

New Bridge Built For The Community

It's not every day you get your name on an official plaque, but for five students who are part of the WITT Te Pūkenga Build a Bridge project they've had their hardwork acknowledged for the community to see at the newly opened footbridge in the PG Nops Scenic Reserve in Ingwood. In its third year, the Build a Bridge project gives Taranaki secondary students a taste of the building and infrastructure industry laying the foundation for further study and employment.

"Over the years we've had students employed by Filton Hogan, Whikarua and SheDress off the back of the course," says WITT Te Pūkenga Short Course Manager Jan Kivell. Under the guidance of their tutors Dave Hudson and Reg Russell, students Dylan Barlow, Waiata High School, Kaitiaki Group - New Plymouth Girls High School, Jordan Law-James - Spotswood College, Dustin Horscroft - Coastal Taranaki, Bronson Pearce - Francis Douglas Memorial College meet every Thursday where they put their learning into practice and build bridges which are later installed at sites around New Plymouth. The PG Nops bridge is the first of three bridges the students are building for the community with the other two planned for the Waiata Orchard Reserve (Barclay Park) and an access bridge over the Wairua Stream for the Ōkura Water Treatment Plant. NPDC Kōhanga Moa Ward Councillor Marie Pearce spoke at the ceremonial opening about the important role the bridge plays for the local community linking up the town's walkways and open spaces. "The new footbridge is an asset for one of our treasured community spaces," she says. Build a Bridge is a partnership of NPDC, NZHIT/WITT Te Pūkenga, Filton Hogan, Whikarua Civil Engineering, Downer Group, WSP and Taranaki Futures.

The first Build a Bridge project in 2021 was the Camden Street footbridge over the Huzuki River and last year two footbridges were replaced on the Mangatu Walkway in Bell Block and the Waimua Stream Reserve in New Plymouth.



Left to right: WITT Te Pūkenga tutor Dave Hudson, Dustin Horscroft, Dylan Barham, Kaitiaki Group, Jordan Law-James and tutor Reg Russell, Bronson Pearce absent

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Weta Needs A New Name (Karen Morait)

Look who has made a new home in the window space of ETEC! He's so big we couldn't fit him fully in the photo! Thanks to the team at Puke Ariki for donating this fabulous Tree Weta to our project! A creation by the talented crew of Weta workshop. And a huge shout out to our volunteer Wayne Herbert for creating the stand for the weta and installing him, as tricky as it was! Call in and check it out when you are passing! Don't worry - he won't bite! Sadly though - he doesn't have a name and we think he deserves one! Send us in your suggestions to info@etecc.org.nz or via facebook messenger by end of day Thursday 15 June and the winning name will be announced Friday 16 June on Facebook.

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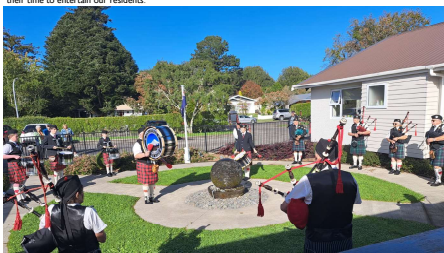
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Marinoto News (Lyn Swets)

The residents were kept busy with activities, and speakers during April. A speaker from the Cancer Society came and spoke on her role within the Society. Another speaker was from Base Hospital, who presented on the purpose and importance of having an Advanced Care Plan in place. The residents found both presentations were very interesting. The planned outing this month was postponed due to the weather being wet and cold. However, a drive later in the month, to Lake Mangamahoe was enjoyed by those that came. Especially when a group of children turned up to feed the multitude of ducks. The residents could remember doing this themselves or doing it with their own children. Exercises are going well, with most residents feeling better from armchair exercises, and are experiencing the benefits from participating regularly in these. Entertainment on Fridays go down with the residents joining in with the singing, and enjoy the drinks and nibbles provided. On Thursday 4 May the residents had a High Tea for the Coronation of King Charles III. This was enjoyed by all that attended. Saturday 13 May the Stratford Pape Band came and played in our lovely sensory garden, this was also enjoyed by the residents, visitors and staff. Big thank you to those on the band that gave up their time to entertain our residents.



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Ingwood Rotary Club Round Up (Carla O'Dowd)

It has been some time since reporting to our community of what we have been up to but we also have you to thank for our project successes. In December we had our Christmas Eve collecting gifts for our local community and we were able to spread 85 gifts and 14 soft toys. We also distributed 14 gift boxes to young ladies with thanks from Tarata Wai and Ingwood Friendship for Hostlers. Thank you to Dot from Syle My Space for your sponsorship of this event. In January we had scheduled our Annual Charity Car Show and we finally managed to hold it on Sunday 5 March. Due to the change our number of vehicles were down on previous years but we still managed to hold a fantastic event raising monies for Taranaki Hospice, Ingwood Foodbank and Rotary House upgrades. Thanks must go to our major sponsor Kevin of Custom Street Rides for his assistance in aiding us to make donations of \$2000 to Ingwood, thank you Kevin. This was a great night and showcased the new workshop and the great work CSR does in Ingwood. February also saw us dig our spuds in our annual competition and we donated over 20kgs of potatoes to The Community Food Hub. Our RYPEN (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment) for 15-17 year olds happened in March at Vertical Horizons. 36 youth attended from as far as Wellington to Taihape to Waiata, for two days of challenges and social experiences. By all accounts this event is "never long enough" according to the attendees. We meet at Rotary House on Moa Street, Ingwood, Tuesday nights at 5.45pm for a dinner meeting. If you are interested in attending a meeting please message us via our Facebook page or email the President on rotary@ingwood.co.nz



Above: Event Chair Gloria O'Dowd, Ingwood Rotary President Mel Cook, Paul Lamb CEO Hospice Taranaki Te Kaiti Paruru i Taranaki

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Gardening Clues With Sue (Sue Marsh)

The past week we have had some crisp sunny days in a row to celebrate early winter. Great to finally get out in the garden and get busy with some maintenance on your vegetable patch and gardens. Sow green crops of lupin and mustard in any empty spaces in the vegetable garden digging into the soil for green manure. Refresh soil for crops by adding new compost and sheep pellets. Continue to plant seedlings of broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, brussels sprouts, silverbeet, spinach, onion. Pop some protection from the cold over them if you can while they are young. Broad beans can be planted directly in to the soil straighter your sowing for a continuous harvest. Feed all vegetables with a liquid general fertiliser, and your citrus with citrus fertiliser, water in well. Protect your cauliflower, broccoli and brussels sprouts by dusting them with diatom dust to protect them from the white butterfly and the diamond back moth. Remember to get to the undersides of the leaves where the eggs are laid. Feed all winter vegetables every two weeks, sometimes its very dry to plant and forget, but remember that with rain, soils become depleted of goodness, so we need to top up both physically with compost and feed by adding fertiliser. Get pruning of fruit trees underway as the trees become bare of leaves, remove all debris when you have finished. Apply clean up spray to bare fruit trees, use copper spray and winter oil to stop bugs and diseases burrowing in for the winter. Spray citrus trees, with copper oxychloride to prevent brown rot and verrucosis. So plenty jobs to be done when the weather is good, so let's get gardening.

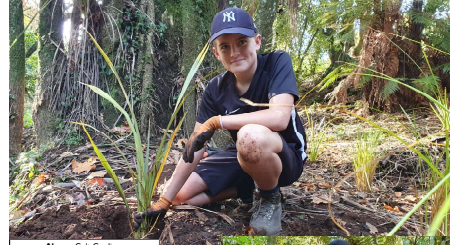
Rainfall May 2023 (Mary Bookman/Alan Armitage)

Rainfall for May 2023:	364 mm
Rainfall for May 2022:	296.5 mm
No of Rain days for May 2023:	19
No of Rain days for May 2022:	14
Total rainfall so far for 2023:	1187.5 mm
Total rainfall for 2022:	3168 mm

PG Nops Reserve (Leigh Homroy)

The fifth working bee for 2023 was held at PG Nops Reserve last weekend. Six people planted 175 Pure Carx grass, 11 kouka cabbage tree and Haraheke flax along the Kurapete Stream. These plants will fill the space created by the removal of weeds, help stabilise the banks of the stream and provide habitat and a food source for native birds, insects and lizards. Restoration of the reserve is supported by a TBC Biodiversity Plan and NPDC parks team.

Next working bee is on Sunday 25 June, 1.00 - 3.00pm, meeting at the Tawa Stream entrance and everyone is welcome. If you would like to know more about our activities call Neil Chesterton on 027 221 7712



Above: Col Gardiner

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Above: Tony Green

Norfolk School News - Rat Traps

Three helpful volunteers Noah, NORRIS, OLIVER and SCHOONIE Christian from Totara spend their lunchtime creating new rat traps to help with the conservation efforts in the gorge. All our caretaker works with them to teach them some valuable skills. We are looking forward to a visit from you who works for DOC to get our trapping up and running again.

Celebrating 100 Years (Graeme Sykes)

It will be 100 years since the current St Andrew's church was opened in memory of those killed overseas in WW1. We are waiting on the results of a Feasibility Study to determine the cost of strengthening the old church to enable it to be used for the next 100 years. Please contact Graeme Sykes if you have any thoughts on how we might create a "community space" in this church. We seek to widen the use of this Heritage Church for the community. Email Graeme at sykesg@aem@gmail.com



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INVITATION TO FAREWELL DR. MARIE AND LUX FONSEKA

The Ingwood community are invited to attend a farewell for Dr Marie and Lux Fonseka

WHERE: Cue Theatre, Matai Street, Ingwood
WHEN: Wednesday 21st June
TIME: 5.00pm - 7.00pm

This is an opportunity to say farewell to Marie and Lux and wish them well

Everyone is Welcome

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