

**FAMILY NOTICES**

**Deaths**

**CAMERON, Fraser Logan, QSM.** — On Tuesday, 27th August 2019, aged 89 years. Dearly loved husband of Elaine and father of Shona, Stuart, Darryl (dec) Mary-Anne and Vivienne, father-in-law to Jeff, Irene, Rhys, Butch (dec) and Paul. Loved Poppa of 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Fraser's life will be held in the Opotiki De Luxe Theatre, 127 Church Street, Opotiki on Monday, 2nd September at 11am, followed by a private cremation.

Communications please to the Cameron Family, C/- PO Box 2070, Whakatane.



**Deaths**

**KWAK, John Warren (Johnny).** — On 24th August 2019, unexpectedly at home. Best Dad ever of Nina, Joey, and the late Joel. Loved son of Janice and Gus. Loved brother of Jeannie, and Patrick. Dearly loved by all his numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Well liked and respected by his workmates and colleagues. Loved by his close friends. For those who wish to say goodbye to Johnny. Feel free to come to Evans Chapel, Ormond Road on Friday between 6-9pm.

The funeral service will be held at Dive Tatapouri (the Stingray Feeding) at 12 noon on Saturday 31st August followed by private cremation.

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**In Memoriam**

**KUINI HETERE MOANA (nee NGERENGERE)**  
Born 11.11.1924  
Died 30.8.2012

Mum, it's 7yrs since your passing and the memories are still as strong as ever, like you have never left us.

The laughter, the tears, when we korero about you, always thinking you may walk through the door. You brought up so many whangai tamariki over 20 plus, and your own three children who passed before you.

Man those were the days - the things I hold so dearly in my heart, your direction and caring made us to be the strong women we are today.

Thanks Mama. Always love and miss you.

Moe Moe e Ma

**Mihi, Jon, Ngawhetuoteatatu and all your moko**

**MORROW Noel.** — We remember you with love each and every day.

We miss you with all our hearts.

We think of all the memories we have of you and smile but wish you were here with us to make many more.

All our love and thoughts are with you especially today.

- Your loving wife Joan and family Tracey and Pete, Kim and Billy, Jody and Mana, Kohere, Khan, Astyn, Rylyn and Akela.

**LEACH, Albert Mason (Munchu)**  
30.8.2007

Our hearts still ache in sadness and secret tears still flow. For what it meant to lose you, Only we will ever know.

Much loved and forever missed

**Darcy and Amo, Sharon, Di and families**



**In Memoriam**

**Reweti (Dave) Babbington**  
30.8.57 - 30.8.09



Happy Birthday Dad

10 years ago we last heard your laugh.

If love alone was enough, ours would have kept you here.

Love you forever Tracy, Ryan, Karepa, Riata, Carlos, Renci, Sayen & AJ

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**SMART THINKING:** Aratu Forests have a message to motorists about new smart signs installed on State Highway 2 half an hour south of Gisborne. Aratu Forests harvesting manager Andy Costello (centre) said these signs that just flashed whenever a car approached the sign. "If these lights are flashing there's very likely a truck is using the intersection so please slow down and be alert," he said. Also pictured are Aratu Forests harvesting coordinator Buck Trafford (left) and roading supervisor Wayne Trafford (right) on the new Bucks Bridge that crosses a railway line on Maraetaha Road. The route into Kopua Forest has been made safer for all drivers who pass the intersection of Maraetaha Road and State Highway 2. Mr Trafford oversaw the project so the bridge was named after him. Pictures by Liam Clayton



# Used their smarts to bridge problem

by Sophie Rishworth

THE "smartest smart signs in the district" are up on State Highway 2 to make a dangerous intersection safer.

Interactive signs have been installed at the intersection of Wharerata Road and Maraetaha Road half an hour south of Gisborne.

Aratu Forests Limited recently started harvesting Kopua Forest off SH2, a process that will take eight to 10 years.

In planning for the harvest, the existing entry to Maraetaha Road was known to be "inherently unsafe" for log truck drivers and motorists travelling past the intersection, said Aratu Forests harvesting manager Andy Costello.

Maraetaha Road is a public road that accesses the forest. Mr Costello said the solution was to bypass the intersection with a bridge and put up the "smartest smart signs in the district".

"Aratu are wanting to spread the word so road users know how the smart signs work and what they mean."

The intersection is flanked to the north and south by solar-powered "truck turning" signs that light up when vehicles approach the intersection from the forest.

The system is triggered by a sign in the centre of the intersection, "the brains of the operation". It senses vehicles leaving the forest, as well as vehicles stopped on the highway waiting to turn in.

This sign also senses when traffic approaches the intersection along SH2 to let drivers exiting the forest know when someone is coming and from which direction.

The smart signs are only one part of the solution.

Mr Costello said the location of the former intersection was problematic.

"It's in a shaded dip with only 100 metres of visibility down the highway. It also comes out right

by a bridge so if something went wrong, there would be nowhere to go.

"It's been a known issue for a long time but the trees were ready to go and there were no plans to fix the intersection, so we got stuck in and fixed it ourselves."

Aratu built a new intersection with better visibility to the south of the public road.

"Unfortunately the only feasible location for the new intersection was on the wrong side of the tracks so to speak.

"Crossing the Gisborne to Wairoa railway line presented a significant hurdle."

The solution? A 21-metre long bridge strong enough for trucks and machinery.

There also had to be a five-metre clearance over the railway line, which meant the neighbouring power lines had to be raised.

"For an 11kV line they're the tallest poles in the district," said Mr Costello.

## Fire destroys Mahia sleepout

A SLEEPOUT on a property in Kaiwaitaitai Road at Mahia was destroyed by fire and the man living there was airlifted to hospital early yesterday morning.

Mahia Rural Fire Party and fire crews from Nuhaka and Wairoa responded at 1.45am.

"The sleepout was beside a house and the Mahia crew were able to stop the fire spreading to it," said Wairoa chief fire officer Grant Duley.

"Apart from some scorching

from the heat in places, the house was OK.

"The Mahia crew had put out the sleepout fire by the time we arrived from Wairoa.

"They had the situation well under control and did a very good job."

A man who lived in the sleepout suffered burns to his face and hands. He was flown by the Lowe Corporation Rescue Helicopter to Hastings Hospital, where he was treated and discharged.

## Alleged shooter in Patutahi incident makes first court appearance

A MAN alleged to have shot an eight-year-old boy at Patutahi earlier this year has made a preliminary appearance in Gisborne District Court.

Kirk Brian Davis, 42, is charged with wounding Khan Noelyn Koia with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and using

an air rifle to commit the imprisonable offence.

The wounding charge carries a prison term of up to 14 years. The other charge has a maximum prison term of 10 years.

Davis was remanded on bail to appear again in court at a Crown call over fixture

on November 7.

He was represented by counsel Adam Simperingham.

Khan Koia was on a quad bike when he was shot on a rural road near his Patutahi home about 5.20pm on Tuesday, March 5.

He underwent surgery the next day to

remove a slug gun pellet from his right forearm. The pellet narrowly missed a main nerve and bone.

Davis was arrested last week.

A community meeting was held in Patutahi during July to update residents on the police investigation.