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Hi there and welcome to October. It's almost crazy when you say that out loud... where on earth has the year gone? You may have noticed I've missed a few blurbs recently and although some of you might be clapping your hands, there are others that have actually said they've missed my ramble! Whichever half you are, you have advanced warning, so be prepared. This is one of those yarns that might make you wish you'd headed straight for page 3, so I totally won't be offended if you do ha ha. It's like when you ask someone how they are – and they actually tell you, or should I say, drone on and on and on and you wish you'd been walking really fast with a clipboard in hand. (No one ever interrupts those people!) Anyhoo... I do feel like I need to explain my whereabouts a little – especially after getting a call on my mobile asking if I'd closed the paper (Argh...).

During the first half of the year, I was advised I would need surgery to remove benign fibroid tumours. Before you gasp, it's honestly no biggie and very, very common among 'middle-aged' women. (Guys might really wanna tune out now...) The only 'kind of' big deal was that, due to the size of them, I would need major abdominal surgery, which sort of like a river Nile sized C-section, goes from hip to hip. Long story short, my surgery date finally arrived and after a very successful operation, I was discharged from hospital last Monday. The surgeon gave me a medical certificate that stated I would be unfit for work until November 1 so, in all seriousness, I promised him I would have a serious talk to myself about that! The actual reality is that I am quite capable working from home – albeit sloooowly, but unable to

drive for a couple of weeks. Between you and I, I'll play by the rules there, I'm picking my insurance company would quickly lose their sense of humour should anything untoward happen and I crashed!

In short (if you were smart enough to skip that paragraph), the office has been closed for the last week and will remain closed this week while I speed-heal! I'm not sure that's actually a thing but, in my head, it's like speed reading or speed dating – doing what you need to do, but really fast! Of course the incredible kindness from so many, has made recovery so far, a lot easier and although I'm not accepting an Oscar exactly, I do want to publically pass on my appreciation. I couldn't possibly name everyone but Keith, Elaine and Michaela (my forever support), Jane (back-up plan management), Liz and Charlene (quinn carers), Sue (MBA goddess), Lynne (soup maker extraordinaire), Sonya and Karen (laugh til you hurt meisters), and the incredibly kind people who knew I couldn't get there but took and supplied photos etc for me over the past week. My beautiful friend Carol even offered to work for me 'after work' if I needed work stuff done. There are many more kind wee peeps that have sent messages, flowers and good wishes, so please accept this as a personal thank you.

Obviously too, my family have been amazing, but my biggest thanks of all, goes to Derek, Sandra, Alex and the team for allowing my youngest son to have the entire week off work to do everything at home I was unable to do. I know how crazy busy all our local tradies are at present so of course, this is a big deal and incredibly appreciated.

Well without droning on any further, I



guess that's about me, so for those of you (or... both of you) that are still tuned in, be good, be kind and be careful and until next issue, I'll see you round like a tramadol. (Actually, they're oval, but hey... I'm recovering remember!) ■ Caron.

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Stanley's and MVS rewarding excellence

Two Matamata College students were absolutely over the moon at a recent school assembly thanks to the generosity of local businesses Stanley Group and Matamata Veterinary Services.

For around 13 years the two companies have proudly rewarded excellence at the school by donating significant prizes in the ACE (Achieving and Celebrating Excellence) Club draws.

Every student that achieves excellence in three or more subjects automatically gets an entry and with almost 2,000 entries, respective company representatives Craig Davison and Lisa Holder commended the students on their consistent efforts. "We are very proud to be involved in such an initiative" says Craig, "and it's great to see such a significant number of students making the prize draw list."



Lisa Holder (left) on behalf of Matamata Veterinary Services and Craig Davison (far right), Stanley Construction Manager/Director were pleased to present junior winner of the Matamata College ACE Club draw, Kerielle Sankey, with state of the art Beats headphones, and senior draw winner, Karmen Benson, with a new laptop.

Matamata represented at Roller Mills

After the jubilation of taking out the 2018 Gwynne Shield for the first time in 33 years, coaches Adrein (Adie) Wharawhara and Tony Brown were equally proud that seven of the 23 Matamata boys were selected for the 'Country' team who went on to play the 'City' team, with all players from both teams hoping for a spot in the 2018 Roller Mills squad. Ironically, Adie and Todd Crabb (dad of Billy Crabb - Captain of the 2018 Gwynne Shield team) were members of the 1981 Roller Mills team where, undefeated, they won the tournament! Four of the 2018 Country side successfully made the cut and we wish them well for the tournament at St Peter's starting on Sunday. I'm sure they'd appreciate your support!



Pictured from left are Otis Burt, Marakopa Herewini, Hohepa Wilson and Haku Marsh.

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Tom Sainsbury offers guilt free humour

When Matamata College Drama Teacher, Natalie McBean, saw Thomas Sainsbury's 'Dance Troupe Supreme' around a decade ago in Auckland, she loved the energy, pace and pure whirlwind nature of the entertainment.

The production not only highlights the struggles of being able to succeed in the world of Arts in lil ol' New Zealand says Natalie, but also some of the key issues associated with being in the public eye; which is very relevant for youth today with social media etc. It also explores how important image is, and the dangerous lengths that some performers will go to to achieve what is deemed 'acceptable' (e.g. eating disorders, prescription drug abuse and self-acceptance). It explores these serious themes in a light hearted and humorous way. Like all of Sainsbury's plays; it makes you laugh - and then feel guilty for laughing!



Playmarket describes Tom Sainsbury's Dance Troupe Supreme as "An extremely fun and feisty play with plenty to laugh and think about - non-stop action and lots of quick and clever lines. A very welcome reprieve from the demands of everyday life - escapism and entertainment paired with some sizzling, saucy dance action!"

Performed by her year 13 Drama students, Natalie says bringing Dance Troupe Supreme to the stage has been a huge challenge for the students and they have executed it exceptionally well. "The thing I've enjoyed most is be the subtle humour in every scene of the play" says Aria Berg who has a lead role as 'Charlotte'. "The way Tom Sainsbury has slipped in some of the very funny lines is very clever and, even on stage during rehearsals, I still find myself giggling!"

With very little set, 'Dance Troupe Supreme' relies almost entirely on the performers pulling you into their imaginary world and challenging you to question your own beliefs and morals. "It is hugely funny" says Natalie! "I laughed the entire time -

and it is a really fun way to escape the reality of what is often an exhausting world. Yes there are serious themes, yes it makes you question, but it does so in such an entertaining way that you are left buzzing afterwards. I can assure our audiences that it will be an extremely entertaining 80 minutes!"

Opening in just two weeks time, you are not going to want to miss 'Dance Troupe Supreme' which will be performed at Matamata College for two nights only. See the advertisement below for full details and support our talented youth. ■



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A simple gift of compassion

When local travel agent, Julie Morgan-Hughes and Francois Joubert, North Island Operations for Operation Christmas Child registered charity were guest speakers at Matamata Rotary recently, local Rotarians and guests were thrilled to learn of an initiative that delights children around the world that may not have ever received a gift before – let alone a shoe box of goodies selected especially for them.

Operation Christmas Child is an initiative under the umbrella of Samaritan's Purse providing humanitarian aid to different villages internationally each year. The organisation partners with local community churches, groups, businesses, schools and individuals worldwide. Along with Julie, Kathy Baxendine through Matamata Baptist Church has also been involved in the project locally for the past couple of years coordinating the packing and collection of donations.

"Our church is packing shoe boxes for the charity" says 10 year old Silas Gann, "and everyone who got involved has really enjoyed the experience. It feels good to be able to do something so nice for kids just like us around the world. Unlike them though, we are very fortunate not to know the poverty they live with every day."

Samaritan's Purse has changed the lives of children through Operation Christmas Child

since 1993 and every year, generous people across the world pack these boxes with gifts – simple, yet powerful messages of love. The project brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world. It provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, but hands-on, project that has the power to transform children's lives.

As well as packing useful items such as combs or hair ties, boxes generally include a toy or game, hygiene or educational items, and a photograph or letter to let the child receiving the package know that there is always someone that cares. "When we think about the kids opening their boxes and how happy they'll be, it's feels nice" says Lucy, Silas' five year old sister. "I was excited to pack my box."

The 2018 Christmas boxes will be distributed throughout Cambodia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Philippines. Everyone is welcome to fill as many boxes as they would like and for further information, or collection of boxes to fill, you are welcome to contact Julie at You Travel, or Kathy on 021 209 6430. The boxes must be completed by the end of October and can be dropped off at You Travel or Matamata Baptist Church. A \$10 donation per box is appreciated to cover delivery costs for the not for profit initiative.

■ Caron Stewart.



Pictured are five year old Lucy Gann and her 10 year old brother Silas with their Operation Christmas Child boxes ready to be labelled and delivered.

Here to keep you smiling!

A part from new ownership, it's business as usual at Matamata's Family Dental Centre – the locally owned and operated practice committed to ensuring every member of the family can continue to smile with confidence.

Having officially taken over yesterday, October 1, Manveet Singh's mantra is simple. He intends to ensure top quality, comprehensive and affordable dental care is available for the whole family. "Matamata is a very special community" he says, "and along with experienced dentist, Philippa Corcoran, I am fortunate to have inherited a team of excellent support staff.

I am really looking forward to connecting with the community and getting to know the locals. And of course, the fact that the purpose built facility is part of Pohlen Hospital really enhances the holistic, one-stop approach to healthcare unique to the region."



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Starfish relating and connecting with community

Hi there Matamata! My name is Justine Marshall and I am a team member at Starfish Social Services. From a dairy farming background, my family and I moved around the Waikato area before settling in Matamata when I was 15. I now live here with my partner and am in the third year of a four year Bachelor of Social Work degree through the University of Waikato. I chose a career in Social work as I have a passion for helping and supporting people. I have found my time at Starfish has only helped this passion grow stronger.

Going straight from high school to a Social Work degree some might say I am very young for the profession, however I view my youth as one of my strengths, for example being younger helps in relatability and connection with youth in the community. I have found this makes my social work placement with Starfish perfect.

My work at Starfish includes a vast range of activities, such as supporting people in our community through helping ensure their basic needs are met, e.g. food, shelter and clothing. I undergo risk and strengths assessments with individuals and families to ensure they are safe, help set goals and support alongside people as they work to achieve these goals. Another aspect of my job with Starfish includes supervised access, this is when parents do not have custody of their children and require someone to be present for this. Overall the work I do at Starfish is to support vulnerable people and youth in our community to make the positive changes and empower them to keep moving forward.

While social work can be confusing and hard to define Starfish holds and promotes all the aspects of what the

profession strives for. This being the desire to promote social change and development, bring societies together, along with aiming to empower and liberate people. It uses principles, such as social justice and human rights, and works off these to engage people to address life challenges in the best way for that person or group. Overall it aims towards helping and supporting people and families in order to reduce risk and deprivation, and enhance wellbeing.

Starfish holds all these qualities as well as being an agency that does more than provide an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff. They work in prevention and awareness. The team are planning to have a program coming up for young entrepreneurs teaming up with business mentors, getting their business ideas out and into reality with the support of Starfish. This will also include making this business idea a reality and then the hiring of youth to be the people selling this product. This is an amazing opportunity for youth to gain not only business skills but social skills and knowledge. The age bracket for this will be 12 years to 24 years and if there is anyone out there in our community thinking this sounds like a bit of them come down and have a chat!

Being part of the Starfish team has been incredibly rewarding and such a significant learning experience for me and is going to have an immense impact on how I practice through my profession. If you would like to have a chat or are interested in our upcoming programs give us a call at 888 8795 or come on down to 15 Gordon Terrace, Matamata. Starfish is open Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm, come down and see me. ■



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What is right and what is wrong?

By Ron Vosper, Matamata Union Parish

This is a curly one depending on your starting point of set values, no less. Is it sinful – for instance? Or is it right for some, yet not for you and your beliefs? Considering that Jesus gave us two commandments that effectively encompass the original ten commandments of Moses, then ostensibly anything that affects or negates the love we share for our Father God and also our 'neighbours,' could be breaking that particular commandment. We have an understanding that not only actions but also omissions, or failing to act, is in the same category.

We read of several examples, such as *'It's not what goes into a body but what comes out of it that defiles it.'* And, *'One man's meat is another man's poison.'* Surely these can relate to words and actions as well as food.

In practice, the lesson for us is to be tolerant of other's beliefs and practices as well as *'Being our brother's keeper'* so that we don't encourage another to adopt beliefs or actions which would be sinful to them.

Sin has been quoted as an act against God. To

further define that, we could say that it is our own personal perception of God under which we believe and act. Others may be different but still relate with loyalty and His acceptance. Who are we to judge?

Don't forget that there are many different to us, but so many of them worship the God of Abraham as do we.

Self evaluate with God's help and seek the Holy Spirit to 'keep you on the rails' of faithful love and neighbourliness.

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Ahoy me hearties

Mill Crescent Kindergarten celebrated Pirate Day recently where, with children dressed to theme, they followed clues to find treasure, had a real pirate feast and even a very special visit from Polly the parrot! "The kids had such a neat day" said teacher, Sandi Frearson. "They also painted a pirate ship, sang pirate songs, discovered treasure in lots of sensory ways (ice cubes that fizzed, slimy gloop), shared pirate stories, walked the plank, and even made telescopes and swords!"

International Talk like a Pirate Day is a parody holiday annually held on September 19. Celebrated for the first time in 1995, the fun holiday encourages people to talk and dress like the sea plunderers of yesteryears. John Baur ("Ol' Chumbucket") and Mark Summers ("Cap'n Slappy") created this holiday on June 6, 1995. Out of respect for World War

II's D-Day, Baur and Summers chose to move the date of the holiday to September 19. Today, it is celebrated around the world as a way to raise funds for charity organizations, such as Childhood Cancer Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

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Te Poi celebrate Ag Day

Although the decision was made not to have calf entries in Ag Day events at most schools around the region, lamb and goat entries remained high. The decision was in line with advice from industry bodies including DairyNZ and Beef&Lamb, and supports farmers managing the challenges presented by mycoplasma bovis. Te Poi School held their annual Ag Day last week and had a great day! Here are a few of the highlights:



Victoria Roskam pictured with her beautiful lamb.



Aiyah Shuttleworth is pictured with her lamb.



Lilith and Iziss Davies had a great day with their pets.



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Scene around...

Keeping safe with Search & Rescue

Matamata Scouts group headed off to the Kaimai Range last weekend to participate in a joint exercise with the Tauranga-based Youth Search and Rescue (YSAR) group.

The three-day camp at Greg and Mary Brady's farm, at the base of the Kaimai Range saw the scouts getting "lost" on a day trek - complicated by an injuries to several members of the group which required the students to plan and implement a search and rescue. The exercise was completed when the injured parties were safely extracted to a suitable helicopter landing-site.

"The aim of this camp was to introduce Scouts to the YSAR group" said Scout Leader Glen Ashford. "Not only will it help them to understand what goes on behind the scenes of a search and rescue, but it also raises their awareness of the survival skills that they can acquire."

Scouts also joined in with the YSAR students as they attended skills exercises which included ropes and knots, setting up a satellite connection, first aid, drone flying, tracking and the obligatory bag checks (to ensure the students are always prepared). It is hoped that this weekend will be the first of an annual joint exercise that aims to develop the bush survival skills of the Scouts.

"Having a combined exercise between YSAR and the Scouts provides an opportunity for YSAR students to mentor younger students" said Steve Campbell of YSAR. "The experience contextualizes student learning in the outdoors and develops an understanding of the Search and Rescue and Emergency Management sectors. We are very focused on the student learning experience and making this as dynamic and interactive as possible."

Right: Lost? – PirePoi Wilson and Keiran Lawson are pictured preparing to stay warm and dry in case of overnight stay.

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Found and being treated – Joel Bussey being treated for burns by YSAR instructor Alex Groos.





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Bee-uty effort from Girl Guides

You will have read recently about the wonderful learning opportunities Matamata Guiding enjoyed with their focus on achieving the 'Bee Scientific' badge. With huge thanks to Ben Troughton and Gord Stewart for their assistance, the girls had a great evening recently planting three trees they had donated to Transition Matamata at Matamata Primary. Along with their own, the girls also planted a couple of plum trees for Transition Matamata and two further trees donated by Matamata Piako District Council. Well done girls, what a bee-utiful initiative! ■



A commitment to health and safety

Matamata based electrical contractors Electrico were successfully nominated for the Spotlight on Safety award by the Matamata Piako District Council Property Maintenance team recently. In presenting the award, Health and Safety representative, Sandy Barnes, acknowledged Electrico as an example of a local company that is proactive in managing health and safety.

"They have invested in providing safety related unit standard training for their staff such as Elevated Work Platform Operation and Safe Work at Height" said Sandy. "Pre-start checks are completed thoroughly and they give good feedback on any additional hazards identified on the job. Personal protective equipment is worn appropriately and well maintained, and overall they have a positive attitude towards safety" he said.

"Obviously we were delighted to be recognised with the award" says co-Director, Andrew Arts. "Grant and Julie (Smallwood), Lynne and myself, the four directors of Electrico, are committed to ensuring our team and their work environment are safe at all times. Regular health and safety meetings are crucial, and risk assessment is carried out at every job. If any of our team identifies risk, this is immediately reviewed by management."

As approved and registered for local authority contractors, Grant says all staff are provided with compulsory PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) and with continued training, onsite induction processes and regular reviews, Electrico's commitment to health and safety is an integral part of good business practice. ■



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The Applecross House team were pleased to host the September MBA After 5 get together.



Swati Bajaj (Applecross House) is pictured with Amanda Segedin (Cooney Lees Morgan), Sarah Reichardt (Thrive Media) and Rachael Singh (MPDC).



Pictured are David Parker (Edmonds Marshall), Dale Ertel (Tainui Press Design & Print) and Sue Tonkin (Applecross House).



Keith Melville (Inhouse Design and Print) and Tim Hampton (Mata Digital) are pictured with MPDC Councillor Kevin Tappin and his wife, Kay.



Pictured are Applecross House team members Tracey Thompson-Bell, Geets Sukhija, Sue Tonkin, Louise Trower (Lime Ltd) and Swati Bajaj (Applecross House).



New World Matamata's Matt and Sheree Hart are pictured with Milly Keys from Cooper Aitken.

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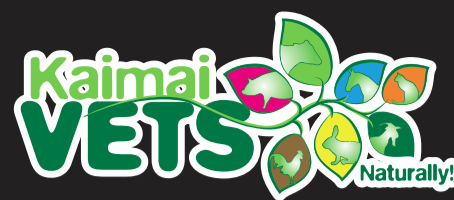
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Celebrating a great year at Hinny Rugby & Sports



Olivia Showler, pictured with Casey and Jelly, was awarded the Willie Jack Te Whero Supporter of the year shield.



The Andy Dalton Jersey for most promising under 19 or 21 player was awarded to Masiu Vainikolo.



Hinuera R&S Super Tracs trophy for outstanding coach/administrator of the year went to Richard Waru.

Welcoming coaches, management, sponsors, players and distinguished guests, Peter (Jelly) Nelms was particularly proud to introduce a Q&A session with Casey Kopua hosted by Nick Dawson. With her brother a member of the Hinuera Rugby & Sports Club and of course, growing up in the area, Casey was delighted to attend the 2018 annual prize giving and give guests an insight to her life and extremely successful international netball career. Following this, and having celebrated a great year in all sports, prizes were then awarded as follows:

Netball

Redoubt - Most improved: Tayla Coville, Best team member: Katie Hipperson,

Player of the year: Yasmin Fisher. Hobbiton - Most improved: Sarah Atkinson, Best team member: Bryleigh Telfar, Player of the year: Courtney Hill. Evolve - Most improved: Charlene Dalton, Best team member: Adelle Fieten, Player of the year: Leanne Power. Tirau Vets - Most improved: Rachel Usmar, Best team member: Kendal Johnston, Player of the year: Courtney Deed. Phil Hawke contracting - Most improved: Emma Gillard, Best team member: Stacey Parrant, Player of the year: Shelly Hodgkinson. Meat Co - Most improved: Keren Joy Bax and Danielle Christiansen, Best team member: Sam Green, Player of the year: Isla Sanders. Hobbiton - Most improved: Kirsty

Aldridge, Best team member: Richelle Cossill and Emma O'Reilly, Player of the year: Georgie Van Heuven and Krystal de Haas.

Club Netball Awards: Wellington family Trophy for best Attack player: Sarah Atkinson, Winston and Karen Hill Trophy for best Defence player: Courtney Hill, EJ Waldon Trophy for most deserving Senior player: Taylor Bailey, EJ Waldon trophy for most deserving Junior player: Yasmin Fisher.

Cricket

Hinuera Cricket Reid and Harrison Bs - Batsman of the year: Neil Bell, Bowler of the year: Hayden Bell, Player of the year: Hayden Bell. Hinuera Cricket Reid and Harrison As - Batsman of the year: G de Jager, Bowler of the year: Andrew Tiddy, Fielder of the year: Kyle Van Waveren, Most Ducks: G de Jager, Cricketer of the year: G de Jager.

Golden Oldies Rugby

Personality of the year: Chris Van Heuven.

J Swap Sevens

Goldsmith family cup for most Improved: Paul Blyde, de Haas Family cup for player of the year: Jarrod McKillop.

Rugby

Tracs Bar Senior Bs - Okoriore hotel trophy for most Improved: Dan Liaina, Transmata trophy for Best team member: Scott Bonenkamp, Hinuera R&S trophy for personality of the year: Kris Huriwaka, R.H.B player of the year: Mickey McLaren. McPherson Contracting senior As - George Nola cup for most Improved: Casey McNaughton, Williams Jewellery Trophy for best team man: Tate Payze, Steve and Diane McPherson trophy for personality of the year: Pete Smitt, John Doel player of the year: Matt Ring.

Club Awards

Married vs singles netball: Singles won by default, Hinuera R&S Super Tracs trophy for outstanding coach/administrator of the year: Richard Waru, Willie Jack Te Whero Supporter of the year: Olivia Showler, Les Griffen trophy for Volunteer service to the club: Trish Hodge, Andy Dalton Jersey for most promising 19 or 21 player: Masiu Vainikolo, Phil Cooper Trophy for best club and rugby Attitude: Eric Luwes, Maurice and Maxine Hipperson trophy for player achievement: Stepen Botha, O'Larcain trophy for club personality of the year: Jackie and Toby O'Reilly. ■



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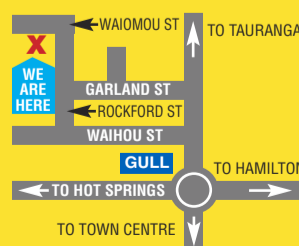
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Toby and Jackie O'Reilly are pictured with Casey and Jelly after being presented the O'Larcain trophy for club personality of the year. Photos kindly supplied by Jamie Henderson.

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Interested in all things creative, and turning her hand to everything from design and decorating to pottery and quilting, our homeowner was looking for a dwelling that offered scope to encapsulate her diverse sense of style, but also offer a space where she could potentially hold workshops or craft classes to likeminded people. It took a wee while but as soon as she was shown through the inner central business district, first floor location, she was sold!

"I suppose to many, the original premise looked more like somewhere you would set up offices" she says, "but immediately, I had a vision of unique and interesting spaces I could transform into a home. There was an awful lot to do and, of course, a myriad of consent hoops I needed to jump through, but I was determined to create an environment fitting my quirky style and love of colour, texture and individuality!"

Although a relatively "beige" staircase greets you, once inside you are filled with the knowledge our homeowner has experienced life! She lavishes colour throughout and, unlike traditional home décor, celebrates her various whim wherever, and however, she chooses. There are restful undertones in her personal areas, vi-

brant, loud expressions in living rooms, and creative, imaginative use of other areas you would expect of such a bold and passionate artisan. The home is certainly unique – and laughs our homeowner, continues to offer a canvas in which I may never quite finish!

As one of the more unique homes in the tour, you will no doubt enjoy the opportunity to share this homeowners approach to breaking away from the fear of living life like everyone is watching – Dr Seuss once said, "Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" And this home certainly fits the brief! The 2018 Pohlen Real Homes & Gardens tour has been confirmed for Saturday November 17 and tickets are available for purchase now. ■ Caron Stewart.



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Originally from Devonport, our homeowner soon found the perfect project nestled on a small piece of land under the Kaimai ranges, yet just minutes from town. With a somewhat secluded haven just off the beaten track, the home was a gorgeous, character villa solid in construction, yet in need of lighter, brighter decorative flair. "As soon as I walked in, I knew this was home" she says; "even though I didn't know a soul in the district and had very little knowledge of the region. As you can imagine, my friends and family were a little surprised but thankfully they regularly pop down for a weekend getaway from the city."

Typically sporting beautifully rounded convex roofing over large

verandas, this was one of the aspects of the villa style that particularly appealed to our homeowner along with the large doors opening out from main living areas. The high ceilings, timber finishing and ornate fretwork also adds to the original nostalgia made popular during the late 19th and early 20th century construction. "Restoring and renovating the home has been a lot of work" says the homeowner, "but also very rewarding. I have selected beautiful wall coverings and colours that I believe compliment the original beauty, yet incorporate my own individuality and style."

In planning her garden and outdoor environment, climbers, traditional hedging, roses and annuals such as violets and sweet peas are set amongst mature trees and restful, relaxing spaces to unwind and take in the views. This home truly is a romantic treasure of the past and lovingly presented. You're sure to enjoy the tour experience.

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■ Caron Stewart.



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MATAMATA
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AUCTION

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Sweet 'n neat



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MATAMATA
8 Vincent Street

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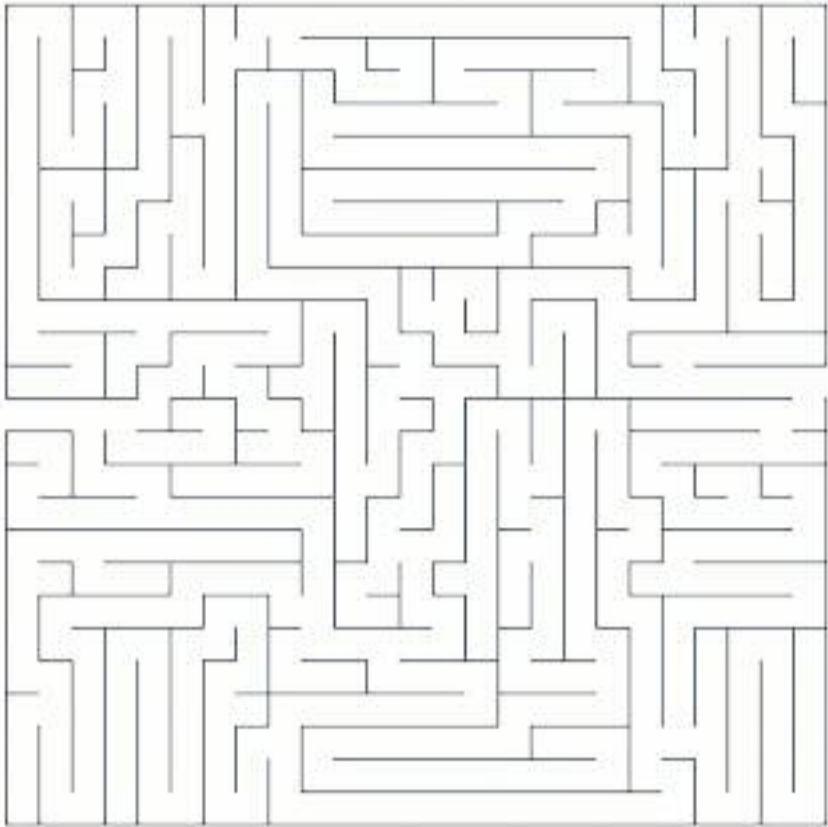
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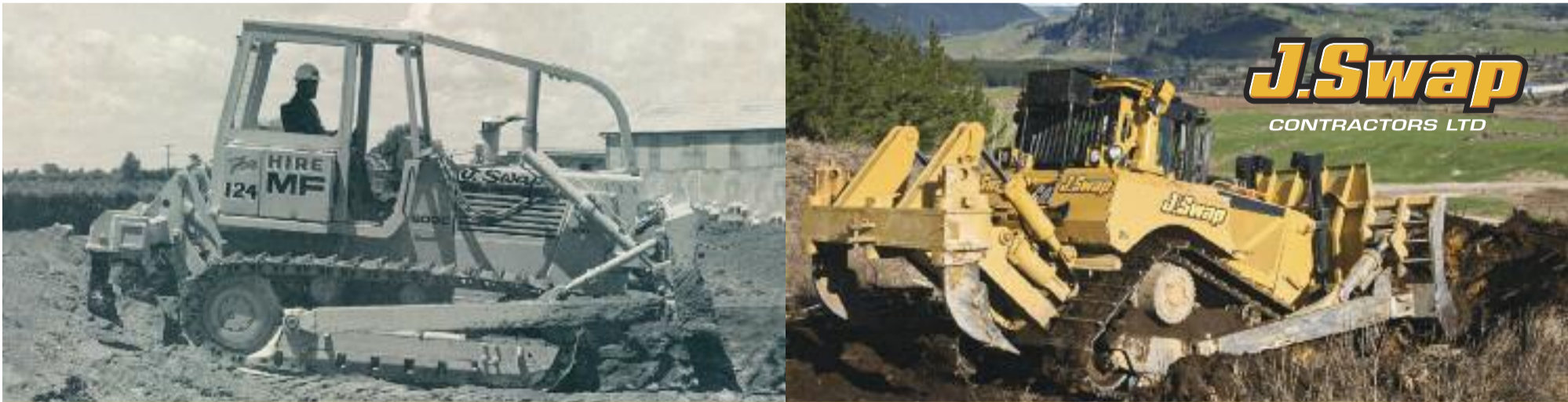
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Temprince Billie Jack Thompson Wharehinga was welcomed to the world by her delighted parents on September 17.



Brad and Heather are very excited to welcome Ashley King to the world. A little sister for Cody, Ashley was born on September 17 and weighed 7lb 12oz.



A fifth blessing for the family, Anaru was born on September 18 and weighed 5lb 7oz.



Sarah and Dan Klinkhamer are delighted to welcome little Hudson John to the world. Born on September 18, Hudson weighed 7lb 3oz.



Rob and Dale Beker are pleased to announce the birth of Blake Antony. A little brother for Braden, Blake was born on September 21 weighed 4.2kg.

Left: Lockie and Riley Ross are super proud to welcome the arrival of their baby brother. Born on September 18, he weighed 3lb 15g.



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Thoughts from the Bible

Faith, Hope and Love

One of humanity's great needs is humility. We need to be humble enough to realise and admit that there is a power greater than ourselves – a power that can create, console, renew and uplift our humanity. It is the power of God, still present in the world He has created.

He is still able to enter our lives and live within us. It takes faith to believe in His love and caring for us. We need

faith to believe that God will eventually overcome evil.

We need hope as we believe in the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ. We need faith and hope in Jesus promises of help, guidance, constant love, and everlasting life for His followers. Prayer: Lord God, in your love and mercy keep alive in us your spirit of faith, hope and love. Grant us the humility we need to love and serve you always. Amen. ■



Bob Blackwell

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Theatrical Thinking

It always amazes me the very high standard of production some amateur theatre companies achieve. Some of the productions I see are as good as anything I have seen in the West End in London. A case in point is the recent production of "The Thirty Nine Steps" at Tauranga Repertory Society's 16th Avenue Theatre. This comedy send up of Alfred Hitchcock's film of the same name, was brilliantly directed by Dylan Frewin, and featured four very talented actors playing all the roles between them at a frenetic pace. A cross between Hitchcock, "Monty Python", and "The Play That Goes Wrong", this play had the audience laughing for almost two hours. With an afternoon shopping and dinner at one of Tauranga's multitude of excellent restaurants, this play capped off a really good day out.

In the same week Detour Theatre in the Historic Village Tauranga had on a production of the play "Driving Miss Daisy", the play on which the film was based. This play was a gentle story of the changing relationship between an elderly mother, her son, and the man he hires to drive for her. With a cast of only three, all of whom spoke with excellent Southern American accents, this play was a tale, based on the playwright's own family experiences, of people getting old and learning to get on with one another. Another excellent evening out.

Productions to look out for now include the youth musical "Seussical Jr" at Morrinsville Theatre, the musical "Rock of Ages" at Rotorua Musical Theatre and the comedy "The Vicar of Dibley 2", based on the TV show. ■

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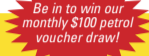
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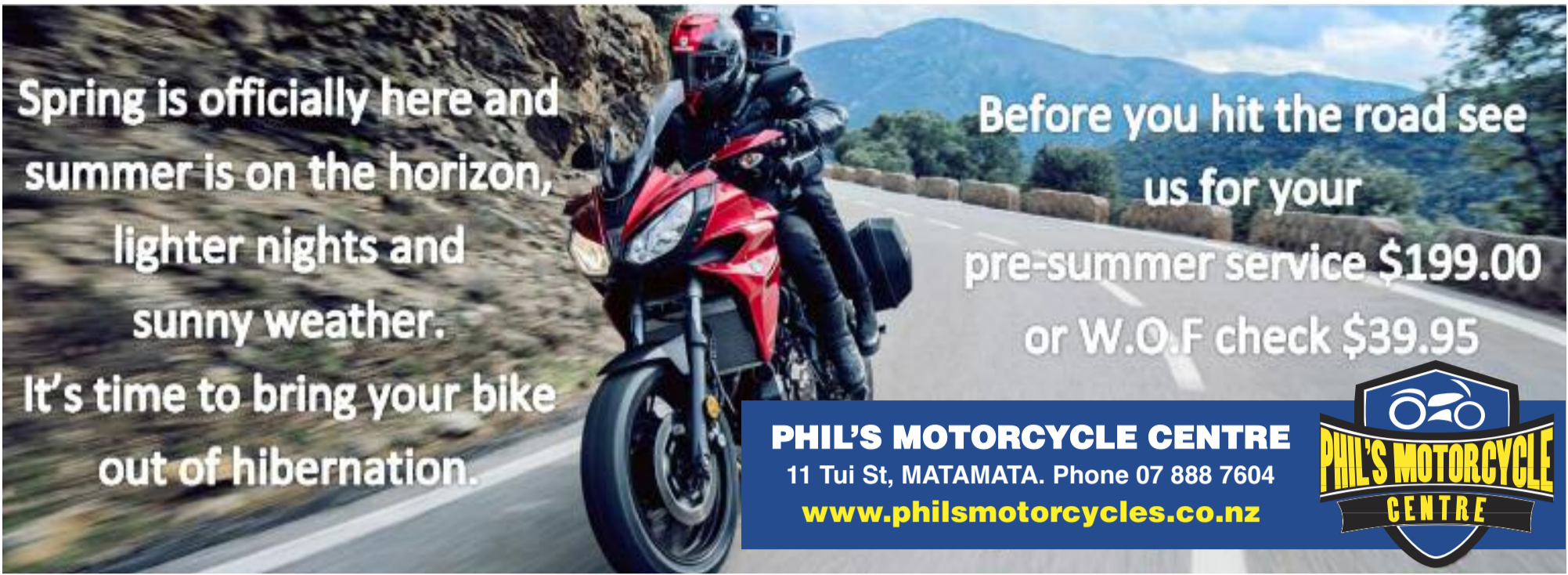
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Fishing Report

Wow – are you serious? We are into October already? The answer is yes we are thankyou and the fishing is great! Monday saw the opening of the Trophy Lakes in Rotorua, the same went for the streams and rivers in our very own district around here. Daylight Saving kicked in over the weekend so you now have those long evenings to go out after work and slay a nice trout.

In the Rotorua area, Rotoiti and Tarawera fished the best on opening day. Some very nice fish of up to 11lb came off Rotoiti according to local guide down there, Glen Skinner. Glen said the best fish came from jigging, then next, trolling and harling. Okataina also produced some nice fish but he thinks it will fish better next month.

To the sea. Wow the west coast is start-

ing to really hit its straps. At Kawhia in the past week, Dove Charters have guided their anglers onto three snapper in excess of that magical 20lb mark. Dwayde Pinny, who operates three charter boats out there, is very excited about the new season. Dwayde tells me they seem to be getting the best fish in around 60m of water off Albatross Point. They are also getting some very big gurnard. They are a great table fish and, out there, some are as big as your forearm.

Next, let's take a look at the Taupo region for trout fishing. My man Ken Duncan, trout guru in the area, tells me the rivers are running low and clear. Ken says get out the lighter gear if you want to increase your chances. He says there are plenty of trout in the rivers and, in particular, the Tongariro

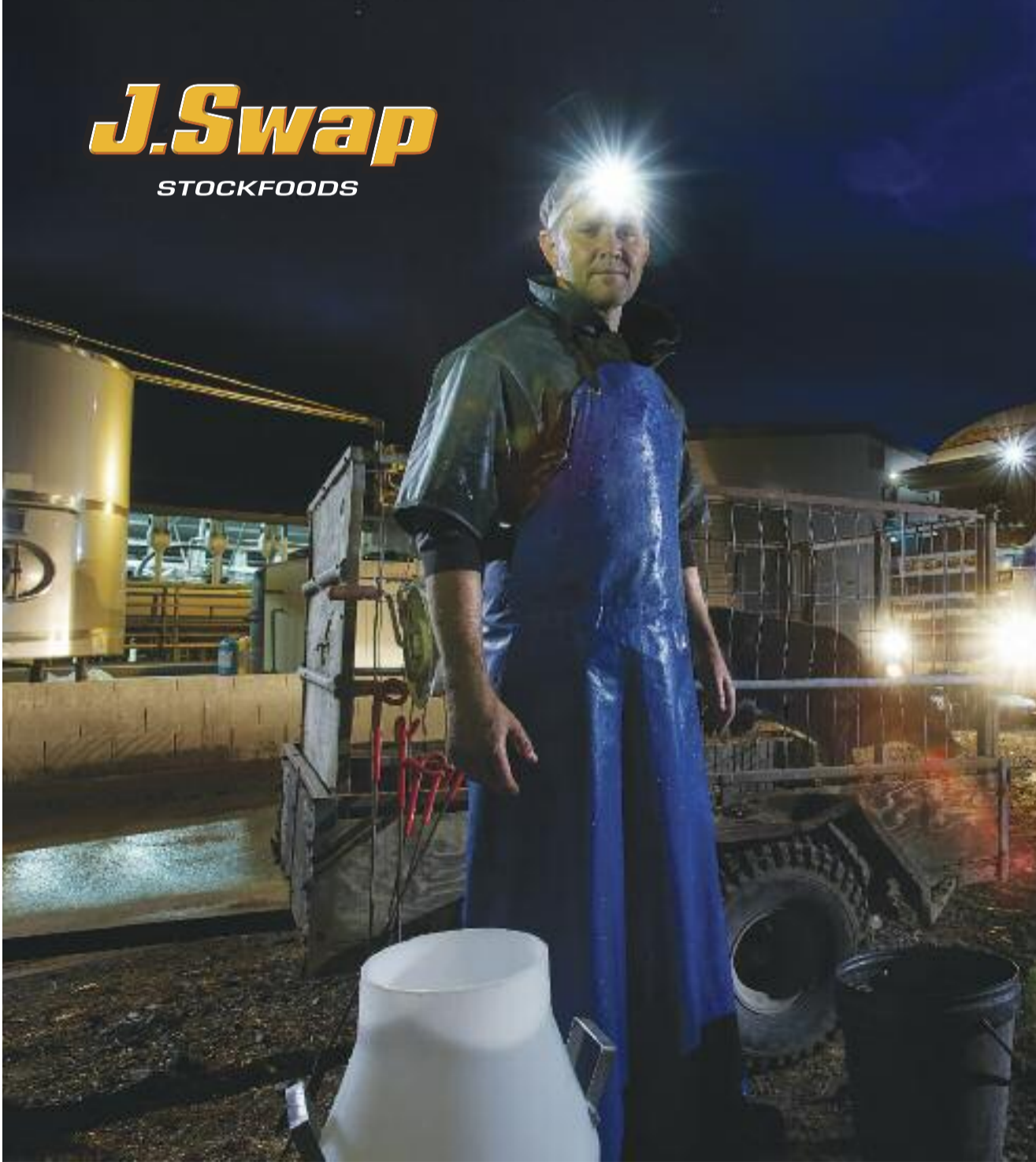
closely followed by the Tauranga/Taupo. Now up to the Coromandel, and why wouldn't you? Plenty of fat snapper, big scallops in awesome condition, kahawai and big kingi's lurking around – and all in reasonably sheltered waters. It cant get much better than that! Inside the forms are fishing well but so too is under the workups out in the middle of the firth. If you see a workup out there, fish downstream from it as that is where the snapper will be. The bits and pieces of the bait fish drift down to the bottom and attract the snapper.

Over the ranges to the Mercury Bay area, its more good spring weather fishing. Charter skipper, John Ellwood, tells me the snapper fishing around the Merc's is excellent. John also says there are a lot of very nice kingi's around at the moment. He especially

makes mention of good ones around Cuvia at the change of light in the mornings. Over in the Bay of Plenty there has been a few nice fish showing up around Mayor and Motiti. Recently, keen fisho Chris "Snapper" Henderson landed and released a magnificent snapper of over 22lb. He was fishing on the inside of Mayor in shallow water – nice work! There was also a snapper over 20lb caught off the western side of Mayor in the past couple of weeks.

■ Happy fishing, Bungey.

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