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We're celebrating the return of summer and are thankful to have collaborated with so many wonderful people to bring you this issue of Healthy by Nature magazine.

On the cover is the gorgeous Rachel Grunwell from Inspired Health who shares her tips to start your running journey. We also have a copy of her beautiful book to give to one lucky reader - see page 13 for details on how to enter.

For a summer treat, we've got a recipe for some Little Bird Organics yummy summery strawberry popsicles. Then BePure's Ben Warren shares his insights into the gut-brain connection and how to nurture it for a healthy mind.

CHS expert Chris Torr highlights the importance of choosing quality health products over price. And we put the spotlight on Bethlehem Health Shop - a team passionate about natural health and helping their customers.

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We find out how to move more and live well. PLUS! Win a copy of her book Balance: Food, Health + Happiness.

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Lift your mood and your energy

Are you wanting to maintain your health during this busy season? Or start the new year with a welcome boost? Here are two Good Health products to help you on your way.



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Siberian ginseng has been used for hundreds of years as a tonic in times of stress, to help with energy levels on a daily basis, and also to help build stamina. It helps us to cope with mental and physical demands, but also with environmental stressors, helping our body respond better to stress triggers by nourishing the adrenal glands. Siberian ginseng may also support the immune system, which can be compromised during times of stress.

Ashwagandha has been extensively used in Ayurvedic medicine as a strengthening tonic for the nervous system. Its nutritive properties have a calming and rejuvenating effect on the nervous system, making it especially beneficial for those who are 'tired but wired.' It is also beneficial for people who require sleep support and every day nervous system support due to stress. It may also support mental clarity and

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· Stressful conditions (physically and mentally).

focus as well as immune function.

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- · Assist physical endurance and energy levels.

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If this is something you need help with, pop into your local Community Health store today, and start your New Year regime to cope better with stress and feel a boost in your everyday energy levels!

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WORDS Jacqui Parangi and Catherine Murray

for the balmy days ahead.

How can we help our skin recover from winter?

Skin is often dehydrated, dull and devitalised after winter. I recommend moisture-binding serums, oils, moisturisers and masks. Hyaluronic acid has the ability to capture water 1000 times its weight within the skin, so look for products with this amazing ingredient. Exfoliating the skin one or two times per week, or more if there are underlying issues such as dryness or oiliness, can help to increase cellular turnover. This increases the supply of nutrients and oxygen in the skin and the removal of carbon dioxide and waste, leading to an overall healthier appearance.

Living Nature's Ultra Rich Body Cream can help. It's a luxurious, nutrient-rich cream with active manuka honey for its humectant, moisture-loving properties, along with Cupuaçu and Murumuru butters to deeply nourish, and natural oils to soothe and condition the skin. It also smells divine!

Increasing essential fatty acids in our diet from good fats or by taking a high quality oil internally (such as hemp seed oil or high EPA fish oil) can help increase skin hydration and elasticity, while also balancing oil secretions and flow. A good internal cleanse for our liver is a great way to rid skin of unwanted impurities and toxins. Chlorella is a fantastic natural detoxifier from a microalgae source. It not only has powerful cleansing properties, but it makes for an excellent daily tonic to support the liver to help balance skin prone to congestion and breakouts.

What is your number one summer skin tip?

Sunscreen! It not only protects our skin from the burning ultraviolet radiation B (UVB) rays, but also from ultraviolet radiation A (UVA) rays, which have ageing effects on the skin. A broad spectrum sunscreen with UVA and UVB coverage is the best choice, as well as avoidance of direct sun between the hours of 10am and 2pm, when the UV rays are at their most potent.

For internal support, and to use in combination with your sunscreen, Lifestream AstaZan™ contains astaxanthin, which has the remarkable ability to help limit sunburn and help support the skin in its defences against external damage from ultraviolet radiation (UVR). It is a systemic sunscreen active throughout the body that strengthens the skin's natural defence system during exposure to. It also has added anti-inflammatory properties as well as antioxidant support, way higher than vitamins A and C.

How can we achieve glowing skin?

The key to glowing skin is to supply our body with the key building blocks it needs for healthy skin. However, there are a few tricks of the trade! Living Nature's Summer Bronzer Pressed Powder delivers a radiant, sun-kissed complexion, is fragrance-free, and suitable for all skin types. Just brush some over the cheeks and through the T-zone for a dash of summer in an instant.

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Water makes up approximately 60% of our adult body, with about 20% of this being accumulated in the skin...

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The Ecotan range is my go-to for that natural golden glow. All products are certified organic without any nasties and give an amazing end result.

Mineral makeup is ideal for giving a flawless base, without being comedogenic or pore-clogging. It also contains minerals as zinc that help to heal and balance our skin, and is the perfect choice for skin prone to oil and breakouts.

What are some of the best ways to ensure our skin and bodies stay hydrated?

For our skin to retain optimum hydration it's important to increase our fluid intake and offset water loss. Tea and coffee both contain caffeine, that despite having other benefits, can be very dehydrating. Try and keep these to a minimum of one or two cups per day, and offset each cup with one or two glasses of water. Herbal teas that don't contain caffeine can be put in the fridge with ice to steep, creating a fresh iced tea. Hydrating mists kept in the fridge can make an ideal companion for a quick pick-me-up.

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Naturally sun safe

Wanting to get a natural glow or be protected from the sun without having to use a product full of nasties? Try our picks of natural sun care and tanning products available in-store now.



Product review

Eco Tan Face Tan Water 100 ml - RRP \$49.90

Eco Tan Face Tan Water™ is a gradual liquid self-tanning toner that builds to a beautiful glow, creates a youthful radiance and even reduces the need to wear foundation! It's an organic self-tan specifically created for your face, neck and décolletage. It contains nothing artificial and is free from synthetic ingredients. Instead, it is made with only certified organic and natural ingredients sourced from Mother Nature.



Dr.Organic Moroccan Glow Light Self Tan Mousse 150 ml (comes in light, medium and dark) - RRP \$36.90

Try a more natural alternative to get that enviable sun-kissed tan. It's formulated using a plant derived active combined with a proprietary blend of bioactive, natural and organic ingredients including organic Argan Oil, an incredibly rich source of vitamins, antioxidants and essential fatty acids. The lightweight formula glides easily onto the skin, helping to achieve even coverage and leaves the skin feeling soft and smooth. This lightly scented mousse gradually bronzes the skin for a soft, natural looking glow that lasts. Suitable for vegans.



Oasis Sun Healthy Family Sunscreen SPF 30 250 ml - RRP \$\$39.90

This product is designed for the strong sunlight and severe ultraviolet conditions in New Zealand. It does a tough job. But this trusted, family favourite protects your skin in the gentlest possible way. It's packed with natural ingredients like jojoba oil, shea butter and vitamin E to help protect and moisturise. Oasis Sun SPF 30 is so gentle that it can be used on sensitive skin, applied to the face and body and used on babies and toddlers.

To find sun care or tanning solutions that suit your needs come in-store and talk to our CHS team.

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PURITI boasts a wide range of products, from Manuka Honey UMF 5+ up to UMF 31+ in a range of jar sizes so there is something for every taste. Also to add to the range, there is Manuka Honey Lozenges, Snap Packs and Crystals, so you can take your PURITI on-the-go. PURITI specialty honey range includes organic clover, rata, kamahi, honey dew, wild flower, native forest and thyme, perfect for those who like something a little different.

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PURITI Manuka Honey is available at Community Health Stores. Visit one of our stores to talk to the team and find out more.



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Curious about collagen?

WORDS NaturalMeds Technical Department, Catherine Murray

Collagen is the body's major structural protein, and plays an important part in our overall health and well-being. As we age, our body's source of collagen slows down and less is produced. The team in the NaturalMeds technical department share their knowledge on collagen - from our body's natural production of the protein, to ways dietary

supplements may assist in healthy living.

The most common protein in the body is collagen, which makes up around 30% of the body's total proteins. It supports the binding of tissues and cells, and is the building block in all connective tissues, including the skin, hair, nails, bones, muscles, tendons, ligaments, gums, teeth, and blood vessels. There are a few different types of collagen, and each one has different amino acid profiles. 90% of collagen found in the body is Type 1 and Type 3, with Type 2 collagen found in cartilage, especially of the joints.

Essentially, collagen is the glue which holds the body together. The production of new collagen within the body relies on the collagen regeneration cycle. This involves worker cells producing the collagen matrix. As collagen is broken down in the blood, the collagen peptides start floating around and are detected by the worker cells receptors, which instruct the body to make more collagen.

As we age, the worker receptors often don't function as well as they should, slowing down the production of collagen and resulting in fewer replacement fibres.

Sources of collagen in the diet include bone broth, bovine hides, the skin of fish, and chicken sternum.

Dietary supplements also provide an external source of collagen, and come in powder, liquid, tablet, and capsule formulations. Collagen supplements provide the exact proteins needed to make collagen. The body automatically recognises the collagen ingredients, and the theory is that it will begin to make collagen as opposed to other proteins. Supplements also provide the additional collagen peptides the body needs for the worker cell receptors to start the regeneration cycle.

Collagen supplements are great for the whole body, especially for our skin, hair, nails, and joint health. The production of the body's collagen starts to drop off after the age of 25, so that's a good time to investigate a collagen supplement. As collagen is a component of all connective tissue, it's also good for sportspeople to support muscle discomfort, sprains, strains, and connective tissue repair.

Talk to your local Community Health Store's natural health professional to learn how collagen can benefit your health and well-being.



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The Gut-Brain Connection

When our mood begins to spiral out of control and into anxiety or depression, our gut health is not necessarily the first thing you think of. But should it be?

WORDS Ben Warren, BePure

Your gut health is about way more than just digestion. The world of the human microbiome is much more complex, as it impacts almost every other aspect of our health and wellness. As it turns out, these little microbes also play a huge role in our mood.

The trillions of beneficial bacteria that live in our gut are responsible for coordinating many other bodily functions, such as regulating our immune system, balancing our blood sugars, supporting inflammation and as it turns out, these little microbes also play a huge role in our mood!

Let's have a closer look at why.



Ben lives and breathes what he teaches. He enjoys traditional, nourishing practices in a modern setting.

Your gut produces 'happy hormones'

One of the most important (and probably overlooked) benefits of a healthy microbiome is a balanced mood. We often think of mood as originating in the brain, but your gut has more in common with your emotions than you may think.

In fact, our gut has sometimes been referred to as our 'second brain', as our gut and brain communicate closely through the gut-brain axis. Did you know arguably 70% - 90% of our serotonin (our feel-good hormone) is produced in the gut?

Your gut produces mood-boosting nutrients

Your beneficial bacteria help to break down and digest the food you eat so that you can absorb the nutrients you need to feel good. Some probiotics even produce their own mood-boosting B vitamins! The food we eat serves as the precursors to make many of our happy hormones.

Great gut health promotes de-stressing

Another thing to be aware of is our modern-day lifestyles are more often than not sending us in the direction of a burnout, which can quickly lead to stress, anxiety, depression, and other health issues impacting our happiness in life.

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This is where our beneficial bacteria can support us, as they stabilise our cortisol (our stress hormone) levels and support inflammation levels, which are thought to be at the root of many emotional and physical health challenges.

Great gut health supports quality sleep

Sleep is also crucial to mention here, as we all know how a lack of sleep can negatively affect our energy levels and mind health. Our friendly gut bacteria produce and regulate important neurotransmitters and amino acids (like serotonin and tryptophan) that help you get the quality sleep you need to recharge and feel your best.

4 tips to nurture your gut health for a healthy mind

1. Eat fermented food

Fermented foods help restore the correct balance and diversity of beneficial bacteria in your gut.
Fermented foods include sauerkraut, kefir, kombucha, yoghurt and kimchi.

2. Prioritise winding down and de-stressing

Large amounts of ongoing stress can negatively impact your gut microbiome. To support your gut, it's a good idea to manage stress levels from all aspects of your life. Some tips we recommend are going for a walk in nature, breathing exercises or practising restorative yoga.

3. Take a holiday from sugar

Sugar is a favourite food of our non-beneficial bacteria! The more sugar you consume, the more fuel you give to the bad guys (yeasts) living in your gut. This can throw your gut microbiome out of balance, as an army of bad guys could start taking over.

4. Eat real wholefoods and add in probiotics

By eating a wholefood diet full of green vegetables, nourishing carbohydrates, fats and proteins, alongside adding back in beneficial bacteria with high-quality probiotic, we can change the bacteria in our gut within a couple of days, and re-energise our body as well as our mind.



Progress not perfection

Rachel Grunwell inspires us to move more and live well.

WORDS Catherine Murray

Making changes in your life is never easy, but Rachel Grunwell shares her advice on how to, which not only makes sense, but is achievable.

Rachel's encouragement comes from a place of experience — it wasn't that long ago the mum-of-three was a stressed-out journalist, unfit, and with a diet that was average rather than awesome. Skip forward several years and she now lists health and wellbeing writer, yoga teacher, personal trainer, and motivational speaker in her suite of skills, in addition to being an accomplished marathon runner of over 20 events.

The catalyst for her new path was a string of assignments for a weekly wellbeing column, where she tried a range of fitness, health and wellbeing activities, from a flying trapeze, to boxing and surfing in Hawaii.

This opportunity gave Rachel a kick-start towards healthier living and a change in her career, which would ultimately inspire others to make changes too.

Showing up

After spending a lifetime thinking she was missing the 'fitness gene' and simply could never be a healthier, fitter person, Rachel started listening to the experts she was interviewing and to the science around health and wellbeing.

She began running, taking her first steps by walking and jogging around the block for twenty minutes, twice a week.

"I thought, I'm just going to try. The start of the journey was horrendous; it was really hard, and I didn't enjoy it at all. I wasn't any good, and I didn't really think I could ever be any good. But I just kept showing up."

Finding balance

"Balance means something different to everyone," says Rachel, who doesn't strive just for perfection. She prefers instead to be grateful for progression. Balancing food, health, and happiness is not about all or nothing, it's about taking small steps, being kind to yourself, eating healthy, having treats on occasion, and finding your flow.

Rachel's book *Balance* came from a desire to clarify some of the confusion around what it means to lead a balanced life, and to provide a realistic starting point for change.

"Balance decodes everything! There's an art to simplicity, and the book is very readable. It gives the pieces to complete the wellness puzzle — nutrition mastery, physical mastery, and emotional mastery."

According to Rachel that's the book's superpower, you don't need to buy 31 wellness books, just buy the one.. It's other superpower is that it helps people know where to start.

"You have to be brave to start, and be kind to yourself on the journey."

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I like sharing my journey because I never worry about being perfect. It's always about progression, and it's always about the journey.

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Rachel says if she can go from unfit mum to multi-marathon runner, then it's possible for others to do the same.

"People are capable of so much more than they dream."

Giving back

One of the chapters in the book looks at giving back, which Rachel considers one of the major keys to happiness.

"If you want to feel happier, give back authentically. It uplifts someone else, and uplifts your heart even further."

Rachel encourages others to share her passion for running through her own coaching business, as an ambassador for the Rotorua Marathon, and as a run guide for athletes with disabilities through her work with the Achilles New Zealand charity.

"It's a way for me to give back. It's a joy to run my own race, but it's even a more beautiful thing to share a journey with someone else."

Demonstrating kindness also shows those around us how important it is to give back, without the expectation of receiving something in return.

"I don't preach giving back or kindness to my kids, but they see it. If you want to start inspiring your kids, then you have to do it first. They're watching you!"

Progress not perfection

When you're looking at making changes, big or small, forget about trying to be perfect and move to a place where progression is the goal. Rachel says people often think they can't be a runner because they can't do it perfectly, and so they give up and walk away.

"I like sharing my journey because I never worry about being perfect. It's always about progression, and it's always about the journey."

Rachel's tips

for starting your running journey

Make the decision to start.

Show up, and keep showing up.

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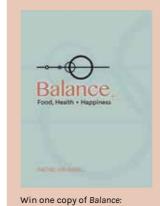
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Have recovery days in between your runs, to allow your ligaments and muscles to adapt.

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Focus on your progress, not on doing everything perfectly.



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Inspirational people





There should be no compromise when it comes to your health. The advice you listen to needs to be from professionals, and the products you're recommended need to meet the highest of standards. Chris Torr of the Health for Life stores and the Community Health Stores (CHS) network, shares the advantages of choosing a professional natural health retailer.

Building relationships

Chris says our customers always come first. "We look to develop a long-term relationship, to help you make the right choices and get the best results from your supplement programme."

"Our business model is unique, we focus on building the business from the customer up, rather than the brand down."

"Our skills as professional natural health retailers is to work with you to understand your needs, and then use our knowledge to inform you about the products we have available. We are constantly refining our products, so they are more unique and cost-effective."

Value for money

Natural health products can be purchased from many places, but it's often not the best choice to select products based on price or in the absence of advice from a professional natural health retailer.

"The market is flooded with product that is made to meet a price point, rather than a performance standard," Chris explains. "When buying products based on price alone there is the inevitable outcome the product may have been manufactured using the lowest quality assurance and standard of packaging."

To get the best results, invest in quality products and ranges which are formulated to achieve a particular outcome, and which have evidence of their effectiveness.

Community action

CHS really are 'community' health stores, locally owned and operated, and with connections to the people and groups which support them.

Every store does their bit to support their local community.

"Our stores are being developed as destinations," says Chris. "We're running special events and services for customers frequently... The best way to find out these is to build a strong relationship with your local store."

Professional advice

The most popular service offered at our stores is product advice and on-the-spot consultations with our team. Other services we offer include naturopaths, nutrition experts, qualified nurses, herbalists, beauty therapists and massage therapists.

Some people are just looking to maintain their health, while others have specific issues to address, according to Chris. One thing that can help immensely with a consultation is a professional diagnosis from a Health Practitioner, which means there's a better understanding of the customer's needs.

"The best results come when people are prepared to put themselves in the driver's seat and take responsibility for their own health."



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Summer is here

The arrival of summer means long days at the beach, fresh berry fruits, camping with friends and family, and barbecues under the blooming pohutukawa trees. Summer is the perfect time to get out and absorb Vitamin D from the sun which, can support bone health, immunity, weight management and your mood.







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It's vital that during this time, we pay attention to our digestive health since barbecues, party and camping food can be difficult to digest. We've got some tips to support your digestive system to help you feel great this summer.

Take your time eating and stop when you feel 80% full

To lower the risk of indigestion, don't go overboard on the treat foods, avoid smoking and excessive alcohol consumption. However, during summer there will be times when it's hard to avoid temptation and you may give into indulgent food What then? To aid with digestion, supplement your diet with BioTrace Betaine HCl; it supports stomach acid levels to help your body digest your food faster and promotes the absorption of both macro and micronutrients such as protein, carbohydrates, fats, minerals and vitamins.

Avoid overeating

It's one of the main reasons for bloating, gassiness, irregular bowels, queasiness and discomfort in the stomach. These symptoms are caused by partially undigested food passing through the digestive tract. A sugar-free digestive enzymes supplement like BioTrace BioVital Enzymes can help break down proteins, fats, dairy, soy, legumes, plant fibres, grains and sugars to help you feel great.

Get more zinc into your diet

Even a mild zinc deficiency can cause digestive troubles since zinc helps our body produce more HCl. Oysters and red meat are the best sources of zinc but for vegetarians or vegans it's important to find a good plant source of zinc. BioTrace Organic Zinc is 100% certified and is derived from guava leaf extracts. As an added bonus, zinc also supports immunity and skin health.

Stay hydrated

It's easy to get dehydrated during summer so make sure you replenish your fluid levels and electrolytes with BioTrace Elite Electrolytes. which is natural and ionic for maximum bioavailability. The best thing is that it is sugarfree; add a few drops to your water bottle and forget about it while you're out having fun.

Up your organic iron intake

Special diets such as vegetarianism or veganism often lack iron which, is an essential mineral that helps transport oxygen throughout our body.

A plant-based iron such as BioTrace Organic Iron derived from 100% certified organic and natural curry leaves is perfect for people who don't get enough meat in their diet. It doesn't cause digestive problems like other forms of iron and is ideal for pregnant or breastfeeding mothers.

Why BioTrace?

We believe purity matters and that's why our supplements are some of cleanest supplements on the market. We don't use toxic manufacturing aids and all our products are both natural and synthetic free.

Talk to your Community Health Store practitioner about how the BioTrace product range can help you support your health today.

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Tips for a healthy holiday!

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Christmas summer holidays are just around the corner, which means there is going to be cocktails, beers, pavlova and chocolate! We know it can be a struggle to maintain your level of fitness and stay healthy with all the festivities going on. Here are Jenna and Renee from Real Health NZ with tips to help you sneak in a little more nutrients and movement, whilst still enjoying everything that the summer season is all about!



Water, water & water!

With a few extra drink options, it's so easy to forget to drink enough water. Keeping hydrated is important for your health as it helps to flush out toxins, keeps your energy levels high and helps your skin glow. When we're dehydrated our skin can feel dry and dull, it's harder to concentrate, our muscles cramp up and everything is more difficult. Always do your best to keep water as your main drink. Buy yourself a big 1.5 litre drinking bottle and make a conscious effort to drink at least two bottles each day, always have a glass of water after every meal and get into the herbal teas. Your body will love you for it.



Daily green juice

Kick start your day with a green juice. This is the perfect way to make sure you're packing in some vitamins and minerals before 10am. Green juice helps the body to detoxify, eliminates waste and regulates blood sugar levels. Getting into the green juice habit is one of the greatest health choices you can make.

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Get active with vour family

There is nothing like a family game on Christmas day or when holidaying at the beach. It's an awesome way to connect with each other, have a laugh and get in some movement. Play some backyard cricket, beach volleyball, Marco Polo, go for a family walk or bike ride. There are so many fun, free ways to get active with your family and it's often when the best memories are made.



Short workouts

15-20 minutes is all you need to work up a good sweat and get that body moving. Why not leave the long cardio sessions and give a HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) workout a go? HIIT workouts are perfect for when you're short on time and are amazing for increasing your fitness level. HIIT workouts also boost your metabolism, meaning you'll keep burning calories long after the workout! If HIIT doesn't sound like you, jump on the mat for 15 minutes of yoga or stretching. Remember that any movement is better than no movement and every little bit counts.



Make fruit your friend

When you feel like you need something sweet, opt for some of the amazing summer fruits on offer rather than reaching for the cake. Around summer, eat pineapples, watermelon, strawberries and grapes, just to name a few. They're all delicious and packed with essential vitamins and minerals. You'll get the sweetness you're after along with some nourishing benefit.



Moderation

Life's too short not to enjoy a champagne breakfast and Christmas pudding with your loved ones. Remember, you are on holiday and you deserve to treat yourself here and there without feeling guilty. It's all about moderation and balance. We always say to our clients that it's what you do every day that matters, not what you do every once and a while.

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Too much time in the sun? Absolute Essential's 100% pure, therapeutic-grade Aloe Vera Gel (Organic) is nature's perfect sunburn treatment. It gives instant hydration and cooling relief, while providing exactly what the skin needs to minimise damage and enhance the repair process. Available for purchase online (and check out the rest of our beautiful essential plant oil products while you're there):

www.absoluteessential.com



Essential tips to save your skin this summer

Once upon a time, it used to be the thing to do... To cover yourself in body oil and lie out in the sun all day, literally baking your skin to a crisp, all in the name of a good tan! These days, however, we know better...

Too much sun not only prematurely ages the skin, it increases the chance of developing skin cancer. And we are particularly at risk here in New Zealand, thanks to that big hole in the ozone layer. So how do we best protect ourselves? Cover up or stay out of the sun during peak burn times (UV levels are typically highest from 11am to 3pm). And then there's sunscreen, which we are told to apply liberally, all over the face and body, every few hours. The question is, is this doing us more harm than good?

Many mainstream, supermarket shelf sunscreens contain a cocktail of chemicals (including oxybenzone, benzoate, parabens and other toxins), which are best avoided. A mineral-based sunscreen could be your best option. And when combined with the healing and nurturing properties of therapeuticgrade essential plant oils, you should be on your way to sun-safe, happier summer skin.

Here is a powerful, 100% natural and organic solution from leading essential plant oil producer Absolute Essential that promises effective pre-sun and after-sun care.



ABSOLUTE ESSENTIAL Aloe Vera Gel

A cool natural healer: Organic Aloe Vera Gel

While you want to avoid sunburn at all costs, if you do happen to get caught out this soothing gel is nature's perfect solution. It gives instant hydration and cooling relief while providing exactly what the skin needs to minimise damage and support the repair process. Absolute Essential's Aloe Vera Gel has been further enhanced with Calendula tea and Lavender Hydrosol; all ingredients are pure and organic to ensure that the active compounds are intact to work nature's full magic. It's healing, soothing and even better when kept in the fridge. Slather it on until the heat ebbs. Apply at least three to six times

Therapeutic-grade grade essential plant oils must be 100% natural and pure. All Absolute Essential plant oils are certified organic and certified vegan. They're sourced, produced, processed and handled with care, to maintain optimum integrity and maximum quality and purity.

Come into any Community Health Store to find out more about the Absolute Essential range of products.

Recipe



Healthy strawberry popsicles, made with only a few ingredients. You'll crave them all summer long.

Make time: 5-10 mins | Setting time: 4-6 hours | Makes: 6 standard ice blocks Equipment required: blender and ice pop moulds

Ingredients

1 cup cashews (soaked 4-6 hours)

3 cups strawberries

1/4 cup light agave

1 tsp vanilla extract 1 tbsp lemon juice

1 heaped tsp

coconut butter Coconut milk (just enough to blend) Pinch sea salt

Method:

Place all the ingredients in a high speed blender, and blend until smooth.

Pour the mixture into the ice pop mould, filling each mould, insert wooden sticks or mould provided sticks on each pop, and freeze until firm. It should take around 4-6 hours, depending on your freezer and and the size of your ice block mould.

To finish:

Remove frozen pops from moulds by dipping the moulds in hot water for a couple of seconds and then gently pulling from the stick. It also helps to lightly squeeze the bottom of the mould as you're pulling them out.

Serve immediately and enjoy!





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Community News

Helping our communities

Our stores have been busy in the lead up to Christmas, getting involved in a number of events and sponsorships in their local communities. Here's a snapshot of some of these activities.





Some of the winning 2019 Brave Thinkers.

2019 Brave Thinkers have done us proud

Community Health Stores are proud to once again sponsors the NZ Business Week Brave Thinkers Programme, which takes year 12 and 13 students through a fun and challenging week of business decision making. Students form their own virtual company and pitch their idea in a Dragons' Den type settings. Congratulations to this year's winners -Tautoko team, who won a \$2000 Massey University scholarship, "Thank you for making our experience one of the best! I've learnt so much and made many lifelong friends. I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of the Brave Thinkers business week and wish we had found it earlier! Thank you so much and your amazing team!" From Brave Thinker Teei-Ngakura Tuteru.

If you want to find out more about the programme, visit the website www.thebravethinkers.com



Rachel Hunter and Michele from our Coastlands store.

Tour of Beauty

The lucky team at Health For Life store in Coastlands met the stunning and world famous Rachel Hunter while she was in town promoting her new book Tour of Beauty. As well as getting a signed copy to give away to one of our customers, Michele from Health for Life Coastlands and Charlotte from Weleda presented Rachel with one of her favourite skincare products, Weleda Skin Food. Michele said, "It was awesome to meet Rachel today... She is so lovely and down to earth".



Freebairn and Naturopath Serena Donaldson.

In store event: Women's Health and Hormone Workshop

In September, Tonic Health stores held a special Women's Health and Hormone Workshop headed up by Community Health Store experts. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn all about hormones, common imbalances and strategies to balance your hormones naturally. Attendees received snacks, giveaways, watched a natural skincare demonstration and grabbed great discounts on the night, as well as taking home an epic goody bag. Don't miss our next events: check in store for details.



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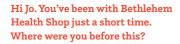
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Your journey to wellness

Meet Jo Douglas, the new owner of Bethlehem Health Shop, located in the beautiful Bay of Plenty. We find out how the team can connect you with the right people and products to help on your own health journey.



For the last 10 years I have been selfemployed at my home-based clinic The Natural Therapy Clinic, alongside working part time in a few herbal and homeopathic dispensaries around Tauranga, and being mum to our two kids now aged 12 and 14.

What area of natural health do you specialise in, or have a passion for?

I come from a retail pharmacy and natural health background. I am also trained in Shiatsu, Reiki, Massage, Flower Essences and have a Diploma in Homeopathy. I am a firm believer in preventative health and using natural remedies and therapies instead of just suppressing symptoms.

What attracted you to joining the Community Heath Stores group?

In life and in business it's really important to have support from like-minded people. I love sharing ideas and knowledge that comes from being part of the group.
The combined years of experience
means we all make sure to offer the best
quality, researched products and ranges
to our customers.

What gets you up in the morning?

I love having the opportunity to share the knowledge that comes from being in a retail environment every day. I also love connecting people to others who might play a role in their journey to wellness.

Is there a customer you've helped in the past with a story that stands out to you? How did your expertise help them with their health journey?

Over the years I have taught lots of classes about how to use Homeopathy and Bach Flowers in the home, so I have helped many mums to feel confident using natural remedies to support their families through illness or the stresses of day to day family life.





How does the Bethlehem Health Shop support the local community?

We like to support other small businesses in our area by stocking locally made products, some of which include bone broths, kombucha, skin balms and other natural skin and beauty products.

We seem to have gained a reputation as being the place to go that will probably have the product you are looking for!

Is there anything new at the store?

In the last couple of months we have transformed a storage room into a new practitioner clinic and now have practitioners available for appointments for Specialised Kinesiology, Homeopathy, Flower Essences, Acupressure Foot Massage and sessions on a PEMF machine.

Come and meet Jo and her lovely team at Bethlehem Health Shop, 229c State Highway 2, Bethlehem, Tauranga, call 07 576 9442 or check out their website www.bethlehemhealth.co.nz



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This summer Lifestream Aloe Vera has it all covered

> by Skye Macfarlane Lifestream Naturopath

Aloe Vera has been used for thousands of years to help with a raft of conditions, and is a common spiky plant that many people have in their house - But what do you know about this strange plant?

Aloe Vera originated from southern and eastern Africa and was introduced into the Mediterranean - now it is cultivated all over the world.

Two parts of the Aloe Vera plant used therapeutically - the Aloe juice is from the outer part of the leaves after they have been cut near the base, and the other part is the gel that is found in the inner central part of the cut leaf.

Aloe's successful use maybe traced back to the fact it is so high in polysaccharides (attributing it with calming and immune balancing properties). Aloe Vera gel is chemically complex - there are more than 75 biologically active constituents within the gel (over 200 in the leaf).

Lifestream uses NaturLOCK organic Biogenic* Aloe Vera that has been processed in such a way that the high levels of nutrients stay in the finished product. It helps to maintain healthy intestinal bacteria and helps to balance our immune response.

Here at Lifestream we have had a long tradition of using Aloe Vera to help with:

- Externally for Skin upsets Irritation - rashes / dry flaky skin / radiation patients / Sunburn/ Windburn / minor cuts and grazes.
- Internally for Gut health Bloating / digestive support / liver support / prebiotic function/ immunity and skin health / GI tract soothe

Lifestream Biogenic® Aloe has no added sugars, no artificial flavourings or colours and is hand harvested using sustainable methods.

Lifestream Biogenic® Aloe Vera gel is perfect for helping with mild skin irritations and rashes, relief for sun and wind burn after a long day at the beach or out on the water. Our Aloe Vera gel is enriched with Vitamin E to help with skin repair and regeneration and helps to hydrate the skin by locking in moisture.

Summer Aloe Tips

- ✓ Keep a bottle of Lifestream Biogenic® Aloe Vera in the fridge to help with Christmas dinner tummy upsets.
- ✓ Did you know you can use our Aloe Vera gel as an alternative to shaving gel or cream? Awesome tip for those of us with sensitive skin.
- ✓ You can make your own natural hand sanitiser with our Lifestream Aloe Vera gel by adding in essential oils like Manuka, eucalyptus, or lavender and putting in a small bottle.

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