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Council looking to Broadband funding

Ultra-fast broadband maybe on its way to Opunake. South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop told the Egmont Plains Community Board that a new fund has been established which the South Taranaki District Council hopes to apply to in order to get ultra fast broadband out to Opunake.

"We want to get our interest noted," he said. "We have got ultra-fast broadband in Hawera, and it's a matter of 42 kilometres out to Opunake, and then get connected to New Plymouth along the coast, so we are working together with our neighbours to put together a regional application," he said.

This could make it easier for nearby farms and communities to get connected, he said.

"The council is really keen to pursue it, and this could make it more attractive for funding from a government point of view."

Opunake Sesquicentennial Literary Competition Prizegiving



From left, Mayor Ross Dunlop, Murray Simpson, Annie Davis, Kath Murray, Valerie Wadsley, Rolland McKellar, Judge Graeme Lay (seated), Myar Smith, Tara Clement, and William Andersen-Gardiner.

To camp or not to camp?

In the last five years the rules on where and when you can camp on council-owned land have gone through a massive shift.

With the Freedom Camping Act 2011, people can freedom camp anywhere on council-owned property, unless the council passes a by-law banning camping on that site. It can only do so on the grounds of protecting flora and fauna, health and safety or public access. Economic factors like the effects on a nearby motorcamp can't be considered.

The days of blanket bans on freedom camping appear to be over.

"Before the Freedom Camping Act, you couldn't camp unless the council said you could. So this is a 180 degree shift which gives access to the great outdoors," South Taranaki District Council property and facilities manager John Sargeant said. "It's an exciting opportunity for campers and for business."

Jenny Russell of the Opunake Beach Kiwi Holiday Park disagrees.

"The Freedom Camping Act came about for the Rugby World Cup as there was a lot of scaremongering happening, saying that there was not

going to be enough space to fit everyone in," she said.

"That was not the case and the Freedom Camping Act was rushed through. Although Economic factors cannot be argued, they should be at the forefront of everyone's mind. Businesses in South Taranaki matter."

"My Question to the Egmont Plains Community Board is Why? Everyone was hit hard from the economic downturn - Tourism in particular do they really think Freedom Camping is going to be their saviour, to the detriment of a small business?"

At present the South Taranaki District Council has no formal policy on freedom camping. Mr Sargeant was speaking at the July meeting of the Egmont Plains Community Board.

He said the council is consulting with stakeholders like community boards before drawing up a revised bylaw which will then go out for public consultation.

Community Board chairman Craig Dingle saw it as a positive move.

"It's exciting and scary at the same time," he said. "Speaking as a businessman, we could benefit from freedom campers big time."

Similar sentiments were voiced by South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop. "South Taranaki could come to be known as a freedom camper friendly area," he said. "Word gets around that this is a good place to come to."

Mr Sargeant said he anticipated submissions from interests like motorcamp owners, but having more freedom campers coming into town

also highlighted the attractions of the local amenities, including the motor camps.

Issues discussed included the effects on access roads like the single road to Kaupokonui Beach with children running around at busy times. Similar issues would be faced at Opunake Beach during busy times, and Middleton's Bay.

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Middleton's Bay rubbish

I'm writing to raise awareness of the plastic and glass spilt on our beaches and coastal paths at Middleton Bay Area. Grandchildrens feet are very precious and need protection from the glass dropped daily around our beaches and coastal paths. A few friends collect up the plastic and glass each day in the photograph. Google "plastic pollution" to see horrible pictures of what happens to our bird life and fish when they digest plastic. Perhaps you have young children or relatives or maybe you're a keen fisherman so keep a watchful eye on the rubbish

and bin it.
 Ka pai
 Port Chaplain
 Opunake



Rubbish found at Middletons Bay.



Can you identify these people please?

You were asking in your November Edition about the Campbell Family if any of the people in this photo could be identified. Did you have any success? My wife is a daughter of Catherine Campbell who is 87. Your advice is appreciated.

Graham and Margaret Adam,
 Masterton

Apologies

We regret leaving out the organisers the Opunake Business Association in our page one account of the Polar Bear Plunge (July 3 issue). We also regret not including the account written up by Teddy Martin (Publicity Officer), which appears this issue. Our sincere apologies for both omissions. In last issue's account of the placegetters in the Opunake Sesquicentennial Awards we inadvertently left Tania Hawkins out. She was adjudged Highly Commended for her short story 'Pure Ahie Ingenuity' (Adult section). We regret this omission.

Deadlines

Could readers please note the following deadlines. Editorial 5:00pm Monday on the week of publication Adverts: 12noon Tuesday for display and classified adverts on the week of publication. We are going to have to strictly impose these deadlines in order to meet our deadline with the printers late Tuesday night. We hope readers will appreciate this and co-operate in helping us with this.

Editor

BBC: Grace

Most religions, even most Christian denominations have moral rules and laws. But that isn't the way it is supposed to be.

The 10 Commandments are an example of an almost perfect set of rules, but God gave them to a nation who wanted law not grace. Those 10 Commandments came many hundreds of years after God's original plan.

Abraham was the original. He heard from God and acted. That made him accepted, that gave him salvation and eternal life. There were no legal requirements for Abraham at all. Everything was a gift from God, free unmerited favour. And that is the way real Christianity is.

When I hear it preached that you must do this, you mustn't do that, then I get scared for the preacher and the people.

The danger here is that people will think that because they obeyed the rules they have earned the right to go to heaven. No one can ever make themselves good enough to deserve heaven. Jesus made that abundantly clear in the Sermon on the

Mount. Adultery isn't just the act, but it includes lusting, watching or reading porn. Murder is unprovoked anger. Jesus even changed the meaning of what seems to be a simple law; remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy.

Sabbath, of course, means rest; don't work. In Matthew 11 v28-30 Jesus calls us to rest in Him. The true Sabbath is when we stop trying to make ourselves perfect and

rely on Him instead. Imagine if Australia were heaven. (I know it's not, but please allow this as an illustration.) You can try and get to Aussie by swimming. You may be an excellent swimmer, a really moral and good person, and get 10 miles. I am not good. I have trouble getting through the surf. Yet neither of us can swim the 1,000 plus miles to Aussie. But Jesus has paid for our plane tickets to

Aussie. He paid the price to make us perfect in His sight. All we have to do is accept the tickets of grace He offers and step on the plane. That's the difference between law and grace. And grace is real Christianity. Ref: Galatians 3 v 6-7 & 24-25, Hebrews 3 v17-18 & 4 v8-10

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Letters to the editor



Freedom camping

There is a reason why the freedom camping issue frequently appears in newspapers, on television and on council agendas. It's an issue that won't go away – especially for the people who own, run and work in this sector. Freedom camping has hit holiday parks hard here and around New Zealand.

Most of New Zealand's 300 holiday parks are owned or leased by Ma and Pa operators, with families to look after. Sure, there are some bigger parks, but mostly they are family owned and operated businesses. This business is highly seasonal, with summer being our peak. For many of us – especially if we're not on the main touring routes like Opunake Beach Kiwi Holiday Park, winter business is virtually non-existent.

Holiday park guests get a real Kiwi experience, in some of the most spectacular places around New Zealand. We are staffed by great people and offer a fantastic place to stay, but what we really provide is a positive New Zealand experience and happy memories, at affordable prices. Our people are so passionate about the industry going the extra mile is a daily occurrence: from baking muffins, to booking local activities, to building and maintaining facilities that make a holiday park holiday even better. We are

all down-to-earth, practical people – people who love people. That's why we're in this business.

But this isn't an easy way to make a living. To put things into perspective, we make more or less the same money from five camper vans with two people in them, as a motel owner will get from renting out one double motel room. Our game is a volume game, and freedom camping is hurting us hard. How many freedom campers do you see around your town? Trust us: it isn't free. It's costing us dearly. And folks worry about the great Kiwi campground disappearing... well, we are under threat, and we need help now.

So what's happening in South Taranaki?

When it comes to freedom camping, none of the holiday parks in or around South Taranaki have been listened to. We're camping experts, yet our opinion doesn't seem to count. The South Taranaki District Council and Egmont Plains Community Board are gearing up to allow more Freedom Camping. There are more and more and more spaces to park for the night, for free, right in the urban area. It's not only freedom camping, it's free parking. And we're paying again, for the council's marketing of these facilities, and for their maintenance through our rates. Does anyone else see this is really wrong?

Here are a few more facts

about holiday parks: The tourism industry is NZ's second biggest earner. Taranaki relies on it, many of our local business operators rely on visitor income for their livelihoods. Independent studies (Angus and Associates) prove that people staying in holiday parks spend more money than staying for free.

Holiday parks and campgrounds act as information centres, especially when i-SITEs are closed. We can help people find stuff to do, and eat, and drink. We help them have fun, and spend money in our community while they're doing it. Freedom campers often just pass right on by.

Some parks lease from the council, which means they are in partnership with the council at the same time as directly in competition with them via their freedom camps.

South Taranaki freedom camping areas are not being policed – so non-complaint vans are parking wherever they like. This is terrible for the environment. Maybe you've seen or heard of the result – rubbish, faeces, detergent in our waterways. Who cleans this up? Who pays?

Ratepayers do, even if it's just for rubbish collection and cleaning the toilets.

Freedom camping has created another major problem for our industry: shower stealing, which is

when visitors sneak in and use our facilities – facilities that we pay for – without our permission and without paying. It's a daily problem, daily theft. It's also a security risk, and it's a threat to the traditions of security and trust that underpin the great Kiwi camping experience.

Because of a decline in guest nights, holiday parks are having to develop more roofed and built accommodation, in direct competition with the struggling motel market. We'd rather be investing in providing a great camping experience.

Unfortunately, the Opunake Beach Kiwi Holiday Parks has already seen a big decrease in campervans since freedom camping has been permitted in the region. This is detrimental to the local economy, which has flow-on effects. Don't forget, we employ local people, buy local goods, and make other contributions to the community. A decline in our business means a decline in our contribution.

As you may have guessed, I own a Ma and Pa holiday park business. I have worked in tourism all my life, and am passionate about my business, and the region I live in. We have some of the country's best holiday parks here – staffed by people who care, who always seek to improve what they do, and work hard every day of the week to provide a great

experience.

I believe that the South Taranaki District Council and the Egmont Plains Community Board should not be enabling and promoting freedom camping. I believe they should carefully consider the economic, environmental and social costs. I believe they should also promote

and supporting the industries that fund them.

But we cannot compete with free.

I ask for your support in this issue. If you want to help, please let us know or contact your local community representative.

*Jenny Russell
Opunake Beach
Kiwi Holiday Park*



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LEFT: The Taranaki coastline, sunset last week.

Sea, sun and surf. How do we cater to our growing holiday makers.

To camp or not to camp

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ing busy times, and Middleton's Bay.

Jenny Russell says studies have shown people who stay in motorcamps are more likely to spend money locally than freedom

campers. Freedom camping has also hurt her business, she said.

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COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

Waitotara shows need for civil defence planning

Hi All. The main topic this time is the flooding at Waitotara Valley. Your councillors drove down to Waitotara on Friday to survey all the damage caused by the recent flooding. The damage is extensive and more than what I had initially thought. There is a lot of damage down there. The flood made it up to the underside of the main road bridge in Waitotara, and the main damage is to the Lime Works Bridge which services Silver Fern Farms across the Waitotara River. This has had extensive damage to the north abutments and is presently closed. We're hoping this will be open in the next three weeks. We have contractors there on



Cr Bryan Roach

site pile driving, and will be jacking the bridge back up and reinstating the abutments. There is also severe slippage throughout the Waitotara Valley, and our contractor has 22 drain diggers in the area trying to clear all the slips. The Waitotara Valley

road is only open to 4WD vehicles. There is a lot of silt piled up on the roads, in some places 1.5 metres deep, in other places the road is washed out completely. All the residents we met had high spirits but they have a lot of work ahead of them. During the civil defence emergency at Waitotara portable generators were flown in to the people who had no power.

Opunake has a working party to set up Civil Defence in this area. A number of rate payers have been contacted to help set this up, which we appreciate greatly. You can help yourself by making sure you have food and water for three days and a full LPG bottle for your BBQ.

There has been a spree of vandalism in the Opunake area with damage done to the newly built public toilets outside Opunake Coastal Care and Opunake High School. If anyone has any information please ring the police or you can ring the council on 0800111323 and leave an anonymous tip. The cost of all vandalism falls across all ratepayers.

At our last Council meeting the Long Term Plan was adopted, and in that plan is \$300,000.00 of Opunake Beach and camp ground upgrades.

To my fellow farmers it's going to be a tough season so budget accordingly.

For Pete's Sake

This story was runner up in the Open Prose section of the Opunake Sesquicentennial Literary Competition, judged by Graeme Lay. It is written by Rolland McKellar.

February 10, 1944.

The back wheel of the bicycle was left spinning at top speed. The front wheel – motionless – was badly buckled. Spatterings of bright red blood speckled the white frame of the bike. The six-year-old boy ended up on his back, his nose bleeding, a trickle of blood from one ear. He was not moving. The man tried hard to extricate the boy's left leg from entanglement in the spokes on the damaged front wheel.

"I've phoned the ambulance Gordon," shouted a passer-by. Gordon just nodded, grimly absorbed in trying to extricate the boy's trapped leg.

All was quiet at George and Margaret's home in Dorset Street on the seaward side of Opunake. Margaret tended her roses in the garden below the lounge window. It was swelteringly hot, but Margaret enjoyed some shade – courtesy of a pohutukawa tree. George had just got in the door. The phone ringing shattered the silence.

"He's been run over, your son Peter. A big truck hit him biking on Tasman Street. He was heading south towards Ihaia Road. He's he's he's dead, I think. He didn't move as they stretched him into the ambulance," shrieked Golda over the phone line. "I'm so sorry," she added, crying, as she rung off.

Pete's father George was unexpectedly home at 3.30pm on Friday, having left something in his house, which he needed at the Opunake Electric Board where he worked.

Shaking and shocked, he caught a glimpse of himself

in the lounge mirror – he'd turned deathly white.

"What on earth am I going to tell Margaret, she'll be shattered?" He looked out the lounge window at his wife peacefully tending her roses. "I'll bet Pete was heading to Harvey's farm up Ihaia Road where he promised us he wouldn't go on his new bike."

Seconds later there was a thunderous hammering on the front door – sounded like the Gestapo. Opening the door, George was met by the sight of his employee Gordon, who was a final year apprentice. He looked distraught, a mess.

"Boss, I clipped Pete on his bike while driving the new Ford truck. He's pretty badly hurt, but the ambulance chap said he had a good chance of pulling through.

"Believe me, it wasn't my fault, Pete just suddenly appeared from the side of the road on the wrong side of where he was meant to be."

"He's still alive, you say, but old Golda said he'd been killed outright," responded George.

"Oh no, Golda-the-gossip, I spotted her watching from her parked car. I just prayed she hadn't beaten me to it."

Gordon broke down in tears at this point, and, although upset himself George found himself comforting his employee, his arm around the young man's shoulder.

"Look, I know you're about the best driver in the Power Board and certainly the safest. It was just an accident – not your fault."

Just then Margaret hurried in from outside, screaming and crying. She'd caught the gist of what was being said through the open window. She saw Gordon and shrieked, "You've killed my son." – over and over.

George was a peaceful man and kind, but now he got angry. "Calm down woman,"

he interrupted, almost brutally.

Thinking fast, he lied, "I've just heard from the hospital. They phoned to say he's going to be all right. And the police called by at the Power Board to say it was a complete accident. Pete was on the wrong side of the road."

"I'm very sorry Gordon," Margaret conceded. "It obviously wasn't your fault."

Minutes later George and Margaret were on their way to Taranaki Base Hospital, New Plymouth, with George at the wheel of their car. As they travelled through Pungarehu Margaret became accusatory. "I told you Peter was too young at six to have a bike for his birthday. You never listen to me, do you?" George thought it best to ignore the question.

A truck loomed into view. "There are too many of those on the road," she continued, jerking a thumb at the thunderous vehicle as it passed. George thought it best to continue to say nothing. He knew from experience to venture anything would just get his wife even more upset. He'd given the bike to his son on the condition that he only use it to go to school in King Street in the morning and back home at 3pm. Perhaps the lure of his son's best friend John Harvey and the dairy farm had been just too much. When there was something Pete wanted to do, it was hard to stop him. He could be naughty in that way, although was generally well-behaved.

In two places dairy cattle being herded for milking blocked the road slowing them down, but eventually they arrived at the Accident and Emergency wing of the Base Hospital. They rushed up to the reception window. The receptionist seemed to somehow know

who they were and turned to George and Margaret to say, "Your son Peter is fine. A few bruises but no broken bones." George stopped being the strong, silent one and burst into tears, while Margaret morphed into the comforter.

Seconds later they entered the double doors to the surgical area and were ushered into a cubicle to find Pete, sitting up in bed giving a teddy bear a haircut with a pair of plastic scissors. At the sight of his parents he beamed, then grimaced a little as though his bruises were making themselves felt.

"I hope my bike's okay," were his first words.

George contemplated the question, as an image loomed of the bike on the deck of the Ford truck, in the garage at his work place, although he hadn't actually seen it yet. He had been told that it was barely damaged at all, apart from the front wheel which could be easily replaced. "Unfortunately," he mused to himself. As a strictly honest man, he was having a 'bad hair day' as regards honesty on this fraught afternoon. However, there was no way he was going to allow Pete to ride that bike again, well not in the foreseeable future. Riding on the wrong side of the road was the bit which was snagged in his mind.

"I'm sorry son, the bike is totally smashed up and we can't afford to buy you another."

He cringed at the sight of his son's downcast face, until a thought flashed through his mind. Pete loved tennis and spent hours hitting a tennis ball up against the kitchen wall with a decrepit racquet, until it drove his mother mad.

"You know that racquet you liked in the shop window of Collins Sports Shop, I'll get that for you."

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For Pete's Sake

Pete had cheered up somewhat but frowned. "You said it was too flash and cost too much."

"Well, it's just been reduced in price. I'll buy it on Monday. I promise." George was contemplating joining L.A. – Liars Anonymous. He'd had a thoroughly untruthful day. But one thing

was true – he'd buy that expensive racquet for his son forthwith. He'd buy it even if it was his last five pounds. It was better than identifying his son in the morgue, after a future accident on the bicycle and dealing with his own grief and Margaret's total collapse.

February 15, 2015.

"For Pete's sake, what's that?" asked the young visitor, gazing at the statue of a runner in full flight outside the Opunake Library Plus and the TSB. "And who the hell is the athlete?"

"Well, let's cross the road and read the plaque," replied his equally young companion.

"You'll get a surprise. Here's a clue: it's the Sportsperson of the Century – last century, that is. However, it nearly didn't happen, the sporting prowess I mean. My grandfather Gordon, ran him over when the statue was a little boy riding his bike about 70 years ago."

Rolland McKellar

Opunake

This poem was the winner of the Adult Poetry section of the Opunake Sesquicentennial Literary Competition and is written by Valerie Wadsley. Graeme Lay judged all entries.

"Come to New Zealand," they said,
 "Stay three years and we'll pay for your fare."
 So I left London for Opunake,
 Swapped city for sea,
 Finding warm hearts and hospitable homes.
 In those times, we kept our tins full of homemade cake.
 Young men joined Jaycees,
 Women went to Friendship Club,
 Babies were born on the cliff top.
 We bought our furniture at Hardings,
 Our food at Lays, veges at Wai and Yeps.
 We made our wills with Dawson and Rowe.
 Hughsons, Peats and Newton King supplied our every need.
 Red Rooster Cabaret was a highlight of the social year.
 Factories, now derelict,
 gave employment,
 Processing milk from green pastures.
 We wore hats and gloves and homemade clothes to church,

Bought beer in half-galloon jars,
 (The Club closed at six o'clock)
 Listened to the radio,
 bottled fruit,
 Went late-night shopping and racing on New Year's Day.
 We celebrated one hundred years of European settlement,
 We acknowledged our forefathers, Māori and Pākehā,
 Their courage and toil,
 dreams and disappointments.
 But I was young and foolish,
 Moving on to other places,
 other people.
 Older and wiser, I have returned for another celebration.
 The mountain still glows pink at sunset,
 The surf beckons.
 Old friends lie now in peaceful soil down Wilson Road.
 I see change all around,
 But always it's a privilege to call Opunake home.

Valerie Wadsley

Eagle Through Time

Myar Smith's poem 'Eagle Through Time' was the winner of the Student Poetry section of the Opunake Sesquicentennial Literary Competition.

You do not have to be good
 To know who you are
 You do not have to be good
 to love
 Like the salted mountain
 feeds
 From the fresh warmth of
 the dirt sky
 You are you
 That's who you are
 Don't change

For the bitter black that
 lives within
 Or the right and wrong
 That drifts in the smoke
 wind
 You soar with the wings of
 a butterfly

An eagle through time
 With no rhythm or rhyme
 Let the salted mountain be
 your guide
 Together you will crack the
 limit of time

Take who you are
 And what you are
 And let it feed from
 The fresh warmth of the dirt
 sky

You are the salted mountain

Myar Smith

Reflections

This poem by the late Molly Harvey was adjudged runner up in the Adult Poetry section of the Opunake Sesquicentennial Literary Awards.

I looked out my window
 And saw a sunset sky
 Pink clouds above the
 mountain
 Bright sun reflected high

And then I saw a full red
 moon
 Climb up the tall church
 spire
 A rare and awesome wonder
 The whole world seemed
 on fire

I drove down to the nearby
 beach
 The sky still all aglow
 A brightly painted ocean
 Was surging smooth and
 slow

I waded in the creaming surf
 A spirit wild and free
 Took flight to the horizon
 Sky merged with twilight
 sea

Molly Harvey




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Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade news and hints

If you are fortunate to have a fire hydrant on your road frontage, it's a good idea to keep it weed and grass free. It is there so that the fire crews have access to water should you or your neighbours have a fire. If we have to spend valuable time fossicking about looking for it and then clearing away overgrowth, it could mean the difference between saving and losing your property. This goes for both townies and our rural friends. I've seen situations where a hydrant has been covered by pampas, metal from having a truck constantly parking over it, a fire wood stack, and one

completely tar sealed over. Your hydrant should have a blue cats eye in the middle of the road, a bright yellow arrow pointing in the direction of the hydrant and a yellow lid covering it. If yours does not have any of these, give the South Taranaki District Council a call on 0800 111 323 and log it in. The reason for the blue reflective cat's eye is so that at night fire crews can quickly spot the hydrant as they drive up the road.

Our brigade has now been given the task of biannually (that's twice a year for our Aussie mates) testing all hydrants in our area. As well as the already mentioned requirements, we will be checking for any leaks, and we will give them a flush to get rid of any sediment in the system. You would be surprised at the colour of the water that sometimes comes out of hydrants that are at the "end of a line". The water looks like a slurry of Vegemite. So if you see a fire appliance parked out the front of your house on a blustery night, don't straight

off think the worst, it's possibly just our crews playing with water while they are checking the hydrant. You can help them if you keep your hydrant clear, maybe with a little weed spray, and report any issues.

A couple of weeks ago, I saw where a winery had burnt to the ground in the Mighty Waikato. The fire officer that spoke about it on the television news said they could have saved most of it if they had a water supply early on. People who live in the back of their mind where there is a good, handy water source should we ever require one. This could be a hydrant, large cowshed tank, a river, a swimming pool, deep drain, or a pond, and ideally one where our portable pump or appliance has easy access. If we are able to hit the fire with a good dousing from your water supply before a water tanker arrives we will have a good chance of saving it. You never know when our help may be required, so please check out your own supply

and then we can be informed when we arrive. Something that we have just become aware of, and we are trying to get more information about, is a fitting that is permanently installed into the side of a large water tank allowing us to connect and pump directly from your water source. That would be a great time saver, so we will let you know more once we follow it up.

Early on Sunday June 28 (2:10am) both of our appliances, along with our Fire Support van, and the Kaponga Volunteer Fire Brigade crew were called to a motor vehicle accident on the Wiremu Road, between the Kiri and Waiteika Roads. The sole occupant of the Commodore vehicle veered from the road, hit a rock, and things became very interesting from then on. The car rolled several times, tossed the driver out, and came to rest upside down wedged between bushes and blackberry in a drain beside the Taungatara Bridge. The driver managed to stagger along the road, where he was met by a neighbour who

luckily heard the commotion and cared enough to get up to investigate. I would like to thank that gentleman for his involvement and congratulate him for the spot on directions and for staying around until fire rescue crews, police and ambulance arrived. The driver was in a serious state with spinal injuries, so the Taranaki Community Rescue Helicopter was called in to ferry the driver to hospital. One funny side to this episode, when we jumped out of the appliance on arrival, lying on the side of the road in between a mangled interior door lining and the front number plate was a Road Code. Shame he hadn't got to the part about drinking and driving! (This was not my judgement as he did say to one of our crew he'd had a few beers). May I remind you all, if you do have a drink related vehicle incident, your insurance company won't want to know you, but someone dressed in blue probably will be visiting. It could be a very expensive night out!

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COASTAL OUTLOOK Our economic plight

Some Taranaki people have money but many struggle. We identify dairy and hydrocarbon prices, and the weather, as challenges – but poverty and education are more grinding on us.

The Deprivation Index (a measure of poverty) shows that South Taranaki suffers. Our most deprived areas are among the worst in NZ: this includes Kaponga, Waitotara, Patea, Waverly, Opunake and Manaia. Thus, there is a need to focus on the education of children and to generate better incomes.

Taranaki does not perform well economically. Our economic base is narrow. If you think tourism will save us, you should travel more – it is not going to happen.

How might we become wealthy? We need to consider leadership (our mayors), services (eg broadband) and strategic development (sell



Dr Robert Shaw
into new markets).

Mayor's love-in
The Opunake and Coastal News reports that we should be proud that our four councils work so well together. We have "strong leadership", all our councils are "efficient and effective". Who praises them in this way? They do! They sing their own praises. They might learn from the Maori proverb: the kumara does not have to say it is sweet!

What occasions the mayor's love-in? They have published a booklet – yes, you guessed it, it is about themselves. It is about how they are going to be friends. Why they suddenly need the booklet if (as they say) they have been great mates for "two decades" is beyond me.

Actually, last year our regional council took our district council to court and won a judgement for \$115,000. The judge said the STDC showed "inadequate decision making". The regional council did well to prosecute: keep up the good work, do not let the "love-in" deflect you.

Perhaps the mayors should give marriage guidance.

Kiss and make up, publish a booklet of good intentions. Judd, Dunlop, MacLeod and Volzke should not spend our money to promote their working methods, which are pretty ordinary. Tell us about your new ideas for economic development.

Ultra-fast broadband slow
South Taranaki is not doing very well in the broadband roll-out. Ultra-fast broadband has an important role in the welfare of rural New Zealand. With it we can generate income and fight poverty – broadband is liberating. Many places in South Taranaki are denied access. The local MP issued a statement saying how great it was for Hawera and New Plymouth. Jonathan Young's main role is to cheer and say "me too." He did not say he was going to fight for the small towns.

Opunake was not considered for broadband in the first stage of the broadband roll-out. This was done primarily on a population basis. Two short sections of cable through Opunake connect the schools. The Medical Centre can get a connection subsidised.

Government announced a further \$360 million to extend the roll-out and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment will decide who gets connected. Right now the selection process is underway.

Communications Minister, Amy Adams, told me "The contributions of local authorities and communities will play an important part

in deciding on the amount and type of infrastructure deployed in any given area. As Opunake is not scheduled for an upgrade though the Government's current phase of the UFB programmes, I would recommend you contact your local authority and encourage it to make a submission."

The South Taranaki District Council and Venture Taranaki must fight for us. Whilst battling floodwaters, STDC made a submission. Council told me: "Our economic development manager, Claire Symes and information technology manager, Eddo van Loenen are working on this along with our Chief Executive, Craig Stevenson". Good luck to them. Venture Taranaki did not reply to my request for information.

Horticulture can save us
Taranaki must diversify into new markets. The best chance we have is to develop horticulture on a vast scale in partnership with China. China's demand for quality overseas food increases at about 9 per cent a year and it will grow. China has money to invest and their strategy is to secure food sources overseas. You can see their strategy in any of a dozen countries, including NZ dairy purchases.

Venture Taranaki Trust
At the moment Taranaki does not have an exporting horticultural industry. Venture Taranaki identify the constraints on horticulture as the lack of infrastructure

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Beloved music and drama teacher remembered

Opunake and Taranaki lost a stalwart of the arts community on June 7 with the passing of Gabrielle Barr.

Born Gabrielle Spurdle, she grew up in Hawera, and with husband Jim farmed at Pihama. They had five children.

Both Gabrielle and Jim were heavily involved in the local arts community and were devoted members of Opunake Players.

Gabrielle taught music and drama at Opunake High School for many years, and her productions for both the Opunake Players and Opunake High School regularly featured in the New Zealand Theatre Federation of One Act Plays competitions.

Among productions she has been involved with have been The Diary of Anne Frank and the Teahouse of the August Moon.

In 1975 she took a cast from the Opunake High School senior drama group through to the national finals of the New Zealand Theatre Federation Festival of One Act Plays in Hamilton. On the way, they scooped the B grade section and overall winner titles in Hawera,

and won the divisional final at Levin. In Hamilton, they were the first ever high school group to win the national final and hold the Honours Book, which goes back to 1934.

Although not able to top that signal success, Opunake High School productions directed by Gabrielle continued to impress in the years since, including a production of Grease staged at the High School.

In later years, she led a number of choirs, including long stints with the Stratford Mountain Singers and City Sounds Choir. She had also founded the Coastal Singers. What had begun with a few devoted members attending a night class at Opunake High School now has members from as far afield as Hawera and New Plymouth attending practices in Opunake. All these choirs, along with the Ars Nova Choir performed at Gabrielle's funeral, held at the Taranaki Cathedral of St Mary on June 12. Her coffin left the church to the strains of a former pupil of her's, Lisa Rangi singing Somewhere over the Rainbow.

After her time in Opunake,



Gabrielle Barr (August 21 1935 - June 7, 2015)

Gabrielle taught at Taradale in Hawke's Bay for a time before coming to New Plymouth to live. She died of cancer aged 79.

In 2005, she received a New Plymouth District Council Citizens award.

She is also remembered as a music and voice teacher, and tributes to her have been posted online from many of her former students.

"It amazes me how much she gave back to the community," one read. "She would zip around from so many

choirs teaching students and performances and never expecting anything in return. She just gave and gave."

"Gabrielle Barr believed in me long before I ever did," another read. "She pushed me when I thought it was a waste of her time. She scolded and encouraged and wouldn't give up on me.

"Her drive, endless energy, wisdom, knowledge, friendship, naughty sense of humour, hospitality, care and enthusiasm came from a heart of gold."

Dressing up for a winter swim

On June 21, 27 brave souls took to the cool waters at Opunake Beach to celebrate the middle of winter in the Opunake Polar Bear swim. Amazing costumes were entered in the competition to find the Best Dressed Woman: Sharyn Nuku, Best Dressed Man: Andy Whitehead, Best Dressed Girl: Tyra Lee, Best Dressed Boy: Damon Judd-Oliver and Best Dressed Family: The Husksteps.

Many more costumes were worthy of awards, and ev-

eryone who survived the swim was awarded 2015 certificates. If you missed the presentation of your certificate, they can be collected from Fish, Chips and More.

The Surf Club provided much appreciated soup, coffee and tea after the event and was available throughout the event to ensure the swimmers were participating in a safe environment. St John Ambulance was also in attendance.

It is hoped to re-establish this as an annual event, as it was shown that even in



Taking to the sea for a polar swim.

the worst conditions our community is keen to enjoy some fun.

This week's buzz from the Bizzos.

At the last meeting of the Opunake Business Association on July 6, it was approved that a new Santa sleigh could be built for this year's Christmas Parade, to replace the one usually hired from Hawera. Their one has become too

fragile to travel any distance. As the Christmas Parade is part of Opunake history, and an eagerly anticipated event every year, it was deemed too important to overlook. So, as we are past the shortest day and begin counting down to Christmas we are looking

forward another local event for our town to prosper, and our families to participate in.

Looking forward longer days and warmer temperatures.

Opunake Business Association.

Our economic plight

Continued from page 6 (particularly transport) and processing capacity. These are just money problems. VT back hemp and manuka honey, but not horticulture. VT is defeatist in their 2014 report on horticulture. They have insufficient appreciation of global opportunities and lack creativity. We need them to focus on the ways and means to meet new markets. At present they mainly service existing businesses. STDC ratepayers give \$207,000 to

Venture Taranaki each year. Cut this from the budget. Ask VT, and others (particularly the universities and global partnerships), to propose new ventures and then STDC can fund innovation.

Central government help
Central government has subsidies for development and marketing. Steven Joyce says NZ will work with Australia to "pipeline" foreign investment into New Zealand's regions. He did not mention Taranaki (although

New Plymouth is his home town). No marginal seats here. Apart from the Australian bit, this recycles Ruth Richardson's 1990s project on direct foreign investment. When China's President came to NZ seven months ago, he talked with Andrew Little about investment in the productive areas of our economy. Now is the time to develop our proposal for horticulture.

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Government doing it's bit on climate change

The Government sometimes gets a bad rap from the media and certain public figures. They say National is so economically focused that we completely ignore the environment, always siding with dirty big business. They try to claim business couldn't care less about emissions and pollution, so long as the money keeps on rolling in.

After Tim Groser's announcement earlier this week on challenging targets for reducing greenhouse gases, I look forward to some positive media coverage on this issue for a change. Achieving reductions in greenhouse gases



Hon Chester Borrows MP

of 30 per cent on 2005 levels by 2030 is no small feat, and should not be taken lightly. I am sure these targets will have taken some by surprise, especially those tiresome

critics who repeatedly condemned the so-called 'lack of action' from National.

When evaluating these reductions, New Zealand's unusual emissions profile should be kept in mind. New Zealand already produces 80 per cent of its energy from renewable sources, such as hydroelectric, geothermal and wind generation. This is well ahead of almost all comparable countries. On the other hand, 70 per cent of our emissions come from the agriculture and transport sectors. This is where a major challenge lies if we

are to reconcile combating climate change with sustaining good life styles and job opportunities for the people of Whanganui and all New Zealanders.

To achieve our targets we must leverage off new technologies. There is significant room for emissions reductions in the agricultural sector for instance. New Zealand is taking a leading global role in this area and delivering advancements in technologies aimed at reducing agricultural emissions. One prominent example that comes to mind is that of the gifted scientists

at AgResearch.

AgResearch has recently identified five different animal-safe compounds that reduce methane emissions in cattle and sheep by 30 per cent up to an astounding 90 per cent. Much of this groundbreaking research is being funded by Government, with National providing grants to the tune of \$45.6m last year. Only through advancements such as these, and clean transport initiatives like the \$2m cycle way announced for the Whanganui region last week by the Government, will New Zealand find sufficient reduc-

tions to achieve our 30 per cent target.

Failure to act now on this global challenge puts our planet in jeopardy. Extremists on both sides of this debate emit plenty of hot air of their own, but offer few practical solutions. Through setting achievable yet ambitious targets, and supporting innovation, New Zealand is working towards ensuring a cleaner, greener future for the generations yet to come. I think that is something of which we can all be proud.

*Hon Chester Borrows
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How did a fair-thinking society allow Zero Hour contracts?



Adrian Rurawhe MP

Quite clearly, zero-hour contracts undervalues people and underscores that they are not worth much to employers. We, in the Labour Party want certainty of hours for workers who should be offered a real contract, not the insecurity of zero-hours.

Employers started introducing zero-hour contracts because of a gap in the current law. Workers on a zero-hour contract are still required to turn up, but there's no certainty there will be any work. Casual workers can telephone to ask if there is any work, but employees on zero-hour contracts are expected to be available to work, and be on-call without any guarantee of hours or pay, and no compensation. They are also not able to take on other work.

The regime gives the employer the flexibility and power to say, "no hours today." These contracts are

hurting our whānau. It is totally unfair and makes life hard for ordinary workers. Whānau wellbeing is undermined. The bills still keep coming to run their household, the cost of education and providing for our growing kids' needs keep mounting, and to turn up and be told there is no work is an added stress.

Like a good business plan, families too must plan their days and manage their budgets. Business plans project financial forecasts and SWOT analyses. How can these plans give accurate information if there is uncertainty around the hours offered to employees on zero hour contracts?

Earlier this year, the government promised that they'd end zero hour contracts. However it turns out that is just plainly untrue. And what's worse is they are

actually putting zero hour contracts into law, making it easier for bad employers to exploit Kiwi workers. National has sided with employers who exploit their workers. They have made it harder for good employers who treat their workers fairly to compete. They have made it harder for workers to get a fair deal.

I'm very disappointed about this. Zero-hour contracts have no place in modern employment relations. Kiwi workers deserve employment law that will bring balance around flexibility for employers while giving employees certainty of the amount of work they can expect to be offered.

Zero-hour contracts are unsustainable, and erode workers' human rights to certainty of a fair day's pay for turning up to work.

On this month in history: David Lange becomes PM

On July 14, 1984 David Lange became Prime Minister, with his Labour Party winning 56 electorates to National's 37 at the General Election. National was led

by Sir Robert Muldoon at the time. Social Credit won two electorates and were led by Bruce Beetham.

Although the New Zealand Party, led by Bob Jones (later

Sir) won no electorates, their 12.3% share of the vote was a factor in National's loss.

Soon after Sir Robert lost the leadership of his party to Jim McLay.

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Jersey Girls – farmed and hilarious

A full house was greatly entertained on the final night of 'Jersey Girls – Farmed and dangerous'. The season ran from July 2 to 10. One thing was apparent from the outset – a huge amount of time went into making this one of the most successful shows Opunake Players have put on. The set of a farm scene was impeccably authentic – you could almost see the farmers in the audience pulling their gumboots on, and preparing to head off to milk the cows. The musical comedy was written by Lynelle Kuriger and ably directed by Wendy Smith. The first scene started at the Run off and after many dairying 'snapshots' – tagging, milking, artificial breeding, pregnancy testing etc (somehow the

farmer's wife got included!) – and ended at Scene 17 in the Bull Paddock. I love music from the 1960s so the slightly altered hit songs from that golden era had me toe tapping the whole way through. Such songs as 'Why Do Farmers Fall in Love' and 'The Glory of Milk' were just two to enjoy. The actors and actresses all did a great job of keeping us fully engaged and laughing. The play centred around the love and angsts of the young heifer Bub, expertly played by Ellie Hodder. It's hard to believe that Brody Chapman and Ben Morgan were in their first show. Brody played Geordie a young Hereford Bull who falls in love with Bub and was most convincing in the role, in a winsome



At the cowshed, left to right: Elaine Spencer, Stephanie MacKenzie, Ellie Hodder, Honey-Rose Hutchins and Michelle Julian.

manner. I loved Ben Morgan's Rufus the cool young bull – a real standout. I hope we see

more of both these young actors in future productions. Mike Smith was brilliant as Jock the canny old Angus bull, who even (almost) locked horns with the young pretender Rufus. Mike is always superb in whatever he does on either side of the stage.

Stephanie MacKenzie played Sooky the sassy heifer to perfection. She was wickedly brilliant. Elaine Spencer played Flo, Bub's wise mum very well indeed, providing sage advice where needed. Hard to believe she just went along to make a cuppa for the cast. Well done. Daisy 'a silly cow' was played by Honey-Rose Hutchins who is always excellent in whatever she does on

stage – including singing and she did not disappoint. There was a huge team backstage and they all did

their utmost to make this show so enjoyable. They are too numerous to name, but positive mention must be made by Helen Duff, the vocal coach and Katarina Papageorgiou whose choreography was so apt. She is London's loss and our gain. Great stage management by Peter Trolove, Kevin Taylor and Terri Bracey. Congratulations to all of you, on both sides of the stage, for making this show so memorable. This show is too good not to be repeated in future productions here and elsewhere.

Last word goes to one happy member of the audience "It was brilliant – I absolutely loved it."

Rolland McKellar



The bulls (left to right: Mike Smith, Brody Chapman and Ben Morgan) wooing the heifers (left to right: Chloe Danz and Sheree Hart).

Coastal Singers entertain at Taranaki Hospice

On Friday July 4 the Coastal Singers entertained listeners at the Taranaki Hospice in New Plymouth. Choir mistress Noeleen Moir accompanied the singers on piano with her usual finesse. The choir got off to a great start with 'Love Changes Everything,' 'Perhaps Love' and 'You Needed Me', followed by the first solo 'Walk With Me' which was sung sensi-

tively by Stephanie McKellar. This song was a big hit for the Seekers. Melanie Brown followed with her lovely solo of the haunting Shania Twain number 'From This Moment'. Lots of entertaining songs followed, but 'What a Wonderful World' – made famous by Louis Armstrong – was a real treat. Later Barbara Waite sang the evergreen

classic 'As Long As He Needs Me' with feeling – from the musical 'Oliver.' Lionel Bart wrote the music to the story 'Pygmalion' by George Bernard Shaw. Ruth Hornblow and Barbara Waite blended beautifully in their duo 'Whispering Hope'. At the end of the show the choir sang 'Play For Me A Simple Melody' which went down so well the audience

insisted it be sung again. And the choir obliged. T

here is no doubt the Coastal Singers will soon receive another request to sing at the Hospice. Great concert.

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Coastal Singers Stephanie McKellar (left) performing 'Walk with me' and above the choir entertaining listeners.

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Council looks to faster broadband for Coast



Ross Dunlop Mayor STDC.

The Council is very keen to improve access to UltraFast Broadband across the district. UltraFast broadband has reached Hawera, and we have made a submission to the latest Government funding round to extend coverage to Opunake and around the coast. Our proposal includes going around the coast to Oakura and connecting up with the New Plymouth cable. This would enable all the coastal community and the farms to connect into

this cable. One of the key components of our proposal is for the Council to provide some financial help also. This could be in the way of underwriting or a direct grant. We have also been working with our neighbouring councils to get maximum benefit to our region.

Over the last three weeks the Council has been involved in responding to one of the larger civil defence emergencies that we've had to cope with in the last ten years. There has been damage across the whole district,

but the most severe damage has been in the eastern hill country from Eltham down to Waitotara and Waitotara Village. We are looking at a significant cost in the order of \$7 to \$10 million. This will have some financial impact on the Council but we do have disaster relief reserves which we do maintain for these types of events, and the Council will also receive funding from the government in the form of disaster relief funding. That will lessen the impact on our rates. And so the ef-

fects should be able to be dealt with without too serious a long term impact on our rates. Many farming properties and residential properties in Waitotara have been damaged, and there is a huge clean-up confronting many of our residents. So it is important that we do support those in need. A disaster relief fund has been set up, and if you are aware of anyone in need, please encourage them to apply for help. More information is available at the Council on 0800

111 323. On a more positive note, I really enjoyed the Short Story Competition Awards night and congratulations to the many talented writers in the Opunake district. It was great to also meet and hear from another successful ex-pat from the area, author Graham Lay. He had great memories of growing up in Opunake, and I am sure he is a much better writer because of his early childhood experiences in the town.
Mayor Ross Dunlop

Demand for stainless steel growing

New Plymouth Stainless Supplies has recently opened next door to New Plymouth Steel Supplies at the corner of Egmont and Oropuriri roads New Plymouth. The business was formerly in de Havilland Drive.

Bruce Ward, who co-owns the parent company, New Plymouth Steel Supplies with sons Craig and Paul, says there is a strong demand for stainless steel in Taranaki with the dairy industry.

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"The list goes on," says Terry Burnard, manager of New Plymouth Steel Supplies who has 12 years experience in the stainless steel business.

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Terry Burnard, twelve years experience in stainless steel.

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Hot or cold or just right?

With winter breathing in on us over the last few weeks the thought of a cosy warm house for some is just a pipe dream.

Hot Living room and freezing passage and bedrooms is the norm for many Kiwi homes – but should it be like that?

Cold homes are homes without insulation, where the wind literally blows through the cracks around the windows and the floorboards. Every bit of heat generated seems to seep outwards and when the temperature drops below 5 Deg C it is a losing battle when the only chance of survival is wrapping up in blankets on the sofa, bringing out the sleeping bag or going to bed with the electric blanket turned up to 3.

A friend of mine moved his bedroom to the dining room on the sunny side of the house last winter just to escape the seeping cold of a southeast facing bedroom and endless wheezing, colds and ill health with the dampness.

European and American houses are all toasty warm, and look at their four-month long icy winters, so why do we put up with cold, freezing houses?

Cost? An I'll live through it attitude? Be tough, there are many more worse off?

Whether you are a hero or not, it simply isn't good enough for you to be in a cold house, physically mentally or socially. So how can we fix up an old cold house?

Rule Number one: Close off the gaps so warm air can't escape – around windows, under doors, floors and ceilings, around light fittings –especially downlights, which should be replaced with the new certified ones that don't require to be open at the back.

A ventilation system that brings in dry filtered air from your ceiling space is a good starting point for older homes that are not airtight, as the positive pressure will drive out moisture, and a dry home is an easier one to heat. You should still close off the gaps though, as incoming cold air will be laden with moisture when the system is turned off. The cost of fitting these systems could be more than a heat pump system, and remember they don't heat, only ventilate.

Rule Number two; Insulate, insulate, insulate (is that three rules?) Ceiling first and foremost. Batts can be bought cheaply secondhand, or a subsidy can be applied for if



A fresh dusting of snow on the Mountain this week heralds some wintry weather.

your house was built earlier than 2000. You can join the Energywise Warm Up NZ programme and have the ceilings and underfloor insulated. There's no excuse then, apply today and be warm tomorrow!

I have even heard of some people placing old sacks and rugs over the ceiling (keep away from lights though), and this has made a difference. After all if a

rug keeps you warm it will keep the ceiling warm too. The dampness coming up through the floor boards can be stopped by spreading plastic over the ground under the house and taping it tightly to the piles. Bingo! an immediate

stop to rising damp. If your house lets a hurricane blow through under the house then consider closing it off with Hardiflex sheeting, so that the cold air is kept out of the space. If you want to get super Hi-tech, then double glazing

will go a long way to keep you warm in winter. You can retrofit to existing windows for a relatively small cost. Insulate at night by having drapes that you can pull across those leaky windows. The heavier

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Mid Winter Heating Feature

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the better, or use the thermal-backed type. Make sure the gap at the top is closed off though. I use a rolled up towel

which does the trick. *Rule Number Three*; provide a source of heat. Do not under any circumstance use a bottled gas heater

indoors. Not only will you die of fumes, but your whole house will be saturated with moisture. These appliances should be banned as a health risk. Instead purchase a low cost electric powered heater or oil heater and keep it on the lowest possible setting. The best solution if you can afford it is to install a heat pump. These are very efficient (300 per cent), and will return you lots of heat for a few dollars a week. They are safe, do not pump moisture into the air and are long lasting. A long burning wood fire

is economical if you have a source of wood, and the bonus is that you might be able to heat your hot water by using a wetback, and also boil up the spuds on the fire's cooktop. An open fire is the most inefficient way to heat a room, as most of the heat goes up the chimney, so try to invest in an efficient insert fire that will pump out every bit of heat into the room. Once you have the living room sorted, install a cheap Heat Transfer Kit to pipe warm air automatically from the main room to all

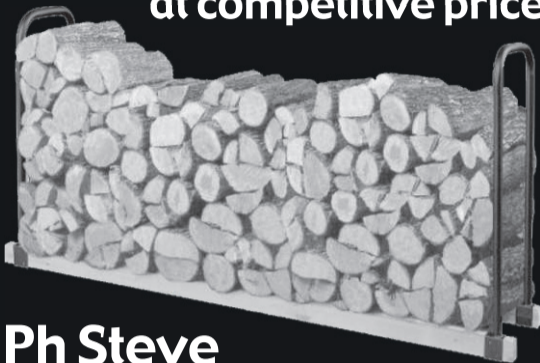
the other rooms in the house. No more cold corridors. Bathrooms are easy to heat. Simply change the light bulb for a heat lamp and you are in business. For newer homes, or if remodelling consider undertile heating in the bathroom too. It is nice and warm, costs only \$10 a month if on a timer switch, and will keep the room mist free and dry. No more mould. And so be just right this winter, don't put it off. Block up the holes, add insulation and provide the right source of heat, and you will be

a warmer, healthier and happier person. I guarantee it.



Article by Neville Saunders, an architect with 40 years of experience "tinkering" around with houses.

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This cozy lounge has an efficient insert fire pumping out heat.

Tackling the common cold

The common cold is a self-limited contagious illness that can be caused by a number of different types

of viruses, and it occurs most frequently during the autumn and winter months. The common cold is spread

either by direct contact with infected secretions from contaminated surfaces or by inhaling the airborne virus after individuals sneeze or cough. Washing hands regularly and brushing teeth after being outside can reduce the change of getting cold symptoms. The typical symptoms of a cold include a cough, runny nose, nasal congestion and a sore throat, sometimes accompanied by muscle ache, fatigue, headache, and loss of appetite. Regular hand washing appears to be effective in reducing the transmission of cold viruses, especially among children. The cough and cold

medications can mask and manage the symptoms, but does not reduce the duration of the common cold. Vitamin C, zinc, olive leaf extract, garlic, echinacea and other immune system boosters can be taken regularly to prevent the common cold and shorten the duration and severity of symptoms. Many people believe antibiotics are a suitable treatment for the common colds, but they are effective only against illnesses caused by bacteria, and colds are caused by viruses..

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Tips on keeping warm and safe without busting your budget



Trish Anderson and Debbie Cooksley snuggle up with some beautiful Goldair Electric throws available in store at Sinclair Electrical

The onset of cold weather has meant people spending big on keeping warm. “We have been doing a roaring trade in heaters of all kinds,” Trish Anderson of Sinclair Electrical in Opunake said.

“You can’t go past a heat pump, they are convenient, efficient, clean, don’t have bugs, and you can get them in any size for any room, and they can be wall mounted or floor.” She is less keen on portable gas heaters.

“You would be better off spending the money you would spend on gas on another form of heating,” she said.

Too often there seems to be the temptation to use these to dry clothes with all the attendant fire risks involved, she said. At this time of year, for many people, as temperatures drop through the floor, power bills head

through the roof. Trish says this doesn’t need to be so. “To save on heating costs, you don’t need to heat to being tropical. If you can swan around in a T shirt it means your heating is on too high. Don’t expect it to be that warm. The optimum temperatures heating professionals look at is 18 degrees. Anything below that is too cold.”

Too often children tend to come in from the cold and put the heater on at the highest possible temperature., she said. This is unnecessary, as is heating the entire house.

Good insulation is a hot topic at the moment, particularly as the cold sets in. Draught stoppers like window and door seals are a good investment at the moment for keeping the cold out.

“If you have got curtains, pull them as they keep the heat when the sun goes down, but open them when the sun comes up.”

Then there are all the other usual things to keep an eye on at this time of year, including getting electric blankets tested and gas heaters flued. “Keep your chin up. Winter doesn’t last forever,” she said.

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Heat Pump smarts

More than a quarter of New Zealand households have a heat pump but these heaters need to be used in a smart way to make houses warm and healthy. He says the next step is learning to use the timer feature. “Don’t leave your heat pump on all day if you’re not there. You can set the unit to turn on half an hour or so before you get home or before you get up in the morning.” Using the timer will also avoid the common mistake of coming into a cold house and cranking up the heat pump to its highest setting, Mr Hoerning says.

“Set the thermostat to a healthy temperature. Aim for a minimum of 18°C while you are using a space (or 20°C if you have children, elderly or people who are unwell in the home) and 16°C in bedrooms overnight.” Cleaning the heat pump filters regularly will also mean the heat pump runs more efficiently. Also choose a quality brand from a reputable supplier that offers at least a five-year warranty on parts and labour. Make sure it’s sized correctly for the room you want to heat. If it’s too small, it will have to work harder and cost you more to run. Your supplier will be able

to discuss this with you. As the temperature drops, so does the performance of many heat pumps. If you live in a cold area, make sure the unit is sized using the manufacturer’s information on how much heat it can deliver at the average outdoor winter temperature of the area in which you live. A good quality unit, sized and installed correctly, should perform effectively down to minus 15°C. Ask your heat pump supplier if you need your heat pump to perform at these temperatures. In geothermal areas or coastal areas, the heat pump needs to have suitable protection against

corrosion. Ask your supplier about environmental considerations in your area. Good installation is fundamental to how well a heat pump performs, so make sure you choose an experienced installer who follows EECA’s Good Practice Guide – Heat Pump Installation.

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Gary Dunlop, principal of Dunlop Insurance, relies on reputation and word of mouth to spread his message. For nearly 30 years he has prided himself on getting the balance about right – optimal insurance cover, not too much, not too little, at the best price. He is supported in the business by two advisers and an excellent office staff of four, all based in their Hawera office.

Gary has been in the insurance business since 1987. His many awards are a reflection of his expertise and passion for the protection industry. As an example of this, he has twice won the nationwide Advisor of the Year award for AMP Life (2010 and 2012). "I was pretty staggered, especially coming from a small rural location" he says of the first time he won the accolade. "This award had only ever been won by city based advisers, and now it's been done twice by us". Add to this that after just one year as a stand alone business Dunlop Insurance won a NZ-wide Business Sales Achievement Award for 2014 and you can see they are an exceptional business in many ways.

Not long after reforming his business in October 2013 Jason de Montalk joined Gary's operation. Jason has made a spectacular start to complement his more experienced colleague's prowess – Jason was named as New Advisor of the Year at the AMP Network Awards after only 9 months in the role. Gary says Jason has a huge future in the industry and is extremely proud and privileged to have him as part of the Dunlop Insurance team.

Dunlop Insurance won the Medium-sized Business of



Gary Dunlop

the Year award at the same prestigious event, to complete a much sought-after double, especially after just one year in the new business structure. "We are really proud. It's a stunning result" was Gary's comment. He added, "This award is a real honour in our industry."

Gary and Jason cover a wide swathe of Taranaki, including the area from Kapinga to Eltham and Opunake, as well as Hawera, of course. Since beginning in the role Jason has been dealing with a number of clients in the Opunake area, connecting in particular with the younger generation of sharemilkers joining the dairy farming ranks.

All types of insurance cover are offered, such as

life, trauma & health, travel, income, business, vehicle, boat, and house contents, although dairy farming is a speciality. "I've been supporting Southern & Coastal farming for 30 years, and they have been supporting me," he explains. "It's been a real honour to part of their lives, protecting what they value in their time of need".

Gary is involved in a lot of voluntary/charitable work, including being a Trustee of the Taranaki Community Rugby Trust – he is a passionate follower of rugby, incidentally. He has recently also been involved with a Charity Cycle Group designed initially to promote and support the Rural Support Trust and Mellowpuff Trust. Mellowpuff do a great

job supporting families who have kids with cancer while the Rural Support Trust supports rural communities with practical help and with mental health issues which is of particular interest to Gary. "It's massive – suicides are

a blight on our rural communities."

As part of this involvement Gary was recently a major sponsor and took part by cycling the last two legs of the South Island charity bike ride which journeyed from

Picton to Bluff and raised \$170,000. This was such a magnificent event to be involved in and so inspired Gary that he has signed up as a fulltime ride for a similar event next February. He and a group of 30 other riders will be cycling the length of the North Island from Cape Reinga to Cape Palliser. He has also committed to be a major sponsor of this event, which will support the Rural Support Trust, the Life Education Trust and the Taranaki Retreat Trust. Their aim is to raise a staggering \$200,000 for charity!

You can't just expect the support of your business by your community if you don't give anything back" says Gary. "Life's just not like that. Farmers more than anyone know that it's all about the 'give and take', in farming and in life."

The upstairs office of Dunlop Insurance can be found on the corner of Victoria and High Streets (48 Victoria Street). The office is open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday, although both advisers can be contacted after hours: Gary 0274 517 404 and Jason 021 327 557. "Come and talk to us, it might cost you nothing," says Gary with a smile.

A new life together



On April 18, at Ngamamaku Garden, a local pharmacist Tae-Wan Kim of Opunake Coastal Pharmacy, and Yeaban Lim got married. They are living in Opunake.

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Fascinating letter found at landfill

A local couple made an interesting find at the Okato landfill recently. They found an intriguing letter dated 21.6.1953 about Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

It was sent from NZ House, the Strand, London by "Cousin Arthur" (Arthur Seway). The lucky recipients were Lorraine, Zena and Denis. Nearby they also found a Coronation medal.

After a brief search we managed to track down the recipients, who have kindly given permission for this intriguing letter to be published. Lorraine Whittle lives in Okato and Zena Smith with her husband Rod in Oakura. Denis Whittle lives in New Plymouth.

Cousin Arthur (born in Dargaville), who was actually the first cousin of Lorraine, Zena and Denis' father, spent most of his adult life in England. He served with the NZ Army during World War II with the Medical Corps. Upon his return to NZ he trained as a teacher and taught in Christchurch.

Arthur's lifetime passion as archaeology. Sadly, he passed away about two and a half years ago in Bath.

NZ House
415 Strand London, England
21-6-53

Dear Lorraine, Zena and Denis

The Coronation was the most thrilling experience of my life, and I am glad I witnessed it because I expect I shall never see anything quite like it again. My seat was in the Mall and I had an excellent view as I saw the Queen going to the Abbey and returning crowned Queen of the Commonwealth. I am certain that those in my stand were all New Zealanders as some of the New Zealand staff were stand officials.

We soon let people know who we were when it was announced that Hillary was the Hero of Everest. Mr Holland received a burst of cheering, however I think he must have known of our New Zealand positions as he hung his head out of his carriage window waving and clasping his hands over his head like a boxer.

In the afternoon while waiting for the state procession to arrive we sang New Zealand songs. The people standing and sitting in the stand opposite us applauded our efforts and called for more. When the New Zealand contingent marched past we nearly burst our lungs by singing "Maori Battalion." The New Zealand contingent did not let the country down. I saw them take over guard duties from the Australians at Buckingham Place, and although it was raining they did it with credit. Our greatest thrill was to see the Queen and the Duke in that breath taking gold state coach. It was the climax of the state procession to see her wearing the Imperial State Crown with the Black Prince's Ruby prominent in the front. Although we had cheered her to her Coronation ceremony we now took the opportunity of acknowledging her as crowned Queen. We stood and roared "God Save the Queen" over and over again and when she looked in our direction I waved hard hoping that my frenzied waving would catch her eye and that she would smile at me, wishful thinking yes, because everybody else had the same idea and our selfish little whim became a mighty Commonwealth feeling of affection. What a pity the whole of the Commonwealth could not have lined the whole of that route because no "Movie" will convey all of the atmosphere that descended on old London that day. It tightened the throat and made the eyes misty. But oh what a feeling of emptiness when that coach had passed with the last of the Sovereign's escort of the horse guards. This great day that had been looked forward to with mounting excitement since the untimely death of the late king was over, but not forgotten. I had seen page of history turned that day. That night I listened to the Queen's broadcast relayed to us standing in front of Buckingham Place. I also saw her and the Duke come out on to the balcony to acknowledge our calls of "We want the Queen" and to switch on the illuminations of a transformed London. What a day and what a Queen.

(The above was typed and the rest handwritten).

You would have been thrilled with the colours especially of the people from all over the world. The other day we took children from the school to see a circus. It was the biggest circus I had seen and was most interesting.

Hope everybody is keeping well. I would like to hear from you when you have time to write.

Love and best wishes from Cousin Arthur xxxxxx



Arthur Seway.

Couple find romance at resthome

Two residents at Jean Sandel have tied the knot. Maureen Carswell and Morris Loft married in late May in St John's Church at Omata. The couple met at Jean Sandel. "We used to go to the happy hour and on day trips," says Maureen, adding that though they were drawn to each other, it was "always formal, not even a kiss goodbye." Then they started playing euchre together. "I hadn't played for years," says Morris adding he swore he'd never play cards.

"My father was a gambler. She asked me if I'd like to play cards." Things remained formal, though Morris was soon being ribbed by neighbours for "wearing a path in the lawn between their respective houses." It progressed into their having a meal together with evenings spent watching Andre Rieu DVDs. The formality continued though even when Morris had a birthday last year and invited 16 women. "They all kissed me except Maureen,"

says Morris with a twinkle in his eye. It was at Maureen's birthday in October however that the couple recognised there was definitely a romantic spark between them. "We haven't stopped seeing each other since," says Morris. "We always have a lot of laughs," says Maureen adding that they speak the same language.

"I never thought I'd find at my age someone so compatible," admits Morris. "Both of their families have accepted each other," says Maureen and Morris, who each have three sons and a number of grandchildren who visit regularly. And who does the cooking? "We share it," says Maureen, though Maureen "does the bulk of it," says

Maureen. Maureen insists Morris can cook "a good steak" and makes beautiful friands filled with berries (now known as cup cakes.) So far life has been pretty hectic with Maureen moving into Morris' place. They took their marriage vows at the Omata Church before the Reverend Albie Martin, who said they were the old-

est couple he'd married. Morris' youngest son gave Morris away, while Maureen's sister signed the marriage register. Bruce Moffit piped the happy couple into St Chad's Hall at Omata for the reception with family and friends. Morris turns 83 this week and Maureen is 82. We wish them the very best for their future life together.

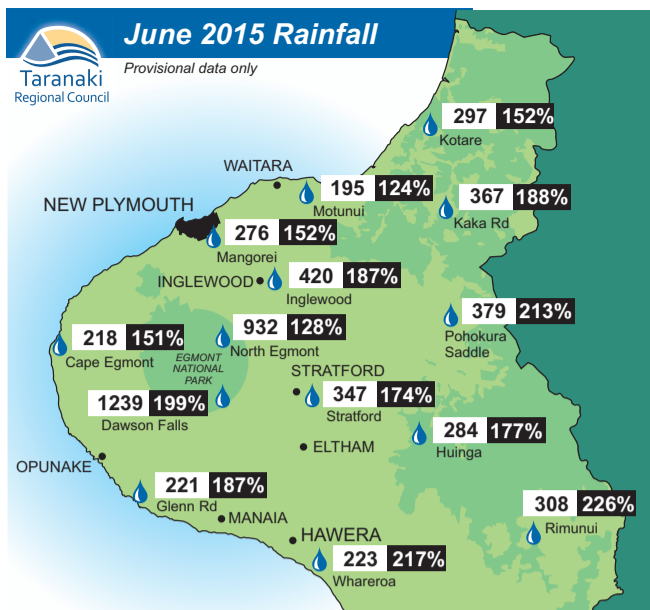


Maureen and Morris on their wedding day.

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Seismic survey causes alarm

Sarah Roberts, spokesperson for Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW), is concerned about the proposed seismic surveys planned by mineral exploration companies, Shell Todd (STOS), and Canadian owned TAG Oil. TEW is a community based group focused on promoting the sustainable use of energy. The areas where landowners are likely to be approached include those in the vicinity of Rowan, Kaponga, Mangatoki, Kapuni, Matapu, Okaiawa, Ngaere or Stratford. TEW has organised leaflet drops in those areas.

of toxic contaminants to your air, land and water.”

“A number of people are refusing to agree to seismic surveys. They do so for a range of reasons including worrying about their families’ safety in the future; the potential impact on their homes and properties; and some feel strongly the oil and gas needs to stay in the ground to avoid contributing to climate change.”

Sarah points out that her organisation is about sustainable energy use and environmental considerations must be to the forefront. In particular, she is concerned that the six environmental protection recommendations (2012), outlined by Dr Jan Wright, independent Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment have not been implemented. Dr Wright warns of the example overseas in the United States with “... the pockmarking of the landscape with thousands of wells.” Photographic evidence – before and after – show vast tracts of rural land being transformed to an unsightly industrial wasteland that stretches as far as the eye can see.”

The recommendations deal, firstly, with the need for Government and direction in the form of a national policy statement. Because “...it makes no sense for various councils to all be reinventing the wheel.” Secondly, Dr Wright recommends structured preparedness for the rapid expansion of drilling with respect to environmental protection, as regards regional council planning. “In Taranaki, remarkably, resource consent is not needed to drill for oil and gas.” Again she has a cautionary note on the lessons to be learned from overseas, “... it is the cumulative effect of many wells on the landscape, on the risk to ground water and so on.” Thirdly, she deals with the design, construction and operation of oil and gas wells. “... is vital for protecting the health and safety of the



Sarah Roberts of Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW).

workers at the well site and the environment ...” and “... There is a need to ensure that the well is cased adequately when it passes through freshwater layers.” The fourth recommendation focuses on who pays when things go wrong. “... It is not enough to abandon wells and assume they will never leak.” Unlike Canada where a levy is payable (ahead of time) to clean up any (possible) contamination ... New Zealand is clearly out of step with international ‘best practice.’ The fifth recommendation deals with the spilling or leaking of hazardous substances at well sites. Dr Wright suggests that regional council staff is best placed to deal with this,

rather than inspectors of the High Hazards Unit which is currently the situation. Finally, the last recommendation addresses the disposal of waste from wells, especially solid waste. She is concerned about landfarming where cattle were, in some cases, grazed before the microbes in the soil had sufficient time to break down the hydrocarbons in the waste. “... This is not acceptable and the situation needs resolving.” Sarah Roberts has said there will be public meetings organised in the near future to discuss the implications of seismic surveys. You can email any queries to TEW at taranakienergywatch@gmail.com

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Underpinning the surveys is the desire to expand the Kapuni Gas Field by STOS - and TAG oil has identified numerous drilling locations in the Cheal Oil Field. It has been reported that TAG Oil has identified as many as 70 development drilling locations in the Cheal Oil Field area, in addition to the 36 already in operation. Mining techniques at Kapuni and Cheal include hydraulic fracturing (fracking). Sarah wishes to point out that landowners do have the right to decline permission (a signed document) under the Crown Minerals Act. Furthermore, she points out that, even if landowners have signed, they are legally entitled to change their mind and withhold access. They can do this in writing to the Company prior to or even on the day of the seismic surveys.

Although the companies do provide aa payment for signed permission, Sarah considers the risks outweigh any financial incentive once drilling sites are put in place. For example, there is anecdotal evidence that property values plummet for those who have signed. New property buyers are generally not keen to be in the vicinity of drilling sites. And that’s not all: “These sites potentially turn your property into an industrial zone. The drilling, fracking, flaring and production allow discharges

TAG Oil responds to criticism

TAG Oil is planning to shoot a relatively small 7.5 square km area of 3D seismic across Exploration permit 54879 North of Eltham. TAGs activities are leveraging off the wider

3D survey that STOS is currently planning across its Kapuni licences.

TAG Oil is committed to ensuring the activities currently being planned across its Exploration acreage are conducted in a responsible manner, ensuring that all affected landowners are consulted with adequately prior to any activities commencing. TAG Oil’s Country Manager Max Murray said. “I would like to reassure our neighbours that TAG Oil holds itself to the highest standards of health, safety and environmental practices to ensure there is minimal impact on their daily activities”. “We are more than happy to sit down and discuss any concerns they may have”.

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Taranaki boy and corporate high flier remembered

Tributes have flowed for the Hawera man whose name became synonymous with the New Zealand dairy industry.

Craig Norgate, who died in London on July 7 aged 50, was general manager, then chief executive of the Kiwi Dairy Co-operative. He continued in this role when Kiwi merged with the New Zealand Dairy Group in 2001 to form Fonterra, making him reputedly New Zealand's first CEO with a million dollar salary.

He was with Fonterra for three years before becoming a driving force in setting up PGG Wrightson. At the time of his death, he was CEO of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants..

Despite the dizzying heights he rose to, he is remembered as somebody who never forgot where he came from.

"Right to the last, he was still a Taranaki boy," former Kiwi and Fonterra director Harry Bayliss said.

Craig was born in Hawera in 1965, attended Hawera High School and graduated from Massey University. He worked for the Department of Maori Affairs, Lowe Walker and the Lactose Company, before going on to be general manager at Kiwi, a position previously held by his father, Frank.

"He came into Kiwi when he was only 26, which is very young to take on that

responsibility, and he did that very well," Harry said.

"He had been appointed by Maurice Roberts, but it was his relationship with John Young, as chairman, that was particularly productive and really led to the expansion of the dairy company.

"He was a great guy to work with and had incredible drive and energy. Everyone who worked with him was impressed with his real insight. Whatever he did he went full on. He probably contributed more than most other people do in a full lifetime. His death is a real tragedy. He could have contributed significantly more."

He said it was particularly sad that he passed away at about the same time of life that his father had.

Craig is also remembered as someone who continued to take an interest in his home province.

As well as being on the board of directors of Port Taranaki and the New Plymouth District Council Investment Fund, he was a co-opted director of Taranaki Rugby from 2004 to 2013. In the latter role he was a driving force behind the setting up of the Taranaki Community Rugby Trust and the leasing of a Manaia farm to provide financial support for community rugby.

A statement from Taranaki Rugby said he

had always been passionate about rugby and Taranaki.



Craig Norgate

"The love of both grew from an early age and it is something he never lost," the statement read.

"He was extremely proud of his South Taranaki roots, and he often reminded others of where he came from, and where his heart was. He also had a brilliant mind, and an ability to analyse situations and to come up with the appropriate strategy. Whilst he moved from the province, he was always at the end of the phone to take a call to discuss anything related to rugby and his contacts within New Zealand were invaluable."

He was also a founding board member of DairyNZ. DairyNZ chief executive Tim Mackle said his contacts with Craig Norgate go back

a long way, having been his assistant for two years when Fonterra was starting up.

"He was very generous with his time and was always keen to mentor and see people realise their potential," he said. "Craig taught me many things through the way he worked. The most critical one was the ability to get things done. Vision is essential, and he had that in spades, but the ability to execute the strategy is what it all comes down to," he said..

"His brain was like a super-computer; you brought him a spreadsheet and he could spot any anomalies or key numbers in a matter of seconds. He was also a character and very much a Kiwi bloke who loved his family, friends, rugby and Taranaki - in that order."

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Rahotu's little Happy Feet released

A little Blue Penguin found injured at Rahotu Beach was released back to the sea after several months recuperating at Massey University Wildlife Hospital in Palmerston North.

"It had quite severe injuries to his lower back and to his leg," said Wildbase wildlife technician Carina Svensson, adding this was probably due to a dog attack.

Apparently the penguin was keen to return home.

"It kept trying to jump up and see all the time," commented Mitch Murdoch from Massey University who also accompanied the penguin in its car journey home.

Dr George Mason from Omata who funds university research through the George Mason Charitable Trust was accorded the honour of liberating the little chap.

The penguin was found by Chris Goodin on April 22. He called DOC that night and took the penguin to work. "It was dark when I picked him up and he was quite happy to chill out," said Chris. Someone from DOC later picked it up from his work.

The penguin spent two months in the clinic.



George Mason holding the penguin while Chris Goodin at left looks on.

"Every day we would attend to the injuries," explained Carina to those gathered, who included children from Rahotu Primary School. Treatment involved flushing the sand out of his various wounds.

After a couple of months, he could use his legs again.

They then began working on him to help him regain muscle strength and introduce him to water. His last swim was four and a half hours, said Carina concluding, "It's been a long, long journey for him."

After a kilometre trek down a sandy track to the rugged beach, those gathered were

advised to stand behind the penguin so as not to confuse it.

George reached into the cage and briefly held the little penguin for a photo shoot before gently placing it in the ebbing tide. The little blue penguin wasted no time in plunging into the surf and everyone stood watching as he bobbed on the water, turning periodically to look at his liberators as if unsure where he belonged.

He continued to make his way out into the breakers, however and after a few final looks at his rescuers, as if thanking them, gradually receded from view.



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Promising new shooters coming through at Hawera Hub

Among the top performers at the Hawera Target Rifle Shooting at the Hub on July 1 was Alex Munro from Manaia who scored the first double hundred group of the 2015 season. Rico Symes Patterson had a personal best of 96.0 and there were hundred groups to Jackson Jennings, Kade Lott and a relatively new shooter Llewellyn Farr. On the whole cards, Tim Greenhalgh scored a PB of 96.3. There was only one hundred on the night, and that was a 100.8 from Frank Eustace who also scored a PB of 297.23. As the season progresses scores are improving. There are several Knock out competitions, the first one has been won by Hayden Andreoli.

Scores were: Rico Symes Patterson 95gr,96.0, Alex Munro 100gr,100gr, Jackson Jennings 100gr, 99gr, Kade Lott 86gr,100gr, Dylan Farr 94gr,95gr, Llewellyn Farr 100gr,97gr, Sean Michael Bower 95gr,97gr, Mary Healy Whitting 99gr,97gr, Paige Farr 98gr, 94gr, Clayton

Robinson 92gr,93gr, Tim Greenhalgh 92.2,96.3, Ken Robertson 69.0,71.0 72.0, Hayden Andreoli 98.6,97.4,96.5, Bruce Cameron 99.4,99.4, Jason Cameron 99.3,93.1, Frank Eustace 98.7, 99.8. 100.8, Sam Gooding 92.2,94.4, Mathew Peters 89.0, 90.2.

The weekly shoot on July 8 saw a drop in attendance but some real top shooting. Ten-year old Joe De Costa scored a very tidy 100 group, his first. Rico Symes Patterson equalled his best with a 97 group. In the seniors, six hundreds were scored from three shooters. Bruce Cameron 100.8,100.8,99.8, 100.9. Jason Cameron 100.8, 100.5, 99.4. Frank Eustace 95.3,96.4,100.7,98.6, Mathew Peters 93.1,85.0.

Other scores were: Dwayne Rangī 97gr,96gr, Llewellyn Farr 97gr, Dylan Farr 96gr,97gr, Foxx Dudley 86gr,95gr, Alex Munro 93gr,83.1, Rico Symes Patterson 97gr,76.0, Clayton Robinson 88gr,67.0, Geoff Coubrough 93gr,94gr, Steve Smith 94gr, Sean Michael Bower 95gr,90gr, Joe De Costa 97gr, 100gr,



Jason Cameron at the Hub range.

Two gutsy performances from the Cobras

For the second week in a row the Cobras put together an outstanding first half display of rugby league as they completely overwhelmed the toothless Western Suburbs Tigers to post a 40-0 halftime score line in fine but cool conditions at Opunake on July 11. It was all Coastal as their dominant forward pack laid the platform for the outside backs, in particular in form centre Levi McPhee

who was outstanding in the first half, scoring the first two tries and setting up the third for loose forward Jamie Taylor to score. The Coastal domination continued and they scored four more first half tries, the last to big prop Maloni Tuitupou who ran through five would be tacklers to score under the posts. It was point a minute stuff and augers well for Coastal's tilt at the title as they approach the final series.

The second half was a more even tussle as the Tigers muscled up in defence, but the Cobras were too strong running in five tries to one with Levi McPhee scoring twice for a personal haul of four tries, and wing Shannon Smith scoring a brace for the score to finish 62-4. To their credit the Tigers competed throughout the game, but their large injury toll to several key players this season has seen the defending champions fall from grace.

For the Cobras young Liam Kupe playing in the second row had an outstanding all round game leading the tackle count with 35, and ran strongly on attack for a man of the match performance, while fellow forwards Tuitupou and Taylor continued their excellent form with several strong carries and high defensive work rates. In the backs McPhee was the stand out with his four tries, while Darren Parata playing at fullback was solid and standoff Mark Davis set his outside backs away well with some crisp passing and clever last play kicks.

For the Tigers Mark Baylis, Ruanui Tucker and in form prop Ale Peseta tried hard in the forwards, while in the backs Teina Winakere playing at centre worked really hard on attack and defence, and Callum Robertson at Standoff carried the ball strongly.

Scorers: Colton's Coastal Cobras 62; Levi McPhee 4, Shannon Smith 2, Jamie Taylor, Herewini Karena, Trent Deegan, Darren Parata, Maloni Tuitupou, Shae Kahui tries, Mark Davis 7 goals; EHL Western Suburbs Tigers 4; Dallas Horsfall try. In the previous week, the Dragons hosted a desperate Coastal side determined to upset their unbeaten opponents. In what turned out to be an excellent game, and one of two halves, Coastal started the stronger with probably their best first half performance of the season with a well-structured attack, and an equally stout and robust defensive line. They scored three excellent tries in the first 30 minutes on the back of some strong charging runs by second rower Sean Mare, one a 70 metre effort to lead 12-0. The Dragons appeared shell-shocked but didn't panic, and on recent performances you knew they would come back, and they did with a try just on half time to close the score to 12-4.

The second half was pretty much all Marist as their big forwards continued their dominant form displayed all year to set the platform for their inside runners to run in four unanswered tries. Coastal tried hard to stem

the flow with some solid defence, but the Dragons superior fitness told and they are looking unbeatable at this stage of the season. A fifth try near the end was disallowed due to offside play, and the scoring finished 26-12 to Marist who are certain to book a place in the Grand Final on August 1 at Pukekura Park.

For the Dragons the forwards continued to impress with their strong runs, none more so than loose forward Cody Martin who made many metres up the middle, while second rower Tiemi Ransfield carried strongly in another impressive display. Big prop Jo Scholay had his best game of the season, while fellow prop Andrew Castle capped a fine game with a try. In the backs Taani Prestney playing in his best position of fullback was outstanding in a man of the match performance with several strong carries and high class defence, while standoff Dylan Hall had another great game with two tries and three goals continuing his impressive form.

For the Cobras, big second rower Sean Mare had an outstanding first half, while props Keiran Young and Ross McLachlan tried hard with some strong forward play. Hooker Shae Kahui was at his niggling best. In the backs halfback Darren Parata directed play well, while centre Levi McPhee scored another runaway try, a second against his old club in two games.

Scorers: A+ Driveways Marist Dragons 26; Dylan Hall 2, Taani Prestney, Andrew Castle and Dean Butchart tries, Dylan Hall 3 goals; Colton's Coastal Cobras 12; Shae Kahui, Levi McPhee and Trent Deegan tries.

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Opunake Surf Life Saving Club Awards

The following awards were made at the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club prizegiving on July 11.

Patrol member of the Year, Michael Debique. Top patrol captain Jordan Hooper.

IRB Women's team Jemma Pentelow and Courtney Keech. IRB Premier team. Michael Corkill, and Nathan Hickey. IRB Patient. Reuben Tulloch. IRB U21 crew. Jordan Hooper and Thomas Bell.

Club Captain Michael Corkill and Andrew Trolove. Most dedicated/improved. Alycia Laing. Rescue of the Year. Alycia Laing, Dylan Arlidge, Michael Roach.

Brian Peat Top Club Person.

Jemma Pentelow. Gordon Cup Most Valued Member. Michael Corkill. Overall Excellence Men's. Jordan Hooper. Overall Excellence Women's. Jemma Pentelow. Club

Patrol of the Year. Yellow. Michael Corkill(captain), Jemma Pentelow, Gemma Gray, Courtney Keech, Callum Hickey, Reuben Tulloch.

Taranaki awards. Top Instructor of the Year. Michael Corkill. People's choice Club Person of the Year Jemma Pentelow. Long Service Award. Michael Roach.



Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club Senior members at their recent prizegiving.

Cobras Under-15 team lose out to Tigers in finals showdown

The Coastal Cobras Under 15 team lost out 34-12 to the Western Suburbs Tigers in the grand final held as part of the Festival Day at the Hawera Hub on the

weekend ending July 5. Scorers for the Cobras were J.Butler(one try, two goals and J.Young who scored a try. For the Tigers, try scorers were

J.Taumoepeau, M.Loapo, E.Siketi, A.Kere-Rako, T.Rabangaki and S.Tuala tries, with J.Taumoepeau scoring five goals. The Coastal Cobras Under

7s finished fifth behind the winning Normanby Knights and the Waitara Bears, Marist Dragons and Western Suburbs Tigers who tied for second. The Under 9s were

in a three way tie for fourth with the Normanby Knights and Marist Dragons, behind the Hawera Hawks, Western Suburbs Tigers and Waitara Bears who tied for first.

The Cobras Under 11s finished sixth behind the Marist Dragons, Hawera Hawks, Normanby Knights, Western Suburbs Tigers and Waitara Bears.

Eltham shooters a top team

Eltham shooters brought along their A game to win the Bridge Man Shield at the Eltham range. The Eltham team of Paul Tidswell, Gary Rowlands and Alan Drake shot first and scored 587.24, and put out the challenge to the other teams to better it. Five teams tried to but couldn't. Second was Inglewood no1 of Steve Lye, Keven Boicock and Trevor Jupp on 582.24, with the Hawera team of Bruce Cameron, Jason Cameron and Frank Eustace third, three centres behind. Shooting was close and tense. What was surprising

was that only two possibles were shot: a 100.8 by Doug Gibson, who also top scored for the night, and 100.6 by Bruce Cameron. The Peter Smith Memorial Teams event was shot for, and three man teams were drawn on the night. The winning team was Brian Mc Gregor, Hanni Schubert and Kevin Bocock. Second was Graham Moratti, Murray Chinery and Robert Hine. Third was Garry Rowlands, Noel Hainsworth and Jason Cameron. Scores were: Paul Tidswell 197.9, Garry Rowlands 195.11, Allan Drake 195.4, Steve

Lye 196.10, Kevin Bocock 194.10, Trevor Jupp 192.9, Jason Cameron 191.6, Bruce Cameron 198.13, Frank Eustace 193.8, Robert Hine 195.11, Brian Shewry 190.5, Graham Moratti 195.10, Doug Gibson 199.14, Dave Fake 196.11, Kat Mischefski 183.5, Lou Donnally 185.3, Hanni Schubert 186.6, Ross Drinkwater 191.9, Heather Symonds 182.3, Cameron Symonds 178, Brook Horvath 96.0, Noel Hainsworth 173.2, Paul Longstaff 189.3, Brian Hicks 189.0, David Hartley 175.0, Brian McGregor 187.4
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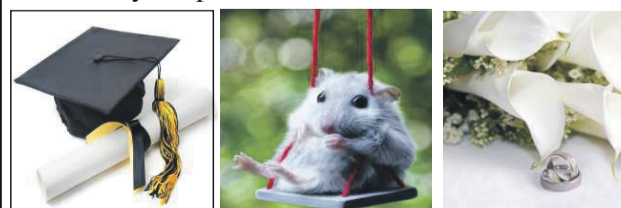
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A.G.M, Coastal Care, 2 pm Tuesday August 4th 2015

Excerpt from Graeme Lay's book

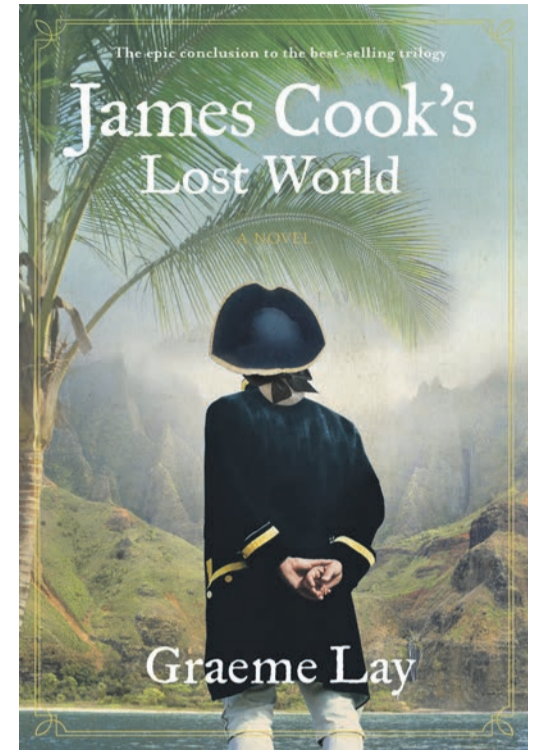
Graeme recently judged the Opunake Sesqui Centennial Literary Awards.

The year is 1775. Captain James Cook RN, now 47, having successfully circumnavigated the world twice, has assured his wife Elizabeth that he has retired from a life of seafaring. However when the Admiralty invites James to return to the Pacific Ocean and seek a North-east passage through to the North Atlantic, he cannot refuse. Now he must let Elizabeth know that he will again be leaving her and their newborn son.

James was delivered home by coach late that afternoon. He removed his boots, hung up his tricorn and went inside. Elizabeth was sitting in one of the wingback chairs in front of the fire, crocheting woollen squares for a baby rug. She had bought the wool from a haberdashery in Wapping, short leftover lengths in many different hues: mauve, yellow, green, red, blue. The result was a series of multi-coloured squares, each about four inches wide, which she would then sew together. Through the deft ministrations of her crochet hook, the rug grew larger and more varied in colour by the day. Now it covered her knees while she worked at a square of pale blue.

She wore her blue-and-white checked gown; her hair hung loose. James kissed her, then sat down in the other wingchair. The chairs were luxury items for the parlour, upholstered in red-and-blue striped material and bought in the city, partly from the proceeds of James's *Resolution* voyage salary.

Gripping the arms of his chair, James summarised the meeting at the Admiralty, speaking slowly and carefully, but providing no details of the proposed voyage. Clutching the crochet hook and wool, Elizabeth stared at him, eyes fixed with disbelief. She made an attempt to speak, but was unable to. Meeting her rigid look, James added calmly,



'I know this has come as a surprise to you, Beth, but—'

She found her voice. 'A surprise? No, not a surprise. A shock.' Her head making little shaking movements, she continued, falteringly, 'You were done with voyaging, you said. You were finished with the sea, you said. You needed to be with me and our children from now on, you said.'

The last two words were fired as an accusation that rang in his ears, like a tolling bell. *You said, you said, you said.* He waited for some time before replying, and when he spoke he looked at her directly and unapologetically. 'I know what I have said, Beth, and those words were sincere when I spoke them. But circumstances change, and when they do, a different course of action must be taken.' He intertwined his fingers. 'It was not planned that way, it was not what I originally anticipated. But unforeseen circumstances have arisen, a call has been made, and it is my duty to follow it.' 'What duty is more important than your role as husband and father?'

Her voice was ice-cold, her words like splinters. Stalling for time, he said, 'You have every right to ask that question.'

'Yes, I do.' 'And I have an obligation to answer it.' She raised her chin a fraction, defiantly, but did not reply. Interpreting this as consent to continue, he told her more of what had been discussed at the meeting, and of the offer that had been made to him. Then he leaned back, hands gripping the arms of the chair, and waited.

'Three years,' she said, distantly. 'Another three years.' Shock was still evident in her fixed stare and heaving bosom.

'Yes, if the aim of the voyage is to be accomplished.' 'And when does this voyage begin?' Her voice was

now little more than a murmur.

'April.' Placing one hand on her stomach, she said, 'April. This baby is due in May. Another child who will not know its father.' He was at a loss as to how to respond to this. She closed her eyes. 'Here one day, gone the next.' She seemed to be growing wearier by the minute. 'And from now until your ships leave, no doubt you will be preoccupied. No doubt Nathaniel and I will again hardly see you.' 'There will be the usual meetings, yes. Necessarily. But between them I will be here.' Elizabeth's shoulders slumped. She said quietly, 'Why are you doing this to me, James?'

'What do you mean?' 'Why are you leaving your family again? When you said you would not?'

He said, subdued, 'I missed the sea, Beth. Far more than I first thought I would. And writing my account of *Resolution*'s voyage has only made my yearning worse. It has been like holding a shell to my ear and hearing the sea, constantly.' He stared into the fire. 'But I was reconciled to staying at Greenwich, until the Admiralty's offer came. Then I considered it, and decided to accept command of the new expedition.' There was another pause. 'I could not refuse.'

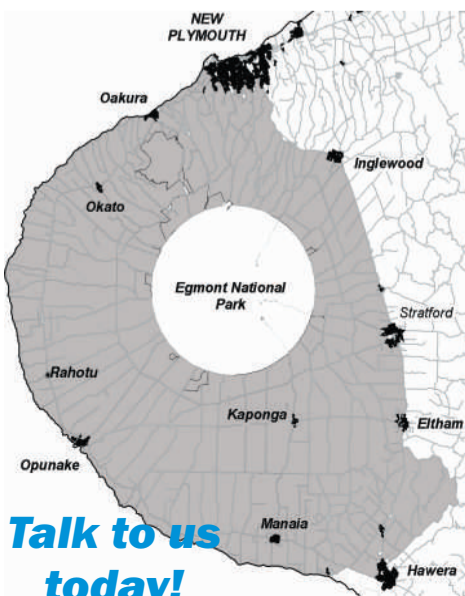
'That is not so. You could have refused.' 'An Englishman does not refuse an order from his king.'

'I thought the order came from the Admiralty.'

'Yes, but with an endorsement from the King.' Her expression was now pleading. 'You have officially retired. You have a generous pension. You are not obliged to go to sea again. I implore you to tell them, "I cannot go."'

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Back to Percy Thomson for Stratford Camera Club

Members of the Stratford Camera Club will be going back to the Percy Thomson Gallery to recreate images from an exhibition they held there 25 years ago. Each member will choose a print from the Camera Club Exhibition held back then, and make a complimentary image to be shown alongside the original one.

Spot the changes over this passage of time.

During this display an audio visual slide show will be playing images of the rate paying area of Central Taranaki from 1990 onwards.

As well as this photographic challenge there will be an exciting array of new prints from the members on show.

The exhibition opens on July 24 at 7.30pm, and runs to August 16.



Right: The Stratford Court-house: 1990 and now.

Graeme Lay's book excerpt continued from page 21

Resenting this abrupt change of tack, he stared at her. 'And turn down the chance to earn a share in twenty thousand pounds?'

Elizabeth's expression became severe. 'I care not for money that you might or might not be rewarded with. Your present pension is satisfactory for our needs.' She shook her head. 'No, I know the real reason why you did not refuse the Admiralty's offer.' James looked up sharply. 'It was because of your arrogance.' 'Arrogance?' The word shocked him. 'Yes, arrogance.' Her eyes bored into him, through him. 'You have changed, James Cook. I did not wish to have to say this to you, but my hand has been forced. You are not the man you were.'

For a moment he was speechless. Then he said, 'Elizabeth, I don't understand your meaning. I've not changed.'

'You have, but you are unaware of it. The accolades, the tributes, the stories about you in the news-sheets, having your portrait painted. It has all led to vanity on your part.'

This he would not have. His voice icy, he said, 'Such tributes have been hard earned, and deserved.'

'That I do not quarrel with. But as a consequence of your success you are no longer a modest man. You have become self-important.'

'Elizabeth, you have not expressed this view before. Therefore I cannot accept its sincerity.'

'I have not expressed it because it was not necessary to do so. But now, with your acceptance of another command that will take you away from me again, I am forced to speak.'

'No? Then I will make myself clearer.' She lifted her chin, and the sinews in her neck tightened. 'You accepted the Admiralty's offer because it appealed to your sense of pride. The Sea Lords and that adulterer Sandwich said that you were the only Englishman capable of leading such a voyage. It was vanity that made you accept. You could not refuse the Admiralty's offer because your pride would not permit you to do so.'

Feeling helpless in the face of this prolonged attack, James was about to attempt to rebut it when she continued. 'I well recall your feelings about Joseph Banks and what you called his hubris on *Endeavour*, then afterwards back in England. The man was so full of himself, you complained, that modesty was a quality unknown to him.' She shook her head wearily. 'Well, you too have become afflicted with a sense of your own importance, and it is affecting your judgments. Of yourself, and of your circumstances.'

There was a rising tide of anger in him now. Coldly he said, 'You are speaking fancifully, Elizabeth. Name one misjudgment I have made.'

Her riposte was immediate. 'I will. You have a secure position at Greenwich Hospital. It is amply compensated, it allows you to write the account of your second voyage, and you are able to do so in comfort while also supporting your family. Yet you are rejecting that security in exchange for the perils of another world voyage. Because such an offer appeals to your sense of your own importance.'

'That is not so! It is because I see it as a chance to serve

my king and country. Once again.'

'Once again?' Her voice became a cry. 'You cannot stop this voyaging, it seems. The sea has cast a spell over you, demanding that you follow its dictates. So when this voyage is over, there will be another, and another.'

'No. When the North-east Passage has been discovered and charted, there will be no more discoveries to make. The world's map will be complete.'

Elizabeth shook her head. 'I wish I could believe you, but I cannot, because I know how strongly you are driven. You cannot stop, because the sea is an addiction for you. It is like a drug that holds you in its thrall.' She looked at him balefully. 'This year you will turn forty eight. That is not an age to be sailing into the unknown and risking what remains of your life.'

'There are many serving mariners of that age. And older.'

'Perhaps. But they do not command ships that sail into uncharted and frozen seas. You were ill during your last voyage. What if that affliction returns? And worsens?' Her voice rose in pitch, her face was flushed. 'You have risked your life often enough. You need not do so again.'

He met her accusing gaze. His voice also rising, he said, 'It is necessary, and I will be equal to such challenges as the voyage presents me with.'

From upstairs came the sound of a door opening and closing. Nathaniel came down the staircase from his room, in vest and hose, his feet bare. He ran his hand through his hair, looked confusedly from his mother to his father then back again. 'What is it? What's happen-

ing?' James got to his feet, picked up his hat and went to the door. As he passed his son he said sourly, 'Ask your mother.'

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Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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22 7pm San Andreas	24 7pm Terminator: Genisys	25 1pm Inside Out	26 7pm Far from the Madding Crowd
29 7pm Terminator	31 7pm Far from the Madding Crowd	1 1pm Inside Out	2 7pm Boutique Night Magic Mike XXL

Coming in August:
Man Up, 5 Flights Up, Ted 2

Feilding marketing success coming to Pukekura Raceway

The New Zealand Craft and Vintage Market is coming to the New Plymouth racecourse on the weekend of July 31-August 2.

the June market was moved to Manfeild, enabling growth from 120 stalls to 220, making it the largest craft and vintage market in the country.

The organisers are normally known for running the famous Feilding craft market. Now in its 29th year, it has become the largest indoor craft market in New Zealand. Last year vintage was added to the mix, and

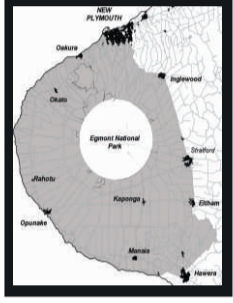
This year the market is being taken to a few other towns, and although it takes time to build a market to the size of Feilding, organisers are confident that craft and vintage lovers will enjoy the selection coming to the Pukekura Raceway at the end



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of this month.

One of the highlights of this show would have to be the international award winning Mrs Love's little vintage, who will be teaching the clever secrets of making your own chalk paint. This has been very popular and it should be a must-do with one

workshop each day starting at 11.30am.

Another great stall is Terry's Gypsy vardo built by Terry. It's amazing and has all the detail and colour of a true Gypsy wagon from which they sell time keepers and fob watches. Then there's Sheryl's fabric scraps and

packs, which are great for anyone making cushions .

There are even winter coats for dogs, and new pure New Zealand wool rugs below cost from \$60, instead of the normal retail price of \$245 . Other attractions include Lady M's Vintage treasures , Grandad's Den complete

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