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This biennial event just keeps getting bigger and better. Erika Currie went there as a stranger and came away feeling like having spent the day with friends.

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This year, Masport celebrates its 100th anniversary of doing business in New Zealand. Erika Currie delves into the company's history, including an interview with David Porter, descendent of Reuben Porter, one of the company's founders. Historic photographs from the archives of Masport NZ Ltd.

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Moa Creek in Central Otago seems an unusual site for a cemetery – a story of tragedy, from the Historic Cemeteries Conservation Trust of New Zealand, with photographs by Stewart Harvey.

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The origins of bottle collecting began in the USA. From 1960 interest increased, and the hobby began spreading to other countries including New Zealand. Our first club for bottle collectors was the Wellington one formed in 1974, writes Christopher Moor.

13 ANTOIPE - LEGEND OF THE SAILING SHIP ERA

Most of the clipper ships of the 1860s built for the Australian trade were gone by the turn of the century, so the Antiope in surviving in service for 55 years to 1921, was a legendary ship of the sailing ship era, writes marine historian Ian Farquhar.

20 TSS EARNSLAW - PRIDE OF LAKE

Named after the tallest peak overlooking Lake Wakatipu and affectionately known as the "Lady of the Lake" the steamer TSS Earnslaw has plied the clear waters of the southern lake for almost 100 years. Story by Erika Currie, with generous assistance from Real Journeys, Lakes District Museum and Peter Boyes.

24 A PALMERSTON NORTH TIME WARP

A well-polished, 1938 Morris 8, "in running order" fills the driveway in front of a New Zealand icon, the 1940s state house. Resting against the garage is a Masport Morrison lawn mower, circa 1930s. Inside the house, Vivienne Bailey discovers a lifestyle reminiscent of the 1930s and 40s.

28 GOD'S OWN DWELLING: THE CHURCH THAT WAS

The building has been there since June 1904, on the corner of George Crescent and Buckland Road near Pukekohe, south of Auckland. Today it is almost hidden from view by a mass of trees, shrubs and flowers. Alison Brown describes the transformation from a hard-to-sell eyesore that was a church to a much admired private dwelling.

32 CUTE VETERAN TRAM CAR RETURNS TO CITY BEAT

It is a tramcar from yesteryear – a rare blast from the past. Its open sections are perfect for the balmy breeze of a summer day. The motorman stands wind-blown in an open compartment, without protection from a windscreen, and has an enviable Biggles-like view of the track, traffic and pedestrians ahead. Roy Sinclair describes the return of Christchurch's No. 1 tram.



36 MONTY'S SURPRISE

There is an old saying "an apple a day will keep the doctor away" – but maybe not just any apple. Ross Nolly talks to a man who found more than old-fashioned taste when he chanced upon a heritage apple tree on a remote country road.

39 A SLICE OF HAWKE'S BAY HISTORY

Much of New Zealand was built on family businesses, leaving future generations a legacy of pride and an empathy with small, locally owned and operated enterprises. Erika Currie profiles Warren's Bakery, acknowledged as being the oldest family owned and operated bakery still in existence in New Zealand, and the oldest retail business left in Hastings.

46 ANDY'S CATS

Old iron fever. There's no mistaking the symptoms and Andy Abernethy, a North Canterbury Caterpillar collector and restorer, obviously has an advanced case of it, writes Kim Newth.

50 ST JOHN – SERVING NEW ZEALANDERS FOR 125 YEARS

St John in New Zealand began at a community meeting in Merivale, Christchurch on 30 April 1885. The outcome was the formation of the St John Ambulance Association – the sixth branch in the world outside Britain. Story and photographs courtesy St John

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CUTE VETERAN TRAMCAR RETURNS TO CITY BEAT

The always cheerful motorman Colin Loach at the controls of tramcar Christchurch No. 1, which has been lovingly restored at Ferrymead Heritage Park. "The open front makes it like riding a motorbike with no front wheel." (Full story inside)

Photograph by Roy Sinclair