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Good news keeps coming for dairy farmers

Fonterra suppliers were given something to smile about last week when the co-operative announced a reported profit after tax of \$674 million, which was \$128 million up on this time last year.

This was followed by the announcement of a 2024-5 forecast Farmgate milk price mid-point of \$9kgMS and a 55 cent total dividend for FY24.

What does this mean for the province's dairy farmers?

"It's very welcome news that the company is in a very strong position, but it's not unexpected," says Oaonui dairy farmer Bryan Roach. "I think this should have happened at the start of the year, and I think something should have been paid out then. With the dividend being another 55 cents this is going to help a lot of people get out of OD and keep their heads above water."

He said it would also help people who had been

deferring spending on farm machinery for the last few years.

The news also comes after farmers had been struggling with high interest rates.

"Higher interest rates have hurt a lot of people. No doubt the banks will be talking to farmers as well as farmers talking to their banks."

"I hope we can coincide this with a record production. In other years it's either been one or the other. This year everything is looking good for a high payout year and a high production year."

Taranaki Rural Support Trust co-ordinator Marcia Paurini says she has noted a lift in mood through the farming community.

"The new increase by Fonterra has really lifted spirits," she says. "It's been a good winter and we've been lucky not to have had adverse weather events like they've had in other parts of the country. The grass is looking good although I've



\$9 payout forecast, \$128 million increased profit and handsome dividend - farmers happy.

had some farmers in the south, at Whenuakura and Kakaramea say there were still some wells that were dry, although hopefully they would have been filled by the big dump we've had since then."

She says she has had a good response from a series of

brunches and get togethers which the Taranaki Rural Support Trust has been

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Opunake's Singer Songwriters Night Returns



One of the performers at the last Opunake Singer Songwriters in June.

Opunake will host its second Singer Songwriters night on Friday October 4, again at the Lakeside Playhouse in Layard Street, Opunake. After the incredible success of our first edition, we are excited to announce the second Singer Songwriters Night in Opunake for 2024, says André Manella from Singer Songwriters New Plymouth.

"Our last event was a huge hit with a packed house and a full roster of performers, and we can't wait to do it all again."

The Opunake Singer

Songwriters will be on Friday October 5 again at the Lakeside Playhouse in Layard Street, Opunake.

Doors will open at 7pm with a 7:30pm start.

Entry is free. Expect a night filled with heartfelt, original songs from talented local and regional singer-songwriters in a warm and intimate environment where artists can truly connect with the audience. Plus a fun, engaging host to keep the energy high throughout the evening and a professional top-quality sound production.

This event isn't just about music it's about community, creativity, and celebrating the incredible talent that flourishes in and around Ōpunake. Whether you're an artist ready to share your stories through song or a music lover ready to be swept away by the magic of live performances, this night is for you, says André who organises and hosts the popular Singer Songwriters New Plymouth which is held on the last Friday of the night from February to November

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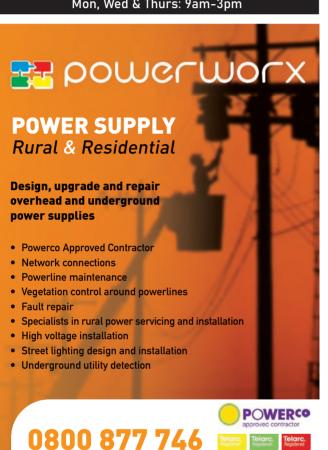
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Gaza

There is a world view - one world view, built into our thinking - that allows Zionist Israel to conduct genocide in Palestine, against civilians who's ownership and freedoms have been stolen away from them by western power interests, in covenant with the Zionist project, without their participation or consent (Balfour). Drawing ancient protocols, fused through centuries of dislocation and diaspora, Zionist aggressions have finally arced into maelstrom that is now occupied Palestine. Although NZ's recent support of the declaration against this worldview is a step in the right direction - and I sincerely thank our people for that vote - the obsequious compliance by the West, genocide, toward the continues.

and propaganda, Lies

especially war pornography (ZAKA), are utilised to create war impetus, and selfdefence is the justification for all crimes thereafter. Contested narratives by independent media, are being studiously ignored, censored, omitted slandered as anti-semitic hate speech and Holocaust denial. International media will clean up the memory banks later on (Orwell). This feature of Israeli war strategy was identified by former Israeli Minister Shulamit Aloni in her interview with Amy Goodman, 14.8.2002 ('Democracynow.org'): "We use the British colonial laws, but in a more barbaric way against the Palestinians. First of all, the British were not occupiers because they were mandated by the League of Nations. Second, they behaved differently, and we, being occupiers, are oppressing the Palestinians step by step with those terrible things you can't imagine... by using the British Colonial emergency law. For instance, the destruction of houses, collective punishment and other things are according to the British emergency law from 1945. Which we adopted."

"Goodman: "Often when we hear voices of dissent in the USA, people here are called anti-semitic. What is your response?"

Aloni: "Well, it's a trick. We always use it. When from Europe somebody is criticising Israel, then we bring out the holocaust. When in this country (USA) people are criticising Israel, then they are anti-semitic. And our organisation is strong. They have a lot of money and the ties between Israel and the Jewish establishment are very strong and that's not only in this country. They have power, money, media and other things and their attitude is Israel, my

country, right or wrong. And they are not ready to receive criticism. It is very easy to blame people who criticise certain acts of the Israeli Government as antisemites and to bring up the holocaust and the suffering of the Jewish people and that justifies everything we do to the Palestinians."

Roger Morris

Seafood ban

Regards the seafood no take. It is stated that the paua stock is in decline and in trouble. This statement is misleading. The paua stock where easily accessed, i.e. down the end of roads, is in decline. Of course it is. Taranaki locals (let's not blame a few bus loads that come a few times a year) are fishing pretty much shoulder to shoulder and lamenting

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ADELPHOS

Christianity is indeed a spiritual war between God and Satan. It's about the good and evil we see in our wonder-filled world. Although Jesus offers us His ultimate victories of the Good Friday Cross and Easter resurrection, prayer is an invisible spiritual defense that celebrates, protects and deepens a relationship with God. The prayer below uses the images of a knight's warfare armour. It protects the vulnerable areas of our basic human psychologythe thinking, feeling and doing areas in our lives. I'm told some readers have a

copy of this prayer on their

bedside table. They say it while getting dressed each morning:

Dear Lord,

I desire to be obedient by being strong in the Lord and the power of your might. I recognise that it is essential to put on the armour that you have provided. I do so now with gratitude, praise and by faith as effective spiritual protection against spiritual forces of darkness.

I confidently take the belt of truth—I take Jesus who is Truth as my strength and protection and ask wisdom and discernment to believe, live, speak and know only

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you for breastplate of righteousness. By faith I appropriate the righteousness Christ and ask you, Jesus, to

walk in your holiness in my

life today. Thank you, Lord, for the shoes of peace. I desire that my feet should stand on the solid rock of peace, and, as I walk in obedience to you, the God of peace promises to walk with me.

Lord I lift up the shield of faith. By faith I trust in you to be a complete and perfect shield.

I recognise that my mind is a target of Satan's deceiving ways. I take the helmet of

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salvation, recognising that the Lord Jesus Christ is my salvation. I shield my head with Him and invite His mind to be in me.

I take hold of the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, affirming that it is God's guidance for us. Enable me to use it not only to defend me from Satan's deceptions, but to claim its promises.

Thank you dear Lord for prayer. Help me to keep this armour well oiled. I desire to pray at all times with depth and intensity as the Holy Spirit leads me. Grant me a burden for others in God's family and enable me to see and assist them through prayer as the enemy attacks

All these things I ask in the mighty name of Jesus Christ my Lord.

AMEN.

(A prayer by Dolores Winder Ministry based on Ephesians 6:10-18)

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the fact the paua are hard to find. Meanwhile a few not so lazy fishers are 500m up the beach gathering their limits in double quick time and leaving reassured the stock is healthy, and plenty remain to procreate. Those who bother with a mask and snorkle and get

slightly further are even more impressed at the size and numbers of paua 95% of fishers will never access. Or to be more precise 80% of fishers are fishing 20% of the coastline. 20% fish another 20% and the remaining is unfished. Those of us who access these areas and have sustainably fished for years and have seen no decline in

the stocks are gobsmacked at the premise of the no take justification when the empirical evidence for a healthy stock is in front of us. Of course the census takers who provided the data would have conveniently done their counting in the areas off roads. In addition the limit is now five paua, down from 10 when the rahui was made law. Has this halving of take been taken into consideration? Regards the scope creep to crayfish to 3km out the rec take is negligible compared

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to the commercial. Stock have declined but only since the arrival several years back of a few out-of-town boats who are fishing for today and not tomorrow. Target them. The answer; Local rahui/no take in the areas which are actually depleted. Continuing the limit of five and pushing fishers out to where the paua actually are, if they can be bothered. Take the financial saving of implementing the no take and put into fisheries officers with an increased presence. Watch the paua stock remain

healthy, increase in the few areas needed, and people can still have a taste.

A genuinely keen fisher **Opunake**

Shellfish ban

First an answer to Keen Fisher of Okato who doesn't seem to know the difference between high tide and low

Your logic is that because many drivers go over the speed limit it's OK to poach. As for your reference to a racial slur. Yes I have seen one of these "chits." Ko te aroha mei tetahi ke tetahi atu.

The main concern is this. The breeding cycle of paua has been put in print. Nothing has been said about kina. One female kina can produce over one million eggs in a year, and in two years we already have baby

kina washing up on beaches. Another two or four years and they will destroy all the paua beds. Look around the rest of the world where this has already happened.

Last word on this

Low Tide Opunake.

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holding around Taranaki.

"If I'd encourage anything it's to keep connecting with your neighbours."

She says they have also been working with banks who have "really been bending over backwards to help their

Te Kiri farmer and former MP Shane Ardern says it's "the light at the end of the tunnel" and follows a time when farmers experienced high interest rates, on-farm inflation of 17% and a substantial drop in payout.

"There's no business that could just take that on the chin. This is a correction to that and it's really welcome, especially as there are a number of businesses that have been teetering on the verge of non-viability.'

He says there will be a flow-on benefit to towns like Opunake, Manaia, Kaponga and Okato which service the



Shane Ardern frustrated by "idiotic comments".

farming community.

Shane says he is frustrated when he hears "idiotic comments about Fonterra being a big company" given the size of international dairy companies like Nestle and some of the European and North American companies which Fonterra have to

compete against. "New Zealand exports 96% of what we produce which means 4% is consumed domestically. We're competing against international companies which are multiple times the size of Fonterra. A billion dollar profit from a company that turns over \$24 billion needs to be seen in context."

Te Kiri farmer and former Kiwi Dairy Co-operative director Ian Armstrong also welcomes the latest news.

"It was a very good result from the last financial year and the 24-25 year looks very promising," he says. "It puts us well above operating costs, so there shouldn't be too many farmers making a loss."

He says it reflects changes that were made "a couple of years ago."

"Fonterra's been able to concentrate on more than picking up additional milk and they've been able to concentrate more on valueadded. Before then they were obligated to pick up from anyone, anywhere, so this has put Fonterra on more of a level playing field with other dairy companies."

Otakeho farmer and farm advisor Michael Joyce says it's a welcome turnaround.

"It's a good booster for everybody when just over 12 months ago Fonterra announced a drop in payout which was quite a shock to everybody," he says.

"The extra return on our shares is really good to see, as there are lots of farmers who have questioned the value of holding hundreds of thousands of dollars of shares. This will give the shareholders a bit of confidence in their company."

He also notes that the announcement has coincided with favourable weather conditions.

"It's been a good start to the season and it's certainly lining up for a good season so far. I've been farming since 1982 and this would be the most favourable winter I've seen, followed by a good

He says farmers now need to invest in their business, concentrating on essentials rather than "nice to haves."

"Farmers need to be critically analysing on their pending expenditure in the business coming up over the next two or three years and prioritising their capital expenditure. In the last three demand for compliance so lots of farmers have already spent a lot." He says they also need to

to five years there's been a big

look to the people who work for them.

"Farmers need to be mindful of having facilities on their farm to attract the best staff for their farm."



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at New Plymouth's Little Theatre in 29 Aubrey Street New Plymouth. This year they have also taken the Singers Songwriters to various venues around Taranaki. The Opunake Singer

Songwriters night will be the grand finale of the series of Singer Songwriters being held around the mountain

So," let's come together one last time in 2024 to celebrate the artistry and spirit of our region's musicians.

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Chris showing how to convert your old rubbish bin into a functional compost bin.

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The rule of thumb is to

not put meat scraps, bones, grease, whole eggs or dairy products in your compost as this causes odours and



Drilling the holes in the bins.

they decompose slowly and attract rodents.

Chris has contacted the Taranaki District Council - who don't necessarily want the bins back though will pick them up if you don't want them - and the Council is fully supportive of the idea.

If you need help converting your bin or need advice please feel free to contact Chris and he will be happy to help. His phone number is 027 338 7463.



Ready to compost.

Beware the recovery scammer

If you've been scammed in the past, watch out for recovery scams, warns Consumer.

"A recovery scam is when a scammer contacts a known victim and masquerades as someone trying to recover the lost funds," said Ruairi O'Shea, investigative writer at Consumer.

The number of victims for recovery scammers to target is large and increasing.

Consumer's research has found 1 in 10 households lost money to a scammer in the past year, while the Banking Ombudsman's latest annual report points to a surge in reported scam activity and a record number of scam cases. Compared to its 22-23 report, scam cases are up 27%, with victims losing on average \$80,000, up from \$57,000 the previous year.

"If a scammer has details about a previous scam, it can be used to foster trust and capitalise on a victim's fear – which means they're more likely to share personal details that put them at further risk of being exploited again.

"Victims of recovery scams are being kicked when they're at their most vulnerable. We need to consider the long-term impacts of this - what does it do to someone's ability to trust again and navigate dayto-day life with confidence?" O'Shea said.

"If a scammer steals from you, they can use the knowledge gained from that scam – your name, who you bank with, how much was stolen and when - and call you pretending to be your bank and repeat that information back to you. It gives them ammo to trick you again."

Scammers also go hunting for victims online.

"It's not fair, but if you've been a scam victim before, it can lead to you being

targeted again, either by the same scammers via a recovery scam, or by your personal information and the fact that you're vulnerable - being passed around by malicious people online. This is why we see so many repeat victims of scams," said O'Shea.

Although there's no data on the number of recovery scam victims, the latest Crime and Victims Survey from the Ministry of Justice found 58,000 New Zealanders were repeat victims of fraud and cybercrime in 2023. That's equivalent to almost 12% of all fraud and cybercrime victims.

Consumer recently spoke to a woman, Heather (a pseudonym) who targeted by scammers three times in a year. The third scam attempt was a bank impersonation.

"Heather said conversation with scammer followed the exact script of conversations she had with her bank after a previous scam. That familiarity helped scammer build trust."

Consumer urges scam victims to be ultra vigilant, especially in the days and weeks immediately after a scam has taken place. The following tips can help to safeguard against all scams.

Be suspicious of spontaneous contact.

Always resist urgency.

Find contact information independently.

Consider changing your contact details if you have been scammed in the past.

Protect personal information including driving licence number, IRD number and other personal details.

Do not give remote access to your device.

Consumer is campaigning a government-led response to stamp out scams in New Zealand.

Consumer wants government to introduce national anti-scam framework which requires banks, telcos and digital platforms to act to stop scams, and setting out their liability if they don't.





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Fly tipping rampant in South Taranaki and beyond

dumped on the corner of Wiremu and Kina roads is indicative of what's happening all over the South Taranaki District says district councillor Bryan Roach.

"There's absolutely no need for this," says Cr Roach. "It's absolute laziness and people not doing the right thing. There's a cost to the Council in picking up all this. This is happening all over the district and not in one particular place. The Council has obviously got to get contractors to pick up the rubbish and it comes at a huge cost, so there's a direct link to what you pay in your

Two weeks ago Cr Roach, who is also a local farmer was looking at the half



Cr Bryan Roach with rubbish illegally dumped near Oaonui.

Greenpeace sues Fonterra for misleading consumers with greenwash

Greenpeace Aotearoa is suing Fonterra for misleading customers by claiming that Anchor butter is '100% New Zealand grass-fed' when up to 20% of a Fonterra dairy cow's diet could be imported palm kernel linked to deforestation of rainforests in Southeast Asia.

Greenpeace spokesperson served Fonterra with the lawsuit at the dairy co-operative's Auckland headquarters.

Greenpeace spokesperson Sinéad Deighton-O'Flynn says, "In yet another example of blatant

greenwash from Fonterra, they have been trying to convince customers that the Anchor butter they're buying is 100% New Zealand grass-fed when this is far from the reality."

"Fonterra is misleading their customers through this branding, presumably to make themselves appear more environmentally friendly and sustainable,' says Deighton-O'Flynn.

"No doubt, Fonterra is claiming to be 100% grassfed to downplay their reliance on palm kernel, as well as other fodder crops that are used for 'intensive

winter grazing' which can see cows wallowing chest deep in mud and excrement."

"Palm kernel is a product of the palm oil industry, an industry known for rainforest deforestation, human rights abuses, illegal operating and driving rare wildlife towards extinction. We think shoppers would be shocked to know that the block of 'grass-fed' butter they pick up at the supermarket could actually be linked to the destruction of orangutan habitats in Southeast Asia."

New Zealand is the largest importer of palm kernel in the world, with the dairy

industry importing nearly 2 million tonnes every year. Much of this is imported by the business AgriFeeds which exclusively sells palm kernel to Fonterra-owned Farm Source stores.

"The misleading information on Fonterra's packaging is a real punch in the guts to the many farmers and brands that have done the work to end their use of palm kernel. Fonterra is stuck in the past and trying to hide behind greenwash. They've been misleading customers for years now and it's time for them to face the consequences.'

dozen black rubbish bags which he says would have been dumped some time in the previous two weeks.

A cursory glance at the contents reveals empty drink bottles and McDonalds takeaway wrapping among its contents.

"This could have been a farmer as there's some wet weather gear here," says Cr Roach.

He says in other places included rubbish has barbecue cylinders which have blocked culverts, as well as people dumping a mattress on the side of the

The problem extends beyond South Taranaki.

"In New Plymouth it's all over the place," he says. He had recently seen old tyres scattered along one stretch

of road. He has a warning for anyone fly tipping or illegally dumping rubbish.

"With household rubbish like this contractors and council staff will go through the rubbish to see if they can find somebody's name or address from a letter or a magazine. I know in the past they've been able to find out where it's from and who put it there."





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Taranaki Area Floral Art Designer of the Year 2024 event





Each Club created a design – based on 'A Month in Time' – a design inspired by a picture from a year calendar. Diane Campbell was inspired by a calendar of the paintings of Jan van Huysum. (Dutch Flemish era.) She titled it: 'Jan van Huysum, 1720... influenced by'

Diane Campbell – Opunake Floral Art Club design.

Diane's design was the perfect 'welcoming' design in the foyer of the Centre – and a great lead in to all the amazing creativity inside.

Results. Children's class Create a stick creature. Group One: 1. Chloe Fabish. 2. Michaela Vermeulen. Ava Drinkwater and Elka Patterson. Very Highly Commended: Abby Drinkwater and Evangeline Hayward. Group Two: 1. Rebecca Surgenor. 2. Mila Scrimgeour. 3. Emily Drinkwater.

Pre-done class – 'Layers and

lines.' 1. Jeanette Findlay, New Plymouth. 2. Margaret Vickers, Stratford. 3. Lynne Watts, Opunake. Highly Jenny Meechin, Hawera and Linda Mora, New Plymouth.

2. Chris Inglewood.

commended. Junior class: 'Creative

curves.' 1. Maree Gibbins, Inglewood. Drinkwater, 3. Desiree Gregg, New

Intermediate class: 'Low

Plymouth.

lines.' 1. Jan Coffey, New Plymouth. 2. Christiane McIntyre, Inglewood. Senior class: 'Line them up.'

1. Pam Sims, New Plymouth.

2. Christine Scrimgeour, New Plymouth. 3. Barbara de Ridder, New Plymouth. Gold class: 'Elevated to cascade.' 1. Margaret Vickers, Stratford. 2. Lyn

Roberts, New Plymouth. Advanced class - 'Flight 'n fancy.' 1. Beryl Watson, New Plymouth. 2. Jan Whitmore, New Plymouth. 3. Jeanette Findlay, New Plymouth. Highly commended Glenys Campbell, Stratford and Christine Gordon, New Plymouth.

Special awards: Best use of foliage: Jeanette Findlay, New Plymouth. Best use of colour: Glenys Campbell, Stratford. Most creative design: Pam Sims, New Plymouth.

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Bringing creatives together in Taranaki

and something like this can only enhance people's networks everyone with opportunities to grow," said Anne Garvey, a textile artist and former primary school teacher.

She was one of a dozen people attending an event Creative organised by Taranaki, an organisation formed in 2021 to promote Taranaki's foster creative sector.

Among those who responded to the advertised event in Opunake inviting 'creatives, makers, performers, arts advocates and appreciators' along was a diverse range of creative people including visual artists, writers and musicians. Light refreshments were also provided.

The event in Opunake was one of a series of hui around the Mountain as part of Creative Taranaki's Toi on Tour.

"The aim was to come to your community to connect, listen and share," said Megan Symes from Creative Taranaki.

There were various speakers at the event outlining how they could

help those in the creative sector with practical advice on such things as funding and to also to get feedback as well as bring creatives together.

"We want to ensure Taranaki is the best place to thrive as a creative" said Megan adding they also hoped to organise social events and have regional data bases which people can access.

Chair of the Creative Taranaki Board Catherine Anderson Rhodes who has been on the Trust for 12 months who also addressed those present said they had some "exciting initiatives planned that will make a meaningful and tangible difference to our region's creatives. Bringing everyone together in the art world would mean it would become stronger and better," she said.

"We're all here to advocate and promote the entire creative community," said Andy Bassett, Deputy Chair of the Creative Taranaki Trust who also spoke at the meeting.

Viv Davy, a fabric artist who organises exhibitions every 6 weeks at her studio gallery From Out of the Blue

in Opunake was enthusiastic about the initiative along with others in attendance. "It's fantastic," she said.

It can be a solitary business exploring a creative interest and bringing people together in such a way is a great idea said another.

Everyone who attended was given a questionnaire where they were invited to "write about what you're passionate about and what you want to do."

Creative Taranaki is an independent charitable trust funded by New Plymouth District Council who deserve to be congratulated for their Nyman - poet, fiction and initiative. It is governed non-fiction writer, Lisa by a board of trustees and Berndt who works at the employs a part-time Arts Govett-Brewster Art Gallery Co-ordinator and advocates as the Curator of Public for the creative community, Engagement, Liz Sinclair offers practical assistance - painter, Sam Kelly - a through capability, building jeweller and sculptor, Marie workshops, and is a Hermo Jensen contemporary connection point for the arts dance. Arts Co-ordinator community in Taranaki.

Trustees on the Creative Taranaki Board are Chair Catherine Rhodes, Deputy Chair Andy Bassett, a musician and regular show on The Most

Anderson composer, who also hosts a FM (100.4FM), Mikaela



Some of those who were at the event.



The Creative Taranaki trustees in Opunake on their Toi on Tour hui from left - Marie Hermo Jensen, Andy Bassett, Catherine Anderson Rhodes, Liz Sinclair and Arts Co-ordinator Megan Symons.

Megan Symons who works in with the trust studied Art History completing her degree at Canterbury University, Christchurch has a long involvement in the arts including the planning, organisation and staging of the Taranaki National Art





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It's "not about the frickin' targets"

seems Christopher his favourite catchphrases. Luxon has retired one of After setting a range of











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GLEN BENNETT LIST MP

government targets earlier in the year, he was quick to tell the media last week that it's "not about the frickin' targets.'

In politics, targets serve a clear and important role. They highlight an issue and provide a way forward to address it. This helps the public understand what actions the government will take to fix the problem. They also bring people together, allowing different sectors, both government and nongovernment to work towards a shared goal.

More than that, targets hold the government accountable. When leaders commit to a target, they're telling the public, "Judge us by this." But here's the catch: being held accountable is where Luxon seems to struggle.

For all his talk about targets, Luxon's sudden shift makes him appear insincere. When you dig into the numbers, it's easy to see why. Let's take child poverty, for example. The previous Labour government made significant strides in this setting ambitious targets in law to ensure progress. We introduced the Families Package, Best Start, and Winter Energy Payments - policies that helped lift children out of

poverty. The Children's Commissioner even called the indexing of benefits to wages one of the most powerful actions we could take. But we knew there was more work to do, and we've never shied away from that. Since National took the however, they've reins, made changes that directly undermine these efforts. They've reversed indexing of benefits and, surprise have surprise already shifted the goalposts to make their child poverty targets easier to meet. It's no wonder Luxon's words are

falling flat. The pattern continues elsewhere. The Government aimed to have 50,000 fewer people on Jobseeker by 2030, but instead, we've seen 22,000 more people on that benefit since they took office. They promised 500 more police by the end of 2025, but as of August, they're down 104 officers. And on climate, they've scrapped so many of Labour's policies that there's now real concern about missing the very targets National once committed to internationally.

If Christopher Luxon wants to be taken seriously here in Taranaki or anywhere in New Zealand, he needs to stop setting targets just for the headlines. He should either keep his promises or not make them in the first

Glen Bennett Labour List MP based in Taranaki Spokesperson for Economic Development & Associate

Planning regime not fit for purpose

Recently, Hon Chris Minister Bishop, Responsible for **RMA** Reform, flew into New speak to Plymouth to members of the industry where he delivered National's election promise to replace the Resource Management Act (RMA), paving the way for increased economic growth productivity.

The RMA was introduced in 1991, and despite its good intentions has proved a failure in practice. From arbitrary objections developments to the absurd bespoke nature of new consents, the RMA has contributed to our dismal infrastructure deficit and led to poorer outcomes across New Zealand.

These poorer outcomes are not just economic. A recent



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report from the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission showed that we are on track to miss around 15 per cent of emission reductions from energy and transport by 2050 due to consenting delays. If we are serious about climate change, we must change our consenting rules.

The Government will introduce two new bills, one to manage environmental effects, and another to enable urban development and infrastructure, both with the guiding principle of private property rights.

An Expert Advisory group has been set up to work with the Ministry of Environment to develop a blueprint for replacing the RMA. This group is made up of experts with technical knowledge in resource management, planning, environmental sciences, and Te Ao Māori. This carefully balances our obligations to the environment, and the Treaty of Waitangi, while maximising economic growth to lift the prosperity of all New Zealanders.

The blueprint will be due before Christmas, so that the new consenting regime will be ready by mid-2026. The Government is working at pace to ensure these reforms are ready as soon as possible to increase confidence across sectors.

Our current planning regime is out-of-date and not fit for purpose. The National Party campaigned on this change, and we will deliver it before the next election.

If you would like to talk about this or anything else, please reach out. My next trip around the coast is planned for Friday 18 October. For more information, please visit facebook.com/ davidmacleodmp or contact the office at 06 759 2580 david.macleodmp@ parliament.govt.nz.

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There are fewer than 1,000 matuku-hūrepo (Bittern) left in the whole country.

Your sightings can help back the bittern

Your sightings can help back the bittern.

Taranaki Regional Council wants the public's help to 'back the bittern' and has launched a new interactive map to make it easier to report sightings of the elusive wetland bird.

Following on from the Council's support of the matuku-hūrepo/Australasian bittern for the Forest & Bird Bird of the Year, conservation efforts are nationally threatened bird.

webpage bittern-sightings – features conservation efforts. a map of Taranaki where any photos they have.

Council Senior Ecologist to trying to improve their continuing with the call for Halema Jamieson says there chances of survival," says people around the region to are fewer than 1,000 matukurecord whenever they see the hūrepo left in the whole country and maybe fewer than absolutely beautiful bird and 30 in Taranaki so it's essential is truly an icon of healthy haveyoursay.trc.govt.nz/ data is gathered to support wetland habitats. We need

"The public's help is ensure it does not go extinct. people can drop a marker absolutely vital as the That would be a tragedy." where they have seen a matuku-hūrepo is counting on matuku-hūrepo, noting the us for its survival. Knowing used by the lovebittern.com time and place and uploading how many are left and where campaign too. The national they are living is the first step project is running a 'Great

Ms Jamieson.

"The matuku-hūrepo is an to do as much as we can to

The data gathered will be

matuku-hūrepo muster' where the public are asked to record wherever they see or hear the bird on 19 October and 16 November.

People can also help by watching out for matukuhūrepo while driving. There are road signs installed either side of the Mohakatino bridge on SH3 near Mōkau urging drivers to slow down, following a recommendation by the Council to Waka Kotahi/ NZTA after two bittern were tragically hit by cars in

"We'll be out and about

over the next few months looking for bitterns and we'll be adding our sightings to the map. It's such an easyto-use tool for recording where people have seen the matuku-hūrepo so please join us in backing the bittern and let us know when and where you've seen the birds," Ms Jamieson says.

Good places to spot matuku-hūrepo are wetlands around North Taranaki from New Plymouth to Mōkau/ Awakino, Ōkato to Ōpunake and south of Hawera, especially in the Waverley/ Waitōtara area.

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UAE trade deal opens opportunities for NZ wood product exporters

Tariff elimination across all New Zealand wood products entering the UAE through the new NZ/UAE trade deal has been welcomed by the Wood Processors and Manufacturers Association (WPMA).

'Our hope is that the successful conclusion of the NZ/UAE Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) will lead to an increase in NZ wood products entering the UAE', said WPMA Chief Executive, Mark Ross.

'The UAE is in a transition period where they are

favouring timber-based construction over concrete and steel, signalling a regional shift towards sustainability,' said Ross. 'Despite a limited number of timber buildings erected to date, UAE has experienced a threefold increase in imports of plywood and other timber

products in the past year'. From a New Zealand basis we currently export around \$10 million in wood products to the UAE, with the main categories being sawn timber, sleepers, pulp and paper. Other wood products exported include wood for flooring, furniture

and joinery.

It is acknowledged that New Zealand's share of \$10 million is small when compared to the total UAE wood and wood product imports of \$267 billion in 2023. However, even a minor percentage growth in NZ exports to the UAE through the CEPA will assist in providing encouraging signals to our domestic

wood processing industry. 'Wood provides multiple benefits to New Zealand, and it is positive to see the government backing our industry in removing unnecessary barriers and

implementing new trade Agreements'. thank Trade Minister, Todd McClay and his officials for their speedy completion of this trade deal.





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The Messengers' long connection to Taranaki

Mervyn Kivell (92) has had a longtime interest in the history of Taranaki and has the collection of documents and photos to prove it.

"A lot of people don't know the history of Taranaki," he says. "This is something that should have been taught in schools."

Earlier in life he wasn't as interested.

"I never liked history when I was taught it at school. It was all about the kings and queens of England."

He and his wife Margaret (nee Messenger) now live in Jean Sandel Retirement Village, and both their families have long established Taranaki links.

Mervyn had taken over the

family farm on the corner of Beaconsfield and Salisbury roads near Midhirst from his father. Members of the family still farm here. A collection of family documents and photos was handed from his father to his older brother and then to Mervyn detailing among other things the bush fires that were a common hazard faced by early farmers around the Stratford area.

An uncle Alf Kivell played two tests for the All Blacks in 1929. Mervyn remembers playing rugby for Stratford Old Boys against Opunake.

He has an extensive collection of documents from Margaret's Messenger family dating from William

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The Messenger family celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of $\mbox{ William}(\mbox{W.B})$ and Arabella in 1913.

Messenger and his wife Mary who arrived in New Plymouth with their six children in New Plymouth are included in Mervyn's collection. The Messenger family later took up land near Omata.

he designed included the Inglewood Town Hall, New Plymouth Girls High School, the White Hart Hotel in New Plymouth, the Acacia Hotel, the grandstand at the New Plymouth Racecourse and the New Plymouth Fire Station.

Another son Arthur (A.H) was a talented artist who illustrated James Cowan's New Zealand Wars, as well as a children's book which

he also wrote "Children of the Forest."

Seven years after their arrival in New Zealand, members of the Messenger family were caught up in the battles of the first Taranaki land war, including the Battle of Waireka

"The Waireka fight was the first serious fight that occurred," W.B. Messenger later recalled. "There were 120 volunteers, settlers and later the regulars came out to assist us. The natives turned their attention to us and for some unexplained reason left the settlers unmolested."

A brother of his, Edward was killed in a gunfight at Brooklands Peach Orchard.

In 1869 W.B. Messenger was farming near the Mimi River when a Ngati Maniapoto war party attacked Pukearuhe killing two soldiers, Lieutenant Bamber Gascoigne and his family and the missionary John Whitely. Messenger led an expedition which nearly caught up with the war party, but one of the women accompanying them was awake at the time and

warned the others.
Years later, in friendlier times Messenger met up

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W.B.Messenger in later life

from England in 1853 aboard the Joseph Fletcher. William kept a diary during the voyage and transcripts

Only one of their sons, William Bazire (W.B) Messenger had any children. It is through the 13 children that he and his wife Arabella (nee Mace) had that the Messenger family in Taranaki grew.

Their children included Frank who made his name as an architect. The buildings

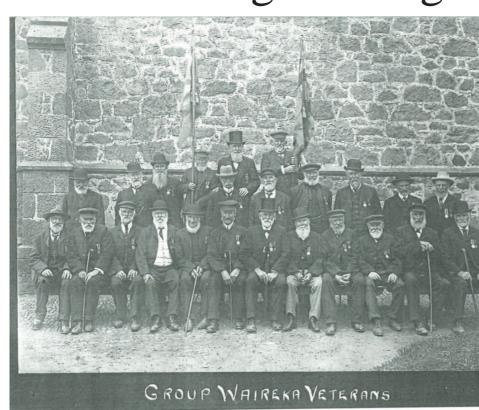


A sketch of the family's early home at Omata.





The Messengers' long connection to Taranaki



Members of the Messenger family were tied up with the Battle of Waireka in 1860. This photo of veterans of that battle was taken over 50 years later.

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with the leader of the war party Wetere Te Rerenga who presented Messenger with a taiaha. In 2000 members of the Messenger family returned the taiaha to Wetere's descendants.

In 1873 Messenger was placed in charge of the

Pukearuhe Redoubt and remained there until 1885 when it was abandoned along with the other frontier redoubts. His name lives on in Mt Messenger where he helped out with the survey and was in charge of making the tracks over the mountain.

William and Arabella

William and Arabella Messenger celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1913. Arabella died in 1916 and William died in 1922.

In 1983 Mervyn and Margaret organised a Messenger family reunion. Before doing this, accompanied by Margaret's brother Bill, they travelled north "to find out as much as we could."

"We found one guy at

Whangaparaoa, rang him up and he invited us for tea that night," says Mervyn. "He came to light with a suitcase with a lot of history about Taranaki and the Messenger family."

Other connections were made.

"There was one at Kawakawa, one at Kerikeri and one where Ninety Mile Beach starts. We told them

about the Messenger reunion and they were all for it."

Mervyn said there had been a suitcase full of material from the family's days at Pukearuhe which was destined for the dump until Margaret's uncle, Cecil heard about it and was able to retrieve it.

About 300 guests were there for dinner at the Taranaki Anniversary reunion at

the New Plymouth War Memorial Hall and Mervyn put together a family tree which he said took up the entire wall. There were also visits to various points of interest including Waireka Cemetery where William and Mary Messenger and one of their sons are buried, their farm at Barrett Road, and Pukearuhe.



Frank Messenger designed many buildings around Taranaki including the New Plymouth Fire Station. This photo taken 1915. Taranaki Museum.



Ōpunake to Ne	w Plymouth (Mon-Fri)	АМ	РМ
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Rahotu	Plunket Rooms	7.08	1.43
Pungarehu	Opposite Town Hall	7.13	1.48
Okato	Carthew St. (opp. Sinclair's)	7.25	2.00
Oākura	Oākura Hall	7.35	2.10
New Plymouth	Spotswood College*	7.50	2.25
New Plymouth	Liardet Street	7.57	2.32
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Okato	Sinclair Electrical, Carthew St.	12.00	5.30	New Plymouth	Liardet Street	5.08
Pungarehu	Town Hall	12.10	5.40	New Plymouth	Spotswood College (pick-up only)	5.18
Rahotu	Four Square	12.15	5.45	Oākura	Oākura Hall	5.20
Ōpunake	Dreamtime	12.28	5.58	Okato	Sinclair Electrical, Carthew St.	5.30
Ōpunake	Bus stop, Napier St	12.30	6.00	Pungarehu	Town Hall	5.40
				Rahotu	Four Square	5.45
*Spotswood College - AM drop off only & PM pick-up only		<i>y</i>		Ōpunake	Dreamtime	5.58
				Ōpunake	Bus stop, Napier St	6.00













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The surf is pumping at Lower Arawhata Road.

Mother Nature creates its own moods of each day as it

our Maunga. Look towards Stratford and you will be welcomes the sunrises over greeted with pink and a

golden blush of clouds on a fine day.

A house could be cleverly

placed on this section to take in the vivid sunsets which reflect the bushfires in

Australia. Look towards the eastern sky and there looms the majesty of our Maunga,

The Tasman Sea has cast a spell over many visitors. Here on this section it would be possible to surround yourself in the sound of the pounding surf below the cliffs. There are qualified local builders who could create an ideal holiday or permanent home. The town of Opunake, with all its medical centre, schools, shops and library facilities, is only 10 minutes' drive away. Opunake also boasts cafes and two pubs which offer delicious food.

The large population of New Plymouth is only 40 minutes drive north. What a find this city is with its cafes, theatres, Len Lye Art Gallery, shops and schools. The acclaimed Puke Ariki Museum is a fascinating source of information. North in Bell Block there is a centre of light industry which is also a place to find employment.

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Plymouth is a hub for the Festival of Lights from December 21 to January 26. In the nearby Bowl of Brooklands on January 11 there is a L.A.B. Stan Walker concert with guest artist, Carrell.

Rugby, netball and cricket are three of the most popular sports in the country and there are many clubs catering for enthusiasts. It is impossible to be a lone wolf on the Coast.

Take surf knee boarding

as one example. There are many devotees of this sport and recently a group of knee-boarders travelled to South Africa for the world championships. Local expert Murray Weir, who had previously coached many of these surfers at Arawhata Road took the team overseas and he acknowledged the winner to be an Australian called Cheyne Simpson. But the experience of competing would have benefited all the Coastal team.

There is a short walk down the hill to a natural surf reef which is a popular spot for advanced surfers.

The Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club at Opunake Beach would welcome new members. The club holds summer contests for both young men and women of all ages as these sessions increase the water skill confidence of each entrant. There is much to be gained from the friendship of the surfing enthusiasts.



LEFT: Photo Surfing the Unruly Coast, a history of surfing in and around Opunake, by Murray Baylis. Murray Baylis' excellent book Surfing the Unruly Coast is available from Dreamtime surf shop in Ōpunake, Poppies book shop in New Plymouth, The Crafty Fox in Oakura or from Murray Baylis personally at email: murraybaylis@gmail.com. \$50 each from the various outlets.



The section is outlined in red.



One of the coast's renowned sunsets. (Photo not taken from the section).



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Hoons hit Okato Domain



On a recent Saturday night the parking area in front of the Okato Bowling Club was ripped up with donuts and tyre marks.

Hoons have made their presence felt at the Okato Domain, with donut and skid marks ripping into the grassed area in front of the Bowling Club.

"Some dickhead has come and ripped up the ground," said an Okato resident who didn't want to be named. Speaking to the Opunake and Coastal News on Monday September 23 he said the damage had been caused on the previous Saturday night although there had been problems with hoons for a lot longer.

"This has been going on for 12 months. It's been hammered all the time. It's frustrating when you see what it's like. Surely they can find somewhere else."

He says that as well as the Bowling Club, the area in front of the Bowling Green is a popular parking area for people coming to other events at the Domain. "When the rugby is on there's always a good crowd for the rugby. The Dog Kennel Club was here three weeks ago and they use it."

He has one possible solution in mind.

"It would be great if we could have security cameras," he says.

The Okato Domain has not been the only place affected.

"The Wiremu and Newall Road intersection has been real bad with burnouts all the time. Until you can catch someone it's a problem. Basically you have to have a number plate."

Kaitake Community Board chair Graham Chard says it's been a problem around the district.

"One of the problems we have had is that there wasn't a community constable here for a few months. The main station at New Plymouth has been short of staff so it's been difficult to have patrols around the whole district."

He says people often have unrealistic expectations about police being able to impose penalties like having vehicles crushed.

"Police are quite hamstrung as to what they can do. The whole community needs to step up. Obviously someone knows who's doing it, so there needs to be a community effort, either by reporting it or to bring pressure to bear on these characters to buck their ideas up."

He says a new constable has recently been appointed to Okato and he will be talking to him about it.



Kaitake Community Board chair Graham Chard.

"There's an obvious societal challenge where these characters feel empowered to act in this way.," says Graham. "All the focus has been on the perpetrator and there's been no focus on the victim, so we're in the situation where these characters think they can do what they like and get away with it."

The Opunake and Coastal News has previously reported on similar issues being faced in Opunake (September 5).

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Progress in taking our region forward

Taranaki Regional Council Summary Annual Report 2023/2024

The 2023/2024 Annual Report is a chance to take stock of what we have achieved over the last year. It's an opportunity to reflect on the positive outcomes from our work across the region while pausing to consider what else we could be doing to continue taking Taranaki

This report compares what we have achieved against what was set out in the third year of the 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan (LTP). This is the final year of making that comparison as we have adopted a new LTP which will guide our work for the 2024/2034 period.

This year we again focused on meeting the challenges we are facing while planning ahead to ensure we continued on our mission of working with our communities to make the region the best place in New Zealand to live, work, play and do business.

Change continues to gather pace

Our work is always dependant on external factors and we need to pivot and adjust to the changing global, national and regional environment. We don't live and work in a bubble: every facet of our mahi is influenced by what's happening in our economy, the environment, changing climate, central government reforms and our evolving relationship with tangata whenua.

Changes to our climate and the region's environment can have a major effect on the services we're able to deliver to our communities. Rising temperatures are impacting our natural environment and we have had to adapt to those many changes and threats to our place. There was a change in Government in October when the coalition of National, NZ First and Act came to power after six years of a Labour-led administration. This has led to a proposed shift in policies around freshwater, one of our key work programmes, at a time when we were developing a new Land and Freshwater Plan. While full details of the proposed policy shifts are still

communities and tangata whenua to develop a proposed new freshwater management regime. We may need to 'fine tune' the regime once the new Government policy environment has been confirmed but we believe it is important that we continue to develop local solutions for the challenges we face. Collaborating with local communities and tangata whenua remains critical to ensuring we retain local understanding and support for our mission and the direction in which we're heading. We can't improve our environment without that support and without the partnerships we've been developing with iwi and hapū.

What we've achieved this year

To ensure we're all in the same waka and paddling in the same direction, the last year has seen a step change in our approach to community engagement. This has included a number of consultations on transport and freshwater and an extensive community conversation on the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan.

We've given you the chance to have a say at drop-in events or online and we've had hundreds of responses to our surveys, which had a direct impact on key decisions made over the last year.

It was a busy year in the freshwater space with two major consultations as we sought views to shape rules in next year's Land and Freshwater Plan. This included holding 16 drop-in sessions around the maunga which were attended by around 550 people.

A new Regional Coastal Plan came into force on 4 September 2023, marking the end of an eight-year review process. As mentioned earlier, the last year has seen the successful adoption of a new Long-Term Plan. We were delighted to receive hundreds of responses to our community conversation about the LTP, which was approved in May and become operative on 1 July. The project to redevelop Yarrow Stadium remains on budget and on time and last year saw a number of

milestones reached in the construction of the East Stand including the completion of groundworks. A highlight was the Taranaki Bulls winning the Bunnings NPC championship in September in front of a sell-out crowd at the stadium.

Our three regional gardens – Pukeiti, Hollard Gardens and Tūpare – were visited by more than 128,000 people. The 2023/2024 financial year saw a number of major achievements in transport and our bus network. As well as adopting the Regional Land Transport Plan, there was an 11.2% rise in passenger numbers on buses to more than 772,000 and a number of new initiatives.

Our work to protect homes and businesses from rare flooding events included the completion of a major project to boost defences near the Valley Shopping Centre. The \$430,000 Waiwhakaiho River upgrades raised two sections including along the stopbank and a flood wall to provide further protection against climate change uncertainties.

The Council recorded a deficit of \$0.74m (total comprehensive income net of tax), significantly better than the budgeted deficit of \$2.9m. This positive variance arose from revaluation gains on its flood control schemes. The rest of its income and expenditure was within \$683,000 of budget.

Working together

As you can see from this summary, the last year has very much been about talking and working with you, our community. That's why we're here: to work and collaborate with you to improve our environment.

It's been a hectic year with a huge amount of change. But we've adapted and we're proud of our achievements that we think are making a tangible difference to our communities and the Taranaki environment.

Ohlak Whomesol. Charlotte Littlewood, Chair

- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial

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to be released we have continued working with our

TO THE READERS OF TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The summary of the consolidated annual report was derived from the annual report of the Taranaki Regional Council (the Regional Council) and its subsidiaries (the Group) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements on pages 2 to 4:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in net assets/equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2024:
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and

- the summary performance information

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and

Summary of the annual report

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon. The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the Council and Group information we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 in our auditor's report dated 24 September 2024.

Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary of the annual report which includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements. Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary

statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements. Our opinion on the summary of the annual report is based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand

In addition to our audit and our report on the disclosure requirements, we have carried out engagements in the areas of long-term plan, trustee reporting, greenhouse gas emissions inventory report assurance readiness review and qualitative climate risk assessment & scenario analysis, which are compatible with those independence requirements. Other than these engagements we have no relationship with or interests in the Regional Council or its subsidiaries and

Bruno Dente, Partner for Deloitte Limited On behalf of the Auditor-General Hamilton, New Zealand 24 September 2024



128,250 visits

to Tupare, Hollard and Pukeiti regional gardens

[2022/23: 123,554]



Submissions made

on key policy initiatives [2022/23: 12]



Sustainable land management

comprehensive farm plans developed [2022/23: 32]

5,385km

riparian margins planted since 1996 [2022/23: 4,874km]

Resource consent **Processing**

361 consent application

YOUR

COUNCILLORS

applications [2022/23: 307]

met RMA requirements [2022/23: 100%]

Taranaki at a glance

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Predator-free **Programme**



years possum-free for farmland surrounding Kaitake Range



12,996на

from this area

possums removed

rural predator control programme extended in the Kapuni area

550 responses to Public

requests for advice around biosecurity, biodiversity and predator-free [2022/23: 425]

insPections



for effluent compliance monitoring - dairy, poultry and pig farms [2022/23: 1,618]



compliance inspections of small industrial operations

[2022/23: 406]

Habitat Protection

[2022/23: 79]



new biodiversity plans for KNEs completed [2022/23: 19]

regionally significant wetlands protected [2022/23: 59]

New Plymouth Constituency Charlotte Littlewood (Chair): charlotte.littlewood@trc.govt.nz - Craig Williamson: craig.williamson@trc.govt.nz - Tom Cloke: tom.cloke@trc.govt.nz



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Ensuring clean air



air-discharge consent-holders with 'good' or 'high' consent compliance [2022/23: 99%]

Environmental heroes



recognised at annual **Environmental Awards** [2022/23: 19]

State of the environment monitorin9

Comprehensive programme review completed



Environmental education

tamariki and rangatahi participated in education programmes [2022/23: 16,000]



visits to TRC website

[2022/23: 203,000]

Pollutjon response V

responses to pollution and other complaints

[2022/23: 448]

Working with people | caring for Taranaki

Sustainable land management

of privately-owned hill country land now has comprehensive farm and agroforestry plans [2022/23: 76%]

242,582HA

covered by land management plans

[2022/23: 232,225]

Regional Coastal Plan



New plan effective Sept 2023 after eight -year review process



East Stand groundworks at Yarrow Stadium completed

Water quality monitoring

at swimming sites

1 freshwater sites [2022/23: 22]

marine sites

freshwater samples taken [2022/23: 484]



marine oil spill exercise [2022/23: 2]

Public engagement



21,000

likes, shares or reactions on social media [2022/23: 31,000]

attendees a

freshwater drop-in sessions



to Your Place, Your Say engagement as 2023-24 Long-term Plan adopted

Self-help Possum **Programme**

Self-Help Possum Control Programme inspections [2022/23: 278]

Public transport



increase on

previous year [2022/23: 27.6%]

772,768

passengers on buses [2022/23: 694,895]

> **Total Mobility Scheme** services provided [2022/23: 57,894]



Regional Land Transport Plan New plan adopted

Plantin9 and fencing streambanks

plants purchased by landowners [2022/23: 300,524]

Pest Plants

pest plant infestations identified and controlled

property inspections

[2022/23: 2,780]

for pest plants

[2022/23: 417]



dividend

[2022/23: \$8M]

Enforcing environmental standards



infringement notices issued [2022/23: 99]

prosecutions initiated [2022/23: 2]



Flood Protection \$430,000

upgrade to Waiwhakaiho flood protection scheme completed

[2022/23: 100%]

of schemes

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Taranaki Regional Council Summary Annual Report 2023/2024

Comprehensive revenue and expense

	Council	Council	Council	Group	Group
	2023/24 Actual \$	2023/24 Budget \$	2022/23 Actual \$	2023/24 Actual \$	2022/23 Actual \$
Total expenses	51,141,787	52,105,047	45,518,407	91,288,821	81,493,271
Total income	46,135,207	48,522,647	42,232,241	103,231,808	100,106,769
Operating surplus/(deficit) before finance					
income and expenses and taxation	(5,006,580)	(3,582,400)	(3,286,166)	11,942,987	18,613,498
Finance income	2,580, 259	1,960,000	1,770,404	1,651,410	1,091,072
Finance expense	(1,152,554)	(1,272,000)	(774,759)	(2,734,232)	(1,815,611)
Operating surplus before taxation	(3,578,875)	(2,894,400)	(2,290,521)	10,860,165	17,888,959
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of buildings	-	-	-	-	1,365,646
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of					
Investment properties	-	-	(195,000)	-	(195,000)
Impairment of assets	-	-	-	-	-
Income tax expense	(8,989)	(10,000)	(10,266)	(4,376,640)	(5,367,017)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	(3,587,864)	(2,904,400)	(2,495,787)	6,483,525	13,692,588
Items that may be reclassified subsequently					
to profit and loss when specific conditions i	net.				
Revaluation of property, plant and equipme	nt 2,847,018	-	1,141,333	2,847,018	100,855
Change in cash flow hedge	-	-	-	(799,207)	103,984
Total comprehensive income for the period,					
net of tax	(740,846)	(2,904,400)	(1,354,454)	8,541,336	13,897,427

Comprehensive income 350 300 250 200 ≣150 ≣ 100 50 -50 Group 2023/24 Group 2022/23 2023/24 2023/24 2022/23 Actual \$ Actual 9 Total comprehensive income for the period Total public equity opening balance

Changes in net assets/equity

The Council's equity fell by \$0.74m in 2023/2024 to \$108.5m. At a Group level, the total community ownership of the Council and the Group grew by \$8.5m to \$288.1m.

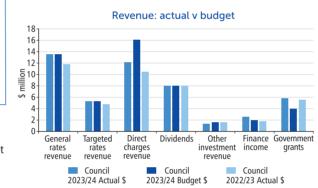
The Council's total equity of \$108.5m (Group - \$288.1m) is made up of retained earnings \$66.4m (Group - \$175.4m), special purpose reserves \$32.1m (Group - \$32.1m), asset revaluation reserves \$10.0m (Group - \$79.8m) and a cashflow hedge reserve of nil (Group - \$0.8m).

Comprehensive income

The Council made a net operating deficit (inclusive of other comprehensive income net of tax) of \$0.74m (2022/2023 deficit of \$1.4m) compared to a budgeted deficit, before transfers to and from reserves, of \$2.9m. The entire deficit is from continuing activities.

Revenue

Total Council only revenue (including finance income) was under budget for the year by \$1.77m.



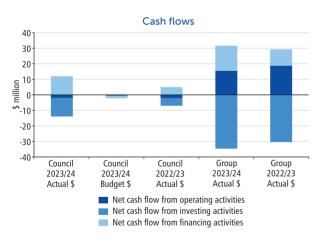


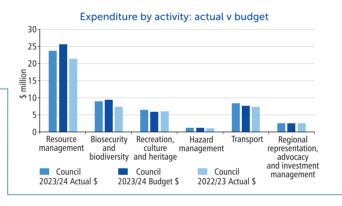
Expenditure

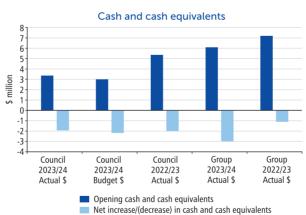
Total Council only operating expenditure (including finance expense) was under budget for the year by \$1.1m.

Cash flows

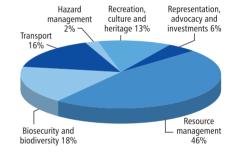
The Council's cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$1.9m during the year. Net cash outflows from operating activities was \$1.9m, net cash outflows from investing activities was \$12.0m and net cash inflows from financing activities was \$12.0m. At a Group level cash balances decreased by \$2.98m to \$3.1m in total.





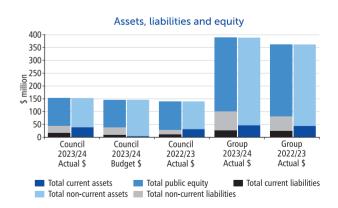


Expenditure by groups of activities



Financial position as at 30 June 2024

Assets grew by \$13.4m for the Council and by \$26.4m for the Group. Liabilities increased by \$14.1m for the Council and increased by \$17.9m for the Group. The Council has \$31.5m of public debt.



Notes

These summary financial statements have been prepared in compliance with "Financial Reporting Standard No.43 (PBE)" issued by the External Reporting Board. The summary report cannot provide as complete an understanding as the full Annual Report, which is available free of charge from the Council offices (ph 06 765 7127) or email publications@trc.govt.nz or visit the Council's website www.trc.govt.nz.

This summary financial report has been extracted from the Taranaki Regional Council 2023/2024 Annual Report dated 24 September 2024. The Council and Group received an unmodified audit opinion. The opinion was dated 24 September 2024. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars. The Summary Annual Report was adopted and authorised by the Taranaki Regional Council on 24 September 2024.

Taranaki Regional Council is the ultimate parent of the Group and controls two entities being Port Taranaki Ltd Group (including PTL TugCo LLC) and Taranaki Stadium Trust. There have been a number of transactions between Port Taranaki Ltd Group, the Taranaki Stadium Trust and the Taranaki Regional Council during the year in the normal course of business.

The primary objective of the Taranaki Regional Council is to provide goods or services for the community or social benefit rather than making a financial return. Accordingly, Taranaki Regional Council has designated itself and the Group as public benefit entities for the purposes of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The full set of financial statements included in the Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP. The full set complies with IPSAS, and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate for public benefit entities. These

summary financial statements are in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of IPSAS but do not comply with the presentation and disclosure requirements of IPSAS. The summary financial statements are in respect of the Council and Group's IPSAS full financial statements. This summary annual report has been prepared in accordance with Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) standards.

Events subsequent to balance date: For the Council, there have been no material events subsequent to balance date. For the Port, on 17 August 2024, the Board resolved to pay a final dividend of \$3 million at 5.77 cents per share on 8 October 2024. On 27 July 2024, the Port Taranaki Ltd Group executed a sale and purchase agreement for the sale of land held as a non-current asset for sale. For the Trust, there have been no material events subsequent to balance date.

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MIND MATTERS

Seeking help for a mental health concern requires bravery. It takes courage to make your first appointment, even more to attend and meet a stranger, and it can be daunting to feel obliged to share personal information about yourself or family members.

Your new counsellor or therapist understands that you're under stress. Your reason for attending must outweigh your desire to run away. You must have a genuine concern about yourself or someone else, even if you can't articulate

counsellor Your won't expect you to say anything that makes you uncomfortable. They won't expect you to give a full account of yourself and all your problems. If there are things on your mind that you want to share, go ahead. If you're finding it hard to talk, that's okay; your counsellor will know how to proceed.

Some people come to their first session having rehearsed what they want to say and blurt it all out. That's perfectly fine. Others may cry because they feel overwhelmed. Counsellors are not in a rush to learn everything about you. They understand that it takes time to settle into this new



DR. ROBERT SHAW

relationship with a stranger. Most will start your first session with a discussion about your work or current activities—topics that are relatively easy to talk about. Many parents like to talk about their children, and men and women often enjoy discussing their work.

This edition of MIND MATTERS aims to provide comfort if you're considering seeing a counsellor or therapist for the first time.

When considering counselling, two common early concerns often arise: confidentiality and the fear of being judged by the counsellor.

Rest assured, everything you share with a counsellor is confidential. Even if you discuss breaking the law or having "bad" habits, your counsellor is not there to judge you based on legal or

moral grounds. However, New Zealand law requires that if someone is likely to commit violence, perhaps against a child, appropriate

action must be taken.

During the first few sessions, you and your counsellor will get to know each other. You'll decide if you can trust this person. If you don't feel comfortable, it might be wise to seek a different counsellor. You can discuss this with your counsellor, but you do not have to give reasons if you decide not to continue.

Counselling can address a wide range of issues that people encounter in their lives. Most individuals will face many of these challenges at some point. Typically, those referred for psychotherapy by a GP or ACC present with intense and problematic emotions, a vague but deep dissatisfaction, behaviours that are difficult to control, or a combination of these.

Here are some common issues that individuals bring to counselling:

Depression **(1)** Anxiety: These are among the most frequent reasons people seek counselling. Symptoms can include persistent sadness, loss of interest in activities,

excessive worry, and panic attacks. Self-harming and suicidal thoughts are often related to depression. Your counsellor may administer a test to measure your level of depression or anxiety. If you are on medication for these conditions, they may ask about your medication and your plans to become medication-free. Perinatal depression and anxiety are very common. If you have a baby and need help contact the Community Mental Health team at the hospital or Tui Ora. Your midwife would also be able to direct you to receive support for

your mental health. (2) Relationship Issues: Many people seek therapy to improve their relationships with partners, family members, or friends. This can include communication problems, conflicts, and trust issues. There is a difference between those seeking couples counselling and those seeking individual support. The former are often concerned about potential separation or intolerable habits of their partner, while the latter usually have other concerns apart from relationship issues.

(3) Stress Management: High levels of stress from work, school, or personal life can lead to physical and emotional problems. Counselling can individuals develop coping strategies.

Are you thinking about counselling?

(4) Grief and Loss: Losing a loved one can be incredibly challenging, and therapy can provide support and coping mechanisms during grief.

(5) Self-Esteem and Self-Confidence: Issues with self-worth and confidence can affect many areas of life, including career and relationships. Therapy can help build a healthier selfimage.

(6) Trauma and Abuse: Past experiences of trauma or abuse can have longlasting effects. Therapy can help individuals process these experiences and work towards healing.

(7) Substance Abuse: Addiction to drugs or alcohol is a common issue that brings people to therapy. Treatment often involves addressing underlying issues and developing healthier coping mechanisms. Those with a current addiction seeking to overcome it need a specialist counsellor. In Taranaki, Tui Ora or the hospital can provide this support. It is not uncommon for individuals to have both an A&D counsellor and a therapist. The A&D counsellor monitors and supports the person as they while the therapist may address other issues on this list.

Life Transitions: **(8)** Major life changes, such as divorce, retirement, or moving to a new place, can be stressful and overwhelming. Counselling can provide during these support transitions. People may need a few sessions to help them adapt to new circumstances. Seeking this support when facing immediate problems is very sensible.

(9) Parenting Problems: These may relate to neurodiverse children or children who become violent or engage in unsafe behaviors.

During early sessions, you may be asked questions such as whether you have a doctor (General Practitioner), when you last visited your GP, and if you are on any medication. Less directly, you may be asked if you feel safe at home and at work, and who supports you or if you are alone. These questions might be on the counsellor's mind, even if not asked directly. The counsellor has a responsibility to ensure your safety.

Dr Robert Shaw Registered Psychotherapist opunake@mail.com



HĀWERA DROP IN SESSIONS

Toi Foundation staff will be available for drop in sessions at the Foundry in Hawera every Wednesday 11am - 3pm from now through until 11th December.

Our team will be able to assist you with any funding, application or reporting queries, No appointment necessary.

Where: The Foundry, 130 High Street, Hāwera 4610



World-class educator returns to New Zealand



Combining academic rigour with real-world relevance is something Nigel Barrett knows will lead to proactive, compassionate and knowledgeable learners leaving Green School New Zealand, for the world.

After admiring the Green School International movement from afar, the new Head of School says he is excited to be working with an education model that allows progress and alignment with the world around us.

"To be at a forward thinking, dynamic school that keeps the learner at the centre of what is happening, in an unbeatable setting, is truly exciting."

Nigel brings with him a global education philosophy that centres around learner curiosity, creativity and passion. He says that by integrating experiential learning, real-world problem solving, and a focus on emotional intelligence, students become more engaged and challenged.

He believes the foundation is there for this small Taranaki school to create the leaders, dreamers, creators, and changemakers that our future needs.

"I was asked recently if we should focus on the world we are leaving for the children, or the children we are leaving for the world? I believe that at

Green School, we focus on both." If feedback from New Zealand

universities is anything to go by, he's not

wrong. The school's first graduates in 2023 received high praise from their chosen tertiary institutes, who commented on the well-rounded, confident and socially conscious approach Green School learners had towards business, learning, and the

people around them. Having gone on to study engineering, marine studies, and climate change at top New Zealand universities, each of them are honouring, and enjoying, the sustainably-focused, holistic approach to education instilled by Green School.

"We're confident they entered their tertiary learning with the knowledge, values and skills to navigate the everchanging world they've ventured into; it's great to see them thriving with purpose."



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5-YEAR-OLDS AT KINDY

We currently have 5-year-old tamariki attending Kindy! We are excited about this as 5-year-old contribute to our curriculum, and we know that the extra time at Kindy will benefit them when they transition to the next part of their learning journey. These tamariki are competent and confident learners and communicators, healthy in mind, body and spirit, secure in their sense of belonging and in the knowledge that they make a valued contribution to society (Ministry of Education, 2017).

In New Zealand, it is not compulsory to start school until the age of 6. According to Ministry of Education, "legally, all children aged over 6 years must be enrolled at and attending school". Each child is on a unique journey and if you consider giving your child additional time at Kindy, you have the option to do so if you think that it would suit them. If you have any enquiry, please talk to the kaiako as we are here to support the children's learning and development and provide opportunities for them to expand their capabilities and extend their learning repertoires, as well as supporting them in making a smooth transition to school.

Resources:

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https://www.education.govt.nz/school/managing-and-supporting-students/starting-school/ Ministry of Education. (2017). *Te whāriki: He whāriki mātauranga mō ngā mokopuna o Aotearoa early childhood curriculum*





At far left: Pypah (5) teaching and playing pungawerewere magnetic game with Aanusuya (3).

At left: Lucy-Jane (5) having a korero with Madison (3) about whānau leaf.

Bilingual Is Beautiful Multilingual Is Magnificent

Kia ora

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Namaste

Social-Emotional Development

Maintain strong ties
with family, culture &
community
Developing identity
Make new friends
Create strong
relationships
Better self control

Cognitive Mhoro Development

concepts
Develop strong thinking
skills
Using logic
Focusing, remembering
and making decisions
Thinking and learning

other languages

Understand math

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Long-term Success

More job
opportunities
Participate in global
community
Obtain information
from more places
Learn more about
others

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ORAL LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

The kaiako have been busy creating oral language and literacy resources for shaping our approach to promoting strong literacy foundations through oral language learning as follows:

Below left: Nicola – Some strategies for whānau to use at home.

Above right: Meera – Bilingual and multilingual benefits.

Below right: Hayley – Information about peer-to-peer communication.

Kia Ora e te whanau

Together, kaiako have been exploring the resource *Talking Together* throughout our Internal Evaluation to further our knowledge, strengthen our strategies and support oral literacy for our tamariki. We would love to share what we have learnt and provide you with some strategies that you may like use at home



Serve and return: Having a back-and-forth interaction, building on the interests and experiences of the child to help keep the conversation flowing.



Use specific vocabulary: Use specific words, not general terms. For example, "Can you put your plate on the bench" rather then "Put it on over there"



Commenting: Describing what is happening to either yourself or your child, by being specific. This can include getting dressed, cooking and following the child's interests.



Reading: Reading books helps expose the child to words and phrases they might not normally hear. When an adult, or older sibling reads to a child with emphasis, expression, and drama, makes words clearer. It helps children discriminate between sounds and helps them keep the rhythm and playing out of language and sound.



Open ended questioning: Having open ended questions allows the child to voice a wider range of response, and then adults or whanau are able to use serve and return to help keep the conversation flowing. Rather than stopping with a yes or no answer

Attached is a link to provide a summary of some common strategies is and an example of what it looks like in a home environment.

Video link: https://tewhariki.tahurangi.education.govt.nz/te-whariki-online/supporting-your-wh-nau/learning-in-the-home/videos-for-te-k-rerorero-hei-k-rerorero-ki-te-k-inga/5637166367.p







Peer to peer communication happens every day at kindy, all of these valuable interactions contribute to children's developing oral language skills.

At kindy, a significant opportunity for oral language development is found in tuakana-teina relationships, this is when a child who may be more skilled or have a better knowledge of a particular task/topic (tuakana), supports a less experienced child (teina). Oh no! Hugo doesn't know where to wash his feet, who can help us? Lucy-Jane and Saffron can. As Lucy-Jane and Saffron wash their feet, They're saying "look Hugo, splash your feet! see, sand's gone". Lucy-Jane and Saffron are our tuakana, they are providing verbal and visual instruction for our teina, Hugo. This interaction demonstrates how our tuakana can be prompted to confidently communicate with our teina, further supporting Hugo's understanding of our routines in the maunga room.

Collaboration with others can be difficult to navigate, kaiako support children by modelling the communication skills needed to cooperate with their peers. Kaiako model serve and return conversations, showing children when to listen to others and when it's our turn to speak, kaiako also model consideration of thoughts and ideas shared by peers by making comments likes "What a great thought! Does anyone else have a good idea?". An example of these conversations can be seen above (Left)with Tommy and Ruby. With support from kaiako, they work together to problem-solve. During this interaction each child pays close attention to each other's suggestions as they worked towards their goal of freeing the wood from the vice. Likewise, Hunter and Lucy-Jane (Right) demonstrate their strength in sharing and listening while constructing shapes with the magnets. Hunter tells Lucy-Jane that his creation is a fast rocket. Lucy-Jane, although excited about Hunter's idea, shows Hunter that she thinks his creation looks like binoculars, holding the shape up to his eyes.

Te Koreroreo tells us that successful interactions with peers rely on children's growing language competence in both listening and talking (MoE, 2020). When tamariki partner with kaiako to speak, listen and respond to each other, they are empowered to collaborate, problem-solve, cooperate and negotiate with those around them.

LIC hold AGM

At Livestock Improvement Corporation's (LIC) Annual Meeting in Hamilton shareholders welcomed two new Directors and a new member of the Shareholder Reference Group (SRG).

LIC Board Chair Corrigan Sowman expressed his enthusiasm for the future, noting, "We are delighted to welcome Mike O'Connor as Director for the North Island region and Tony Coltman as Director for the South Island region. Their expertise will undoubtedly strengthen our leadership as we continue to deliver value for our farmer shareholders."

Watson Kirsten elected as the Upper North Island Territory Shareholder Reference Group (SRG) representative. The SRG is an elected and appointed body of shareholders established to promote shareholder interests



LIC Board chair Corrigan Sowman.

and assist LIC to deliver on its purpose and vision.

"The SRG, led by Chair Mark Hooper, plays an integral role in shaping our strategy, and we are excited to see how Kirsten's fresh perspective will contribute," said Sowman.

Reflecting cooperative's financial performance, Sowman emphasised LIC's ability to deliver a sustainable profit and a solid return for its shareholders despite challenging economic environment.

"We are proud to have closed the year with a respectable profit of \$7.7 million and a total dividend of 18.84 cents per share, thanks to prudent management and a strong balance sheet with no debt.'

Sowman, a dairy farmer from Golden Bay, acknowledged the headwinds the sector may face but expressed confidence in LIC's resilience and future potential.

"Our cooperative well-positioned for the challenges ahead. remain focused on our core purpose: delivering value for our farmer shareholders. This goes beyond shortterm gains - our decisions today shape the future of New Zealand's national herd."

Looking forward, LIC will continue to innovate and invest in the health and productivity of herds across the country, using cuttingedge genetic improvements and data-driven solutions to support farmers in achieving sustainable success.

"LIC is here to safeguard the future of farming in New Zealand. Our teams are working hard every day to improve herd performance, which in turn supports the strength of our communities and the broader dairy sector," said Sowman.

The cooperative forecasts underlying earnings of \$16-22 million for 2024/25, barring any significant external factors. With a strong financial foundation and no debt, LIC is positioned to continue delivering long-term value to its farmer shareholders.

LIC's Board consists of six farmer-elected representatives and up three independent directors, ensuring robust governance and leadership. The SRG, comprised of 12 shareholder members, is an independent body who work collaboratively with the LIC Board and management.

UAE trade deal good news

Federated Farmers are welcoming news of a new free trade agreement with the United Arab Emirates as an exciting and positive step forward for New Zealand.

"This is great news for Kiwi farmers who have been doing it pretty tough lately with high costs and squeezed profit margins," Federated Farmers president Wayne

Langford says.

"As a country we earn a living producing high quality food and fibre and selling it to the rest of the world, but we're currently operating in a tough international environment.

"Farmers will gladly welcome any moves to reduce our costs, grow our incomes, or increase our competitiveness in the global marketplace.'

The United Arab Emirates is a top 20 export market for New Zealand, and one of our largest markets in the Middle East.

"The Middle East presents an exciting opportunity for Kiwi exporters as a wealthy and growing market with huge potential," Langford

"This agreement will take millions of dollars that would have been charged in tariffs and pump them directly into our rural communities.

"It's great to see the Government delivering on their commitment to open up new markets, reduce tariffs, and give our exporters options."

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Feds mark 125 years

As we mark 125 years since the establishment of New Zealand's most influential rural advocacy organisation, it's timely to reflect on the journey that has shaped Federated Farmers into the organisation it is today.

The story begins in Kaitaia on 18 September 1899 with the formation of the New Zealand Farmers' Union (NZFU) by Thomas Portland Smith, an early pioneer of the dairy industry who had settled on raw land in the Far

By the late 19th century, our budding agricultural sector was facing increasing headwinds with market fluctuations, land management issues, and emerging challenge navigating complex government policies.

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farmer and rural advocate, quickly recognised the need for a single unified

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voice to strengthen farmers' position to create leverage when engaging with the government.

The NZFU provided a and negotiate other stakeholders.

platform for farmers to come together, discuss common issues. collectively for better pricing and fair land management rules. Founding members understood that a strong, organised group could better negotiate with suppliers, government officials, and

The union quickly gained traction, particularly in the North Island, offering services and becoming a powerful advocate for farming families. organisations first national conference was held in 1902.

Only a decade later, in 1910, similar manoeuvring was happening in Canterbury with the formation of the New Zealand Sheep Owners Federation by Henry Acland, of Mt Peel station.

During this era, Canterbury, with its expansive pastoral lands, was a major hub for sheep farming - the cornerstone of the New Zealand economy at the time.

Smith, Acland recognised the need for a unified voice to promote the interests of sheep owners and address issues like fluctuating wool prices, disease outbreaks, and the need for improved farming practices and infrastructure.

Early members banded together to share knowledge and leverage their collective influence to negotiate better terms for wool and mutton, and to secure more favourable conditions for their operations.

Acland served as President of the Sheep Owners' Federation until his death in 1942.

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Grant and his tractor



Grant McGilvray at work.

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milestone was reached as the New Zealand Farmers Union and the Sheep Owners' Federated merged into one organisation: Federated Farmers.

Although controversial at the time, the merger was driven by a desire, and need, to form a more united and influential agricultural body that could effectively address the needs of all farmers, not just one sector.

The formation of Federated Farmers marked the beginning of a new era for farming advocacy in New Zealand, with the organisation emerging as a stronger, more cohesive body with a broader mandate

to represent all farmers.

In the decades following the merger, Federated Farmers continued to grow and adapt to the changing agricultural landscape, with developing technologies, shifting market dynamics, and evolving government policies.

The journey of Federated Farmers, beginning with

the vision of both Thomas Portland Smith and Henry Acland, is a testament to the enduring importance of organised farmer advocacy in New Zealand.

The merger of the two organisations led to the formation of a powerful and inclusive cross-sector body that remains committed to advancing the interests

of farmers, supporting rural communities, and contributing to the growth of our agricultural sector to this day.

We're incredibly proud of our 125-year legacy of advocating for farmers - and we're looking forward to the next 125 years too.

Federated Farmers



FARMING

Henry Acland.

Milking might spread bird flu between cows

New research suggests the H5N1 influenza virus is mainly spreading in US dairy cows through their milk and the process of

milking them, rather than circulating among US cattle respiratory spread. to infect six calves via the

Researchers used the bird flu strain currently

circulating among US cattle to infect six calves via the nose and mouth. They also infected six lactating cows via their udders, three with the same US strain and three with a strain circulating in Europe.

The calves had mild respiratory symptoms and

didn't transfer it to others, while the lactating cows with either strain had severe udder infections and high levels of virus in their milk for several days, but no evidence of infection

in other organs such as the respiratory tract. The study authors say this also suggests other strains of bird flu have the potential to replicate in cows' udders.

Mangatoki WI

Our August 7 meeting was held at the Mangatoki Hall and was opened by our President Olwyn Duthie and was started by a minute's silence in memory of our past member Joan Foy, who had recently passed away.

The minutes and correspondence were read by our Secretary Denise Carter and a short discussion was held on the Fun & Friendship Day to be held on October 15 and to be hosted by Mangatoki WI in the Mangatoki Hall.

The Treasurer Cathy White read the bank statement. donations, Members' August Effort (the price of a cake) will go to the Medical Research Fund. There was a discussion on the possibility of a trip to the Wellington area to see the Cherry Blossom Festival in early October, date and time to be arranged with \$20 a ticket for the entry fee. The sick visiting was done and some members visited Liz in the Trinity Rest Home, Hawera. Numbers were taken for the Annual Trip on November 20 for two nights.

Competition: - Flower:
1. Cathy White, 2. Denise
Carter, 3. Karen Joblin. Shrub: 1. Denise Carter. 2.
Robyn Roberts, 3. Helen
Whyte. Raffle won by
Olwyn Duthie.

We then had our speaker, Wendy Otene who spoke to us about medical alarms and security alerts. She was thanked by Karen Joblin and given a "Thank you" gift. Lunch was a soup and bun followed by sweet treats, provided by our hostesses and committee members, which was very much enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to those involved. Fourteen members attended and one visitor who may be a prospective new member.

Seven members donated baking to the Cancer Bake Stall in Eltham on August 30 and three members attended the Daffodil Lunch in the War Memorial Hall,



Wendy Otene talked about medical alarms and security

Stratford on the same day.

The sick visiting was done. A number of members took their wedding album to be passed around for members to look at, very interesting.

The raffle was won by Lorraine Mullen.

On September 4 members met at the Bridge on Fenton Café, Stratford at around 11.30am, for lunch. While we were eating, the owners gave us a quick talk on the history of the café and how they came by it and how they have planned out their menus not to be too expensive. After our lunch, Olwyn Duthie, our President, opened the short business meeting. As Secretary Denise Carter was away on holiday, Cathy White, our Treasurer, read the including correspondence the STWI newsletter. She then told us that \$240 had been donated for Teddy Bears at this meeting at \$10 per person.

Lucy Moger Mangatoki WI Reporter





Taylar to represent NZ in Spain

Taylar Rampton from Opunake has been selected to race for New Zealand at the International ISDE FIM 6-day event in Santiago de Compostela in Spain from the October 14-19. This is the first time New Zealand has sent a women's team to race this event. Taylar will race alongside her teammates Kylie Dorr and Rachael Archer. The sixday event is called one of the toughest mentally and physically enduro off road events in the world. Taylar is super excited and honoured to race and represent New Zealand on an internation stage against some of the world's best enduro riders. Over the six days each rider will ride over 200kms a day



Taylar Rampton.

with special tests throughout the day on road and a variety of natural terrain with the last day been a special motocross test to finish the event. To make it all a bit harder only the rider can touch/work on the bikes for the six days of racing with limited time to work on the bikes, including tyre changes which can be pretty tricky under pressure and limited time.

Earlier this year Taylar had been selected to race for team New Zealand with four of her teammates from around New Zealand at the annual Woodville GP for the FIM Oceania Cup against Australia, Taylar says it's a honour to be selected to race and represent her country.

Taylar is two- time New

Zealand women's motocross champion and is the current 2024 vice champion for the New Zealand Motocross senior women's class that took place earlier this year in Rotorua, Balclutha, Pukekohe, and Taranaki.

Pukekohe, and Taranaki.

Taylar raced at Round 4 of the New Zealand Enduro nationals in Martinborough and came home in first place over the two days in preparation for the ISDE, fuelling her confidence.

Taylar grew up in Opunake and went to Opunake Primary School then to Opunake High School. Taylar is working at Actionmoto as parts manager in Hawera and absolutely loves working around motorbikes which suits her well.





Who will be next on the wall?

Nominations open for South Taranaki Sporting Hall of Fame

The South Taranaki District Council is on the hunt for two new inductees to join South Taranaki's Sporting Hall of Fame.

"South Taranaki has produced some incredible sports people, and we want to acknowledge that," says Community Events Coordinator, Ella Tosland. "We have inducted seven people in the past and are

now looking for the next two to join this elite group."

A nominee must meet at least one of the following criteria to be considered for the Sporting Hall of Fame.

Achieved international success by winning Gold, Silver or Bronze at either the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championship or an officially approved elite level event; or been a senior athlete or a significant contributor of a national representative team at an elite

international level; or made a significant contribution and distinguished service to elite sport which has brought credit to South Taranaki.

As well as these criteria inductees must have a strong association to South Taranaki and have spent a significant period of their life living in the District. It's also preferred that nominees be retired from elite level sport for at least five years before being nominated.

"Nominations don't roll over from year to year, so

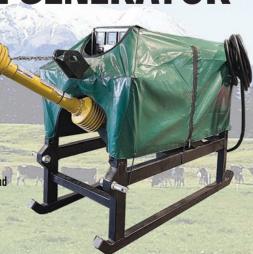
anyone who hasn't been chosen from an application in the past is eligible to be nominated for the 2024 round of inductions," says Ella.

The South Taranaki Sporting Hall of Fame includes Roger Cox (shearing), Adine Wilson (netball), James Hunter (rugby), Graham Mourie (rugby), Stan Lay (javelin), Graeme West (rugby league) and Michael Campbell (golf).



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Disappointment as Pukekura Park overlooked



Pukekura Park was overlooked for top-flight Super Smash matches this year.

Taranaki Cricket says it will fight on for improvements to be made at Pukekura Park after the iconic venue was overlooked for top-flight Super Smash matches this year.

which The ground, has been a staple of the Christmas/New Year's domestic schedule, has been under increasing scrutiny over the state of its facilities, including players changing rooms, training facilities, and match officials and media facilities.

A number of temporary improvements were made to the ground ahead of 2023's games but these were not enough to bring the ground up to an acceptable standard.

The scheduling news comes just a few months after New Plymouth District Councillors narrowly voted against an \$8m development of a replacement for the structurally compromised Bellringer Pavilion in their recent LTP deliberations.

Instead, councillors voted to allocate \$3m from 2030 to investigate and carry out repairs to the existing pavilion or look at cheaper replacement options.

While the councillors' decision wasn't directly responsible for the loss of Super Smash games this year, Taranaki Cricket GM Ryan Evans said it was a big frustration after years of inaction around the facilities, and meant it was always in danger of falling off the radar.

"Of course we were very disappointed at the outcome of NPDC's Long Term Plan deliberations," Evans said.

"We felt a viable option was put forward that enjoyed public support and would have gone a long way towards sorting the issues at the park, setting it up for an ongoing future and protecting its legacy.

"But even had that gone through, the writing was on the wall for the immediate future, given the work council proposed was always some years in the future," he said.

Evans said it was back to the drawing board to an extent, but Taranaki Cricket was now working on what steps it could take in the immediate future to bring the park up to scratch.

"We really feel for our cricket loving residents, long known for packing the park out for the big games, who won't be able to enjoy Super Smash this year, and we will keep on fighting to return the

park to what we believe is its rightful place in the eyes of the sporting world.

"There's a couple of elections and also LTP's to be drawn up before the council's work is due to begin, and we hope to find opportunities to keep working with them to get this necessary work done."

In the meantime, NZC had given the all clear for Pukekura Park to continue to host 50-over Ford Trophy and Hallyburton Johnstone Shield domestic men's and women's matches.

Three Ford Trophy and four HBJ matches will be hosted at the park this summer, which Evans said was great news, and an increase on recent years.

Lance Hamilton, Central Districts Cricket CEO, said he hoped the increased allocation of one-day matches — all of which will be free admission — would soften the blow for the large cohort of fans who always look forward to cricket at Pukekura Park.

"Pukekura Park renowned as one of the world's most beautiful cricket grounds, and it's also home to a highly knowledgeable crowd who enjoy supporting us year after year.

"The (two) opening games and the final round of The Ford Trophy will be key matches for the Stags, and bring the Auckland Aces, Northern Districts and Wellington Firebirds all to town.

"We've been able to get two of these fixtures scheduled on a Sunday to make it as easy as possible for people to attend.

"With the Central Hinds, we've got twice as many one-dayers at Pukekura Park this season — all weekend fixtures, so there are opportunities to see them play the Auckland Hearts and the Canterbury

Magicians."

Evans added, "We'll be looking at what we can do to ensure we get people through the gates for these free-entry matches, and we're looking forward to once again hosting the Central Stags and Hinds at Pukekura Park."



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year production "Wolfy Woes and Troll Troubles". The only thing Opunake is in danger of is having a few good laughs and some great entertainment. The pantomime is written and directed by Opunake Players own Christine Ryan. It tells the tale of Hansel and Gretal and their efforts to get to Grandma's house. Along the way they encounter the not so friendly wolves and a troll but are helped by a herd of goats and a flock of blackbirds.

The cast is made up of a large number of children as well as a few adults. "So many awesome children



They may be all smiles now, but wait until the woeful wolves and the troublesome troll arrive. Michelle Julian (Cinderella), Indiana Waugh (Gretel), Gibson Waugh (Hansel) plus writer and director Christine Ryan about to get rehearsals under way.

auditioned, I wanted to additional parts so I could." include them all so I wrote explains Christine.

challenge is to get them seen in all the scenes they are in." A school teacher by day, Christine is not worried about spending her spare time with more children. "The difference is, this time the kids are actually listening to me," she says with a laugh.

"Wolfy Woes Troll Troubles" plays at Opunake Lakeside Playhouse in November. Note the times. Thursday 21, Friday 22 at 6.30pm. Saturday 23, Sunday 24 at 3.30pm. Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 at 6.30pm. Booking and seat price details to be announced.

Big weekend for Stratford Camera Club

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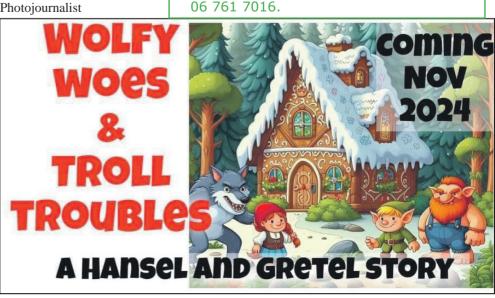


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Double treat at The Village Gallery

Works by artists Stephanie Timson and Jennifer Sosich are featuring at The Village Gallery in Eltham from

September 26 to October 19. Taranaki lampwork and fused glass artist Stephanie Timson (Endangered Creations) is a fantastic artist who creates the most unique and fun lampwork beads and fused glass pieces. She transforms glass into the most adorable pot plant ornaments, whimsical windchimes, and stunning wall art. And that's not all - she's also a talented silversmith, crafting beautiful silver jewelry with crystals. adorned Stephanie's creations are one-of-a-kind and



Beadwork by Stephanie.

bring so much joy to anyone who sees them.

Also at The Village Gallery is Paint, Sculpt and Needle Felt by Mouth Artist Jennifer Sosich (BITE - Art by Mouth Studio).

Jennifer was with a condition called Arthrogryposis, which affects the joints in her arms and legs. Despite her condition, she has found a way to express herself by using her mouth to create art and crystal clay jewelry. Her pieces sound so unique and full of personality, from quirky to spiritual. Using clay and crystals for spiritual pieces is so cool. She uses a mix of different methods and



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Opunake Co-operating Parish

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

Okato Co-operating Parish

Okato - St. Paul's - Sunday Service every 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, 10.00am Oakura - St. James - Sunday Service every 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 10.00am Mid-week open church - Okato - St. Paul's -Pew for You, every 3rd Wednesday of each month, 4.30pm-6.00pm

Opunake Catholic Church

St Martins, Pungarehu: Temporarily closed - no Masses Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday

Other areas

Sacred Heart, Manaia - Temporarily closed - No Masses St Joseph's, Hawera - Every Sat at 5pm; Every Sun at 9am St Patrick's, Patea - 4th Sunday of month; 11.00am St Francis de Sales, Waverley - 2nd Sunday of month; 11.00am

St Patricks Catholic Church, Kaponga

2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month Mass at 6pm. Sunday Mass 8.45am. Thursday Mass 10.00am (subject to change).

St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - weekly

The Wave

Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake Sunday Services 10.30am Women's Group 10am Tuesday Men's Group 7pm Wednesday Come along or contact Belinda Philp 027 935 6191

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

141 Tasman St, Opunake Sunday Services 10am Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for a Combined Service

Okato Community Church

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Thursday: Study Group at 2 pm at 96b Brecon Rd., Stratford.

Contact Rev. John Mattock 027 2039799

Something for book lovers of all ages

Today (October 3) the doors open for the Hawera Genealogical Society's three-day book fair.

Until last year the Fair was an annual event held in October. This year the Society added another sale in May, an experiment which Heather Moore of the Hawera Genealogical Society says worked well so they might try it again.

In previous years the fair was also held at the St Josephs Church Hall. This year it's being held at the Society's premises at 48 Union Street which are open on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3pm to assist people with their various genealogical projects.

As usual there's a wide variety of genres and titles available.

"We do have people looking for a particular book. We put it in our notebooks and we have had success that way," says Heather.

Books on offer represent both the old and new. She points to a book about British Romantic poet Lord Byron dated 1883.

"You often see books that have been a Sunday School prize for somebody and it's been from the 1800s.'

Norwood



Wendy-May Thompson makes her selections.

She says Lee Child and James Patterson titles are often popular with men. As well as fiction there are strong sports, biography, history and crafts sections to name but a few, as well as children's books. Heather says they also have large

print books covering a wide range of genres.

Books are not the only things on sale, with games, jigsaws, records, CDs and DVDs also on offer.

Proceeds from the Book Fair are used for the Society's work

include digitising older Taranaki newspapers and promoting community events which they are involved in.

The Fair runs from 9.30am-6pm at 48 Union Street from October 3-5.

Interpreting reality

The October exhibition title. on the Virtual Tart website, is 'The www.tart.co.nz Reality Show' - the same name as all those TV shows, but a far more real use of the

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Connecting with Val Deakin Dance Theatre



Performers from the Val Deakin Dance Theatre.

Connections name of the exciting new programme that the Val Deakin Dance Theatre will be presenting in October connections between people, connections to place and time, connections to music and connections to times past, present and future.

A new connection for the Dance Theatre will be to have live music played by New Plymouth based French café band La Mer. Formed in early 2022, they have secured a strong following already. All five members are well known musicians. Dominque Blatti's seductive vocal is backed by Bernie Schmid's lively gypsy guitar. Malcolm Alder on double bass adds sassy toe tapping rhythms. Helen Griffiths creates vibrant flurries on her violin while Aason

Bosch's piano accordion provides that distinctive French café feel. They add a certain 'je ne sais quoi' to the new work, entitled Café La Mer. Set in a Parisian street café in the 1950's, the piece has a variety of dance and music styles weaving the interactions and connections of the different people visiting the café.

Two very different works choreographer Val Deakin ONZM explore connections of people to the land, the environment and to each other. There are sections from the lovely, and humorous Reflections (set to music by Chopin), and heartfelt and joyous segments of equally wonderful work For Roberto. This was originally inspired by a poem from 10-year-old Roberto written during the war in Yugoslavia. A sad

reminder that things haven't changed much for children and others suffering in war zones around the world.

The final work on the programme is the premiere of a work by Christchurch based choreographer Fleur de Their specially commissioned for the Dance Theatre. This romp to an eclectic selection of music is entitled Take a Seat and the dancers do just that – and so much more.

dancers for the The programme, aged 6 to 70 plus, include some of the Theatre's most experienced and remarkable - Jane Roseman who has been dancing with the company since its inception in 1973, and the multitalented Shelley Prestney, Davina Moffat, Inge Vink, Donna Kelly, Laura Sommerville, Rosanne Taylor, Catherine Donlon.,

Karen Manu and Christine Coppell. Mervyn Chivers has brought his delightful sense of theatre and humour to many productions with the Dance Theatre and elsewhere and he is joined in Café La Mer by newcomers Jeff Richards (new to the Dance Theatre but not to dance, he is quite the tango dancer) and Lachlan Wimsett. Children Anna Bliss and Ethan Richards will complete the talented

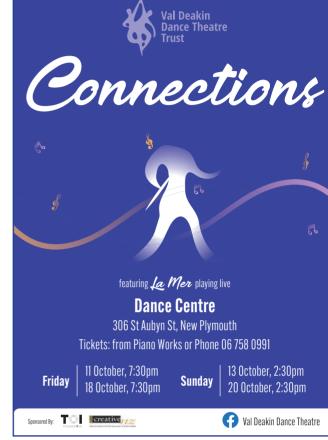
Major sponsors for this programme are The Toi Foundation, Creative Communities Scheme New Plymouth District and Taylor Dental. The Dance Theatre is very grateful to them for helping bring this

production to fruition.

Performances will be at the Val Deakin Dance Centre, 306 St Aubyn Street on Friday, October 11 at 7:30 pm, Sunday, October 13 at 2:30 pm, Friday, October 18 at 7:30 pm and Sunday,

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Tickets are available from Pianoworks, by phoning 06 758 0991, or at the door if not sold out. Don't miss out on this entertaining connection.







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MONDAYS: The Barnabas Centre - St
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12:30 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025.

Hawera 4 day old Calf Sales: At A& P Showgrounds. 12pm.

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

Pungarehu Golf Club Twilight: Tee-off between 4.30 & 6.30pm.

Opunake District RSA: Meet 1st Tuesday of every month at 5.30pm at the Opunake Fire Station. Financial Members are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAYS

TOI Foundation Hawera Drop In Sessions: At the Foundry, 130 High St, 11am-3pm. Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd

Wednesday of every month at 7pm at Butlers Reef Bar & Cafe, Oakura.

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Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday: At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone

Meg on 06 752 4566. Opunake Embroiders Guild: Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 10.30am-3pm at the Opunake Business Centre, Napier St, Opunake. Just come along or phone Sheryl 06

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Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, Manaia: Running every Thursday night from 7.30pm, 11 Surf Highway, South Road, Manaia.Contact Helen Braithwaite 0274 825

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.

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Kelly Hobbs: Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera.

Hawera Genealogy Book Fair: Hawera Genealogy Building, 9.30am-6pm.

9th Annual Stevenson Cow Auction: 437 Patiki Rd, Pihama. 11.30am. 7.30pm start.

Toroanui Marae AGM: Toroanui Marae, Te Raanui, 10am.

OCTOBER 7, NOV 4, DEC 2

Public information sessions on offshore wind energy: 5.30pm. See taranakioffshorewind.co.nz for more info.

OCTOBER 11, 13, 18 & 20

Val Deakin Dance Theatre's Connections: At the Dance Theatre, St Aubyn St, New Plymouth. See ad for times.

OCTOBER 11

Photographic Exhibition hosted by Stratford Camera Club: Baptist Church Hall, Stratford. 6pm-8pm. **OCTOBER 12**

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Tui Ora Drop In Clinics: Heartlands Hub, Opunake. 11am-2.30pm.





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> **Annual General Meeting** Toroānui Marae Komiti Parihaka Trust

Sunday 06 October, 10:00am Toroānui Marae. Te Raanui.

- AGENDA: Apologies
- · Minutes of previous AGM
- Chairperson's report
- Financial report
- Election of Trustees (min 5 max 7)
- Appoint 2 representatives to PPT
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Applications close on Friday 29th October 2024 at 4pm

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The general nature of the business conducted (or to be conducted) under the licence is Restaurant.

The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is (or is intended to be) sold under the licence are:

Monday to Sunday 10.00am to 12.00am

The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the South Taranaki District Licensing Committee at 105/109 Albion Street, Hawera, 4610.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 25 working days after the date of the first publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the South Taranaki District Licensing Committee

The Secretary, South Taranaki District Licensing Committee, Private Bag 902, Hawera, 4640.

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