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The day the PM came to school

On Friday it was second time lucky for Prime Minister Bill English visiting Rahotu School. He had been due to make an earlier visit but plane problems had meant this was not possible.

Ten year-old Rahotu School student Kaitlyn Haigh, whose mother Angela had once been a nanny for Mr English's children had suggested to principal Bridgette Luke that it might be an idea to invite him to have a look at the school.

"We contacted his office and we were very surprised at how quickly we got a response," Mrs Luke said.

After visiting New Plymouth where he visited Venture Taranaki, looked at prefabricated houses, and



The Prime Minister Bill English speaks to students at Rahotu School.

caught up on progress with the Anglican Cathedral restoration project, Mr English and New Plymouth MP Jonathan Young arrived at the youth hall in Rahotu where they were greeted and led inside. School students entertained their visitors with a kapa haka performance which Mr English obviously enjoyed.

"This is the best school singing I've heard all year," he said.

With elections coming up on September 23 he was asked to rate his chances of getting back in.

"I am confident, but we will have to work hard to earn it," he said.

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Crunch time for Cottage Rest Home

The Opunake Cottage Rest Home is facing a situation which its Trust chairman describes as a "perfect storm."

Resident numbers had dropped to 12, the lowest for some time, and an increase in caregivers' wages has meant a big increase in costs.

"More than 25 years ago a group of people identified a need for Opunake to have a rest home, and for 25 years we have been reliant on community support," Trust chairman Darrell Hickey told a public meeting on June 27. "Over those 25 years we have had some good times and some bad times. We have been here before."

Fifteen years ago they had had to sell a couple of sections by the lake to help get



Darrell Hickey (left) and Bob Clark at the meeting. There was a strong turnout at a meeting to discuss the future of the Cottage Rest Home.

things back on track.

Darrell said a recent pay equity decision has meant the Rest Home has suddenly gone from paying wages of \$16 an hour to up to \$23 an hour. He said nobody begrudges caregivers being paid more, but staffing levels had already been reduced to the minimum required to safely run things.

"This is a perfect storm. The Cottage Rest Home is a business and the least it has to do is break even. At 12 residents we are losing money. I believe we can break even at 18 residents. These residents won't all come tomorrow, this month or next month. I believe we are looking at needing \$100,000 in the next six months. I am adamant that we will get the money and we will get the residents."

More than a hundred people attended the public meeting

held at the Sandfords Event Centre to discuss the future of the Rest Home. Darrell said he was pleased with the number who came to show their support, particularly given the meeting's short notice.

Jim Dodunski said something needs to be done immediately. "We're not just having a meeting to muck around for another three months. It's not a go away and think about it thing."

Back in 1990 a steering committee was looking at somewhere to place a rest home in Opunake when the Opunake Hospital closed and the Taranaki Hospital Board sold it to them for a dollar. The Rest Home, which had opened with five residents, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2015.

Darrell said having a rest home in Opunake meant family and friends did not have to travel so far to visit, and hence residents are being visited

more often.

He said some older people valued their independence and were reluctant to consider going into a rest home.

"Probably the saddest thing is hearing about people who should be coming to rest homes but don't and then die."

Similar sentiments were voiced by rest home facility manager Anne Woods.

"There maybe people living in the community living on their own with only their super to live on, who hesitate to turn the heater on, buy quality groceries or hesitate to go to the doctor. These are people who sometimes fly under the radar and would benefit from

coming to us. If you know somebody like that I would encourage them to come and talk to us, but it would be their choice."

Although the Cottage Rest Home had originally been set up to cater for the elderly of Opunake, Darrell says they also welcome residents from further afield.

At the meeting there was discussion on the need for a rest home as baby boomers grow older. There are also more people choosing to shift to Opunake and make it their home.

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 **Letters to the Editor**

Len Lye underwhelming

With reference to a letter in the Daily News, Monday, July 3rd by a Mr Brian Soper, who expressed his general disappointment with the Len Lye Centre. Having travelled to New Plymouth specifically to view the centre, he allowed "at least two days to absorb the mechanical nuances of his kinetic works." So he could be seen as something of an enthusiast for Lye's works probably, but his final sentence stated bluntly: "I feel I was conned."

All I would like to say to Brian is that most of us here in Taranaki feel exactly the same. Most visitors I speak to use the term 'very underwhelming.' Brian continued "I will be advising all my caravanning contemporaries not to bother trekking out to the 'Naki' unless they have something else to necessitate a visit." So where has all that pre-opening rhetoric of how the Len Lye Centre was going to change the economy of Taranaki, how it was going to be up there with Guggenheim Museum in New York and how it is now Taranaki's number one attraction? Taranaki's image is being tainted by Len Lye - not enhanced. How very sad - all that good work promoting Taranaki being seriously eroded.

Just to emphasize the arrogance of those devotees who lovingly pimp words to promote Len Lye - this from the just published AA Cycle Trail Guide, page 145.

"The city's Govett Brewster Art Gallery is one of the world's most prestigious galleries." Really? World's most prestigious galleries? Really? Excuse me while I vomit.

I. M. Notfooled

Honours for James Langton

After reading James Langton's boxing situation, I am beginning to actually realise that our country has two different types of boxing fraternities.

1) The New Zealand Boxing Association deals with the amateur boxers.

2) The New Zealand National Boxing Federation deals with the professional boxers.

Now, I'd like to ask Opunake's Sport and Recreation Trust, did they bother to check whether the New Zealand Cruiser Weight Boxing title, the IBO Asia Pacific and the IBO Oceania boxing titles were either amateur or professional bouts? To me regardless whether these three boxing titles were amateur or professional, James Langton deserves recognition and his name put on your Honours Board. Remember this, Peter Snell who was born in Opunake won a gold medal at the Olympics, trained by Arthur Lydiard as he was only an amateur, yet no doubt his name is on your Honours Board. I believe that both the New Zealand Boxing Association and the New

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Zealand National Boxing Federation should both come under the one umbrella by calling itself the New Zealand National Boxing Federation Association, then it can deal with both amateur and professional boxing, in our country and overseas.

Tom Stephens, New Plymouth

Community Board Committee in Action

It's really and truly great to see the Egmont Plan Community Board Committee in action like upgrading the Kapuni and Oaonui halls, men's toilets, getting disability access and a new oven for the Oaonui Hall. It's also great to see that both halls have their own hall committees.

To me, people who live in areas like Otakeho, Cardiff, Kapuni, Oaonui, our coastal towns and those living in our rural areas, you people are all extremely important to this province of Taranaki regardless what some folks might think and say, as some wouldn't know what it's like living in small communities and always struggling if funds are needed.

I myself know what it's like, as a youngster I lived in two small towns like Urenui and Waitara sometimes struggling trying to raise funds for any project but nowadays we do have our Taranaki Savings Bank Community Trust which are always willing to help out in

some way.

So to our smaller communities, everyone work together as a team and don't let anyone or anything stop you all if you are waiting to raise funds for a project. Like I said before some folk don't really know or even care what our smaller communities really do as they would rather see everyone closed down, well I say no to that. I do believe that one day any folk will marvel in our smaller towns and villages. Regardless of where you are situated just go for it and stuff them.

Tom Stephens, New Plymouth

Let's support Kaponga

Kia Ora. Re Tom Stephens letter (Opunake Coastal News June 9). It's good to know there are others out there who care for our small town of Kaponga. As a current resident of 45 years, I was one of those who wanted our library retained and repaired.

I wouldn't call the old library, which was the former Westpac Bank a historic building, but I would agree that the very old library by the hall is one.

It's good to know our younger generation have carried on with the Progressive Group which was formed many years, of which I am a member.

I wish them well.

Pam Wharepapa Kaponga

EDITORIAL

A great interview

I don't know if anyone caught the interview with Tali on Music 101 on Radio New Zealand National on Sunday June 24 but it was an interesting interview.

Tali (real name Natalia Sheppard) nee Scott who attended Opunake High School and grew up on the coast went on to hit the big time as an drum and bass artist mc in the UK. Her 2004 hit Lyric on My Lip reached number 39 in the UK Singles Chart. She returned to New Zealand five years ago. Tali has won numerous awards and released five studio albums and has collaborated with some of the UKs finest MCs. Her last album Wolves released in 2015 reached number 14 in the New Zealand album charts in its first week of release. She's just released a single called Powerful,

the proceeds of which are to go to Women's Refuge.

Tali who is a trained secondary school teacher, has a Diploma from the National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Arts and a BA in English Literature spoke about her rise and what drives her. Growing up in a fairly isolated dairy farm and the youngest of five children she was alone a fair bit of the time and this perhaps fuelled her need to express herself musically. She also hankered after cities and the big time and found her niche in the UK along with her fiancé who she brought back to New Zealand and married here. She'd met a lot of artists in her travels including the singer Pink who made quite an impression on her.

It was at the end when she really fired however when she spoke unashamedly of being a feminist and talked

of how she'd had her detractors in her life - the tall poppy syndrome alive and well in NZ perhaps - but of how important it was to ignore the negative people and to keep focussed and forge your own path. It was a courageous and inspirational message. Apologising to the

interviewer at the end - who clearly felt there was no need - for "getting emotional" the vehemence of her words merely added gravitas. A great interview Tali. You're a great role model to not just women everywhere but to men also. Thank you.

Can anyone help?

We have received the following from someone who is interested in tracing their family history.

Colin and Jena Williams used to own the Rahotu store and their grand daughter Kim would like to hear from anyone who might have information about her grand parents.

I'm the grand-daughter of Colin and Jean Williams, who established the Rahotu Four Square shop back in

the 1950s, and prior to that took over the old Home & Colonial store. Nanna and Pop left Rahotu in 1970 (I think) to establish Waitara New World. Pop was one of the founding members of the Rahotu Volunteer Fire Brigade, served on the Rahotu School board, and also on the Rahotu Cemetery Board.

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James and the Honours Board

In the June 9 edition of the Opunake & Coastal News we featured a story on James Langton from Opunake who won the New Zealand Boxing Federation Cruiserweight title.

His achievement has not however received the recognition he feels he deserves and he does not appear on the Honours Board at Sandford's Event Centre in Opunake.

We have answers to some questions put to John Kensington, Chairperson of the Trust.

Q. Why is James Langton not appearing on the Honours Board?

JK. He's never been selected by a national body and therefore does not represent New Zealand so he doesn't meet our criteria for appearing on the Honours Board.

Q. Do you agree that when he won the New

Zealand Boxing Federation Cruiserweight title that he was a national champion?

JK. I don't want to comment.

Q. Steve Scott, Vice President of IBO Asia Pacific stated that he has represented New Zealand in a very tough fight. Would you like to comment?

JK. When you represent New Zealand you go to the Commonwealth Games, or the Olympics, or otherwise represent New Zealand as say an All Black.

We rang the National Boxing Federation and they said he was not a New Zealand representative.

Q. Why did the Sandfords Event Centre Trust decline the request of James and his wife Kelly to speak at the Trust's meeting earlier this year?

JK They wanted us to change the criteria. The Trust had already had a letter from Kelly to that effect.



The Honours Board at Sandfords Event Centre.

In answer to other points that James Langton was a purely professional boxer and thus did not fall under the New Zealand Boxing Association's rules which cover amateur boxers, the Chairperson of the Sandfords Event Centre Trust said this was irrelevant and reiterated that James did not meet the Trust's criteria for appearing on the Honours Board, that he didn't represent New

Zealand. "He represents himself." He's not selected by a national body. They dictate who you play etc. "The bottom line is when you represent New Zealand you get selected to represent your country."

He also added he doesn't have the New Zealand fern on his singlet.

John also said the decision by the Trust "was unanimous" and that he

didn't vote.

He also added that James achievement was "fantastic" and he'd done well. He agreed "Of course it's a big achievement for Opunake" but not on a national scale." John also said they had offered him a glass cabinet at the Events Centre in which to display his awards, but that he doesn't want to.

James' coach comments:

James Langton's coach Steve Hartley commented that it was "a great shame" that James was not appearing on the Honours Board. James won the NZ National Boxing Federation title by defeating the NZ National Boxing Federation and NZ Professional Boxing Association title holder Monty Fillmaea. At this time Monty held both professional boxing titles." He added that the titles are recognised as the only legitimate boxing titles available in New Zealand in the Cruiserweight Division. "James was approved by the professional NZ National Boxing Federation to challenge for the title and subsequently won the title," said Steve adding "It was a very convincing win."

He added there are two professional boxing sanctioning bodies in New Zealand. Both are recognised by most reputable world sanctioning bodies.

The coach also added that you don't represent New Zealand to win a title. "There's no such thing in professional boxing. You don't have a professional body that selects boxers to represent New Zealand. It's not that kind of thing. " I note John's comment that James did not fall under NZ Boxing Association rules which cover only amateur boxers. This is incorrect, there is no such thing as amateur boxing in New Zealand. The world body AIBA has rescinded the Amateur status of all national boxing bodies.

Whether James would fit the criteria for a position on the Honours Board is comparable to the argument would a person such as Bob Charles, Hayden Paddon or Steven Adams be worthy of a place on the Honours Board.

The status of many formerly amateur sports has changed dramatically over the last few decades. With the professional era now upon us in many different facets perhaps it is time for the people who administer the Honours Board to consider the relevance of the strict conditions they apply and consider all people who have achieved national honours in a broader sense.

James is certainly worthy of this.

Can anyone help?

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I'm currently pulling together our family history, and I'm looking to track down any newspaper articles relating to Nanna and Pop. I'm aware of one article from your publication, relating to a fire in the shop. I've attached this, but the quality is terrible and I'm really

keen to get a better scanned copy. The fire occurred in March 1962 or March 1963.

I'm also really keen to access copies of any other photos or news articles that involve Nanna and Pop.

I live in Wellington and will next be coming up to Taranaki in late July.



ABOVE: The Rahotu Store at the time it was owned by the Williams.

LEFT: The news article on the fire that appeared in a local newspaper.



TWELVE-YEAR-OLD JOHN WILLIAMS, of Rahotu, inspects some of the damaged stock after a fire damaged part of his father's grocery and hardware store last night. John was dejected—all those sweets in the right foreground were lost in the blaze.

£14,000 FIRE IN RAHOTU STORES

"I HAD butterflies in my stomach," said 12-year-old Rahotu schoolboy, John Williams, today, describing how flames licked up to 20ft high from the rear of his father's grocery and hardware store last night.

Fire and smoke caused havoc in the store and to an adjoining general drapers' premises in the centre of the Rahotu township.

Damage to the store's stocks and the premises was estimated today at least £7000 while stock in the general drapers was ruined to the extent of about another £7000. Both shop owners, Messrs J. C. Williams and R. J. Birmingham, are insured against the loss.

John Williams and Alan Dalzell, son of the Rahotu constable, Mr K. Dalzell,

were cutting down a cabbage tree on Mr Williams' property at the rear of the store about 7 p.m. "I looked up and saw flames leaping up in the air," said John. "At first we thought the flames were coming from some rubbish drums a few yards away from the building. "Then we heard an explosion and we thought a can in the drums had exploded."

and Rahotu dairy factories, to be rushed to the blaze. Meanwhile, a fire engine from Rahotu and another from Opunake had arrived at the premises. About 20 firemen quelled the flames which were confined to the rear of the premises. An office and a morning tea and weighing room in the store were gutted by the blaze. Stock in this building and the general drapers was ruined with smoke

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MAYOR'S COMMENT

Honouring our volunteers

Recently (22 June) I had the great privilege of being MC at an event at the beautifully restored Everybody's Theatre where the Council invited volunteers from across the District to thank them (or the organisations they represented), for the work they do in our communities. Around 100 volunteers attended to watch a screening of the New Zealand movie "The Catch." South Taranaki enjoys an incredibly high level of volunteerism, and our volunteers all share the same common purpose – an ongoing commitment to making our communities better.

Holding the event at Everybody's Theatre was particularly apt given the huge effort volunteers put into restoring this fantastic community facility. Thank you to the Theatre volunteers who even brought along some home baking for us all. While I was in Opunake I



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also took the opportunity to check out two Council projects that were recently completed. The first was the new steps at Middleton Bay (pictured). The concrete steps - with hand rail, retaining wall, chip sealed access track and various storm water improvements to reduce erosion – look very smart. The second project is a walkway through the dunes on the northern side of the surf clubrooms at Opunake Beach. The walkway consists of two wooden walls with a height from 200mm to 900mm at



Opunake Beach Walkway.

the beach end. The intention is that the sand will backfill in against the walls, and over time plantings will further stabilise the dunes. The walkway (pictured) is part of the Council's larger improvement plan for Opunake Beach.

Finally Council adopted our Annual Plan for 2017/18 on 12 June with a lower rate increase than what was projected in our Long Term Plan. This means the

total average rate increase for rural properties will be around 1 to 1.5% and around 2.6% for urban properties.

Our Council is always conscious of the need to keep any rate increases to a minimum, so we are pleased that by keeping a tight control on expenditure, and savings made through lower inflation and borrowing costs, we have been able to reduce the 2017/18 rate increase from what was

Opunake Beach upgrades, STDC's contribution to the Opunake storm water diversion work, the district's Pathways Project, Hawera Town Centre upgrade, the new Regional Landfill south

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The day the PM came to school

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Much was made of Rahotu School having produced its own Prime minister, Jim Bolger, who attended Rahotu School and then farmed on the Kahui Road in Rahotu. He became Prime minister in 1990, the same year that Mr English entered parliament.

Mr English noted that Mr Bolger had served in parliament with current MP Jonathan Young's father Venn Young, who had also been an MP and cabinet minister.

Although he grew up and spent most of his life in

Southland Mr English is not unfamiliar with this part of the country. While a boarder at St Patrick's Silverstream in Wellington he would visit his older sister who was married to a doctor in New Plymouth.

He had a word for the school students.

"The kind of education you are getting and the things you are learning can get you a job anywhere in New Zealand and anywhere in the world. You can go anywhere because you are good at working in teams and you understand people who are different from yourselves."

From the hall it was then on to a tour of the school, stopping for afternoon tea and presenting awards to school students. He then visited each classroom, answering questions along the way.

"How long did it take you to be prime minister?"

"It took me 26 years which shows that if you wait long enough you can get a turn."

One questioner asked what Mr English had wanted when he was their age. He said that at the age of 11 or 12 he decided he wanted to be deputy prime minister, the position then held by his local MP

Brian Talboys.

He was asked what were some of the toughest things about being prime minister? He said these included answering questions from journalists, some of which were good, while others he wondered if they were worth asking. The father of six also said his job meant not spending as much time with his family as he would like, and he was pleased that the next day he would be able to watch his daughter's rugby game.

What rugby team did he support? No surprises there. The Highlanders.



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Crunch time for Opunake's Cottage Rest Home

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"One of the reasons I chose to live in Opunake was the get up and go attitude here," recently elected Opunake and District Business Association chair Bob Clark said.

The meeting voted that he be put in charge of the Cottage Rest Home's fundraising efforts.

Bob said he would be looking for people to help him.

"I want people who know people and who have that rare asset called commonsense."

Speaking to the Opunake and Coastal News on Monday, Bob said that as well as the buildings, the rest home has an extra section of land that could be subdivided off.



Concerned locals at the public meeting.

"It's asset rich and cash poor," he said. "I've been working on budgets for a 12 month period based on quite a few scenarios. I have looked at the cost structures at the Rest Home and run some benchmarking comparing cost structures with similar businesses."

He said that at the Rest Home AGM on July 18, he hoped to be able to give details of the budget and what needed to be done.

He was looking for financial assistance in whatever form it may take, and he had already received offers totalling well in excess of \$50,000. Since the meeting, the Rest Home had also gained an extra two residents.

He said a structure needed to be put in place that would make sure the Rest Home could weather fluctuating surpluses and deficits. While the government was topping up part of the increased wages bill from the pay equity decision, he calculated the Cottage Rest Home would still face an annual deficit of \$32000, the kind of shortfall which larger urban rest homes would find easier to service than their smaller counterparts in places like Opunake.

At the meeting, former South Taranaki district councillor Anne Hickey said Opunake has a history of solving problems such as this. There was the time when 1500 people had turned up to a meeting to save Everybody's cinema and the money had been raised in "real quick time."



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Have the right kind of extinguisher

How many of you have a fire extinguisher in the home? I hope you have answered "we do." If you didn't, read on. As slick as the Opunake brigade is, we will take a while to get to your place, especially if you live in the country. So you should have something in place to contain or slow down a fire until we get there. A fire extinguisher is a very good starting point. Unfortunately, there are six different classes of fire and not one type of extinguisher suits them all. The two types of extinguisher that would cover most house hold fires are a Wet Chemical and the ABE Dry Powder variety. The ABE Dry Powder model is suitable for all types of fire













(including electrical) in your home but should never be used on a cooking oil or fat fire. As these are the most common fires in a kitchen, a Wet Chemical extinguisher is also required.

This N.Z. Fire Service chart shows the types of extinguisher and their suitability for the various classes of fire.

Key points to note.

There is no time to read instructions during an emergency. Learn how to use your extinguisher now.

The extinguisher must be within easy reach and in working order, with the gauge in the green area. Get it serviced or buy a new one if it looks suspect.

Two colour schemes for fire extinguishers exist		EXTINGUISHANT	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C	CLASS E	CLASS F	CLASS D
PRE 1999	FROM 1999		Wood Paper Plastics	Flammable & Combustible Liquids	Flammable Gases	Electrically Energised Equipment	Cooking Oils and Fats	For fire involving combustible metals use special purpose extinguisher
		WATER	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	Dangerous if used on flammable liquid, energised electrical equipment and cooking oils/fat fires
		WET CHEMICAL (A.F.F.F)	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	Dangerous if used on energised electrical equipment
		FOAM	YES	YES	NO	NO	LIMITED	Dangerous if used on energised electrical equipment
		DRY CHEMICAL (Dry Powder)	YES (ABE) NO (BE)	YES (ABE) YES (BE)	YES (ABE) YES (BE)	YES (ABE) YES (BE)	NO (ABE) LIMITED (BE)	Look carefully at the extinguisher to determine if it is an BE or ABE unit as the capability is different
		CARBON DIOXIDE	LIMITED	LIMITED	LIMITED	YES	LIMITED	Not suitable for outdoor use
		VAPORISING LIQUID	YES	LIMITED	LIMITED	YES	NO	Check the characteristics of the specific extinguishing agent

Portable Fire Extinguisher Guide

LIMITED indicates that the extinguishant is not the agent of choice for the class of fire, but that it may have a limited extinguishing capability
Solvents such as alcohol or acetone mix with water and therefore require special foam
Green text indicates the class or classes in which agent is most effective

The extinguisher must match the type of fire being fought. Extinguishers that contain water are unsuitable for use on grease or energised electrical equipment.

The extinguisher must be large enough to put out the fire. Many portable extinguishers discharge completely in less than 10 seconds.

In summing up, purchase one each of the types I recommended, and mount them in a handy position about 1200mm up from the floor. Have a family training session so that everyone knows how to handle them, where to aim so as get the best coverage, and what to use each one on. If they are used correctly you will buy yourself a little time. We always try to get to our call outs as quickly as we can, so if you can slow down the fire with your own extinguisher, and we get there in good time, hopefully the damage would be minimal.

Our Monday 19th got off to an early start with a call at 2:00 am when we were sent to a Wilson Road address to check out a rubbish fire. A gentleman at the property

had been busy doing bookwork, was unaware of the time, and decided to burn his unwanted paperwork in the back yard. When we arrived, he realised it may not have been a good time to get the matches out so he found his garden hose and extinguished it.

The following Monday we were called to a Whitcombe Road address to help gain entry into the house. Friends and neighbours had not heard from or seen the elderly lady resident for a while, so a call was made to the Police voicing their concerns. The "boys in blue" were busy at the time so we were sent to fill the gap. Just as we arrived, a non-fire fighter broke a kitchen window so one of our crew climbed in to open the door. You can imagine the surprised look on the owner's face when she woke and heard a herd of beefy fire fighters wandering around the house looking for her. She got an even bigger surprise when she realised that one of her windows had been broken and someone had climbed through it while she slept soundly on. The story had a happier

ending than we thought we were going to have, and even though a window was damaged, I think the concerned neighbours did the right thing.

We were on the move again on Tuesday night when we were scooting out to investigate a lounge full of smoke. As it was deemed a property fire both of our appliances were dispatched for this callout. A lady living on Tai Road Oaonui lit her free standing fire box and the room immediately filled with smoke. We suspected a blocked chimney and we came up trumps. We weren't sure what had caused the blockage but a few well-placed kicks by one of our brigade black belts to the chimney solved the problem. We were soon in the truck again heading home to catch most of the Lions - Hurricanes game.

Our first call out under our new name of Fire and Rescue New Zealand came in just before kick-off at the All Blacks versus Lions game on Saturday 1st. We were called to Oaonui again to check out a car that had spun out and ended up in a drain

opposite STOS. I think the car must have aquaplaned on one of the many puddles left on the road after one of the heaviest dumps of rain in a long while. Luckily all had extracted themselves from the vehicle but had decamped before we arrived. For our part we simply wrapped some fire service tape around the vehicle and headed for home. That's because the situation was in the capable hands of one of our local police officers and he realised there wasn't much else we could do. We didn't need to be told twice so we headed back home to the tele just in time to see Sonny Bill being sent off.

We were called to a fallen power wire on Layard Street at around 5 o'clock on the evening of Monday 3rd. In a case like that, all we can do is keep people away from the wire until the power company arrives. The linesman showed up about 40 minutes later so the flashing lights were turned off and we were out of there.

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Catering to freedom campers ... and locals

Nancy Coombe was walking down the new steps to Middleton Bay counting them when she got to the bottom realised the number of steps correlated with her own birthday which she was about to celebrate, 85.

"It felt like a birthday gift especially for me," said Nancy who lives nearby and looks and seems much younger. There's not many 85 year olds who would take on 85 steps commented South Taranaki District Councillor Clem Coxhead.

The new steps lead down to the picturesque bay in Opunake much favoured by boaties have been put in by the South Taranaki District Council and replace a rough track.

Freedom campers are allowed to camp at the top because they're within 100m of a public toilet at Middleton Bay explained Councillor Clem Coxhead.

"Because there was a pretty rough path to them from the cliff top and it was dangerous, we closed it off until it was repaired."

He added that it was also a bit of a trek to the toilet especially in the dark. "The next stage is to look at lighting".

Freedom camping is becoming more and more popular.

"During February we had 300 vehicles here and down at



Cr Clem Coxhead and Nancy Coombe on the 85 steps facilitating access to the bay.

the lake," said Clem adding they averaged 1.9 people per vehicle. There is a shortage of amenities however.

"We need to look at upgrading our facilities," said Clem who had just returned from a mayor's rural and provincial conference in Wellington. He added that the Government has made some money available to local bodies for their

infrastructure. He cited the example of McKenzie which, like other small towns and rural areas, often has a very small population base to pay for the influx of tourists.

"The locals can't afford the infrastructure although they do benefit from the tourism." Clem said they were looking at areas locally for an ablution block, perhaps opposite where the steps are that would be acceptable and available to locals.

Freedom campers including those in motorhomes spend on average \$4800 on average a month while they're in New Zealand, said Clem. Taranaki however attracts just 2% of tourists generally. Major tourist destinations such as Queenstown is "so full of people" the Government is trying to syphon them elsewhere.

The Tongariro Crossing used

to attract 20,000 tourists a year. These days 120,000 do the scenic one day walk annually. There are plans to promote Taranaki's Pouakai Crossing which could have potential for Opunake, says Clem. People could be picked up at the airport in New Plymouth, dropped off at the northern end of the

Pouakai Crossing and be given a pushbike to ride to Opunake where they could stay.

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Signing off - my last column



CHESTER BORROWS MP

Today is a bit of a 'red letter day' for me as I write my last column as the Member of Parliament for Whanganui. One per week for twelve years adds up to quite few column inches. I consider myself very fortunate given many of my colleagues would die for the chance to have a regular column in their local paper.

My reflections are that "the least said about party politics the more popular the column." Keeping it local was best for readership and then being a little edgy in terms of toeing the party line generated interest and on occasions got the article picked up in national newspapers or into the wider media. This was not always to the liking of my party's leadership or officials, but I guess I got stuff off my chest, and it generated a few votes that would not have come our way otherwise.

On one occasion I reflected on a trip to Singapore and their legislation that is quite harsh in comparison to New Zealand law. This prompted a letter from the Ambassador and was raised with a senior minister on her visit to that country a couple of weeks later. The readership

of newspapers in the electorate spreads far further than Taranaki and Whanganui, even to South East Asia.

But politics and representation is far wider than the media. The various aspects of being an MP such as ministerial work, parliamentary committee work and in the debating chamber, through to electorate work such as clinics, school and business visits or just showing the flag at public events is broad, but each has its rewards and satisfaction. Big wins like saving Collegiate by allowing the school to integrate was cool as was the challenge of funding the Sarjeant Gallery and hopefully - fingers crossed - roofing the Velodrome. But getting an ex-gratia payment from government to settle the messy Berryman case brought me satisfaction, as

did the work on immigration matters through my offices, sorting out red tape that prevented businesses from operating efficiently and employing more staff. Getting astro-turf for a country school or more special education hours for a disabled student went on behind the scenes, but made a huge difference to the people benefitting from my intervention as an MP.

Viv Chapman in my Whanganui Office has been in that role since 1992 and has gathered a wealth of institutional knowledge about Whanganui people and organisations. She has also gained detailed understanding of the ways government agencies such as Immigration, ACC, Work and Income, and Ministry of Health and DHBs work. When I door-knocked at election times I was constantly reminded of her work by the grateful thanks people from right across the community offered for sorting out some issue that was a big deal for them. My long time agent in Hawera Sue Turahui has similarly been the front face of the office in South Taranaki handling all manner of requests for assistance. Kath Weir started in Stratford

when that area came in to the electorate in 2014 and has made her presence felt. I am so grateful for the support of these excellent women who do most of the heavy-lifting in the electorate.

So I want to say thank you to people across the electorate for the privilege of being your MP. Regardless of whether or not you cast a vote for me or the party I represent, because like it or not, I was elected and my job was to represent a unique part of New Zealand. I now know far more about the region I have called home for over thirty years and not just the nature of the people and the geography, the business and enterprise, the history and the potential, but the mana of the people and the wairua of the ancestry, that makes Whanganui and South Taranaki special.

Ella and I will be staying in the electorate because we love the place, the people and all it has to offer those privileged enough to call the place home.

Ngā mihi nui a kotou, tēnā tātou katoa.

Chester Borrows

MP for Whanganui

Initiatives deliver for New Zealanders

A landmark pay equity deal lifting wages for 55,000 healthcare workers is among a number of Government initiatives which came into effect on July 1. These initiatives deliver for New Zealanders in many ways, from cheaper registration fees for motorists, more immunisation for our kids, right through to extra police starting at Police College. The \$2 billion-a-year pay equity settlement benefits some of our health sector's lowest paid workers who will receive pay rises of between 15 and 50 per cent over the next five years. On July 1 around 20,000 of this predominately female workforce, who were on the minimum wage of \$15.75 an hour, moved to at least \$19 an hour. For a

fulltime worker, this means they're now taking home around an extra \$100 a week, which is over \$5000 a year. New funding for the drug-buyer Pharmac means wider access to new medicines that will benefit more than 33,000 people. The latest drugs to be funded include a new insomnia medicine for children or teenagers who suffer from neurodevelopmental disorders. There are also new treatments for people with hepatitis B, hepatitis C and lung disease. We've also introduced free chickenpox vaccinations for 15 month olds, as well as for any child turning 11 who still hasn't had the vaccine.

This month, the first of the extra 880 frontline Police will start Police College, with the first graduates on the beat



**JONATHAN YOUNG MP
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH**

by October. This follows the announcement of the Government's \$503 million Safer Communities package earlier this year. As well as that, the Police Eagle helicopter is now available around the clock. Another reduction in annual ACC Motor Vehicle Account levies sees the average cost of car registration falling to \$113 a vehicle. Over the last five years the average motor vehicle levy, which includes

the annual licence levy and petrol levy, has dropped by \$220. Owners of electric cars will see a significant drop in the cost of registering an electric car, from around \$100 to as low as \$17 a year. Extra support for veterans and their families was also introduced on 1 July. This includes increasing lump-sum payments for people suffering a service-related permanent impairment, as well as childcare payments for children of a deceased veteran whose death was service-related.

The new Elder Abuse Response Service (EARS) came into effect on July 1 and includes a free and confidential 24/7 expert advice and help-line, 0800 32 668 65. There'll be more effective and accessible help wherever and whenever victims need it.

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Jonathan Young

MP for New Plymouth

Regions running on empty

The National government has neglected the regions, New Zealand First Party leader Winston Peters said at his party's campaign launch in Palmerston North on June 25.

"Regional infrastructure is the poor cousin- it is being overlooked and put at the end of the queue when it comes to funding," he said. "And this is despite the massive growth of tourism- the costs of which fall primarily on regional New Zealand. The government boasts of a tourism bonanza which is based in the regions, and yet gives almost nothing back to the regions to fund the cost of it. We have 30,000 kilometres of unsealed roads, single lane bridges and a serious lack of toilets, parking and basic infrastructure."

"National has no sound policies to progress all of New Zealand. They have let the wealth get sucked out of our regions with little pay-back. They have let much of our assets and land be sold off to foreign buyers. They have under-funded regional roads and hospitals. They have no coherent plan for our regions just as they have no coherent economic plan for this country. And they have turned their backs on our young people. They've allowed the situation to descend to the point one economist has said some



An early show of support for Winston.

of our provincial centres are Zombie towns. We've got zombies alright, but they're not in our provinces. They're in the Beehive."

"It is the regions that produce by far most of our country's wealth. Our biggest export earners, the sectors that pay our way in the world are tourism, dairying, meat and forestry."

"We have Queen Street farmers, but what are they doing for the wealth of this country? Within a few years experts tell us more than half of New Zealand's population will live north of Taupo. That's because of a lack of

political vision and a contempt for the real wealth creators of this country. National is most at home when they are in Wellington, among all the shiny suits and bureaucrats adjudicating on New Zealand from their ivory towers.

"Fundamental to a successful economy and thriving regions over the long term is an exchange rate that supports exporters and the regions. Our Reserve Bank Act is out of date. We have an overvalued NZ dollar that has been a bonanza for financial speculators and traders but not exporters. Despite the relatively small size of our

economy our dollar is one of the most heavily traded international currencies. We need an exchange rate that serves real economic goals like strong and growing regional exports."

"We have regions running on empty. We have unacceptable delays from the Electricity authority sorting out their pricing methodology, creating uncertainty and preventing business owners investing in the regions. Law and order has fallen apart in many provincial areas with fly-by policing and empty police stations. These are facts."

Hone gets tough on P

Nobody quite grabs the public attention like Hone" said MANA President Lisa McNab when asked about her party's position regarding Hone's comments about 'executing Chinese drug smugglers.

"Fighting the devastation caused by meth in Māori communities is something Hone has been doing since he got out of Parliament and we are seeing the fruits of his work in the 'Fight the P Fight Night' held recently in Kaitaia, his work with the rugby league community across the Far North and with the gangs, and his Open the Curtains initiative which is helping bring people together to build a park for their kids in one of the toughest parts of Kaitaia"

"Hone is working across all sectors of society on this, including the police, the District Health Boards, gangs, lawyers, sports clubs, doctors, unemployed, drug users, drug reformers, hospital administrators, army personnel, criminology students, teachers, social service providers, community activists, churches and judges."

"He has seen up close how P destroys people's ability to think rationally, the friction it causes within whanau, and the breakdown of trust in communities when addicts

start lying, stealing, borrowing, bullying, bashing and bludging off those closest to them to feed their habit, and he's been to tangi where his nephews have died because of P.

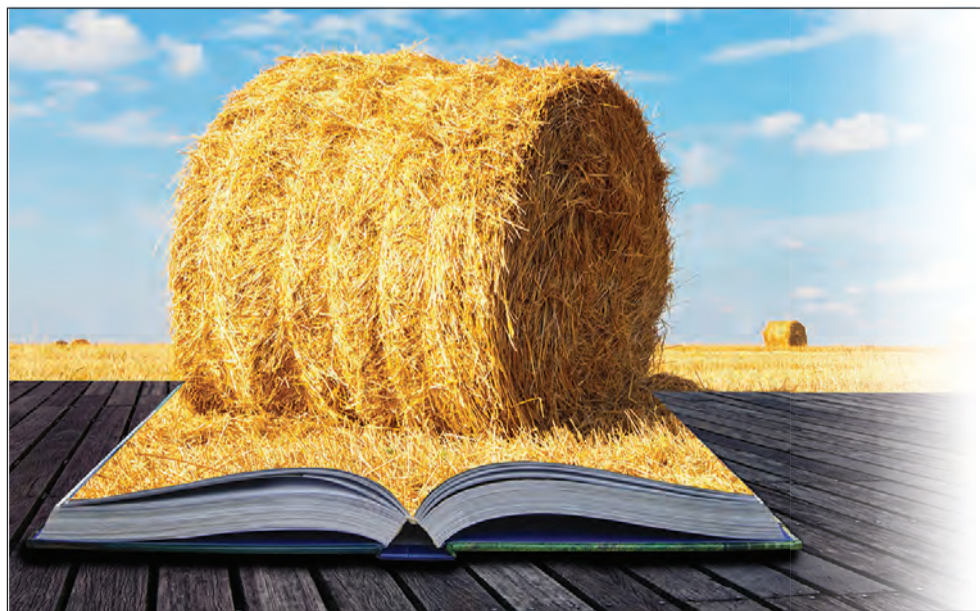
"We understand the rationale behind Hone's comments about the execution of those caught smuggling meth

or its precursors into NZ - stop the drugs at the source and you reduce the harm that those drugs can cause to all NZ citizens, including Maori - but the MANA Executive does not support capital punishment"

"Hone's comments have dragged the Fight against P into the public arena, and

they match the energy and the commitment he has brought to his work in the community."

"We support Hone's call for political action to halt the importation of drugs into Aotearoa, and we call on other politicians to start attacking the devastation being caused by P.



On this month in history David Lange becomes prime minister

On July 14, 1984 The Labour Party, led by David Lange, became the Government. They won an impressive 56 seats to the 37 won by National under Robert Mul-

doon. Social Credit won two seats but New Zealand Party won none despite securing 12.3% of the total vote (Bob Jones was their leader). Both David Lange and his Deputy

Geoffrey Palmer were just 41. During the transition period Mr Muldoon initially refused to carry out the incoming Government's wishes as regards the economy.

What followed was the economic policy known as Rogernomics (after Finance Minister Roger Douglas) where reforms that favoured the rich were supposed to

'trickle down' to the less well off people. However, we're still waiting for it to happen! These days the policies of the Rogernomic apologists are represented by ACT .

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Freak accident fails to deter Shirley

Following a freak accident at her Kaponga home, Shirley Hazlewood was told there was a 50/50 chance she could be paralysed for life. Now with 90 per cent of her body function back, Shirley is back home after having spent three and a half months in hospital. Shirley who had her 70th birthday while in hospital was only 14 months-old when she came down with polio and was paralysed on her left side. Thirteen years ago she had a leg amputated.

In 1993 she set up the Taranaki Post Polio Support Group. Her efforts earned a QSM for herself in 2006, and a Roosevelt Medal for her group, an award named after the polio survivor who became the longest serving president of the United States.

"I am a very determined lady and have a lot of willpower, hope and faith," she says.

She is also a well known horse lover and runs a horse

museum out of her Kaponga home. Ironically it was a horse which caused her to come to grief on the second day of 2017. Shirley was weeding her garden from her wheelchair, and as usual she had her four year-old horse Abby with her in the garden at the time. Then disaster struck.

"Abby got afraid and she nudged the back of my wheelchair," Shirley says. "I thought, she's going to jump, so I ducked my head and Abby jumped over me. She missed me but her back legs caught my wheelchair, rolled me out and the wheelchair rolled on top of me and squashed three vertebrae in my neck. Abby turned around, looked at me and neighed."

After being helped by daughter-in-law Jasmiina, a 15 year-old boy and a neighbour she thought she



Shirley Hazlewood and Abby.

was fine and went back into the garden, and then went inside to check the roast meat in the oven. As she went to put the meat back, her hands went numb and she dropped the dish, burning herself. The next day she was having trouble getting into her wheelchair and making breakfast so contacted her doctor and ended up in Accident and Emergency at Taranaki Base Hospital. There she was told she would be flown to Auckland for an MRI.

"When I got to Auckland City Hospital I was there for three days before I had my MRI done. They found I had three crushed vertebrae in my neck, and they wouldn't

do the operation because there was a 50/50 chance I could have been paralysed for life."

So it was back to Base Hospital where she lay paralysed for another nine weeks. In that time her operation was put off three times. After another 10 days in Hawera Hospital it was back to New Plymouth to finally have her operation, but not before again being asked if she really wanted to go through with it, given the 50/50 chance of ending up being paralysed for life.

"I had the operation and my son Justin and Jasmiina came into ICU to see me. I was hooked into so many monitors and had a drain

coming from behind my ear and a machine to help me breathe," Shirley says.

"In five days I was transferred to the Hawera Hospital where I was to do rehab which I did for five weeks. I learnt to feed myself and stand by myself using a standing machine. I also learnt to write again by myself. Then I told the physiotherapist and occupational therapist I was going home. They brought me home for three hours to see how I would cope, then a week later I came home with St Johns."

Now with 90 per cent of her body function back, she has ventured back into the garden.

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Katie Sinclair



Katie Sinclair (left) and Janis Baker (right) impressed the dragons with their Basket Buddy.

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MUSICAL SHOWCASE



Sam McNeil



Blossom Eiffe

Opunake High School held its second annual Showcase at Everybodys Theatre on June 29. The event encapsulated both the variety and quality of talented students at the school, ranging from musicians to artists and dancers. The Showcase is a formal occasion where students are given the opportunity to literally 'showcase' their best talents and dress for the occasion. Although organised by teachers the show itself is all about seeing the students on stage. The arts display in the foyer began the event as people entered. This was part of the Arts and Photography Academy and the quality paintings and photos were all for sale with proceeds going back to the artists with a small percent going to the academy itself to replenish equipment.

Once everyone was seated the MCs Olivia Anderson and Daniel Potier kept the tempo flowing with information about the performances as well as witty jokes and one liners.

Our large instrumental group opened the performance with Blossom Eiffe (above) and Dan Marks singing Pink Floyd's Another Brick in the Wall. Included in this group was Richard Hewett and Sean Phillips on saxophone, Taesyn Baldwin and Michael Lilly on Bass, Sam McNeil (above) on Lead guitar to Sebastian Pla

on drums. Between the musical items the Dance Academies Hip hop dancers called 35 Below performed to a mash-up of Nobody's Better, Manolo and Yonce, provided an energetic and vibrant musical events. A classical violin piece from India Sturzaker (above) added yet more variety to the night, performing Gavotte by Bach. India plays this very demanding instrument with precision and feeling. Michael Lilly and Sam McNeil gave us the other end of the spectrum with a heavy metal piece; Shepherd of Fire. Sam played lead guitar with perfection and Michael Lilly makes the drums come to life and is a protégé drummer.

Jacob Symons is another highly talented performer. Jacob captivated the crowd with his solo guitar performance of a Cold Play number followed by his lively second solo piece, Ho Hey by the Lumineers. Jacob is an established musician who can be seen performing solo, or as part of a duo with Ariana Dingle at weddings and other gigs around Taranaki. Jacob and Ariana played two duets together including Dirty Paws. The combination with Michael on the drums sets the stage for a quality performance. Ariana Dingle's solo rendition of When we were young and Whitney Houston demonstrated both her piano skills and huge vocal range and an "angelic voice."

Our year nine students both in the dance section, piano and vocals demonstrated again a very high level of talent. Madeline Symes and Sykonea Bishop enchanted the audience with their vocal and piano skills. This year we had another poetry reading. Polly-Anna Aramoana recited a short heart felt piece of her own creation following her lovely singing. Hannah Portman playing The Power of Love and Steve-Jai Kelly both year 12 senior students performed with vocals and keyboard two beautiful pieces. Nganeko is always entertaining to watch, carefully preparing himself with that gorgeous smile before he started.

A mention must be made of Brody Hitchcock (head boy) who played the Pink Panther theme and Mr Alistair Cooke with the Pink Panther adding a bit of humour to this formal occasion. Speaking of humour, Michael McCarthy provided



Whaea Barbara Fakavamoeanga at her farewell on Friday 28 June.

two skits again this year, the highlight being Wonder Pants. Three words to describe Michael would have to be cool, calm and collected. The Showcase concluded with another large vocal group which introduced a number of new students as well as our established singers back onto the stage, with the well known song Hallelujah. Our aim for this group is to sing as an A Capella group and compete in The Big Sing in 2018.

A presentation was given to Mrs Andrea Dingle for her vision of Showcase and coordinating this event along side Mr James Davidson, (dance) Mr Andy Bedford, (art and sound) Mr Alistair Cooke (drama and vocals) and Mrs Dawn Collis (vocals), Rob Wells, Larry and Dan Marks (Music tutors).

A special thank you to Mr Bedford for setting up the sound system for the night and TSH for their sponsorship of the quality sound equipment and to Everybodys Theatre for the use of this amazing building.

Thank you for all the support for this sold out event from our community.
Mrs Andrea Dingle



Jacob Symons & Ariana Dingle

FAREWELL WHAEA BARBARA

On Friday 30 June staff and students farewelled Whaea Barbara Fakavamoeanga. Whaea Barbara accompanied by her daughters Silika, Atalya and parents were treated to a moving iwi with outstanding performances by the Kapa Haka students. Very emotional speeches by ex-students Ashley Tito-Col-lins and Tazmyn Ashford-Katene about the love and mana they received from Barb while they were in her mentor group during their school years. Whaea Barb arrived at Opunake High School in 2011 coming from Coastal School in Okato, where she built binding relationships with students and staff, she will always continue to be part of our lives. Sadly in December 2015 Barbara was involved in an accident, with her faith and huge family support she has made an amazing recovery. We all wish Barbara the best for your future endeavours and there will always be aroha here at Opunake High School for you.



Opunake High School presents "An Enchanted Evening Masquerade Community Ball Fundraiser" funds raised will set up the Opunake High School Alumni Trust. The purpose of the Alumni is to set up a Scholarship Fund with the desire to offer the inaugural scholarship this year. If you are wanting to be part of the Alumni or for further information contact Mr Fuller on principal@opunake.school.nz or phone 067618723

OPEN DAY

Students and parents from contributing schools were treated to many exciting-visual displays at the Open Days. Year 8 students discovered the variety of areas in the school and were treated to a yummy burger for lunch. Mr Fuller will be going to the schools in August to complete the enrolments for 2018.



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- 1 August Home & School 7pm
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Fifty years ago Terry Ingram set up his business which is now Ingrams Contracting Ltd, situated at 90A Collins Street, Hawera. The firm is 100% locally owned. The firm is often referred to as Ingrams Bins, as that is a large part of their business; in fact 90% of the work is rubbish and recycling. "We are the largest privately-owned rubbish collecting company in Taranaki," explains Terry. The opening date was July 10, 1967 and the initial premises were at 15 Disraeli Street, Hawera on a half acre of land, and Terry's purchase of a tractor was the first vehicle of (eventually) many. Before launching his new business Terry worked for Hawera Engineering.

At the time Terry was grateful for the help from his grandfather Charlie Burke who helped finance the new venture. Terry's father 'Goldie' (Gordon) also helped out financially. At the time Terry's brothers



Terry Ingram and one of his trucks - all ready for action.

effect. Judith ensures the office is run efficiently and provides a friendly welcome to callers.

The company's red, grey and yellow trucks (Massey Ferguson colours) soon

that said. 'Think metric - think in grams.' This was inadvertently a free subliminal advertisement!

Terry has always been aware of the importance of advertising. However, some of his old advertisements still raise a chuckle or two. Here are a few amusing examples: 'Satisfaction guaranteed or double your rubbish back', 'Ingrams have bin here' and 'Down in the dumps about your waste problems?'

Terry still has his very first

bin on proud display. 'Be a Tidy Kiwi' is written on the side.

The 4 by 4 bins have been around the longest - 41 years. The Jumbo bins have lasted 21 years. Last to arrive have been the huge Huka bins which can hold 10 tonnes of material - mostly metal. There are other bins, as well, all of which are colour coded, which is helpful for the public when ordering bins to meet their needs. Wheelie bins (240



Terry finding time to get stuck into some of the administrative paperwork.

Tony and Ashley were also involved. "It was a lot easier in those days," says Terry with a smile.

These days Terry's son Joseph plays an important role in helping Terry conduct the operation to optimal

became a familiar sight around Taranaki. It was around the time when decimal currency (and the metric system) had been introduced. Terry and his team were amused by signs here and there



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litre) are a popular option for many households. Ingrams also hire Super Skips and Hiab Crane Hire.

Nowadays, Ingrams have an important recycling aspect to their operation, as a look around the yard reveals. In one place there is a mountain of green waste, which will end up composting in sandhills near Patea to help the conservation of coastal plants there and halt sand erosion.

Cardboard is collected mostly in cage bins for recycling and is processed at a place north in De Havilland Road.

Metal (eg iron and aluminium) recycling is an important task with the huge Huka bins full to

Terry Ingram looks back on 50 years of service to the community



Ingram Contracting's premises have been renovated for the 50th anniversary, with many thanks to DR (Jack) Gray, Hawera for their expert painting.

overflowing, with old bikes, whitewear, pipes – you name it.

At this time of the year the collection of slink

calves is important and the yellow bins are used for this. Service groups, notably the Lions, ensure this is a good fundraiser for

various community groups. A special yellow truck picks these bins up from all over rural Taranaki.

Nothing is wasted. Old

paints collected are used to paint the interiors of bins thus ensuring they last as long as possible.

Ingrams offer a flexible service at competitive pricing. Bins can be uplifted weekly, fortnightly or monthly – you choose. "We won't sign you up to a contract," promises Terry. "Our service will have you coming back time and time again," he adds, "We are here to help our community grow by supporting local business," he concludes.

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Strong turnout for Kaponga Lions Club lunch



About 50 people turned up for lunch at the Taranaki Swiss Hall.

For the last 20 years the Kaponga Lions Club has been putting on luncheons for local seniors. Every year they organise a barbecue in the summer and a roast meal in the winter.

On June 29 around 50 people turned up at the Taranaki Swiss Club Hall

for the annual winter lunch. "The Lions do a good job for us oldies," Josie Gillbanks says. "There's a better response today than at other times."

Lions Club member Jack Stuart says a fine day may have been a factor in the

increased turnout. "We had more people standing outside than sitting and we had to drag them in," he said. "This is the biggest turnout we have had for a while."

Jack says the majority of people there would have been the regulars who come every year, although there have been a number of new faces who had moved into the district.



Lions club members dish up lunch.



Josie Gillbanks, Sandra Hughes and Robin Hughes.

Minister to speak at networking event

Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Small Business minister Jacqui Dean will be in Opunake on September 4 to speak at a networking event organised by the Opunake and District Business Association. Mrs Dean who is also MP for Waitaki entered parliament in 2005. Before then she was a Waitaki District councillor and deputy mayor. She has also been Parliamentary private secretary to the Minister of Tourism and Local Government.

The Waitaki electorate which Mrs Dean represents includes a range of small and

medium-sized businesses.

The venue for the networking event has yet to be decided on. Opunake Business Association chairman Bob Clark says the meeting will be non-political.

"As Taranaki is regarded by Lonely Planet as being the place to visit (well second ranked) in 2017, it is very appropriate for tourism to be the focus of a net working event that will include a buffet meal."

Opunake is somewhere which can boast white gold, black gold and tourist gold, he says.

"The plan is to showcase what Opunake has to offer, like the mosaic seats, the beach, the mountain, Dawson Falls, everything in Opunake that people can enjoy."

"We are going to have a whiteboard where people can say what they think we're missing."

Bob says suggestions that could come up might include a cycle trail between Opunake and Eltham. Access issues could also be discussed, like whether or not New Plymouth Airport needs a bigger runway.

People attending the

meeting will also be challenged to digitally network to at least five people on their extended contact lists both in New Zealand and overseas, a link back to the Opunake Business Association website.

At the Business Association's monthly meeting on Monday, Ali Hayward said that she continually has out of town visitors expressing interest in the area's attractions, including the fact that the three All Black Barrett brothers grew up nearby.



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Bus Trip to New Plymouth

During the term KIndy went on a bus trip, visiting the Material Recovery Centre and Puke Ariki to see BUGS! Our backyard heroes.



Nora, Ryder (4) and Ava (4) look though the observation window at the all the Recycled Materials.

At the Material Recovery Centre the tamariki were learning about what happens to the plastics, glass, paper and cardboard that is put into their recycling bins.

Did you know?

- In one month 610 tonnes of recycling was collected across Taranaki.
- Once sorted much of the recycled goods are sent overseas to be made into other products.
- Glass is melted down and made into new glass.

We teach our tamariki the importance of reusing, reducing and recycling so that they can pass their knowledge onto to the next generation looking after our environment.

Puke Ariki Museum

We also visited Puke Ariki learning how BUGS are the heroes in our backyards and the important jobs they each do to create healthy soil and plants and give us food.



Deni (4) looks through the observation case at the Giant Wetas



Top of picture: Regan Smith (2 years old), Rinah (2 years 10 months old), Quinn (1 year 5 months old), Beau Fleming (1 year 10 months old), Ryan Taylor (1 year 11 months old), Declan Bourke (1 year, 11 months old), are waiting for Quinn to dig the healthy soil to plant their seedlings.

Moana Room News – Our lovely Infant and Toddler Space

In the Moana Room we are still in the process of establishing our outdoor environment. One of our focuses last term was “Composting”. This term one of our focuses is “Healthy Soil”.

The tamariki do the composting using their fruit/vegetable scraps after meal times, and feeding the worms in our worm farm. We have used our compost and worm juice in our new vegetable garden that we have just established with the children. We have planted carrots, beetroot, lettuce, cauliflower and broccoli.

We will be eating this kai with our tamariki at afternoon tea time and hopefully there will be some we can share with our whānau.

The tamariki are responsible for looking after and improving our outdoor environment. ady have in your home.

Mathematics:

This year our Internal Evaluation focus is on Mathematics (Pangārau).

This term, our focus is on Patterning and Measurement, two of the six strands that are important for the development of mathematical ideas.

Patterning: Patterns are when things repeat at least twice.

- Being able to “read” patterns and build on them is a very important skill for early maths.
- Timetables, addition, and skip counting all require an understanding of patterning.

Parents can help their child to learn patterns by:

Noticing patterns all around them:

- Clothing (stripes, checks, dots)
- Music
- Tiles (floor, wall, ceiling, wall paper)
- Nature (flowers, animals, goats, zebras, tigers)
- Routines (brush teeth, books, bed, brush teeth, book, bed)
- Lego, blocks, toys – make a pattern together.

Measurement: We are learning the words to use during measuring activities –

- Full, empty, heavy, light, high, low, long, big, short, deep, shallow, near, far, tall, half, small, quarter, medium, hot, cold, more, less...

We know that children need to understand length, volume and weight as “attributes” (physical features) of objects before they can meaningfully compare and measure these attributes.

Children learn when they have lots and lots of FUN.



In the late 1990s, well known Coastal Taranaki artist Graham Kirk did a series of paintings based on photos his father John McLean (Jock) Kirk took while serving in World War II. These were exhibited at the Waiorou War Museum in 1999.

Jock Kirk was born in Opunake and lived most of his life in Hawera. He died in 1974. Some of his war experiences are recounted in these newspaper stories which Graham says have never seen the light of day since they were first published.



Jock Kirk portrayed in an art work by son Graham.

N.Z. Soldier's Graphic Story of Libya Fighting

TO BE CAPTURED by the Germans while on duty guarding about 900 German and Italian prisoners, then to be taken on a long trek across the desert, suffering terrible hardships, and, finally, to find himself a free man once more when his captors were themselves taken prisoners, was the remarkable experience of a New Zealand soldier during the fighting in Libya at the end of last year.

Utterly exhausted when he was rescued, the soldier was sent to the Second N.Z. General Hospital to recover from the effects of his terrible experience, and in a letter to friends in New Zealand, written some time later, he has told the story in full. Here it is:—

We were attached to the N.Z. Div. H.Q. and about a mile away there was a field hospital and a prison camp. There were about 900 Germans and Italians in the pen and they were coming in all the time. Those who were guarding them were a bit short handed and asked us to lend a hand, so away we went.

We went on duty between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. That day, we didn't do much, except search a few new prisoners. We went on duty again at 2 p.m. and off at 4 p.m. Then we had a scratch tea and decided to settle down for the night.

I might mention that all that day there was a great tank battle going on all around us and some of the shells came pretty close.

The hospital and the prison camp were both in a hollow and it was impossible to see more than about a hundred yards on either side. We never thought there were any Jerries within miles of us and at sundown we found our mistake.

Taken Prisoner

All of a sudden hundreds of Jerries came pouring over the hill with Tommy guns and many other kinds. At first we thought they were prisoners as we were told to expect 600 more in that afternoon, and it was not unusual to see them coming in in that fashion (without the guns, of course).

Then they fired a few shots and shouted, "hands up." By this time practically a whole Panzer Division appeared, and, as there were only about thirty of us guarding the prisoners, we promptly put our hands up.

The Jerry prisoners nearly went mad, but they treated us pretty well. They grabbed all the cars and trucks that were about and off with them. I had my piano accordion in mine, also a dozen tins of fruit and many packets of biscuits, so I suppose some of the Jerries had a feast.

They marched us about three miles and camped for the night. We found that the common Jerry soldier is a real good chap, but the Italian is a mongrel. I believe if they had had their way we would never have been taken prisoner, but they had to do just as the Jerry told them.

Trip Across Desert

Next morning we were taken by trucks on a roundabout trip across the desert and then headed for the coast. We arrived about mid-day at what appeared to be a Jerry field workshop. We were put off there and spent the next two days and nights in a big tent. There were about a hundred of us by this time, nearly all "Kiwis." Jerry gave us what food he had, but he was in a

pretty bad way. We missed our blankets terribly at night.

On the third day the Jerries appeared to be very excited and started packing up all their gear as fast as they could. Our spirits rose very high, but he packed us on trucks and took us about ten miles towards Tobruk and handed us over to the Italians who were camped in a big, long gully.

On top of this gully we noticed five or six big naval type six-inch guns (German). We were taken down into the gully and found that there were already a hundred and fifty New Zealand prisoners down there and they were very annoyed with Jerry. It turned out that these big guns had been shelling the Tobruk area and our guns in front of the Tobruk area had been shelling back, with the result one of our own shells fell into the gully and killed several of our lads and wounded about a dozen.

Practically Starved

One of our officers who was there, had gone out under escort with a white flag and silenced our guns and told them that there were about three hundred New Zealand prisoners under Jerry guns. Jerry promised that he wouldn't use the guns if ours weren't used on them. We just missed all this by about half an hour.

Well, we were five days and nights in this gully, being practically starved, and the nights cold beyond anything imaginable and all the time we were there Jerry used the big guns on top of us, knowing full well that ours wouldn't reply because we were being used as a screen.

It was very nerve racking, every time they went off it nearly deafened us and small stones would roll down the gully, so much for Jerry's promises. It was impossible to sleep at night with no covering at all: we were chilled to the bone. Some poor beggars never even had their great-coats and there was nothing else to do but walk up and down the gully all night. The food supply was terribly short; we could not have lasted long on what we were getting.

Bombed and Straffed

On the Thursday night we were gathered together at about 8 o'clock and marched off. Everything seemed to be on the move. We were told that we were going on trucks to Benghazi, but there were no trucks. All Jerry's armoured stuff was on the move, tanks, guns, gun tractors and lorries full of troops; the majority of the Italians were walking and carrying their packs.

We had about 100 guards. It was plain to us by this time that we were to be used as a screen to allow the enemy to get through our lines and away (he was on the run by this time).

That night we were bombed and straffed by our own air force, but luckily none of us were hit. All the time we were marching motor transport of all kinds were passing us and the dust was terrible; we could hardly breathe. We walked about 16 or 17 miles that night; we never stopped until about 9 a.m. and then for about an hour. We got a little to eat and drink and pushed on again.

The enemy had been bottled up, but had blasted a way through and was going as fast as he could.

I had been helping one of my mates who had a bad hip and we were both feeling pretty well done, but I guess the others were too. We could see that the corridor Jerry had made was getting shelled from both sides by our chaps away ahead and we were going straight into it.

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Cowardly Italians

Practically all the Jerries had gone by this time, but six or seven hundred Italians hopped in behind us, thinking that they would not be shelled if we were driven in front of them. Several of our Hurricanes came flying low over us and did a bit of strafing, but I think they recognised us and only the Italians got it. As soon as we got into the thick of it the Italians got panic stricken, and scattered and ran, but we all refused to hurry and kept on at a very slow walk (we couldn't do much else, anyway, after being starved for a week). Of course, our guards stayed with us and were doing their best to make us hurry.

Whenever a shell came over we flopped on the ground and then up again. We were on the ground more than we were off it.

It was that hot that a lot of Italians just lay on the ground and howled and kicked like a lot of kids (fine soldiers) and whenever they got a scratch they howled like babies.

Some of the lads at the rear were able to break away and headed towards our guns to tell them about us prisoners. I worked my way towards the back to do the same, but didn't get the chance.

I was about done myself and my feet were bleeding, and by this time I and two other chaps were the last with about twenty guards behind us, the rest of our chaps were about two or three hundred yards ahead of us.

Rescued At Last

However, the chaps who broke away eventually reached our guns and silenced them. I believe the officer in charge nearly cried when he heard who we were, so he sent out several armoured cars to rescue us. I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw one of our armoured cars approach us. I wasn't sure who it was for a while, but I saw one of our tin hats come out of the top with a chap with a Bren gun under it. I guess I don't need to tell you how we felt. I definitely could not have gone another mile. Our guards just dropped their guns and put up their hands.

I was such a wreck that they put me inside the armoured car (which, by the way, was a Ford V8). I had a big drink of water and a couple of biscuits. I don't mind admitting that the tears were rolling down my face all the time. In about five minutes I was asleep, and even the bumping of the car didn't wake me. Our rescuers happened to be the Scots Guards. They were rounding up the Italians for a while, but I was dead to the world.

All my section got through safely, but I think many of the boys are very ill, owing to the treatment the Italians gave us while we were prisoners.

It took us several days to get back to railhead (we were going back to our forward base), and I was suffering from colic, whenever I ate any-

thing it used to double me up, and then my ear gave me trouble. As soon as we got to our forward base I was sent to a South African Casualty Clearing Station and from there to the 18th General Hospital and from there to here. My feet are still giving me trouble, but I am picking up again. I could eat all the time now, and have a marvellous appetite. The soldier adds the comment that "the Italian is the yellowest and filthiest thing on two legs."

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Toasting the release: From left, Brenda Boddie, Gill Campbell, Joyce Lawrence, Angela Wright, Val Campbell, Val Kerr, Deborah Clough, Barb Campbell.

Maata WI support bird release

Maata Women's Institute recently catered for the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust in April where 40 Hibi birds were released. The Hibi has been extinct in Taranaki for 130 years. Rotokare Scenic Reserve is a pest-free sanctuary located just outside of Eltham and is the biggest wetlands reserve that is fully fenced in New Zealand. Maata Women's Institute has strong ties with Rotokare with members Val Campbell recently awarded a life membership of the reserve and Deborah Clough being a trustee.

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Fed Farmers elect first woman national president



Katie Milne.

West Coast dairy farmer Katie Milne is the new Federated Farmers' national president- becoming the first woman in the Federation's 118-year history to hold the presidency.

William Rolleston who steps aside after his three-year tenure.

A previous Federation board member and West Coast provincial president, Katie was Dairy Woman of the Year and a Rural Woman

of Influence in 2015.

Manawatu dairy farmer Andrew Hoggard was elected national vice president while South Canterbury farmer Miles Anderson takes over as national Meat and Fibre chair with Rick Powdrell stepping aside.

Waikato farmer Chris Lewis takes over as national Dairy Industry chair succeeding Andrew Hoggard.

North Canterbury farmer Lynda Murchison has been elected as one of two board members at large alongside Chris Allen who was reappointed.

Arable chair Guy Wigley remains on the board pending next week's arable sector AGM.

Farmers feeling less stress from their banks

Pressure on farmers appears to be easing a little on the back of an improved farming outlook, according to Federated Farmers' latest banking survey undertaken in May..

The survey shows that 8.5 per cent of farmers reported coming under 'undue' pressure from their bank over the past six months, down from 9.6 per cent in the last survey undertaken in November 2016.

10 percent of dairy farmers reported undue pressure, which is down from 12.8 per cent in November 2016. The drop for sharemilkers is from 15.0 per cent down to 10 per cent.

6.9 per cent of non-dairy farmers (mainly meat and fibre and arable farmers) reported undue pressure, down from 8.2 per cent in November.

"The easing of pressure could be thanks to an improved farming outlook on the back of higher commodity prices since the middle of last year, most dramatically for dairy but also for meat," Andrew Hoggard, Federated

Farmers' national vice president said.

The average mortgage interest rate for respondents was 5.2 per cent, unchanged from November 2016, while the average overdraft interest rate was 7.3 per cent, down from 7.7 per cent in November.

80.7 per cent of farmers reported being very satisfied or satisfied with their bank relationship. This remains stable, down just a little on November's 81.4 per cent satisfaction. Sharemilkers had the lowest level of satisfaction at 69.5 per cent, but this was up slightly on November.

Satisfaction with bank communication also dipped slightly with 75.9 per cent saying it was excellent or good, down from 77.2 per cent in November. Sharemilkers continue to be the least satisfied at 61.0 per cent, down from 63.0 per cent in November.

66.7 per cent of farmers ended the 2016/17 season with a detailed and up-to-date budget for that season, a similar level as the same time last year. Meanwhile,

39.3 per cent had both a current-season budget and a detailed up-to-date budget for the upcoming 2017/18 season, again similar to the same time last year.

"Dairy farmers and farmers with mortgages are much more likely to have detailed and up-to-date budgets. This shouldn't be a surprise given that dairy farmers have significantly higher debt levels than other farmers, making robust budgeting much more pressing," Andrew said.

The New Zealand Bankers Association welcomed the survey results and said it demonstrated the strength of current relations between farmers and their banks.

"The consistently high bank satisfaction rating among farmers reflects the fact that banks are continuing to work closely with their agri clients. It also shows the importance of effective communication between farmers and their banks, and the need to have budgets in place, especially for those managing higher debt," said chief executive Karen Scott-Howman.

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Arable farmers honoured with inaugural awards

The best and brightest of the country's arable industry was celebrated and honoured at the recent Federated Farmers' Arable Industry

Conference and AGM at Lincoln.

At the climax of the industry's annual get together was the presentation of two inaugural awards.

Mid-Canterbury farmer Eric Watson was crowned Arable Farmer of the Year with Karen Williams from

the Wairarapa awarded Federated Farmers' Biosecurity Farmer of the Year.

"Karen's achievement is deserved recognition for her

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Be ready for the calving season

The Ministry for Primary Industries is asking farmers to be ready for new bobby calf regulations coming in this season.

“The new requirements for bobby calf shelter and loading come in to play on 1 August and we want to make sure everyone is well aware and prepared,” says Paul Dansted, MPI’s Director Animal and Animal Products.

“Calves need to be provided with shelter that keeps them warm and dry, and loading facilities that allow them to walk onto trucks.”

Seven new regulations in total were announced last calving season. Four came in to force in August last year, and for spring calving farms, there are three more that will apply this season.

Young calves must be slaughtered as soon as possible when they arrive at slaughter premises, and within 24 hours of the last feed on farm (came in to force 1 February 2017).

Shelter must be provided for young calves before and

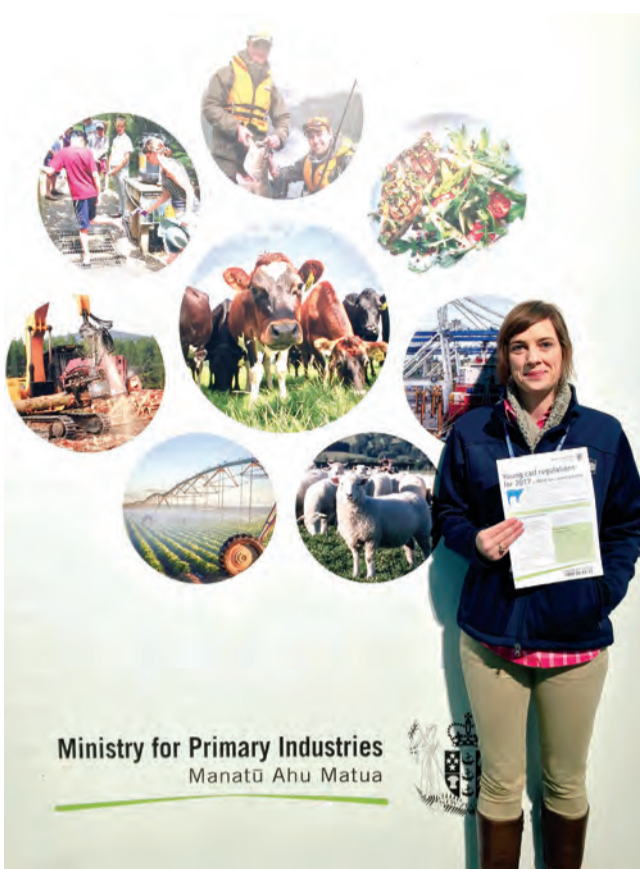
during transportation, and at points of sale or slaughter (comes in to force 1 August 2017).

Loading and unloading facilities must be provided and used when young calves are transported for sale or slaughter or as a result of sale (comes in to force 1 August 2017).

“Ultimately, the regulations are about protecting the welfare of calves. Last year we saw a significant reduction in problems with bobby calves, and we thank everyone across the supply chain who contributed to that. We are keen to see more improvements this year once all of the regulations are in play.”

“The shelter and loading facility regulations don’t give specific building requirements, so this allows farmers, saleyard operators, processors and transporters to find a solution that works for them.”

“The new regulations also require calves to be slaughtered as soon as possible on arrival at the



MPI’s Penny Timmer-Arends has attended many field days and workshops to discuss the new bobby calf regulations with those affected across the supply chain.

processing plant. To meet this regulation, the Meat Industry Association has played a big part in putting systems in place to track

when the calves were last fed and collected from the farm.”

Communicating the new regulations has been a considerable industry wide effort. MPI is working with stakeholders across the bobby calf supply chain to reach as many affected people as possible. This included working with DairyNZ, Federated Farmers, Meat Industry Association, dairy companies, transport

companies, stock agents and saleyard managers, and veterinarians.

“Collectively, we have pushed out information through field days, workshop events across the country, training, rural and professional publications and newspapers, newsletters and emails, on-farm resources, web and social media content,” says Dr Dansted.

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leadership and advocacy for farmers in the pea weevil biosecurity response,” says Arable Industry chair Guy Wigley.

“Alongside our Wairarapa Provincial President Jamie Falloon, they were both influential components in the development of the response costs package for Wairarapa pea growers and staunch advocates for farmers and growers in the pea weevil response.”

Karen was an integral part of the grower group spending many hours working alongside farmers and MPI.

“Without Jamie and Karen’s hard work, tenacity and leadership, we believe farmers and growers wouldn’t have got the right

outcomes in the response,” Guy said.

This inaugural award would hopefully inspire other arable farmers to look at ways and opportunities to improve their on-farm biosecurity and reporting of any unwanted pests, weeds or diseases.

Newly crowned Arable Farmer of the Year, Eric Watson, is a Guinness World Record holder after his feat of producing the highest wheat yield of 16.791 tonnes eclipsing the previous record of 16.519 tonnes.

Mr Watson and wife Maxine are widely regarded for their innovative thinking and knowledge of overseas technologies, which they utilise to improve on-farm productivity.

“This is a fitting reward; Eric has contributed to

research in the arable industry since the inception of the Foundation for Arable Research. He has hosted trials and other research plots on his farm over the last 20 years, which has translated into productivity lifts for the entire arable sector.

“Eric is a quiet and unassuming leader. He lets his farm’s performance do the talking. This award recognises his current achievements and ongoing leadership in our industry,” Guy said.

“Success in the arable industry typically flies under the radar compared to other agri-sectors in New Zealand. It is long overdue that we recognise the outstanding contribution arable farmers make to the industry and the country in general,” said Guy.

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Premiers to face Southern in home semi-final



Logan Crowley offloads to Andrew Lane as Andrew Trolove offers support for the Farm Source Prems.

Round 13 kicked off in Rahotu in wet and windy conditions. Southern had travelled to take on Coastal to try and cement a semi-final spot, while Coastal already had a confirmed semi spot.

Coastal defended strongly for the first 10 minutes before attacking and scoring a try.

The conversion had Coastal leading 7 - 0. Conditions made it very difficult to

play open running rugby. Southern continued to push Coastal hard and were rewarded with tries after 25 minutes and 30 minutes to take a 12 - 7 lead into half time.

Points were hard to come by in the second half and there was no change to the score until time was almost up. As Coastal chased the game, an intercept by Southern had them score on full time. The final score was 17 - 7.

Coastal's try was scored by Dylan Juffermans and was converted by Thys VanDerPoel.

Man of the match was Blake Barrett.

A week can be a long time in rugby, but the conditions hadn't changed much when Spotswood travelled to Rahotu on July 1.

The first half was very tight, with the only points coming from a penalty try after 20 minutes.

Coastal took charge of the game in the second half. Two tries by Dylan Juffermans and one by Andrew Trolove, converted by Rick McKenna, stretched the score to 24 - 5. Man of the match was Dylan Juffermans. Congratulations to Troy Stevenson on his 50th game for Coastal.

Next week Coastal will host Southern in a semi-final, so come out and cheer on the boys as they strive to make the 2017 final.



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A win and a loss for Colts



Chad Thomas-Moore steps down field for the Corkill Colts against Southern.

On a very windy day at Rahotu, the Colts played Southern. The first half was quite the tussle opening up a bit in the second half with Southern running out with the win 29 - 10.

The boys played well unfortunately in the second half the boys started to run out of juice and weren't able to make too many

substitutes due to only having two players on the bench.

The boys' defence was good throughout the game led by front row boys and loosies.

We lost a bit of direction in the backs once one of our first five went off with a dislocated finger.

The following week

we played Spotswood in Rahotu in cold, windy and wet conditions.

We played well but weren't able to put points on the board till the end losing 38 - 14.

The forwards were led well by player of the day, Trent Brophy and with Jared Hunt scoring both tries for the team.

On behalf of The Colts team we would like to thank our sponsors Corkill Systems and Coastal Rugby and all supporters who came and watch us play.

We wish our premiers, div 1, and div 2 teams the best of luck in their semis this coming weekend.



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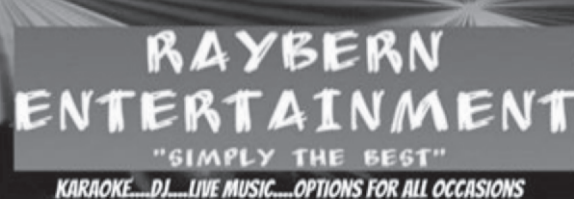


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Division 2 team through to semi final



Chris 'Chrispy' Barron charges past a swooping Inglewood defence as the Goodin Ag Div 2 put Inglewood to the sword. Sorry no report this week for this team as the coach is busy training the boys for the Semi-Final.

For the first time ever we have three teams with a home semi. A massive achievement by the guys. All games are at Rahotu on the 8th. It's going to be a huge day so come along and support the Goodin Ag Div 2, FBT Div 1 and Farm Source Premis.

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Feedback to Honours Board story overwhelming

James Langton has been overwhelmed by the number of people who have approached him since our story in the June 9 issue. Concerning his not being included on Sandfords Honour Board, James felt he had attained the qualifying criteria by representing NZ, which he did in Australia. James is a former NZ Cruiserweight Boxing champion.

"I've had a massive number of people coming up to me and asking me if I'd had any feedback from the Trust. A lot of people just don't get it and don't understand why I'm not up there."

One person said, "Batman,

I've gone to the event centre and stuck up my own version," which presumably has been taken down now. Local businessman Jim Dodunski has offered to put up some recognition of James boxing achievements on the wall of the Club Hotel.

James' wife Kelly said, "I've also been approached by a lot of people over the June 9 article who think James should be up on the Honours Board and can't understand why he's not."

The several boxing events James and Kelly organised raised a lot of money for a charity, the Little Fighters Trust. This Trust raises money to help families with

youngsters who have life-threatening illnesses. Sarah Silver, Deputy Chairperson (and founding member) of the Little Fighters Trust said that almost \$20,000 was raised at the several boxing events, held at Sandfords. She said particular families were chosen by her Trust to receive financial help. She declined to comment on whether James should be included on the Honours Board but did say, "James has put a huge effort into supporting his community and his chosen sport."

James and Kelly feel disappointed that they have heard nothing further from the Trust and would like to do so.

Taranaki Indoor Bowls results

Recently the Taranaki Junior Singles Indoor Bowling competition was completed.

After section play the qualifiers were Todd Soothill, Rebecca Schrader, and Nicole Bennett.

In the semi final Nicole defeated Todd 15-9. In the final Nicole and Rebecca had a very close game and the scores were locked together after eight ends,

but Nicole scored on two of the last three ends to win the title 10-8. We wish Nicole good luck at the National playoffs.

The Taranaki Indoor Open triples was played at the Kapuni Hall on Sunday June 25. After section play there were eight qualifiers.

In the semi finals Denis Brehent (skip) Ross Wright (two) and Pauline Brehent (lead) defeated Manu Unka

(skip) Brian Lyle (two) and Bruce Chapman (lead) 11-2, and Karl Hughes (skip) Andrea Berry (two) and Nigel Berry (lead) defeated Bevan Coleman (skip) Neil Vince (two) and Tyler Gullery (lead) 7-5.

In the final Karl's team made a good start but then Denis's team played very good bowls to score points on six ends in succession and eventually went on to win the close match and the title by 8-6.

The Taranaki selector Gordon Hamley has named the following teams to play the challenge trophy at the Stratford Memorial Hall on July 8-9. Don Semple, Gordon Hamley, Trevor Bourne, Ella Smailes (reserve), Jenny Hamley, Bevan Coleman, Karl Hughes, David Brunton, Ray Finlay, Arthur Podjursky, Wayne Cameron, Andrea Berry, Jane Augustine, Winnie Finlay, Nigel Berry, Bari Olliver.

Ray Finlay

Manaia Golf results

June 23. Men's results. Colin Sharp Memorial. Two man Ambrose. 1. C. Andreoli and K. Young (nett 57.5). 2. S. Jones and J. Ngere (59.5). 3. C. Jones and M. Sharp (55). Junior results. 1. Kieran Taylor. Ambrose. 1. PGA. 2. Ball Champs.

June 30. Men's competition.

Nett. J. Ngere 71. M. Graham 73. S. Jones 75.

Juniors results. Chipping. 1. Kieran Taylor. 2. Jackson Reader. 3. Joe Gibson. Chip and Putt. 1. Ryan Wickstead, Joe Gibson, Jackson Reader. Kieran Taylor. 2. Zoe Reader. Obstacle Mini Putt. 1. Joe Gibson.

Hawera Target Shooters

Although shooting was of a high standard no hundreds were shot. The best result would have to be first time shooter on grouping cards Tatiana Rangi with 96gr, 97gr. Scores were:

P. Mills 86.0, 83.1,

Tatiana Rangi 96gr, 97, D. Rangi 88.2, 92.2, H. Andreoli 97.6, 98.5, 94.3, C. Burr 94.2, 96.2, B. Cameron 99.6, 99.6, F. Eustace 98.7, 98.7, 97.3, S. Gooding 96.5, 98.4, Held at the Hub in Hawera

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This week's shooting challenge

This week's challenge was a double header against Manawatu (Marauders) and Waikato (Thoroughbreds) for round 4 of the national Districts champs. It was always going to be a tough mountain to climb. Taranaki (Tigers) were missing some of their better shooters which made it even tougher. Although the team shot well the tigers fell to better teams on the night. Open Team: S. Gooding 298.20, A. Fake 298.16, D.

Gibson 296.18, G. Rowlands 296.13, P. Tidswell 295.19, C. Clealand 294.13, B. Moratti 291.11, G. Moratti 290.13, R. Hine 289.13, T. Jupp 289.8, Composite Squad: B. Cameron 298.23, B. Moratti 295.17, H. Andreoli 290.6, C. Bramley 288.8, C. Burr 287.10 Junior Squad: A. Stuart 190.6, M. Michel 186.2, M. Peters 182.4, Team total 4952.220.

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Cottage Resthome update

Thank you to all those who attended our public meeting at the same time the Hurricanes were defending the Cake Tin against the British and Irish Lions.

Cottage Trust Chairman Darrell Hickey was humbled by the support shown from the community, when for the second time in the Cottage's 26 year history, there has been a drop off in residents. With the new Equity Wage Bill coming into force on July 1, this means our wage bill will be increasing in excess of \$1k per week which is not covered by the increase in daily rates of the beds as set by legislation, regardless of private or subsidised occupants. Our occupancy is currently at 63 per cent. Ideally we need to get another five beds occupied to remain sustainable. It is imperative that our care is not compromised with lack of staffing. We believe we are currently providing at the safest minimum level. Therefore it is important that the Cottage has the financial support from our community to enable the doors to remain open and that the 14 people currently residing with us are able to stay, as it is their homes in their chosen community in the first instance, and a place of employment for our local people in the second instance.

Under the current management structure at the Cottage, with Anne Woods as the Facility Manager, and Sandra Deegan as Clinical Manager, the day to day operations are operating extremely well with very good communication channels to CoastalCare, the Hospice and Taranaki Base Hospital. Each day we are seeing improvements in the business management including budgeting, particularly with the voluntary help from Bob Clark who retired to Opunake about eight months ago. Bob has extensive experience as a corporate accountant manager and also assisting small groups to achieve large projects in the community, much like Coastal Taranaki has done, with our more recent projects being Sandfords Event Centre, Everybody's Theatre and Coastal Care.

Following on from the public meeting, pledged monies can now be banked in the TSB. The account details are –

Opunake Districts Rest Home Trust
Opunake Branch TSB
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Please ensure your name is in the description so that it can be traced and a receipt issued. This money is not going directly into our Operating Account so that it can be managed appropriately. Our

projected forecast with current occupancy rate and new legislation is that we need to find \$100k to remain operating until we achieve the 95 per cent occupancy. As we know, the Cottage

is a unique environment in the elderly care system. Where else can you go to the same place that you came into the world to spend your remaining years before leaving the world? Plus ,

with a very low turnover of staff, and the majority of the residents being there because they just found normal day to day living a struggle with their old bones wearing down and living in

solitude, but still very much alive and now enjoying the company and environment of the Cottage and all of its visitors, and readily sharing memories with each other. We have people that have

been in our care for over 11 years and still staying with us.

Our AGM will be held at Sandfords Event Centre, on Tuesday July 18 at 7pm.

Lynda Corkill, Trust Member

Opunake Lakeside Lions



Opunake Lakeside Lions President Louise Knapman presents Foodbank Coordinator Aretha Lemon with a \$500 donation.



President Louise presents Everybody's Theatre Committee members Debbie Campbell and Aretha Lemon with a \$1000 donation, to go towards their stage lighting upgrade.



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Type 4		Like a sausage or snake, smooth and soft
Type 5		Soft blobs with clear-cut edges
Type 6		Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool
Type 7		Watery, no solid pieces. Entirely liquid

1-2 indicates constipation and we recommend an increase in fibre, hydration and magnesium

3-4 indicates ideal stools which are easier to pass

5-7 shows loose stools, indicative of an irritated gastro intestinal tract. We recommend digestive enzymes, an increase in fibre and avoiding wheat

There are many functions of the liver; some include breakdown of food for absorption, protein production, detoxification, storage of vitamins, minerals and the breakdown of red blood cells. With all these functions a good healthy bowel is paramount to our health. If we eat three times a day we should have a bowel motion three times a day, if not the toxins accumulate.

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OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meeting 1st MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 5.30PM
Hughsons & Associates Boardroom at the
Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier St, Opunake
(opposite the CoastalCare Medical Centre)



Coastal Taranaki Health Trust
CoastalCare

A.G.M.

17 July 2017, 5.30pm at the CoastalCare
Community Lounge. All welcome.

Coastal Community Transport

A.G.M

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Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month.
Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays.
Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays.

Opunake Catholic Church
SUNDAY 8.30 am at Pungarehu (St Martins),
10am at Opunake (Our Lady Star Of The Sea).

Other areas

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Environmental Awards

Taranaki has a great environment

Let's celebrate the efforts of the many individuals, community groups, iwi, businesses, farmers, educators, and organisations that are supporting and improving our environment.

Nominations close Wednesday 23 August 2017

Information and nomination forms are available at
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Or contact:

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The five categories are:

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Opunake Cottage Rest Home
Annual General Meeting
 to be held at
 the Stevenson's Lounge
 Sandfords Event Centre
 7.00pm, Tues. 18th July 2017
 All Welcome

RE: COLIN AND JAMES WILLIAMS, FORMER OWNERS OF THE RAHOTU STORE FROM 1950-1970.

Kim Beaumont would love to get hold of any photos and stories from 1950 -1970 of her Grandparents. Please if you can help , bring them into the Opunake & Coastal News so that they can be passed on to her.

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Our next issue is due out July 21

What's On Listings



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 For more information phone: 06 7591363
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OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meet on the 1st Monday of each month.

OPUNAKE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

First Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

SCHNITZEL NIGHT

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PERCY THOMSON ART GALLERY EXHIBITION

June 30 to July 23. Moments of Inertia. See advert for details.

THE VILLAGE GALLERY ARTFUL FRENZY

Fabulous Fibres - an exhibition of Fibre Art and Wearables July 3 to 28. See advert for details

HEADLANDS RESTAURANT AND CAFE

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OPUNAKE LIONS CASUALTY CALF COLLECTION

Starts July 11. See advert for details.

PIHAMA LAVENDER GROWERS AND MAKERS MARKET DAY

Sunday July 16. see advert for details.

COASTAL HEALTH TRUST AGM

July 17 at 5.30pm at the CoastalCare Community Lounge

COASTAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORT AGM

July 18 at 10am at the CoastalCare Community Lounge

OPUNAKE COTTAGE REST HOME AGM

Sandfords Event Centre July 18. see advert for details.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC DUO - POLYTROPOS

Celtic music at 4th Wall Theatre, New Plymouth. Saturday July 22. See advert for details.

POWERWORX OPUNAKE CUP DAY AT NEW PLYMOUTH

Pukekura Raceway, July 22. See advert for details.

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Fabulous Fibres on show at The Village Gallery.

What is a 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' doing in the window of The Village Gallery?

Answer: Creative Fibre Groups from Central and South Taranaki are holding a combined exhibition during July. The caterpillar in question has been created by members of the Stratford Creative Fibre Group over a six month period.

Members knitted or wove one metre-long strips which were joined together to form the body.

The whole 'beast' is three metres long and would happily grace a child's room or kindergarten.

The 'Fabulous Fibres' exhibition is a showcase of the group's work, and demonstrates the wider range of skills the Creative Fibre members achieve. Over 100 items range from hand spun, hand knitted items to woven and felted pieces.

Felt is no longer the heavy fabric of the past, but nowadays using merino wool and silk fabric,



The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

gorgeous light garments can be produced.

Bernice Mitchell has an eye-catching outfit on display using this technique. Her outfit was recently accepted for the National Fashion Parade in Christchurch.

Woven items show a wide range of techniques also.

The Yarn Weavers group recently held a workshop in Saori weaving (a form of Japanese freestyle weaving).

Pieces from this workshop are on display, along with new creations using this technique.

There are no rules and no formal patterns in this style of weaving, so it has big appeal for new weavers.

Bill Hunt of Waverley recently had his crocheted rug on display at the Christchurch Festival.

Titled 'The Garden Wall,' it is created with a block of natural wool, some hand spun.

During the exhibition, informal workshops will be held by Creative Fibre Members.

The public are invited to come and view the exhibition the month at Wharehuia Community Trust (Stanley Rd School); Creative Needle Felting (July 22).

The groups involved in this display meet as follows; Wharehuia Trust; Stratford/Eltham Creative Fibre Group,

Tuesday of the Month, Presbyterian Supper room Argyle St, Hawera.

Fabulous Fibres runs till July 28 at The Village Gallery, High St Eltham. Opening hours 10am -3pm Monday to Saturday.



This colourful outfit was created by Bernice Mitchell.

Pihama Lavender Market Day



Take a trip out to Pihama Lavender Growers and Makers Market on Saturday 16th of July. Pihama Lavender hold Monthly Market Days and also exhibit works for sale by local artists. Located in a refurbished Dairy Factory it is the ideal spot for functions and festivals call in and take a tour of the gorgeous gardens while you are there.

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Animal attractions



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Top premier thoroughbred race meeting Opunake Cup



Some Opunake locals enjoy the Hospitality at Pukekura Raceway

The best North Island winter gallopers will compete at the Powerworx Opunake Cup Day at New Plymouth on

Saturday, July 22nd
Carey Hobbs, CEO of the Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing at Pukekura Park,

says this Premier meeting always attracts really good crowds of racing enthusiasts from all over the North Island.

Serious gamblers can join the ever-popular Punters' Club and participants must register For more information contact the Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing office on 06 - 7575759.

The first race time is 12.25pm.

Coastal race-goers can travel in a bus from Opunake to the races in New Plymouth. Members travel is free There is a charge for for non-members\$10. Contact Don Kettlewell on 0277618362 for more information.



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Champion granddads to two teenagers



From left, Sam Mc Neil and Blossom Eiffe.

Grandparents make an incredible contribution to our lives. Their influence can help shape us into well-rounded, balanced, and respected adults. In this article, I'm focusing on two champion Granddad's who regularly turn up each fortnight to the Opunake Music Workshops to support the musical interests of their teenage grandkids, Blossom Eiffe, and Sam Mc Neil.

Motivated, active, engaged, involved, these Granddads are very much appreciated and respected. They possess a strong desire for their younger, less-experienced counterparts

to find their own personal joy in doing whatever brings them fulfilment; in this case it happens to be music. They encourage them to use their creative gifts to better their own lives, and the lives of everyone around them. Above all, they show unconditional love.

If they could do only one thing for them, it would be to help them be strong in spirit and make their way in life with kindness and compassion. Worth their weight in gold, these Granddads are teaching by example, by being excellent role models. They demonstrate

good karma, patience, tolerance, acceptance, reliability, and life skills such as dependability, and

the importance of keeping one's word. An integral part of 'raising the child' puzzle, they are a fantastic nurturing influence. They listen, share their worldly knowledge of situations and outcomes, good & bad. They're able to discuss pertinent matters, such as: drugs, sex, bullying, all that stuff that did exist when I was a child, but not as prevalent.

Always close by, these Granddads serve as something of an anchor for the family. Since birth, they've been there, and you can see the wonderful rapport they have with them. Proud as punch, they enjoy watching them develop and grow, as they participate with older musicians and benefit from the musical experience of the evenings. Keeping up with technology, a small video camera is often seen

capturing footage of each performance, so as not to miss any special moments.

It's not the amount of time you spend with children that counts, but the quality of that time. Grandparents help us grow up with self-confidence, without arrogance; with courage, but without foolhardiness; and with the capacity to love without becoming obsessed with anything or anyone. They help us to learn, to take risks, to fall down, but to always get back up on that horse. Most of all, they teach us to leave the world a better place, and provide a beacon of hope, and the inspiration to make the world a kinder place.

When all others fail, Grandad is there to support and guide with a lifetime of experience. Observing these two teenagers being

chaperoned regularly by their respective grandfathers shows that love, caring and encouragement is the greatest silent, but obvious gift, second to none. These teenagers are so lucky to have such unconditional support. My utmost admiration to Paul and Peter for supporting Blossom and Sam on their musical journey.

All musicians are welcome to join us, as we work toward future concerts. The next Opunake Music Workshop meeting is at 7:30pm, Tuesday July 11 at the new venue, CoastalCare - Community Lounge, 26 Napier Street, Opunake (opposite Opunake & Coastal News). Please bring along your \$2 coin, which will be donated to the CoastalCare Trust.

Anne Montgomery

Calling Taranaki's environmental heroes

It's time to think about who deserves recognition as one of Taranaki's environmental heroes.

Nominations have opened for the Taranaki Regional Council's annual Environmental Awards, which recognise those who protect and enhance the region's environment. Council Chairman David MacLeod says award-

winners are always great examples of the Taranaki 'get on and do it' attitude.

"The awards celebrate the fact that the region's generally good-quality environment is the result of hard work across all sectors of the Taranaki community," he says.

"They highlight the importance of sound environmental stewardship,

and give Taranaki the opportunity to celebrate its environmental achievers."

The Council has presented 249 environmental awards since the programme began in 1993, with awards made in five categories: Te taiao me te pakihi - Environmental leadership in business, Environmental leadership in dairy farming,

Environmental leadership in land management, Environmental action in the community, and Environmental action in education..

An online nomination form is available on the Council website, www.trc.govt.nz. Nominations close on August 23 and the awards will be presented in October.

Collage exhibition approaching milestone

How time really does fly. We're past mid-winter, and the top of the world is past mid-summer. Round and round, and still the politics goes on? There is a new exhibition on the Virtual Tart website at www.tart.co.nz

Assemblages and paintings by Nikki Romney of Nelson, New Zealand. Well worth a look, a very talented artist. And gosh, the 19th International Collage Exhibition/Exchange is getting so close. The deadline of August 20 will have to be

strict this year (I have to take an exhibition up north, it's all a bit hectic). Nineteen artists are in already, and a lot more have said they're on the way. As early as you can please. It makes my life easier and I thank you for it. ICE19. Gosh. Who'd

have thought we'd keep going for nineteen years? Can we make it to twenty do you think? Keep on keeping on. Smile when you can.

Dale Copeland

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On Thursday June 22, both Steve and Lynda Corkill, winged their way to Wellywood as representatives of the Coastal Taranaki Health Trust (CTHT).

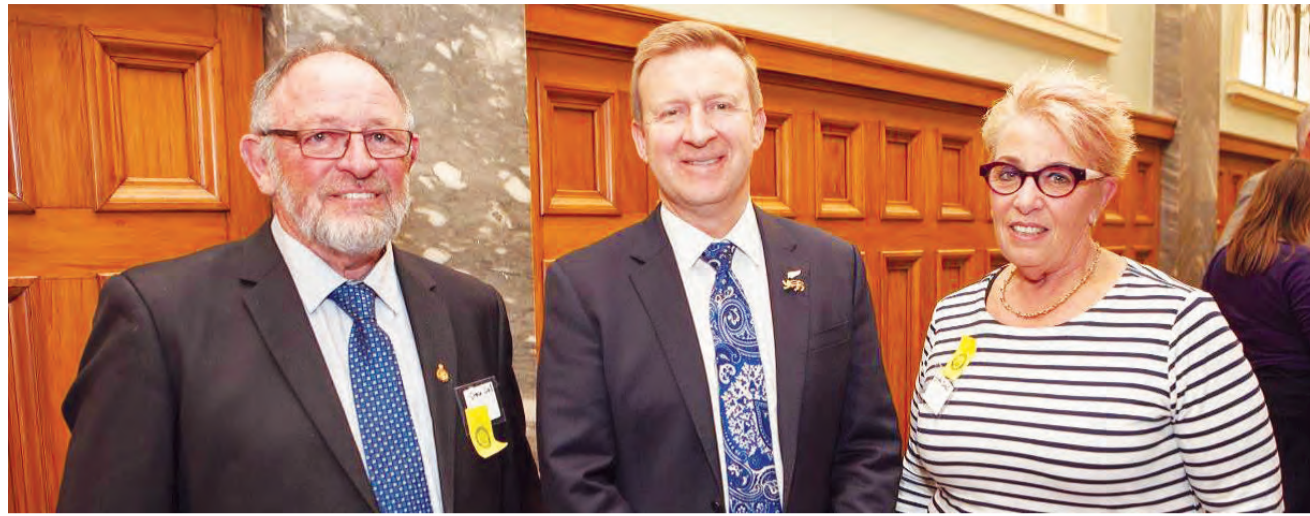
you could see Steve looking suave in his suit and Lynda looking lovely in her dress.

They looked fantastic as they received a Special Recognition Letter for their work in creating the health and community hub known as CoastalCare, which is now home to 18 health, 7 community and one emergency services.

The Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman, Minister of Health, invited the Coastal Taranaki Health Trust to attend the 2017 Minister of Health Volunteer Awards.

Congratulations to Coastal Taranaki Health Trust Trustees, you deserve your award for all you have done for Coastal Taranaki.

This was held in the Grand Hall at Parliament Buildings and if you looked closely at TVOne news that night



From left Steve Corkill, the Minister of Health Jonathan Coleman and Lynda Corkill at Parliament Buildings in Wellington.

Welcoming Aretha Lemon



From left, Aretha Lemon, and Debbie Campbell.

Everybody's Theatre Trust is very pleased to welcome Aretha Lemon as its part time Facility Manager. Aretha has been a volunteer with Everybody's Theatre since early 2016 and started working with the Trust in June this year. The popularity of Everybody's Theatre has increased as well as the bookings for extra events, so by having a Facility Manager part time to take care of the management of the building, health and

safety and other "business as usual" activities, other members of Everybody's Theatre Trust will have more time on their hands for the creative side of planning and holding events. Maree and Debbie will be having

a well-earned break for July and August and the Theatre will be left in the very capable hands of the hard-working Trust members and Aretha for this time. Watch this space for some great events coming up at the theatre in the future.

Promote your events in the
OPUNAKE & COASTAL
NEWS



CoastalCare Health and Community Centre

CoastalCare offers for hire, quiet, private, well-appointed room's for meetings, training opportunities & social gatherings. This will seat up to 60 people or it has the flexibility to be divided into two smaller rooms. The facilities include a lounge area & kitchenette for self-service of coffees and tea

Some of the regular services we currently have running are:

LISA KEEN - AUDIOLOGY

Every 2nd Wednesday hearing evaluation, hearing aid assessment, ACC hearing evaluation and complimentary hearing checks.

TAYLOR DENTAL PRACTICE

Offering full dental services every Thursday.

ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC

every Thursday afternoon

SURFSIDE MIDWIFERY - JO LOCKTON

supporting you from conception until baby is 6wks old - home visits & clinics as needed

TAI CHI - NIGEL CLIFFE

every Thursday, 9am-10am, low impact exercise all welcome, gold coin donation.

FOODBANK

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm, providing basic food parcels for those in need.

BUDGET ADVICE

advice and assistance with budgets and finances, every second Wednesday.

TARANAKI PODIATRY

every 3rd Tuesday - specialised foot care for all ages in clinics

HAUMIRI MASSAGE

Every 1st Thursday

COUNSELLING

Various providers and various specialties including, relationships, drugs, alcohol, quit smoking, change support, family violence and anger management

DAIRY NZ

once a month course - delivers industry training to those in the Dairy Industry

PLUNKET MUMS COFFEE GROUP

Every 2nd Thursday 10am-11am. All mums welcome.

COASTAL PRINTERS

Wednesday and Friday 9am - 5pm, on other days orders can be made at reception.

Also permanently residing in the building are:

OPUNAKE PHARMACY

OPUNAKE MEDICAL CENTRE

ST. JOHNS AMBULANCE - PLUNKET

HEALTH BOARD SERVICES.



CONTACT: ARETHA, MANAGER, on 761 8488

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Lollies, Popcorn, Ice-creams, Chocolate bars, Coffee & Tea For Sale	Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free Senior Citizens \$8. No Eft-Pos																				
 PECKING ORDER NZ Documentary 84mins PG Course language Feathers will be ruffled. The unusual world of competitive chicken breeding between Kiwi farmers is revealed in this comedic documentary. Wednesday 5 July 1pm	 VICEROY'S HOUSE Drama, Historical 1hr 46mins M Content may disturb Hugh Bonneville and Gillian Anderson star in this historical drama set during the Partition of India. In 1947, Lord Mountbatten (Bonneville) assumes the post of last Viceroy. Wednesday 5 July 7pm Sunday 9 July 7pm Saturday 15 July 7pm																				
 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN Action, Adventure, Comedy, Blockbuster 2hrs 9mins M Supernatural themes & violence Johnny Depp returns as bumbling pirate Captain Jack Sparrow in Disney's latest swashbuckling adventure. Friday 7 July 7pm Saturday 8 July 1pm Sunday 16 July 7pm Wednesday 19 7pm	 BAYWATCH Comedy 1hr 56mins R13 Violence, offensive language & sexual themes Devoted lifeguard Mitch Buchannon butts heads with a brash new recruit. Together, they uncover a local criminal plot that threatens the future of the Bay. Saturday 8 July 7pm Wednesday 12 7pm Friday 14 July 7pm																				
 MY PET DINOSAUR Action, Science Fiction, Kids & Family 1 hr 7 mins PG Coarse language Jake finds it increasingly difficult to keep his new pet a secret. Monday 10 July 1pm Wednesday 12 July 1pm	 TRANSFORMERS: THE LAST KNIGHT Action, Adventure, Science Fiction, Blockbuster PG-13 Humans and Transformers are at war, Optimus Prime is gone. Saving our world falls upon the shoulders of an unlikely alliance: Cade Yeager; Bumblebee; an English Lord; and an Oxford Professor. Saturday 15 July 1pm Wednesday 19 July 1pm Saturday 22 July 7pm																				
 DESPICABLE ME 3 Action, Adventure, Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family, Science Fiction 1hr 36min PG Gru faces off against Balthazar Bratt, a former child star who grows up to become obsessed with the character he played in the '80s, and gets into some sibling rivalry when he meets his long lost twin brother, Dru. Monday 17 July 1pm Saturday 22 July 1pm	 WONDER WOMAN Action, Adventure, Blockbuster 2hrs 21mins M: Violence Before she was Wonder Woman, she was Diana, princess of the Amazons, trained to be an unconquerable warrior. Fighting alongside man in a war to end all wars, Diana will discover her full powers... and her true destiny. Friday 21 July 7pm Sunday 23 July 7pm																				
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Talented duo perform Celtic music

Young Wellington musicians Oscar West and Rennie Pearson join together as the duo Polytropos to share the time honoured traditions of Celtic music with New Zealand.

Polytropos is an Ancient Greek word, used in the Odyssey by Homer to describe Odysseus.

It means 'many faces' or 'many tricks and turns'. A description that fits the music of multi-instrumentalists Oscar and Rennie.

Played on 18th century wooden flute, fiddle, smallpipes, guitar, low whistles and vocals, this dynamic show will take you on a journey into the musical minds of two very talented musicians.

Both Oscar and Rennie have travelled to the source; Rennie having apprenticed with wooden flute master Chris Norman in Nova Scotia Canada as well as travelling through Ireland, and Oscar having travelled the UK playing music in England, Ireland and also his birthplace Scotland.

From beautiful slow airs and songs, to foot stomping jigs, reels and everything in between this will be a very special evening not to be missed.

4th Wall Theatre, New Plymouth

Sat 22nd July 7:30pm

\$20, tickets available at:

<http://www.4thwalltheatre.co.nz/onat4thwall/whats-on/polytropos.html>



Brooklands Zoo



Traditional Music Duo: Polytropos



(Rennie Pearson and Oscar West)

Mesmerizing traditional music from Ireland, Scotland and the world. From beautiful slow airs and songs, to foot stomping jigs and reels, these young musicians will transport you into their own very unique musical realm through the sounds of the 18th century wooden flute, fiddle, smallpipes, guitar, Irish whistles and vocals.

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During School Holidays come along and visit the animals at Brooklands Zoo at Pukekura Park. Bring your family and friends and maybe a picnic for a great day at the zoo and say hello to the alpacas.

Come along to the New Plymouth Todd Energy Aquatic Centre these school holidays. The hydro slides will be closed for maintenance but there are still lots of fun things to do with the wave machine, inflatables, rope swing and climbing wall all operating.

Aquatic fun these holidays



New Plymouth's only combined gym and swim facility

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