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Phil Kingsley-Jones, entertaining at the Oaonui Water Scheme centenary celebrations.

## Oaonui Water Board's centennial commemorated

A special celebration marking the centenary of the Oaonui Water Board was attended by over a hundred people including the South Taranaki mayor, who enjoyed a sit down dinner at the Opunake Golf Club. Adding to the eminent occasion was the illustrious guest speaker, Phil Kingsley-Jones who managed the late great Jonah Lomu.

A book written by Kathryn Stanley from Oaonui which traces the history of the Oaonui Water Scheme was also launched at the celebration. The 57 page soft covered book has lots of fascinating old photos as well as some humorous poems penned by Kathryn herself. As well as being an entertaining read, the book is an interesting record of the Oaonui district through the lens of the local water scheme which provides water to 83 farmers.

Commented South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop who spoke at the centenary event "I thought it would be a little bunch of farmers in a room. What an occasion."

He then went on to acknowledge "those original settlers of 100 years ago who thought we needed a water scheme. They were ahead of their time." Putting the age of the scheme into historical perspective, the mayor noted the Oaonui Water Scheme was founded during the First World War when "people were fighting overseas." He went on to commend Kathryn for her book. "I see lots of centennial booklets. That's up with the best," he said adding that "the photos and the stories are really interesting."

The mayor also in a joke against his Council who used to own the scheme said, tongue in cheek, he sensed the sadness in

the room that the South Taranaki District Council are no longer the owners.

A farmer himself, Mayor Dunlop clearly related to the farmers need for water and remarked that he pays \$2 a metre for his water. Those on the Oaonui Water Scheme pay just 16 cents a cubic metre.

"You don't know how lucky you are. You keep it. Don't let the Council get involved," he said to laughter.

Kathy Stanley who next spoke was introduced by her husband Ron, Chairman of the Oaonui Water Scheme, who set the tone of her amusing speech by saying "There was no pillow talk involved in this book".

Kathy used to be a journalist on the now defunct Auckland Star (and also founded the Opunake News as it was then known) said it had taken two years to write the book.

"This book is all about you and your farming



Kathy Stanley, who has written a book on the Oaonui Water Scheme's history.

families," she said addressing those gathered.

She said she interviewed many people "who gave me photos, we had great chats" but

added she "couldn't possibly include everything." They had to keep to a budget.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Opinions by Adelphos**

Whilst the opinion pieces by Adelphos do give rise to inner reflection, they would bear more weight if the information imparted were to be accurate.

In the O&C News of 27/10/2017 Adelphos states (sic), “Today in New Zealand workers have the lowest wages in all the OECD countries but they are working longer hours so the books look good.”

This statement is so grossly incorrect that one could be forgiven for thinking that it is political propaganda (Jacindamania) at its worst, rivalling that given by US, UK et al for invading Iraq in 2003.

The OECD statistics pertinent as at 15 May 2015 give the following information for *net* minimum wages. These comparative figures relate to a 40-hour week and take due consideration of tax and purchasing parity – in other words, they relate to a common base and show the truth of the situation.

Of the 34 OECD countries listed. New Zealand is in 7th position behind, in descending order, Australia, Luxembourg, Belgium, Ireland, France and Netherlands – but ahead of Germany, Canada, UK and US. Mexico is lowest.

Although these statistics are two years old, they will not have changed much and give a very good indication of the order of the OECD countries for minimum wages. New Zealand is nowhere near being the lowest – it is among the highest.

*John Patterson  
Oakura*

*Adelphos replies. Thank you, John, for your interest and thoughtful economic analysis. Apologies that I didn’t give a source re the above sentence written just before our most memorable election week. This provoca-*

*tive line actually came from the moustached economist and leader of the TOP party during the election campaign; he rejected the high OECD ranking. And he cited as proof, among others factors, our ever increasing working hours and migrants being unethically paid below the minimum wage to drive real wages down. He sincerely believed that New Zealand workers had the lowest real wages in all the OECD despite our high ranking. Just one opinion among the many parties. They all religiously seem to believe their opinions/party propaganda are based on facts to “...show the truth of the situation” as you say. I hope that clarifies for readers and thanks again for your thoughts.*

**James on the comeback trail**

If James Langton is making a comeback and has been in training for about five weeks into the professional boxing arenas I am extremely pleased for him as he has boxed for three and a half years with 16 fights.

It seems two years ago in December he fought Iseleli Fa over 10 rounds and lost, but now very shortly on December 9 James will have a rematch fight against the same boxer at Hawera’s Hub under the Professional Boxing Association in which I hope this time he can knock him out, forcing him to retire.

James has been training for about five weeks. He’s beginning to feel more energised and being able to move naturally around the ring which is a good sign, and should he win it will then show the Sandfords Sports Trust just how good he really is.

It becomes a matter of pacing one self and having that self belief which all stems from always thinking positive and being able to out box one’s opponent.

So James, good luck my friend as I do believe this time around you will go to the top in boxing with always having a positive and good preparation, and keep saying to yourself, I am the greatest boxer of all time, like Muhammed Ali used to say

*Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth*

**Apology / Correction 1**

In our November 10 issue stallholder Ian Hitch’ name was misspelt in the story entitled ‘Home Sewn packs them in’ (pages 12-13). We apologise for this error.

**Apology / Correction 2**

We apologise for an error in the November 10 issue. In the story ‘Opunake Market Day packs a punch’ on page 7, Trish Anderson’s surname was incorrect. Trish was one of the Yarn Bomb Committee.

**ADELPHOS**

Here’s a riddle for you: Most people don’t know the meaning of this word, yet, it often drives the values and morals of much of NZ society and the Western world. It is expressed in art, TV, music, novels, medicine and even influences our churches. With the internet no one can escape its influence.

Answer: The word is *postmodern*—a fancy 20<sup>th</sup> century word which simply means a way of thinking where facts or absolute truths can’t be known for certain. A dictionary definition ironically defines it as “...undefinable yet considered to be true.” No wonder most people don’t know the meaning of the word. Any belief can be disputed; some postmodernists even say that the holocaust didn’t happen. The ten commandments become the six commandments and four suggestions. Postmodernism’s first cousin is *post-truth* which is the Oxford Dictionary 2016 word of the year. It means that emotional persuasion is more important than objective facts in shaping public opinion. Over 50 post-truth fake news sites invade our news, facebook and emails daily offering us different versions of post-truth realities.

**The big riddle**

Sociologists and theologians around the globe also say we are living in a *post-Christian* world since the 1960’s. In New Zealand churches are emptying because of the increasing disbelief in the truths in God’s word. Kiwi church attendance has plummeted and church buildings have been demolished or recreated into houses, cafes or lovely novelty shops.

But how did we arrive at our present postmodern/post-truth/post-Christian predicament of abandoning truth? Here are three basic reasons:

Firstly, many writers mention the 19<sup>th</sup> century self-proclaimed agnostic biologist Charles Darwin and his book *The Origin of Species*. Ironically, in this book, he avoided any scientific explanation of the origin of *homo sapiens* (humans). Funny that, eh? Why? Because his so called “scientific” idea was that we evolved by a series of non-observable random changes over “millions and millions” of years. He borrowed this millions and millions of years idea from his geological mate, Ernst Haeckel (a fervent atheist who tried dating the age of earth). Science, not God’s creative Spirit in Genesis chapter 1, explained the origin of all life. By the 20<sup>th</sup> century bible believing Christians were thought to be either stupid, ignorant or, worse yet, unscientific by an unbelieving “scientifically minded” society.

Secondly, and, ironically, theologians have contributed to the rise of postmodern/post-Christian/post-truth thinking and our understanding of truth. In an October 26, 2017 interview on SUNDAY on TVNZ 1, Rev. Dr. Lloyd Geering, New Zealand Presbyterian minister and theologian told us that God is dead and that “*God is hardly mentioned*” in the church he attends. In his writings the energetic 99 year old Sir Lloyd believes that God didn’t create us or the world, and *homo sapiens* evolved by chance over millions and millions of years (sounds a bit like Darwin or Haeckel, eh?). He writes that individuals can now create their own truth and everyone can do what is right in their own eyes. In his books Jesus was just another religious man who is still dead and buried and certainly not physically resurrected.

Thirdly, postmodernism’s second cousin is political correctness (or PC); many PC beliefs flow from a post-Christian/post-truth foundation that disbelieves in creation and biblical truths. They are often expressed with post-truth emotionalism as seen in Brexit and the USA elections. Absolute truths, like God, are now dead in some PC thinking. PC seems to be our new religion and morality in 2017.

With Darwin, Haeckel, Geering and Jesus as favourites in the truth derby, we might think carefully about the odds on any TAB bet. Only one winner here—no place or show in this race. This article has been about tracing how postmodern thinking has created a post-truth and post-Christian way of seeing the world, the bible and our ever changing morals and values. But lastly here’s the biggest riddle: Why does God have an immense love for those who doubt, deny or despise his existence? (Read John 3:16 for answer). Just something to chew the cud over.

**Postscript:** Oh yes, hot off the press, the opening prayer in Parliament this week removed references to the Queen and Jesus.

*Adelphos*



# Oaonui Water Board’scentennialcommemorated

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Kathy then read out one of her poems in the book, ‘The Farmers Lament’ which talks about a farmer whose paltry assets were “his cows and his false teeth.” Please remember that none of the poems bear any relation to people present she reassured the audience to laughter.

Various speakers followed including Oaonui Water Board member Allan Harvey who said of Ronnie, who had initially said he would be there for two years. “I think he’s done a fantastic job”.

Another Board member Lance Moir described the scheme as “The envy of a lot of water schemes anywhere”.

Then it was the turn of the guest speaker Phil Kingsley-Jones. The Welshman, a stand up comedian and professional entertainer who has worked alongside some big names such as The Beach Boys, Frankie Valli, Neil Sedaka and Cliff Richard began with some very funny quick fire jokes.



In the centre, cutting the Centennial Cake are Kath Stanley senior and Jean Roach. The Centennial Cake was made by Kath’s daughter-in-law Susie Stanley. At left is Ron Stanley, Chairman of the Oaonui Water Board and at right Bryan Roach, Deputy Chairman.

The Welshman who lives in Manurewa ,“the only place in New Zealand you can walk for six hours and never leave the scene of the crime” went on to poke fun at pretty much everyone including the Welsh and Scots .”I’m not saying the Scots are mean. They only breathe in,” he said. “You know how the Grand Canyon was formed. A Scotsman lost a penny in a hole.”

On a more serious note, he then went on to give a fascinating and at times moving account of how he came to manage New Zealand rugby’s biggest star, Jonah Lomu and of their ups and downs during the 14 years he was his manager and mentor.

He always wanted to be with me, he said of Jonah Lomu who he first met when he was a 13 year old student at Wesley College.

Though he became a star sportsman,” he said. , in the early days Jonah had said to him “I need a career”. “It took me three weeks to prepare him for an interview,” said Phil. Through all his

subsequent huge sporting successes “I never saw him as excited as when he got a job at the ASB Bank.”

At one stage he got dropped from the All Blacks and went on to play for the Bull Dogs. Phil went back to Wales. Jonah Lomu pleaded with him to come back “You either come back or I don’t play a game.” Said Phil “I had no choice.”

He spoke of the tough times, the rugby superstar’s health issues, when he went up to 38 stone and commented of the thrice married footballer’s complicated personal life, “He was a sucker for the women”.

“When he died we weren’t speaking,” said Phil concluding with a catch to his voice ”But I’ll always love him.”

It was a fascinating talk and a fitting conclusion to a memorable night.

The Oaonui Water Board book which retails at \$60 is available from Pastimes in Opunake or people can email Ronnie Stanley on ronstanley@xtra.co.nz



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## On this month in history

### Binding referendum on voting system

On November 6, 1993 a binding referendum was held in conjunction with the General Election. By 54% to 46% voters decided to replace the First Past the Post system to a proportional system. The alternative system decided upon was our current system namely MMP (Mixed member Proportional).

The previous year an

indicative ( non binding) referendum had also supported change with four options of proportional representational on offer.

In the General Election itself Jim Bolger’s National Party Government were returned with 50 seats to Labour’s 45. New Zealand First and Alliance each won two seats.

### Livingstone found

**On this month in history**  
On November 10, 1871 Henry Stanley came across Dr Livingstone, whom he was searching for and said the famous words, “Dr Livingstone, I presume.” The meeting happened in Tanzania beside Lake Tanganyika.

Dr Livingstone was a medical doctor, missionary and explorer (searching for the source of the Nile) and

had seemingly disappeared for years. No one had heard from him for five years. Stanley, a former soldier was a journalist in the employ of the New York Herald.

### Makybe Diva wins third Melbourne Cup

**On this month in history**  
On November 12, 2005 Makybe Diva, which was born in Britain but trained in Australia, became the first horse to win the Melbourne

Cup three times – 2003, 2004 and 2005. She also won the Cox Plate in 2005. When the mare retired in November 2005, she was the highest stakes-earner in



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# Where to now for Manaia War Memorial Hall?

The Manaia and District RSA are asking what the continued closure of the Manaia War Memorial Hall will mean for its own material still kept inside.

Until recent years the hall has always played a big part in the town's ANZAC Day commemorations. The dawn parade would always begin at the hall and make its way to the band rotunda. After the service it was always back to the hall for refreshments. With the hall having been declared an earthquake risk, the ANZAC

Day commemorations have begun and ended at the Robert Gibson Memorial rather than the War Memorial Hall for the last two years.

Due to the amount of work needed to upgrade and earthquake strengthen the building, the South Taranaki District Council has said it's investigating all options as to the hall's future, and work is being done on these before public consultation begins.

Meanwhile the Manaia and Districts RSA is asking what this means for the roll of honour inside the front door commemorating servicemen of two world wars, and wars in Korea, Vietnam and the Malayan Emergency. The RSA also has an honours board in the supper room listing office holders and life members. There is also a walk-in safe holding memorabilia from various groups and organisations in Manaia, says Manaia and District RSA president John



The Manaia War Memorial Hall remains closed.

Graham.

The Manaia RSA has around 60 members and the War Memorial Hall has always been important to them, he said. It had also had a lot of work done on it.

"Because it's the Manaia War Memorial Hall, the RSA in Manaia have put money into it and the people of Manaia have put money into it," says Mr Graham.

"Now we have to have another hall for ANZAC Day as they keep saying it's an earthquake risk. We

have used the Gibson Hall for two years, with the third one coming up next April, and they have done nothing. People come to us and ask us what's happening to the hall? We don't know. All we do is keep on and try to get answers from the Council. They have done the one in Hawera, we want something done here."

Last week he took his concerns to the last Egmont Plains Community Board meeting of the year, held in Manaia.

South Taranaki District Council engineering services manager Brent Manning said options to replace, rebuild or strengthen the hall included combining the town's library and hall into one complex. These were to come before the Council's Policy review committee, but subject to estimates they were going to be deferred until early next year. The hall wasn't in good order, but whatever memorials are in the hall would be honoured, he said.

Mr Manning was asked whether it would be feasible for the RSA to remove their honours boards from the building.

"There's always a risk of damage when it's removed," he said. "Provided there's not water dripping on it, the best place to leave it is where it is."

Deputy mayor Phil Nixon said the RSA and other groups would be involved in consultation.

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South Taranaki District Mayor, Ross Dunlop,

says he's very pleased to announce the appointment of Waid Crockett to the position of CEO for the South Taranaki District Council.

Mayor Dunlop says the standard of applicants for the position was extremely high.

"Waid has had 30 years of management experience in Local Government and other organisations in New Zealand and Australia.

"He has a strong reputation of working with people and building effective relationships at all levels," he says.

Waid is currently the General Manager (Chief Executive) of the Upper Hunter Shire Council, which is based in the Hunter Valley Region of New South Wales (NSW), Australia. There,



Waid Crockett

he has developed a good reputation within Local Government across NSW and in the Hunter Valley and is currently on a number of working parties with the NSW State Government.

Waid, who was born in Stratford, says he is looking forward to coming home to Taranaki with his wife Soraya, joining the community and working with the STDC team.

"I have some strong family connections across Taranaki and I'm delighted

and honoured to have been appointed to the role," says Waid.

"South Taranaki has a great lifestyle and is a spectacular part of NZ, all of which was a major attraction for us. This, along with the fantastic team that is already doing some great things for the community, makes this a really exciting opportunity and one I'm looking forward to."

Waid is starting his role at STDC in mid-January 2018.

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# Roy Donald - a man in a million

A special celebration was held in the Warea Hall on Monday November 20 for a special man Roy Donald. Until recently, he lived at 206 Warea Road (known fondly as Roy's Palace) - for all of 93 years before recently leaving to live in New Plymouth at Summerset Mountain View retirement village. Amongst the well-attended function were Roy's daughter Helen McFetridge, who lives in Upper Hutt and son Ian from New Plymouth. Sadly, Roy's wife Lilah passed away 23 years ago, "The worst thing that has ever happened to me," laments Roy.

A delicious luncheon was provided by members of the Warea community.

An excellent and often humorous keynote speech was given by Roy's neighbour of long standing Brian Beardmore, who was also a significant organiser of the special commemoration, along with others such as Belinda Sole, as well as Roy's family. Brian has lived on Warea Road since 1950, so the two



Roy Donald and picture of his Warea Road home.

men have been neighbours for 67 years. Roy is a humble man who wanted to leave the district without a fuss, but Brian had other plans! "Thank you Roy Donald for your support, friendship and dedication to our Warea district," said

Brian on behalf of the Warea community. Brian mentioned some of the organisations Roy has served including the Warea School Committee, and the Warea Home and School Association, Warea Co-op Dairy Company (as

swallowing copious amount of dust." These were the conventional bales the "weetbix ones." He spoke of the rigorous ploughing Roy had to do long before technology had made the job less strenuous.

He spoke of Roy's long term interest in beekeeping. Near the end of his speech Brian said, "Summerset will be the richer for your residing there." He concluded, "Thank you for all you have contributed to our Warea community and we wish you continued good health in your early retirement." Following this speech other people had their say, either as a brief speech

or one-to-one. Belinda Sole, another neighbour (since 2005) said, "He's wonderful, very kind, very interesting and interested."

Ian Donald referred to his father as "an amazing parent. Very good, in fact all you could ask for in a parent. He is an inspiration to everybody."

His daughter Helen said "He is a fantastic father. He is greatly supportive of everything we do." She mentioned activities such as tennis and being taken to the beach as a child

Belinda concluded on this note: "People like Roy are irreplaceable. He is one in a million and a treasure. I'm so privileged to know him."

RIGHT:

Brian Beardmore handing a gift to Roy.



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secured so that it cannot roll about. Before you disconnect your cylinder check to see that the valve is turned off, and never turn on the replacement cylinder until it is fully tightened. The changing of cylinders should be done outside with adequate ventilation, and in a cigarette-free zone. The last thing I wish to say about a gas barbeque is always have the cylinder attached to the trolley so that it cannot be knocked over.

Our 64<sup>th</sup> call out for 2017 came in on Thursday November 9 when a cow shed on the Lower Waiteika Road gave out a few sparks at the meter board. Luckily the owners were able to halt the fire with a fire extinguisher, so when we arrived, it was virtually a drive around the tanker track and back to the station. Well not quite. We checked over everything we could and all

else seemed to be in order, so then it was home time.

I can't stress the importance of having an extinguisher or two in a handy position to give yourself a chance of saving your possessions should the need arise. As quick as were are at responding, valuable minutes can tick by before we arrive and a lot of damage can be done in that time. It's too late once a fire starts to buy an extinguisher...get one now.

The fire alarm went off at Everybody's Theatre about 10 minutes before the end of Saturday's screening and the efficient staff managed to get all patrons out safely before we arrived. The panel board pointed to an area under the stage but nothing obvious was found. For some reason, this seems to be a problem area as we had been on a similar call out before.

The siren did sound at about 6:45 on Monday evening but it was only an exercise down at Middleton's Bay. The Police, St John's and our Fire Brigade joined forces to hone our skills when dealing with a motor vehicle accidents. The scenario created a lot of interest from freedom campers and locals who were intrigued by what we were up to.

A few of our brigade members attended the Taranaki Provincial Fire Brigade Association's fishing contest which was held at Waitara on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. The sun was shining but unfortunately, the fish had decided to stay away. The biggest thing that was caught by one of our team was a seagull, but there were no prizes for that catch. The seagull was untangled and is still roaming the Waitara foreshore.

*Secretary Beau*

## Opunake Country Music Club's new times for 2018



**Opunake Country Music Club in fine form featuring vocalist Nancy Muller (right).**

Just a general summary of our November Club Day, which was a great success. Our Guest Artist Nancy Muller was awesome. The songs she chose to sing, stage presence and her natural talent were enjoyed and appreciated by the many who came to enjoy

an afternoon of Country Music.

I must say our Opunake Town Hall is a wonderful venue for any musical event. The acoustics are exceptional and the floor is made for dancing. We need to use it if we want to keep it.

There is a wedding

reception in the Town Hall in December. Opunake Country Music Club is having its final afternoon for the year on December the third. (1pm to 4pm). Everyone is welcome, just come along to listen and enjoy.

Next year our Club will be having our country music

afternoons on the second Sunday of each month, starting on January 14. See you there.

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# Ritz band raises a storm in Opunake

The audience at Everybody's Theatre in Opunake on Sunday November 12 weren't disappointed as the Ritz Big Band entertained as only they can with emphasis on Glenn Miller and the Big Band era (1930s and 1940s). The 18 piece band leader is saxophone maestro Robin Wells. The band were scheduled to play from 2pm to 4pm, but gave value for money as they entertained the patrons well beyond that time. There was also a Latin America flavour to the concert with tastefully performed songs such as 'The Girl From Ipanema.'

Vocalist Mike Gordon didn't disappoint with some tuneful numbers such as 'Fly Me To the Moon' and 'When I Fall in Love'. To applause he quipped, "It's easy when you've got a great band backing you." Nearing the break he sang "kind of our theme song" 'Putting on the Ritz', a Cole Porter classic.

Unity Wara opened the



The Ritz Big Band featuring band leader Robin Wells on saxophone.

second half with accomplished finesse singing the Sinatra classic 'New York, New York' and 'Stormy Weather'. Mike joined her to perform enjoyable duets such as 'The

Lady is a Tramp' and 'Fever'. The last part of the concert was solely instrumental as Mike and Unity relinquished the stage. The band performed numbers including

'S'Wonderful' and 'In the Mood' - one of the highlights of the concert to my mind.

The event ended with Mike Gordon paying a tribute to Debbie Campbell and Maree Drought "without whom this concert would not have taken place."

The Ritz Big band are performing early in the New Year, so make sure you don't miss out.

More about that soon - watch this space.

Roland McKellar

# Russian Rendezvous a triumph

The union of the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra and the Bay of Plenty Symphonia last Saturday night at New Plymouth's Theatre Royal featuring three Russian composers, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov and acclaimed piano soloist Flavio Villani was a triumph.

And Taranaki turned out with almost a full house to witness the musical spectacle.

The first half was conducted by New Plymouth Orchestra's conductor Adam Jasinski.

First up was a short playful piece by Prokofiev, The Birth of Kije, which the players seemed to enjoy as much as the audience.

Next came Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor with soloist Flavio Villani. With its majestic introduction and its ethereal sequel, it is perhaps Tchaikovsky's best known work. It was a privilege to see a world class musician in Flavio Villani who gave a

brilliant performance. With the full orchestra echoing the soloist it was a breath taking musical experience enthusiastically received by the audience.

After interval came the more sedate Rachmaninov's Symphony No 2 in E minor conducted by Justus Rozemond (who previously played clarinet in the Taranaki Orchestra when living in Taranaki 16 years ago) from the Bay of Plenty Symphonia. The four movements began with the first two allegro movements followed by the exquisite third adagio movement which gained a wider audience when the dreamy theme inspired the 1970s hit Never Going to Fall in Love Again by Eric Carmen. (He had another smash hit with another Rachmaninov inspired piece All By Myself and was subsequently required to financially settle with Rachmaninov's estate ). The combined orchestra made the most of Rachmaninov's sumptuous strings and the

dreamlike melody of this third movement. The final allegro vivace movement was a change of pace and concluded the long second half of the two hour concert.

The New Plymouth orchestra a week later travels to Tauranga to repeat the programme, this time reversing the conductors with Adam Jasinski conducting the Rachmaninov and Justus Rozemond conducting the first half of the programme, so keen music buffs who missed the New Plymouth performance can still hear the concert if they head to Tauranga on Saturday night.

It was a wonderful collaboration of the two orchestras and a great opportunity for the out of town musicians who were billeted with fellow musicians to network.

Do come again Tauranga, we look forward with alacrity to your next visit.

Bernice McKellar

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# Senior appointment for New Plymouth MP

New Plymouth's MP Jonathan Young has been appointed to a senior Parliamentary role.

Jonathan Young has been elected to chair the influential Economic Development, Science and Innovation Select Committee.

The committee deals

with matters of business development, tourism, Crown minerals, commerce, consumer protection and trading standards, research, science, innovation, intellectual property, broadcasting, communications, and information technology.

Mr Young says many of those areas cross over with his work as New Plymouth MP, and as National's spokesperson for Energy and Resources, and he's expecting that experience to be of great use in his new position.

"I'm very pleased to head the committee and see that as recognition of Taranaki's broad and valuable contribution to the country."

In the last Parliamentary term, Mr Young was Private Secretary for Economic Development and he's previously been chair of both the Commerce and the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committees.

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# Balancing industry and environment

Environmental matters have been top of mind over the last two weeks as I settle into my role as the National Party's Energy and Resources Spokesperson. I've also been appointed Chair of the Economic Development, Science and Innovation select committee which scrutinises legislation on everything from mining and tourism, small business, consumer protection, to research, communications and information technology. These are responsibilities that fit well with an MP from Taranaki where we balance care for the environment alongside the need for our people to earn a living.

Balance is something I have been pondering over the proposed seismic survey off the coast of Taranaki. The survey will use soundwaves to look for potential oil and gas deposits. Greenpeace has ex-



JONATHAN YOUNG MP  
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

pressed concern at the potential for disturbance to whale and dolphin feeding patterns. That's been countered by the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association. PEPANZ says the sound levels are strictly regulated and independent observers are on-board to stop activity in the presence of marine mammals. The Department of Conservation have developed alongside the petroleum sector a Code of Compliance for seismic surveys that ensures

the best practices are in place to protect marine mammals. This code is currently under a planned review after four years of being in place.

The survey planned in the offshore Taranaki Basin is potentially important for our region and our country. Natural gas has half the carbon footprint of coal and remains a significant source of export revenue. While alternatives to fossil fuels are being developed we still need oil and gas and we always will, as nearly 50 per cent of oil is used for industrial and pharmaceutical purposes as well for transport, heating and power generation. New Zealand is highly environmentally aware and industries have developed great skill and care in extraction which lead the world.

Reconciling ecology and industry is a global challenge, but I'm confident that the

environment is top of mind in Taranaki and that others have much to learn from measures like the riparian planting and community involvement that goes on here. It is sometimes a contentious discussion though, so I urge you to make your own thorough investigations and discover for yourself how we stack up.

I am proud to represent all the people of New Plymouth electorate, from Opunake to Waitara. With Christmas fast approaching, my regular Opunake clinics have finished for the year, however I hope to see you at the annual Opunake Christmas parade. If you have an issue, an opinion or an idea you'd like to talk about, please call my office on 06 759 1363 or email me at newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz.

Jonathan Young

## Hangi a big success at CTS

A special hangi was held at Coastal Taranaki School on Wednesday November 15. The event celebrated 13 years of Coastal Taranaki School when the original Okato Primary School and Okato College were combined.



People being served the hangi feast at Coastal Taranaki School. Many volunteers served up the delicious food.

Everyone enjoyed the hangi food which included beef, chicken, pork, pumpkin, onions, as well as a vegetarian option. Volunteers were kept very busy in the kitchen serving the many hungry people.

Later, there was musical entertainment and the Kapa Haka teams performed some waiata to great applause. Ben was delighted at the

enthusiastic turnout of people and described the event generally as "absolutely outstanding." The community support, he considered, was "amazing" and he was "blown away." His final word? "It was of the best events we've ever had."

Well done to the many people who helped make this event so memorable.

Acting Principal Ben Naughton, in his keynote speech explained, "Thirteen may seem an unusual number to celebrate, but this year sees the completion of one whole school experience for a student, from entry to our new Coastal Taranaki School, built in 2005, through to graduation in Year 13 and onto the next chapter of life."

Following a visit by the then Minister of Education Trevor Mallard and high ranking education officials to consult with the community, a decision was made to merge the two existing schools. Ben spoke highly of the merger. "This model is excellent and provides a real opportunity to nurture and support our children, helping them to achieve their potential and supporting them through their learning journey. Ben urged visitors to talk to teachers, students and each other. "As you do that you will hear the passion, the drive and the dedication to achieve the best results for our kids."

Ben paid tribute to the staff. "It is largely due to their unwavering belief and their continued effort that our students succeed and achieve great things."

At the end of his speech Ben said, "Thank you for your attendance tonight and for the support and aroha you have shown our school."

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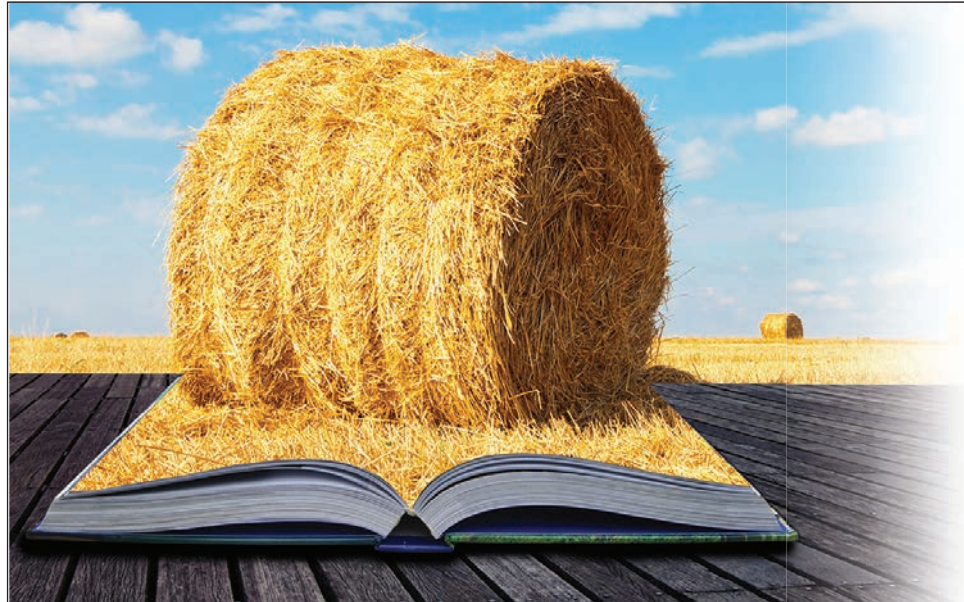
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# Armistice Day commemorated

A small crowd of people commemorated Armistice Day with a solemn ceremony outside the public library in Opunake joining other such ceremonies throughout the world marking the end of the First World War.

After the lowering of the three flags at the intersection of Tasman and Napier street by Opunake High School students to half mast, those assembled stood in silence while the New Zealand National Anthem, then the Australian National Anthem were played.

Reverend Geoff Williams Secretary of the Opunake RSA referred to Armistice Day, the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour in 1918, as the day dedicated as “a remembrance day to cover all wars and conflicts”.

“We remember all those who died fighting for their cause” he began mentioning first the New Zealand Land Wars from 1843-47 and 1862-70. He also detailed the South African conflict from 1899 to 1902 in which ten contingents of Mounted Rifles and 6495 horses left New Zealand shores to help the UK. Also the Great War from 1914-1918 when New Zealand once again came to the rescue of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries. Major engagements during this war to end all wars included the costly “war of errors and horrors” Gallipoli campaign fought over seven months leaving 2791 killed and 4752. “They landed in the dark and left in the dark” but “at what cost”, said the speaker. He also mentioned veterans of the campaign who subsequently went on to fight in the Western Front and the Battle of the Somme with its high casualty rate, also Passchendaele which similarly had a high casualty rate and other battles at Ginchy, Le Trivasoy and Ypees. It was in this war that mustard gas was first used. In total of the 100,000 called up, 16,697 New Zealanders died and 41,317 were wounded.

He then detailed further grim statistics in the Second World War which started when Germany invaded Poland in 1939. Memorable campaigns included the Battle for Crete which was New Zealand’s first engagement.

Those who never returned home in the second major war numbered 11,839. Wounded were 15,324. 104,000 served.

Subsequent conflicts included the K Force - helping the United Nations Task Force to stem the invasion of South Korea by North Korea and China, serving in Malaya and Vietnam. New Zealand has also assisted peace keeping forces under the United Nations.

Rev Williams ended his speech with the antidote to war, love and the biblical message “to love your neighbour as yourself”.

The moving Last Post was played followed by a minute’s silence and the flags were raised.

Armistice Day which marked the end of World War 1 was 99 years ago, next year will mark its one hundredth.

There were two people missing from this year’s commemorations.

Past president of the Opunake RSA Colin Butler who sadly is no longer with us and Ian Smith, Smithy as he was known.

Colin’s mantle has been taken by his son Shane who is now the President of the Opunake RSA.

Smithy passed away just 6 weeks ago.

It was Smithy who would raise the flag in Opunake in the centre of town every morning without fail for as many years as I can remember. It was Smithy, the musician who once played The Last Post on the bugle on Anzac Day.

We remember them both fondly.



### Commemorating Armistice Day in Opunake.

## Auroa’s own Entente Cordiale

Fifteen kilometres south west of Lyon in France is the town of Brindas which in 2012 had a population of 5651. For the last three years its school has had a connection with its counterpart in Auroa on the other side of the world. On November 11 a video made by students of the school and sent to Auroa was played as part of the Manaia Armistice Day commemorations. The video included a clip of a cenotaph commemoration during Auroa School’s 125th anniversary last year, and film of where names of those killed on the Western Front during World War I are buried.

After the Saturday morning remembrance service, Manaia and District RSA members, members of the general public and school pupils returned to the Manaia Golf Club to have lunch and see for themselves this latest example of Franco-New Zealand Entente.

“They had told us they and was blown away by it. We had taken a photo last year of the cenotaph at the Auroa School and they have gone and located the grave sites of the soldiers who died from Auroa. It’s a really nice connection between the schools.”

Myles has been teaching for 20 years and been working online for the last 10. For the last four years he has been at Auroa.

Students from Auroa had been learning about France at about the same time that students from Brindas had been looking for an English-speaking school to make contact with. The two schools discovered each other online, videos were swapped and things moved on from there. Since then students from the other side of the world have been finding about lamb and calf day and other events on



### The cenotaph at Auroa School

had a special project but they wouldn’t tell us what it was,” Myles Webb who teaches the Year 5-6 class at Auroa said. “I saw it for the first time last Sunday

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# Armistice Day service focuses on seafaring nation

It is not known how many New Zealanders gave their lives serving in the merchant navy. They were counted as civilians and even if born in New Zealand were officially designated British subjects, Merv Martin who served in the Merchant Navy from 1952-65 said at the Manaia and Districts RSA Armistice Day Commemoration service. His own New Zealand Seaman's ID lists his country of birth as New Zealand, but his nationality as British.

"I was running around Christchurch not knowing where to go, so I ran away to sea," he recalled after the service. "I've never seen war, but I sailed with guys who did."

Merv's time in the merchant navy took him to India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore, the Pacific, the West Coast of America and "all around Australia."

Last year's Manaia Armistice Day commemoration had



Merv Martin (ex Merchant Navy) and Trevor Wylde(ex Royal New Zealand Navy) were guest speakers at the Manaia Armistice Day commemoration.

remembered the role of nurses in the world wars. This year the Merchant Marine and the Royal New Zealand were being

remembered, with Merv and Royal New Zealand Navy veteran Trevor Wylde as guest speakers. The service held at the grove near the Manaia Golf Club which commemorates the Gallipoli campaign was attended by RSA members, members of the public and pupils of Manaia and Auroa schools. As well as the traditional silence on the "11th hour of the 11th day," there was singing of the national anthem and the Naval Hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save, a hymn which the Rev David Self said he remembered when living in England.

"In the 1940s we would go to church on Sunday and sing this hymn. We lived in a village not far from the sea on the east coast of England, not far from Yarmouth and Sunday by Sunday we would remember the people at sea. From the beginning New Zealand has been a nation of seafarers and today we remember those who never got the opportunity to tell their stories."

Merv Martin says the role

of the merchant navy has been unrecognised until recent times.

"Our guys went through hell," he said. "During the war years they never wore uniforms so they were thought by other servicemen to be malingerers. When their ships went down their wages stopped. When captured they were put in concentration camps and not protected by the Geneva Convention. They didn't have passports. They signed on to ships and away they

went. " Official recognition of their wartime role had to wait until 2014, 100 years after the outbreak of World War I. With the reigning monarch being head of the merchant marine, it needed the Governor-General to make it official. "In 2000, Britain had recognised the Merchant Navy, we got in 2014," says Merv. "We had kept hammering the New Zealand government until Governor-General Sir Jerry Mateparae declared us the fourth service. We can now stand proudly alongside the other three services, the army, navy and air force. It's something we are very proud of. People now are genuinely interested and it's very gratifying to see these kids from school here today."

After the service Merv presented Manaia RSA president John Graham with a Merchant Navy plaque.

Trevor Wylde spoke about New Zealand's early naval history, including the role played by the battle cruiser HMS New Zealand paid for by the New Zealand taxpayer as a gift to the Royal Navy. It voyaged around the world in 1913 and drew big crowds when it visited New Zealand. Three weeks after war was declared it saw action at Heligoland and

went on to serve at Dogger Bank and Jutland before being decommissioned in 1920.

Trevor was in the Royal New Zealand Navy from 1954-63 and served on seven ships, including three cruisers during that time, beginning with HMNZS Black Prince. In 1956 he was on HMNZS Bellona when it was taken back to Britain to be scrapped. He returned on the navy's new acquisition HMNZS Royalist. Because the Royalist had the most modern radar at the time it ended up being called in to provide escort duty during the 1956 Suez crisis.

After leaving the navy Trevor was a familiar face around the Taranaki coast. After working for the Power Board and Cape Egmont Factory he was a bar manager at the Rahotu and Opunake Taverns and had the lease on the Rahotu Tavern from 1976-83. In the years since, he has continued to take an interest in the RSA, and was on the national committee from 2001-11.

At the end of the service it was back to the Manaia Golf Club for lunch. It was also an opportunity to have a look at a video put together by students from Brindas School in France and sent to Auroa School showing the graves of soldiers from Auroa killed on the Western Front.



Merv Martin (left) presents Manaia and District RSA president John Graham with a plaque from the Merchant Navy.

## Auroa's own Entente Cordiale

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the Taranaki rural school calendar. Last year there was even a visit by a family from Brindas who had taken a year off for a trip around the world.

Myles said that the school would like to hear from anyone with a family connection to any of the soldiers whose names may be commemorated in the video.

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# Soldier recounts experiences driving through liberated Europe

*This issue we conclude the serialisation of a letter written by John McLean (Jock) Kirk, father of well known Taranaki artist Graham Kirk, who towards the end of World War II was a driver for a New Zealand officer tasked with making contact with liberated New Zealand POWs. In this issue his journey is coming to an end. Subsequent pages of his letter have not been located. Jock Kirk was born in Opunake and lived most of his life in Hawera. He died in 1974*

I reckoned the Boss would appreciate a nice hot drink at that time of the day and it may put him in a good mood for the rest of the day. After I had had mine I filled a thermos flask with coffee and dug up some biscuits from next door, the owners

were asleep but they had some of mine last night so I guess we are square. I went round to the hotel to collect the Boss with the flask sitting on the floor of the truck, besides the Boss there was Captain. Kain the other Kiwi Officer working

this area, as they climbed into the truck I mentioned that I had brought them some hot coffee, the Boss just said “good” and went on yapping to his cobbler, I thought he might just as well have said “and so you should,” by the tone he used, he took no notice of the flask on the floor and when I turned a corner the darn thing fell over and broke, the coffee going all over the floor, I was that annoyed that I did not risk saying anything, I am afraid there will be no hot coffee for the Boss any more, I have liberated another German flask, for my own use only.

We arrived at Kothen at 8am and for once we were able to get breakfast, the Boss as usual was not going to bother, but the other lad was dead keen on it so we bowled along to the Yankee cookhouse and were just in time.

Actually our trip was unnecessary, we were not required at all, anyway that is a hundred miles before breakfast. The run was quite uneventful, though I nearly did skittle a Jerry on a bike in Leipzig on the way back, I guess he realizes now that it is not wise to ride in front of



John McLean (Jock) Kirk

a Kiwi truck, the Boss got a hell of a fright, I wish I could have had him with me while doing a callout in Cairo with the riot squad a year or so ago, he would

gone from the car park, I was not worried though as I reckoned the Boss would be away in it, he does that some times.

At about 10am the Boss turned up with the truck quite safely, he had gone away at 5am so I think it was very considerate of him to let his driver sleep on, that is the Boss all over. One day he will be as considerate as it is possible to be and the very next day he will be just the opposite, he is the finest chap in the world out of the truck but as soon as he gets in that truck he has only one thing on his mind, work, and never mind anything else, go without meals and sleep too if there is work to be done, he is certainly a good man for the PWX organization,

Kiwi dame in the N.Z. club in London, he has a big picture of her on his table and I guess that is a pretty bad sign, no wonder he is always putting up a moan because of no mail.

At our bar last night there was one of the best floor shows I have ever seen, the artists were Poles, Czechs, Russians, and Chinese, where they came from I don't know, there were men, women and children, the Chinese show was marvelous, the show is that good that it has been arranged that they stay for a week, we have the pictures in a bigger place now, it is the Capitol cinema and holds about 1700 people.

The old truck is giving trouble again, that is the worst of a reconditioned job you never know when something is going to give out, this time it is the radiator, so long as the old bus holds out until I get back to England I will be quite happy.

31/5/45. Yesterday there was nothing doing. I managed to get the radiator of the truck fixed so we are once again ready for the road. I think our work in this area is about finished, we have hopes of heading back to Paris in a few days then it won't be long before we reach England The Boss says that he hopes for a week in Paris before we go to England, I don't mind a few days but a week would be a little too long for me. I don't draw the same pay as he does.

Today it is raining, not heavy but quite steady, I drove the truck to the mess though it is only about 400 yards, better than getting wet anyway, the trouble was when I got there I had to stand in the queue in the rain.

We are finding it very hard to fill in time now, I have been walking around the city with the camera but there is nothing but bomb damage to take and I have enough of that sort of thing, there are some very nice parks here and I have spent a few hours there on nice days.



The “Mercedes” and French officer with a “Flea.”

have had more than a fright. 29/5/45. Yesterday I went downstairs to find my truck

I would not like to work for him in Civvy life though, I think he is a bit sweet on a



Near Strasbourg. Preserving preserved fruit. Jock Kirk on left.

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German POW convoy.



# Andy has lost his sheep and doesn't know where to find them

*The little sheep that populated Opunake for Market Day and all the other events during the art awards and yarn bomb were quite a hit. Local farmer and owner Andy Whitehead who lives at Oaonui said it had been a bit of a mission driving the cute little fellows into town. He took some photos to show their progress as they made their 4 kilometre way into town. Apparently there has been a bit of sheep rustling going on though since with a number of the little sheep ending up away from the main flock. Andy wouldn't mind them back so if anyone has seen any of the lost sheep could they contact Andy.*



Here they are on the roadside en route to Opunake.



Down at the rec ground.



Refuelling.



And sunning themselves at Opunake Beach.



One little girl couldn't resist this little cutie.

## Single men and masculinity

What is it really like being a single man in 21st Century New Zealand today? With online dating apps and television dating shows, single straight men have many opportunities to seek a partner but what if they want a partner but don't find someone? And what if they

are happy being single? Researchers at the School of Psychology at the University of Auckland aim to find out what single men have to say for themselves about being single and want to talk to men in centres like Auckland and other parts of New Zealand.

They are seeking men aged over 20 years willing to talk about their experience of being single, with a particular focus on heterosexuality. "With shows like The Bachelor often focusing on the assumption there is an abundance of single women

in New Zealand, we want to start thinking about the role of single men, what their experiences are like, and how people view the 'ideal' bachelor," says PhD candidate Chelsea Pickens who is leading the study.

## Global demand for natural gas a big opportunity for NZ

The International Energy Agency's new forecast that demand for natural gas will increase 45% by 2040 is a major opportunity for New Zealand, says the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ).

"Global demand for natural gas is only going to grow because it has half the greenhouse emissions of coal. This means that producing and exporting it from New Zealand has the potential to be a win-win outcome for global emissions and for our economy," says PEPANZ CEO Cameron Madgwick.

"The report clearly highlights the role natural gas can play in reducing emissions by replacing

coal in industrial processes and power generation. This reinforces the need for new exploration and development of our natural resources, benefiting New Zealand and the world.

"Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is going to be a major growth industry and this is great news for New Zealand given our potential deposits.

"Much of the demand is likely to come from China, India and other Asian countries. Other nations are eager to meet this demand and by the mid-2020s the United States is projected to become the world's largest LNG exporter.

"This is an export industry New Zealand can and should be a part of. It could mean more jobs, exports and

earnings for the Government through royalties and taxes.

"Taranaki is the only region currently producing but we know other areas have great promise. The recent report by New Zealand Oil and Gas looked at the Barque prospect off the coast of Oamaru and predicted it could generate \$32 billion in taxes and royalties for the Government over the life of the field."

The International Energy Agency also forecasts that global oil demand will continue to grow to 2040. While fuel efficiency and electric vehicles will reduce use by passenger cars, other sectors such as trucks, planes and shipping will continue to drive demand.



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# NZ experts have their say on earthquake risk

A media report from the weekend suggests a link between the Earth's rotation and an increase in intense earthquakes.

The report follows a conference presentation last month by two US researchers who suggest a slowing of Earth's rotation is correlated with an increase in earthquakes of magnitude 7 or higher.

Professor Mark Stirling, Chair of Earthquake Science, University of Otago, comments: "The Otago Earthquake Science group does not support the primary conclusion of this article. We see it as yet another example of a fortuitous correlation between earthquake occurrence and an unrelated phenomenon.

"Earthquake rates fluctuate greatly around the plate boundaries of the world, and many explanations for the fluctuations have been provided over the years (e.g. Super Moon, Diurnal controls, Earth Orbit Eccentricity). While the researchers involved in this most recent work are very well known and regarded, we have no basis to support their conclusions at this time."

GNS Science John Callan, communications manager John Callan says. "GNS Science is unable to provide a meaningful comment on this research. It appears to be a conference presentation and very preliminary rather than peer-reviewed research, so there is no detail for us to examine.

"It is true there have been periods of elevated rates of large earthquakes in the past 100 years. However, if you go looking for correlations with other natural phenomenon, you will almost certainly find some interesting matches."

Dr Virginia Toy, senior lecturer, Department of Geology, University of Otago, comments: "A lot of people attempt to make statistical correlations

between occurrence of natural events/hazards and other environmental phenomenon. For example, there are studies of whether earthquakes are preceded by 'lightning' or related to 'solid earth tides'. Some of these yield statistically defensible correlations; others don't. I tend to think of them in the context of Ken Ring... the man who writes about apparent statistical correlations between the phase of the Moon and the weather.

"This study... I am sure the statistical correlation is more defensible than Ken Ring's work. However, it shouldn't inspire panic. The story has reported the researcher's statements in a way it sounds like we will get a jump from 6 to 20 large earthquakes per year. I don't think this is likely."

Dr Tim Stahl, lecturer in tectonic geology, University of Canterbury, comments: "Professors Bilham and Bendick are respected scientists in earthquake geology and seismic risk. I would look forward to seeing this study in a peer-reviewed journal, with some reporting of the statistical tests for the significance of the observed relationships and with further consideration of potential mechanisms. As with any conference abstract or presentation, it is difficult to judge the scientific merit of the claims being made until they have undergone rigorous peer-review and additional testing by other research groups.

"It is important to note that the authors explicitly state in the abstract that the precise locations, times, or magnitudes of earthquakes cannot be predicted, even if their observations and interpretations are eventually confirmed by other researchers."

## Feds applaud Fonterra

Federated Farmers support Fonterra's bold push to get to zero emissions of CO2 on the manufacturing side of the Co-operative, both in New Zealand and across its global network.

"And we await with interest to see what the contribution is that they will be making to reduce biological emissions, which whilst we have some promising options under development to control them, there is a lot of work still to be done," Federated Farmers climate change spokesperson Andrew Hoggard says.

"The science we are attempting, to reduce the methane produced in a ruminant's stomach, isn't simple stuff, and there is no guarantee that we will be able to achieve these options.

"Even if we do, we still face hurdles in being able to prove it at the farm level for carbon accounting."

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# Report hails Len Lye Centre

The Len Lye Centre has been a huge boost for the New Plymouth District economy, a new report says.

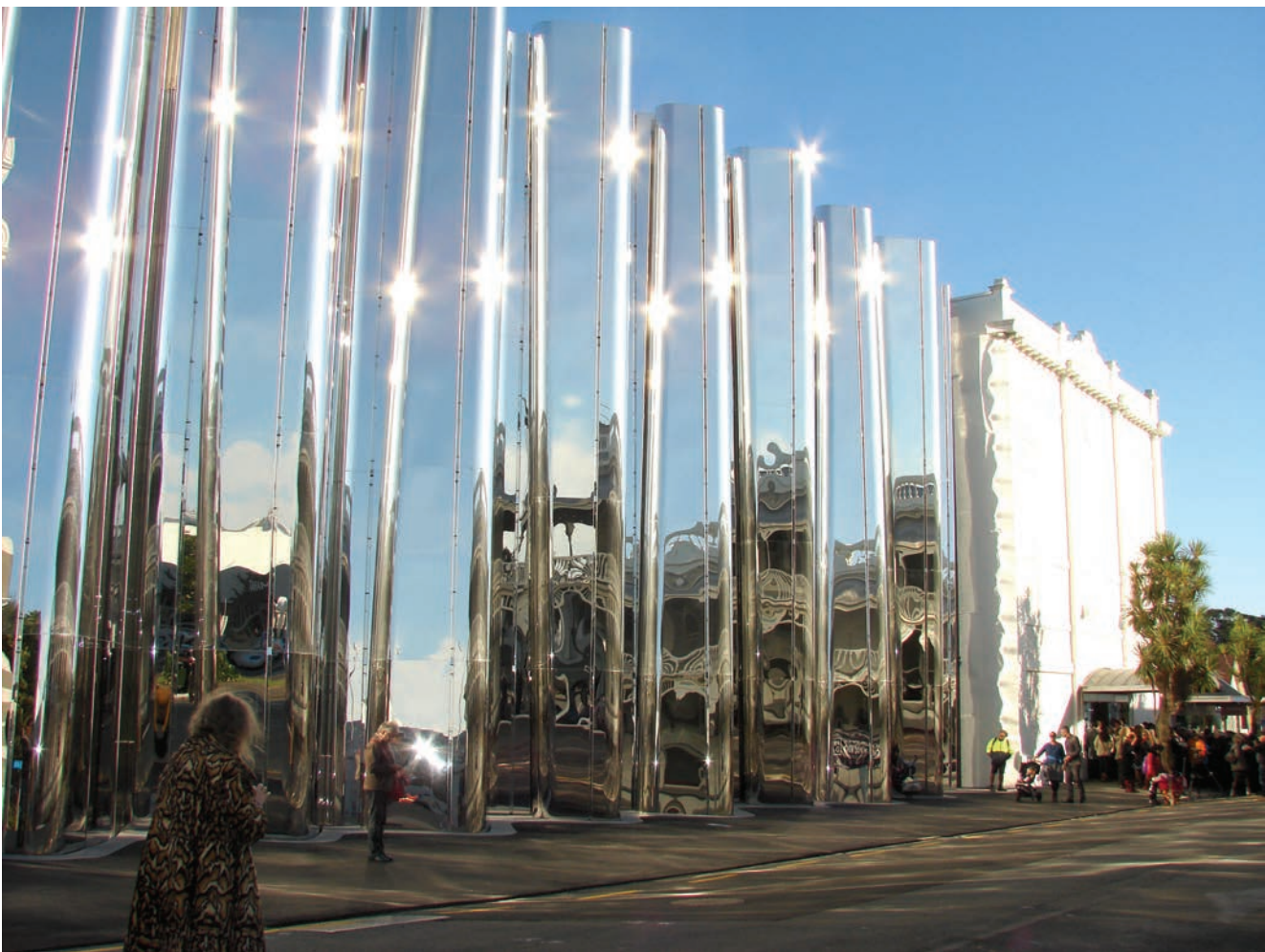
The centre brought in more than 17,000 visitors to the area from outside Taranaki just to visit the iconic gallery in 2016 and this boosted GDP and generated jobs, the report from analysis firm BERL reveals.

New Plymouth District Council commissioned the report to look at the economic impact the centre was having on the district. BERL says that 34,400 people made 118,900 visits to the gallery last year.

Visitors to the district spent \$7.4 million on accommodation, meals, transport, shopping and entertainment and this helped to generate \$5.6m in GDP. BERL says this expenditure was enough to generate 103 full-time equivalent jobs.

New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom says while controversial it was clear the Len Lye Centre was generating positive profile for Taranaki, creating employment and delivering economic benefits.

“It’s positive to note the BERL report’s finding that the LLC is generating \$7.4 million in visitor spend with Taranaki businesses, directly and indirectly creating around 100 jobs in New Plymouth in the process,”



The Len Lye Centre

says Mr Holdom.

“Like it or loathe it, the LLC is a magnificent looking piece of architecture and reflects our vision of Building a Lifestyle Capital. Locally, it’s the cultural hub of our district for all ages, providing education

programmes for young and old, a wide range of films as well as being a popular venue for corporate hosting.”

The centre was a hit with Taranaki people with 82 per cent of respondents from New Plymouth rating it as very good or good and 85 per

cent of those from outside the district rating the art gallery as very good, the report says. “It is the jewel in the crown of New Plymouth,” said one respondent.

The research found half of the visitors came from Taranaki (45 per cent were

New Plymouth locals and 5 per cent from the Taranaki region), 40 per cent were New Zealand visitors to the region and 10 per cent were international travellers.

Some 17,100 visitors travelled to the Taranaki region to see the centre. In

comparison, 12,400 visitors came to the province to attend WOMAD 2017 while 4,300 visitors who went to the 2016 Taranaki Garden Festival were from outside the region.

The purpose of BERL’s research was to estimate the economic impact the Len Lye Centre had on the New Plymouth District economy, with an emphasis on the impact of visitors from outside the area. It focused on the 2016 year as this provided a full year of data.

The Len Lye Centre opened in New Plymouth in July 2015. Situated alongside the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, and designed by New Zealand architect Andrew Patterson, the building is considered a contemporary interpretation of the essence of Lye.

In addition, the Len Lye Centre has a number of display galleries, an education centre and a 62-seat cinema. The centre was developed through the long association between the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth District Council and the Len Lye Foundation.

Len Lye Centre is the only gallery in New Zealand dedicated to one artist. It houses the collection and archive of Lye, which he decided to leave to the people of New Zealand before his death in 1980.

## Taranaki Environment awards winners named

The region deserves an ‘Environmental Ranfurly Shield’ for all the good work being done in the outdoors, says the Taranaki Regional Council Chairman, David MacLeod.

Announcing this year’s

winners of the Council’s annual Environmental Awardstoday,MrMacLeod said their commitment and determination explains why Taranaki is at the forefront in environmental achievement in so many ways.

“If there was a Ranfurly Shield for good work in the environment, we’d have that in our trophy cabinet too,” he says.

Sixteen awards were made to a variety of individuals and organisations including farmers, schools, businesses large and small, community groups and trusts, and a marae-focused waste minimisation campaign.

The awards were made in five sponsored categories, and bring the total to 265

since they were started in the 1990s. This year’s winners:

Environmental action in education. Woodleigh Primary School, Hawera Christian School, Habitat Heroes, Para Kore ki Taranaki

Environmental leadership in land management. Wayne and Michelle Berridge, Putere Farm Trust, Chris Jury and Daniela Krumm, Holly Johnson and Simon Bailey

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Environmental leadership in business –Julie Harkness, Trustpower Ltd Taranaki Generation, Double R Taranaki Ltd.

Environmental leadership in dairy farming Ray and Pauline Willy, DP and JH Roper Family Trusts Partnership, Ian Sharpe.

Environmental action in the community. Native Forest Restoration Trust, Jenny Kerrisk, Allen Stancliff.

“The Council’s extensive monitoring tells us our

environment is stable or improving in many key areas, most especially freshwater quality,” says Mr MacLeod.

“And of course that’s not by accident or good luck. All of us here in Taranaki take our environment very seriously. But this doesn’t mean we can rest on our laurels. There’s always more to be done. As we all know, the bar is continually being raised and expectations grow greater, not smaller.

## Manaia Golf results

November 12. Ambrose Golf results. 1. Otakeho Hackers. 2. Salto Pepper. 3. Y.T.B. 4. Team 229. 5. Mahi. 6. Winks Road.

Men’s Saturday November 11. 1. Robert Snowdon. 2. Noddy Symes. 3. Denis Hurcombe. Twos. Robert Snowdon.

Pee Wees. 1. Caden Guthrie. 2. Hannah Symes. Hawks. 1. Jayda Sharp.

2. Olivia Symes. 3. Kahu Harrison. Eagles. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Carter Symes.

November 19. Ambrose Golf results. 1.YTB. 2/. Triple bogey. 3. The Mexicans. 4. Nigel and Friends.

November 18. Men’s Stableford. 1. Gary Dowdle. 2. Joel Wolfe. 3. Trevor Larsen. 4th equal Jacob Gopperth and Winston Kidd.



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# Success for Opunake employer

Success at this year's South Taranaki Youth to Work Awards came as "a bit of a shock," says Coastal Agri Services owner Simon Foley.

Nominated by Opunake High School, it was the first time Coastal Agri Services had been nominated. As well as picking up the Education, Training and Work Experience Award, they finished second for the Employer Award behind Silver Fern Farms.

"The first I knew was when a lady from the council came in and they filmed our business," says Simon. "We turned up for the dinner and they had it on the big screen. There were some pretty big businesses there like Fonterra, Silver Fern Farms and all the other local businesses."

His association with the high school goes back about 10 years, whether through taking on students for work experience every second Thursday or through employing school leavers.

"When we have needed to employ someone I've approached the high school as first port of call," he says. "I believe it's good to give



Simon Foley of Coastal Agri Services.

young people in this town and the surrounding areas the opportunity to work in a job outside of farming. In a small town there's not much employment, so a lot of them have to leave the area."

He likes to put anybody new alongside an experienced member of his staff and expose them to as

much variation as possible. This can be anything from a water pump through to a farm dairy installation, as well as repairs and maintenance.

"Every day they are doing something new. That's how we train them," he says. "When they turn up they are just out of school. They

come into the real world and have to start thinking and doing stuff for themselves."

After being on work experience, some of the students he has taken on have been given the option of fulltime employment.

He says he is always prepared to put the effort into people who have the

right attitude, and he gets satisfaction in seeing them develop. Two of his staff have been at Coastal Agri Services for 20 years. He recalls somebody else who came in off the street and after a half hour conversation got given a job. Five years later he is still there.

The nomination put in by

Opunake High School says students have reported that Simon and his team are helpful and practical.

"They help the students develop their skills, not only in this field, but with expectations and attitudes required to be successful in the work force. They are friendly, loyal, sensitive and thorough with our students, and give them the perfect ground work for their future pathways," the nomination read.

Opunake High School head of transitions Geoff Watt says every year the high school nominates two businesses for the youth to work Awards. This year Coastal Agri Services and Soul Kitchen were nominated.

"For a business within our little community to stand out and be acknowledged is awesome," Geoff says. "Simon is really good with the more practical oriented kids in giving them the work experience and work ethic they need," says Geoff. "They then come back to school and realise they have to knuckle down and get the credits they need."



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# Taranaki young farmers take on NZDIA challenge



James Holgate was named runner-up Taranaki Dairy Trainee of the Year in 2014.

Several NZ Young Farmers members look set to go head-to-head in Taranaki's longest-running dairy awards programme.

James Holgate, 25, and Buddy Sharpe, 20, have entered the prestigious New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards.

They'll both be vying to take out the title of 2018 Taranaki Dairy Manager of the Year.

James Holgate is in his second season as a herd manager on Tony and Lorraine Lash's 350-cow dairy farm at Midhirst.

"I've entered the Dairy Industry Awards to challenge myself and get some feedback on where I'm currently at," said James.

"It's also a great way to get my name out there and create future opportunities."

James was named runner-up Taranaki Dairy Trainee of the Year in 2014.

"That helped me build my confidence and broaden my networks within the dairy industry," said James.

"It led to a couple of employers phoning me last season to see if I was keen to go and work for them."

"The judges' feedback also helped me improve and grow my skills," he said.

James, who's a member of Central Taranaki Young Farmers, would like to be 50:50 sharemilking within five years.

It's Buddy Sharpe's first time entering the Dairy

a dairy farm in Inglewood.

He's excited by the career prospects offered by the industry.

"I'm hoping to make new friends who I can share ideas with to improve the way I farm," said Buddy.

"The way I see it, entering can only be good for my development and future employment prospects."

South Taranaki Young Farmers members have entered the Share Farmer and Dairy Trainee categories.

Entries for the Dairy Industry Awards close on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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# Taranaki farming trio heading to Wellington

A Kaponga dairy farmer has clinched a spot in the FMG Young Farmer of the Year regional final in

Wellington.

Guy Harvey, who contract milks 220 cows, took out first place in a district contest at



**Guy Harvey.**

Urenui earlier this month.

Contestants did everything from identify different fertilisers, to connecting water fittings and drafting ewes and lambs.

"My background gave me an advantage in the sheep modules," said Guy, who grew up on a sheep and beef farm in the Manawatu.

The 26-year-old entered the dairy industry nine years ago.

"It's been a tough, wet spring, but I really enjoy a challenge" laughed Guy. "We're growing fodder beet for the first time on the milking platform this season."

"We've planted over 3ha, which we'll start feeding in the autumn," he said.

Guy is a member of South Taranaki Young Farmers and it was his first time competing in an FMG Young Farmer of the Year qualifying event.

"There's a huge spectrum of stuff I have to study and try to learn before the regional final in February,"

said Guy. He'll go up against the chairman of Central Taranaki Young Farmers Nick Brown. It'll be the Toko sheep and beef farmer's third attempt at winning a regional final.

"This will be my last chance to make it through to the national final. It would be great to go out on a high note," said Nick.

They'll be joined by Kimbolton contract milker Michael McCombs and Urenui sheep and beef farmer Lilly Newton. The pair placed first and second respectively at a district contest at the Egmont A&P Show in Hawera on Saturday.

"My strengths are definitely anything to do with tractors, shearing, health and safety and horses," said Lilly.

"Quizzes are my weak spot."

Lilly's family farm runs 1,700 ewes, 400 Angus breeding cows, 200 Angus yearlings and 300 dairy grazers.

"We fatten around 2,000

of our own lambs, which are a fast-growing Poll Dorset-Romney cross, plus about 3,000 store lambs," she said.

The 20-year-old, who's the chairwoman of Urenui Young Farmers, would ace any aviation modules.

"I'm currently completing my helicopter pilot's

licence," said Lilly. "I've grown up around helicopters and love the lifestyle of both aviation and farming."

"My Dad reckons if you can find a job you love, you won't work a day in your life," she laughed.

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# TPP agreement safeguards New Zealand’s export sector

Federated Farmers congratulates Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and the coalition government for recognising the importance of free trade to New Zealand.

Following a frenetic few days of negotiations at the APEC summit in Vietnam, the New Zealand Trade delegation has succeeded in brokering agreement with 11 countries from the Asia-Pacific region- to move the deal forward.

Federated Farmers thanks all the Ministers and officials involved for their dedication and resolve.

“This is a great outcome for not just the primary sector but all New Zealanders. It ensures our country will be part of a critical trade deal now known as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP),” says Andrew Hoggard, Federated Farmers National Vice President.

“It’s vital that these international trade agreements exist, without it, there’s a real risk of more countries retreating to economic protectionism, which would hamper our access to key and emerging markets.

“This would have major concerns for our ability to trade and be competitive. It would also have repercussions for our future prosperity.”

The Federation believes CPTPP will safeguard New Zealand’s economic interests and further strengthen our export sector.

“Trade deals like this ensure we are on an equal footing globally and particularly with the likes of



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

Australia and the European Union, while presenting us with immense opportunities as an exporting country, opening up the markets of Japan, Mexico, Peru and Canada.

“For example, frozen beef into Japan currently faces a 50% tariff while Australia only faces a tariff of 22%.

“Being part of this trade agreement is essential if the new Government is to realise its aspirational goals for New Zealand. The Federation is delighted that the Prime Minister has been pragmatic and assertive to keep this agreement moving forward, and we await its completion in a timely

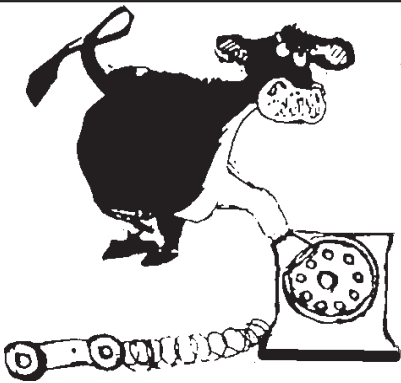
manner,” says Andrew.

### Federated Farmers’ position on Trade

Over 75% of merchandise exports come from the primary sectors - generating \$38 billion in primary sector export earnings due to our ability to trade with other countries.

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# Sailing from Spain to New Zealand

Birgit Fernengel and Andreas Neumann of Germany reached New Zealand in their schooner Muktuk early this year. Originally, they set off from Spain in July 2014, but they have not been onboard all that time as will be explained later. At present their boat is moored in Whangarei while they are motoring down New Zealand in a camper van. Some of the places they have visited include Guatemala, Mexico, French Polynesia, Canary Islands, Cuba, the Carribean – basically you name it. They have been as far south as Stewart Island, which captivated them – they describe the island as one of the most beautiful places they have encountered on their travels. They loved the wildness of the island. They also took a great liking to Dunedin. “We loved Dunedin – such a vibrant city.” They are also keen on the seafood to be had, with blue cod a special favourite, as well as scallops and cockles. “In the South Island it’s fish every day,” says Andreas. They are especially interested in the history of the places they visit,



Birgit Fernengel and Andreas Neumanns Schooner Muktuk

with Captain Cook being mentioned a number of times. They visited Dusky Sound, as did Cook. One of Cook’s men was biologist George Foster who was voyaging with Cook for three years. In Anchorage Island, which Cook named, they felt that so little had changed since then. Like the famous explorer they had to tie up, seek fresh water, firewood and catch blue cod for food. The friendliness of the people was an unexpected surprise. “People are so friendly here – but less so in Germany,” comments Birgit. In places such as the Bay of Islands, they were “overwhelmed by friendliness. Everyone takes time for a chat – even in the supermarket. Everyone helped us so much or asked if we needed help.” While sailing, they have never felt seriously in danger, but in the Marqueses

Island they feared the loss of their boat due to the high swell and big waves when they were moored. The steel mooring chain ended up breaking and they started to drift. Luckily, other sailors helped out.” Another time the engine malfunctioned and spare parts were not immediately available. They have seen lots of sea life while sailing such as whales, sharks and dolphins “which like to surge alongside the boat.” As was mentioned earlier the couple have not been on board continuously. In some places their boat is moored for some weeks and they fly back to Germany for business and other reasons, such as tending to their software company.



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It all happens in January,

on Wednesday the 10th and Wednesday the 17th.

The first date, January 10 is for the ‘Wild Science’ programme - the one where you make elephant toothpaste and giraffe spots.

The ‘Jungle Jam’ - session is on January 17. The kids build the Bongo Drums, paint their faces and have the jungle party. Both programmes are for 5-12 year olds.

There is even a Soul Food Storyteller’ coming, which will be on January 23 at 10 am in the Manaia libraryPlus and at 2.30 pm in the Opunake library. Everyone is welcome. After the storyteller, the libraries will have the Summer Reading Programme finale for the children that have completed the programme. To get into the finale, children have to read books. They checkout their books from the library. The library-teams are helping children to choose, what they want to read. Then they report in to the library and chat with the staff and

receive a gift.

The 11-12 year olds can choose to take part in the iRead part of the programme in which they write reviews on books they choose from the library. And they can even win book vouchers for their efforts.

There is also a Christmas Creation Craft Day in Opunake’s library on Tuesday, December 12 and in Manaia on Monday December 18.

So there really are plenty of activities, entertainment and rewards going on.

Maria Brewerton, branch librarian of the Opunake and Manaia libraryPlus, is smiling:”We have so much going on in this summer holiday programme !

It will be totally exciting, not only for the kids, but also for their parents and for us as teams from the libraries too.”

Contact Opunake or Manaia LibraryPlus for more information on 0800 111 323

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## A star at the Show



Anthea Carr and the Highland cow Marley Mills were a gorgeous highlight at the Egmont A&P show last weekend. Marley Mills just loves grooming time. If you missed the Show at Hawera head along to the Stratford A&P show this Saturday 25th and 26th November and see the Old McDonald Farm Barn, pig racing, cow milking, sheep shearing, wood chopping, as well as Mickey, Minnie, Elmo. Great food, entertainment and much more.

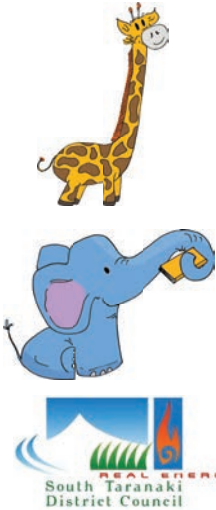
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November 17 and 18. Egmont Showgrounds. Go to [www.egmontshowgrounds.org.nz](http://www.egmontshowgrounds.org.nz) for full timetable. refer advert for details.

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Foodbank fundraiser. Saturday December 2. 10am to 4pm. 9 houses beautifully decorated for Christmas. Tickets \$25. Further details on Facebook - Christmas House Tour Hawera South Taranaki or phone 062784313 to order tickets.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
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December 4 at 7.30pm. Refer advert.

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Raffle results

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Christmas Cake

Aretha Lemon won The  
Grocery & House-Hold

G Gatenby won  
House-Hold & Cleaning

Maureen Martins  
Administrator/Treasurer



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Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish  
CHURCH SERVICES

St Paul's Opunake Co-op & Rahotu

Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St,  
9.30am every Sunday and the

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

Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm  
(2nd, 4th and 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs).

Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am

ALL WELCOME

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Sunday Services 10.30am

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Youth Group 7pm Friday

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Our Christmas issue and  
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# Christmas Collection

Wednesday 6th December \*

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5.30pm -7.30pm




\*Date may change to Thursday 7th December if there is an Emergency or inclement weather

You can also drop off your canned goods donation at Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration and receive some yummy Christmas Candy Cane.



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## SECOND RATES INSTALMENT

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2017/2018 without incurring a penalty will be **Wednesday 29 November 2017**.

FM Greenhill  
Acting Chief Executive

## St John’s Anglican Church, Otakeho

You are warmly invited to share in the poignant **Service of Deconsecration** With Archbishop Philip Richardson  
Sunday 26 November 2017  
2:00pm  
4 Campbell Rd, Otakeho.  
Please R.S.V.P. for catering  
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## NZ FARMERS LIVESTOCK

# Annual RahoTu Xmas Hogget Fair

RahoTu Tavern Lawn  
Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2017  
1pm Start

50 x Prime Hoggets  
Sponsored BBQ available  
Kindly sponsored by NZ Farmers, AFFCO, Corlett Trucking, RahoTu Tavern  
Raffle donated for RahoTu School  
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## Buying a mobility scooter?

If you are 65 years or older and purchasing a mobility scooter for the first time, we would like to invite you to take part in our research study!

How does purchasing a mobility scooter impact on an individual's physical activity, health and mobility in the community?

The study involves 3 telephone interviews of around 15-20 minutes each.

Your mobility scooter vendor or a member of the research team will introduce you to the project and provide you with an Information Sheet and Consent form.


For more information, contact:  
School of Physiotherapy  
University of Otago Mobility Scooter Survey  
David Jackson | Research Assistant  
03 479 8822 | david.jackson@otago.ac.nz

This project has been approved by the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee, (Health). Reference: H17/31.

## ORIMUPIKO RESERVES TRUST HUI

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Monthly Trustee Hui  
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## OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meeting 1st Monday of each month at 5.30PM  
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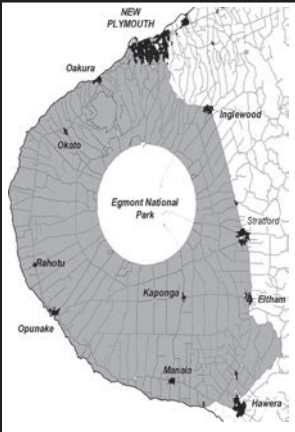
## PUNGAREHU GOLF CLUB AGM

December 4, 7.30pm  
at the Club Rooms  
All welcome.  
Election of officers and subscriptions



## OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS

Below is the Distribution Area for the Opunake & Coastal News. We are all the way round the mountain!





Opunake And District Business Association  
Presents  
Opunake Christmas Parade 2017  
Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, gather from 6.30pm onwards for 7pm Start Tasman Street Opunake

Welcome to our celebration. Please complete and return the bottom portion of this official entry form by 18<sup>th</sup> December to guarantee your position in the parade lineup

All entries will be judged this year and prizes will be awarded based on the following criteria

Best Effort and Most Creative

Please review the parade safety rules and guidelines on the back of this page  
Keep this portion for your records  
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Please type or print legibly

Name of Entry.....

Type of vehicle.....Length of entry (mtr).....

No of adults.....No of children.....

Responsible person.....Daytime Phone.....

Email address.....

2017 PARADE ENTRY FORM

My printed name or signature below is my bond that I understand the rules and guidelines for the 2017 Santa Parade and warrant that my/our entry will fully comply.

Signature

Safety Rules and Guidelines

Special Note the Parade begins at 7 pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December



# Ladies Shopping Night Eltham

Wednesday  
6th December 2017  
5pm - 9pm



Come and see our new businesses just opened and 27 home businesses in Touchpoint Restaurant.

Variety of shopping from Handmade items, Antiques and Collectables, Candles, Cards, Cakes, Craft, Wood, Books, Embellishments, Stamps, Clothes, Hair, Chemist, Iron Craft, something for everyone.  
**Men are welcome. Child free shopping.**

Eltham Lions Christmas Parade Friday Dec 15th  
Markets and Bouncy Castles from 5pm  
Christmas Raffle Eltham Business Assn - First Prize a Scenic Flight for 3 people.  
Tickets available in Eltham Shops.  
Winner Garden Shopping Prize - D. Mumby from Stratford.

Next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is on December 8 2017  
Don't miss out! Ph 06 761 7016  
or email [ads@opunakecoastalnews.co.nz](mailto:ads@opunakecoastalnews.co.nz)

# Coastal boxers set to rumble



Simon Julian.

There will be more than one home town hero for Coastal fans to barrack for at the Colton's Hawera Rumble at the Hawera Hub on December 9. The main event of course will be Opunake's James (Batman) Langton taking on Isileli Fa in a 10 round professional bout.  
Opunake's other professional boxer Simon Julian (pictured) is set to take on Kaino Kaino, older brother of All Black Jerome Kaino in a pro fight over six rounds.  
Simon, who works at Coastal

Agri Services in Opunake made his professional debut at the 2016 Coastal Rumble in Opunake, defeating Jody Allen, having earlier won the North Island Golden Gloves light heavyweight title.  
Other fights of interest for Coastal boxing fans include Darron Kapernick fighting Rick Simeon who fought Andy Whitehead at the first ever Coastal Rumble. Angeleigh Young will be fighting Hawera teacher Rachael Hokopaura, and Jay Hooper will be fighting Jesse Guetta.

# Local training for local opportunities

South Taranaki Learning is looking to establish a community tertiary centre in Hawera. Community learning centres can facilitate and support vocational training, academic, professional and life-long learning opportunities for businesses, organisations and individual residents.  
A steering committee has been established to investigate and promote the creation of South



Phil Nixon who wants to facilitate learning.

Taranaki Learning (STL), a facility which can bring together all of the various training providers, schools, cooperating businesses and the public to share facilities and technology. South Taranaki Learning can provide a facility where learners of all ages and motivations can learn about the district's educational and training opportunities. Courses will be tailor-made to benefit any opportunity that may arise in businesses or organisations – "local training for local opportunities."  
South Taranaki Learning's goal is to "get the whole

South Taranaki District learning" through involving the community and meeting the community's needs for learning.  
In September 2016, a meeting was held to explain the idea to local businesses, schools and interested organisations. The steering committee was then established to move the idea forward.  
South Taranaki Learning is now looking to the wider community to get feedback on needs and wants for such

a facility. They are inviting people to complete a brief survey to gain potential involvement with South Taranaki Learning by liking on Facebook and following the link or go straight to:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKH5G3Y>  
For more information contact Phil Nixon, Chair, South Taranaki Learning Steering Committee, [southtaranakilearning@gmail.com](mailto:southtaranakilearning@gmail.com) or phone 0274 948 972.

# 20 years of Virtual Tart



The Virtual Tart website has been showing the work of Taranaki artists for 20 years. That's a really long time in Internet terms. So to celebrate, we've got an exhibition 'Tart Art' which opened at the Molloy Gallery in Tataraimaka on Saturday, November 11. One work from each of 40 'Tartists', and it makes a seriously good-looking show. The Molloy Gallery is open at weekends, from 10 to 4.  
Cheers, and thank you

**JAMES 'BATMAN' LANGTON**

**ISI FA**

**PRO-BOX NZ HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE VS**

**SIMON 'SLICK' JULIAN**

**KAINO KAINO**

**PRO VS**

**'TERMINATOR' TANIA REID**

**QUINITA HATI**

**PRO VS**

**JESSE GUETTA**

**JAY HOOPER**

**VS**

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# Getting to know your neighbour

Getting rural communities to stay connected will be the focus of an event at the Pihama Hall on December 1. The Rural Razzle is a family friendly get together which kicks off at 6pm, with a meal, followed by a tug of war competition with teams of four organised by Taranaki Young Farmers. Roads, families and friends will be encouraged to make up teams. This will be followed by a chance to learn about and take part in some line dancing with games organised for the children. This is planned as a pilot event with the aim of holding similar events in the New Year. The Taranaki Rural Razzle is an initiative bringing together Fonterra Farm Source, the Taranaki Rural Support Trust, Taranaki Young Farmers, Dairy NZ, MPI, PKW, Dairy Women’s Network and Sport Taranaki. “We will ask for feedback

on the night, and then if there’s support we will replicate it elsewhere, whether it’s more of the same or trying a different model,” says Sport Taranaki project manager and Pihama resident Janet Fleming. It all began about a year ago with meetings between Sport Taranaki and Fonterra Farm Source. Through “general conversations,” other groups got interested and came on board. The name Taranaki Rural Razzle was chosen and the group has been meeting more regularly in the last three months, Janet said. “Our vision at Sport Taranaki is to have a healthy, active Taranaki,” says Janet. Taranaki Rural Razzle’s vision is to build healthier, stronger communities. The group identified a number of challenges including isolation, variable phone and internet coverage, and long distances to travel to larger centres. With sharemilkers moving in and out of the area, there was often a transient population. Larger farms meant fewer people and very often the same key people in the community found themselves getting overloaded. It was therefore in the best interests of the physical, mental and social well being of farmers and those living in rural communities to be active, stay connected, and get to know their neighbours better.



A view of the Mountain from a Pihama prospective

## Debbie steps down as chairperson

Debbie Campbell Chairperson of Everybodys Trust resigned from her position in November and Kim Gatenby has been appointed the new Chairperson for the Trust. We welcome Kim to the Chair position. Debbie has been the driving force behind getting Everybodys Theatre into the outstanding position it is today. With her vision and drive the building has been renovated and restored into a landmark feature of Opunake. It is now a place to visit on the Coast. Debbie will remain on the committee and be very active in her passion of events and catering as well as being a projectionist, so we will still see lots of her about the theatre. Kim has been actively involved with Everybodys Theatre as projectionist for some time and a committee member. She will now lead the team and continue with the vision and growth of our theatre.



Debbie with her flowers that were presented to her from the Trust as thanks for her outstanding contribution to Everybodys Theatre.

New stage lighting and sounds were installed by TSH Lighting in time for the Jazz Band on Sunday November 12. The 18piece big band led by Robin Wells played items Putting on the Ritz, In the Mood, and Making Wopee with vocals from Mike Gordon and Unity Wara. Thanks, must go to TSB Trust and Egmont Plains Community Board for their donations towards getting the installation costs of the lights and sounds. Maree Drought

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*Rural Razzle Taranaki*

**The vision of the Rural Razzle is to build a healthier stronger rural community**

**Community Christmas Event**

**Pihama Hall from 6pm Friday December 1st**  
Koha entry

**BBQ and entertainment free of charge**  
**Please bring a dessert plate to share**  
**Queries - Ph 027 226 0947**

Support Partners: Fonterra Farm Source, Rural Support Trust, Taranaki Young Farmers, Dairy NZ, MPI, PKW, Dairy Women's Network, Sport Taranaki






# The Christmas Village

## Wanting a little more magic in your life?

Then come and see The Christmas Village! We have opened for 2017. The Village is full of beautiful new items, stunning new season's trees and fun displays. Come early to make the most of our layby option & loyalty cards. Follow 'The Christmas Village' on Facebook for up to date information.

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### Audition Notice

**BOEING BOEING**  
A Comedy by Marc Comoletti  
Director: Stephen Leeks

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30 pm**

TET Cue Theatre, 38 Matai Street, Inglewood

Cast: 2 male, 4 female

PRODUCTION DATES: 25 April – 5 May 2018

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Scripts and further information contact:  
Stephen Leeks, [loisleeks@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:loisleeks@slingshot.co.nz) Phone 06 7550160



## All Is Calm, All Is Bright

### A Christmas Exhibition by Members of the Village Gallery

**20 November – 15 December**

**A very Merry Christmas to all our Supporters!**  
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Crowds flock to Christmas at the Bowl.

A spectacular community event, there is something for everyone at Taranaki's largest variety show complete with candles, carols, and a visit from Santa! All of this to be experienced on Sunday December 12. Relying on fantastic sponsors and gold coin donations on the night this annual event is Taranaki's own celebration of Christmas and the renowned Powerco Fireworks display – a fun-filled family occasion

for all to enjoy. Gates open at 4.30pm with some additional entertainment this year in the form of bouncy castles, face painting and Christmas stalls all on offer. Bring along the family and your picnic dinner to really enjoy the atmosphere. A wide range of food stalls will also be at the venue for your convenience. The Christmas At The Bowl app will have words to all the carols and venue information to download before the night. Pre-show entertainment is provided by 'Rusty Az' at 6.30pm with the Christmas At The Bowl Variety Show from 8pm. NP Brass will be on stage to lead all your favourite Christmas carols during the evening and the big screen will ensure that every seat in the bowl can enjoy the stage performances. Special guests include the New Zealand Army Band, The Slacks, Morgan Bamford

and Santa! Your gold coin donation at entry is truly appreciated to help keep this community run event an annual feature with Urenui Lions Club and Little Fighters Trust assisting with the collection of the donations as well as distributing candles & holders within the venue. The Ironside vehicle is available to those with mobility issues and there is limited carparking within the Gables grounds for those with official Disability Vehicle passes on a first come first served basis. Around 9.30pm sit back, gaze skywards and enjoy our Powerco Fireworks Spectacular. This is definitely a night to mark in your diary now – an event 'for the community by the community' and something that everyone can afford to do with their family to celebrate the festive season. Although the TSB Festival of Lights is not open on the night NPDC will provide a safe lighting route from the TSB Bowl of Brooklands through Pukekura Park after the event. Safety lighting will be on until 11pm to ensure your safe exit.

Postponement night is Monday December 11 in the event of bad weather – see [www.christmasatthebowl.co.nz](http://www.christmasatthebowl.co.nz), become a friend on Facebook at Christmas At The Bowl – Taranaki or listen to More FM 93.2 for weather updates on the day. Proudly sponsored by TSB Community Trust, NZ Community Trust, Powerco, More FM & TAG Oil. Don't forget to listen to More FM the morning after the show with Staples Rodway offering one lucky young audience member the chance to win \$1000.00. Happy Christmas and see you at Christmas at The Bowl 2017 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December!

Val Deakin Dance School recital

The Val Deakin Dance School will be having its annual Dance School Recital on Saturday and Sunday, December 16 and 17. There are performances at 1 pm and 3 pm on the Saturday and 1 pm on the Sunday. The

performances feature children aged five and up, teens and adults dancing an exciting range of dances of many different genres – ballet, character, national, modern, tap, comedy and ballroom dance. There are dances from the famous classical ballets as well as contemporary pieces choreographed especially by Val Deakin for the dancers involved. Audiences will enjoy the lovely colourful

costumes and an enormous range of musical types on offer. Performances will be at the Val Deakin Dance Centre, 306 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth. Students performing attend the Val Deakin Dance School in the Oakura, New Plymouth and Hawera Studios. Tickets for the Recital are available by phoning 06 7527743 after 9:30 am.

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# Acupuncture should be available for everybody

Acupuncture can complement rather than compete with western medicine, says Nigel Cliffe.

Nigel, who practices acupuncture in Opunake and Hawera was giving a talk at CoastalCare in Opunake on November 16 to coincide with the start of World Acupuncture Awareness Week.

“It can be beneficial if you don’t have pharmaceuticals on hand and it can be cost effective,” he said.

Nigel said he did believe in people having the right pharmaceuticals for the right situations. He also believed access to acupuncture should be available to anybody.

“I want people to be informed, and then they can make good decisions.”

Nigel is a member of Acupuncture New Zealand and a registered ACC provider, and says in the hands of a skilled practitioner it is a safe procedure.

Acupuncture goes back a long way. One of the oldest compiled books on the subject dates back to 2500 BC. As well as acupuncture the book deals with exercise, emotional balance, physical activity, dietary advice and harmony with nature

Issues such as diet and

lifestyle are looked at. In Chinese medicine, what goes on in the stomach is important, so the tongue which is linked to the stomach can be a mirror to what is going on inside the body. A consultation will involve observation to detect any changes in the body, including a check of the tongue, as well as taking the wrist pulse and asking the patient about things like diet, emotions, bowel motions or sleep patterns. Patients are encouraged to volunteer any information they believe maybe relevant to their condition. A treatment can then be devised relevant to that individual.

Nigel’s talk included a demonstration of acupuncture treatment with Kathleen Armstrong as the patient.

For Nigel, the journey began when he experienced a wide range of injuries, particularly in the lower back area while growing up on the Taranaki coast. He had tried a wide range of treatments including hospital care, GP care and homeopathy among others, all to no avail. Things changed when he tried Chinese massage, and for the six months after that he had no issues whatsoever.

He later spent four years learning acupuncture in



Nigel Cliffe demonstrates acupuncture with Kathleen Armstrong as patient.

New Zealand, accumulating 500 clinical hours to get his qualification. He then spent two years working in a hospital in China where English was spoken and

both Chinese and Western medicine was practiced in a complementary manner.

He says he has gone through some tough training.

“I’ve experienced the

whole gamut of tai chi, massage, herbal medicine and acupuncture,” he said.

As somebody who has always been interested in martial arts he said there were

definite benefits in preventing injury here and in sporting situations.



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Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 7pm



BLADE RUNNER 2049

Science Fiction, Blockbuster | 2hrs 43mins | R13: Violence, Offensive Language, Sexual themes

Thirty years after the events of the first film, a new blade runner, LAPD Officer K unearths a long-buried secret that has the potential to plunge what's left of society into chaos.

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm

Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm | Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm



CASE FOR CHRIST

Drama | 1hr 52mins | PG

One man's journey to solve the biggest mystery of all time.

Mike Vogel is an atheist investigative journalist who sets out to disprove the existence of God after his wife becomes a Christian.

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1pm



BAD MOMS 2

Comedy | 1hr 44mins | R16: Drug Use, Sexual References and Offensive Language

Christmas, if creating a more perfect holiday for their families wasn't hard enough, they have to do all of that while hosting and entertaining their own mothers.

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 7pm \*\*Boutique\*\*

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm | Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm | Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm



BLADE RUNNER- The Final Cut

Action, Science Fiction | 1hr 58mins | M

A blend of science fiction and noir detective fiction, Blade Runners (1982) unique postmodern production design became hugely influential within the sci-fi genre, and the film gained a significant cult following.

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm



THOR RAGNAROK

Action, Adventure, Science Fiction | 2hrs 10mins | M: Violence

Thor is imprisoned on the other side of the universe without his mighty hammer and finds himself in a race against time to get back to Asgard to stop Ragnarok--the destruction of his homeworld

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Action, Adventure, Drama, Sci Fi | 1hr 50mins | M: Violence

Despite the formation of this unprecedented league of heroes--Batman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Cyborg and The Flash--it may already be too late to save the planet from an assault of catastrophic proportions.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 7pm | Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm



SON OF BIGFOOT

Animation, Comedy | 1hr 32min | PG

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Adventure, Animation, Comedy | 1 hr 52 mins | PG

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# Opunake Music Workshop

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# ‘Say Wot’ is hot

The ‘Say Wot’ team entertained us at the Opunake Music Workshop on November 14 with original poetry about, love, life, caring and togetherness. Susanna Moore played acoustic guitar and sang her self-penned melodies and lyrics, and husband Tai spoke his words of wisdom. During the evening he told us, “My mum grew up in Opunake.” There’s an amazing aura surrounding this couple, and the love between is infectious, and draws you in. You might well ask - what on earth is Say Wot? The secret is out. It’s the name of a new show concept, inspired by Eltham-based singer/songwriter Sue and her husband Tai. They’ve cleverly combined poetry and songs into a two hour show. Sue says, “We have plans to tour around New Zealand.” It was encouraging to hear positive comments from the audience at their debut performance in Opunake at the Sandfords Event Centre on November 11.

“Thought provoking poetry. Really enjoyed listening to the music,” said Dave Shegedin. “Insightful poetry told by a wonderful orator. Sue sang beautifully, and is a clever songwriter,” commented Robyn Mc Donald from Manaia.

Their next performance will



**Tai and Susanna Moore.** be at the Hawera Memorial Theatre on December 16 at 7:30pm. Come along and meet Sue, Tai, and others at the next Opunake Music Workshop meeting at 7:30pm, Tuesday November 28 at 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. All musicians, singers, dancers and other talents are welcome.

Anne Montgomery

# Mix of urban and rural for Christmas House Tour

Christmas is coming a little early to South Taranaki with the much anticipated Christmas House Tour, happening on December 2. Nine homes are decked to the halls for the enjoyment and inspiration of those who participate in this self-

directed tour. Differing styles of decorations have dressed up these homes to be warm and welcoming, sparkly and bright. Each has their own distinctive character reflecting the style of the house and the taste and talents of the home owners. The Tour homes are located in both urban and rural settings with houses in Hawera township, Tokaora, Manaia, Kakarama, Normanby, and Ohangai. St John’s Church, also decorated for Christmas, will be an extra stop-off point. One of the tour homes is the historic

Tairoa Lodge and a pop-up cafe in the Tairoa church hall will have gourmet-style cafe refreshments available for purchase. The tour is a fundraiser for Food Bank and the Presbyterian Centre upgrade. Food Bank co-ordinator Hazel Robinson is very grateful for the willingness of the home owners to participate in this special event. Christmas can be a time of increased demand for the services of the Food Bank. It is especially stressful for families that may have work or housing issues, a wait to receive a benefit,

have been abandoned by a former partner, or receive a sudden large bill. Providing a parcel of food may make all the difference in helping them get through a temporary emergency. Hazel says, “Some people just break down when they receive food assistance. They are so thankful and grateful. We try to provide a little bit of Christmas for them in the food parcel, some chicken or cake, or a little pudding. We also hear of cases of need where the person is too proud to ask themselves and we will take them some items to help out. Often they are just overwhelmed that someone would think of them.”

Tickets for the Christmas House Tour are \$25 and are available for purchase for people 16 and over from Lovell’s Flowers 4 You, Peta M Homeware and Gifts and the Presbyterian Church Office on Argyle Street in Hawera, Manaia Medicines, Cottage lane in Stratford, Just Looking in New Plymouth. Only a limited number of tickets are available, so early purchase is advised. The town houses will be open until 4pm and the country houses until 5pm. For further information ph 062784313.

# Opunake Annual Christmas Parade

**Christmas Eve**  
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