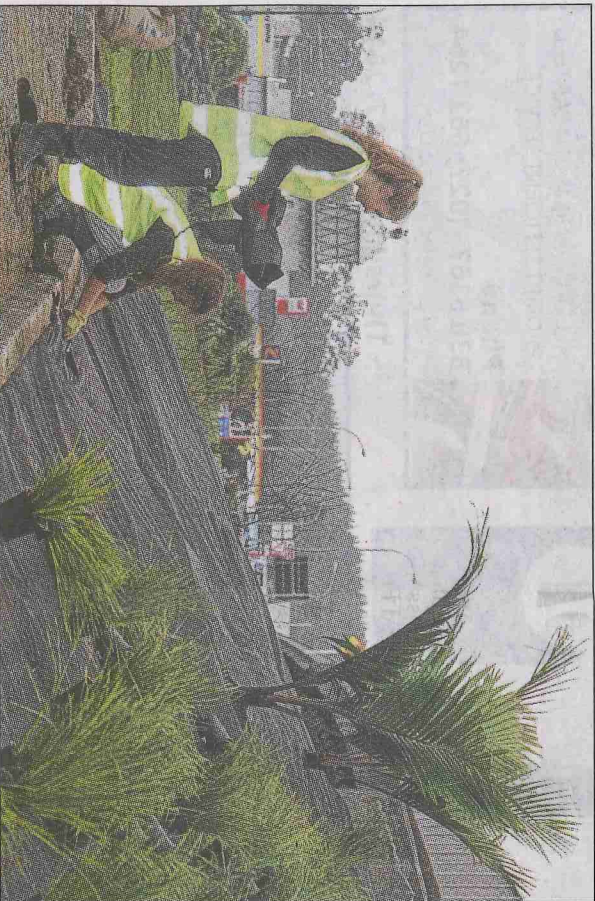


New landscape starts to sprout



College students are among the many helpers working on the Marine Parade landscaping and planting operation

THE highly-anticipated Marine Parade landscaping and planting operation got under way on Monday.

A number of helpers pitched in to get the project started, including college students looking for an employment opportunity over the holidays.

Existing gardens at either end of the bridge are being cleared out, re-landscaped and filled with mass plantings of a variety of trees and shrubs as part of the greater Marine Parade development plan.

Existing tiotiki trees will remain, but will be pruned and underplanted with a variety of coloured flaxes, Nikau palms and a selection of other easy care plants also feature in the planting plan.

Quality Roading Services Ltd began vegetation clearance last week, carrying out most of the work during the evening so as to cause as little disruption to traffic as possible.



RIGHT: Wairoa College rugby player Jarrod Cameron is working on the planting project to help with his fundraising for a school rugby tour to Europe next year.

Giant beanstalk panto for Wairoa

A FAVOURITE childhood story will make history in Wairoa when it is brought to the stage in the form of a pantomime.

Jack and the Beanstalk will be performed at the Black Street Theatre in March next year with the first stages of production getting under way next week.

New Wairoa residents Kerry and Anthony Tattersall have many years of successful panto involvement in the UK and will take on the roles of director and producer respectively.

Brian Jones from Wairoa Little Theatre said they were proud to have the Tattersalls as they would bring a new dimension to the little theatre and its 60 year history.

"This is the first pantomime performed at our Black Street theatre — in fact, no current members can even recall a pantomime being performed by WLT," said Mr Jones.

"But we are reliably informed that many years ago WLT had produced very successful pantos for the citizens of Wairoa — but so long ago that the memories have faded like washing in the sunshine."

The Tattersalls bring a novel approach to auditions, starting with a play reading

for anyone interested in taking part in the production at 2pm on Sunday, July 27, at the theatre.

All those interested are invited to attend and take part and, at the end of the reading, they will have the opportunity to take home the part to read before the actual auditions on Sunday, August 3, at the same venue.

"Now I hear you say 'that's a long way off' but a production of this size needs a very long lead time and we need to be sure we can cast it before spending money, time and effort building sets and scenery," said Mr Jones.

"We envision this production to be the most elaborate and expensive show ever put on at the theatre.

"If you have no desire to tread the boards, but wish to be involved, we are looking for set builders, prop makers, costume sewers, backstage helpers, lighting operators, musicians and of course singers, dancers and most importantly of all, the village children."

Mr Jones hoped to see as many interested people as possible on Sunday July 27 and promised a warm welcome.

Jack and the Beanstalk is a pantomime by Ron Hall.

Tuhoe Bill reading an historic event

THE third reading of the Tuhoe-Urewera Settlement Bill is confirmed for next Thursday.

Tuhoe representatives expect this final step will culminate with the Crown's Apology set for mid-August, this year.

The passing of the Third Reading stage completes 200 years of negotiations between Tuhoe and the Crown and brings a new chapter for many Tuhoe.

The passing will enable the implementation of Te Mana Moitihake o Tuhoe, a 40-year service management plan with Tuhoe iwi entities and assets, the acknowledgement of Tuhoe as the tangata whenua of Te Urewera and the greater control of Te Urewera by Tuhoe.

From 9am to 11am on July 24, Te Uru Taumatua will be screening the live feed at Te Kura Whare, 12 Tuhoe Street, in Taneatua.

The hall will be set up for Tuhoe whanau from nearby Tuhoe communities to watch the live debate and speeches.

Members of the wider community are invited to the live streaming or can follow the proceedings from home and work, simply by connecting to the live feed at — <http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/about-parliament/see-hear/ptv>, by watching Parliament TV on Sky 86 or Freerview 22.

If you intend to bring a large group, please notify Kimi by calling Te Uru Taumatua on 07 312 9659.

New CD emergency plan

A NEW regional emergency management plan has been developed to help Wairoa and the wider Hawke's Bay be more prepared for a civil defence emergency.

The Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan was developed over the past 18 months and replaces the previous plan.

It covers the entire region from Wairoa district to Central Hawke's Bay and was developed with the help of Hawke's Bay's five councils, emergency services, central government and non-government partners, such as Red Cross.

Wairoa District Council emergency management officer Tim Allan said it was a practical and workable plan that better co-ordinated all of the region's resources.

It identified the top 10 hazards for the region and was not restrictive.

"It is an over-arching plan for the entire district and it focuses a lot more on recovery, which is hugely important as it is the longest part," said Mr Allan.

"It covers everything from governance through to the people aspect which again is hugely important. It doesn't restrict Wairoa in how it manages emergencies and provides a comprehensive guide for regional-wide collaboration."

Mr Allan enjoyed being a part of the HBCDEM committee that developed the plan and said there was something in it for everyone.

"It is easily accessible online and could definitely help businesses, families and individuals with their planning."

HBCDEM joint committee chairman Fenton Wilson reiterated the importance of making the plan accessible for the public.

"The Group Plan has been primarily written to guide and inform those involved in civil defence planning in the region however it also gives the public a good view of how hazards and risks in the region will be managed," said Mr Wilson.

"We encourage people to find out more about the main hazards in the region and what their communities can do to prepare."

Mr Wilson said the new plan incorporated lessons learnt from recent disasters, such as the Canterbury earthquakes and a 2010 review of Hawke's Bay's civil defence capability.

"The plan seeks to achieve a more resilient Hawke's Bay through comprehensive emergency management that covers reducing the risk from hazards, community readiness for events, its response to a disaster and recovery from the impacts of a disaster," he said.



HAWKE'S Bay is known for its production of fresh fruit, vegetables, wine, and forestry as well as being a healthy environment for farming of sheep, cattle and dairy.

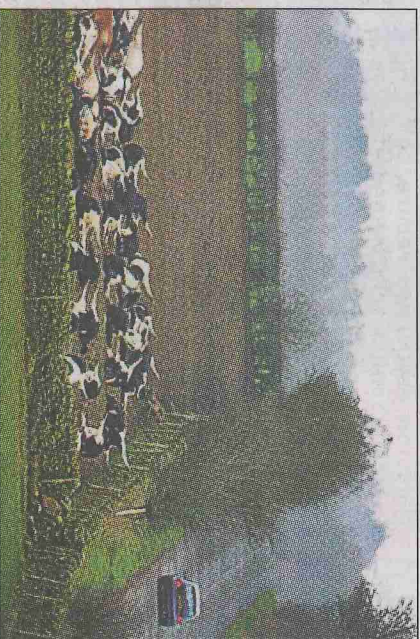
This makes us very economically dependent on primary production so any serious outbreak of pests or diseases that affect these industries if not controlled or avoided, will severely affect the regional economy.

The consequences of such an outbreak is loss of crops and or livestock leading to a loss of production, loss of overseas markets, general economic downturn, and greater reliance on welfare agencies. The effects of an outbreak may occur over several months, and the region may take several years to recover.

We have a good biosecurity programme to respond to such threats in New Zealand, and this has helped to keep the country free of some of the worst pests and diseases such as foot and mouth, rabies, scrapie and snakes.

But with the flow of goods and people across our borders increasing every year, and the widening scope of biosecurity, there is an ongoing risk posed by pests and diseases to the

Pest or diseases affecting agriculture, forestry, or horticulture



economy, environment and human health.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) is the agency responsible for protecting New Zealand's unique biodiversity by managing risks to plant and animal

health and animal welfare. MAF have plans, policies, and procedures in place to manage and control the serious pests and diseases that have the potential to seriously affect the horticultural, forestry, and agricultural industries that are important to Hawke's Bay.

MAF's powers for managing these outbreaks are provided in the Biosecurity Act 1993.

If you find an animal (insect/spider etc) or plant or plant disease that you think is a biosecurity risk, call the Exotic Pest and Disease call the toll free, 24 hour emergency hotline: 0800 80 99 66 or access <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:
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