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Election results bring changes

Phil Nixon has been elected mayor of South Taranaki District, taking over from Ross Dunlop.

In a three-way tussle he polled 5317 votes against 1959 for Hawera businessman Craig Baylis and 1062 votes for Councillor Clem Coxhead.

For the last three years Mr Nixon, who farms at Inaha, was deputy mayor under Mr Dunlop who had been mayor since 2007.

Elsewhere in Taranaki New Plymouth mayor Neil Holdom and Stratford mayor Neil Volzcke were both comfortably re-elected in the local body elections held on October 10.

A feature of the elections in South Taranaki was the high number of candidates standing for District Council and Community Board positions. As well as a new mayor there will be six new faces around the South Taranaki District council table. The Coastal Taranaki (formerly Egmont plains) Ward will be represented by three farmers with Aaron Langton and



South Taranaki's new mayor Phil Nixon.

Chris Young joining sitting councillor Bryan Roach.

Clem Coxhead, who as well as standing for mayor was

seeking re-election to Council was the highest polling of the

four unsuccessful candidates. These included Scott Willson of Opunake, Lee Hurley who campaigned for a Manaia presence on the Council, and Alan Moffatt.

The Eltham-Kaponga Ward saw one of the more notable results of the election with longstanding councillor Gordon Lawson being edged out by Mark Bellringer. Mr Lawson's involvement with local government goes back to being the last town clerk of the Eltham Town Council which merged with the Eltham County Council to form the Eltham District Council in 1986. Cr Steffy McKay topped the poll and was comfortably re-elected.

Cr McKay also topped the poll for the Eltham/Kaponga Community Board, a position she gave up because of her election to the council in favour of the highest polling unsuccessful candidate Lindsay Maindonald.

In the Te Hawera Ward new councillors are Diana Reid and Celine Philbee. None of the three candidates who stood on the Team Energy ticket which backed Craig Baylis' mayoralty bid were elected. The highest polling of these was Karl Stratton who polled 1263 votes.

The Coastal Taranaki (formerly Egmont Plains) Community Board had its first election since 2013 with seven candidates standing for four positions. The board's deputy chairman Andy Whitehead topped the poll followed by newcomer Liz Sinclair from Pihama, who is Secretary of the Opunake and District Business Association.

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New faces elected



New councillor Chris Young.



**New councillor
Aaron Langton.**



**Mike Davey newly
elected to the
Taranaki District
Health Board.**



**Lindsay
Maindonald
elected to the
Eltham -Kaponga
Community Board.**



**New Coastal Taranaki Community Board
members Bonita Bigham (left) and Liz Sinclair.**



New faces in local politics include Chris Young and Arun Langton, both now South Taranaki District Council Councillors.

Liz Sinclair is newly elected to the Egmont Plains

Community Board and joins Bonita Bigham also now on the Community Board. Lindsay Maindonald is one of two people newly elected to the Eltham -Kaponga Community Board.. Mike

Davey has been elected onto the Taranaki District Health Board. He also topped the poll for the Taranaki Regional Council North Taranaki and returns as a regional councillor.

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Letters to the Editor

A good friend of Merchant Navy Association

Over recent times your newspaper has become a really good friend of the NZ Merchant Navy Association. For so long we were out of the public eye for a number of reasons, but with genuine and sincere journalism such as what you display we are emerging in a manner which is most gratifying.

Over many years we have campaigned to be recognised and we are now at the stage of gaining just that, and your superb human interest stories about us are helping us no end.

Merv Martin
National Executive member
NZ Merchant Navy Assn(Inc).

Community help

One must commend the community of Rahotu on

Chute a war criminal

Kia ora

I am reaching out about the upcoming events commemorating the Taranaki wars next week: <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK1909/S00689/nz-land-wars-commemoration-in-taranaki-28-30-october-2019.htm>

I thought it might be interesting for you and your readers to learn that I have written to the Mayor regarding my Uncle’s fight to rename one of the streets currently named after a war criminal. I am a war crimes investigator with the UN so I am able to corroborate my Uncle’s submission from a legal and investigative perspective. Below is the letter I sent to the mayor - please do let me know if you would like to discuss this further:

My name is Alison Anitawaru Cole and I whakapapa to Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāruahine. I am a war crimes investigator with the United Nations and I am on the Board of Amnesty International Aotearoa. I am a Senior Lecturer at Hong Kong University and I teach at Victoria University. I am writing to you in support of my Uncle Mac, Gordon Sole, who has written to you and provided oral testimony regarding Chute Street in Normandy.

I wanted to share my concern with you, from my professional experience working on justice for war crimes for over 20 years. I have been all around the world documenting the most horrific crimes against humanity. I have

stepping up and helping their community church who had some of their corrugated roofing iron taken which was meant to finish off and replace the old rusty roof’s corrugated iron which had really saddened me greatly, while at the same time there’s been many small rural community churches that have closed down because no one is interested in Christianity, which I do believe is most important to every one of us.

We all know that any minister or pastor’s job is to preach the Gospel which is OK, but has the church committee ever thought of asking their followers if anyone would like to learn to become a lay preacher so they, or any man or woman can give a sermon, which gives a minister a rest?

To me any rural community that helps out and works together is a great thing, especially here in Taranaki, as every rural community, whether it’s it in the north or

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the south plays an extremely big part in our province, but we must still keep working together and helping other rural communities also.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Youth Work Award to movie theatre

How many movie theatres in New Zealand would actually have and organise a community training programme for students who have shown interest in the film and theatre industry? The Opunake High School nominated Everybods Theatre Trust for this year’s South taranaki Youth to Work Award, and not only did this Theatre Trust win this great award but also beat off the likes of Fonterra and Silver Fern Farms which is really brilliant.

The Theatre trust’s aim is to encourage young people to think about their civic duties and responsibilities

which has had some great response. One is now employed as a fulltime projectionist . I believe there should also be someone on standby just in case something unusual happens. Another has completed his programme, while four additional students volunteer their time to help develop their skills in the theatre itself.

I believe we all thought that once television arrived our movie theatres would disappear for good but that doesn’t seem to have happened. Opunake is extremely lucky to still have their own movie theatre and places like Hawera, Stratford and New Plymouth now have huge movie complexes .

So may I congratulate Opunake’s Everybods Theatre Trust for coming up with a brilliant training scheme for their young High School students, so keep it up.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Māori and Pakeha words that reflect positive images for our children, like Aroha or Rangimarie. We could find role models from Te Ao Māori to name our streets after, recognizing that many Māori historical figures have not received recognition, such as my Māori namesake, Titokowaru, and our leaders at Parihaka, a community

which Gandhi studied in building his own form of passive resistance.

If there is anything I can do to further assist this process, please do let me know. Thank you very much for your time in considering my support of my Uncle and the effort to encompass positive values in our community through our street names.



Alison Cole



Chute Street, Normanby

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Election results bring changes

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Taking the other two positions were sitting board member Sharlee Mariekura and Bonita Bigham who is swapping a seat on the South Taranaki District Council for one on the Community Board.

Board member Brian Vincent was the highest polling unsuccessful candidate followed by Daphne Sinclair-Holley and Coastal Taranaki

entertainment personality and businessman Ray Hayward who was campaigning for a greater northern presence on the board.

The Taranaki Regional Council had faced criticism over its spending plans to upgrade the Yarrow Stadium, but the only councillor not re-elected was Bev Raine in New Plymouth. In South Taranaki however, Council chairman David MacLeod finished only 132 votes ahead of unsuccessful candidate

Alan Murray from Ohawe. Neil Walker topped the poll, followed by Michael Joyce.

Taranaki Regional councillor Mike Davey who topped the poll for the North Taranaki constituency was also elected to the Taranaki District Health Board.

In other results, Opunake entertainment personality and businessman Dinnie Moeahu is one of six new faces on the New Plymouth District Council. Former councillor Phil Quinney was

edged out by David Bublitz, son of one of Mr Quinney's former council colleagues Lynn Bublitz.

Further afield David Allan, remembered by many, including the writer of this article as an English teacher at Opunake High School is back on the Horowhenua District Council. He topped the poll for the Kere Kere Ward which he had represented until three years ago.



Enjoying the sights of Opunake

Kove Castle enjoying as jaunt down Opunake's main street in the Audi accompanied by proud Dad Jack. The toddler with his authentic miniature vehicle aroused a lot of interest from passers-by including Toa out strolling with her owner. The dog gave an idea of the scale of the cute little vehicle and its cute driver.

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A Word in Season

"Soon afterwards, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he

said 'Don't cry.' Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, 'Young man, I say to you, get up.' The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. 'A great prophet has appeared among us,' they said. 'God

has come to help his people.' This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country." (Luke 7:11-17 New International Version) **Reflections:** From this Bible passage imagine you were one of the pall bearers carrying the coffin when his dead body sat up and began talking. I wonder what he was

saying? I wonder about how his resurrection affected the rest of his life. Imagine the word of mouth news and the fake news propaganda spread by Jesus' opponents—the jealous Pharisees? Try imagining and visualising his mother's reaction to Jesus resurrecting her dead son. Imagine.

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A sincere thank you to all who supported, encouraged and voted for me. I have enjoyed meeting people from across the district who love this place as I do, and it will be an enormous privilege to work with you to make South Taranaki even better. To those who didn't vote for me, I will work hard to gain your trust and confidence.

PHIL NIXON
#movingforwardtogether

Authorised by Phil Nixon, 136 Rainie Road, RD11, Hawera 4671

A cheerleading first for Opunake

Cheerleading has taken the world by storm and is gaining a foothold in Opunake.

A team of 15 young Opunake cheerleaders are on their way to the nationals to be held in Wellington early next month.

The Topaz team made up of girls aged 6-14 will be taking part in the NZCU nationals from November 2-3. This is the first time a team from Opunake will have taken part.

Last Wednesday they were at the Opunake Town Hall putting in some practice.

“It’s already the second biggest sport in the world. It’s second only to soccer,” says Hayden Palmer who along with Sarah Groeneveld has been running cheerleading classes in



Opunake cheerleaders will put in some practice before going to Wellington for the National Championships.

Opunake. “You go to competitions in America and there are 30,000 people there. It’s ridiculous.”

Sarah and Hayden have taken teams to the nationals before.

“When we took the Hawera team in 2017 our girls got quite a few gold medals,” said Sarah.

Hayden and Sarah from Element Elite have been running classes in Opunake since March, with around 20 attending. They have been running

classes in Hawera and with interest being shown further up the coast they started taking classes in Opunake as well, with around 20 turning up.

Of the team going to Wellington,

only three have done cheerleading before. Jorden Matthews has two daughters going along.

“My two used to do it in Hawera, then Sarah started it here,” she says.

Hayden says it is a harder sport than many might think.

“Our building is at least twice as big as this and we’ve been able to throw girls up to touch the roof.”

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Survey shows a majority support the banning of animal testing

A campaign to ban the Forced Swim Test in New Zealand is in line with public opinion, according to a new survey commissioned by the New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society (NZAVS) and SAFE.

The Forced Swim Test forces small animals such as rats or mice to swim in an inescapable beaker of water until they ‘give up’ and float. Some researchers use the Forced Swim Test in an effort to mimic depression or hopelessness in humans

Just 14% of respondents in the Horizon Research survey supported the continued use of the Forced Swim Test. More than half (54%) of the respondents in the Horizon Research survey supported a ban on the Forced Swim Test in New Zealand, while

32% of respondents were not sure.

“I’m not surprised that a majority of Kiwis want to see an end to this cruel and invalid animal test. We’re a nation of animal lovers and we don’t tolerate this kind of treatment of animals,” says Tara Jackson, NZAVS Executive Director.

“We are in a time where the use of this test is being scrutinised widely by the public, the scientific community, and the pharmaceutical industry, which is publicly banning its use. This issue is relevant on a global scale,” added Miss Jackson.

Pharmaceutical giants such as Johnson and Johnson and Sage Therapeutics have publicly committed to no longer use or fund this test. Three of the top ten pharmaceutical companies worldwide (in terms of revenue) have committed to banning the use of the Forced Swim Test.

Over 25,000 people signed the NZAVS and SAFE petition asking the New Zealand government to ban

the Forced Swim Test and to conduct a full review and evaluation of the validity of animal-based psychological tests in New Zealand. The petition was presented to Parliament at the start of the month and is now with the Economic Development, Science, and Innovation Committee.

“We are hopeful that select committee members will do what is ethically and scientifically correct and listen to the nation. We don’t want this archaic experiment to be associated with Aotearoa any longer. The Government needs to act now and listen to public opinion,” says Debra Ashton, SAFE CEO.

to suffer.

The survey involved 1,047 members of Horizon Research’s national panels who were surveyed between October 3 and 9, 2019. The sample was representative of the adult population at the 2017 census, and, at a 95% confidence level, the maximum margin of error was ± 3% overall.



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Stair climb leads to marriage

LEFT: John Peter Mills and Jana-Liese Hannah were married on September 20 at the Brentwood Country Club, Long Island, New York.

They met in 2015 at the Firefighters Memorial Stair Climb in Auckland. John was attending as a FDNY firefighter and Jana-Liese as an Opunake firefighter. Friendship grew to marriage over the space of four years with many stairclimbs, lots of travelling and working between trips.

Family and friends travelled from around the world to share the day in New York.

Jana is the daughter of Mike Hannah and Irene Van der Sar, and granddaughter of Jack and Elke Van der Sar formerly of Opunake.



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OPUNAKE FIRE BRIGADE Always that ‘what if’.

On October 10, the Opunake, Rahotu and Okato Brigades responded to a fridge fire at Farm Source Pungarehu. Rahotu arrived first to find it pretty much out on arrival. On October 13,

Rahotu School’s fire alarm went off. Rahotu arrived to find nothing showing and turned Opunake back. For training this week we had an LPG tanker arrive at the station. The driver

showed us where the shut off valves are located along with some dos and do nots at a crash. I’m not sure if I feel safer or more scared to attend a LPG Tanker fire. In theory we can control the

flames and let it vent itself but there is always that what if..... Don’t forget to check those tractors for bird nests.

Craig Dingle

Tigger needs urgent surgery so she can see again

Tigger needs urgent surgery to be able to see again

Tigger is a 15-year-old Wire-haired Fox Terrier dog, but unfortunately she has developed cataracts. It is sad to see the little dog bumping into things because Tigger is now totally blind. However, it doesn’t need to remain like this as optic surgery can alleviate the problem.

The trouble is the nearest veterinary clinic, where the delicate cataract surgery could be carried out, is in Fielding and the procedure is very expensive.

Tigger’s owner Sonja Lawson, who has recently forked out for expensive vet dental care for Tigger, does not have sufficient funds to pay the huge cost needed for Tigger to be able to see again - and stop painfully bumping her head into objects. Although Sonja has had pet insurance for years for Tigger, eyes and teeth are not covered.

The cost of the surgery is \$3,500 and would be carried out by Dr Craig Irving in his Fielding veterinary clinic. On top of this outlay is travel and accommodation to enable Sonja to take her south. Dr Irving has said he requires a \$2,500 deposit and the remainder can be paid off in instalments. Luckily, Tigger is otherwise in good shape for a dog of



Sonja Lawson with her beloved, but blind dog Tigger.

her years; examinations and tests have revealed no arthritis, cardiac, kidney or liver problems to mention just a few things which can be issues for an older dog.

“Tigger’s wonderful personality has helped a lot of animals, children, old people and sick people with many visits to to offer love and support. Being blind now prevents Tigger being out and about visiting,” explains Sonja. Can you help? “I absolutely love her,” says Sonja and speaks of a beloved pet who has loads of personality. She was bought from a breeder in Auckland and named after Tigger the bouncy tiger in the famous Pooh Bear books written by the British author AA Milne.

Sonja has a number of fundraising ideas in progress. She has organised raffles (\$2 tickets) with prizes such as groceries, vouchers and fuel. She also has a number of items for sale including ornaments, stamp albums, CDs, LPs and books.

A quiz ‘It’s in the Bag’ evening, an auction and

an Amazing Pool Race are fundraising events I’m hoping to hold, depending on sponsorship,” she says. “I am happy to pick up items suitable for auction or prizes if people have stuff they would like to donate. Also, it would be great if businesses could donate items or

services,” Sonja comments.

She has opened a Give a Little page in the Animal category of the search bar, titled ‘Cataract surgery for Tigger’. Also, Sonja is happy to carry out work such as house cleaning, driving (she has a truck license), caring for children, housesitting and animal care including grooming. No heavy lifting though, for health reasons.

She is also a very good writer, in case you need something written up, such as a family history; she has been runner up in the Open Poetry section of the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards, Taranaki’s foremost literary event. She is also good at proof reading, aided by her spelling ability.

“Prior to contracting a life-threatening infection, I was in full time employment, rode racehorses before work and was involved in voluntary organisations such as Pony Club, RDA, and SPCA,” she says. “I’ve won multiple prizes and awards with children and animals including ‘Most Valuable Coach. and nominations for New Zealander of the Year.”

If you are able to help with this very good cause can you please contact Sonja Lawson on 02 04 008 7276 or write to PO box 163, Stratford 4352. Her email address is sonjahenee13@gmail.com It would be appreciated if your help can be at your earliest convenience.

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Swamp kiwi could shed light on climate change

Swamp Kauri find could shed light on climate change

A cache of swamp kauri found by construction workers earlier this year on the West Auckland building site of the country's largest retail store may yield important information about climate change according to a leading environmental scientist.

Results from radiocarbon dating carried out by scientists from NIWA, the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research and the University of Waikato Radiocarbon Dating Laboratory indicate the swamp kauri discovered at the site of the Nido furniture store is more than 45,000 years old - placing it within the Paleolithic age of human prehistory.

According to NIWA's principal scientist Dr Andrew Lorrey, data gained from the unearthed wood could have considerable significance internationally.

He says that due to the sensitivity of kauri to regional climate patterns, important knowledge could be gained on how El Niño operated in the past and how it might change in the future.

"I thought initially it was going to be less than 10,000 years in terms of radiocarbon dating but we now have enough certainty to establish a radiocarbon date of more than 45,000. That is much older than we expected. It is rare to find a site where all the wood has the same date, so more work on the Nido wood is still required," says Dr Lorrey.

The ancient wood was discovered at a depth of four metres and assistant site manager Lisa Wade (of iwi Ko Kahungunu kia Heretaunga me Rongowhakaata me Te Aitanga A Mahaki toku iwi descent) identified the significance of the find straight away.

The swamp kauri was sealed



A piece of swamp kauri.

off underground which has kept the timber preserved in exceptional condition but as the wood was saturated, the scientists need to let it dry for some time before they can investigate further.

"Once it's dry enough, we take it back to the lab and sand it down, so that we can see the rings clearly and measure the sequences. It's like a time barcode," "We'll then run those barcode sequences against other reference chronologies that have already been dated and see if we get a match. It will be interesting to see when these trees were growing, and if it tells us something about when a kauri forest may have been present there," says Dr Lorrey.

He says that it is hard to know precisely what they are dealing with until they measure it and try to match the ring patterns against other trees that have a close radiocarbon date. But because kauri tree rings are annual, it's like a high-resolution time capsule.

If the swamp kauri is as ancient and unique as now believed, more significant information can be retrieved from its discovery.

"That time period was

characterised by rapid climate changes, most probably caused by the Northern Hemisphere ice sheets and sea level fluctuating wildly. We think that by looking closely at these trees, we can learn something new about the global climate system, "When we get all the data together on the same timescale, we'll get an interesting picture of climate and environmental changes on the planet," says Dr Lorrey.

He says swamp kauri is an ideal natural archive to give indications of what's happening with El Niño in the Pacific region. "Kauri contains patterns that appear sensitive to that particular climate mode, which has a strong impact on New Zealand. From examining El Niño's behaviour back in time, this wood could be a hugely valuable tool. It can help us examine periods of El Niño activity during the times when humans weren't around in the landscape to modify it," he says.

"We can get a good picture of what's going on with this major climate mode, which impacts billions of people all over the world. It also

gives us an idea about the range of natural climate variations that impact on New Zealand, which is important for planning future climate extremes."

Swamp kauri are prehistoric kauri trees which can be buried for 800 to 50,000 years under peat swamps in the North Island - predating the last Ice Age.

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The local body elections

It's good to see democracy alive and well in South Taranaki District, with an increased voter turnout in the local elections. Central government and local government are separate institutions, although as representatives we all work together in the best interests of Taranaki. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the successful candidates who stood this year. I know Mayor Phil Nixon and South Taranaki's new-look council will fully commit to the huge amount of work and research on behalf of the public. Talented people have been elected to both the Taranaki Coastal Ward and Community Board, who I'm sure will represent you with distinction. I offer thanks to those who stood but missed out this time. It takes a great deal of courage to put yourself forward and you should be proud of your effort.



JONATHAN YOUNG MP
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

Thanks too, to the people who took the time to vote because the more who do, the clearer message community leaders get of what the public wants. South Taranaki had a preliminary participation rate of 48% on preliminary figures, up 9% from 2016, which bucks the general downward trend around the country. Based on this year's results, rural areas seem better than bigger cities when it comes to understanding the importance of voting. There's a certain responsibility we have as voters to get to

know council aspirants and identify what they stand for. Often that's easier with general elections where there are fewer candidates and the messaging is clearer, running on party lines. As we turn our attention to next year's Parliamentary elections I encourage you to look around and find the policies that fit best with you and your family. The fast-paced world of modern media has led to a focus on personalities over policies, but you also have the power to access websites and find out the facts behind the faces. I'm confident you'll like what the National Party is offering. We have started rolling out our ideas and there'll be more to come over the next few months at <https://www.national.org.nz/haveyoursay>. We're also very interested to hear your thoughts and opinions. New Zealand has a proud history of healthy democracy, with a free

exchange of ideas. I hope that the local elections have sharpened your appetite for Election 2020 and that you will participate. Feel free to contact your local MP, whether it's me, Barbara Kuriger in Taranaki-King Country or Harete Hipango in the Whanganui electorate visit the National website and check us out. Your vote makes a difference and when you cast an informed vote, you help shape a government that represents your views. A high voter turnout give a government a stronger mandate to pass the laws that affect all our lives. The bottom line is you.

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Major upgrade for Taranaki Base Hospital

The Government has approved the next stage of a major redevelopment of Taranaki Base Hospital, which will deliver new and improved facilities for patients. Health Minister Dr David Clark has announced details of a \$300 million dollar project to build a new East Wing at the New Plymouth hospital. It will be funded out of the \$1.7 billion set aside in Budget 2019 for upgrading our hospitals and health facilities. The project will create new critical and acute care facilities, including: a new Emergency Department (twice as large as the current ED) and Intensive Care



Unit, a rooftop helipad which will mean faster, safer patient transfers, purpose-built maternity facilities and delivery suite, a new postnatal ward and neonatal unit, upgraded laboratory and radiology services, and a dedicated tupapaku facility (morgue) "Taranaki Base Hospital serves a population of 120,000 and last year its Emergency Department treated 33,600 - with tens-of-thousands more receiving

inpatient, outpatient and other services. They deserve modern, fit for purposes facilities that support high quality services," David Clark said. "This Government is serious about the long-term challenge of rebuilding our neglected hospitals. In our first two Budgets we have invested twice as much into upgrading hospitals and health facilities as the previous Government managed in nine years.

"This much needed work at Taranaki Base Hospital will address the poor condition and seismic issues with the buildings that currently house the remainder of acute clinical services. "It will improve the resilience of the hospital so it can provide emergency clinical care after a major disaster. "The building will also target a 5-star Greenstar certification, reducing the energy, water and carbon footprint of the hospital. "Most importantly, these upgraded facilities will improve how acute clinical services are delivered, ensuring high quality care and better health outcomes for the community. "I'm particular pleased that the new maternity ward will house a primary birthing

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Major upgrade for Taranaki Base Hospital

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unit, delivery suite, antenatal clinic and assessment unit – and that a postnatal ward will be collocated with the neonatal unit. That will be great news for new mothers and their babies. “The new, much larger Emergency Department will also mean there’s more capacity to manage

acute demand. A new acute assessment unit will also help ensure people get the appropriate treatment and reduce hospital admissions. “Final approval of this project is subject to the detailed business case. Work towards this next stage is already well advanced. Clinicians, user groups and local iwi will continue to be consulted to ensure we get

the best outcomes for staff and patients. “Today’s announcement means the people of Taranaki can be confident their hospital will continue to deliver the care they need into the future. “But there is much more to be done to improve hospital facilities around the country and I expect to make further investment announcements

in coming days and weeks,” David Clark said. Construction of the new East Wing at Taranaki Base Hospital is expected to begin by the end of 2020 (or early 2021) and it is expected to open in late 2023. Stage One of the hospital’s redevelopment, the \$80 million Acute Services Building, was opened in July 2014.

Leading by compassion

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern is not afraid to lead by compassion. She is ensuring that this Government recognises the value of every New Zealander, especially our elderly.

Just on the other side of the maunga in Waitara, Government support helped Te Atiawa Kaumātua Housing Trust build, bless and open four warm, dry and healthy kaumātua flats. Te Puni Kōkiri invested over \$700,000 into the project, walking alongside the Trust right up to the unveiling of the kōhatu outside the new whare. This is a perfect example of how this Government is working in genuine partnership with iwi and our communities to ensure everyone has a secure house to call their home. I join Associate Minister of Housing Hon Nanaia Mahuta in congratulating the Trust on their mahi, mahi



ADRIAN RURAWHE MP

which is enhancing the lives of our kuia and kaumātua here in the Taranaki rohe. While National is only currently united by their negativity, from our Winter Energy Payment to our promise of keeping the retirement age at 65, this Government is getting on with the job voters in Opunake and the coast elected us to do. As part of our National Education Growth Plan, five schools in the Taranaki are sharing in ten new, warm classrooms for our tamariki to learn in. Te Kura Kaupapa

Māori o Ngati Ruanui in Hawera is one of them, it gets two. This is a refreshing change from the previous Government inadequately planning for roll growth, and leaving our schools to make do with using libraries and halls. With other similar announcements ahead for Te Tai Hauaruru, I congratulate Education Minister Chris Hipkins on providing parents with certainty, that our schools will have space for their rangatahi. Another great announcement, is that we recently declared that New Zealand history will be taught in all schools and kura by 2022. This is something whānau and hapū Māori have been calling for, for some time. Too much raruraru is created by people speaking unaware of where we have come from as a nation, and how different people experienced

our history differently. To ensure the important lessons of our past are not left to chance, all schools will teach Aotearoa’s history to the same extent, and give mana whenua input into the local histories taught in local classrooms. Together, we can increase understanding, slash ignorance, and create a stronger New Zealand. Take care of each other whānau.

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Mac Sole: Episode 15 A bite of reindeer

On April 21 I took the Tuk Tuk Rickshaw to Gand Palace, which was very elaborate but of little interest to me. I went on to a police station to try to get a police hat. After what I thought was smooth talking, I got one which I still have. I nearly forgot this: while at the Palace a guard armed with an automatic rifle asked me to take his photo. Being wise I complied.

My last full day in Thailand was on April 22. I had a good send off at the Aussie club in Pat Pong with friends. I'd made a booking for a taxi at 3am so I could make the airport in time.

On April 23 I flew from Bangkok to Sydney.

Thank you Thailand for a great holiday.

My earlier recollections of holidays with my family in my very early years was to Hastings to mainly see Hilda and Archie Parks, Hilda being my dear



A caribou, which is also known as a reindeer.

mother's sister. Archie was a likeable hard case fellow and unfortunately except for my enjoying water melons during my visit, all else is lost in the mists of time.

The only other childhood excursion into the world of travel by myself was by train to Wanganui to stay with my aunt Ellen and her partner 'Blue'. They treated me

very kindly as did Ellen's children, my cousins. They lived in Eurquat Street which runs to the River where, on Saturday night one would sit on the river bank to see a loaded river ferry filled with folk dancing during its excursion to Pipiriki and back to Wanganui, this being a popular local social occasion on weekends.

As an adult, all of my overseas holidays were from Sydney, Australia. The first one was in 1984, with the destinations the USA, Canada and Mexico.

In Canada I went to Vancouver and to Vancouver Island to visit Maire, my younger sister who took me around the Island to points of interest like the mural painted town Nanaimo. After visiting Maire I visited Thelma my elder sister and Joe a great guy. They lived in trail a smaller town in British Columbia. They took me in their camper van to other Canadian towns such as Calgary, Banff, and Edmonton as well as many smaller towns.

In one small town we had lunch. From the menu I ordered a deer steak. I mentioned to Joe that it tasted like an ordinary steak. His reply was that was, but that we are in the town of Caribou – another misunderstanding by me.

Venture Taranaki welcomes appointment of new directors

Venture Taranaki Trust (VTT) has welcomed Dr Joanna Breare and Gillian Cagney to the regional promotion and development agency's governance team. Joanna is the Chief Executive of Todd Energy and Gillian is the Chief Executive of Worley New Zealand.

Board Chair Robin Brockie and Gavin Faull both retire from the Board, while current Board members Jamie Tuuta, Kevin Murphy and Hinerangi Raumati Tu'Ua have each been reappointed for a further three-year term, and David Downs and Hemi Sundgren both continue their terms.

Jamie Tuuta replaces Robin as the Board's Chair and is looking forward to continuing the Trust's

work to grow the region's economy and enterprises.

VTT is a Council Controlled Organisation and New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom thanked Robin and Gavin for their hard work and said it will be great to see some fresh insights on the Trust.

"Venture Taranaki remains a crucial part of the work we're doing to keep the Taranaki economy humming while preparing for a low emissions future with the Tapuae Roa strategy and the Taranaki 2050 Roadmap.

"We know there are some big challenges ahead as we lead New Zealand on its net-zero emissions journey and it's fantastic to have two expert energy leaders on this Board, which fits nicely with the skill sets of other Directors.

"I'm also delighted that Jamie Tuuta has been appointed as the new chair. He's a top quality leader for what is a high calibre team all round.

"I'd like to say a huge

thank you to Robin and Gavin for their leadership and commitment over many years," says Mr Holdom..

Mr Brockie said he was proud of the achievements of the Trust during his time on the Board.

"It has been a privilege to work with my Board colleagues, the Venture Taranaki and New Plymouth District Council teams, our stakeholders and the people of Taranaki. The testimony to that is what continues to make the region a great place to live, work, play and invest in," Mr Brockie said.

"I leave the Board with the knowledge and confidence that the region is on a strong and positive trajectory as it continues to be resilient to its challenges and pursues its opportunities."

The Board of Venture Taranaki is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Trust, which delivers a range of regional development, promotion and enterprise support services to the region, including

funding delivered via the Major Events Fund. It also spearheads Tapuae Roa – Taranaki's Economic Development Strategy and published the Taranaki 2050 Roadmap which sets out the vision for our region's transition to a low emissions economy.

All changes came into effect at the Trust's Annual General Meeting on October 15, where the Trust's annual report for 2018/19 was also finalised and released.

Highlights for the 2018/19 year included significant progress against the Trust's projects under Tapuae Roa, progression of the Taranaki 2050 Roadmap, as well as working with 6,064 clients across a diverse range of enterprise and sector growth services. The Trust's services gained a 90.7 percent satisfaction rating from its clients and Trust staff gained a 95.6 percent satisfaction rating for the 2018/2019 financial year.

On this month in history GST introduced

On October 1, 1986 a Goods and Services Tax (GST) at 10% was introduced by the Labour Government with the idea being proposed by Minister of Finance Roger Douglas. The Prime Minister, at the time, was David Lange.

In June 30, 1989 GST was

introduced to 12.5%. The National Government under Prime Minister John Key declared that under their no new taxes stance that GST would not be raised. However, GST was raised even further to 15%.

New Zealand must be the only nation where we have

a tax on a tax. For example on rates, an unavoidable land and property tax, we also have to pay GST on it. Something similar can be said for petrol and diesel. It is surprising that successive governments have not seen fit to correct this unfair anomaly.

Tragedy at Te Ngutu o Te Manu

The New Zealand Wars raged on for several years in the 1860s, with military engagements in various places in Taranaki and elsewhere.

However, with the considerable loss of life, the battle at Te Ngutu o Manu (the beak of the bird), is a most notable and tragic one. The site of the bush surrounded former pa (or fortified village) can be reached by the Ahi-paipa or Tempisky Roads and is near the small township of Okaiawa. In modern times it is a peaceful public reserve, with various facilities including a barbecue place.

Te Ngutu o Te Manu was the main pa of the noted Maori chief Titokowaru, whose warriors were known as Hauhaus. About a hundred people, European



Gustav von Tempsky

the monument to the Maori warriors (and children) who lost their lives in this unprovoked attack.

The first attack, involved colonial 345 soldiers, and was on August 21, 1868 under the overall leadership of Lieutenant Colonel McDonnell, with Major Von Tempsky also leading a column. Whares were set on fire and grenades inside in some cases. One report claimed that seven Maori people were killed and four European soldiers (with 8



This monument commemorates the colonial soldiers who were killed in the engagement, including Major von Tempsky.



This is where the pa was and the scene of a terrible battle in 1868.

and Maori, violently lost their lives. The most famous soldier who took part was the Prussian Major Gustav Ferdinand Von Tempsky (1828 – 1868). Today, inside a wide clearing marks where the pa was, is a monument to Major Von Tempsky and about 40 other European soldiers who died. However, it must be asked, where is

wounded). However, the main engagement occurred on September 7, 1868, this time with 360 colonial soldiers. Involved were the Armed Constabulary (commanded by Von Tempsky), Wellington Rifles, Wellington Rangers, some settler volunteers, as well as 110 so-called

‘friendly natives’ a contingent of Maori warriors from Whanganui who were known as Kupapas.

A lot of the roads in Taranaki are named after some of the officers involved in this battle, such as Lieutenants Rowan, Hunter and Hastings and Captain Cumming.

Things did not go to plan

for the European soldiers partly because they were not used to bush fighting, unlike the Maori warriors from the pa. However, many whares were destroyed as well as Titokowaru’s sacred meeting house Wharekura.

There was some indecision from McDonnell, although Von Tempsky who had his heart set on winning a Victoria Cross (“Heaphy has the Cross and I want it”) wanted to get stuck in and carry out a sustained attack. He stopped to attend to a wounded soldier and was fatally shot through the head by an elderly warrior called Te Rangi-hina-kau.

Eventually the colonial European soldiers had to retreat with many of the dead left where they fell. Some were later eaten in a cannibal feast. Most of the dead soldiers were burnt on a huge funeral pyre which Tonga Awihau (who was child at the time) recalled in 1965 at the age of 101.



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So to the all coaches, managers, umpires, the drivers, the people who bring the half-time oranges, people who help with fundraising, who peel veges for the hangi, anyone who has to wash smelly playing uniforms, the Home & School committee, there are literally so many of you to name (we do have a list) that if we did we would fill this entire page, Opunake High School wants to say the following to you all:



A FOND FAREWELL



Murray Weir



Ken Brown



Aileen Watson

At our last whole school Iwi for 2019 held on Wednesday 23rd October, we took the opportunity to farewell three staff members leaving us for different pastures in 2020.

Murray Weir has reached that age where the government gifts you a gold surfboard, so hes off to get in some quality surfing whenever he wants rather than waiting for the school bell to ring.

Ken Brown is heading for the sunny climates of Mangawhai. He leaves us as leader of Karo as well as being a bit of an eco-warrior. He has spent a large portion of 2019 working with DOC to get our students involved with trapping rodents on our maunga.

Aileen Watson is leaving for a career in counselling in the South Island, also taking her closer to her son. She has done an outstanding job as the Head of the Technology faculty, all the while growing a strong hospitality programme.

We're blessed that all three of these amazing teachers are with us until the end of the teaching year. All of them have contributed massively to the life and times of Opunake High School and will be dearly missed.

Thank you Murray, Ken & Aileen for sharing your time with us, we wish you all the best in your next endeavours.



Congratulations to the Senior Boys A Basketball team on their title-winning run at the Schick A Boys Basketball Championships held in Palmerston North during the first week of the school holidays.



Nga mihi o te wa ki a koe me to whanau
Greetings to you and your family

What an amazing start to the term! Since I last spoke to you it there has been a number of outstanding events and achievements from every level and learning area of the school. We are punching well above our weight in 'Taranaki and beyond' and being noticed by many, both locally and nationally, not just for our talent, but for our sportsmanship, humility and give it a go attitude! I could not be more proud of who we are and who we strive to be. The passion in our School and community is infectious and the commitment from parents and supporters, to our students, rangatahi and school is absolutely fantastic. Thank you to everyone in our learning community for your contributions, collaboration and community spirit! I want to acknowledge our National Champion basketball team who are an amazing group of young men who walk the talk in growing good people for a rapidly changing world. You are humble in your deeds and this has been expressed in a number of emails that have been sent to the school about the way you conducted yourselves on the way to National success.

I want to congratulate all our students and staff on the awesome innovative learning programmes, commitment to student success and dedication to supporting a more personalised approach. This has resulted in students' succeeding with internal assessments. We will be congratulating our academic achievers today on the fantastic results they have achieved in the year to date. Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students' next steps are their external NCEA exams and by using their results from the Benchmark Exams they can work with our teachers to identify a learning programme and timetable that personalises their study plan to get the best results for you our students. Make the most of the specific tutorials offered. If you haven't yet, speak to your teachers.

On the building front, the science block is currently undergoing renovations and this will also include the maths block after senior prizegiving. These classrooms will not be used for teaching for the rest of the school year after senior prizegiving. This upgrade of facilities will enable a more comfortable learning experience in 2020. Please keep away from these areas to ensure there are no health and safety concerns.

During the holidays I attend a conference in Auckland that has over 150 other new principals of schools in NZ. Currently there are over 425 new school principals who are in their first 2 years of leading a school community. The focus for the conference was around "Leading in times of change" and during the conference I looked at change in all of its different forms and I found the whakatauki - Ma whero, ma pango ka oti te mahi - we achieve our goals by working together, like a united family or te whanau tahi. This whakatauki sticks with me because in our community which is whanau focused and welcoming, it reminds me that we move from I can't do it to I can't do it YET, but with your help I can do it!!!!

I, like you, enjoy music and in the holiday break I rediscovered a song writer a complicated, yet brilliant poet, who advocated for free thinking and self-preservation, his lyrics always succeeded in one thing: They inspired us to never give up. Tupac is his name and many of you may know of his lyrics. "Even though you're fed up, you gotta keep your head up." "I make mistakes but learn from everyone. And when it's said and done. I bet this brother be a better one. If I upset you don't stress. Never forget, that God isn't finished with me yet." "No one knows my struggle, they only see the trouble. Not knowing how hard it is to carry on when no one loves you." "Through every dark night, there's a bright day after that. So no matter how hard it get, stick your chest out, keep your head up, and handle it.

Tupac may have rapped about life on the street, but he also challenged men to respect women, make positive changes, be grateful and to never settle for anything less than your best. So to you our students, never settle for anything less than your best in every aspect of what you do in school and in life.

To you all, your humility and your give it a go attitude and a never give up focus until you are successful, is something that encourages me and inspires me to lead the best school in Taranaki.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback do not hesitate to get in touch.

Noho ora mai ano
Peter O'Leary - Principal

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WHATS HAPPENING AT OPUNAKE HIGH?

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Hapu Break-up - Week 4, Nov. 4th	Junior Prizegiving - Dec. 7th
Senior NCEA Exams - from Week 4, Nov. 7th	Junior Camps - Dec. 8th - 10th
TSSSA Junior Sports week - Nov. 11th - 15th	

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Adding new colour to Opunake Walkway

Kirsty Meynell returned to art as a way of getting through her experiences of her last deployment to Afghanistan. Now her artwork can be seen by anybody coming on to the Opunake Walkway at the Hickey Place entrance.

Kirsty is a Warrant Officer Class 2 in the New Zealand Defence Forces, and has lived in Opunake for the last two years. She has served on two seven month deployments to Afghanistan and a six month one to East Timor. “I had drawn at school but hadn’t touched it for about 20 years,” she says. “Initially my artwork had a bit of a military theme but not anymore. I do pieces that encourage thought in people. I quite like a bit of kiwiana.” About a month ago Kirsty put up artwork lining the fence on the Walkway’s Hickey Place entrance. “I love what the community has done with



Kirsty Meynell.

the secret garden and wanted to do something to brighten up this end of the Walkway,” she says. “I’ve tried to show scenes that you see on the Walkway in sequential order.” These include Te Namu Pa, Middleton Bay and the Secret Garden. She says she has tried to put in elements of Opunake, such as somebody fishing, somebody whitebaiting and the surfboard fence. She cites a great aunt, Sophie Turol who had come to New Zealand as a Polish refugee and was an artist as one of her main influences.

Embroiderers head visits Opunake

When the Association of New Zealand Embroiderers Guilds was founded in 1974 there were nine guilds around the country. Now there are 58 of them and national president Trish Hughes of Whangarei has set herself the goal of visiting all of them in her term as president. Since July last year she has visited 25 guilds. Last Wednesday she visited the Opunake Guild as part of a Taranaki visit which has also seen her take in the Taranaki-Whanganui-Manawatu Regional Exhibition at the Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford. The national association has around 2500 members, and the oldest Guild is Southland which was formed 60 years ago. The Opunake, South Taranaki and Stratford Guilds all started about the same time



Embroiderer’s Guild national president Trish Hughes (centre) with regional representatives Felicity Willis (left) and Opunake Guild president Sue Staveley. 35 years ago. Originally from Southampton, England, Trish says she learned how to knit and crochet from her grandmother as a three-year-old. She arrived in New Zealand in 1982 and worked as a theatre nurse at Waikato Hospital where she met husband Phillip, an obstetrician and gynaecologist. In the years since their work had taken them them to Hong Kong, Dubai and Brunei before returning to New Zealand in 2000. They settled in Whangarei where Trish joined the Embroiders Guild in 2002. “Up until 2002 I was a knitter and a crocheter,” says Trish. “It wasn’t until I joined the Whangarei Embroiderer’s Guild that I discovered the techniques of embroidering, and I just learned from them. There’s never a finish to learning.”

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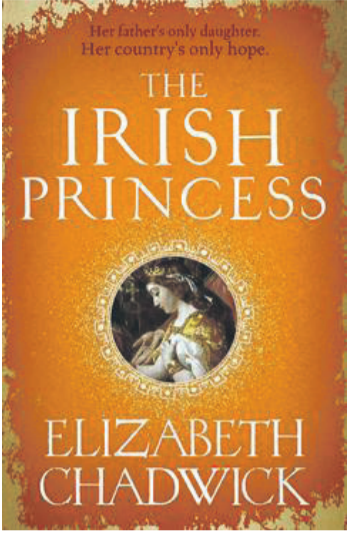


Opunake Library Plus Book review: The Irish Princess by Elizabeth Chadwick

I admit to being a long-time fan of Elizabeth Chadwick as I enjoy historical fiction. One of my favourite things about her writing is that she does not just stick to the Tudor Era or Henry VIII and his wives.

The main character Aoife is inspiring. She is strong, clever, fierce and determined. Like her mother before her she understands that a woman can rule men without being obvious and that survival rests on being knowledgeable and adaptable. It is a hard

time living in that period in Ireland. Constant unrest and upheaval and war over land and titles are a fact of everyday life. A king's whims can blow hot and cold and keep you safe or exiled depending on the mood of the day. Although Aoife is a female, and during those times they were not always favoured, she was the apple of her father's eye from the moment she was born, and by being so close to him she learned how to be wily and play the game of politics. She marries Richard de



Claire - a smart and able warrior who is out of favour with the new King Henry II. But Henry adores Aoife and over time they forge a strong bond between them and Henry helps the family when they must flee Ireland and seek refuge in England. Nothing comes for free however and Henry wrings every ounce of loyalty from Richard that he can while giving very little in return.

This is a book that gives the reader a beautiful landscape view of the life and times of Ireland and England in the 1100s and a clear insight

into the people who played a huge and dramatic part in its future.

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Taranaki's people power a model for restoring ecosystems

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A bushman helping re-home kiwi, students using drones to monitor stream health, habitat and predators, and farmers helping plant and fence more than 13,000 kilometres of streambank to support water health, are examples of Taranaki's "people power" – highlighted as a model for

the rest of New Zealand.

Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) Chair David MacLeod congratulated the 17 Taranaki Environmental Award 2019 winners.

"I am in awe of the fantastic work carried out by our environmental award winners. The winners are shining examples of how Taranaki individuals, industry, business, and community organisations are helping make large-scale improvements to Taranaki's freshwater health and other ecosystems region-wide. It's contributing to the region's best freshwater ecological health in the past 24 years – it's impressive," said Mr MacLeod.

Katie Sinclair is an enthusiastic advocate for the coastal environment, organising and conducting beach clean-ups around Opunake, analysing the source of rubbish and debris, encouraging community action and supporting like-minded organisations. The 18-year-old works under the banner of Healthy Oceanz, which she established as a school Young Enterprise Scheme project two years ago.

Midhirst dairy farmers Rex and Janice Carroll are dedicated to improving freshwater quality and encouraging native biodiversity on their farm next to Egmont National Park. Since 2008, they've fenced and planted nearly 6,500 native plants along more than 30 kilometres of



Katie Sinclair of Opunake was a recent winner of a Taranaki Environmental Award.

streambank and drains on the property.

Kevin Stokes devotes 200 volunteer hours a year to the Taranaki Kiwi Trust and other groups, often taking leave from his paid job to do so. As an accredited kiwi handler, he's deeply involved in Operation Nest Egg. He locates kiwi eggs, takes them to Rotorua for

hatching and brings chicks back for release in Taranaki. He also monitors the location and health of released kiwi.

Ngamatapouri School uses innovative technology to understand the local environment and to inform their community. The 12 pupils at this remote school are working as scientists, technical innovators and

researchers as they come to grips with their community's No 1 threat, flooding, and water health. With funding support from the Curious Minds citizen science project, they're using drones and digital technology to help them monitor the state of the Waitotara River and develop a local flood warning system.

Coral and Norton Moller of Oākura Farms have fenced and planted more than nine kilometres of stream banks and wetlands. Now sharemilkers Sophie Parker and Matt Thomas and the current team are expanding protective margins around streams and wetlands. This will further improve the quality of streamwater that discharges to Oākura Beach.

Precious kōkako are back and thriving in the eastern Taranaki bushland thanks to years of careful planning and hard work by the East Taranaki Environment Trust.

Kiwi numbers are increasing at around 9% a year, and more than half the kōkako released so far are nesting.

Paul and Susan and Shawn and Joanne England run a 146-hectare dairy farm at Manutahi that demonstrates how their farming practices support protecting waterways on terrace country. Fencing and planting waterways and wetlands has been their priority since 2009, with all

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5.1 kilometres fenced and only 360 metres left to be planted.

The Kaitake and Oākura community show how an entire populace can pull together to achieve a common goal – NZ’s first possum free area on mixed land on the mainland.

Ben Plummer, of Drone Technologies NZ provides quality drone footage, adapting methods to suit requirements and a range of environmental purposes. This includes predator detection – using infrared camera and spotlight to detect possums in a possum eradication trial - freshwater-quality monitoring, pest-plant monitoring and coastal environmental mapping. He also teaches Ngamatapouri students to use a drone to monitor water clarity, works with Waitara High School students to map seagrass meadows on Orapa Reef, and surveys pest plants along the Waingongoro River.

The 36-hectare Vickers quarry at the top of York Road is one of the region’s largest. It takes meticulous care to prevent waterways being choked with sediment-laden storm water, which is one of the biggest environmental risks of quarrying.

Tim and Sue Hardwick-Smith have adapted management practices to suit different land types across their 1,500-hectare

sheep and beef farm at Mangamingi, guided by their TRC farm plan. Poplar poles are planted to control erosion and swamp areas are not drained. Native forest is regenerating on 550 hectares of marginal or erosion-prone land, with another 108 hectares in production forestry.

Students at Omata School are making outstanding efforts to ensure Taranaki’s native biodiversity is supported, including establishing lizard lounges, setting up bird feeders, targeting predators and ensuring native invertebrates have good habitats..

Scott and Julayne Thompson keep the environment in clear focus as they develop the production potential of their leased 2,700-hectare Rimunui Station in the Waitotara Valley, where sheep and beef graze on 610 hectares of pasture. Under their TRC farm plan, they’ve already planted more than 5,000 poplar and willow poles to stabilize grazing land and provide shade and shelter for stock. They’ve also worked with many agencies and the landowner to permanently retire more than 800 hectares of native bush, mānuka and land suitable for reversion. Wetlands are also being fenced and planted to protect and improve native biodiversity.

Moturoa School’s Beach Guardians are doing much more than regularly clearing

plastics and other waste from Ngāmotu Beach. They’ve also analysed what they’ve collected in their regular beach clean-ups and taken action to prevent more of it arriving. For example, they worked with the organisers of the popular Colour Run along the Coastal Walkway, resulting in a cleaner event generating minimal plastic rubbish and paint residue. The students also recycle and re-use what they find, with very little sent to landfill. Moturoa was the region’s first Enviroschool and plays a strong environmental leadership role. Stationary use has been minimised or substituted with eco-friendly options. Students also advocate for the environment in the community.

Corteva Agriscience has built on a record of ensuring no stormwater leaves its Paritūtū site without careful checks to ensure it is good enough for the Lower Herekawe Stream and coastal waters. It has introduced extra safeguards to add strength to its environmental management system. Formerly known as Dow AgriSciences, the company proactively sought out views of Ngāti Te Whiti hapū and consulted neighbours before starting on the latest improvements. The project included boosting the capacity of the site’s stormwater holding area. This required excavation near a wāhi tapu site. At the hapū’s suggestion, the soil

was used in landscaping and gardens on-site. Corteva Agriscience also helped to establish the Herekawe walkway, and staff take part in clean-ups of Herekawe Stream and Back Beach.

Members of South Taranaki Forest & Bird are working to protect and restore native biodiversity at two privately owned sites east of Eltham.

The sites provide habitat for western brown kiwi, long-tailed bats, kārearea (NZ falcon) and toutouwai (North Island robin).

David and Karen Peat have been tackling soil erosion for 25 years on Mangapapa Station, their 3,500-hectare sheep and beef farm in the Waitotara Valley. The property includes 1,400

hectares of virgin and regenerating bush, and 30 hectares of wetlands.

They grow and plant 500 to 1000 poplar and willow poles a year to stabilise slumps and protect stream gullies. This prevents erosion of grazing land and reduces fence and track maintenance.

Thank you



To all of the wonderful people who voted for me. I look forward to serving you and working to improve our wonderful region.

Michael Joyce

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Taranaki Coastal Community Board elected members Sharlee Mareikura, Liz Sinclair, Andy Whitehead and Bonita Bigham. Tena Koutou Katoa. Nga mihi nui.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone that voted for us to be their elected representatives for the next 3 years.

First meeting Tuesday 12 November. 2.30pm. Sandfords Event Centre Opunake.



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Thank you very much Councillor
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From the Beginning

Comedy TV show “7 Days” has a skit prompting two school children to draw a picture based on a recent news story. The panel has to guess what it’s about before the host invites the children to explain their story, finishing proudly with ‘and this is my picture.’ It’s cute, funny and heartwarming. If we ask our children to draw about a recent news story on the farm, what would it look like? Cows, green grass, blue skies, fluffy clouds and a silhouette of at least a couple of birds flying high or would it be a picture that is less appealing ?



Cynthia Northcote

Through my tutoring, I have the pleasure of spending time with some bright young minds, and I ask them that very question. Initially their response is a reflection of the current talk from down at the shed — more politics and compliance than anything else but with a little more digging they reveal an underlying concern for what their future will hold.

In our temperate climate there will always be a place for livestock. However to compete successfully with other land uses, we must aspire to operate our livestock systems at a higher level of efficiency than is accepted today. Efficiency is the number one driver of sustainability and profitability. As farmers look to diversify to adapt to our new environments we only need to look around us at some fascinating models already operating on farms. We can be inspired by these enterprising people who have diversified and are doing livestock extremely well. One such example is James and Elissa Cooper’s business combining a lamb and beef finishing unit with a highly successful craft beer brewery, Lakeman Beer on the shores of Lake Taupo.

Columnist Pat Poletti wrote on many occasions about a way forward for

livestock farming to remain sustainable and profitable whilst still being mindful of ethical considerations. He described a simple process for New Zealand grass farmers to set themselves up to achieve efficient levels of animal performance — a combination of reducing waste, improving performance and managing nutrients in a rational way. The cornerstone is the link between dietary risk and disease and applying the science to manage these

risks. Fortunately, correct interpretation of laboratory analysis of pasture and feeds can result in useful management strategies. The humble herbage has for too long been under-utilized in our sheep, beef and dairy industries but now the playing field is changing. In biodynamics there is a saying, “if you show intent you will be rewarded.” As our industry grapples with moving goal posts, I encourage you to stay open to new possibilities and

seek out more options. If you’ve never taken a pasture sample, it’s a great next step, just make sure its interpreted by people with experience. I can promise one thing for sure, you will be rewarded.

As we think about our farms of the future, and you have your blank canvas to draw on, I challenge you to make it bright and colourful .

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What lies ahead for our future farmers?

Extra support for rural families

Extra funding will allow Rural Support Trusts to help farming families, says Minister for Rural Communities and Agriculture Damien O’Connor.

“I know that rural families are worried about some of the challenges facing them, including the ongoing uncertainty created by the Mycoplasma bovis outbreak.

“Those concerns sit alongside ongoing worries about bank debt and how best to meet the challenges of improving our waterways and meet New Zealand’s climate change commitments.

“To that end, I’ve spoken to the Rural Support Trusts and, alongside our Mycoplasma bovis Programme partners, Beef + Lamb New Zealand and DairyNZ, we’ve set aside an extra \$250,000 to help with their work talking to farmers on the ground.

“The trust will develop a plan for using the money, in addition to the other farmer support mechanisms provided by the M.bovis programme, and the DairyNZ and Beef + Lamb New Zealand Compensation Assistance Teams (DBCAT).



Damian O’Connor

“The Rural Support Trusts do a fantastic job and are well placed to deliver additional help. They’re experienced and practical people who can coach farmers through difficult times.”

Mr O’Connor says the new funding is on top of previous increases by the Government.

“The Government has already boosted funding for the Rural Support Trusts from \$386,500 a year to \$626,000 for their daily work. Outside of that, the trust is budgeted to receive more than \$1m in the next year for M.bovis related

work.

“I met this week with all the major banks and Rural Support Trusts. I asked that financial institutions make sure they are working alongside Rural Support Trusts and others to help farmers where required.

“I’m extremely proud of the ongoing high performance of our primary sector. We’re getting record prices for our food and fibre.

“In the Budget we set aside \$229 million to spend on things like boosting advisory and extension services.

“A Farm Debt Mediation scheme will be a safety net for farmers and improvements to NAIT will help prevent some of the tracing issues we’ve experienced with M.bovis. Soon we will release an industry-backed plan to ensure the sector gets the skilled workers it needs.

“The Budget had \$1.9 billion for mental health to improve frontline services, rural communities included.”

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All ratepayers affected by freshwater proposal



Riparian planting on Trevor Hurley's farm.

A public meeting on October 18 in Eltham was an opportunity to discuss the Action for Healthy Waterways document, provide information and assist with submissions. Many concerns were raised including substantial increases in rates not just for farmers but all ratepayers. Information was available including making a submission. It was reiterated that a submission was important to show the effects both financially and personally. There is no consideration in the freshwater proposal for effects on farmers and the wider community. The proposal is designed as a one size fits all scenario regarding water quality. This imposes a water quality problem in Taranaki when scientific evidence shows there is not one. Costs forced on the Taranaki community will be excessive and proposed changes will unlikely result in any meaningful environmental improvements.

Taranaki farmers and others are already doing great work improving water quality. Government proposals are fixated on limited parameters to measure water quality (including nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment). New limits set are inconsistent with measures adopted internationally. As a result many farmers will be forced to reduce carrying capacity so income will substantially decrease. There is a real risk in some areas of curtailing farming altogether. One area this could occur is in the Waingongoro catchment. There will be increased financial hardship, with effects on both physical and mental health. Another main concern is waterways at least one metre wide require permanent fencing for stock exclusion. A minimum five metres setback from the edge of the waterway is proposed. Existing fences will need to be replaced, so the Riparian management programme will be undermined. There is no provision for riparian

planting despite benefits, which include reduced runoff entering waterways and shade reducing water temperature (which discourages algae and nasty bugs to grow). Fencing waterways without planting will have a negative impact on waterways including increased chemical weed sprays and runoff into waterways. Multiple water quality attributes will require substantial increases in monitoring, with costs passed onto all ratepayers. Farmers will require an approved farm plan that must be regularly audited. A number of new restrictions on standard farming practices will now require consent. There will be no farm intensification allowed and land use will be dictated by government. The deadline for submissions is Thursday October 31. A submission can be written in any format and submitted by email or post. Email address is consultation.freshwater@

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Reducing emissions- a pastoral farming solution

Pastoral farming is blamed as a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. Let's address this criticism. Pastoral farming lands and systems can contribute much to reduce emissions of greenhouse gas, CO2 into the atmosphere. An important solution is termed "Soil Carbon Sequestration." The reader can research the subject for themselves through Google. Be sure to view, "The Magic of Soil" produced by Phil Gregory, Professor Emeritus, University of British Columbia, Canada 2017.

Soils and ocean sediments provide means where atmospheric CO2 is captured by biological activity, is accumulated and stored in these zones. Global soils hold about three times more carbon, than carbon occurring as CO2 in the atmosphere and 240 times the amount of gasses emitted by fossil fuels annually. "Soils represent a short to long term carbon storage medium and contain more carbon than all terrestrial vegetation and the atmosphere combined." (Carbon sink – Wikipedia). Oceanic ecosystems store 93% of the earth's CO2.

Sequestration occurs only in the symbiotic interaction of plants with photosynthesis, soil biota, fungi and plant roots. In grasslands, it's augmented substantially, by grazing animals. Moderate grazing promotes vigorous plant regrowth. Plants are cropped, digested and wastes moved to the soil surface to be consumed and converted by worms, macro-fauna and multitudes of microbes, bacteria, fungal organisms and mycorrhizae living in the soil. Faeces and urine nutrients stimulate, and feed the soil biota. Soil organisms live symbiotically among the plants roots, benefiting from carbohydrates exuded by the roots and in turn giving back by converting plant residues and minerals to nutrient forms that plants can uptake. The sequestered carbon rich residues, products of the life and death of these soil organisms create a store of humus underground. Humus is a complex organic matter derived from decomposed plant and animal tissue. It has a carbon to nitrogen ratio of 10:1 and is fundamentally important for abundant plant growth, improving soil water holding capacity and providing a reservoir of growth nutrients.

Grazing animals spread seeds into topsoil and maintain browse at levels diminishing fire hazard. Soil carbon sequestration, this biological process, occurs in every continent of the world. In savannahs, veldts, prairies, pampas, steppes, all places grasslands and herbivores together exist and has done for millions of years.

Our understanding of practices that protect and increase soil carbon sequestration, or those that destroy it, have been much advanced by science. Removal of vegetation has obvious consequences. So too the too-frequent cultivation of soils. It breaks down soil structure, disrupts biological processes causing CO2 and other greenhouse gases to be lost to the atmosphere. Pastoral farmers throughout New Zealand are already adopting methods described as "regenerative agriculture" to increase beneficial soil organisms and soil carbon - sequestration. Their farming methods, supported by scientific study, are these:

Maintain a living plant cover 365 days a year and feed livestock in sustainable numbers out on the land. Pastures grazed or harvested for supplement are fed off or cut at higher residuals than traditionally farmed to keep soil cover and reduce damage to re-sprouting plant crowns. Pastures of mixed species are preferred; grasses, legumes and herbs. Multiple species support a wider range of soil biota, together more effectively capturing and converting nutrients to plant usable forms.

Rotational grazing is practiced. Spelling pastures allows root systems to recover and maintain the soil biota it supports. Rotationally grazed pastures have greater soil carbon storage rates. Complete soil cultivation is avoided when forage cropping or renewing pastures, in favour of no-till methods. Cover crops follow main crops like maize to maintain ground cover. Fertilizers are carefully applied to supply just those minerals that are proved deficient for growth, to avoid overloading soil life.

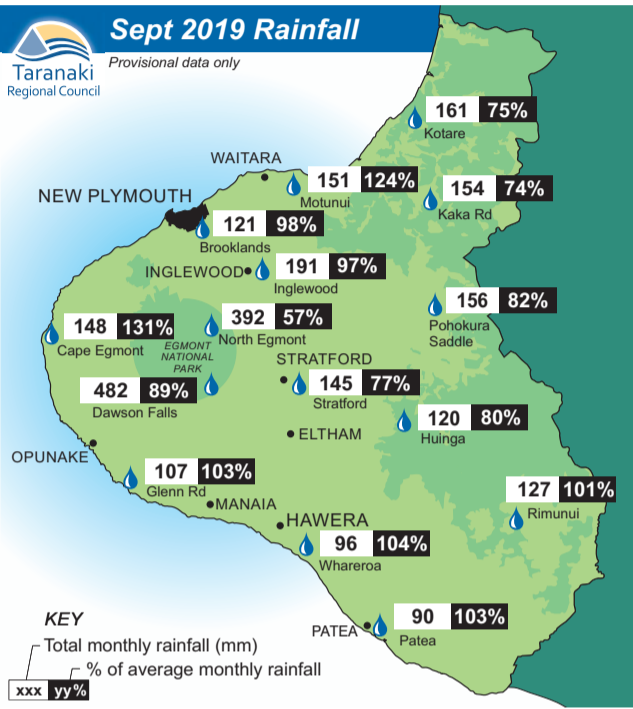
The focus in regenerative agriculture, is to treat the soil/humus layer as an essentially important medium holding stored nutrients and the matrix of

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Fine weather between the rain

September began and ended with rain with a period of stable weather in between. Taranaki Regional Council(TRC) figures show the amount of rainfall recorded at monitored sites during September was variable, ranging between 57 % to 131 % of normal, with an average of 87 %. Rainfall was above normal at the Motunui (124 %), Cape Egmont (131 %), Manaia (103 %), Whareroa (104 %), Patea (103 %) and Waitotara Valley (101 %) sites.

The year to date rainfall totals range between 75 % to 116 % of normal, with an average of 94 % across all sites. Currently there are seven sites that have recorded at or above normal rainfall to date, these are Dawson Falls (100 %), Motunui (109



), Kotare (105 %), Te Kiri Whareroa (116 %) and Patea (101 %), Manaia (103 %), (116 %).

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Sharemilkers say awards gave them the confidence

An award-winning South Taranaki couple has doubled the size of their dairy herd in less than four years.

Hollie Wham (26) and Owen Clegg (27) 50:50 sharemilk 400 cows across two properties at Manutahi, south of Hawera.

The couple bought their first 180-cow herd in 2016. Condensing the long calving spread was a priority.

"In our first spring calving dragged on for 12.5 weeks," recalls Hollie. "Now it's all over within seven and a half weeks."

The herd starts calving in early July and the last calf is born at the end of August.

"Having a condensed calving pattern means cows have more time to cycle between calving and mating," said Hollie.

"There's at least a month between our last cow calving and mating kicking off on October 1."

Focusing on the lifting herd's reproductive performance has had huge financial benefits.

"In our first season we used 40 CIDR (Controlled Internal Drug Release) cattle inserts to help shorten mating and get cows cycling earlier," said Owen.

"Last year 25 cows received CIDRs and this spring only 14 were given them. At a cost of \$50 per cow, that's a massive saving."

The 54-hectare (effective)



Hollie Wham and Owen Clegg.

coastal farm is prone to being summer dry. It's vital the couple gets as much milk as possible in the vat prior to Christmas.

"I worked it out that condensing calving has put \$9,000 a year in extra income in our back pocket, and that's just our half," said Owen.

In June, the young couple, who are members of South Taranaki Young Farmers, took on a second 50:50 sharemilking job.

The farm, which overlooks Fonterra's Whareroa dairy

factory, has a milking platform of 67 hectares (effective).

A second-in-charge is employed to milk a herd of 220 mainly Holstein Friesian cows.

The farm has a feedpad where maize is fed from June through until when there is a surplus of grass in late spring.

"We use an automated gate opener, which saves time, and means the cows can walk to the feedpad at milking time at their own pace," said Hollie.

The herd has been fitted with smart collars from Allflex, which provide information on the reproductive and health status of cows.

"Cows are our asset. Because we're not in the milking shed every day at the second farm, the collars help give us peace of mind," said Hollie.

The monitoring technology send alerts to the couple's smartphones if there's a change in a cow's eating patterns or she's cycling.

"It alerts you to potential

health problems, such as mastitis or lameness, before there are any visible signs, meaning a cow can be treated earlier," said Owen.

"It will be really helpful at mating. It's recommended that cows fitted with collars are not tail painted to detect heats."

"So, every milking the app produces a list of cows which should be drafted for artificial insemination," said Owen.

The herd is mated to Holstein Friesian and Hereford genetics. This allows the couple to take advantage of the strong bull beef market for calves and weaners.

Hollie and Owen credit entering the NZ Dairy Industry Awards with giving them the confidence to grow their business.

The couple was named

Taranaki Share Farmers of the Year in 2018 and took out the coveted financial performance merit award.

"We learned a lot about ourselves and our business by entering the awards. It gave us the confidence to expand," said Hollie.

"Setting KPIs, knowing how to budget, writing goals and having a plan for the tough times are all a vital part of running a business."

"Having those awards behind us was extremely beneficial when we approached the bank to take on a second sharemilking job," she said.

Entries for the NZ Dairy Industry Awards are now open and close in mid-November.

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beneficial living organisms which survive there.

Good pastoral farming provides a stable long term way of sequestering carbon and farm management can either enhance or deplete this process. In USA, since tillage began, most agricultural soils have lost 30% to 75% of their organic carbon. (Brian DeVore 2016 - Land Stewardship Project USA). Scientists speculate that by increasing the amount of carbon stored in global agricultural soils by just a few percent (4%), the increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would be stopped (Dr Harry Clark N.Z.A.G.R.C.).

The notion that human populations should convert to veganism and thereby greenhouse gas producing ruminants and other herbivores can be removed; is a nonsense. The world human population is growing, clamouring for greater food supply. Refusing animal proteins produced anywhere, even on untillable, hilly and forested lands, is a denial of the need. The advent of mass lab cultured meat proteins is some way off yet. So, going vegan is a personal choice, but plant production monocultures have downsides. They

command use of the best soils. Continuous cultivation degrades, soil carbon sinks, sequestration process and soil structure. Soil carbon is oxidised and released as CO2 back to the atmosphere. Such farming requires high investment of energy, machinery, fuels, fertilizers, and pesticides produces greenhouse gas emissions.

So what now for NZ pastoral farming? The answer lies with farmers prepared to believe that better farming methods are needed and working together to tackle climate change. The answers lies with a government that is co-operative and directs science and research to find, fund and communicate best farming practice. Soil carbon sequestration could be brought into the Zero Carbon Policy (currently it's not) and used to off-set farmers accomplishments against emissions. Government also needs to research and solve the methane and nitrous oxide emissions produced both on horticultural and pastoral farms. A difficult issue.

Lastly, the answer also lies in an informed public, us. We need an attitudinal change. We must critically examine what public opinion might be saying about the farming industry. It's too easy to say nothing

or be swayed by others ideals which demonise farmers and farming. It is our right to judge the quality of practices which impact on the environment and speak any dissatisfaction. But, it's also right to express our confidence and support of the valued things farmers do. It's our duty also, to reduce

our own carbon footprint.

Murray Crombie
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Mitch and Iritana claim top prizes at Rugby Awards

Yarrows Taranaki Bulls lock and captain Mitch Brown and Port Taranaki Whio halfback Iritana Hohaia claimed the top prizes at the Taranaki Rugby Amber and Black Rugby Awards.

Mitch, who claimed several awards on the night, won the overall Bulls Player of the Year Award, while Iritana picked up the Whio Player of the Year.

A total of 26 awards were handed out across the community and high-performance games, in front of sponsors, stakeholders, players and volunteers.

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From left, Sharee Brown, Iritana Hohaia and Mitch Brown won big at this year's Rugby Awards.

Taranaki Rugby Chairman Lindsay Thomson opened the evening and acknowledged the support from sponsors and the achievements Taranaki players have made. He also recognised the challenge Yarrow Stadium presents to the Union.

Taranaki Rugby interim Chief Executive Paul Veric said the night was an opportunity to celebrate the successes, milestones and achievements of the game in Taranaki.

"While I am new to the TRFU environment, it was so heartening to see sponsors, stakeholders, staff and players united in supporting and recognising each other's achievements. Taranaki is a proud rugby community and I was extremely proud to be associated with everything great about Taranaki rugby last night."

Adding to the main award, Mitch Brown also claimed the Forward of the Year and Players Player awards.

Jayson Potroz claimed the CMK men's sevens Player of the Year and Back of the Year.

Waisake Naholo was presented with a picture frame for his contribution to Taranaki Rugby, as he has picked up a deal with London Irish and will leave at the end of the season. He also claimed the Personality Award.

Victoria McCullough claimed the Whio Forward of the Year and Elle Johns won Back of the Year.

In the community game, Spotswood United coach Brent Perrett picked up the Outstanding Contribution to Rugby Award, Kris Campbell Club Coach of the Year, New Plymouth Old Boys stalwart Sue Mitchell picked up Volunteer of the Year and Spotswood United's Warwick Lahmert won the Club Rugby Player of the Year.

2019 Amber and Black Awards:

CMK Club Player of the Year: Warwick Lahmert



(Spotswood United), CMK Club Coach of the Year: Kris Campbell (Hawera High School), CMK Club Rugby Individual Top Try Scorer: Liam Blyde (Clifton), Outstanding Contribution to Rugby: Brent Perrett (Spotswood United), Roger Urbahn Memorial Trophy: Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens (FDMC), CMK Taranaki U19 Most Promising Player: Josh Lord, CMK Taranaki U19 Player of the Year: Milliennium Sanerivi, Taranaki Hokioi Development Most Promising Player of the Year: Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Taranaki Hokioi Development Player of the Year: Johnny Faletagoai-Malese, Port Taranaki Women's Sevens Player of the Year: Tiana Davison, CMK Taranaki Men's Sevens Player of the Year: Jayson Potroz, Port Taranaki Whio Forward of the Year: Victoria McCullough, Port Taranaki Whio Back of the Year: Elle Johns, Port Taranaki Whio Sportswoman of the Year: Sharee Brown, Port Taranaki Whio Most Promising Player of the Year: Kaya-Rose Kahui, Port Taranaki Whio Player of the Year: Iritana Hohaia, Taranaki Rugby Personality of the Year: Waisake Naholo, Peter Crawford Trophy for

Dedication of Services: Cole Brown, Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Top Try Scorer: TBC, Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Top Points Scorer: Daniel Waite, Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Sportsman Trophy Award (players player): Mitch Brown, Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Most Promising Player of the Year: Tupou Vaa'I, Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Back of the Year: Jayson Potroz, Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Forward of the Year: Mitch Brown, Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Try of the Year: Lachlan Boshier v Tasman, Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Player of the Year: Mitch Brown

Manaiia Golf results

Saturday October 12. 1. Bruce Duffus. 2. Caleb Symes. 3. Paddy Heta. 4. Gary Dowdle. Junior Tournament. Peewees. 1. Abby Marsh. 2. Luke Norris. Nine full holes. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Zoe Reader. 3. Payton Siciliano. 4. Hannah Symes. Carter Symes played 18 holes. Sunday October 13. Juniors. Driving. 1. Jack Gargan. 2. Luke Norris. Chipping. 1. Jack Gargan. 2. Luke Norris. Chip & Putt. 1. Luke Norris, Jack Gargan.

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Black Sticks seal series win

The Vantage Black Sticks Men have finished off their preparation for the Olympic Qualification series with a gutsy 2-0 win over Japan in the fourth match of the TSB Community Trust Series played in Stratford. Behind an outstanding performance from TET man of the match Nic Woods who was a rock in the middle for the New Zealand team.

Black Sticks coach Darren Smith Commented “It was good to finish the four-game series on a high note, and a fantastic flick from Kane set us up well tonight. Two-nil was a good result against a strong Japanese side. We will head home and have some downtime for a few days before the whole group will assemble in Auckland we will then turn our attention to Korea and the important Olympic Qualification series”.

The New Zealand side came into the fourth and final match of the TSB Community Trust series with a 2-1 series lead.

The kiwis were looking aggressive at the start of the match and were pressing the Japan side and forcing them into turnovers deep in their half. Despite going close on some great interchange



The Black Sticks put paid to Japan in the recent test series

play between the strike line the Black Sticks couldn’t put the ball in the net in the first quarter.

Japan started the second quarter confidently and forced Richard Joyce to pull off some composed saves. The kiwis worked their way into the quarter and earned themselves a penalty corner off some great passing in the circle. Kane Russell got a clean drag flick off that rocketed into the top of the goal beating the Japanese

defence for pace and placement. New Zealand constructed several more opportunities in the quarter but were unable to break the Japan defensive line and the score remained 1-0 at the half time break.

Japan came out in the third quarter looking fast and hungry and were pushing the New Zealand side early at the start of the second half. The kiwi defence was stoic and didn’t allow Japan a chance to get any clear shots

off. After absorbing the early pressure New Zealand went close as the ball went just wide of the post on a few occasions, however, the New Zealand side couldn’t increase their lead in the third quarter.

The Vantage Black Sticks doubled their lead at the start of the fourth quarter when a great Kane Russell overhead found an open New Zealand player in the circle who laid the ball back to Simon Child for a great shot and his 141st goal for the New Zealand side. The kiwis then continued to press the Japanese side searching for their third goal. Japan was resolute and the match ended with a 2-0 win to the Vantage Black Sticks.

The New Zealand Men will return to the turf on November 2 when they take on Korea in the important two match series which will see the winners punch their ticket to Tokyo.

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On this month in history

The Charge of the Light Brigade

On October 25, 1854 was the disastrous Charge of the Light Brigade during the Crimean War (1853-1856). The British cavalry rode into heavy artillery fire while attacking a Russian fort they thought was deserted. A total of 478 British soldiers were killed out of the 673 total.

Allies Britain and France were trying to stop Russia from establishing a presence in the Balkans and Black Sea

area.

The war cost 4600 British lives and 17,500 more from disease. Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) made her name trying to improve nursing conditions for the wounded and she founded the first nursing school in London in 1860.

Poet Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote a famous poem entitled ‘The Charge of the Light brigade’.



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Help Coastguard bring Kiwis home

Demand for Coastguard services remains high with rescue vessels launching 2,899 times around New Zealand last year, bringing 6,774 people – parents, grandparents, children – home safely to their families – an average of 18 people every day.

To help meet the \$20 million it needs a year to operate, Coastguard will launch its Annual Appeal, from October 20 – November 3. Money raised from the public will be used for everything from maintaining rescue vessels and on-shore services to training volunteers and helping them to continue their life-saving efforts in providing professional marine and rescue services 24 hours a day, seven days a

week, 365 days of the year.

Ian Hurlock knows all too well how vital Coastguard is after his son Steen was rescued in 2016. Steen launched his kayak off Matata and was about 2km from the shore when his kayak began to fill with water. “He pulled the anchor away and tried to paddle in, but the water went to the back and, the kayak went down backwards. He said to me after, ‘I didn’t have much left in the tank, I’d just about had it,’” says Ian.

Using a VHF radio his father had bought him for Christmas, Steen managed to make a mayday call to Coastguard and guide them to his position.

Ian was so grateful to the Maketu Coastguard team for bringing his son home; he signed up to become a



Ian Hurlock at the Coastguard Awards of Excellence where Maketu won the coveted Coastguard Unit of the Year

volunteer. “I quite often say to people, I owe Coastguard my soul –their volunteers don’t just save lives they save families.”

“Coastguard really is essential. You never know when you’re going to get into trouble. Coastguard is all about keeping the community safe and helping people out. Never be afraid to give us a call,” says Ian.

Coastguard fundraising manager Jo Cowie says the volunteers are the heart of the organisation, they dedicate hours of time to bring people home to their families. Without them, there would be no Coastguard. “Our volunteers are extremely good at what they do. As a country, we can be incredibly proud to have this service, but raising funds is a constant challenge.”

Just over 11% of Coastguard funding comes from the government with the remaining 89% (\$18 million), having to be raised by Coastguard and its volunteers.

Last year Coastguard New Zealand saved 26 lives and rescued thousands of others

who would have rapidly got into worse trouble.

“Our volunteers carry out 55 rescues every week, and then go back to their day jobs. They help to reunite families and loved ones. If people run into trouble out on the water, we assist them and get them back to safety. Coastguard volunteers save lives and stop families suffering the immeasurable loss of a loved one. We want everyone to know we’re just a phone call away,” says Jo.

Coastguard has 1,988 professional volunteers and are based at 63 units across the country. Volunteers spend hundreds of thousands of hours on search and rescue missions, radio operations, training and maintenance work each year. They undergo regular training to ensure they can handle a variety of situations out on the water. This can be anything from a boat’s engine not starting, searching for missing people, locating drifting vessels or medical emergencies.

World Cup fever on slow burn

As the All Blacks prepare for the Rugby World Cup semi-final against England on Saturday, Kiwis have a range of views on how much it matters and how the country will react if they lose.

Sports sociologist Professor Toni Bruce from the University of Auckland is exploring people’s experiences and attitudes about the Cup based on similar self-selecting surveys she ran in 2007, 2011 and 2015. She is looking for wide range of views, from those who care deeply about rugby to those who don’t care at all.

A rugby fan herself, Professor Bruce, who is based in the University’s Faculty of Education and Social Work, says the results from the 250 people who have already completed the 2019 survey are similar to previous surveys, but the most interesting finding is the fragmentation of viewing experiences.



Toni Bruce

“The shift of coverage to Spark Sport seems to have disrupted the shared viewing experience,” she says. “More people reported watching games on TVNZ (30%) than on Spark Sport (20%), although Spark Sport had the edge (15%) over TVNZ (13%) for live games.”

People also reported accessing information or games on the internet, including YouTube highlights (12%). News highlights (19%) are popular, and around 5%

are following via mobile device updates, newspaper coverage or Spark Sport replays.

The majority (54%) are not making much effort to watch, mostly related to access and the late timing of games, and only 18% reported making changes to their daily lives. Most people are watching at home (71%), either by themselves (22%) or sharing the experience with their partner (30%) or larger family and whanau

(25%).

Not surprisingly, most people (70%) want the All Blacks to win the Cup, and 77 percent believe they will. The All Blacks are the team that has been watched the most (38%), followed by Japan (12%), which 14% had hoped would win the Cup. Australia, England, Wales, South Africa and Ireland have all attracted

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What's On Listings



The winners of the Mixed Fours tournament. From left. Anne Woods, Kay Fleming, and Len Reader (Skip).

On October 6 there was a good turnout for the Club's first event of the season, the Farm Source Mixed Fours. 1. Len Reader, Kay Fleming, Anne Woods. 2. Pauline Davy, Rita Davey, Daryl McKenzie, , Carter MckKenzie. 3. Joy Collins, Harry Davy, Eddie Eves, Pat Barrett.

On September 29 the team of Bev Robinson, Kevin Ratahi, Eddie Eves and Anne Woods won the Peg Barrett Memorial.

On October 31, the team of Kevin Ratahi, Chris Commame, Marlene Clement and Daryl McKenzie won the Scottish Quaiffe.

World Cup fever on slow burn

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care are uninterested in rugby or feel alienated from its connection to national identity. “In previous surveys, this group has included former rugby fans who are not happy with changes in the game, such as the shift away from free coverage and the increasing commercialisation of the All Blacks.”

Another consistent pattern reveals that even if people don't personally care if the All Blacks win the Rugby World Cup, they assume that others do. So far in 2019, 75% of respondents thought winning the Cup was important to other Kiwis, and 86% thought the media was making it out to be an important outcome.

“These numbers are similar to the final results of previous surveys,” she says. “The difference can be explained by the story we tell ourselves as New Zealanders about the importance of rugby. Even though many people don't care about it, rugby's long history of being seen as our national sport and the All Blacks as our team makes them think that others must care.”

The survey also asks the question rugby-loving Kiwis don't want to think about: how will we feel if we lose the Rugby World Cup?

Professor Bruce says her research suggests that if the All Blacks lose to England on Saturday, people's responses will range widely, from despair to delight, as they have in the past.

“Most respondents understand that some Kiwis will be deeply affected by

a loss and some identified reactions that could include weeks of 'bitching', 'grief' and 'national mourning'. However, most were aware that that emotions could range from elation to deep sadness and even anger.”

One person wrote: “People will be upset. For some it will be devastating.” Another said, “I think the majority of New Zealand will be disappointed, but there are many people that don't care or just have other interests/priorities.”



The William Webb Ellis Cup. New Zealand has won it twice in a row. Can the All Blacks make this a three-peat in Japan?

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- THURSDAYS**
Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker: Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.
Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.
Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, Manaia: Running every Thursday night from 7.30pm, 11 Surf Highway, South Road, Manaia.
Egmont Euchre Club: Meets every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club
- FRIDAYS**
Eltham Business Association Friday Markets: 9:30am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.
Singer Songwriters, New Plymouth: Last Friday of the month at Little Theatre, 29 Aubrey St, NP from 7-11pm. Next one August 30.
- WEEKENDS**
The Historic Cape Light & Museum: Open 11am – 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea.
APRIL 6 TO OCTOBER 6
‘Whare Kahurangi: 100 Years of Collecting’ Exhibition: At Puke Ariki, New Plymouth. Refer advert and article in previous issue of OCN.
AUGUST 10 TO MID NOVEMBER
New exhibitions opening at the Govett Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre: Fiona Clark; Yuichiro Tamura; Waking Up Slowly; Open Window. At 42 Queen St, NP. Refer advert.
SEPTEMBER 4 TO 28
“As We See It” Exhibition: At Lysaght Watt Gallery, 4-6 Union St, Hawera. Refer advert..
SEPTEMBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 9
Taranaki National Art Awards: Entries due 20th September. Awards Ceremony November 1 at 7pm. Exhibition runs from November 2 to 9. Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake. Refer advert.
SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 18
Stratford Painters at The Village Gallery.
SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 6
Whanganui Literary Festival: EARLY BIRD SEASON TICKET TILL SEPTEMBER 6 \$70. Refer to advert in previous issue.
SEPTEMBER 30
Annual Combined Breeder Bull Sale At Rodney and Joanne Jupps Property Tikorangi Refer advert
OCTOBER 3
AGM Pihama Cricket: Pihama Cricket Club 7 pm.
OCTOBER 3 TO OCTOBER 5
Hawera Genealogy Annual Book Fair: St Joseph Hall Victoria Street Refer advert.
OCTOBER 4
Outstanding Young In-Milk Cow AuctionA/c Troy Stevenson.
OCTOBER 5
OpunakeCommunity Pools Opening Day.
OCTOBER 6
Opunake Lions Club Casualty calf collections finish.
OCTOBER 9
Outstanding Young In-Milk Cow AuctionA/c Jaiden and Hannah Drought.
OCTOBER 12
Annual Charity Ball for the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust. 7.30pm at The Plymouth International Hotel.
Oktoberfest at Mikes Bar and Bistro New Plymouth Refer Advert
Bee Gees Las Vegas Show play at Butlers Reef: Refer Advert.
OCTOBER 14
Ngatti Tara o Oaonui Sandy Bay Conservation Society AGM Sandfords Events Centre 5.30 pm.
OCTOBER 26
Casino Night Fundraiser for Donohue Family Te Kiri Hall 7pm till late.
OCTOBER 15
Eltham Community Development Group AGM Eltham and District Historical Society Centre 12.45pm.
OCTOBER 29
Opunake Music group, CoastalCare, 7:30pm. Bring your instruments or just yourselves. The Opunake Music Group meet every Tuesday fortnightly
NOVEMBER 20
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Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays
Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays
- Opunake Catholic Church**

Sunday 8.30am at Pungarehu (St Martins),
10am at Opunake (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Other areas

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- The Wave**

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There are three positions on each of these two committees available. These roles pose an excellent opportunity to be part of a recent development for Ngā Iwi o Taranaki and the Taranaki Regional Council.

A relationship with Ngā Iwi o Taranaki and an understanding of Te Reo and Tikanga is integral to these roles. Applicants must be resident in Taranaki, be supported by one of the iwi entities in Taranaki and be able to demonstrate the appropriate knowledge, skills and capabilities required to effectively participate in the decision-making responsibilities of the Taranaki Regional Council.

All successful appointments will be subject to the Taranaki Regional Council Model Standing Orders for Meetings of Local Authorities and Community Boards and reporting responsibilities to Ngā Iwi o Taranaki.

To enquire about these roles, request a copy of the application form and/or information package, please contact **Wharehoka Wano** by email tmtb1931@gmail.com. Applications for this role will close on **Wednesday 30 October 2019 at 5.00pm**.

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Particulars and conditions of Tender are available from Halliwells Solicitors, 87 Regent Street, Hawera or email jennad@halliwells.co.nz

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Tender closing date – 4pm, 22nd November 2019 at Halliwells
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Applications close on Friday 25th October, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICES

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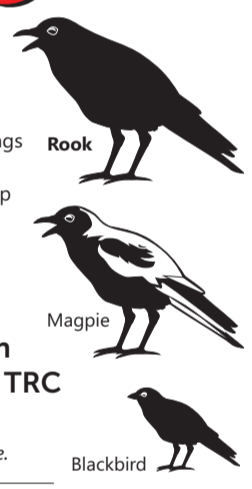
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To Whom this may concern

To all trustees pertaining to
The Te whanauhona Totorewa whanau Estate
And
The Maori Land Court(The Entity English Maori)Wellington

I Ritihia Totorewa Kaitiaki to the talk and representation of said Estate from John and Lucy (Te Wai Kauikau) the children of Te Whanawhana Tairawhiti Hence on behalf of do state,
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This Proclamation is to all trustees and trusts and any representation thereof stating that you have no loreful right to the Te Whanawha Totorewa whanau Estate and any representation thereof and that this is the notice given stating that and from the date of this proclamation.
As you endeavoured to bring English rules and law into the Te Whanawhana Totorewa Whanau Estate that the onuses are also upon yourselves to dissolve said trust/s . The consequences of the actions of not dissolving said Trust/s will be spoken of in the hui of 13 October 2019-S-Maori Justice, Ki (to) all whanau of Te Whanawhana Totorewa.
Ending with all caretakership according to Sovereign Maori lore being returned to the appropriate Kaitiaki and Kaitiakitanga.
Yours Faithfully
J.Totorewa
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Beneficiary SS
Witness
Julia Anderson
36 Dorset Street
Opunake
(Farmer)
Witness
Letitia Rihia
5 Cook Street Marfell NP.
Beneficiary L.R
Original is signature.

Is it a bird, is it a plane,
is it a rook?




There have been a number of rooks sightings around Taranaki over the last 12 months. The Taranaki Regional Council wants to stop rooks becoming established in the region.


Rooks are large black glossy birds, larger than a magpie, with a harsh ‘caw, caw’ call.

If you see rooks anywhere in Taranaki please contact the TRC

Please note the number of birds, location, direction of flight, feeding or roosting, if possible.

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Opunake Boat and Underwater Club

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Monday 28th October
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The Taranaki Holstein Friesian Association has elected not to hold Coastal Calf Club Championships this year
Our decision has been based entirely on the continuation of the M Bovis eradication regime
We hope to be up and running again next year



Next issue of
the Opunake &
Coastal News
November 7

Proclamation

02.10.2019.


To whom it may concern.

To all Trustees/Representatives pertaining to Ritihia Tonganui from Whatihua Tonganu me o te Te Kauma rua a Potatau Te Wherowhero me ki ona nga taonga Katoa I roto I ona Kaitiakitanga
And
The Maori Land Court (The Entity English Maori) Wellington.

I Ritihia Toterewa Kaitiaki to the talk and representation of all taonga I waho o – out of the Kaitiakitanga of Ritihia Tonganui from John Tairawhiti and Lucy (Te Waikaukau) the children of Ritihia Tonganui.
Hence on behalf of do state.
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This Proclamation is to all trustees and trusts and representation thereof stating that you have no lawful right to any Kaitiakitanga (caretakership) of the whanau-family of Ritihia Tonganui and that this is the notice given stating that and from the date of this proclamation.
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What’s On Listings

Please note the What’s On chronology is on the preceding page, 23



And the results are...

The votes have been counted and the results are one new councillor and two new board members for the Eltham-Kaponga Ward.

Mark Bellringer will join re-elected sitting councillor Steffy Mackay on the South Taranaki District Council.

A Taranaki-ite, Mark has lived and worked in Eltham for the past 12 years. He has extensive experience as a businessman and a former tutor at Witt. He is also a well known photographer.

Mark is particularly interested in town planning and wants to ensure the preservation of Eltham’s historic buildings alongside new developments.

He would like to see a new housing subdivision for Eltham and continued maintenance of all parks and reserves.

Mark wants to ensure that the Eltham –Kaponga area is not overlooked in schemes

for the development of South Taranaki. Sonya Douds is one of the two new members of the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board, joining re-elected sitting members Karen Cave and Alan Hawkes. Sonya will be the first Kaponga representative on the board for many years.

Sonya describes herself as “happily married into Kaponga” and is active in numerous groups, from athletics to education and business.

She wants to ensure that Kaponga gets continuing attention for council and community services and is not overlooked.

Sonya sees her role as “a voice for Kaponga.

The other new board member will be either Dianne Anderson or Lindsay Maindonald. At the time of going to press the final official result wasn’t available.

An Eltham gem



Bridger Park

Bridger Park, a garden in the centre of Eltham, is on the way for a makeover. The park was recognised recently by the planners undertaking the revised town plan. Bridger Park is seen as an important connecting link between Stanners Street, the Town Hall, Bridge Street

and High Street.

In the future the Eltham Community Development Group would like to see it as a space for all to rest and enjoy. And maybe we could see events like Jazz and Shiraz or outdoor exhibitions take place in this now underutilised gem.

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New office bearers at ECDG are President Jenny Mack, Secretary Karen Cave and Treasurer Steffy Mackay.

Eltham Business Association News

There’s a change of officers for the Eltham Business Association. The new President is Bruce Raabe, Vice President Shona Farr, Secretary Sue Wapp, and the Treasurer Marilyne Gernhoefer.

Along with new leadership there is a change of meeting venue and time. In future, meetings will be held at the Old Folks Association, Bridge Street, on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7pm.

Any local business owners or their representatives are welcome to attend.

A Marketing committee has been formed to promote Eltham further. The group values your feedback and has set up a Facebook page for comments and suggestions. Go to Eltham Business Marketing and Strategies NZ.

The Fringe Garden Festival runs from November 1-10 and the group is running their usual shopping promotion. Any customers who shop in Eltham and spend \$10 or more go in the draw to win 1 of two Gardening Vouchers.

Down Memory Lane

It began with “You are my sunshine” and ended with wishes for a good life. It was the Eltham Savage Club’s concert held last month which attracted a full hall and appreciative audience.

Items ranged from vocal groups, instrumental groups, solos a recitation and even a whistlers’ ensemble.

The opening song set the tone and the hall was soon filled with foot tapping, clapping and communal singing.

For an audience of mainly residents from surrounding rest homes the concert was a trip down memory lane. A rousing rendition of Jerusalem ended the afternoon which was enjoyed by all.



HAPPENINGS

‘Glow’ Party Time

Local children have a chance to dress up as their favourite move character and party.

The yearly Glow Party is on Thursday October 31 at the Touchpoint Function Room, Bridge Street, Eltham from 5.30-7.30pm.

Organised by the Eltham Events Centre Charitable Trust, the Glow is a positive alternative (and probably much cheaper) for primary school children to

Children dressed in favourite movie character costumes can dance, play games, win prizes and much more. But, note well,monsters, witches ghosts or other scary outfits are banned.

A fully supervised event, the cost is \$5 per child with food and drink provided. For more details contact Olwyn ph 027 223 2679.

On your trolley

Trolleys will be hurtling down Dalziel Road on Labour Weekend.

Llew said the derby was a great family day. There are prizes, a sausage sizzle and for any hit by the call of nature, a port-a-loo will be on site.

A feature of previous years has been the Eltham Fire Brigade trolley which, of course, is a replica of a fire engine. The brigade trolley which Llew said goes very fast, will be there this year. And the fire brigade is also present to provide any needed first aid.

So for parents and carers whose kids claim they’re bored, take them to the Lions Trolley Derby. Trolleys will be available for any to have a go.

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HAPPENINGS

Magnifique jardin

The Taranaki Garden festival begins on November 1 and a feature will be La Vien en Rose in Eltham. A French inspired courtyard garden, it's sited behind the original Bank

of New Zealand in Bridge Street. On offer this year is a guided tour of the refurbished bank manager's residence led by garden designer Barbara Valintine.

Bookings are required for the house tour (and places are filling quickly) which will be held each day at 2pm. La Vien en Rose is open for viewing from 10am-

4pm for the duration of the festival with admission by ticket. There is an extra cost for the house tour but also a complimentary glass of Rose.

Candles of love

Each Year on All Souls' Day (Sunday November 3), the All Saints Anglican Church has a special service of remembrance. At this service, family and friends can light a candle of memory for those who have

passed on. The service, a light in times of sorrow, begins at 10am. There will be refreshments after the service. All Saints Anglican Church is in King Edward Street, Eltham.

Windows of Wonder

A viewing of the stained glass windows at All Saints Church, is open during the Taranaki Garden Festival. The windows are a unique feature of the Church which

is also noted for its wood interior. Viewing times: Tuesday – Thursday, November 5 – 7, 10am – 3pm.

The Three Potters

An exhibition of pottery and mixed media will be on at The Village Gallery from 21 October – 15 November. The artists Donna Hitchcock, Margaret Foley and Robyn Smaller are well known for

their expertise and skills. The gallery is open Monday – Saturday 10am – 3pm. This is one of the gallery's most popular exhibitions, so don't miss out.



All Saints Church

CLUB OF THE MONTH

Joining your children up to athletics is a great way to keep fit over summer and ready for their winter sports codes.

The Athletics Club season is about to start up and they welcome all current and new members wishing to join the club. All ages and abilities are welcome. The club meets every Thursday night at Taumata Park in Eltham at 6.30pm starting October 17.

The club encourages ribbon days throughout the season around Taranaki. They are excited to have the North Island Colgate Games in Inglewood in January 2020.

They have seriously subsidised the fees this year so it is more affordable for everyone to enjoy.

Fees are \$10 per child for the whole season. Please contact Debora 0211567136 if you require any further details.

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Taranaki Garden & Arts Festival 2019

Openlands always been a family affair

Maria Mills calls Openlands her ‘happy place.’ The stunning country garden has been the backdrop for many special moments for her family, and visitors alike. For years Maria has opened the white-pillared gates of the family farm and invited Taranaki Garden Festival visitors down her sweeping driveway and into a glorious garden paradise.

Maria loves sharing her passion for gardening with like-minded visitors, who appreciate the time and effort that has gone into maintaining the gardens. Once sheep paddocks matured perennial borders and created the initial bones of the garden, and were planted by her late husband Rodney’s mother, Sylvia. Learning by growing, slowly over time Maria extended the garden out to the bordering trees, including plants that she ‘liked the look of- camellias, rhododendrons, fragrant roses and clematis. Gardening is a family affair with all five of the Mills siblings helping out over time in the garden.



Daughter Louisa talks fondly of childhood memories spent on the property.

“We were outdoor kids, climbing trees and helping out, gardening was a team

effort.”

This year festival visitors will be able to create their

special moments in the garden. As part of the Festival, Openlands on

Auroa Road, Manaia will be the magical setting for The Country Fair, a free festival event for everyone to enjoy. Louisa has been busy booking over 25 stallholders from across the country who will provide a selection handcrafted arts and crafts, food and entertainment on the day.

The Country Fair takes place on Sunday November 3 from 10 am – 3 pm. Enjoy a relaxing day, stroll around the garden or even pack a picnic and take in the dramatic Mount Taranaki backdrop.

Openlands provides a sense of bewilderment, surprises with each turn and is a must-see as part of the 32nd Taranaki Garden Festival.

Ticketing information: www.gardenfestnz.co.nz 0800 746 363. TAFT office. 50 Brougham Street, New Plymouth.

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A living museum at Puke Ariki



Look out for these distinctive signs at your Regional Gardens. This one is at Pukeiti.

If you're planning a route for the Garden Festival then make sure you add Puke Ariki to your list!

Pukeiti -The Living Museum is an exhibition developed between NPDC's Puke Ariki, Pukeiti and the Taranaki Regional Council.

It focuses on the plants (both rhododendrons and natives), conservation history and the landscape of

Pukeiti Garden.

Nestled beneath Mount Taranaki, Pukeiti hosts one of the world's largest and most diverse collections of rhododendrons and other exotics, creating an explosion of colour among lush, native rainforest and mountain streams.

The collection includes many rare plants, including some rhododendrons that are

now extinct in the wild.

The Pukeiti exhibition is brought to life by paintings from one of the world's leading botanical artists, Susan Worthington.

Alongside the paintings, visitors can enjoy a grass-turfed area, lift up the leaf interactives to learn about plants, watch video footage from Pukeiti, and see a Joseph Hooker book from

the 1850s.

The rise of the rhododendron in British gardens can be attributed to Hooker. When he set out on his original expedition only around 50 species were recorded and today more than 1,000 species are identified.

Intrepid garden explorers can also take part in the Garden Passport Challenge,



Grace drew some rhododendrons in her passport.



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This is a competition with a fantastic prize package – the winner will get to name a new Pukeiti hybrid rhododendron plus win an overnight stay in the Family Hut (which sleeps 12), nestled in the Pukeiti rainforest.

To enter, visit the Pukeiti exhibition at Puke Ariki to pick up a Garden Passport and follow the instructions to compete an entry.

Pukeiti -The Living Museum is on show until March 2020.

Puke Ariki Lane Gallery (second floor of the Library, next to the airbridge).

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Pihama Lavender back in Fringe Festival

For the last six years Pihama Lavender has been home for Liz Sinclair.

In its time the site on which the popular local attraction has been based has housed Pihama's first flax mill, and then a dairy factory from 1897 to 1967. At one stage it was a piggery until a fire put paid to that in 1977. It was home to the Ockhuysen and Knapman families before Liz bought it.

Now the former dairy factory is the base of Pihama Lavender which has become a popular wedding venue and hosts market days on the third Sunday of most months. It will also be open for this year's Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival.

Pihama Lavender has been in the Festival before, although last year it took a break.

"It would be obscene to live here without sharing it with the public," says Liz. She estimates each year her garden has been in



Pihama Lavender is well worth visiting during the Garden Festivals.

the Festival it would have drawn about a thousand visitors in the course of the season.

In the time she has been at Pihama Lavender Liz says she has had people from all over the world come to stay and one thing overseas visitors want to see is native plants, and this is something

she has always been keen to emphasise.

She points to some Kawakawa.

"A lot of people see this as a weed, but it's a special plant for healing. This side of the leaf draws, while the other side heals."

Liz has about six acres and has added a paddock which she uses for visitor parking, while the rest of the time a neighbour uses it for grazing stock. She is also bringing in a vintage tent for the Festival.

Sustainability is a big thing for Liz. No sprays are used and all weeding is done by hand. She uses human hair supplied by an Opunake hairdresser for mulching purposes. With Coastal Taranaki being subject to

occasional power outages she uses solar power and has put in a generator.

Bounding her property on the west side is the Punehu Stream.

"The stream is pretty healthy," says Liz. "I'm lucky that there are a number of organic farms upstream."

A Kermadec Pohutukawa which flowers all year round is a popular spot for wedding photos.

"When I arrived here it was not part of my plan to have a wedding venue but someone just walked in and asked if they could have their wedding here," said

Liz.

The previous owners the Knapmans were already growing lavender before Liz arrived, but because lavender has such a short life span she has replanted most of it. She prefers the English to the more familiar French variety. While the French lavender flowers all year round the English lavender flowers in December-January and is harvested in February-March. Liz uses the English Lavender for producing oil. She even has a soapmaker in the UK using only her oil in their product. Like other country dairy

factories the Pihama factory was also the base for its own village of factory workers and evidence of that time can still be seen around the gardens.

"Women come here for the arts and crafts while the men like the structures and the history," says Liz.

Other attractions include the shop where all the merchandise is sourced from Taranaki. The nearby toilet block also doubles as an art space and visitors have been keen to have photos taken here.

The fire which put paid to the piggery had taken part of the factory roof off, which has allowed Liz to set up a courtyard garden.

"I've tried to make it appear to be Mediterranean, so I've used hot colours like red, blue and yellow," she says.

Liz is a well known figure around Opunake. As well as being secretary of the Opunake and District Business Association she has just been elected to the Coastal Taranaki Community Board.

Liz modestly says that her garden will "never be one of those perfect gardens."

"But there's a lot for people to see here," she says.

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- **Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival**
1-10 November
- **Taranaki Garden Festival**
1-10 November
- **Opunake Lakeside Lions Great Yarn Bomb**
1-10 November
- **Opunake Business Association Market Day**
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Sanderson's Garden has something for everyone

John and Elaine Sanderson's Garden at 1961 South Road, Manaia is remarkable in so many ways. It is listed as Garden 24 (page 33) of the Taranaki Garden Festival. The NZ Garden Trust has rated it a commendable four stars; personally I have never seen a better garden in the festival. Elaine admits she spends a huge time outlay keeping it so pristine and neat, "About 40 hours a week." The garden occupies a hectare or so.

Dairy farmers John and Elaine have lived at the property since 1984 and have virtually transformed

the place. They first entered the garden festival over 30 years ago, took a good break for a few years, then re-entered about 11 years ago and have participated ever since.

A feature of the garden is how impeccably it is kept with their many plants and trees interspersed with intriguing art and craft items, as well as many water features.

Elaine says she looks forward to the garden festival because of the visitors she gets to meet. "It's really nice to talk to other gardeners; you always learn something."

She admits that some parts of the garden have been adversely affected by the inclement weather of late. As we pass a prolific rose bush she comments, "That rose (Anais Segalis) is usually a mass of blooms at this time."

Nearby was a flowering clematis, which wasn't too affected by the weather. "That clematic is too prolific," she explains and indicates that it needs a good trim at regular intervals.

Amongst the many intriguing items is a spherical bore (obtained in the 1970s), which was used as a crusher. Before its current role it used



A ship's former large buoy is one of the garden features.



Stunning columns dot the spacious lawn.

to be a ship's buoy.

Eye-catching are the columns in another part of the garden, which resemble the Pompeii columns in Italy. These are made from fibreglass and concrete and were imported from Burma.

A very good sign were the many bees which were busy at work on the multitude of flowers. One bloom even had

two bees gathering pollen and nectar. Native birds know the garden well and waxeyes are keen visitors. Blossom is everywhere. Particularly appealing is a flowering cherry tree from Japan (shimidsu sakura).

Of interest to young children will be the playhouse near the front entrance, with Noddy and

Big Ears (painted on the wall) to keep them company. Inside is some child-sized furniture to keep the playful attention of youngsters.

Whatever you do make sure you make time to view this outstanding Taranaki Garden Festival garden. It will be open 9am to 5.30pm, admission one ticket, from November 1 to November 10.

Real gardens for real people

Taranaki's Fringe Garden Festival, set to run 1 – 10 November this year, is promising to be the best in the event's 15 year history.

This year's edition presents 39 gardens and 13 places of interest that spans garden art to pottery, New

Zealand's largest collection of rainforest cacti and riding the rails on a heritage rail track.

Ten of the gardens are new or returning after a break to the Festival, and include everything from small compact urban gardens to large rural gardens with lakes, bridges and an abundance of spring colour.

"This year's new additions will showcase a wide variety of gardening styles," says the event's organiser Anne

Clough. "That diversity of approaches, practices and the resulting gardens is a really important aspect, and one that makes the Fringe Garden Festival such a unique event."

The secret, Anne says, is the Taranaki region's unique geography, which sits beneath the picture-perfect peak

of Mount Taranaki. The mix of rich volcanic soil, a lot of sunshine, and a healthy level of rainfall ensures

Taranaki's gardens are spectacular year round, but it's in spring that they really come alive.

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Garden Festival. Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival 1 – 10 November 2019 www.taranakigardens.co.nz

Artists combine with new gallery

The natural world is central to the work of five Taranaki artists who have come together to create a new gallery.

Based at the Tataraimaka Cheese Factory, Lumen Studios and Gallery showcases collage, pottery, weaving, felting and floral art.

The five women co-founders each work out of a studio space at the factory and share a combined vision to hand-make art and objects that reflect their own personal values and portray a wider environmental story.

The gallery will host exhibitions as well as workshops and will soon incorporate a shop.

Sitting amongst native bush and beside the Timaru



Carly Edwards: Hand woven dream catcher.

Stream, the gallery's site is also home to The Fruity Gardener, the Molloy

Gallery and a sculpture trail.

Resident artists are Janeen Page (potter), Zoe Page (artist and florist), Carly Edwards (textile artist), and collage artists Teresa Goodin and felted Alice Cowdrey

Lumen Studios and Gallery, 1729 South Road, is holding a studio opening on

October 25 from 6pm. The gallery will be open during Labour Weekend.

For more information visit the gallery's Facebook page, Lumen Studios & Gallery or ring 06 752 4592.

The gallery will be open from 10am-2pm every day during the garden festival.



Janeen Page: Hand-thrown pottery.



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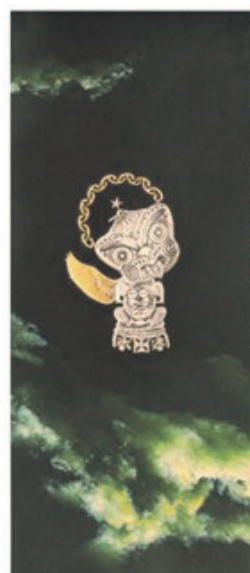
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Oakura Arts Trail opens studios

Once again this year the artists of the Oakura Arts Trail will open their studios to the public. This very popular arts trail coincides with the Taranaki Powerco Garden Festival and is held on the weekends of November 2-3 and 9-10. Many of the artists are also involved in the Fringe Festival which means their studios will be open during the week as well. Open hours are from 10 to 4pm.

There are eleven artists on the trail this year, Richard Landers, Kris White, Margaret Scott, Linda Barbour, Diane Loake, Sally Laing, Rob Wright, Belinda Lubkoll-Young, Susan Imhasly, Jeff Salisbury, and Lena Amgath-Duff.

This year there are two new artists. Belinda was

a finalist as a second year jewellery apprentice at the Jewellery Design awards in Sydney this year. Her piece 'Bauhaus inspired' is a topaz set in sterling silver, and is inspired by the Bauhaus art movement in Germany. She works as an apprentice with Rob Wright and it is great to see her creating her own designs.

Lena is the other new member and is an acrylic painter originally from Sweden. She paints abstracts with lots of colour.

Sarah Smither will open her home as a Place of Interest and will be showing recent drawings and work from her private collection of Michael Smither. Although he no longer lives in Taranaki, Smither has always been regarded as one of our major

and much-loved artists who was born and lived in New Plymouth for most of his life.

The other place of interest is the Molloy Gallery and Sculpture Park which is the studio of Steve Molloy. An exhibition of all the artist's work will be held at the Molloy Gallery, at Tataraimaka, where all participating artists will have work on display. This is a good place to start the trail and help you plan your experience. The opening of this exhibition is on October 24 at 5.30pm.

A feature of the trail this year is the workshop weekend that is happening on November 30-December 1. It is hoped visitors to the studios will enrol at these workshops



Lena Amgath Duff with some of her paintings.

and this will be a good time to talk to artists about what the workshop offers.

Many of the artists are prepared to demonstrate

techniques or are working while visitors pass through their studios. The experience of visiting artists in their own work environment is

unique, and leaves a lasting impression on people, who return to buy work or bring other visitors to see the art. The trail provides a nice balance of types of art to view with sculptures, glass art, pottery, jewellery, printmaking, felting, and painting being some of the variety that can be seen.

Brochures for the trail can be found at all studios, the Information Centre, the Crafty Fox and on the notice board next to the chemist. Look out for the large yellow and blue flags which will help to guide you to the artist studios. For details on the artist and the location of their studios, go to www.oakuraartstrail.org or Facebook.

Koru Galleries

Koru on Koru

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Place of Interest no 40
Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival

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Koru on Koru Sculpture Garden & Gallery situated on Koru Rd. Oakura off Surf Highway (the route to Pukeiti) is Place of Interest no. 40 in the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival.

Many visitors find this historic garden location a bit of a surprise, with off road paddock parking, garden seating, (bring a picnic)

Here lies the home of the first Post office in Koru, and the first contemporary Art Gallery.

The original riverstone fireplace built by the first settlers with huge stones from nearby Oakura River welcomes visitors to the gallery. Sculptures on display include Anna Korver, Renate Verbrugge, Richard Landers Glass and Chris Well's colourful ponga sculptures.

Jack Marsden Mayers' driftwood creation dominates the main entrance, and new arrival Ricks Terstappen's (Havelock North) 1 cubic metre Flower Ball sculpture will sit amongst the gardens nikau and ferns. This is the first time Ricks' work has shown in Taranaki. This interesting Dutch born character immigrated to New Zealand 40 years ago by mistake. He stayed, to become known as the

champion of found objects. He "breathes life into the forgotten."

A few of Ricks' famous Godwit sculptures flying high above the Napier Airport have escaped to Koru on Koru, along with his one cubic metre delicately sculptured daisy ball.

Visiting artists in both

the City gallery and Koru on Koru include, Hayley Hamilton (Raglan) and Deb Fuller (Christchurch). Both Galleries, Koru on Devon in the City and Koru on Koru are proud to host over 30 artists works from our ever growing collective, of Taranaki and New Zealand artists, including Oakura's

Linda McFetridge, Kris White, Richard Landers and Fay Looney.

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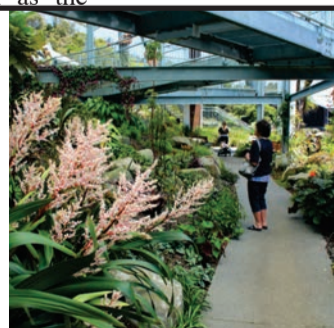
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Lindsay Maindonald's exhibition at Verdigris Gallery

Lindsay Maindonald of Eltham currently has an exhibition of his paintings at Verdigris Art Studio & Land-ing Gallery at 304 Broadway, Stratford. Lindsay's artistic home is known as the Red-wood Oaks Art Studio, which is in Eltham.

This is his fifth exhibition, dating from the late 1970s. His studio has also been included in the Taranaki Art Trail and he has exhibited in the Taranaki National Art Review, which is held in Opunake each year. He was also included in the 2009 Fringe Garden Festival.

There are seven oil paint-ings in the exhibition which include: 'Mangahoe', 'Winter's Glo-ry', 'Majestic Splendour', 'Humphries Castle', 'The Mighty Stony', 'Bygone Grandeur' and my favourite the intriguing and character-ful 'Musterer's Paradise' – which is also the largest of Lindsay's exhibits. Lindsay

other. For a while Lindsay was Vice President of the Taranaki Art Society.

Lindsay has completed commissioned works with the creative results ending in overseas locations such as Australia and Switzerland.

Apart from painting, Lind-say has also included photog-raphy as an artistic endeav-our, with Mount Taranaki a favourite subject. He has won prizes for his photography.

Apart from Lindsay's exhi-bition Verdigris has a remark-able selection of art from other talented artists, such as the curator Sue Hogan, Sandra Ryder, Paul Nick-son, Maricia Churchward-Nickson, Holly Clarke, Vicky Taylor, Carol Horgan, Bernice Mitchell, Matthew Millard, Cheryl Poole, Julie Bullo, Ngaere Bennetts, Jacki Berry and Lois Lovel (This list is not exhaustive). The wide range of art includes paintings, photography, mixed media, quilting – to name just a few examples. You can learn more about Verdigris on facebook

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first became interested in art while at New Plymouth Boys High School where he was taught by the acclaimed artist Tom Kreisler. He was also influenced by Colin Nicholls. As an adult he was strongly taken by art of the British artist John Constable, while locally Bernard Aris inspired him. In fact the two artists works have some-times been mistaken for the



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Op Shop makes a donation for Coastal Care’s generator



Manager of St Paul’s Opportunity Shop (Opunake), Ann Smith hands over a cheque for \$5,000 to Aretha Lemon, CEO of Coastal Care. The donation will go towards the purchase of a generator.

St Paul’s Opportunity Shop made a generous donation of \$5,000 towards the intended generator for Coastal Care. The cheque was handed over at the Opunake shop on Friday October 11 by Ann Smith (Manager of St Paul’s Opportunity Shop) to Coastal Care’s CEO Aretha Lemon.

This cheque completes the fundraising needed for the generator; in fact there will be an extra \$2000 or so over than is needed. The extra amount will be used to build a small house to shield the generator from the elements.

“It’s such an important investment. I think this donation is amazing that the Op Shop has supported us and everyone else in the community,” commented Aretha Lemon. She added, “It’s going to be a community generator.”

Ann Smith explained that the St Paul’s Opportunity Shop has now contributed a total of \$15,000 to Coastal Care over the time since it was opened. When we heard they needed a generator we wanted to support that as well.”



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A scary start to the month

Let your creativity flow during October. The Opunake Business Association is holding a Scarecrow Competition on Market Day. Get creative and bring your Scarecrow to TSB Square by the Library on Market Day Saturday November 2. Judging will take place at 11am. You will need to have your name and phone number on a piece of paper on the back of your scarecrow. The three most creative and outstanding scarecrows are in to win a \$50 Opunake Business Association voucher each.

Yarn Bomb is coming back for 2019

The members of Opunake Lakeside Lions are extremely busy once again with preparations for brightening up Opunake. This will be the third year for the Great Opunake Yarn Bomb. The event coincides with the Taranaki National Art Review, two Taranaki Garden Festivals and the Opunake Business Association Market Day. It

has proven to be well supported by the local community. Many people have spent their autumn and winter time crocheting and knitting items to be on display. The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb will start to be installed on Thursday October 31 and taken down on Wednesday November 13. Be sure to encourage family and friends

to visit Opunake during this time. The town looks colourful and vibrant and it really shows what a supportive and creative community we live in. Opunake Lakeside Lions won the 202D District Waverley Award for Community Service for their Yarn Bomb in 2018. Members are hoping you enjoy this year’s display.



The Yarn bombed seat outside Farm Source.

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<div></div> <div>HALLOWEEN SPECIAL IT CHAPTER TWO Thriller, Mystery 2hr 50min R16: Violence, language, cruelty Defeated by members of the Losers' Club, the evil clown Pennywise returns 27 years later to terrorize the town of Derry, Maine, once again. Now adults, the childhood friends have long since gone their separate ways. But return when people start disappearing. Thur 31st Oct 7pm Sat 9th Nov 7pm</div>	<div></div> <div>ANGRY BIRDS 2 Action, Adventure, Kids 1hr 40mins PG The flightless angry birds and the scheming green piggies take their beef to the next level in The Angry Birds Movie 2! When a new threat emerges that puts both Bird and Pig Island in danger. Sat 26th Oct 1pm Sat 9th Nov 1pm</div>	
<div></div> <div>GOOD BOYS Adventure, Comedy 1hr 30min R13: Language, sexual material, drug use Three 6th grade boys ditch school and embark on an epic journey while carrying accidentally stolen drugs, being hunted by teenage girls, and trying to make their way home in time for a long-awaited party. Fri 1st Nov 7pm Wed 6th Nov 7pm Sat 16th Nov 7pm</div>	<div></div> <div>RIDE LIKE A GIRL *BOUTIQUE* Drama, Sport 1hr 38mins PG The story of Michelle Payne, the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup. Sun 3rd Nov 7pm Wed 6th Nov 1pm</div>	

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