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Coastal Connections morning talks Coffee and Chat dates

The weekly Thursday morning coffee and chat at the Oakura Surf Club. It is always interesting to meet new people and share stories with members from the community.
Please feel free to contact me for further details.

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From the Editor



I wonder where our country (world) is heading?

I feel deeply concerned about the aspirations expressed for our future. We have those in and out of parliament who don't want an oil and gas industry in any shape or form. We have those in and out of parliament who want to get rid of dairying and turn us all into herbivores. We have those who want to ban fishing to save a few dolphin. We have those who want us to plant more trees because we have cut them all down (last I looked, there were thousands outside my windows). All this to supposedly save the planet, reverse climate change and feed the current population of the world. Some say we need to save the planet for our children and grandchildren. But what if it doesn't need saving? The planet might save itself. Maybe human kind haven't influenced the planet as much as they think, maybe the planet is just doing what the planet does and has done for millions of years. Why are there sea shells hundreds of kilometres inland?

We may (or may not) save the world but I for one struggle to see this imagined future as dictated by those given this platform to express so forcibly their opinions: no industry to support or grow our wealth to enhance our lifestyles. I struggle to imagine a better world without oil and gas - we all have got used to the benefits and enhancements these elements have given us. I struggle to imagine a diet without fish or meat, a society where animals are only pets or wild. It really sounds a revolting world where our individual choices have been taken away. That is what I feel the Labour/Greens coalition and many other interest groups are doing to our society - taking away our choice and imposing theirs. I often choose to not eat meat but I often choose to eat it too, I often choose to travel overseas on a big jet plane using fossil fuel, I plant trees and grow vegetables and I like choosing to do these things - I hate that we are heading towards a world where our choices are diminishing rather than growing.

I choose to go outside now and plant some more veggies and maybe I'll find new hope!

Kim

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The Storyteller

Lesley Dowding has had a busy year. The talented storyteller, author and school teacher has been researching a new children's book about the life of one of Taranaki's earliest settlers - Dicky Barrett.

The path to putting a children's book together has led Lesley to Tawhiti Museum to read the many journals on Dicky, his wife Rawinia and their three daughters. The research goes back to the early 1800's England and Captain Cook. It has been a journey of discovery for Lesley and one that has deeply fascinated her - tales of seamen, explorers, whalers, whales, Maori chiefs and a New Plymouth in its infancy. A story that could easily take her off on many different tangents but Lesley is sticking to her plot and developing her main character Dicky into an adventure story every child will find exciting. Dicky Barrett's descendents - the Honeyfield family are still represented in the community today and a church window at St Paul's church in Okato is dedicated to the family.

Lesley is passionate about telling stories and in recent times has been working in Christchurch with an area school, helping develop creative writing skills through oral language. Lesley is often found locally - in libraries and schools storytelling. She says libraries are such vibrant places that can still be full of life, even in a digital age, if that's what people want.

Lesley's book on Dicky Barrett is still a work in progress which she hopes will be completed by the end of the year and will be available in oral form. Lesley is working on getting the book illustrated and into print which is no easy feat for an unknown author. Lesley has self published in the past and is currently looking at her options for this book.

The book is being written for the 7 to 10 year age bracket - an age of very fertile imagination, when adventures are every girl and boys stuff of dreams.

By Kim Ferens



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Kaitake Community Board

I'm sitting in the sun at the moment banging this out on my keyboard. I must say it does lift the spirits to enjoy the winter sun and see our mouna in all its snow covered glory. The winter solstice has been and gone, and I guess it won't be that long before we are enjoying the beach in just shorts and a tee shirt again.

Recently I attended a regional community boards' weekend meeting in Whanganui. It was an interesting experience. There are a number of similar issues surfacing around the country and it is becoming interesting observing how central government and local authorities are addressing them. For example it is very clear that drinking water standards are to be more stringently enforced than before. Government is going to establish a new drinking water regulator and set appropriate standards to ensure public health outcomes. This will take considerable effort and resources to establish. It will also need to have a mechanism for bringing noncouncil water networks up to the new standards. This work is entirely appropriate as the intended outcome are for more consistent standards managed by focussed regulator. There is some urgency in getting this challenging and sensitive mission underway and an effective transition to the new regime will be critical. However it is clear that freshwater reforms i.e. healthy water that is fairly allocated are proceeding with some speed. There is also work being done on setting national expectations for compliance monitoring of council-owned waste and stormwater networks. This to be done through an audit risk management process of people, property and the environment under Environment Protection Authority. Obviously the current plans may be modified so it will be a case of 'watching this space'.

Another major project is the development of a new transport strategy. Part of this development is the restructuring of the NZTA (the country's transport authority). For any of us who have had dealings with it would agree that the restructure is long overdue. There is to be an emphasis on environmental issues. These three examples all impact on our community in a variety of ways. Therefore it is timely that central government takes a lead and prods these initiatives along in the right direction. The days of quiet non-compliance, bland assurances, and decisions based on superficial assumptions appear to be coming to an end. That will be a great outcome because at the end of the day it is the community and its ratepayers who bear the cost of shoddy decision-making.

Finally, don't forget your dog registrations are due in July. All dog owners with dogs over the age of three months ordinarily kept in the New Plymouth district must register their dogs with the New Plymouth District Council. Dog registrations need to be renewed annually and are due this year no later than 31 July. Late registrations incur a late penalty of 25% from 1 August and failure to register your dog may result in an infringement fine of \$300 and /or seizure of the dog.

Well, that's it for this TOM issue. The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held at the NPOB club on Monday 8 July at 4.30pm. Ka kite ano Doug Hislop (752 7324 and douglishislop@gmail.com) on behalf of Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead, Graham Chard and Roy Weaver who is the Councillor representative on the KCB.

Basketball Scholarship beckons for Oscar

Oscar Robertson, Oakura is off to Regis University, Denver Colorado in August to play basketball for the "Rangers" in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and to study graphic design. The university is a private, non-profit university with approximately 10,000 students.

Oscar had been offered full scholarships from Virginia and Minot State – but chose Regis because of its location and the courses that it offers alongside its excellent basketball program. The Regis Rangers has thrived under young coach Brady Bergeson, with close to 20 plus wins a season most years.

The scholarship covers all food (and he eats a lot says mum Charlie) and accommodation along with all course fees and basketball travel. The scholarship is for 4 years in total.

Oscar has been playing for the Mountainairs this year as a shooting guard and training most nights. In this position he has gained valuable experience coming off the bench.

Oscar, ex head boy of Oakura School chose to take a year out from NPBHS in the hope that he would get a scholarship and he has been working as a teacher aide at a small school for children that are trying to get back on the right track, which he enjoys.

Oscar's sports successes are many - he played basketball for New Zealand u17 team in 2017 and won silver at Fiba Oceania Championships. He was also invited to the Nike NBA Asia Pacific team camp in China in 2017.

Local Kath Te Ua was Oscar's first basketball coach and the one that started him on his journey. Oscar would like to thank everyone that has helped him. Oakura school coaches: Kath Te Ua, Ross Benton, and Scott Willis. Rep coaches: Maurice Gilmour, Kevin Fenwick, Angelo Hill and Andrew Green; NPBHS coaches: Dave Bubnitz, Brendan Baxter and Hamish Kerr. Stuart McEwen from Striv3 Elite Sports Management who helped Oscar achieve his dream says "Oscar is all set to join one of the most consistent winning programs in NCAA Division II Men's Basketball. We wish Oscar all the best in his outstanding college selection!"

Go Oscar!



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Tax instead of well being

Now the dust has settled, we're starting to see the so-called 'Wellbeing' Budget for what it is.

Despite claiming to prioritise wellbeing, the Botched Budget has offered nothing but more taxes for hardworking New Zealanders struggling to keep up with the rising cost of living. It's very worrying that the first piece of legislation passed after the budget has been to legislate for more fuel taxes. What's worse is that motorists are getting less for all the taxes they are paying. The Labour, Greens, NZ First Government has cancelled, delayed or gutted more than a dozen major transport projects. Kiwis may be able to swallow the bitter pill of increasing fuel taxes, if those taxes were going towards something that would make a difference in their lives.

The last National-led government advanced Taranaki improvements including replacing the Normanby Overbridge, and the Vickers to New Plymouth city upgrade. My concern is about delays in other projects started under National like the roundabouts between Bell Block and Waitara. NZTA says upgrading that stretch of road will enhance road safety by 80 percent. With the number of serious and fatal crashes, the length of time to progress these is unacceptable.

The extra fuel taxes swamp any benefit to be gained from potential handouts of the budget. Kiwis get to pay more fuel taxes so the Government can find new ways to frustrate them out of their cars. New Zealanders are paying more at the pump for their cars, in order to get them out of their cars.

It's easy to forget that increases in fuel prices flow through every part of the economy. Anything that is transported will cost more: your bread, milk, eggs, all those every day necessities will go up in price too.

Now the Government is looking at reducing the speed limits on many roads, which would further isolate regional New Zealand and weaken the economy. It will cost more to transport our goods around the country, not only because of taxes, but also in time.

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The Government is hurting Kiwis' wallets once again. But this time it's not just Aucklanders who are feeling the brunt of a regional fuel tax, the entire country is getting hit when they pull up at the pump.

Jonathan Young.
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Submissions for waste

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover"

is the New Plymouth District Council's slogan for solid waste management. They are in the process of consultation on the new proposed bylaw, 'Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw.' Consultation ends on July 24, hearings will take place either August or September and be rubber stamped at the council meeting on the 17th of September in time for implementation on the 30th September 2019.



There may be aspects of this new standalone bylaw that could affect you. Once adopted you could be fined for littering. The bylaw addresses donation collection points, and will consider new locations. Do you have an opinion about them? This consultation is for you.

Green waste will be prohibited from being put out in the general waste. If you have a small property and need to dispose of lawn clippings and pruning, where will you put them? The council needs to know your waste issues so they can get this bylaw right. Eighty four percent of the district supports the plan for zero waste, but how that looks in a bylaw that affects you may need further input from those of us that are going to be at the other end of it.

Householders in the last few years have got use to separating out recycled waste from their rubbish, under the new bylaw they will have to separate out a great deal more. Is the way the council wants to manage it realistic with multiple bins? In summary, we will have a container for this and another for that and one more for this and another for that and what will we do with this? General waste, food waste, recyclables, glass and green waste, oh but no collection for the green waste.

One of the aspects of the bylaw that particularly interests me is the ability for neighbours up right of ways and shared drives to reduce their rates by merging their rubbish. I personally think this is a brilliant idea, not only is it reducing the amount of solid waste being collected but also the use of plastic for the bins themselves. It enables communities to work together, better utilising the resources for the good of all. The phasing out of individual rubbish collection could be an advantage for achieving zero waste and for minimising resources.

Another aspect of the bylaw that will come into effect a year or so later is the requirement for event organisers to also manage their waste, funny I thought they already had to do that! Construction sites will also be obliged to minimize their waste too. If you work in the building sector then you better put your two cents worth in to ensure the council knows how it is for those on the cold face.

Any bylaw is only as good as the consultation that takes place beforehand. Give your feedback, they don't know how it is from your perspective, you just might add something invaluable that they hadn't thought of. This bylaw will affect us all.

<https://www.newplymouthnz.com/en/Council/Have-Your-Say/Consultations-and-Surveys/Solid-Waste-Management-and-Minimisation-Bylaw>

Louise James



Kia ora dear friends

A quick update from Taranaki Retreat. As many of the readers will be aware, we are aiming to build a small, beautiful addition to the site on Hurford Road - Cathy's Care Centre - for which the wonderful community event Cathy's Dance kickstarted our fundraising last year. See the drawing for the front of the building below.

We're very excited and hopeful to get this in place, because it will improve immeasurably the ways in which we are able to support people. Sadly, we have learned that we were unsuccessful in our application to the Lotteries Capital Fund for the balance of funds to get started on the project. However, we have a similar application pending with another grant provider, and have our fingers and toes crossed. We will keep you posted!



Puke Ariki Oakura Library

Mark your diary for these free children's events coming up at Ōākura Library in July.

On Thursday 4 July at 10am-10:30am join us for pre-school story time. I had an attentive 1 year old last month who dazzled me with her smile - so you're never too young to appreciate stories, rhymes and songs! It's also a lovely way to meet other parents in a relaxed environment.

School holiday programme:

We will be hosting Rainbow Storytime on Wednesday 10th of July at 2pm-3pm. Join us for dance, games and books about acceptance, anti-bullying and diversity. No booking required.

We have some new titles in:

'The Bomb' by Sacha Cotter has been shortlisted in the picture book and illustration category in the NZ book awards for children and young adults. "This exuberant tale will resonate with any child who has ever tried to do something that scares them". You can find this new book here at the library!

For Orphan X fans the fourth instalment has arrived! In 'Out of the Dark' we follow Evan Smoak on yet another impossible mission.

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Defibrillator available in Omata

Thanks to the generosity of Todd Energy, the Retreat now has an AED/Defibrillator. We are, of course, keen that this be readily available to anyone in the vicinity who might need it. It's located at 517 Hurford Road - in the house on top of the hill. Park up - head through the gate, and a sign on the ranch slider shows where to find it, in an emergency. For more information, call us on 06 2150993 - or there's a handy smartphone app called "AED Locations" which has full details.

Arohanui, Jamie and all at Taranaki Retreat - a local suicide prevention initiative

Ladies!

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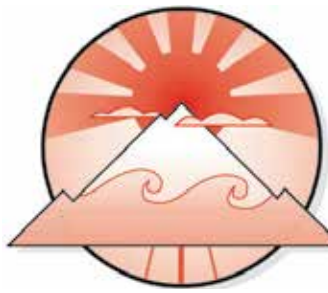


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Oakura School

The kids at Oakura School have been up to so much in recent weeks. From our junior classes learning a new sport to a special visit from an educator from Lake Rotokare, our students have had a

fun and busy term, filled with opportunities from far and wide, catering for everyone's wants.

Ash Muralidhar, an educator from Lake Rotokare came to talk to our Enviro Kura about how to track pests and identify them by the pest's feet and bite marks. A fellow student, Samuel Salisbury, has been an ambassador for Rotokare for the last year and has been taught by Ash about environmental issues, such as wetlands to kiwi conservation. Samuel has gone out to Rotokare once a month and learnt about conservation. He also has had the opportunity to release kiwi and pateke out into the reserve. One night, he even got to organise a night tour at Rotokare. No one was lost. Phew.

Recently our junior classes have had hockey skills. Many of them say that this was one of the best things they have done this term. They learnt how to pass, how to stop the ball and how to dribble before playing a series of mini games. Everybody had a good time learning the rules of hockey.

Our years 5 and 6 interschool teams have been pushing themselves tirelessly for these past few weeks, so that they could do their best in interschool, a sports competition where we either travel to other schools or host and play sports against each other. Starting with football, our team won against Stratford, Westend and Central School, although they lost to Fitzroy. Chess went very successfully and they only



lost one game. The fantastic netballers won all their games, well done to them. Basketball won against Stratford and Central School but lost to Fitzroy. A big thank you to all the coaches and parents who helped out and made these events possible.

Down at the Oakura Hall some kind people from the Oakura Bowling Club have been teaching the years 7 and 8 how to play indoor bowls. They have been generously giving up their own time to do this, for which we are very grateful. Twenty-six students have been selected to compete against each other in a tournament where the winner will receive a prize. Good luck to the people who get selected.

If there's anything we've learned, it's that it may be winter but that doesn't stop Oakura kids from getting outside and having fun. The winter holidays are coming up soon, which we're sure all of our students are excited about, even so, we hope that during the holidays every student continues their athletic and academic adventures.

By Jaeden Rasmussen (13yrs) and Catherine Rielly-Leadbetter

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Impact Programme

On Tuesday a small group of year 8's chose to head down to Tapuae Beach with the Impact Programme. Our intention was to clean up as much rubbish as possible as part of our ongoing environmental project and spread the word about how much rubbish we have on our beaches. After a rainy session of patrolling the beach for rubbish and microplastics, we put all that we found together and ended up with a grand total of around 100 pieces of rubbish!

It was time well spent considering what we found.

By Amy Pardington

On the morning of 9th August students will have a visit from Purangi Kiwi Taranaki, who will set up six learning stations around the school and students will rotate around the stations to learn about how we are looking after the kiwi population in Taranaki.

Meet Sparky – they will get to touch a kiwi

Egg candling – using light to see inside an egg

Kiwi Kahoot – a kiwi quiz

Predators and trapping – what’s threatening our kiwi and how we are responding to these threats

Telemetry – using radio gear to find kiwi

Kiwi calling – using a shepherds whistle to make a kiwi noise

This fits in perfectly to our 'Nga Kaitiaki o te Ngahere' rich topic from term two which was about caring for our native bush and keeping the area Predator Free.

Karen Brisco Principal

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Students At The Centre of Learning

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Junior and Senior students continue to create some powerful work. The Science and Robotics Year 9 and 10 Extension Inquiry are working to design, code and build a range of robotics. The aim is that these robots will be used to battle it out in the national competition. The Community Garden Project Inquiry, in partnership with the NPDC, is working to reduce carbon monoxide – designing and promoting our \$80,000 on-site bike track. They have also used the Stanford University Design Thinking model and architectural e-platforms to landscape our newly cleared gully to landscape the extensive space into a combination of fruit and native trees. We have had 100s of plants donated to this project that will benefit the whole community.

Legal Debates



Congratulations to our mooting teams who completed strongly against local schools with the Senior Team making it through to the semi-finals. As part of mooting the classroom becomes a court room and students have to argue a real legal case backing themselves with legal terminology and positioning.

Community at the Heart of Who We Are



Connecting, strengthening and inspiring each other.

Students have continued to break beyond the bricks and mortar of school sharing their ideas with local council and government, social entrepreneurs, coaching primary and intermediate students, attending and presenting at local associations like Rotary and Soroptimist and sharing their journey via local airwaves. Congratulations to the band Flambé – Rosie Ray, Sapphire Hermanns and Seamus Fawcner who won the best song award at Rock Quest.

Congratulations to Tempany Liumaihetau-Paola who received a PACANZ nomination by the Taupo Society of Ballet & Dance sending her to the National Young Performers Competition 2019.

Congratulations to Josh Houghton winner of the NZ Championship and the North Island Championship in Cross Country 85cc Class.



Oratory Evening

All of the students spoke exceptionally well and the feedback from our judges was that they were very impressed by the high level of speeches. The students who placed first from each level are:

Year 9 – Ellie Dinnis

Year 10 (First Equal) – Austen McDonald & Jazmine Murray

Year 11 – Bee Tran-Lawrence

Year 12 – Sophie Hill

Year 13 – (First Equal) – Ethan Griffiths & Larissa Wilkinson

Board News

A sincere thank you to the outgoing Board of Trustee members. At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, the following parent trustees were declared duly elected to the Board of Trustees:

Mike Cole

Kamanomano Mahu

Steven Parrish

Meryn Penno

Linda Whitehead

Staff Representative – Julia Stephens

Nicola Ngarewa Principal



Aloha, it has really cooled down, and with fresh snow on the hill it means it is time to put on ya skivvy and get your steamer on. Not quite booties and hoods but she's not far off it. The last four weeks have seen some more epic surfs in great conditions. Big peaky swells have been hitting all the right spots with some awesome barrels on the beaches.

On the 14th of June we had local superstar Paige Hareb promoting clean oceans for international surfing day. This such an important initiative for our whole community to get behind as our beach is such an integral part of our lifestyle in the village. It was a great turn out confirming how much a clean future means to us all.

Our mid-winter dinner was held on the 22nd of June which was perfectly aligned as it is also the shortest day of the year. So what that means we are already on the downhill slope to longer days and summer (well kind of....) It included the crowning of three new life members with Mike and Fiona Hareb, and Brown Eye (Paul Christophers). These three have been amazing in the growth and operation of our club since the start. Big thank you to Black Sand for all the support.

A few of our members have been lucky enough to sample some Indonesian surf and probably a few bintangs while trying to escape these cooler days. Richard Kurta, Eli Smith, Tyler Anderson and Tom Butland have been scoring while we get used to the impending ice cream headache season. Good on ya boys.

Ricko C

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Pictured top right Paige Hareb promoting clean oceans

Middle right OBC grommet Levi Fox ready for action.

Below right Indo Eli throwing buckets.





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Presidents News

Our clean-up of all the tree debris is nearly completed. The course is looking really good at the moment. We now have our new tee signs all up and looking awesome. Thanks to Greg Jans and Simon Spurdle for their input for each tee with tips and information regarding each hole. We have also replaced our tee markers so many positive things are happening at our club.

We have now cleared the pond at the 16th Hole of all debris and we plan on beautifying this area with local natives and plants. It is with sad news that our long standing patron Mike Jans has passed away. He was a long time member of our club for many years.

At Kaitake Golf Club we have had all our tee signs revamped and replaced with local sponsors sponsoring each tee. We had an amazing response and wish to thank all our sponsors who came on board with our new tee signs.

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Womens Division News Women's Club Captain Report – K.W.

Taranaki Ladies Pennant competition has been completed. Our Weekend 18 hole Ladies finished 8th with the Midweek Ladies sharing the bottom of the table with Westown. Our Midweek 9 hole White Team finished 2nd and were presented with a plant from Taranaki Ladies Golf which has been planted in the garden at our golf course. Congratulations to them.

The new vanity in the Ladies changing room has been installed and looks amazing. Many thanks to Dan Keegan and Greg Jans for the installation, plumbing and tiling.

All competitions are going well with a return to our regular 9.30am winter start time for the Weekend Ladies now that our 36 and 27 hole competitions are complete.

One of our 9 Hole Ladies, Shirley Aspinall, celebrated her 90th birthday recently. Shirley has played golf at Kaitake for many years going from 18 holes to 9 holes and still playing regularly. Congratulations Shirley.

Our popular 72 hole Tournament is being held again this year on Thursday 31 October and Friday 1 November. The dates have been altered slightly to combine with the Powerco Taranaki Garden Festival. Teams from outside of Taranaki have already expressed interest in playing in our tournament then staying on to explore and enjoy the beauty of our region.

As always, any ladies interested in trying out golf are welcome to come along and join us. Weekend ladies play 9.30 on Saturday mornings and Midweek ladies play 9.30am Tuesday's *and* Thursday's. (9.30 start between 1 June and end of August). Call in, or phone and chat to Denise in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Feel free to phone Andrea Jarrold on 7514234 or 0273587001 or talk to Denise in the office.

Club Captain Report

The Taranaki Two Ball Best Ball was held over the weekend of 25th and 26th May, gross winners being Brooke Gray and Joseph Doyle with the net being taken out by Tubs and Ross Benton who actually won the gross last year so have managed to keep their name on the honours board for another year. The weekend and prizegiving was well received by all I spoke to and they supported us keeping it a 36 hole tournament so we will look at repeating that next year.

Men Gross:- Brooke Gray & Joseph Doyle (Tumahu)

Men Net:- 1st Raymond Lewis & Ross Benton (Kaitake), 2nd Craig Murray & Ryan Murray (Kaitake), 3rd Kieran Glentworth & Sam Le Gros (Kaitake).

Ladies Gross:- Joanne McDonald & Kim Lucas (Westown)

Ladies Net:- 1st Jacqui Koch & Denise Howe (Kaitake), 2nd Jacqui Boon & Debra Johnson (Kaitake), 3rd Jenny Ross & Joy Greenlees (Kaitake). Top Dog competition is well under way and we have our semi-finalists this weekend. Match Play competition is coming up and our first round is on the 13th July 2019.

Kaitake Golf Club Chippers (Under 12 yrs old)

Chippers Day is Sunday 7th July 2019 and every fortnight after that.

Last Chippers day we had Paul Haskell take the kids for their lessons. They also had Andrew Seale ex professional there also helping with the kids. Very much appreciate all the help and encouragement they give the kids.

Dominic Barson golf professional tries to come one Sunday each month courtesy of the Taranaki Golf Association and offers additional coaching. We have so many keen chippers out there and it is so awesome that they are joining up for this year.

New players are always very welcome. Chippers ages range from 5 – 12 years. Just bring them along with flat soled footwear, a hat and perhaps a drink. Clubs, balls and coaching are provided. It costs \$40 to join as a member for the year allowing the children access to the course at any time as long as they are under supervision.

New Members Welcome

New golfers are encouraged to give "golf a go" there is still plenty more days of golf to go and beautiful weather at the moment so come take advantage of this weather and get out into the fresh air and enjoy a leisurely walk and great exercise round the golf course. Age between 19-35 years of year - This is a good opportunity to join at a very special rate. Already many have taken advantage of the new \$10 rate per years of age membership fee to become a full playing member. For example if you are 22 the membership fee will be \$220 per year.

Volunteers Welcome:

As part of the ongoing renovations to bring the Kaitake Golf Club into the modern era, all of the Pine trees around the course are coming down. As the trees were planted in the early years of course construction, they have grown to a height where it's now considered a health and safety issue.

While there is no value to the club in timber, the volunteer members are pitching in to procure fire wood and pine cones for sale, so that the club can proceed with future improvements to attract new members.

Should anyone wish to help the club with the major task of clearing the course, or should you wish for some cheap fire wood, please call Denise at the club on 067527665.

The Kaitake Golf club house has had a complete makeover, now an extremely pleasant wedding or function centre for the local Oakura community.

Oakura Community What's On

5 Elements Fitness: 5 Elements Fitness: Bootcamps and Kickboxing fitness classes: Weekdays 5-6 pm, Tataraimaka Hall. For more details contact Barney 027 7527 076, barney@5efitness.com or visit www.5efitness.com

Body Transformer: 2 x ladies group sessions at 6pm every Tuesday & Thursday evening from my home studio in Koru Rd, Oakura. 2 x 1 hour sessions at Oakura Hall 6am on Monday & Wednesday. Boxfit class 6am Friday morning. ph Joe on 021 110 1215

Dancing in the Dark: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays till November. Contact Glenys Farrant 0277530120

Functional Crosstraining by Nakifit: Saturdays 7.40am. Ph 021 297 5465 or nakifit@gmail.com

Indoor Bowls: Mondays 7.30pm at Oakura Hall. Contact Marvin Clough ph 7527531.

JKA Karate: Tuesdays at Oakura Hall 5.30-6.30pm. Thursdays at Oakura Hall 6.00-7.00pm. Contact Jim Hoskin 752 7337.

Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust: Contact Pete Morgan - morgpt@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 3725 182

Move It or Lose It - fitness classes: Oakura Hall, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9.30am, Contact Gloria 752 7442.

Oakura Bowling and Social Club: Bowling tournaments begin September through to April with both mid-week and weekend games. For information contact Steve Muller on 06 757 4399.

Oakura Meditation Group: - Mondays 8.10pm 37a Donnelly St, ph 0272037215, email kate@shineyoga.co.nz

Oakura Playcentre: 14 Donnelly St, Oakura. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-noon during school terms. Visitors welcome. Ph Kate Garner on 021-254 4769.



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Oakura Pony Club: Contact Marlies Butland Delfos ph 0274595962.

Oakura Pool Club: Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm at Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Sheree 027 3444 723.

Oakura Sunday School - St James church: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 10am. Contact stjamesoakura@gmail.com

Oakura Tennis Club: Thursday 9.15-10.15am Cardio Tennis with Blitz Tennis at Linda Street courts, members and non-members welcome. Contact Club Secretary Jackie Mitchell 027 673 2900.

Oakura Yoga: - Shine Yoga Studio, 37a Donnelly St, www.shineyoga.co.nz for days and times, ph 0272037215.

Okato and District Historical Society: Houses a large collection of local family histories and photos in the Okato Community Trust Hall, Cumming Street, Okato. Open to public every Wednesday 10 am to mid day or by appointment. Phone Anne Bolton 7524499 or Meg Cardiff 7524566.

Okato Lions Club: continues to have activities in Oakura, as well as Okato. Meet on the first Wednesday each month, except January, at the Hempton Hall, Okato at 7.00pm, and we do appreciate enquiries from people seeking membership or assistance for funding, projects etc. Contact John Hislop Ph 06 7579696

Okato Squash: Club nights on Mondays from 6.30pm, everyone welcome. Contact okatosquash1@gmail.com for further information.

Omata Playgroup: Meets every Thursday, 9.00am at the Omata Community Hall. Ring 751 2308 for next session date. All parents and pre-schoolers welcome.

Pickleball Oakura: Come along and give Pickleball a go. Oakura Hall Thursday mornings 9.30am and Wednesday evenings 7.30pm. Contact Elayne Kessler at ekesslernz@hotmail.com or ph 0279377173

Probus Club: Meets once month at Oakura Bowling club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Brenda Ryan ph 7511633.

St James Church, Oakura: Morning worship 10am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

St Paul Carthew Street Okato: Morning worship 10am 1st and 3rd of each month. Sunday school available. Hall hire contact Lesley 7524545. Tuesday Plunket. Pew for you Thursday church open to community no service, quiet candle reflection. 6pm-7pm Winter hours.

St Patrick's Church: Cummings St, Okato, weekly Saturday evening Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Val Deakin Dance School: Oakura Hall. and the Dance Centre in New Plymouth Phone 7527743 or email val@valdeakindance.org.nz