. He even wrote a play (The Vegetable).

Success as a writer did not come easy; he had 120 rejections and one short story accepted for a fee

of \$30. Finally, his novel This Side of Paradise was accepted and published in 1925, selling 40,000 copies in its first year and was greatly acclaimed.

His best known novel is The Great Gatsby (1925) and his final one Tender is the Night (1934).

He has a great friendship with Ernest Hemingway, but

there were fallings out along the way.

His time as a screenwriter was not very successful. He met British actor David Niven and they became friends, despite their age difference.

F Scott Fitzgerald had issues with alcohol and died on December 21, 1940 suffering from tuberculosis.

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# More sinned against than sinning

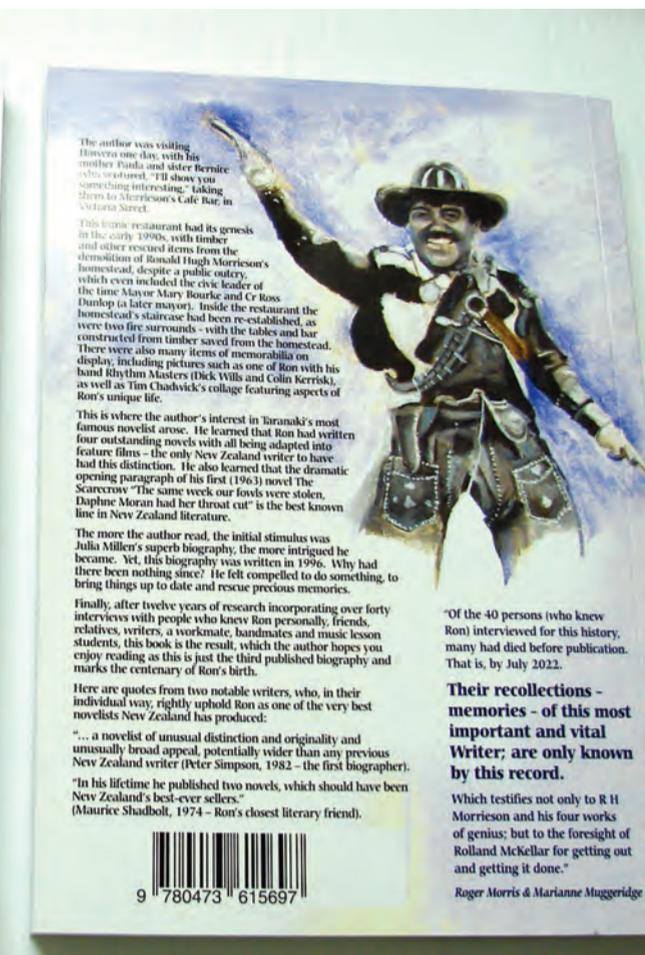
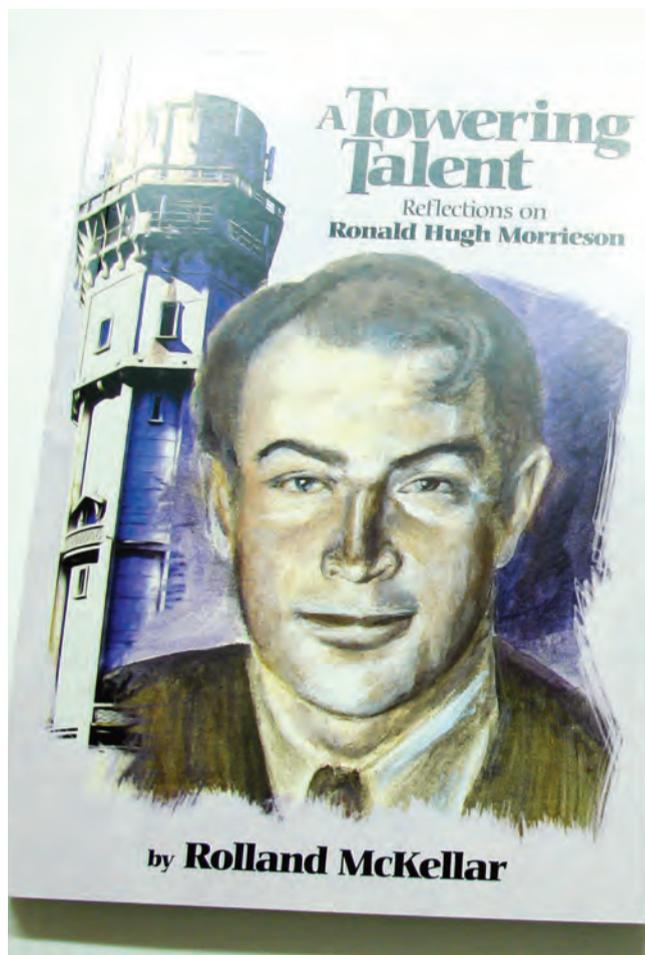
“Ronald Hugh Morrieson? Never heard of him!”  
 “‘Came A Hot Friday’? Love that movie! A mate of mine was an extra when they made it in Eltham back in 1985.”

This conversation which took place in New Plymouth last week sums up the life of one of Aotearoa’s most successful novelists.

Vilified and dismissed by his contemporaries, condemned as a drunken bum, a wastrel, a womaniser and worse, he was all but ignored as a writer of significance during his lifetime. Only after his passing in 1972 did he receive the credit he was due.

While two previous biographers have recognised the value of Morrieson’s work, the most recent is now 24 years old and so a fresh insight into the man who, sadly, did not live to see all four of his novels made into movies was timely.

In the recently published ‘A Towering Talent’ author Rolland McKellar intends to “promote a renaissance of Ron’s memory and superb writing” and to set the record straight around fictitious myths about the man. In this he has succeeded admirably. Meticulous research showcases the life and times of the author in Hawera, a place Morrieson rarely



**A Towering Talent is a biography of Ronald Hugh Morrieson by Rolland McKellar.**

left during his lifetime and from which he drew the inspiration for his work.

Rolland McKellar explores the humanity of the man who, like all of us had his human frailties but also was a talent who should not have been so easily dismissed. The biography proves that,

like Shakespeare’s King Lear, Morrieson was “a man more sinned against than sinning.”

‘A Towering Talent’ is a melting pot of anecdotes, memories and fondly remembered tales, all gleaned from the interviews the author has conducted with

personal friends, colleagues and relatives of Morrieson – those who knew him best. These allow the reader to engage with the humanity of the man on a personal level, something not achieved in

previous texts. The myriad of recollections conveys a truth and an intimacy through which the reader is privileged to have an insight into a talented, but flawed man, cut from the

same human cloth as the rest of us. Without exception, all of those interviewed speak fondly of the man, with many describing him as a gentleman. Thus, the author has succeeded in laying to rest the fabrications and myths about the man.

By recording such a range of precious memories – some from people who have since passed away – an important oral history has been preserved for future generations. The many anecdotes, photographs and illustrations included therefore chronicle lives, not just Ron’s, which will be remembered.

The biography, which also includes synopses of and thoughtful commentary about Morrieson’s body of work, with its attractive layout and many illustrations is eminently accessible for all age groups. Thus it is a worthy vehicle for achieving the aim of upholding Morrieson’s memory. I would suggest it is an essential addition to all Taranaki school libraries.

Ronald Hugh Morrieson? This literary giant may be gone – but a towering talent such as his will not be forgotten.

*Reviewed by Jenny Bennett*



## 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SALE

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 12 noon**  
 183 Mangaotea Road, (off Tariki Rd) Taranaki

**Bulls for sale -**

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**Bull Walk**  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### Opunake Co-operating Parish

Havelock Street, Opunake - St Pauls - 9.30am every Sunday  
Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month

### Okato Co-operating Parish

Okato, St Paul's - Sunday Service every 1st and 3rd  
Sundays of each month, 10am  
Okato, St Paul's - Prayer Meeting, first Thursday of each  
month, 7.30pm  
Oakura, St James - Sunday Service every 2nd and 4th  
Sundays of each month, 10am  
Oakura, St James - Prayer Meeting, first Wednesday of  
each month, 7.30pm

### Opunake Catholic Church

St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays  
of the month  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday  
Other areas  
Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm  
(2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)  
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am  
All welcome

### St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

### The Wave

Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake  
Sunday Services 10.30am  
Women's Group 10am Tuesday  
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday  
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### St. Barnabas Anglican Church

141 Tasman St, Opunake  
Sunday Services 10am  
Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday  
Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday  
Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for  
a Combined Service

### Okato Community Church

Meets 10.30am Sunday at Hempton Hall.  
Everyone welcome



Opunake Beach Carnival, 1914. We need your support to keep this iconic event going in 2022 and beyond.

Talk to any Opunake local, past or present and they're bound to have a story to tell about the Opunake Beach Carnival - whether it be from the bygone era of the week long Mardi Gras, or the current format we know it as

today.

The Opunake Beach Carnival has been an annual highlight event of the summer which has seen generations of families share the joy of it being organized by a group of

dedicated volunteers within the community who want to bring a fun, free day out at our beautiful beach for locals and visitors alike.

Unfortunately, the group of volunteers is shrinking due to a number of our community

members retiring, and not enough newcomers willing to dedicate their time and energy. Last year saw the Carnival cancelled due to the risk of Covid and we're afraid January 2021 may just have been the unknowingly last Opunake Beach Carnival celebrated, unless we see more volunteers come forward.

We're holding our AGM at 7pm on Tuesday September 13 at Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Event Centre, and we would love it if anyone willing to help out could attend. There are so many aspects to the organising of the Carnival that we are looking for all types of people. Come along and learn about all the roles required and find out if it's something you could help with. Even if you don't think you can help out on the day, there is plenty to do behind the scenes leading up to the event.

We would hate to see such a mainstay event fall to the wayside due to lack of community support.

## An exhibition and an opportunity to exhibit

MUNDUS is an exhibition by Dorothy Andrews and Jenny Bielawski, both from small inland settlements in Taranaki, New Zealand, where artistic talent blooms.

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Cheers

Dale Copeland.



Above: Dorothy Andrews' Sweet Pea & Jenny Bielawski's Man on Cross.

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# Entries closed for Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards

This year's Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards entries have officially closed and now it is time for the judges to read each entry and narrow down the finalists and winners.

"We have seen an increase in entries this year, which is promising for future years if the trend of budding writers and poets continue to bloom in the Taranaki region," says Katherine Bosworth, South Taranaki Community Outreach Librarian.

167 entries were received across all categories (Open Poetry – 83, Open Short Story – 37, Secondary School Short Story – 12, Secondary School Poetry – 20, True Story – 15) and the finalists will be announced on 3 October.

"Last year we had 148 entries, the year before 124 and 131 in 2019. So, it's great to see the numbers have increased this year," she said.

Notably the True Story Category (formerly known as the Research Category),



Ronald Hugh Morrieson.

has also seen a significant increase in entries this year.

"The judges have a difficult task ahead of them. We wish the best of luck to everyone who entered," Katherine

added.

The list of finalists will be announced on Monday 3 October. All finalists will be invited to attend the Awards evening on Wednesday 19 October at TSB Hub in Hāwera.

The Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards are celebrating their 35th year with judges Airini Beauvais and Robert Sullivan.

Airini Beauvais is a poet, writer and educator who grew up in Auckland and Whanganui. She studied ecological science and creative writing at Victoria University of Wellington and worked for several years as a science teacher. Her first book *Secret Heart* (2006) was named Best First Book of Poetry in the Montana New Zealand Book Awards 2007. Her subsequent books

include *Western Line* (2011), *Dear Neil Roberts* (2014) and *Flow: Whanganui River Poems* (2017). In 2021, she won the Ockham New Zealand Book Awards Jann Medlicott Acorn Prize for Fiction and \$57,000 for her collection of short stories, *Bug Week*. Beauvais lives in Whanganui.

Robert Sullivan (Ngāpuhi and Kāi Tahu) has eight collections of poetry including the best-selling *Star Waka* first published in 1999. Sullivan co-edited three award winning anthologies of Pacific and Māori poetry. His new book, *Tūnui Comet*, is published by Auckland University Press this year. He has a PhD from the University of Auckland on the writing of four indigenous poets from the Pacific, and has led the creative writing programmes at the University of Hawaii and Manukau Institute of Technology. Sullivan is joining Massey University this year where he will be an Associate Professor of Creative Writing.

The Awards, honour the work of one of New Zealand's most preminent authors, Ronald Hugh Morrieson (1922 – 1972). Morrieson wrote four novels: a coming of age tale *The Scarecrow* (1963), *Came a Hot Friday* (1964), *Predicament* (published in 1975) and his only contemporary novel *Pallet on the Floor* (1976). All have been adapted for the cinema, the only New Zealand writer to have acquired this achievement. Two short stories were published posthumously, in 1974; *Cross My Heart* and *Cut My Throat* and *The Chimney*.

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<b>*LIVE COMEDY SHOW*</b> <b>A ONE NIGHT STAND</b> Sat 10th Sept 8pm	<b>BEST BIRTHDAY EVER</b> Animated, Family   1hr 15mins   G Sat 17th Sept 1pm
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# BEAUTY AND HEALTH

## What's On Listings

### ONGOING

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

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

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

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

**Free singing experience with Taranaki Harmony Chorus:** Meet every Wednesday at Inglewood Mamaku Centre, 7-9.30 pm Phone Helen 021 296 0700.

### THURSDAYS

**Coastal Young Farmers:** Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Butlers Reef Bar & Cafe, Oakura.

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

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

### FRIDAYS

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

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

### WEEKENDS

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

### AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 17

**'A Shared Inspiration' and 'Capturing the Fall' exhibitions:** At Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera.

### AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 23

**'Recollections' exhibition:** At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

### SEPTEMBER 9

**The Hairy Spot Bull Sale:** Fraser Rd, Hawera. 12 noon start.

### SEPTEMBER 10

**One Night Stand comedy show:** Everybody's Theatre, Opunake. 8pm.

### SEPTEMBER 11

**Booksigning of Three Times Lucky in love, by Kathy Stanley:** Poppies Bookshop, 7 King st, New Plymouth. from 2-3pm.

### SEPTEMBER 12

**Burmeister Jersey Bull Sale:** Julian Rd, Warea. 12.30pm start.

### SEPTEMBER 13

**Fowler Farms Bull Sale:** Wilford rd, Hurleyville. 11am start.

### SEPTEMBER 14

**Coastal Community Transport AGM:** Coastal Care Community Lounge, Opunake, 10am.

### SEPTEMBER 15

**Mangatoa Bull Sale:** Mangatoa Rd, Tariki. 12 noon start.

### SEPTEMBER 16

**Puketahi Bull Sale:** Wingrove Rd, Stratford. 11am start.

### SEPTEMBER 17

**Xtreme Raceday:** New Plymouth Raceway. Races start at 12.40pm.

### SEPTEMBER 18

**Pihama Lavender Market Day:** 10am.

### SEPTEMBER 19

**Megaw Bull Sale:** Ngatimaru Rd, Tikorangi. 12 noon.

**Hawera Water Tower Night Climb:** With the South Taranaki District Council. 5.30-7.30pm.

### SEPTEMBER 22

**Combined Breeder Bull Sale:** Ngatimaru rd, Tilorangi. 12 noon.

### SEPTEMBER 23

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

### SEPTEMBER 24

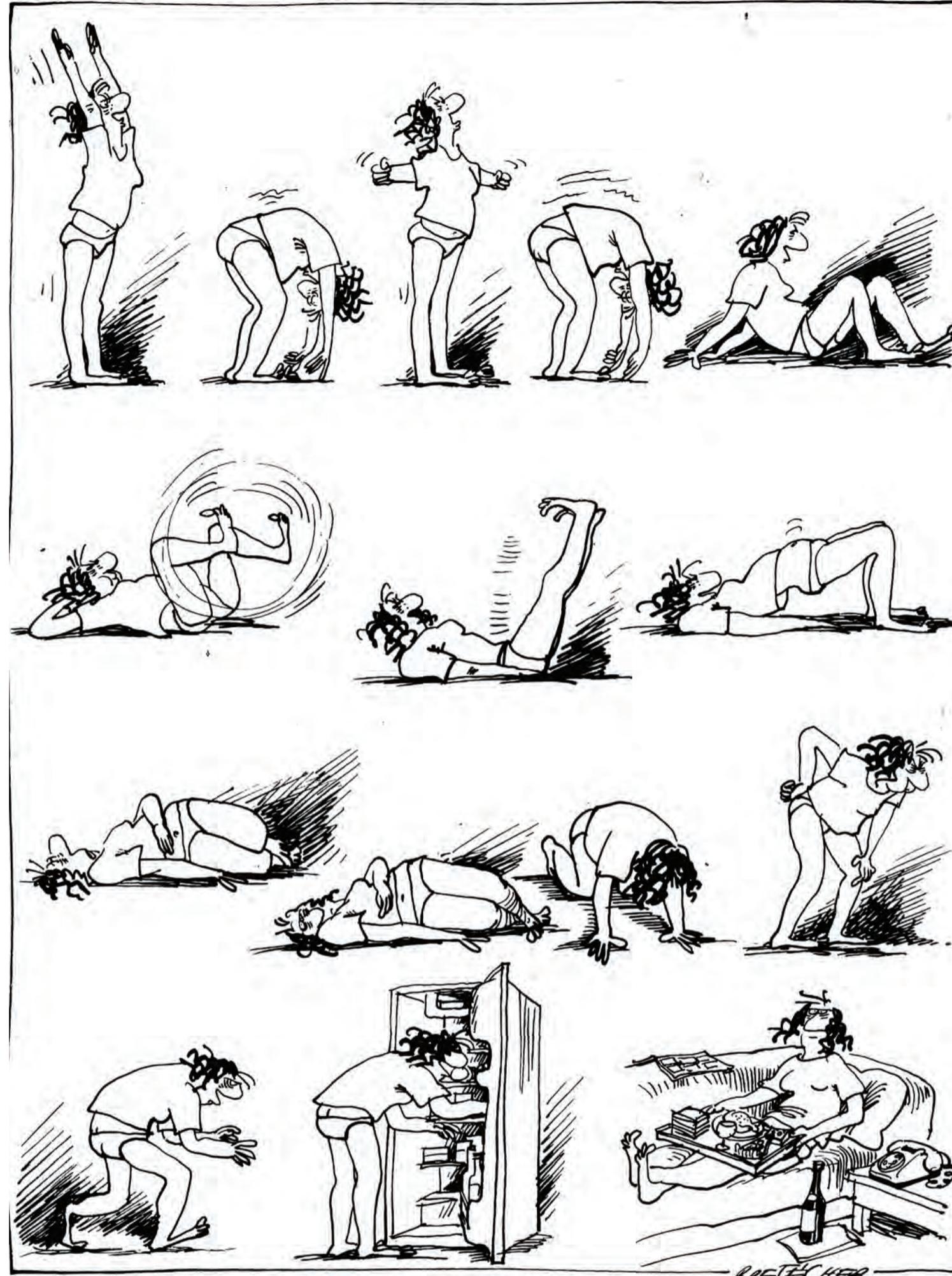
**Te Korowai o Ngatiruhine Trust Group AGM:** Kanihi Marae, Okaiawa, 9am.

### OCTOBER 15

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust**

**2022 Trustee Election**

Nominations for the 2022 trustee election for Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust (the Trust) closed at 5pm on Thursday 4 August 2022. Confirmed candidates for the four vacancies on the Trust are: Daniel Harrison, Leanne Kuraroa Horo, Aroaro Tamati, Amokura Panoho and Mīaana Patene.

As there were more nominations received than vacancies, an election will be held by postal and internet voting to determine the Trustees. Voting papers will be posted to adult registered members of the Trust from Monday 12 September 2022. Voting will close at 5pm on Wednesday 12 October 2022.

Anthony Morton  
Returning Officer  
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Election Helpline Ph 0800 666 035 or email [iro@electionz.com](mailto:iro@electionz.com)



**Notice of 2022 Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust will be held on Saturday 15 October 2022 at Te Niho o Te Atiawa - Parahuka Marae, 249B Mid Parihaka Rd, Pungarehu, Taranaki commencing at 10.00am.

**AGENDA**

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Karakia                                       | 5. Audited Financial Reports          |
| 2. Apologies                                     | 6. Appointment of Auditor             |
| 3. Minutes of 2021 Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust AGM | 7. Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust Election |
| 4. Chairperson Report                            | 8. Annual Goals                       |
| (a) Taranaki Iwi Charitable Trust                | 9. General Business                   |
| (b) Taranaki Iwi Holdings LP                     |                                       |
| (c) Taranaki Iwi Fisheries Ltd                   |                                       |
| (d) Taranaki Iwi Claims Management Ltd           |                                       |

This year's Annual General Meeting will be livestreamed. If you wish to participate via the livestream you will need to register so a link can be sent to you. To register for the livestream link or for further information including copies of documents to be presented at the AGM please contact Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust office, 1 Young Street, New Plymouth, Ph (06) 751 4285 / 0800 83 52484 or via email: [admin@taranaki.iwi.nz](mailto:admin@taranaki.iwi.nz).

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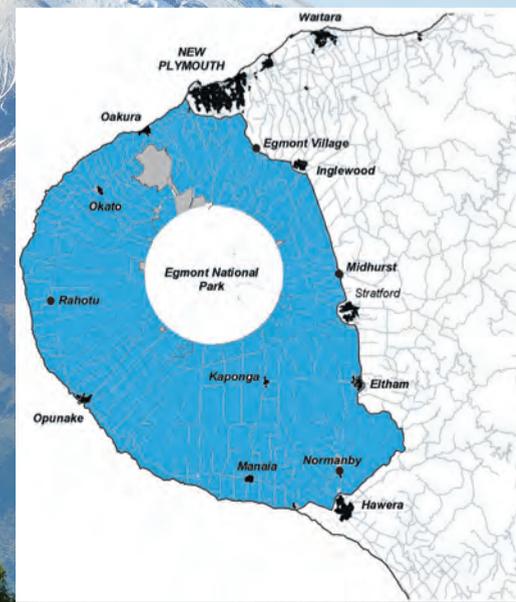
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