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No Letters to the Editor or Thumbs Up/Down will be published unless the name of writer, full address and daytime contact phone number are included for verification.

Letters and Thumbs Up/Down are published at the editor's discretion and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Waitomo News. In general, Thumbs Up are to acknowledge random acts of kindness while Thumbs Down generally reflect the opposite – they should be 50 words or less. Should you have a complaint regarding a business, please address that with the owner/s rather than via these columns. The editor reserves the right to abridge letters and preference is given to letters not longer than 300 words and those without a pseudonym. Letters and Thumbs Up/Down can be sent to The Editor, Waitomo News, PO Box 279, Te Kuiti, fax (07) 878 1187, or email editor@waitomoneews.co.nz

YOUR LETTERS

Hangatiki intersection

MY family has lived in Te Anga now for four years, and in all our time here, we have seen so many crashes at the Waitomo-Hangatiki intersection. More than I have seen in 30 years of driving.

We were heading to town last Thursday, when we arrived on the crash scene as the firefighters were cutting off the roof. As soon as I saw the crash, I knew someone had died.

I, and all who live out here and have to use this intersection, dread what we will find as we approach it. It's a good day when we manage to a) turn out of the intersection, and b) not come across a crash like this one.

We were sitting at this intersection awhile ago, behind a tourist rental car. As we waited for the intersection to clear, a large truck trailer unit came into view from the Te Kuiti end. As we sat there, the car in front of us started to pull out into the path of the truck.

We had all of our children with us and I said to them "close your eyes, don't look" and I too put my hands over my eyes.

I can only imagine the horror the truck driver felt as he saw the car start to pull out.

For some reason, only known to God, the car stopped just in time as the truck flew past it at a very close range.

How many crashes and how many lives have to be lost, before the people who have designed this intersection get it . . . that the tourists don't understand how it works!

The recent changes have only turned it into a racetrack and the vehicles seem to just go faster.

If you are turning into Waitomo from the highway, the actual arrow on the tarseal that shows you to turn right, is pointing into the road you turn out of!

Many people I have talked to agree, we need a very large roundabout, like the new ones at Taupiri, so everyone has to slow down.

At least if a tourist goes the wrong way around it, the crash would not be as bad as pulling out in front of a truck going 100km/h.

Our sincerest condolences to both families of the married couple and we pray that Kirsten will make a full recovery. It is an avoidable tragedy and one that no family should have to suffer through.

Jacqui Land

Te Anga

First female teller

THANK you to 'Co-Worker' for your letter to the editor, *Waitomo News*, September 20.

It would appear there was a 'loss in translation' as Marilyn was BNZ Te Kuiti's first female teller.

We have all enjoyed hearing Marilyn's stories of how banking used to be in the 1960s.

For Mrs Youngman to have been a teller in the 1950s was certainly an achievement in what was, at that time, a male dominated profession.

Janene New, Manager, Bank of New Zealand

Te Kuiti & Otorohanga

THUMBS UP/DOWN

THUMBS UP to Bush United Rugby Club for including the U11s team in your prizegiving. Ian, Wendy, Thomas and Waaka, without your time and support this year coaching the U11s, the team would not have been possible, so a huge thank you.

Proud Bush Parents

Te Kuiti

THUMBS UP - Recently I shifted down from Whangarei to Otorohanga and I needed a recycling bin.

A kind neighbour gave me directions (to get one) but being a woman I got mixed up and asked a woman who works in Countdown.

"Don't worry," she said, "I'll get it for you and deliver it this afternoon". I'd already been tell-

WDC community grants awarded

WAITOMO District Council has announced its community grants for the 2011-2012 year.

Discretionary grants – Te Kuiti Development Inc \$4636 (Meads-ville project); Te Anga Hall Society \$434.78 (hall preservation); Journey Church \$690 (Movies for the Young at Heart); Te Kuiti Kaumatua Games \$500 (games hosting); Te Kuiti Mental Health Awareness Forum \$140 (Mental Health Week promotion); Te Kuiti Combined Schools Music Festival \$652; Sport Waikato \$500 (Waitomo sports awards); Te Kuiti Blue Light Inc \$1000 (establishing a website); Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Oparure \$652.17 (Waiwaia Maniapoto Secondary Schools kapa haka); Te Kuiti High School \$100 (civic award sponsorship); Te Nehenehenui Inc \$500 (Tainui Waka kapa haka waka festival); Piopio Lions Club \$130.43 (hall hire).

Te Kuiti/NKC SPCA \$217.39 (purchase cat litter); RNZPZ Waikato area \$1500 (parenting education); Friends of St Joseph's Parents Support Group \$415 (road closure for school gala); Sport Waikato \$300 (Sports awards – services to sports awards); Rotary Club \$350 (cancelled fundraiser – civic cancellation fee); Tainui Historical Society Mokau \$626.09 (to preserve local historical maps, photos); Friends of Hillview \$300 (hireage of civic centre supper room); Maraeroa C Incorporation \$176.52 (promotion of Pureora Cycle Carnival); Waitomo District Youth Council \$1000 (event showcasing youth & local talent); Motiti Marae \$1000 (*Marae DIY* television series project).

Creative Waitomo \$90 (exhibition showcasing local artists); Te Kuiti Community Childcare Centre \$608.70 (civic centre hireage – Bride of the Year); Te Kuiti Lyceum Club \$700 (venue hire for choral festival); The Violet Ladies \$1147 (art & garden ramble fundraiser); Waitomo Society of Arts \$1500 (annual exhibition); On-Stage Te Kuiti \$1750 (regional competition of NZ Community Theatre); Piopio Primary School \$936.52 (school production); Centennial Park School \$1900 (preparation for kapa haka competition).

Triennial grants – Mokau School \$2000, Piopio College \$2500; Piopio Community Library \$1000; Te Kuiti & Districts Highland Pipe Band \$500; Te Kuiti Citizens Advice Bureau \$2500, Te Kuiti Community House \$3500; Te Kuiti Foodbank \$1169; Te Kuiti Pa Cemetery Committee \$5000; Te Kuiti/NKC SPCA \$500; Waipa/King Country Life Education Trust \$1000; NZ Shearing Championships Committee \$5000; Te Kuiti Historical Society \$2300.

Community partnership grants – Project Piopio Trust \$3000 (completion of community projects); Aria Primary School \$1739.13 (funding towards a solar heating system for the community swimming pool); Benneydale & District Ratepayers Assoc \$3000 (Beautify Benneydale project); Te Kuiti Blue Light \$3000 (youth camps to improve outcomes for young people); Te Kuiti Development Inc \$8000 (progression to the adoption stage of the new Te Kuiti brand); Tere o Waitomo \$6000 (Waitomo Village urban structure plan).

Community halls grants – \$1000 to each of these halls' committees – Mahoenui, Waitanguru, Rangitoto, Mokau, Mairoa, Kopaki, Awakino, Aria, Mapiu, Mokauiti and Benneydale & District Ratepayers Association.

Creative Communities grants – On-Stage Te Kuiti \$1300, Te Wharekura o Maniapoto \$1200, Te Whakaripuranga Hou o Piopio \$1000, Te Kura Rautau \$960, Te Kuiti High School \$1500.

Sport NZ Rural travel fund grants – Piopio College sport executive committee \$1700, Te Kuiti High School \$1130, Aria Primary School \$1000, Waitete RFC \$1500, Waitomo Caves School \$970, Rangitoto School \$800, Piopio Youth Sports Committee \$2000.

DC Tynan Trust – Te Kuiti SPCA \$1200 (to buy a new computer), Te Kuiti & Districts Highland Pipe Band \$2000 (purchase equipment), Te Kuiti Genealogy Branch of NZSG \$1200 (purchase new computer), Te Kuiti Development Inc \$8000 (rebranding Te Kuiti town signs), Yoga Classes Te Kuiti \$200 (purchase equipment).

from the Waitomo District Council for bringing bottled water out to Mokau town residents when we had no water all day.

Grateful Resident

Mokau

THUMBS UP to Christiaan Van Rooyen of the Waitomo District Council – the time and effort you have provided to assist us with our studies has been invaluable. For you to take time out of your day to not only meet with us, but travel to our school and accompany us to the river outlet is most appreciated. We are extremely grateful for all the help you have given us.

Kelly Dunphy, L2 Biology

Piopio College

ing my family and friends what a great community Otorohanga is, wait till I tell them about this!

Joyce Otorohanga

THUMBS UP and congratulations to the 70+ performers at Te Kuiti High School's Musical Performance held last Thursday night. What an awesome night.

You are all a credit to our wonderful high school and your teachers. Keep up the good work and you will achieve everything you aim for. Well done.

Proud Parent & Supporter of TKHS

Te Kuiti

THUMBS UP and thank you to Justin and Liz