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## Another great Fair

This year the Martinborough Fair celebrated its 44th consecutive year! The Fair has evolved from a modest 35 stalls and produce trucks to over 500 stalls from around New Zealand selling a wide range of quality items and attended by over 40,000 people over the two days. Food was popular in the early fairs, and is still so today with a lot of food trucks selling ethnic and traditional food.

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Local produce is particularly showcased at the Fair including olive oil, honey, salami, cheeses, bread, fruit preserves and juices, fresh produce and fudge. The Fair's reputation is such that the demand for stalls exceeds the space available with waiting lists now commonplace. We have also increased our efforts to publicise the fair in advance on the Web and on social media where it has its own website and Facebook page.

With Martinborough now a plastic bag free town, Rotary promoted this initiative to our Stall holders and the general public, and also trialled new recycling stations for aluminium cans, plastics and glass. Stall holders helped out by taking their own rubbish home – helping to reduce the overall waste left behind after the Fair.

Other new facilities that were introduced in 2020 included more port-a-loos, a drinking water truck in February, new streets included in the traffic management plans, extra power sockets for stall sites, more disabled parking and a Parents Room at the Waihinga Centre where small children could have a quiet time away from the excitement of the Fair.

All of this could not happen with support from other groups such as the Lions and Inner Wheel so thanks to them for their ongoing support. The end result is that the Martinborough Fair Charity Trust can make significant donations back to the community consistent with the four avenues of service endorsed by Rotary, namely Community Service, Youth and Vocational, Environment and International. About 80% of the profits are returned to the community to support local organisations, projects and individuals and the remainder is spent overseas in the South Pacific region.

You can find out more about the Fair at <https://martinboroughfair.org.nz/fair-information>.



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96% IS THE SIMILARITY between the Coronavirus and the Sars virus identified in bats in China in 2013.

'AS DONALD TRUMP and Boris Johnson have proven, voters can cheerfully elect a badly behaved candidate, even with considerable ratbaggy priced in. But prefer to know what kind of ratbag they are dealing with' *Jane Clifton*

'JUST AS WE ARE asking our frail, vulnerable, easily confused old people to stay indoors, America is being asked to put them in the White House' *Matt Chorley UK Times*

'WHEN I WAS A BOY of 14 my father was so ignorant that I could hardly stand to have the old guy around. But when I go to 21 I was astonished at how much he had learned in that seven years.' *Mark Twain*

CURRENTLY THERE are one hundred and seventeen New Zealand offshore island cleared of predators. 2019 was the most successful ever breeding year for Kākāpō. THERE ARE EIGHTY eight companies licensed to bottle water in New Zealand taking 23 billion litres a year. The Otakiri plant at Whakatane, which is licensed for 25 years, uses 3.7 million plastic bottles a day, 1.33 billion a year.

'THE DIFFERENCE between successful people and others is how long they spend feeling sorry for themselves.' *Babara Cocoran*

ELECTRIC CURRENT the ampere is defined in terms of the current required to generate a certain force between two wires set a metre apart. Two other units are included in the list: the amount of a substance in a given sample is measured in moles and luminous intensity is measured in candelas

24,767 PEOPLE TRIED to vote at the last election only to find that they had not enrolled. 7.6% of New Zealanders who are eligible to vote have not bothered to enrol.

BUILDING AUSTRALIA'S new French designed submarines, with a total cost of \$200 billion and rising, is costing more than that of the country's welfare and social security benefits combined.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY STAR IS 4PM WEDNESDAY APRIL 29TH

## FROM THE MAYOR



Dear South Wairarapa,

We all saw this coming, but it ended up descending on us quicker than expected.

Given the speed and severity of Covid-19, I fully support the Government's measures for isolation, in attempt to halt the spread within our community. I had lobbied for us to have reacted even sooner.

The effectiveness of the measures is now down to you, the public.

I'm sure you by now have read and understand the measures and your responsibility to the community. Keep washing your hands, stay at home. Visit [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz) often to get the latest. We also have a Wairarapa specific Facebook page – Covid-19 Wairarapa updates – for local information which is updated daily, and you may see on there occasionally.

My heart goes out to our neighbours who are in essential services, and risk their health daily in keeping things running – police, medical staff, essential service staff – we owe you a debt of gratitude.

Council has passed emergency resolutions enacting an Emergency Committee to be able to react quickly to issues that may arise over the coming weeks. I will Chair this, and all Councillors are members.

Please keep well. We can get through this if we all act in the best interests of our community

*Cheers Mayor Alex*

## COUNCILLOR COMMENTS

### COUNCIL MEETING

Our council meeting on the 18th March covered a number of items and I am going to summarise some of these below.

Recommendation from the Martinborough Community Board that the Pain Farm House and the cottage are rented out separately from the end of the current lease. This was passed at and will take affect from the new lease/rent arrangements.

On the 25th March at the emergency meeting of Council we appointed the Emergency Committee of the Mayor and all councillors and agreed the TOR for this committee to operate during Alert levels 3 and 4 of the COVID-19 emergency. We also noted that Local Government is reviewing quorums for these meeting in light of the numbers of councillors able to attend meetings.

### ANNUAL PLAN

Council officers, staff and councillors have been working hard to include the necessary normal everyday things, some essential works and the running of the Council and also ensure that rates do not rise to an unprecedented level. At the time of writing the discussion is continuing. The draft Consultation Document should be finalised at our April 2nd meeting and then this will be delivered through the Midweek to all households on the 15th April. This will also be available through the Council's

website [www.swdc.govt.nz](http://www.swdc.govt.nz). The location of the extra paper versions of the Consultation Document will be advised nearer the time. Unfortunately we won't be able to hold the community workshops as in previous years. This year, we are needing to be creative and think differently.

### COVID-19

As you will be aware the Prime Minister has moved the Alert level for COVID-19 from Level 3 to a Level 4.

This means that all council staff will be working from home, should you need to contact anyone, in the first instance please ring the Council offices on 06 3069611 and follow the message instructions.

If you would like to talk to a Councillor then our phone numbers & email contacts are below.

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Our priority is that everyone in the community remains safe at this time, look out for yourselves first, family next and then neighbours and friends/colleagues. Please take care and follow any instructions from our Prime Minister and the Ministry of Health.

*Pam Colenso*

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## COOKING CORNER

### BAKED POTATOES

Perhaps the ultimate comfort food: a potato roasted in the oven for so long that it is almost forgotten, until its skin blisters and cracks open, mouth-burning steam pours out and the soft insides then slathered with butter and almost anything else you can get your hands on.

Before baking, spike it with a fork as this makes it bake quicker and all the way through; you want it to be tender and fluffy with a crisp skin. Then top how you like.

### Here are some people's favourite toppings;

- › Baked potatoes are delicious with ratatouille, chilli or cottage cheese and pickle.
- › Chunks of roast ham, tasty cheese and a spoonful of dijon mustard.
- › With baked beans, cheese, lemon zest with lots of



black pepper.

- › Tuna mayonnaise; mash up chickpeas, mayo, red onion, sweetcorn, spring onion, dill and mustard.
- › Chop onion and garlic, add mince, paprika and your favourite herbs and chillies with tinned tomatoes. Add a tiny bit of Marmite to make it taste more "meaty", too.
- › Salted butter – a fair amount of it, Watties' baked beans and then mature cheddar.



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# Ruined, authentic Carkeek Observatory for heritage listing

New Zealand's first - and still surviving - amateur observatory, built by Featherston sheep farmer Stephen Carkeek in 1867, may be granted Category 1 Heritage status within the region's proposed Dark Sky Reserve, according to Heritage NZ.

A 45-page report recommending the South Wairarapa's Carkeek Observatory's entry onto the New Zealand Heritage List/Rarangi Korero, has just been circulated for comment by Heritage NZ.

"Amateur practitioners are critical not only in astronomy, but to the history of New Zealand science in general and there are few surviving places from the nineteenth century which tell that story," the report notes.

"This local and international exceptionalism affords the Carkeek Observatory outstanding importance as a rare historic place," it adds in a note calling for public comment on the listing proposal.

Stephen Carkeek's descendants have strongly supported efforts by the Martinborough Dark Sky Society (now Wairarapa Dark Sky Association) to ensure protection and preservation of the 1867 timber and iron observatory structure - the oldest remaining observatory in the country.

It also links the region back to Wales, birthplace of Carkeek who became a leading civil servant in colonial New Zealand and the amateur scientist who built the country's first timeball in Wellington, to provide time accuracy for clocks and ship navigation.

Heritage New Zealand and South Wairarapa District Council have been working with the dark sky preservation group to try and preserve the observatory. It also sees the potential in building a replica for both local enthusiasts and tourists to interact with at its site near Featherston - owned by SWDC.

Heritage NZ recommends the Carkeek Observatory should be scheduled on the Wairarapa Combined District Plan, and a conservation plan drawn up to "conserve and stabilise ... the Carkeek Observatory as a ruin and archeological site." It notes it has no plan to reconstruct the present "oustanding historical" building.



New Zealand Archeological Association already records the "Obervatory with dome and transit annex, built circa 1867" in its lists.

The Heritage NZ report also notes in passing the use of celestial navigation by Maori settlers who arrived in the south Wairarapa's Palliser Bay guided by Sun and stars as early as the "the late 1300s."

It says 'New Zealand astronomical observatories by its date of construction, design and ... materials,' - totara timber beams and planks with steel rails and wheels for moving the telescope dome. None of the canvas cover remains.

It adds that research suggests "Carkeek's Observatory is an internationally-rare surviving Romsey (British designer)-style amateur observatory, with no other "direct equivalent examples" in the U.K., Australia or Canada.

The report says the observatory has archeological, historical, social and technological significance, qualifies "as part of New Zealand's historic and cultural heritage," and should be classified as a Category 1 historic place.

Finally it notes: "The Carkeek Observatory occupies an outstanding position in the history of Aotearoa/ New Zealand as the earliest surviving astronomical observatory in the country and a building directly associated with amateurism, a major theme in the history of New Zealand astronomy and science in general."

"Ruined yet highly authentic, the Carkeek Observatory evokes the lone amateur astronomer at work, tracking the eternal passage of the stars and planets across the night sky."

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# Maree's Musings

## SIGN LANGUAGE

We all have important things to say, and in times like the present, communication – from a distance! – is vital to keep us all united, and has become a whole new ball game. We've had to invent new and novel ways of doing this, although many of the old favourites still work. The 'thumbs-up' or 'fingers crossed' remain OK – just make sure they're well-scrubbed. A slight upward incline of one's head took off, and a touch of the elbows went viral but not for long.

Do you have a T-shirt or two with a message on it? There's no harm in that. The KEEP CALM posters from previous times of national disaster have been popular and this appropriate instruction is now plastered on shirts instead. Going up a level, perhaps the message should be DON'T PANIC. For example: DON'T PANIC .. BUY! Due care with punctuation is required with this one.

The computer and your mobile phone have now become an even more essential way of distance communication. I don't know how the #hashtag thing, or twitter work. Evidently they are ways of saying short, snappy things. In a recent copy of the Sunday Star-Times, (thanks, team, for continuing to deliver it) columnist David Slack defines Twitter as 'a place where reasoning likes to crawl away and die' and Kylie Klein-Nixon considers the perils of scrolling to be 'falling into a Twitter hole – an endless thread of tweets lead you deeper and deeper into the steaming cesspit that is social media'.

That's way too much information for me. Someone has even thought of putting #iso on their T-shirt so they don't have to explain social distancing. Tweets are always short, if not sweet, and the former says it

all. Sadly there's no way to abbreviate 'unprecedented' which is the mot du jour right now.

Fortunately there are still emails and txts for the less tech savvy, of course. Mine are invariably peppered with emojis. A 'picture is worth a thousand words' after all. I wonder if some wag will invent a co-vid one, although it's sad that the virus bears an uncanny resemblance to what used to be my favourite licquorice allsort – the one covered in hundreds and thousands. Perhaps not, then.

Coffee mugs – the fashion is to have them decorated with something you want to say. My most-used one says 'KEEP SMILING .. it makes people wonder what you're up to'. These days, I'm not entirely sure myself. It's rather challenging to get up to anything here with no swimming pool, movie theatres and so on. S'MUG might be a better bet. Or perhaps the aforementioned #iso.

I'm sure many Martinborough people will remember the big hedge in town with FOXY clipped into it. This instigated many rumours about its significance, but quite respectably turned out to be the breed of the owner's dog. There's a similar one in Dunedin, at least twelve years old, which shouts I LOVE LOIS. This 'clip art' bit of fun also went viral and has resulted in a very successful fundraiser for the local hospice. All from a loving husband 'hedging his bets', after being reminded by the said Lois to cut the hedge, and wanting to communicate his devotion.

So even though communication has become a bit of a challenge and we might have to invent new ways of doing it, it can be done. And must be. Spread the love, not the virus.

## Why soap is best

An Australian professor has explained why soap and water really do work in the battle against spreading coronavirus.

Professor Palli Thordarson an expert on supermolecular chemistry at the University of New South Wales said disinfectants, wipes, gels and cream containing alcohol (not soap) have a similar effect as soap but not as good.

"Apart from the alcohol the 'antibacterial agents' in these products do not affect the virus structure

much at all" he said" Consequently many antibacterial products are basically just a not as good version of soap".

"At it's most basic soap works so well on coronavirus and on other viruses because it dissolves the lipid (fatty) protective coat around the virus. Another thing soap molecules do is to compete with other bonds that help the virus stick together.. Soap is effectively 'dissolving the glue that holds the virus together'".

## REGIONAL COUNCIL NOTES

We are currently living in a very strange world indeed. A world that no longer functions as we expect it to and denies us the right to the freedom that we all just take for granted.

We are in lockdown for four weeks. No visiting friends and relatives; no coffee with the neighbours, no Sunday cycling groups. It all seems a bit surreal and the constant messages telling us not to panic are always offset with news from abroad informing us of how many more people have died. It's no wonder some people are scared and are stocking the pantry with enough provisions to prepare for the apocalypse. It's a way of coping, staying in control of something when all other control has been removed.

This panic has also highlighted how woefully unprepared we were for any sort of major emergency despite all the promotion by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Office. The reactions from many businesses clearly show a complete lack of any business continuity planning. It's not that fear and worry about paying the bills isn't justified but somehow our mindset around emergencies has been around earthquakes and floods. We never imagined a pandemic would bring down our society in the way it has.

Fortunately in Wairarapa our councils were all well prepared and our essential services continue to function. Some across the country were not so well placed. The government has put arrangements in place to support emergency decision making by remote when councilors cannot gather for meetings so life goes on, sort of.

But out of every down there will always be an up, even if we're not sure what it looks like and that up seems far away at the moment. Perhaps this upheaval will mean that our values change a little, we become kinder and less critical? Maybe all those outstanding odd jobs will be ticked off the list or we will learn new skills?

Whatever world we face when the Covid 19 threat is over we can be sure it will be different to the one we knew before 25 March 2020.

*Adrienne Staples*

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# 1,200 cyclists

You may have wondered at the huge number of cyclists passing through during March. The answer is in this piece written for the online news 'Newsroom' by Rod Oram who took part in the event.

'Three quintessentially Kiwi characteristics were particularly evident in the month long journey down through New Zealand: The first is simplicity, yet sophistication. An event involving 1,200 cyclists over many weeks is immensely complicated. But the organisers – Jonathan, Paul and Simon Kennett, long time bike advocates, route finders and publishers of cycling guides and books – have brought a simple sophistication to the enterprise through a clear division of labour. They are responsible for devising the route and managing the entries; while they leave each cyclist to organise themselves on the road.

The brothers put a huge effort into creating the best route and documenting it in detail in their Tour guide book. This includes useful information on campsites, shops and other amenities along the way. They also produce route files for cycle computers, and give frequent updates on the Tour's Facebook page as road conditions or other factors change.

They don't charge an entry fee. They ask only for proof of a rider's small donation to a cycling organisation, such as a cycling club that helps build and maintain local tracks; and they ask riders to offset the carbon emissions they generate from their travel to the start and from the finish. For that, they offer sample calculations for people in New Zealand and those coming from abroad, and suggest they use the offsetting services of EKOS, a highly respected Wellington company.

They have also kept the rules of the Tour very simple. You must ride the 3,000km in no less than 10 days and no more than 30. Yes, there really are some people riding 300km a day. Hence, the second rule is you must not ride more than 18 hours a day.

For a modest sum you can rent a GPS tracker / personal emergency locator beacon from MAPprogress. It is a small NZ company that has grown with the Tour and now offers its services to many similar events overseas. For all the sophistication of the technology, it's reliable - yes, rescue helicopters have come quickly to the aid of a few seriously injured riders - and also rewarding for family and friends to track riders via MAPprogress' website.

As for your responsibilities as riders, it's quite complicated getting just yourself down the country. In the months before the start, there are lots of decisions to make about bike, camping and other equipment; about training; and about logistics. On the road, we have to make many more decisions each day to ensure we cope with the changing state of our bodies and our bikes, the road and the weather.

This brings in the second Kiwi characteristic, creative co-operation. It seems every rider is keen to share their knowledge and to learn from others. The Tour is a very effective grapevine for passing on, either in person or via social media, up to the minute news and tips on, for example, track conditions and good places to stay.

Time and again on the road over the past two weeks I've seen people going out of their way to help others. Indeed, I've been the beneficiary with, for example, help fixing two problematic punctures.

Importantly, local riders are also being very hospitable and inclusive to overseas riders. No doubt they will return home full of stories about how welcoming Kiwis are. That's the best advertising our tourism industry could ever have'.

## KNOW YOUR TOWN Early settlers

CAPTAIN WILLIAM MEIN SMITH –  
OF HUANGARUA RUN



Cpt. W M Smith was ex Royal Artillery and was the Chief Surveyor General of the NZ Land Company. He arrived in Wellington on the ship Tory in January 1840. His wife Louisa and three children followed in the Adelaide arriving over five months later. The Adelaide had been delayed by a stop over at Cape Town for a duel.

In 1845 in partnership with Samuel Revans he leased the Paeroa Block north of the Haungarua River and called their run Haurangarua with William Smith managing the run.

He was a steady, sure worker who got things done, building the homestead himself then establishing his family of now five children; Frances 11 George 10, Wallace 8, Helen 4 and the baby Louisa.

Next he built a woodshed on flats above the river cliff. The story goes that this would make it easier to load the wool for transport on a longboat for which could go past there until the 1855 earthquake made the river unnavigable

Mrs. Louisa Smith was a great gardener who had five acres of land under cultivation around the homestead. William had artistic skills and painted numerous water colours scenes of the lower Wairarapa.

In 1865 the family moved to Woodside and the homestead was taken down. William's son George and son in law John Tully continued to work the lease until 1869 when the Haungarua run was sold to G M Waterhouse.

William and Louisa's family: Frances married John Tully a surveyor. George married Clara Evans, Samuel Revans' neice. Wallace married Mary-Anne Hume. Helen married Robert Russell of Whangaimoana. Louisa married Knowles a member of William Mein Smith's surveyor team.

William Smith later became the Wellington Provincial Council surveyor who surveyed Featherston township in 1857. So he is to blame for the town not being aligned with the main road

*Mate Higginson*

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## Library Book Club

It is hard to comprehend how much this virus has progressed from the morning when we met on Friday 13th. Words like the new norm keep appearing in our conversations. And I have been caught I don't have enough reading material for an extended isolation. What is plan B?

In the few days I have been out of real contact with the world I realise I love people, conversations and cafes. Just talking about all the insights that come mainly from reading.

At book club we had our lovely Polly talking about Dona Leon's 29th book in the police commissioner Guido Brunetti series. This is set in Venice and uses contemporary concerns such as misreporting contaminants in water samples, dead fish and a woman dying of cancer. She considered this a good read.

Another member of our group said she had read the story of Art Garfunkel and found it gobble de gook and also she was disappointed with the book about Meryl Streep as it was only about her movies and didn't give the reader any idea of the real person behind the actress.

On the other hand she liked "I Shall Not Die" by James Bellich the story of a great New Zealander Titokowaru who tried to save his people and their lands from the colonial invasion.

Then the book entitled "The Outlaw Ocean" by Ian Urbina a shocker which exposes a parallel world, (the sea which encompasses 70% of our planet) where murder and slavery is rife and law and order is non-existent. From magic pipes that let raw sewerage and

oil flow straight into the sea to the way the fishing industry operates. This is a book that opens our eyes to the way we treat the earth we live in and it makes me feel ashamed to belong to the human race. As I read in another book "The Uninhabitable Earth" that contemplates the worst scenario that could happen to mankind with climate change, a sentence has resonated with me is, the earth is fighting back and the earth will win.

Lastly the book The Cut Out Girl by Bart Van Es tells the story of a Jewish girl Lien who was fostered out during the Nazi occupation in Amsterdam, the different families who kept her hidden and a falling out with the family who took her in at the end of the war when it was found she had no relatives to return to. This author took part in the writers presentations at the recent Festival of the Arts in Wellington. And this book is well worth reading and not only offers insight into this period of time but also into family life. Being fostered and hidden has a lasting impact on a young girl and her personality as an adult.

With our lock down I am not sure when we shall meet again, but keep reading!

*Glenys Hansen*

## Martinborough Museum

### Sharing Stories

### Waihinga Anniversary

Almost a decade before Martinborough was even glint in John Martin's eye there was already a European settlement here. It included a blacksmith, a post office, a Presbyterian church, 70 sections and a road directly linking it to the ferry on the Ruamahanga. Its name, Waihinga, lives on in the new community Centre but its location may be a mystery to many people. That's because it was eventually engulfed by its new neighbour, Martinborough.

Its southern boundary was Ferry Road and Jellicoe Street (then called Lower Valley Road) ran along the eastern side. The other two sides were bordered by Huangarua Station and Waihinga Farm. Quite a few of the original houses are still there, creating a living link with the past.

It's 150 years in October since the first Waihinga sections were sold and there are plans to acknowledge this anniversary and give Waihinga the recognition it deserves as the original European settlement in the area. Maori communities of course long pre-dated this development and their support ensured those early settlers were able to establish themselves successfully.

The museum is planning an exhibition of stories, photos and documents from that period. We hope there are some treasures out there that will enrich the rather sparse collection we currently have. So, if you have anything relevant tucked away that you would be willing to loan for this please contact either Mate Higginson 306 9745 or Chris Cassels 306 8286.



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# A Day in the life of a Train Manager

Much to the surprise of many club members we learnt that we had in our midst a train manager. Lyn Heafield, a member for a couple of years, had kept it under her hat. Most of us hop on a train thinking only of the time to catch it and our destination. But there is just so much more to it. For a start she starts work at 3.30am so that she and the train driver can prepare three commuter trains for the day.

Generators need to be started to warm or cool the carriages, depending on the season, followed by checking the brakes on each of 24 carriages. This takes until approximately 5am. She and the driver then put the first train on the platform and pilot the train out of the “cage” onto the platform in readiness for its trip to Wellington. The cage is a massive electric fenced area guarded by security personnel at night.

The Wairarapa has the longest passenger tunnel in the southern hemisphere – 8.9 kms which means special care needs to be taken to prepare for an adverse event in that narrow space. Passengers are counted so that a response team knows numbers to be rescued. The train manager wears a gas monitor, a radio as well as their ticket wallet. Its top speed is 90 kms which drops to 40kms when overloaded. Commuters make the heaviest load of up to 600 passengers. Interestingly, Lyn commented that commuters actually have three families, those at home, those at work and those on the train.

I asked her about the “Gold card express” as she called it. Pensioners regularly travel on the train to Upper Hutt at 11.30am where they can alight and spend over 1.5 hours in town, rejoining the return trip at 1.15pm. There they can enjoy lovely coffee and cakes at a nearby café, paying only for their refreshments. One day the train broke down and a group of ten gold carders thought it was a “real hoot” when the train stopped and started, went forward and backwards haphazardly for a short while.

A businessman wasn’t so amused, however, and was in a “right tizz”. Lyn told him about the fun the elderly ladies were having. One of them told him to “liven up – the young lady is doing what she can!” Apparently 80% of problems on the train are sorted out by other passengers. Before returning to Masterton the 90 tonne engine is unhooked from the carriages by the driver and train manager, taken to a turntable before turning it around then piloted back to the carriages for hooking on, a process called “coupling”!

When the train is off the rails for days on end, a bus replacement is provided. Its sign says, “Choo Choo, I’m a Train”. No, that is not a joke!

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# Lazy sneakers

By day Kate Throp’s in charge of Margrain’s tasting room but she’s also great lover of shoes. Perhaps that’s why a TV1 story about Lazy Sneakers first caught her eye.

Lazy Sneakers was started in Wellington by 12 year old Maia Mariner who realised that not everyone at her school could play sport, because they couldn’t afford suitable shoes. She called her initiative Lazy Sneakers because she figured there were lots of sports shoes lying around unused in people’s cupboards. She wanted them to have an active life again.

Kate was impressed. “It’s great that kids like Maia are so socially aware at a young age. I wanted to support that.” With the help of the family at Kitcheners she set up a collection point for Martinborough. So far four very large cartons of shoes have been donated: lots of sneakers plus football boots, tennis shoes and

one rogue pair of jandals. Martinborough School will get first dibs on the shoes, then Featherston School and if there are any left over they will be sent to Maia in Wellington. So do check your shoe collection to see if you have any unwanted sports footwear in good condition. Kate is happy to pick up around town or you can drop them off at Kitcheners. Collecting will close on 19th April. If you want to know more about Lazy Sneakers you can check out the TV1 story on Facebook or a Google search will shows how the idea has gone from strength to strength around the country. You can also contact Kate on 0274 164 024.

Sole Mates helping kids, Martinborough rallies around again.

## SUVs double market share

Growing demand for SUVs was the second largest contributor to the increase in global CO2 emissions from 2010 to 2018, an analysis has found.

In that period, SUVs doubled their global market share from 17% to 39% and their annual emissions rose to more than 700 megatonnes of CO2, more than the yearly total emissions of the UK and the Netherlands combined.

No energy sector except power drove a larger increase in carbon emissions, putting SUVs ahead of heavy industry (including iron, steel, cement and aluminium), aviation and shipping.

“We were quite surprised by this result ourselves,”

said Laura Cozzi, the chief energy modeller of the International Energy Agency, which produced the report.


The recent dramatic shift towards heavier SUVs has offset both efficiency improvements in smaller cars and carbon savings from electric vehicles.

As the global fleet of SUVs has grown, emissions from the vehicles have increased more than fourfold in eight years. If SUV drivers were a nation, they would rank seventh in the world for carbon emissions.




“An SUV is bigger, it’s heavier, the aerodynamics are poor, so as a result you get more CO2,” said Florent Grelier from the campaign group Transport



& Environment. T&E figures show the average mass of new cars rose 10% between 2000 and 2016, which the group suggested could be down to a trend towards SUVs, heavier automatic and dual-clutch gearboxes and the inclusion of other equipment including cameras and sensors. Grelier said the global shift towards bigger cars had been observed for a while, but the effect on emissions increases compared with other industries was surprising nonetheless.


“The problem is much bigger than we expected,” he said.



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# More fool me

I was so cynical. Back in February I sneered at the Chicken Licken mass hysteria thinking the coronavirus sky would fall on our heads. One month later it's here, testing positive in our community, and Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern correctly ordered the country to shut up shop.

It seems counter-productive writing an advertorial in a time when the bookshop is closed for face to face shopping, but what is the point of financial health if everyone's personal health goes to hell in a handcart?

Selfishly, I could argue books are an essential item – who could disagree? Where would we be without reading? A study showed the coronavirus survived a very short time on cardboard and paper – something like four hours maximum. Nonetheless it still lived, and



browsers love to handle books, which is why I spent every day before lockdown repeatedly cleaning the books with methylated spirits.

At least in my business the books will be there when we all go back to work – whenever that may be. Books don't pass their use-by date, unlike foodstuffs. My heart went out to Martinborough's café and restaurant owners, biffing all their perishables, cleaning out their fridges, laying off their staff.

Unlike eateries, which can't even do takeaways, I can still sell on line if you want to buy books. I'll post out free of charge, give you my bank account, and you can pay by direct credit. Don't stop reading.

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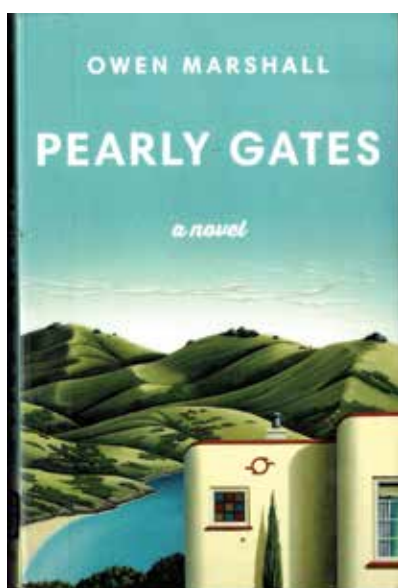
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## BOOK REVIEW Pearly Gates



I happened to hear a chapter of Pearly Gates read on morning radio. It seemed like a very well written story and I was pleased to see that there were copies available from the library. On reading Pearly Gates the impression I had taken from the radio reading was confirmed that this is a very enjoyable book.

Pearly – he had been called this since school days and nobody can remember his real name – was a partner in the busy Real Estate firm of Rawleigh and Gates. He was also Mayor of the good sized town, Pearly liked to be busy. While the town was not named descriptions along the way suggested Timaru. He had a good marriage with two, now grown up, children.

The novel covers roughly a year of Pearly's life as he juggles business and civic duties, opening with his putting in the expected appearance at the local A and P Show. There are two major events in Pearly's year, local body elections where he is running for a third term as mayor and the one hundred and twenty fifth celebration of the town's boy's college. Pearly is chairman of the committee organising the celebrations and reunion.

Long the way we are introduced to his many associates and their lives; his business partner, the council CEO, the deputy mayor, many agency clients and members of the community with their many and various problems.

Also his brother and family. Pearly and his brother had always been very close and happily the wives became good friends. The brother was now on the family farm, Pearly had never wanted to be a farmer and had gone off to Otago University. He had been very good a rugby playing for the university and then Otago, being suggested and a future All Black until a very bad leg break ended his career.

The strength of the book is that while it is a very full and interest grabbing story, which smoothly moves right along, it is a slice of real life with its ups and downs and problems to be solved along the way – it is totally believable. The reality is enhanced by author Owen Marshall's excellent descriptions so subtly applied. A recommended read.

**Mike Beckett**

*(I note that Pearly Gates is on the short list for the New Zealand Book Award)*

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# Under The Martinborough Stars

One of my mother's favourite saying was "Spring Forward, Fall Back!" and it felt like when I was a child she said this more than twice a year. Of course, she only said it near the Equinoxes to remind herself and the household about Daylight Saving and the changes of the seasons.

I was brought up in a household that was obsessed with the changes of the seasons and time. My mother was particularly switched on to this daily rhythm and would mention daily how much sooner the night draws in comparison to yesterday or if it was getting lighter in the evenings.

The end of Daylight Saving and the equinox, shouldn't be confused with 'solstice' which is the longest day (December 21st) and the shortest day (June 21st).

As the Earth moves around the Sun, the tilt of the Earth (23.5 degrees) allows areas of the globe to get more direct light than other areas. The tilt always remains in the same direction.

New Zealand gets Summer when the Southern Hemisphere is tilted towards the Sun during December- February, meaning it gets more direct sunlight. At the same time, the Northern Hemisphere is receiving indirect, more spread out sunlight because that hemisphere is tilted away from the Sun and so is having Winter.

An equinox is the day when the Earth's path around the Sun gives us an equal length night and day. Both hemispheres get the same direct light as neither hemisphere is tilted away or towards the Sun. The Autumnal Equinox is 21th March and the Spring

Equinox is 23rd September, days of equal length night and day.

We are only on Daylight Saving in the warmer six months of the year, between September and March. In Autumn and Spring, we readjust our daylight hours from having more sunlight hours in Summer. We change the clocks on the first Sunday in April back by one hour (Fall Back- Autumn) and the last Sunday in September we add an hour (Spring Forward- Spring).

A New Zealand Astronomer named George Vernon Hudson, in 1895, first suggested the idea of Daylight Saving, but with the First World War, this notion became more accepted as it helped save coal needed for the War Effort. Days were brought back an hour so people had to get up earlier and go to bed earlier, reducing the amount of coal burned in the evening.

During WW1, 31 countries had copied the movement so they could save resources needed for War. In WW2, the number of countries grew to 52. It was known as "War Time" but eventually was accepted as 'Daylight Saving' in most countries in the 60's.

With clocks going back on April 5th, it means we now have an extra hour to stargaze in the evening. Yippee! Thanks Daylight Saving!

Becky Bateman runs the award winning, nomadic astro-tourism business Under The Stars

# Complacency can be a real threat!

## LET'S FLATTEN THE CURVE

Top of mind for the Martinborough Business Association is COVID-19 and how we support our Association members' businesses and community.

The Committee held a special meeting to consider this. The first point made was that this is real – it's not a drill or a movie. It will be impactful and we are all in it together. We are a small town made up of small businesses in the main. We know our employees very well, often they are our friends. We know our neighbours well too so let's make sure that we look after one another during these times

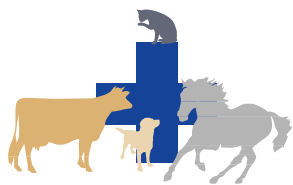
Discourage panic buying, there is no need for it. While we need to adapt the way we go about living we must retain as much of our normality as possible. This will end so let's look forward, positively to 2021.

There will be a on line session on the next steps being taken by WellingtonNZ to include support and funding options for small businesses.

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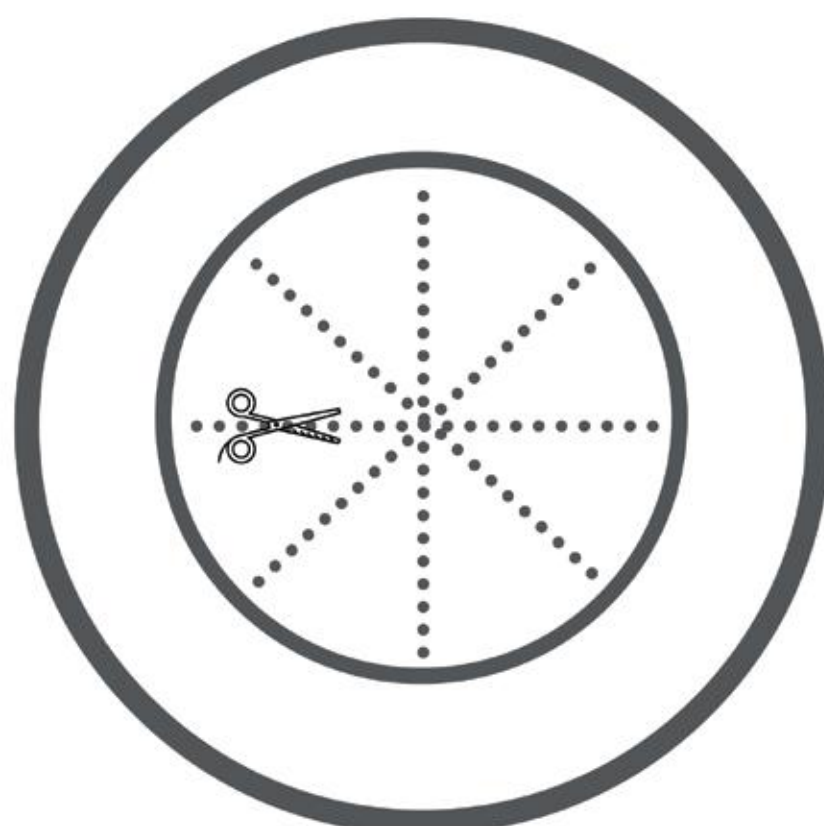
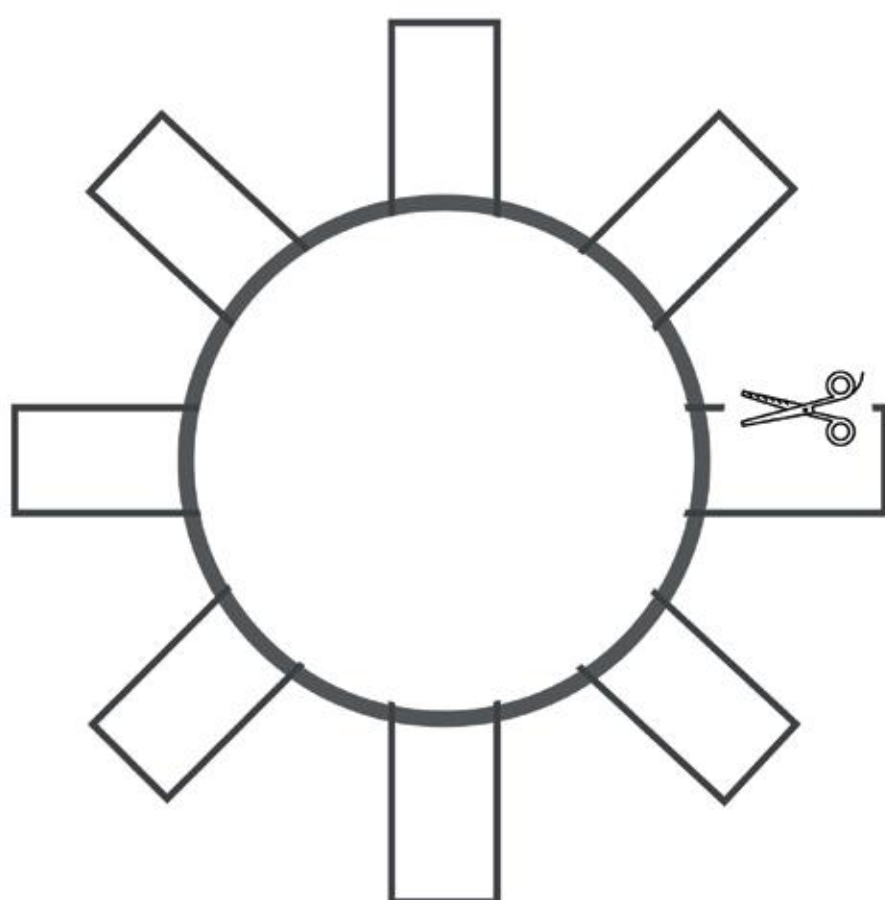
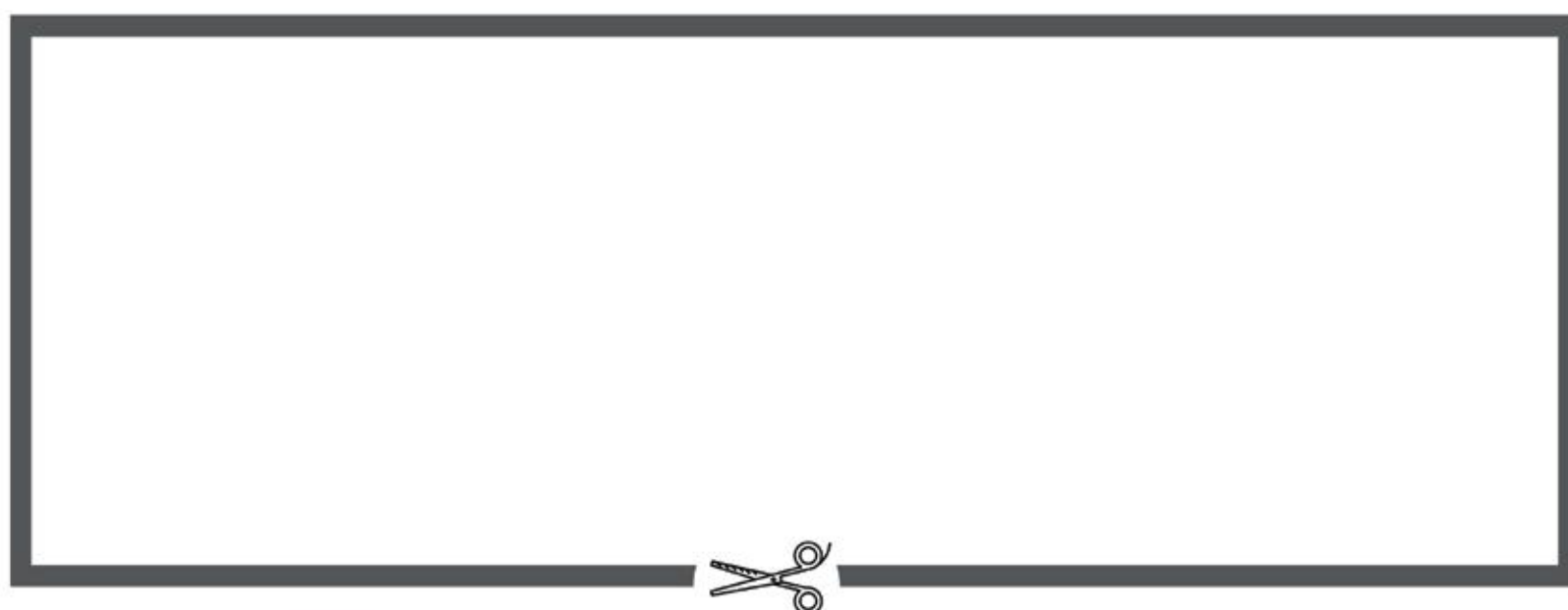
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# Outside the Square

BY JOHN ANSELL

March 25th, the deadline  
For this poetry assignment;  
The first of thirty days, they say,  
Of solitary confinement.

The frost is in the freezer,  
Not yet blanketing the ground  
Cool Marty's gone from party mode  
To peace and quiet profound.

The young and reckless revellers  
Have all mercifully now stopped  
And none too soon— What's that great din!?  
Another pin just dropped.

As I write this two weeks ago.  
No lives have yet been lost.  
But writing is more difficult  
With thumbs and fingers crossed.

As trials go, the jury's out  
We've broken with convention  
Where juries don't get sentenced  
To a month of home detention.

I know things may be different now,  
Much harder to endure,  
We've always thought outside the Square:  
Let's try a different cure.

I've got some information  
That you'll likely find quite weird  
But it might stop you fearing  
Things you'd otherwise have feared.

You might just want to try this  
And suspend your disbelief;  
You might just love the feeling,  
It might bring you some relief.

I'm told we're all just energy,  
Enduring and renewable  
Where stifling viruses with thoughts  
Is eminently doable.

With thoughts of love, specifically;  
(I hear you jokers squirm!)  
Love, properly meditated,  
Can extinguish any germ.

It's a matter of vibration:  
If we vibrate really fast  
The negative just cannot live  
A virus can't get past

The forcefield of our loving thoughts;  
We'll drain it of its power  
And we'll defeat this virus:  
It could be our finest hour.

But love not only family  
And the friends you hold most dear,  
But love, too, those you most oppose,  
Your worst faults... and your fear.

"What? Love my fear? I fear you're mad!"  
Then love my madness too!  
To neutralise what we despise  
That's what we need to do.

Say "I love you" and "I love me"  
And feel it as you say it:  
"I love my warts, my fearful thoughts"  
— And don't just think it, pray it.

"I love the sod who stole my car",  
"I love my neighbour's anger":  
The more you love thy neighbour's rage  
The less you'll be in danger.

The more you pray bad thoughts away  
The less they'll prey on you,  
So still your mind... and tell you fear...  
"You bastard, I love you."

# Wharekaka News

The Wharekaka Board would like to share with the community how it is tackling the threat of coronavirus – Covid 19. Our elderly and frail residents are at risk from the virus and therefore need most protection but for aged care, managing disease outbreaks is all too common so we have good processes in place.

Given the recent Government restrictions on movement, Wharekaka has now closed access. This means that no visitors are allowed excepting essential visitors eg our Doctor. But please remember, you can always phone the person you would have visited to keep in touch.

We have good policies and procedures in place for infection control and will use these, as we have done in the past. In addition, we have ensured all our outbreak kits are fully stocked and we have some extra supplies of masks and gloves on hand. We are also reminding staff of the importance of handwashing and supporting them to get the flu vaccination.

Should any essential services fail, Wharekaka has an emergency generator and a huge water tank to supply the Home. These have been provided through the generosity of the Sutherland Self Help Trust.



Wharekaka also provides the 'Meals on Wheels' service to Martinborough, Featherston and Greytown residents and this lifeline service will be continuing.

Wharekaka is the only community-owned facility in South Wairarapa, that cares for the frail elderly. We appreciate all the support we receive and have received. We would particularly like to thank the Martinborough Community Garden who have given some of their surplus produce to Wharekaka.

For further information, the Ministry of Health provides current, factual information on its website, and updates it very frequently: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>



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- › You will see fire fighters in protective equipment like masks and goggles or glasses routinely
- › You may see us in white protective suits to medical calls
- › Do not try to hide from medical responders your medical or travel history
- › The fire station is closed to the public and only brigade members are allowed on site

Many of you are scared and unsure about what you can do to make yourselves safe, so here are some handy tips:

- › **Wash your hands - with soap and warm water or alcohol based handwash**
- › **Keep a 2 metre distance outside of your own household**
- › **Keep yourself isolated at home**
- › **Seek advice if you are ill**
- › **Check on your elderly neighbours - a phone call is okay**
- › **Do not panic buy - there is plenty to go around**
- › **If you need information go to:**  
<https://covid19.Govt.Nz/>

We don't know what the future brings but WE ARE HERE AND WILL RESPOND, you can do your part by staying at home. Be safe, Be kind.

*Martinborough Volunteer Fire Brigade*

## The Prof. passes through

Otago University researcher professor Haxby Abbott visited Martinborough during his length of New Zealand cycle ride to promote his call for a much needed change in the way osteoarthritis is treated in New Zealand.



The message highlights his research, funded by the New Zealand Health Research Council, which showed that while the rate of osteoarthritis is rising rapidly the health system is not delivering the recommended treatments efficiently. He said that rolling out nationally an evidence based exercise would cost about \$25 million annually but would result in significant health gains and savings to the health system of \$450 million annually.

Professor Abbott and his associate Doctor Ross Wilson, are researchers at the university's Department of Surgical Sciences. Professor Abbott explained that osteoarthritis is a leading cause of health problems in New Zealand and the number continue to grow. This due to an aging population, rising obesity, increasing injury rates and earlier onset of disease.

In 2013 280,000 people had knee joint osteoarthritis, on current projections this would double by 2038.

Research indicates the knee joint replacements will increase by 77% in that time unless preventive action is taken.

"Exercise therapy, physical activity, weight loss (where appropriate) patient education and self management is widely accepted internationally as the best treatment for osteoarthritis." He said "however the system is failing to deliver these recommended treatments and many treatments not recommended, yet funded, such as anti inflammatory medications, opioids, and repeated corticosteroids injections, are being delivered".

The Prof. hopes his 3,000km cycle from Cape Reinga to the Bluff will help to promote the fact that the system needs to change – and that continuing physical activity is a great way to stave off the onset of joint problems.



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## School photo names

Mate Higginson has kindly provided the names of all the children in the school photo published last month. This will bring back memories for some of our readers.

**Boys Back row:** Gary Hayman, Bill Boyd, Ken Barson, Frank Colton, John Caverhill.

**Front row:** Bill Biggar, Bill George, Lloyd Johns, Robert Guilford, Tom Shaw, Mate Higginson.

**Girls Back row:** Ngaire Suistead, Freda Theobald, Carol Warman Pam Twoomy, Francis Drake, Aileen Osborn.

**Middle row:** Josephine Bennett, June Gillespie, Isopbel Strong, Daphne Edcombe, Joyce Henderson, Kathleen Bright, Elain Head.

**Front row:** Susan Fenwick, Marie Caswell, Ann Boyd, Kohi Enoka, Lorna Ross



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The Fair Trading Act applies to anyone in trade. The Consumer Guarantees Act applies when you have purchased a good or service normally bought for personal use.

Fair Trading Act – makes it illegal for: businesses to mislead consumers, give false information, use unfair trading practices and covers all aspects of the promotion and sale of goods and services / anything said about a product or service either verbally or in writing / any impressions given by pictures, advertisements or promotional material.

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Pricing – you have the right to expect that price claims are clear & accurate including for “Sales” (pricing comparisons & markdowns), that GST is included in the price or if not that it is made clear to you, that any surcharges are made clear.

Buying and Selling Online – previously buying online meant that you were not covered by the Consumer Guarantees Act but now all traders who

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# What's on at the movies

BY CIRCUS CINEMA RESTAURANT AND BAR

Tomorrow we go in to a 4-week lockdown as the country enters uncharted territory. The impact of what lies ahead is uncertain for many as each industry will be affected in different ways. The effects on the film industry has been widely reported with many release dates pushed out to September and beyond. Of greater concern to cinema has been the number of films that have been fast tracked to a streaming service.

Producers with their own streaming service (such as Disney and Sony) may well continue to bypass the theatres in favour of an online offering. This will be OK for many consumers however not those who value the big screen experience and the social aspect of getting out with friends for the complete entertainment experience. The cinema industry will be lobbying hard to retain an exclusive exhibition window however the reality of more likely to be a blend of both streaming and cinema exhibition where consumers will decide how they wish to spend their entertainment budget.

The medium-term effect of the halt in film production is likely to see less movies released over the next 12 months. I would normally be writing about the films we have coming soon however many of the films that were scheduled for release have now been classified as “undated”

The next few weeks will be a good time to get catch up on all the Netflix series that your friends have been talking about and you have been wondering “how do they find the time”. The real confusion comes when

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choosing which of the streaming services to subscribe to. A quick bit of research summarized the choices as: Netflix (biggest choice of content), Neon (HBO films mostly American blockbusters), Amazon Prime Video (Documentaries and film classics), Lightbox (TV drama series and new release film rentals), Sky Go (Sports + TV and film). Apple TV and Disney + will be launching in NZ this November.

We look forward to bringing you a cinematic experience on the other side of the lockdown. In the meantime, be safe and enjoy time with family.

The team at Circus

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