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Head students for 2021

"Not just another year on the wall," commented newly appointed Head Boy at Opunake High School who wants to ensure the year is memorable.

The head students at Opunake High School for 2021 are Pero Brophy and Madaline Symes. Both are aged 17.

Pero wants to work towards the success of the school's Maori students. Pero points out that he is Maori. Taranaki is my Iwi, Ngatihaupoto and Ngatituhekerangi are my Hapu. "I just want Maori students to be proud of who they are."

His subjects this year include Scholarship mathematics, statistics, calculus (his favourite), chemistry, physics and english.

A keen sportsman, he also wants to develop volleyball more in the school. Pero is also a basketball referee. "I was selected onto the Under 15 and Under 17 National tournament panels." The panel he was on when he visited Australia (before Covid) was called the Koru Tour.

His eventual aim is to study for a science degree with consumer food science as a major along with economics and business. He is likely to be enrolled at Massey University. And Pero's reaction on being appointed head boy?

"It was something I'd aimed for. I'd been working towards it for a long time. It was still an amazing surprise."

Madaline Symes

Head Girl Madaline Symes also admits to being "quite surprised. Being chosen as student leader wasn't really on my plan for this year. However, I am happy and grateful."

This year she is studying physics, statistics, english, music and her two favourites biology and chemistry.

In Madaline's leadership role she is keen to do her best to ensure that the student's levels "are just more together." She points out that in the past "there has been a lot of separation between the years."

Her interests are also focused on sport. She plays tennis, hockey and soccer. She is also a pianist and is working her way up through the grades; she has passed grade 5.

When she has finished secondary school she intends to study to be a doctor. The Otago University Medical School will be where she will study for her chosen

Student leaders Madaline Symes and Pero Brophy.

profession. outstanding students all We wish both these the best for their academic

advancement and in their leadership roles.

Powhiri to welcome new students

A powhiri held in the grounds of Opunake High School to welcome new students to the school, especially those in Years 9 and 10, was held on February 5.

The traditional ceremony, which started just after 9.30am, included waiata and several speeches. Three speeches were in Maori and included those by Matua Ran-

giroa Rongonui, Matua John
 Hooker and Matua Paora
 Laurence. Rachel Taylor also
 spoke.
 Acting Principal Andrea

Acting Principal Andrea Hooper gave a rousing

speech. "We are all about you guys reaching your dreams, reaching your potential."

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John Hooker (left) speaking at the powhiri.

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Restoration of original name

I had to laugh (cringe) at the most recent 'letters to the editor' in your local Redneck Rag. Ian McAlpine writes in about the confusion of now having 'three names for our mountain'. Correction Ian, there is only one official name for our tupuna maunga and that is Taranaki Maunga - this is not a new name change this is a restoration of his original name as determined by mana whenua. Get over it and get used to Māori reclamation. By the time your grandchildren are your age there will be no confusion.

Secondly, Tom Stephens, you obviously don't get out

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Flower and vegetable gardens can be visions to behold, especially in our own back yard of Taranaki. The best example was the spectacular 2020 Taranaki Garden Festival which brought \$4.2 million in GDP to our region, up from 2.6 in 2019. And then there's the delightful annual Giant Plant Sale Fundraiser for Taranaki Base Hospital Chaplaincy at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

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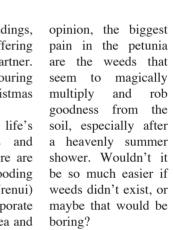
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much because your attack on Urs Signer insinuating that he doesn't help out in our province's community is so absurd one must think you live under a rock. Urs is one of the most community focused people I have the pleasure to know. You will know him for his social and environmental activism but he is also active with many community groups alongside Climate Justice Taranaki such as Sustainable Taranaki, Para Kore, Te Whenua Tōmuri Trust, the Parihaka community garden as well as a volunteer at the local Pungarehu pool. I see him helping out at every kaupapa Māori event this side of the maunga and he is always the last one in the kitchen washing the dishes

Weeds and things

of Valentine's Day, weddings, funerals and maybe a peace offering after an argument with our partner. And who doesn't love savouring freshly dug potatoes at Christmas time?

Gardening can teach us life's lessons of resourcefulness and resilience in adversity. There are things called weeds, flash flooding (especially from Okato to Urenui) dry spells, winds that evaporate soil moisture, salt from the sea and alternative watering days. In my



Jesus' Parable of the Tares or Weeds (Matthew 13:24-43) is an example of the spiritual adversity in our 2021 challenged world. He identified the spiritual weeds as people who choose to follow Satan's worldly and ever changing values because they reject the values of the kingdom of God. Jesus repeatedly taught us the hard lesson that unrepentant people following weed values will be unfortunately separated from God at the kingdom harvest at "the end of the age."

So what spiritual gardening practices do each of us need to survive and thrive in today's adversity? Surely, the 2021 gardening challenge is to overcome such adversity by nurturing our spiritual gardens and lives with prayer, daily Bible reading and the support and encouragement of other spiritual

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Ian McAlpine

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environment cherished Godly values are being vehemently rejected by a vocal, liberal and leftist global philosophy. Such values are endorsed by Hollywood stars, mega-rich social media platforms now openly censoring Christian values the anti-God and intelligentsia in Western universities. It is very difficult and threatening to practice and openly speak of biblical and conservative Christian values in today's radical liberal left climate.

Perhaps Frances Gurney-Forbes best described the spiritual beauty of gardens, "The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth, One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on the earth." I hope that in the coming year you all get to spend some time with God in a

garden somewhere.

Adelphos

PS. When the resurrected Jesus was first seen by the two Marys at the tomb, they first thought He was the gardener. Perhaps He was pulling out some weeds?

2021 the year of property politics as investors surge to 27% market share

CoreLogic NZ's latest Property Market & Economic Update shows investor demand has surged back to 2016 levels, prompting speculation that further intervention by government and regulators might be needed to rebalance buyer activity.

Kelvin Davidson, CoreLogic's Senior Property Economist, says there is a rising possibility that a 40% deposit requirement for investors could be officially mandated later in the year.

"CoreLogic's Buyer Classification series shows that mortgaged investors surged to a 27% market share in the final quarter of 2020, up from 24% in Q2. This growth coincided with a 6.1% increase in property values in the quarter; a rise not seen since the three months to February 2004 at 6.6%.

"The last time that mortgaged investors had a market share near this high was 28% back in Q3 2016 when the Reserve Bank imposed a 40% deposit requirement. While we've already seen the Reserve Bank move to reinstate LVR speed limits at 30% from March 1st, the question is, will this be the end point? We think a move to 40% is possible if investor participation continues to push higher.'

Davidson says an extension to the current five-year hold period for the Bright-line test could be on the cards



Property investors will be looking at property right round Mount Taranaki.

too, while the Reserve Bank has also requested the ability to use debt-to-income ratio caps if and when they deem it necessary.

"With property politics heating up and affordability pressures re-emerging, it looks likely that heightened regulation could be a key feature of the market in 2021. Supply (or lack thereof) is also a critical issue affecting the market and igniting much of the heat. This is both a shortage of available listings on the market but also a simple lack of newly constructed residential properties too," says Mr Davidson.

CoreLogic's Buyer

Classification data shows that first home buyers made up 23% of purchases in Q4. "Given that FHBs don't have anything to list or sell before they buy and that very few investors aren't selling much at present either, their continued buying presence is likely to keep the pressure the supply/demand on balance in the market.

"Looking at movers (including upgraders and downsizers), their share of purchases dipped to just 26% in Q4, an historically low level. In some cases, existing owner-occupiers are choosing to stay where they are due to already high debt levels and the extra costs associated with moving. But in other cases, people aren't moving because they simply can't find the ideal next property, given the tight supply of available listings. In turn, that is feeding back into an even tighter listings picture.

"Despite housing construction staying steady at recent high levels, New Zealand's housing supply deficit following the GFC is still ultimately a key factor behind recent strong house price growth and stark lack of housing stock. In the end, government policy needs to be firmly focused on building more houses. We

just need more properties," says Mr Davidson.

A key support for the recent strength in the residential property market has been the stronger than forecast performance of the economy, especially with unemployment remaining lower than anticipated. From its current level of 5.3% (up from the recent low of 4.0%), the unemployment rate may only rise by another 1% or so. Meanwhile, timely indicators such as the NZ Activity Index show that the wider economy continues to recover, and sectors such as construction are still growing steadily (despite previous fears of a collapse).

Mortgage credit has continued to flow in the past few months after the slump in activity in April and May. The rise in activity over the second half of 2020 was so strong that it far outweighed lockdown-related the hiatus, and left the value of mortgage lending by the banks up by almost 10% for the calendar year, reaching new record highs over the final months of 2020.

Property sales volumes also picked up strongly in the final few months of 2020 and could have been even higher still were it not for the lack of listings on the market. Combined with low mortgage rates, that lack of choice for buyers has been a key contributor to the sharp growth in property values lately.

The CoreLogic House Price Index showed that average property values across NZ as a whole rose by 6.1% in Q4 a figure not seen since the 6.6% rise in the three months to February 2004. Tauranga (10.2%), Wellington (8.1%), and Dunedin (6.4%) were all above that national average, with smaller areas such as Masterton and Whanganui recording strong also growth. Hamilton (4.1%)and Christchurch (3.4%) were slightly more subdued in Q4, but those growth figures were still fairly solid. especially for Christchurch (which has seen little change at all in property values for a number of years now).

Powhiri to welcome new students

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and raised several rhetorical questions such as Are we doing better than we think 87% achieved Level 2 and

we can?

What followed were Angelo Hill also spoke a number of heartening statistics; 95% of Level 3 students obtained a pass,

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90% passed Level 1. "These are unbelievable statistics,' enthused Andrea Hooper.

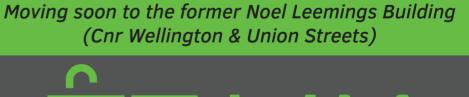
Andrea mentioned that a Meet the Teacher picnic on Thursday February 18.

She concluded with a message to the students, "Go and grab every opportunity you are offered. Carp Diem

which is Latin for Seize the an excellent morning tea. Dav.'

The assembled people were invited to share some kai in





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Strong Manaia turnout at community board meeting

The proposed Manaia combined community facility seemed the one subject everybody wanted to talk about at the Taranaki Coastal Community Board's January meeting.

Typically community board meetings attract only a handful of members of the public, but this time around 30 people turned up for the meeting which was held at the Waiokura Marae near Manaia. Some said they were disappointed the meeting hadn't been given greater publicity.

Manaia has been without a town hall since the Manaia and Districts War Memorial Hall closed in 2015 after it failed to meet the required earthquake standards. Three years later the Manaia Sports Facility was closed for similar reasons. Since then it has been proposed that a million dollar combined facility be set up at the Manaia Domain to take the place of both these buildings.

Although most of the responses to last year's South Taranaki District Council community consultation were in favour of the combined facility, the overwhelming mood from those at the open forum part of the Community Board meeting was in favour of holding on to the town hall and the sports complex.

"We're not asking the Council for anything more than we already have," said Manaia School principal Laila Kivell, who also represents a community group set up to advocate for the Manaia community. She said 93 per cent of the people she had spoken to wanted to keep both the hall and the sports complex, while there had only been 54 submissions to the Council consultation from a community of 1500 people.

South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said plans to strengthen the hall had been included in the Long Term Plan, but then problems



The Manaia and Districts War Memorial Hall.



The Manaia Sports Facility.

had come up with the sports facility. This had led to a public consultation being held at that time.

"As a result of that a majority of people were keen for one facility, but there was a 50-50 split. Half thought it should be where the town hall is, and half thought it should be where the sports facility is, so we didn't get a straight answer from the community."

He said councils are expected to meet a higher earthquake standard in their buildings than do private owners who can therefore do the required work with less expense.

"It's disappointing that we seem to have a premium put on us because we are a council," he said.

Mary Moore said there's a lack of suitably sized venues for events in Manaia, and the hall's central location is an advantage. Te Oti Katene said while outdoor sports can be held at the sports facility, the hall is ideal for holding indoor sports.

Patricia Green said the million dollars due to go to the community facility should be given to the people of Manaia to sort out the hall and the sports complex.

Community Board member and Manaia resident Bonita Bigham said the closing of the hall has had an effect on the town.

"I've had this feeling that since we haven't had a town hall we don't know each other any more," she said. "People can have been here five years and we never know them."

Other speakers struck a similar note.

"This has become quite a boring town when it used to be quite lively," said Te Oti Katene.

"This used to be a vibrant town, it's not any more," said John Kahu.

After the open forum part of the meeting was over Community Board chairman Andy Whitehead said he was pleased with the large number of people who had turned up. After a community hui organised by the Community Board had been held in Opunake last year there had been talk that similar ones could be held in other parts of the ward. The strong public response at this meeting indicated the time might be right to look at holding one in Manaia, he said.

Since the community board meeting, the South Taranaki District Council Policy and Strategy Committee voted to have another look at how much it would cost to strengthen the Manaia War Memorial Hall and the Manaia Sports Complex. This will later be voted on by the full council.



Final call for entries for Kiingi Tuheitia Portraiture Award



Te Arikinui Kiingi Tuheitia Potatau Te Wherowhero Tuawhitu.

The country's first and only portraiture award to inspire a new generation of Māori artists is now calling for final entries for the inaugural competition, with the deadline for submission on 5 March 2021.

New Zealand Portrait Gallery Te Pūkenga Whakaata together with The Office of the Kiingitanga launched the Kiingi Tuheitia Portraiture Award in August 2020 to motivate emerging Māori artists to create portraits of their tūpuna (ancestors).

Artists are given an opportunity to showcase their talent on a national stage while competing for a First Prize of \$20,000. The Runner-Up and People's Choice Award provide \$2,500 respectively.

Entries are open to emerging Māori artists who have either created an artwork within the last two years, or wish to create an artwork especially for the competition, using any visual medium, with whakapapa connections to the depicted tūpuna.

The finalist artworks will be judged by a distinguished panel comprising renowned artists at the opening of the exhibition. These include tohunga taa moko and kapa haka exponent Sir Derek Lardelli; celebrated artist, teacher and activist. Kura Te Waru Rewiri and artist

Photo Erica Sinclair.

Lisa Reihana, who is known around the world for her portraits and digital art. Commentating on the

award, Reihana says the timing is extraordinary as New Zealand comes to grips with what we have here in our county

"I applaud the Kiingitanga for coming up with this award

which is a serious proposition with a generous remuneration for emerging artists. Not only does it encourage Māori artists to look closely at their history and whakapapa but it creates a contemporary spin on our tradition of recording tūpuna . This award is not just for Māori but for New Zealanders- after a turbulent 2020, now more than ever we are looking at ourselves and realise the importance of generating our own projects from home.

It's a real honour to be involved in the inaugural competition alongside preeminent judges Sir Derek Lardelli and Kura Te Waru Rewiri. I am enchanted by all types of materials and processes and will be looking for a sense of heart and strong tūpuna aspect to the works during the judging process."

The inaugural award will be held in 2021 with an exhibition of finalist artworks in Te Whanganuia-Tara at The New Zealand Portrait Gallery Te Pūkenga Whakaata, timed to coincide with Matariki. Finalist artworks will then tour the country.

Entries close on 5 March 2021 and the winners will be announced at the exhibition opening on 27 May 2021.

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WI members celebrate organisation's centenary

Four members of the Manaia WI will be attending the New Zealand Federation of Women's Institutes (NZFWI) celebrations in Napier. The celebrations to be held on the weekend of February 12-14 will include the unveiling of a statue of the organisation founder, Miss. Jerome Spencer B.A, O.B.E Phyllis Malcolm, South Taranaki Federation President and also a recipient of a Gold acknowledging the Honours Badge has been Centennial and Women's

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Institute in South Taranaki will be set up at the Patea Museum- Aotea Utanganui, with the help of the Museum staff. It will be a great focal point later in the year and will be well worth a visit.

A Centennial Project is to purchase a seat, with an appropriate plaque on the seat that will recognise the 100 years of Women's Institutes in New Zealand





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Fraud and vigilante behaviour

Kia Ora Koutou, I hope that you have all had a positive start to 2021. The

weather has certainly played its part for the beach goers. However, I'm sure that the farmers would appreciate frequent some more

downpours.

As I look forward to the 2021, I reflect on 2020 in terms of crime. I'm not sure if it was a COVID factor or not but there has been an increase in fraud related offending. I have

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Constable Matt Stone.

dealt with a large number of complaints where people have purchased items off Trade Me or Facebook buy and sell and they have not had the item delivered. It is extremely hard to predict this occurring and my suggestion is to pay in person when you collect an item.

I also want to reinforce that 'vigilante' type behaviour will not be accepted by Police. If you have an issue

with another person or company, then you need to engage the correct agencies to assist you. That may include the police, lawyers, or even the council. It can take time to resolve the matter but it will prevent you getting into potential trouble.

Lastly, I have a few projects that I am wanting to implement this year, one being the installing of rural cameras. I will be seeking the support of the community to fund the cameras, by way of donations and fundraising If you have any fundraising ideas then could you email me on matthew.stone@ police.govt.nz. Until next time.

> Matthew Stone Sole Charge Okato

Board decides on funding application

Taranaki The Coastal Community Board has voted to grant the Cape Egmont Lighthouse Trust half the money it was asking for.

At its final meeting last year the Egmont Lighthouse Trust 2000 had asked for \$4000 to pay for their contribution towards

area which contained the historic lighthouse, and the Cape Egmont Boat Club and Sea Rescue. Trust Lighthouse The considered that \$4000 would be their share of the

resealing and repairing the

cost. "It's been blamed on our traffic to the lighthouse and

of our own success," Trust chair Ron Thompson had said at last year's meeting. "We feel that when we get tourist buses, campervans and bits and pieces, we feel obliged to help the Boat Club.' At the time the board had

voted to defer deciding on the application until its next meeting. tourism. We've been a victim

At their first meeting of 2021 held at the Waiokura Marae. Manaia, there was some discussion about whether the Trust could reconsider how the lighthouse is funded. The board agreed to vote \$2000 from its discretionary fund, which was half the amount the Trust had been asking for.

Congratulations





At the Manaia Christmas Parade, David Lloyd of the Manaia Lions congratulates the winner of the wheelbarrow raffle.



Re-dedication of Saint Paul's Church, Okato

A special service was held on Sunday January 31 to rededicate St Paul's Church in Carthew Street, Okato. The Archbishop of New Zealand Phillip Richardson officiated at the service. The Very Rev Michael Bent, Rev Helene Young and Rev Peter Barleyman presided.

Rev Gary Mattock, Chairman welcomed the Congregation.

Russell Fleet was the organist for the service and his musical accompaniment was much appreciated.

In 1897 Archdeacon H Govett laid the foundation stone, assisted by the Rev. F G Evans (later Archdeacon), the Rev Walker, the Rev R Robieson, and the Rev H Mason, Vicar of Okato. The choir of St Mary's, New Plymouth, carried out the musical portions of the programme. The mallet used with the foundation stone hangs in the church today.

St Paul's Church was first opened on June 23, 1898. The first minister was H Mason (1897-1900). The church was initially consecrated on January 25, 1898 by Bishop Cowie of the Diocese of Auckland and Primate of New Zealand.

The architect of St Paul's Church was Mr F Messenger, Mr J. Hart was the contractor and Messrs H Brown and Co supplied the timber (rimu and totara), joinery and fittings. Mr F. Howell did the plumbing and Mr D. Greenway painted the building. Among the ladies who actively assisted were Mesdames Mason, Fox, A Gray, McCullum, Clarke, Roebuck, C Sole, G. Corbett, A Corbett, W Corbett and A Bell, Misses Shaw, Greenway, and Roebuck.

In his welcome Rev Gary mentioned all the hard work that has gone into upgrading the church, including a new roof and repainting, as well as a major upgrade of the grounds – such as a new concrete driveway and paths, "To have the church ready for the next 50 years." Chris and Sherrie Dombroski received a notable mention for all their hard work



The oldest member of St Paul's congregation Reg Rook and the youngest, six year old Evie Mae Garner cut the rededication cake.

Early in the service Lesley Dowding, a member of the Property Committee for St Pauls and lay officiate, gave an informative history of the church. She acknowledged the descendants of St Peter's Church, the twin church who joined St Pauls in late 1970 and the Honeyfield family, as well as the gift of a window

from St Peters Church to St Pauls. Many members attending were confirmed at St Pauls. The Putts, whose family member Vera planted the acorn in 1919, were also acknowledged. A detailed historical display was in the hall for those who sought further information.

Lesley also paid tribute

to all the work undertaken by Chris and Sherrie Dombroski upgrading the church and grounds as very active members of the Property Committee. Lesley also distributed an excellent booklet entitled Pocket History of St Pauls' Church, Okato: Souvenir Book.

Archbishop Philip opened with prayer and in a following address said, "This church is a treasure." He acknowledged people who had passed away who had attended St Paul's and made particular mention of a 12-year-old parishioner Russell Green who died in the 1940s and has a memorial plaque near the front of the church. "People make the church, not the building," Philip explained. Philip lamented that so many churches had closed in New Zealand including 190 for reasons of earthquake risk. "I am so grateful that you have committed yourself to this church building."

The Archbishop closed with the comment, "Thank you for recreating this place of worship." He also paid tribute to the considerable input of Chris and Sherrie. The Very Rev Michael Bent spoke briefly and focused on the many people who had come before, "The tramp of the feet of many people from Victorian and Edwardian times." He asked that we "Take time to think of a particular person who needs God's presence at this time for His blessing." After the service Ray Rook (as the oldest member of the congregation at 96) and sixyear-old Evie Mae Garner (the youngest) cut the rededication cake, decorated with edible oak leaves and acorns, in front of the church. Kerry Lilley made

the wonderful cake (Many

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thanks). Nearby, a sumptuous morning tea was on offer, which is a credit to everyone who helped plan and prepare it. The Member of Parliament for New Plymouth Glen Bennett was also at the event. "It is encouraging to see a parish so alive and well, restoring a historical church, but also looking to the future in how to serve the community. It is all very

positive."



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Delivering over 18,000 housing places by 2024

This is my first column for 2021, so I want to start by wishing everyone here in Taranaki a happy new year. I hope you all had a proper break, wherever you were. And to those of you who worked through, my sincere thanks for helping to keep us all going.

The Labour team reunited in Nelson last month for our 'away caucus'. That's something Labour MPs do every year to kick things off - but our families join us there too, which makes particularly special. it Unfortunately, I spent some of that week isolating in the hotel room after

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STEPH LEWIS **MP** FOR WHANGANUI

feeling unwell and taking a precautionary COVID-19 test. I did however, get to listen to the Prime Minister discuss two issues on every New Zealander's mind: COVID and housing.

She updated us on the Government's COVID response, including our vaccine roll-out plan. There is plenty to look forward to this year, but, as the recent Northland and Auckland cases reminded us, we aren't out of the woods yet and cannot become complacent. The Prime Minister also revealed where the 8,000 extra public and transitional housing places announced in Budget 2020 will go.

Since taking office we've 4,579 added newly built state homes across New Zealand, and the Government is committed to continuing our public house build programme at pace and scale.

I'm excited to relay that, according to our new Public Housing Plan, by 2024 the total number of public and transitional housing places in Taranaki will have grown by 196 since 2018. This is a great start, but it will take a joint effort from people across the community to improve the housing situation here, and I intend to continue to support that work.

That means by 2024 this Government will have delivered 18,350 new public and transitional housing places across the country. It's easy to lose sight of what these extra places will mean. Ultimately, each is another family that doesn't have to

sleep in a car or a garage: another family with a place to call home, even if only for a short time while more sustainable accommodation is arranged.

builds will Plus new boost economic activity, creating employment and apprenticeship opportunities for people all over New Zealand.

There is no silver bullet to fixing the housing crisis we inherited. Our work on public housing is just one piece of the puzzle.

We're also preventing homelessness by expanding Housing the First programme, modernising tenancy laws to give renters some security, making it easier to build houses by replacing complex planning laws and investing in infrastructure, and helping more families into houses with our progressive home ownership scheme.

There is more to do, and it'll take time to solve a problem that's been decades in the making, but we're committed to tackling New Zealand's housing crisis.

I can't wait to share more good news with you as the Government rolls out further initiatives to support this work in the coming months. There is certainly plenty to look forward to.

> Steph Lewis MP Whanganui

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Consumer NZ calls out unfair terms in retirement village contracts

Consumer NZ say they want an overhaul of retirement village regulations to protect residents from unfair terms. NZ Consumer chief executive Jon Duffy said its review of retirement village contracts found terms that unfairly favour the village and risk leaving residents out of pocket.

"Retirement villages promise the good life in your golden years. However, the agreements consumers must sign before they move into a village can have a nasty financial sting. Some also risk breaching consumer law," Duffy said.

A major concern was terms that made residents responsible for the costs of maintaining and repairing items in their unit, even though they didn't own them, he said.

Most retirement villages offer a "licence to occupy," which gives the resident the right to live in their unit but no ownership rights to the property. Despite this, some contracts made the resident liable for repairing the operator's chattels.

Consumer NZ head of research Jessica Wilson said Metlifecare had a wide-ranging clause in its contract, which gave residents just one month after the agreement begins to advise the company of any repairs needed.

After that time, the resident was required to meet any costs, including paying for repairs to the unit's stove, garage doors, plumbing and electrical fittings.

"In our view, these terms conflict with residents' rights under the Consumer Guarantees Act to expect

goods and services of a reasonable standard. If the oven in your unit fails, the village should wear the repair cost."

Wilson said many residents significant also faced financial losses when their unit was sold because they didn't receive any capital despite gains, paying towards the property's upkeep.

Villages' retention of the capital gain was a major cause of complaint. In a Consumer NZ survey of 1680 residents, 63 percent were unhappy their agreement didn't allow them to get any capital gain when their unit was sold. Consumer NZ's review of

village contracts also found terms that gave the village wide discretion to decide what residents could and couldn't do.

Several contracts restricted residents' rights to raise objections about village developments. Metlifecare and Summerset contracts included terms stating residents weren't allowed to object to any dust, noise or other nuisance caused by the development.

Wilson said these kinds of clauses ignored residents' rights to raise legitimate concerns.

Consumer NZ will be the findings providing of its review to the Retirement Commissioner Wrightson, who's Jane responsible for monitoring the sector.

The review looked at contracts offered by six major retirement village operators: Arvida, Bupa, Metlifecare, Oceania Healthcare, Ryman Healthcare and Summerset.

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On this month in history WB Sutch acquitted

On February 21 1975 Dr William Ball Sutch was acquitted by jury in the Supreme court in Wellington on a charge of spying. He was a former secretary (Chief Executive) of the Department of industries and Commerce. He was chairman of the Queen Elizabeth II Art Council.

He was arrested the previous September under the Official Secrets Act that he obtained information useful to an died soon after on September

enemy nation. He had met Russian diplomat Dimitri Razgovorov a number of times.

The jury took seven hours to find him not gulty. Dr Sutch



A sad day for Saint Cuthberts

A dwindling congregation and a failure to meet earthquake building standards has led to a Manaia church being closed. On January 29 a service was held to deconsecrate St Cuthbert's Anglican Church.

"This is an incredibly sad day," said Anglican Philip Archbishop Richardson who presided at the service. "I've been Bishop of Taranaki for 21 years and I know this community and this congregation, and I've come to love this church, but my responsibility is to the people to see that they can worship freely and safely. Unfortunately there's the engineering report to consider, and the trustees and myself believe that this building's not safe. I want to however express my gratitude to all who ministered in this place and looked after this building and the building before it. As a church we are committed to this community and to finding new ways to express this, but not in this building."

He told the congregation Christchurch that the meant earthquakes the viability of church buildings had to be looked at, and many like St Cuthbert's had fallen short of the required earthquake standards. He said that at the same time as



Archbishop Richardson addresses the final service at St Cuthberts.

the Manaia church was being deconsecrated, his colleague the Bishop of Dunedin was taking a deconsecration service for St Michael of the Angels Church in Clyde.

St Cuthbert's Church had been dedicated in 1960 and designed by local architect J.W.Brimblecombe. Hori recalls Manuirirangi Brimblecombe as someone who drove a mini, despite being six foot six inches tall, much to the amusement of him and his childhood friends.

Hori, who is chair of the Ngaruahine Iwi authority and Hapu Ngati Tu opened the service by recalling the words of Titokowaru. "I shall not die. When death itself is dead I shall not die.""

"So will the spirit of this church live on," said Hori after the service. "There's a lot of history and a lot of memories here. We were brought up in another church, but believe in the same God and Eternal Father."

Archdeacon Chester Borrows spoke about the history of St Cuthbert's from the consecration of the original building in 1894. Scripture readings were given by Maurice Cowling

and Fiona Duffy. Fiona said she had chosen to give her reading from a lectern donated to the church in honour of her great grandmother Bessie Sutherland who had asked every parishioner to donate a shilling to the church on their birthday. Her 1894 Birthday Book is still in existence.

The lectern had been donated by Mrs Sutherland's grandchildren, including Fiona's mother Betty Thwaites(nee MacLeod), Nigel MacLeod and their siblings Alistair and Peggy. "Quite honestly I didn't realise until 10 years ago about all this," says Fiona. There had been another brother, Ian who had been killed in World War II while serving in the Fleet Air Arm. Fiona's grandmother Adelaide MacLeod had donated an organ to the church in his memory. The Rev Geoff Williams

from St Barnabas Church Opunake assisted in

Archbishop Richardson with Communion, and the congregation sung The Church's one foundation, Be Thou My Vision and Now Thank we all our God.

The final blessing was given by the Rev David Self who had been there from the very beginning. As well as having been a minister at St Cuthbert's, he is the last surviving member of the original building committee.



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State Highway 3 safety work to begin

This week work is due to begin on safety improvements on State Highway - 3 between Waitara and Bell Block.

The section of highway between Bayley Street and Raleigh Street at Waitara will be resealed, and a new wide centreline will be marked to help keep traffic apart, reducing the risk of head-on crashes.

The southbound passing lane at Brixton Hill will also be removed, and new line markings and rumble strips installed.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Director of Regional Relationships Emma Speight says the safety improvements are part of the wider SH3 Waitara to Bell Block safety improvement project that aims to reduce deaths and serious injuries on the busy section of highway.

"These safety improvements will help prevent crashes in the interim and prepare the road for sections of median barrier to be installed once the roundabouts are built. "Widening the road

centreline creates more space between oncoming vehicles, giving people time to react and helping to prevent crashes if someone

delivering New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy, Road to Zero 2020 - 2030, which aims to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads by 40 percent over the next decade," says Ms Speight.

The work will be done

between the hours of 6pm and 7am to help reduce disruption to traffic and is

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expected to take up to nine

makes a mistake. "This work is part of

days to complete. While work is underway

traffic heading north to Urenui will be detoured through Waitara via Nelson St, Mclean St, North St, Richmond St, Princess St,

Residences and businesses on SH3 between Bayly St and Nelson St will remain accessible.

Bayly St.



10 **NEWS OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS** Thursday, February 11, 2021 **MAC SOLE Episode 31: Working in Australian hotels**

Soon after I was asked to move up to the hotel as Manager where I spent three happy years, but with too many incidents, good and bad, to relate in this memoir.

The hotel sold more alcohol than any other in New Zealand. One popular product was Coruba Rum. The approximate sale per week was 85 bottles, but the greatest weekly total was 106 bottles. The main cause was patrons buying jugs which consisted of 10 nips topped with coke. This was bought mostly by the Boot Hill boys who came from the Bastion Point area.

In 1976 I went to Australia to see the All Blacks play Australia in Sydney and

Manley Wharf sunset. while there was lucky enough to meet a head man at

who offered me a hotel manager's job if I moved to Tuohey's Breweries Sydney. The hotel he offered

was Moridale which is just south of Hurstville on the outskirts of Sydney.

I gave the offer much thought and, on returning to New Zealand, gave my notice. After a short time I was off to Sydney, but not to Moridale. Instead, I was informed that they wanted me to take up the job of Assistant Manager of the Chatwood Hotel which was Tuohey's number one hotel. I accepted this offer.

Chatwood was another interesting challenge and again I had a nice office and two office girls to handle much of the paperwork.

In time the Manager resigned to become Manager of the Manly Hotel which Tuohey's belonged to opposition. This hotel was

very susceptible to

population declines because

of their biology," Dr Finucci

"NIWA has taken on a wide

variety of shark research

projects in the past including

indicator analyses and stock

assessments - these are

important for monitoring

shark populations. However,

in order to do this modelling

work, and do it well, we still

need a lot of fundamental

research of species' biology

Dr Finucci says research

that needed to be done

included mapping critical

habitats for populations,

particularly nursery areas

and pupping grounds, and

patterns of sharks within

NZ and beyond to inform

the best timing of potential

"Sharks have been part of

our oceans for millions of

years and if they disappear it

is likely to be noticed in ways

The Nature paper said

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across the road from Manly Wharf and the manager wanted me to go with him so I did.

All my changes in hotels were beneficial in various ways, but they were all great jobs. Another job was managing a small hotel the Narwee Hotel, which was not far from where lived. However, when the owner sold I also left and took up a position with Coles Myer, one of Australia's largest company, as Liquorland Manager. This position I held for 15 years until my return to New Zealand and retirement.

Shark numbers declining amid research gaps We know these species

A lack of information about New Zealand oceanic shark populations is making it difficult to assess how well they are doing, says a NIWA researcher.

New research published in science journal Nature last week, with input from NIWA, showed the global population of oceanic sharks and rays has declined by

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more than 70 per cent in the past 50 years, with ongoing decline likely to lead to the extinction of some species.

NIWA fisheries scientist Dr Brit Finucci says New Zealand waters are home to about 113 shark species and their relatives, of which 20 are considered oceanic. meaning they spend most of their time in the open ocean.

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While most of these species are not considered threatened in New Zealand, Dr Finucci says there is a rapidly growing body of research linking shark movements to environmental changes.

"We don't have that information for New Zealand, and this is something we should start investigating. It is very hard to assess the status of many sharks in our waters because we don't have shark-specific monitoring programmes."

Some data is opportunistically collected either by other research surveys or reported by commercial fishers and "For fisheries observers. some species we have noted possible declines in recent years, but we are unsure if these trends are a real decline in abundance, a change in the fishery, or a change in animal behaviour."

The Nature paper noted that in the Pacific Ocean, abundances decreased steeply before 1990, and then declined at a slower rate recording an overall decline of 67 per cent.

The global decline of oceanic shark numbers is mostly attributed to a huge increase in fishing since 1970, with half the world's 31 oceanic shark species now listed as endangered or critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Recently retired NIWA scientist Dr Malcolm Francis was a member of the IUCN Shark Specialist Group for more than 20 years and was a co-author of the Nature paper, contributing analysis of the blue, mako and

These species are managed under New Zealand's Quota Management System while another nine oceanic species are protected or managed under the Wildlife Act and Fisheries Act. The eight remaining New Zealand oceanic species have no specific species management.

"New Zealand not only has globally threatened oceanic species, but also some globally highly threatened deep-water species as well.

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consequences for associated economic and ecological systems".

"There is an urgent need for governments to adopt science-based catch limits for oceanic sharks that are capable of supporting sustainable fisheries, along with bycatch mitigation."

Oceanic sharks found in New Zealand waters:

Oceanic whitetip. Carcharhinus longimanus Globally Critically Endangered. New Zealand

protected species Basking shark, Cetorhinus maximus

Endangered. Globally New Zealand protected species

Shortfin mako, Isurus oxyrinchus

Globally Endangered. Managed under the QMS Common thresher shark,

Alopias vulpinus Globally Vulnerable. No species-specific management New in Zealand

Smooth hammerhead, Sphyrna zygaena

Globally Vulnerable. Managed under Schedule 4C of the Fisheries Act 1996.

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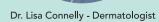
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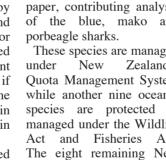




Lee Newton - Aesthetician







OBITUARY William Newton Sheat May1 1930 - January 20 2021

The man credited with Wellington's saving Embassy Theatre and Opera House began his lifelong interest in movies with visits to Everybodys Theatre in Opunake.

William Newton (Bill) Sheat who died on January 20 aged 90 grew up on his family's farm at Pihama. He recalled Friday late night shopping in Opunake, going to Everybodys Theatre and watching George Formby and Buck Rogers Sci-Fi serials among other things.

In 1996 he established the trust that succeeded in preserving and restoring Wellington's historic Embassy Theatre. He had earlier done something similar for the Wellington Opera House, persuading the Government-owned State Insurance Company to buy the building at a time in the late 1970s when it faced the threat of demolition. When



the New Zealand Film Commission was set up in 1978, he was its first chair. Bill Sheat's father William Alfred Sheat (1899-1982) was a lawyer who became a farmer. He attended Pihama

Primary School, Hawera District High School and Victoria University where he graduated with a BA and LLB. He was a teacher taught classes for and the Workers Educational

Importance of natural gas The importance of natural technology follower and

gas in lowering emissions has been well highlighted by the Climate Change Commission in their draft advice, says the Petroleum **Exploration and Production** Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ).

"While we don't agree with every proposal, this is a thoughtful and nuanced report," says PEPANZ executive John chief Carnegie.

"The Commission has recognised the role of natural gas in keeping electricity prices down by providing a back-up for when demand is high and supply can't keep up. This will become increasingly important as we become more reliant on electricity for transport and heating buildings.

"We need to travel at a similar pace to other countries, given we are a

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price taker. If we try and go too fast ahead of others it will make the transition more expensive and painful while delivering perverse outcomes.

"A good example is the Commission highlighting a near-farcical scenario where we could end up importing gas in the form of LNG from Australia, instead of developing our own resources and enjoying the jobs and royalties created.

"To avoid this, we need to have the right investment and regulatory conditions in place for natural gas supply. "A 60% target for renewable energy isn't helpful because we need to be focusing on emissions rather than fuel sources. For example, geothermal provides 22% of New Zealand's total energy but is not zero emissions. At the same time, natural gas

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could be used with carbon capture storage to have zero emissions.

"A ban on natural gas connections would be very expensive to households and cost jobs while only having a very limited impact on emissions. It could also upset carefully balanced gas market arrangements, further threatening our longterm supply.

"We all want to reduce our emissions in a joined up and holistic way. We also have to be responsive and adaptable as new information and technology and best practices emerge.

"It's important we make good policy decisions in response because getting it wrong will be damaging and expensive to New Zealand.

"We look forward working with the to Commission as they prepare their final advice.'

> Warmer Kiwi Homes.

Association (WEA) before returning home to farm in Pihama. He was a member of the Egmont County Council for 12 years and contested the New Plymouth seat for Labour at the 1925 and 1931 elections, and as an independent in 1935. He later joined the National Party and was elected MP for Patea in 1943. When National won the 1949 election he was appointed Under Secretary to the Minister of Works. In 1954 he lost out in a selection wrangle for the neighbouring Egmont seat with sitting MP and cabinet minister Ernie Corbett. He then resigned from parliament and stood in the Patea by-election, which National did not contest as an independent, scraping back by 13 votes. He did not contest the general election later that year. Although he returned to parliament as National MP for Egmont from 1957-66 he never again held government office. He was succeeded as MP for Egmont by Venn Young, father of Jonathan, who until recently was MP for New Plymouth.

Bill Sheat went from Pihama Primary School to being a boarder at New Plymouth Boys High School. Like his father he then went on to study law at Victoria, but unlike his father he didn't return to the farm. He stayed in the Wellington region, where he became a mainstay of the Lower Hutt firm Gibson Sheat which bears his name, and made a name for himself as a patron of the arts.

As chair of the Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council he oversaw the establishment of the New Zealand Film Commission and the New Zealand Drama School. For

15 years he was chair of NZ Ballet.

Life memberships included Downstage Theatre Society, Wellington Repertory Theatre and Theatre New Zealand. He said that one regret he had was that New Zealand has yet to have its own performing arts museum.

Honours have included an OBE awarded in 1973, followed by a CNZM awarded in 2011. Last year he was awarded Wellington Arts Icon of the Year.

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Summer flowers bloom at summer show

Last year's lockdown appears to have sparked a renewed interest in gardening as people look for new ways to spend their time. This appeared evident with the number of people coming through the doors at the Hawera Horticultural Society annual Summer Flower Show held at the Hawera Community Centre on Waitangi Day.

"It's neat to see so many people here," commented Horticultural Hawera Society president Paul

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been an upswing in interest in horticulture because of COVID."

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Recent windy weather meant exhibits were "a bit light numbers-wise," but interest in the sales tables was brisk, he said.

A feature of the show was the large number of dahlias entered.

"They're popular flowers for garden growers," says Paul. "While they are a specialist flower, they can also be grown in gardens as well."

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The Hawera Horticultural Society Summer Flower Show attracted a lot of interest..

Spud Brogden, flower expert and a familiar face at the Society's shows said there had been concern before the show about how

the dahlias would have gone this year with the dry windy weather conditions, but they seemed to have held up rather well.



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he said. Committee member Robin Quillinan describes himself as a "newbie" having joined the Society two years ago after shifting to Hawera from New Plymouth. He said he had been keen to find out about what plants grew best in the local conditions.

"We joined the Society, and we were told, just enter. We did very well in our first time and it seems to be getting better, and we're learning more as we go on. Everyone is so friendly and so helpful."

"In some individual classes

you've got some of the best

flowers I've seen for years,"

Like Paul and Spud he is pleased with how the show is going.

"We've only been open an hour and five minutes, and I'd say we've already surpassed the numbers at our last show."

So far two people had joined the club, with others expressing an interest in joining, he said.

Also there was David Self. Like Spud Brogden, he is a familiar face at the two shows the Horticultural Society put on every year. He has been running a stall here since setting up his Manaia nursery business back in 1960.

"Quite a number of flowers have improved over the 60 years I've been a nurseryman," he says. "I always used to grow the crackerjack marigolds. The latest ones are the marvels, which are probably twice as big as the crackerjacks."

Horticultural Society members had been busy getting the community centre ready for the show, including Bernie Christian who had done the bunting which lined the hall.

"I'm a fabricolic," she says. "I collect lots of material from sheets and offcuts. I decided to jazz the hall up as it was looking a bit plain."

Robin Quillinan says he is pleased to see an increase in entries from the children's section.

"They are the future of our club. The more vounger people we can get in, the better," he says.



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New culvert design environmentally friendly

An eco-friendly way of culverting a stream or creek disturbing without the stream or drain bed is a new innovation from Kuriger Engineering.

"It's a hundred percent zero footprint," says Peter Kuriger who has been manufacturing box culverts for a number of years from his engineering premises in Upper Kaweora Road, Opunake.

Explains Peter, the standard box culverts they've been manufacturing have a flat concrete base. With the new design, "We've made bearers which support the box culverts so you no longer need a flat base to cross the stream. The bearer can go down each side of the stream and the culvert notches into the bearer thus straddling the stream without disturbing the stream in any way."

The idea is its eco friendly and it's a way of keeping out and fording streams without disturbing fish and eels and other stream life.

People had experimented with sitting the culverts on power poles so they didn't have to dig out the stream but the wood would erode so their attempts were not very successful, said Peter.

Including a concrete bearer in the design of the box culvert seemed a solution.

The bearers are made of reinforced 40mpa concrete which means they are very robust. The idea was in fact first suggested by Peter's son Manoc who also works in Kuriger Engineering.

Peter says they will continue to manufacture both the standard box culverts and also the new designs which will give people options. Both designs are made in modular lengths of 1200mm thus can be

made to suit any length. The box culverts can be

installed by a digger.

As well being as environmental friendly, the new designs are also cost effective as they no longer have a concrete base and therefore use about the same amount of concrete.

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streams is "frowned upon" by the authorities, says Peter predicting by 2025, legislation will have been introduced making it illegal. A qualified engineer, Peter has been making pre-cast concrete for 25 years on site.



Peter Kuriger and his environmentally friendly box culverts.

Law change raises rural concerns

The Government's mandatory ten-day sick leave is both a challenge and support for rural communities says Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ).

"RWNZ asked Parliament at the Education and Workforce Select Committee to reconcile the need to understand how we support improved health and mental wellbeing in rural communities, with the challenges that mandatory ten days sick leave presents to rural businesses," says Board Member and Social Issues Convenor, Sharron Davie-Martin.

"Whilst ten days sick leave

is great for employees, it will also be challenging for some rural employers, and so it is important for Parliament to consider both elements to understand any adverse effects on rural communities

if this is made mandatory. "RWNZ largely agrees with supporting staff and empowering them to take care of their health, however, there is also concern about how the work is covered when staff are on sick leave, which is unplanned as it is often taken on the day of feeling ill, as opposed to annual leave which is planned.

"There is a shortage of skilled rural workers in New Zealand and if an employee

falls sick, there is often not someone available to call on and it is often a family member called upon to fill the gap.

"It's not a case of, 'well the work just won't get done' because the work often involves animals reliant on human guardianship hungry calves can't wait until the staff member is back from sick leave.

"The challenges for small rural service providers is similar – staff on sick leave will simply mean the work is not done, which not only inconveniences the rural businesses relying on those services, it also means a drop in much needed income for the provider of those services

in these tough times.

"RWNZ understands completely that extending sick leave will support those with the health challenges, however we have some reservations of the impact on some rural businesses of this legislation.

"RWNZ called on the Select Committee to ensure that both a gender and rural impact analyses are done on this legislation so that any adverse impact on rural businesses is alleviated whilst supporting the wellbeing of rural communities.

"We look forward to a great outcome for New Zealand's rural communities," says Ms Davie-Martin.





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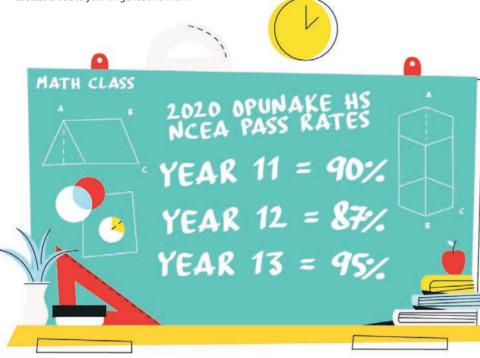
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STUDENT SUCCESS

2020 saw unprecedented levels of Academic Success at Opunake High School. In the graphic below you'll see our passrates for Year 11-13 students. All three of these pass-rates are well above the national averages for our Decile and also above average for the country. For a year unlike any other, where our students lost weeks to COVID and all the uncertainity that 2020 brought they have been absolutely outstanding! Congratulations to everyone, your success is due to your diligence and mahi



ART **SUCCESS**

Pictured to (from left to right) are senior art students Dinah Symons (Year 12), Kaiah Bloor (Year 13) and Lorin Symons (Year 11). All three girls gained an Excellence endorsement in their respective NCEA Levels.

For Kaiah, she is the first Year 13 student to gain Excellence endorsement in Level 3 Painting since 2013, and only the second Opunake High School art student to gain this endorsement since 2004.

girls all three For their achievements are a tremendous reward for a years hard-work. Well done airls!



CONGRATULATIONS ELLA

It has been a big summer for Year 11 student Ella Griggs, a whole lot of dedication, commitment and hardwork culminating in being named Miss Teen Taranaki for 2021.

To earn this title, Ella has been super busy with various tasks and commitments from attending the New Plymouth Christmas Parade, Rest Home visits, promotional work at events around Taranaki, participating in photoshoots, running guiz nights, interviews and attending sponsors cocktail evenings. One of Ellas tasks during the lead-up to the gala winners event was supporting the chosen charity - Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust. For this she was required to attend the Rescue Helicopter open day, as well as get involved with fundraising for the trust. Ella raised nearly \$1000, placing her in the top-4 girls for funds raised.

Ella has this to say "I'm looking forward to what Miss Teen Taranaki has in store for me. I can't wait to be able to represent Taranaki, wearing the crown"

"Thank you to everyone in the making of this pageant. You should all be so proud of you of what you have achieved"



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Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome all to Opunake High School 2021. We are looking forward to the Best Year Ever!!! Going by last years' outstanding academic results, the sky is the limit for our tamariki.

This is the year to green-light your DREAMS. Take every opportunity offered and strive to do your best. And if you fall, be sure to fall forward.

The staff and myself are looking forward to reconnecting with you all; hearing your summer stories, and setting your goals for the future. Then supporting you in realising your dreams.

You may have noticed I am using the word DREAMS instead of DREAM. So watch this space for opportunities to be part of developing our 'S' value for sustainability.

There is so much to get involved with this term: Gala, Swim and Sports day, Relay for life, and Wananga/ Academies to name but a few. Not to mention our new Write that Essay online literacy tool, and My Mahi mentoring programme. All designed to support you to grow into the good person you want to be.

So, to conclude, in the wise words of Te Puea Herangi, "If I dream, I dream alone, if we all dream together we can succeed".

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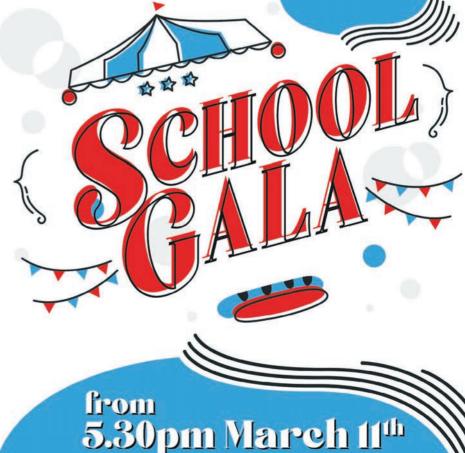
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Cool season Captain wins in winter

With less than six months before pastoral farmers must comply with strict limits on nitrogen use, plantain is back in the spotlight for autumn sowing this year.

One plantain in particular is providing great cool season growth.

That means it mops up more soil nitrogen at the riskiest time of the year for leaching, plus it provides extra feed when it is most needed on farm.

Pasture systems specialist Blair Cotching says Captain CSP (cool season plantain) has been specifically bred to keep growing during the cooler months of the year.

This is very important for reducing soil nitrogen (N) losses, particularly in the current regulatory environment.

"Many farmers are looking

for ways to mitigate the risk of soil N loss from their systems while maintaining sustainable levels of production.

"Industry research has shown plantain has real potential here, to the point where it is now included in OVERSEER."

But Captain's value to both red meat and dairy producers extends beyond a strong environmental profile, says Blair, who heads the pasture systems team at Barenbrug. Captain also grows strongly in other seasons and performs particularly well in the summer despite being bred for cool season performance.

"In terms of stock performance, it's palatable, easily digested and rich in essential minerals and trace elements. So there are

distinct animal nutrition benefits, on top of its use as an N-mitigation tool.'

Grazing utilisation is good, because Captain remains obviously upright in the pasture year-round.

Captain has shown good persistence in mixed-sward trials. Well-managed, it will thrive for up to three years.

Blair says a key benefit is the ability to use the new plantain in different ways, depending on farmers' individual priorities.

In red meat systems, for example, mixed with red and white clovers, Captain offers a high liveweight gain finishing crop. Alternatively it can be part of a perennial pasture mix.

Dairy farmers can sow it as a specialist three to four year pasture, mixed with hybrid ryegrass and white clover; or include it with new autumnsown perennial ryegrass pastures. "It's also well-suited

to over-sowing into thin

pastures in spring.' Barenbrug is working to develop new plantain cultivars, with both environmental and animal nutrition benefits in mind, he says.

"We have two goals with our plantain research, both revolving around N mitigation. The first is breeding improved plantains, with even more cool season growth to utilise more N in winter. The second is to increase the levels of the secondary metabolites that help reduce N leaching."

Seed for Captain CSP is available for autumn sowing now. For more detail, contact your merchant.

If you are looking for an entry level dairy farming opportunity or a runoff/support block, this may be the perfect opportunity. Located on the Upper Pitone Road this 40.2 hectare (99.33 acre) farm is currently operating as a dairy farm in conjunction with a 58 hectare block directly across the road. The vendor has indicated the 58 hectare block may also be available to lease.

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to take this farm to the next level. With options aplenty here, viewing is a must

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Jump starting research careers

The Government is investing up to \$10 million to support 30 of the country's top early-career researchers to develop their research skills.

"The pandemic has had widespread impacts across the science including the system. research workforce. After completing their PhD, researchers often travel overseas to gain experience

but in the past year many have been unable to do so due to travel restrictions," Associate Minister of Research, Science and Innovation Dr Ayesha Verrall said.

"The MBIE Science Whitinga Fellowship will fund some of our best and brightest early-career researchers, providing them with much-needed certainty for the coming years. Each

researcher will receive a one off fellowship worth \$320,000 over two years to help them grow and develop their research skills in New Zealand.

"It's vital that we ensure that our science community is well supported as we respond to COVID-19. Some of the long term challenges we are tackling as a Government, such as housing and climate change,

rely on the contributions of the country's leading scientists.

attracting and retaining talented researchers and encouraging their career development. The Fellowships, which open in February 2021, will be awarded for research undertaken in any field," Dr Ayesha Verrall said.

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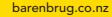
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Slurry tankers are a great choice for spreading effluent nutrients over the farm. There's a lot of things to consider in selecting the right make and model to suit your needs, and one of the most important things is size.

So how do you determine what size slurry tanker would be ideal for your dairy farm?

In most instances, bigger really is better. Don't be too conservative. Go for a bigger tanker that fits within your requirements. When we're asked to recommend a tanker size there's four areas of the farming operation, we



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look at:

Your tractor size will determine how much is safe to pull. As a rule of thumb, you should be able to handle 100L per HP (ie. an 80HP tractor should be

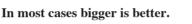
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slurry tanker). This is just a general rule, and other considerations such as topography and the type of braking axles on the tanker may need to be factored in. It is always best to check with the slurry tanker supplier for their recommendations. Topography

If you have a hilly landscape, safety and the



risk of rollover need to be considered. As liquid moves from side to side, stability becomes additionally important as do the brakes. If gravity is not on your side, you may want to consider a slightly smaller size. However, if your land is mainly flat, going the next size up may be a better option.

Infrastructure

37.000 lt

Smaller farms tend to have narrower races and gateways which can limit the size of the tanker you can pull through. Driving skill and good steering axles can make this less of an issue, but for many farmers it is something to be considered. After all, one of the benefits of having a slurry tanker is the low skill requirement meaning you can hand the job off to almost anyone who can drive a tractor, however if it's difficult to manoeuvre around the farm there may be less volunteers for the job.

Of course, it's not just the tracks and gateways to be considered. Your farm size, the amount of storage and quantity of effluent to be shifted are all very important. In terms of both labour and cost efficiency, the less trips you need to make the better.

Tip: If a slurry tanker is your main form of spreading, try to limit the amount of excess water entering your effluent storage. Don't use more water than needed to hose down the milking shed and invest in a storm water diverter in areas with a lot of rain. This means you'll have a higher concentration of slurry for spreading more nutrients per load.

Investment

While the investment cost is important, it's more important to first determine the size tanker you really need to make the most of the investment. Getting the right size can end up saving you time and money, where getting something too small can end up costing more in labour and maintenance. More loads = more time + higher wear and tear. It should also be noted that the running costs of a slurry tanker are generally about the same regardless of size.

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17 FARMING

UK decision welcomed

Peter Kuriger has a novel has also been two kilometres way of getting around his property – a Segway.

It was bought for him by his wife Lynda five years ago for a significant birthday and Peter says he wouldn't be without it.

He charges it once a day – they operate on battery - and says he could ride it from his place in Upper Kaweora Road to Opunake without it going flat. "I haven't had it go flat yet," he says.

to the end of his farm to "look at fences" and check on stock???

It goes up hills and can handle steps as well as going downhill and has a maximum speed of 17 kilometres per hour.

They're easy to drive as this curious interviewer discovered when Peter, sensing her interest, asked if she'd like a go.

The speed is governed He uses it for short trips but by your feet - pressure on the fore of your feet for forward, and on your heels for reverse. To turn you use the little handle bar.

Within a short time I'd pretty much mastered it though could use a bit more practice.

Peter whizzes about on it everywhere. He still gets plenty of exercise though he says through his engineering business and with a dodgy hip, it's just the ticket.

The UK's decision to apply to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) is a welcome move, but any new member must be prepared to commit to allowing high quality access to their market, says New Zealand's red meat sector.

"It is great to see the UK taking this step and supporting open global says Sirma markets," Karapeeva, chief executive of the Meat Industry

Association. "It is a valuable and important signal at a time of turbulence in world trade including rising protectionism. It is also strong affirmation of the central role that trade liberalisation can play in rebuilding economies and revitalising economic growth after the impact of COVID-19.

"However, entry to CPTPP is also an agreement to an ambitious, comprehensive and high quality outcome, including on red meat and

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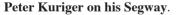
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Designer lifestyle close to the city This striking black, double- New Plymouth. It's the pasture at 216 Henwood

portal home is the designer result of a vision from owner centrepiece of a lifestyle Mike for redeveloping setting on the outskirts of a 21-hectare expanse of development, Mike saw the

Rd. With his background in farming and property



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Every now and then something special appears in the lifestyle market. This striking architecturally designed home (406sqm approx) built by Chris Bell Construction is made up of two modules linked by a wide central hallway. Features are to many to mention in detail. Module one including a large open plan living area with an stunning black entertainers kitchen including an induction cook top and two wall ovens designed by award winning designer Annika Rowson from Rowson Kitchen and Joinery. Mezzanine office behind black stained vertical battens. Master bedroom includes an ensuite with walk-in wardrobe and access off the bedroom to your own outdoor black stone bath, for soaking away under the stars. The second module has a formal lounge / dining room, a mezzanine bedroom, another bedroom with ensuite leading to a large 3 bay integrated garage. To the side of the garage there is a separate living area, fully fitted with kitchenette, living area, bedroom with ensuite plus a private patio. The main living areas in both modules have tinted sliding glass doors with chevron flooring and imported tile boarders. Heating is via a diesel boiler system with unintrusive radiators throughout the home. External features include a tarsealed driveway, 2 ponds plus an area of bush which is been vested into QEII Trust. Consent and title for the dwelling plus 5 hectares is at present being processed leaving the balance of 14.9 hectares approx with steel cattle yards plus new implement shed all serviced by two entranceways is also available for sale. Excellent location being so close to



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appeal and potential in the former dairy farm being used as a grazing property.

The setting inspired Boon Ltd architects to design a striking home for Mike that reflects its rural surroundings. ''I had a vision of an architectural farmhouse," Mike says. "They had a fairly broad brief and came up with this design; two barns side by side."

The steel-clad, portalframe home of more than 400sqm built by award winning firm Chris Bell Construction may be simple, but this is a sophisticated residence with fine detail and finishes throughout drawn from local resources where possible.

Agent Murray Gibson from First National Collective is marketing the property and says it could be an even larger lifestyle with the opportunity to purchase the remaining 14.9ha of land as well to create a working farmlet. There are quality steel cattle yards and a new implement/hayshed on the extra land.

Coastal Cobras look forward to season Yarrows partnership

Having recently held our AGM we are looking forward to another season of Rugby League in our community for 2021.

This year we are excited to see a revitalisation of the Taranaki Senior Competition with an eight week competition kicking off this weekend. Coastal Cobras are entering teams in the Men's and Women's grades and will host a festival day on Saturday March 6 at the Okato Domain, so save the date and come along and add your support. For a full Draw and regular updates, head to our public Facebook page.

The Juniors will hold a Registration Evening on Sunday February 28 at the **Opunake Community Pools** from 4:30 pm till 6:30 pm. Families are invited to come along and register all intending players and enjoy a free swim. Parents must remain with children who are under 8.

It is our intention to field teams in the following junior grades U6s, U8s, U10s and U12s, and in the youth grade for U14s.

Player subs are reasonable and include family exemptions.

We train on a Wednesday after school in Term 2 and



The Coastal Cobra under 11 team after a muddy match in 2018. play on a Sunday, travelling as a Club to the same venue. Home Games will be at Opunake.

We welcome all new players starting from age 4 and girls are able to play up to the age of 12 in mixed grades.

The emphasis is on fitness and fun while learning valuable skills and we hope to get as many along as possible to our Registration Evening.

Congratulations to the following players who were trophy recipients at our 2020 prizegiving:

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Mitchell. Most U6s. Valuable - Jayden Hales. Most Improved Lasome Knuckey. Most Dedicated -Minnie James. Best Defence - Tobias Lark.

U5s. Most Valuable - Thomas Cavey. Most Improved - Nixon Herewini-McLachlan. Most Dedicated - Mahuki Mareikura. Best Defence - Nellie-Jay Bishop. Nga Mihi

Club Secretary.

with Taranaki Rugby

Yarrows The Bakers have extended their principal partnership with Taranaki Rugby through until the end of 2022.

Yarrows were the principal partner of Taranaki Rugby from 1992 to 2002 before returning as principal partner in 2018. Taranaki Rugby Chief Executive Officer Laurence Corlett

acknowledged the significant support of Yarrows. "Yarrows are loyal supporters of Taranaki Rugby and we are very delighted to have them continue as our principal partner and as the naming rights sponsor of the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls team. They are a great example of a Taranaki owned and operated company excelling globally and giving back locally.'

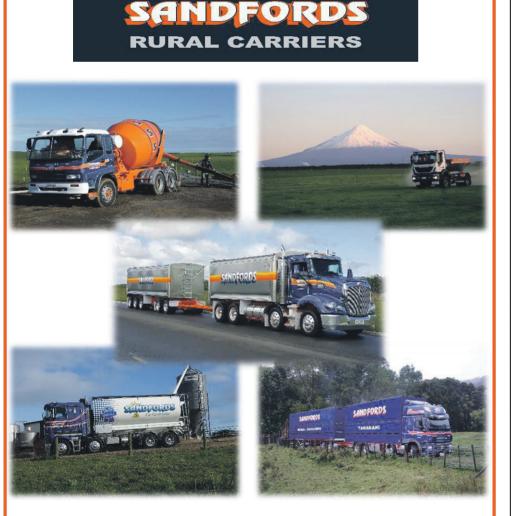
"John, Rosaleen and Philip Yarrow along with their staff are ardent in their support for Taranaki Rugby and we share many synergies between our organisations. Yarrows ongoing support in the COVID climate is testament to their strong allegiance to rugby in our region."

Yarrows was founded in Manaia by Alfred and Grace Yarrow in 1923 and has expanded to Rotorua and Tirau, producing frozen goods for supplying wholesale and foodservice customers across New Zealand, Australia and much of Asia including Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Yarrows have been working with the world's largest fast food chain, Subway, for over 15 years supplying Subway with their sandwiches and cookies. Speaking about the announcement, Philip Yarrow says Yarrows are extremely proud to continue as the principal partner of Taranaki Rugby.

"The Yarrow family are excited to extend our partnership with TRFU after what has been a very challenging 12 months for all Kiwis. We're looking forward to a big season from the Amber and Black boys and we're proud to be associated with a team that our region holds close to their hearts."

There will be some exciting fan initiatives delivered in partnership with Yarrows over the next two seasons. 500 Yarrows cookies will continue to be made available to young fans at each Yarrows Taranaki Bulls home match and Yarrows Taranaki Bulls school visits will be delivered into the greater Manaia region.



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Barnes appointed Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Head Coach

has been announced as the new Head Coach of the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls. He is replacing Willie Rickards, who finished his three year contract at the end of 2020. Barnes, currently Assistant

Coach at the Gallagher Chiefs, has inked a two year deal with Taranaki Rugby. Neil Barnes joined

the Gallagher Chiefs in 2016 after coaching internationally and has been there for six years while working under Dave Rennie, Colin Cooper and Warren Gatland.

The dairy farmer brings a wealth of coaching experience to the role, having spent 2009-2015 as the Assistant Coach for Canada, including two Rugby World Cup campaigns. He also worked as Fiji's Assistant Coach from 2017to 2019, including the 2019 Rugby World Cup.

Previously Barnes was the Assistant Coach for the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls from 2003 to 2007 and in 2009. Neil has a wealth of Taranaki club rugby knowledge after coaching in the province, which resulted in seven titles with New Plymouth Old Boys between 1993-1998 and again in 2002.

The 1993 win was the first

Senior A Championship title for the club since 1957. Barnes also represented the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls as a hard working lock in 1986. Barnes was grateful for the chance to return to coach his home province.

"I am a Taranaki person at heart, born and bred, love my province and the people in it deep down. It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone who knows me that I am genuinely excited about returning home and taking on the Head Coach role.

I was fortunate enough to be involved with the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls team last season, we had our ups and downs, but we've got a good group of young men there who I believe will get better."

Taranaki Rugby Chief Executive Officer Laurence Corlett was delighted about the appointment.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have secured Neil Barnes, such a highquality coach, to lead the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls over the next two years. Neil will add a lot of experience and old school work ethic to the Head Coach role, and he will lead Taranaki Rugby forward on and off the field. I am extremely excited about the future of rugby here in Taranaki."

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Anxiety and loss of self confidence, Fluctuations in sexual desire and sexual response

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Neil Barnes to coach Taranaki Bulls.

Taranaki Rugby Chairman Andrew Thompson believes the coaching experiences Neil has enjoyed over the last 10 years are impressive. "Neil is hugely passionate

about Taranaki Rugby and it was a big draw to applying for the role. To have someone with his international and Super Rugby experience at the helm of our Yarrows Taranaki Bulls team is

exciting for all involved." Chiefs Rugby Club Chief Executive Officer Michael Collins was enthusiastic about Barnes taking on the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Head Coach role.

"Neil is a great coach who has had a massive contribution both on and off the pitch with the Gallagher Chiefs. He has coached at every level of the game in New Zealand and internationally. Having our coaches involved with our Provincial Unions is a great fit for us and has been successful with Roger involved with Waikato and Clayton involved with Bay of Plenty. Taking on the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Head Coach role is a great fit for a loyal Taranaki and Gallagher Chiefs man. We are excited to see what Neil will achieve as Head Coach and wish him all the best in his tenure with one of the Chiefs Rugby Club's foundation investors."

Gallagher Chiefs Head Coach Clayton McMillan welcomed Barnes appointment.

"Neil is a passionate and loyal Taranaki man who will give his heart and soul to the Head Coach role. He holds a wealth of knowledge, will hold people accountable. and will establish a strong rapport with his players. This all bodes well for the Taranaki team and its supporters."

Barnes will return to Taranaki once he has completed his Gallagher Chiefs Super Rugby Aotearoa campaign however he will work with closely Yarrows Taranaki Bulls players in the coming months.

Rugby Taranaki will its Yarrows appoint Taranaki Bulls selectors and management team over the coming weeks.

Manaia Golf Sandfords **Club results**



End of Month Tournament. 1. Codie Clark. 2. Jamie Johnston. 3. Paul Hunn. 4. Nathan Ngere.

Opening Day. 1. Greg Elliott. 2. Grant Gopperth. 3. Carolyn Koch. 4. Denis Hurcomb. 5. Aggi Werder. 6. Margaret Putt.

Junior Golf. Gross. Cooper Symes. Jaxon Symes Simpson. Eila Elliott. Boston Symes. Ttsharni Komene. Putts. Cooper Symes. Jaxon Symes Simpson. Eila Elliott. Boston Symes. Tysharni Komene.

January 30, Ethan Jones takes out Taranaki stroke Play. His brother Sam came third.

February 1. Monday night Ambrose. 1. Ha kana Matata. 2. Puttling. 3. The Bots.

Women's Golf. February 3. Clytie Vine Teams Event held at Manaia, with Manaia coming first and fourth.

February 6. Saturday Men. 1. J.Jenkins. 2. John Oliver. 3. Greg Marsh. 4. Caleb Andreoli. 5. Matt Laing. Juniors. Luke Norris 1st Gross. Eila Elliott.2nd.

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Bugsy Malone is a memorable night out

Bugsy Malone, a comedy musical, is Hawera Repertory's latest show and it is simply sublime. Based on a book by Alan Palmer and a 1976 film starring a youthful Jodie Foster and Scott Baio, the music and lyrics are by Paul Williams. The show was capably directed by Samantha Turner, with stage manager Sandra Richards aided by a huge backstage team. The costuming, make up and sets back up the engaging acting, singing and dancing - a credit to everyone involved.

The musical is basically a farce styled on the gangster conflicts of the 1920s in New York. There are a number of massacres with the many 'victims' felled by custard tarts and splurge (foam) guns to be dragged off. Dandy Dan's gang had taken control with their splurge gun, meaning that Fat Sam and his dim cohorts are in danger. Fat Sam approaches Bugsy Malone, a retired boxer, to see if he can take his eyes off his new girlfriend Blousey Brown long enough to help out.

The acting, singing and



The entire cast of Hawera Repertory Society's Bugsy Malone production.

dancing is excellent. The huge cast is mostly drawn from Hawera High School and Hawera Intermediate, although there are also a few from Opunake High School such as Jaunte Churchill who plays several parts with finesse.

It is hard to single out outstanding players when

the cast performed so wonderfully, but here goes:

Josh Bird (as Bugsy Malone) holds the whole show together with his impressive acting. How on earth did Otis Cleaver (as Fat Sam) remember all his enormous number of lines. He is superb as the snarling boss of the speakeasy called

Fat Sam's Grand Slam. I loved Noah Fortuin with his "aw shucks" reticence as the would-be champion boxer who is too modest for his own good - a great performance. Savannah White's lovely singing (as Tallulah), coupled with her 'come hither' appeal was a great effort. Abigail

Stony River House.

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Landsborough (as Blousey Brown) was first class both with her soulful singing and captivating acting, often in dialogue with Josh Bird (Bugsy Malone).

The dancing was a definite highlight and there were so many wonderful scenes which featured it, such as the 'So you wanna be a Boxer'

in Act 2.

A special mention must be made of the great band, accompanying the action and songs, led by Musical Director Shane Burgess and his Assistant Noah Hunt. It consisted of pianist (Paula Frearson), acoustic guitar (Ron Scott), bass guitar (Jacob Hurst), lead guitar (Jethro Shearer), drums (Izzy Logan), cornet (Jemma Ogden), electric guitar (Oliver Bone), keyboard (Yani Remoto), cornet (Te Kiri King), flute (Michelle Shaw), saxophone soloist (Liam Finer), and saxophone (Lucas Pierson).

The season ends on Saturday February 13. You can book at South Taranaki i-SITE in Hawera by phoning 06 278 8599 or online at iTICKET or phone 0508 (iTICKET) 484 253. This outstanding musical is one which should not be missed. One final thought; what a wonderful depth of talent we have to enjoy in future shows and singing from these young performers.

Stony River House open for dinner



Stony River House is now open for dinner every Friday and Saturday evening plus every alternate Sunday, from 5pm.

They offer a modern take on some of the classic meals with homemade breads, seasonal vegetables and premium New Zealand night will be February 14... grown meats. Of course, Valentines Day, so make

there are vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options available.

Sundays will be every alternate weekend. One Sunday will be chef's choice of the style of menu, whether it is a curry night, fine dining or Mexican. Our first Sunday



sure you book a table for that special dinner out. The following fortnight

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Americarna begins at Opunake



demonstrate their skills on area will host the KW Stunt Ariki Street outside Centre Riders, stunt riding at its cordoned-off City. The

best.



At left, above and below: AmeriCARna images from previous years. This year Opunake will be the first place to see the cars.

Images: Mad Media.

Americarna is coming to Taranaki and Opunake will again be the first place where the public can get to see the cars.

The annual tribute to the American automobile will kick off with the cars being on display at Opunake Beach on Wednesday February 24 from 11.30am-2.30pm.

On the following day (Thursday February 24), they will be in Waitara and Inglewood. The cars will be on display in the Waitara CBD, along with food and stalls from 12.30pm-3pm, before heading south to a street party in Inglewood, which will run from 4-8pm. The cars will be on display, and there will be food vendors, craft stalls and Auckland band Che Orton will be performing.

The next day (Friday February 26), it will be the turn of Stratford and Hawera. The cars will be on display in Stratford from 10.20am-12.15pm with a market day, kids' activities and music.

The cars will be on display in Hawera from 1.15pm-5.15pm. There will be an acceleration display at 2.30pm, as well as a Harley Davidson Stunt Riders' demonstration.

The day will end in New Plymouth with main street cruising along Devon Street from 6.15pm-9.30pm.

The next day (Saturday February 27) the cars will be on display along Devon Street at Americarnival. A free family fun day, this runs from 10am-3pm. There will be stalls at Huatoki Plaza and Currie Street and free activities for the kids on Puke Ariki Landing, as well as music from the band The Slacks from 10.30am-2.30pm at Huatoki Plaza.

At 1.30pm, the Harley Davidson Stunt Riders will





WED 24 **ÖPUNAKĒ BEACH** 11:30am - 2:30pm Cars on display



12:30pm - 3:00pm Cars on display

INGLEWOOD STREET PARTY 4:00pm - 8:00pm Cars on display, music, food, stalls

FRI 26 STRATFORD CBD 10:20am - 12:15pm Cars on display

HĀWERA CBD 1.15pm - 5:15pm Cars on display 2:30pm **Acceleration Display** on Albion Street

NEW PLYMOUTH CBD 6:15pm - 9:30pm **Devon Street Cruise**

SAT 27

NEW PLYMOUTH 10:00am - 3:00pm Americarnival

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AmeriCARna 2021 comes to South Taranaki

engines. Start your AmeriCARna is roaring back into Hawera and Ōpunakē.

Wednesday 24 On February, AmeriCARna heads to **Opunake** Beach from 11.30am. There will be live music by local vendors and community cars depart at 2.30pm.

the cars will head to usual market day through Hāwera from Stratford (via Kaponga and Manaia in town at 1pm and depart at

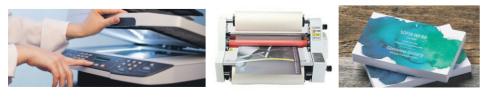
entertainers, food from local along State Highway 45) and line Hāwera's CBD for fundraisers, and the beach the afternoon. The town shop will also be open. The square will be filled with live music from 'Campbell On Friday 26 February, Vibe' and be busy with the High Street. Cars will arrive

Above and below: Scenes from previous AmeriCARna festivals.





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5.15pm.

"There are about 700 cars February, Beach Road in registered this year – we are sure to fill the beach and streets of South Taranaki!" says South Taranaki District Council's Community Events Co-ordinator Hayley Old.

On

Wednesday

Ōpunakē will be closed

to all vehicles (except

AmeriCARna cars), we

recommend that spectators

park on a side street and

On Friday 26 February,

cars will be parked on

High Street (from Argyle

Street to Caledonia Street),

Regent Street (from High

Street to Little Regent

walk down to the beach

Hāwera Bizlink has organised an AmeriCARna fashion parade (starting at 3.30pm in the square) and will have a mechanical bull going from 1pm till 4pm, head along to try your luck.

The Acceleration event will once again be held on Albion Street from 2.30pm, with cars being timed over the 80 metres to the finish line. Alongside the Acceleration event will be the Harley Davidson Stunt Riders, who will put on a show of tricks and wheelies, so be sure to get along to see this.

"We are really excited to have AmeriCARna return to South Taranaki once again. The **Opunake** and Hāwera communities and businesses really get behind it every year, it creates a buzz through the town," says Hayley. "It is important to make sure motorists take extra care on the roads at all times and be patient. Plan ahead as it may take you a little longer to get where you are heading due to road closures."

Road closures during the AmeriCARna events:

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Street), Union Street (for 80m from High Street) and in the Community Centre carpark. Albion Street (from High Street to Rowe Street) will also be closed for the Acceleration event.

AmeriCARna Ōpunakē Beach, Wednesday 24 11.30am-February 2.30pm.

AmeriCARna Hāwera CBD, Friday 26 February, 1pm-5.15pm.

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Happy Birthday Theatre! Everybody's Turning 100 years old is no mean feat for our brilliant theatre in our lovely little town of Opunake. South extremely Taranaki is fortunate indeed to possess such an entertainment asset, run by a fabulous team of volunteers and one very capable Facility Manager. In February 2021 we will be celebrating the milestone.

Kids are catered for on the afternoon of Saturday 13th February with a matinee movie, free popcorn and a colouring ompetition. Come dressed as your favourite character. Even though tickets are free you still need to book your ticket online. By Invitation, past committee and people with a long involvement of keeping our Theatre running will attend an official cake cutting at a high tea on 14th February. A 1920s themed evening with a talented jazz band is planned for Saturday 20th February 2021. Tickets





72 Tasman Street, Opunake

are on sale now at the or at Pastimes.

Theatre when open, online

Everybody's Theatre in Opunake is 100 years old. Come and join the celebrations.

The original building was (John Callaghan) O'Rorke,

So how did it all begin? built in 1912 for Mr J.C. a farmer from Oaonui.

Photo: Pip Guthrie Photography



Our History Timeline

1912 - 1914 - Thorpe and Callahan's general store built during this time.

1920 - it was reported in the Hawera Star that "Carpenters have commenced extensive alterations to Mr J. C. O'Rorke's building. It is proposed to extend the building some 40 ft back. Two up-to-date shops will be provided on the frontage, and the back part is to be fitted up as a picture theatre. A large passageway between the shops gives entrance to the theatre from the Main Street."

 ${\bf 1921}$ - Mr L (Boss) Whiting ran the theatre until his retirement, then his son Bruce took over the reins.

1980 - Bruce tried to sell the theatre so he could retire. Because there was no interest and Bruce had decided to close down the theatre, a group of local people called a public meeting on the 23rd April 1980 to investigate options, 500 to 600 people attended.

Interim Steering Committee; Mac Calvert, C Hunt, A Harvey ('Treasurer'), and D Norris (Secretary) negotiating and fund-raising.

The Everybody's Trust is formed, and Mr Leo Hickey and Mac Calvert are named as the trustees.

The Theatre has been run by volunteers - projectionists, cashiers, ushers, managers, cleaners.

Original Trustee for Everybody's Theatre, Mr Leo Hickey, who offered to be Manager for 6 months, retires after 18 years' service in 1998.

\$55,000 was the agreed sale price of the theatre to the trust.

20,000 was borrowed from the Bank of New South Wales.

\$35,000 was donated through gifts and debentures from the local community. Each year debentures were repaid from operating profits, all repaid by 1994.

2012 - Closed down due to the need for building earthquake strengthening

 ${\bf 2015}$ - Renovations began for restoring Everybody's Theatre by builders; Heartland Construction Ltd in Opunake.

2016 - December Grand reopening of Everybody's Theatre.

Everybody's Theatre is run by a Trust. The Trust was formed in 1980 to run the community owned Theatre. It is an Incorporated Society and became a Registered Charitable Trust in 2010.

Thorpe Grocers and Callaghan took over a lease on 4th November 1912. The cinema conversion took place after World War I. A 1920s Hawera Star reported some pretty impressive alterations. Rear extensions of 40 feet with two up-to-date shops on the frontage. The back part fitted up as a picture theatre with a large passageway between the shops giving entrance to the theatre from the Main Street. This was a joint venture between the owner, Mr O'Rorke and the sole lessee - Arthur White. Known as White's Pictures, the people of Opunake were delighted to have such an up-to-date theatre.

Opening night on Saturday 3rd September 1921 was a huge success. The Virgin of Stamboul screened to a full house, as did the matinee Blue Streak McCoy. Mr White employed a small orchestra, going to the movies must have been a full-on sound and vision experience back then.

Mr L. Whiting (Boss) purchased the theatre toward the late 1920s, and on retiring his son Bruce picked up the reins. In early 1980 it was Bruce's turn, and he shut the doors. On hearing from theatres that had previously closed - "the patrons removed the furniture as they left". Bruce was not going to let that happen. When the community found out they quickly rallied together, and after a meeting of six hundred residents on April 23 they unanimously agreed to raise funds and purchase the theatre. The 15th of May 1980 saw the theatre's first screening as a community asset. Now 40 years on, and going from strength to strength.

During 2012 to 2015 Everybody's Theatre underwent extensive renovations inside and out due to forced closure for earthquake strengthening in 2012. The theatre overwhelms with now resplendent chandeliers and bevelled glass doors. Downstairs seating welcomes with comfy couches and lazyboy chairs covered in an eclectic array of colourful crochet blankets, while upstairs is new tiered theatre seats, including some of the original fold-up versions.

The first Sunday of the month are Boutique nights, a must to attend, enjoy a movie with wine,



Everybody's Theatre Opunake is 100

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cheeseboard and dessert. All details are on our website and Facebook pages.

So, if you are ever around this way pop in, we would love to see you.

Tickets to the Centennial with jazz band, the Mike Gordon Trio with a guest appearance by Bernice McKellar are on sale now at the Theatre when open, online or at Pastimes. Dress in your best from 1921 and come celebrate with us.

For more information please visit Everybody's Theatre website: http://everybodystheatre.

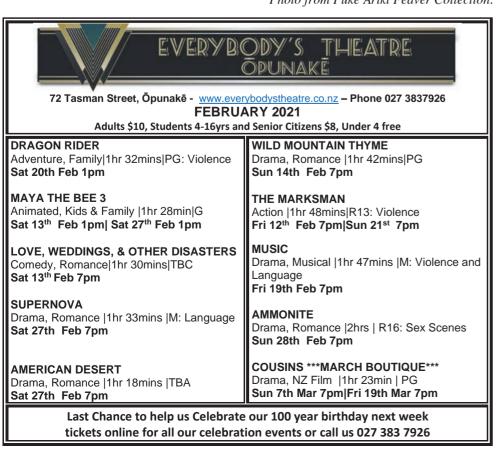
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Above: Inside Floor.... The auditorium flooring was replaced removed and concreted in 2005. Photo: OCN

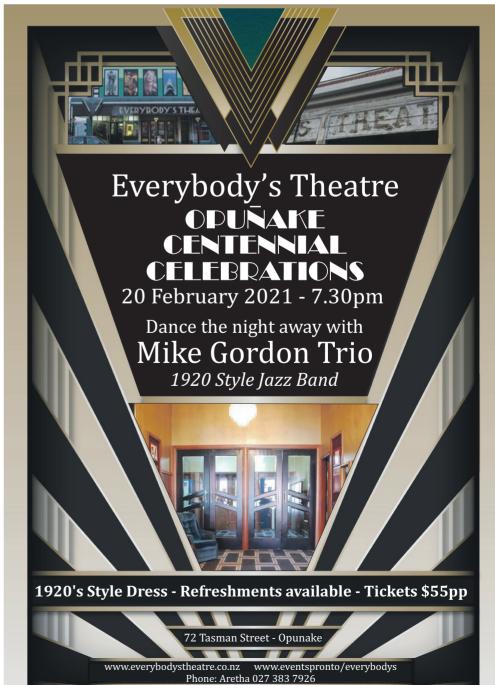


Above: The Thorpe and Callaghan General Store, built by J.C O'Rorke in 1912, leased as a General store until it was converted into a cinema in 1921. Photo from Puke Ariki Feaver Collection.





Above: Taken in 2013 when the theatre underwent structural strengthening. Photo Maree Drought



OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS

Fledgling artists stretch creative boundaries at Percy Thomson Gallery

Percy Thomson Gallery's first exhibition (Gallery 1 and 2) for 2021 opened on Friday January 29 to an impressive number of patrons. Both exhibitions continue until Sunday February 21.

Gallery 1 features the work of younger artists "who will take you to the edge with their new and inspiring work" and their exhibition is entitled Make/ Believe.

"I love to support the art of Taranaki's younger artists," enthused Rhonda Bunyan, Percy Thomson Gallery Director. She laments, "There is not a consistent platform to support them."

The exhibition has work from Stuart Tullett-Morris, Jordan Quinnell. Hayley-Elliot Kernot, Lee-Ann Rapira, Connor Smith, Carl Fairweather, Portia Roper, Morgan Hancock (2018 Emergence winner), Rhiannon Higgs, Dwayne Duthie, Blake Tanner, Jack Perkins (2020 Emergence winner), Haoro Hond, Amy Brennan and Donna O'Donoghue.

Gallery 2 has the work of North Auckland artist Denis Bourke and is entitled Origins and Memories with a focus on paintings of Taranaki and the hinterland. It should be noted that Denis spent his formative years in Taranaki. At the opening he commented, "My lovely wife Collette always had a dream that one day I would exhibit in my home town of Stratford."



Artist Amy Brennan with her ceramics. You can see more at percy Thomson Gallery until February 21.

He was impressed with the quality of art from the other exhibitors which, "attests to the vitality of art in Taranaki."

He also commented on Mount Taranaki (Maunga Taranaki). "It's presence is always there and affects us in many ways including spiritually.'

The art exhibits on display were an exciting, wideranging mix, with quality and imagination to the fore. Amy Brennan's superb ceramic exhibits, such as 'Off with their heads' is based on a book which inspired her, Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland.

Catching my eye was the art of Dwayne Duthie whose video-based art featured a country from the last 30

sequence of brief screen images telling a story in almost cartoon style. It was very imaginative and clever. He also had several excellent works displayed including A Lotta Bull which was painted in acrylic and house paint on canvas. In the future Dwavne sees his art as including larger projects and even installations.

The work of Denis Bourke (Gallery 2) was impressive and wide ranging. He was born in Stratford in 1950. "I have always had a love of land from, perhaps owing to birth and growing under the shadow of Mount Taranaki. This exhibition is a selection of paintings of the mountain and nearby

and demonstrates Taranaki area."

I was especially intrigued by a remarkable work based on a poem called Taranaki written by a close friend of Denis who sadly died too soon. The friend was Geoffrey Arnold Jones (1947-2009). He was described as a poet, story teller, teacher and friend.

No matter how cluttered your diary is make sure you find time to see these two outstanding exhibitions, before February 21, at Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda Street, Stratford.

not to be overlooked.

vears to me the creative energy I have received from the

MARCH 7

This is certainly an event

What's On Listings What's ONGOING

Movies at Everybodys Theatre in Opunake: Playing several

days and nights each week. Refer timetable in newspaper. MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

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

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

Life Drawing Group: Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake 7pm to 9pm. \$10 to pay for the model. Models always wanted; male, female, any age. If anyone is interested please call Marianne Muggeridge on 06 274 5713. WEDNESDAYS

Lisa Keen Audiology at Coastal Care, Opunake: Wednesdays 9am - 5pm, for an appointment call 027 591 4222 - 0800 555 676 Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday: At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.

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

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

Opunake Bowling Club Twilight Bowls: 5.30pm at the Club. WEEKENDS

The Historic Cape Light & Museum: Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea. **FEBRUARY 6 TO 20**

Opunake Boast & Underwater Club Annual Competition: See ad and article for more info.

FEBRUARY 13 Everybody's Theatre Centennial Celebration: Special free screening of 'Maya and the Bee'. 1pm. **FEBRUARY 20**

Everybody's Theatre Centennial Celebration: Dance the night away 1920's style with a Jazz band. 7.30pm. **FEBRUARY 24**

Oaonui Smallbore Rifle Club AGM: 7.30pm

Ngati Tara 26B AGM: 10am, Headlands Hotel, Opunake. MARCH 11 TO MARCH 14

2021 TET Taranaki Masters Games: All around Taranaki. See article for more info.

JUNE 4 TO 6 Coastal Rugby 25 Year Celebrations: Rahotu Domain.



OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS

NGATI TARA

Thursday, February 11, 2021

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TRADES & SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICES

26B AGM Sunday March 7 10am to 12pm Headlands Hotel Restaurant 4 Havelock Street, Opunake Agenda: Karakia open Minutes Financial report Chairperson's report General business Karakia close Light luncheon will follow. **RSVP** before February 26 for catering purposes

COASTAL COBRAS RUGBY LEAGUE JUNIOR AND YOUTH REGISTRATION **EVENING**. Venue: Opunake Community Pools Date: Sunday February 28th Time: 4:30 - 6:30 pm Registations will be taken for the following grades: U6s, U8s, U10s, U12s & UI4s. Families welcome - Free swim time so bring your togs. For more information please contact our Club Secretary 0273524608 or email coastalcobrainfo@gmail.com

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The next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is due out on February 25, 2021.. Phone us to be in it.

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CHURCH NOTICES

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

Okato/Oakura Co-operating Parish Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays each month Oakura - St James - 9am Bible Reading, Prayer and **Reflection every Tuesday** Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays each month

Okato - St Pauls - 10.30am Fellowship time 3rd Thursday of each month Okato - St Pauls - 6.30pm Silent Prayer and Reflection 3rd

Thursday of each month

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 10.30am Tuesday Men's Group 7pm Wednesday Come along or contact **Murray Baylis** 027 218 3377

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



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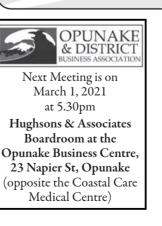
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THIRD RATES INSTALMENT

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the third instalment of rates for 2020/2021 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 24 February 2021.

WD Crockett **Chief Executive**



Oaonui **Smallbore Rifle** Club

Annual Meeting 24th February 2021 7.30pm Contact Doug Gibson

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QUEEN 'LENZO' slat bed. 2.1m L; Headboard: 1.700w x 1.020h. 2 x B/S cabinets .630h x .570w x .450d, 3 drawers each. Lovely setting, in white with chrome trim. No Mattress. \$600. Phone 0274 549 491.

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