



editorial FROM THE TOM ZONE

Recently I was the lucky recipient of some wonderful health care due to the fact that I reached a certain age which makes all women eligible for certain check ups. It was with much trepidation I attended the clinic having heard all the horror stories from my friends who had also reached this magical age – piece of cake, nothing to it!



It did get me thinking though. The level of care I had received was extraordinary and I can honestly say I am extremely proud of our health care system here in New Zealand. From the booking procedure to the medical procedure to the follow up procedure – it was all second to none. And I have a clean bill of health, not something to be taken for granted either.

So it is a big thank you from me to the powers that be, who instigated our screening programmes – you have set up a system that functions superbly and I am happy to pay my taxes to support such a programme. *Kim*



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Anneke Brouwers follows the Brick Road to America



TOM interviewed local teenager, Anneke Brouwers, just over three years ago when she entered and won the Junior Miss Teen competition at the New Years' Day Beach Carnival. The interview concluded with the line "Watch this space as Anneke takes on the world." This prediction is a whole quantum leap closer as Anneke takes on America next month when she heads to Houston to the High School of Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) for the best part of a year.

For Anneke her dream of being on Broadway, which as a tiny tot seemed so unattainable, does now feel like it could one day be achievable — if only she dares dream and believe.

If you follow theatre in New Plymouth, Anneke will be a familiar face and voice to you. She has been in many of the local Operatic Society shows — *Annie*, *Oliver*, *The Sound of Music*, *Miss Saigon* and this year's Hospice show, *Grease*. Her talent is outstanding and as someone who has known Anneke since she was little, I can also attest to her ethic of hard work and devotion to drama and singing.

So it is that this talent and hard work has paid off for Anneke with an invitation to attend the HSPVA — one of only five applicants selected from around the world. Could this be the launching pad for an international career with star status?

Anneke tells me that her intention for the coming months was to secure an AFS (American Field Service) intercultural exchange posting somewhere overseas, possibly in Spain, and experience a different culture. After being posted to America, AFS NZ contacted Anneke and suggested she apply to HSPVA to develop her love of theatre at the High School while living with a host family in the area. The rest, as they say, is history.

The application process involved making a DVD of two monologues featuring her work — one from Tom Topor's play *Nuts* and an extract from *The Importance of Being Earnest*. She also included a reprise of the song 'Sixteen Going On Seventeen' from *The Sound of Music*. Anneke says it was very stressful and hectic fitting in her commitments at New Plymouth Girls' High School, working part-time and *Grease* rehearsals. Really, after sending off her application she didn't expect to get accepted, knowing that only five people were selected worldwide. A big thank you goes to Warren Bates, Sarah Garside and Katie Alexander who helped with putting her application together.

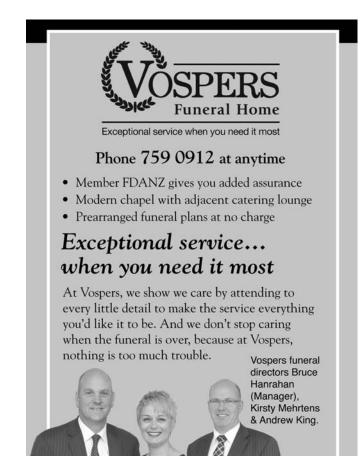
At the beginning of June an email arrived and Anneke opened it expecting to read who her host family was, only to read she had been accepted to HSPVA. Her reaction was predictably 'Anneke': "I was absolutely shocked and I was jumping around shouting, 'I got in, I got in!' My sister, Zara, was on the phone at the time talking to my mum and we were all excited and shocked."

Life at HSPVA will involve three hours a day of musical theatre work and the rest of the school day in regular class work. HSPVA is a public high school established in 1971 to help gifted young artists combine their visual and performing arts with the mainstream curriculum. Anneke will be following in the footsteps of Beyonce Knowles — the well-known American singer who attended HSPVA. Anneke says it is a wonderful opportunity and she is looking forward to experiencing a different culture and immersing herself in the American way of life, while pursuing a dream she never thought possible. However, Anneke does admit she will miss the tranquil, easy lifestyle we enjoy here in Taranaki.

While it will feel like a small piece of Taranaki sunshine has been taken away for us, for Anneke her brick road is opening up into a multilane highway — good luck, Anneke!

by Kim Ferens

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2010 Mayoral Election



It is evident that the race for Mayor will be an interesting one this year, and has already sparked a lot of discussion and questions asked on who is going to run.

Questions I have been constantly asked over and over have been, "so are you going to run for Mayor?" and "would I consider running for Mayor."

It has been no secret that I have considered and even spoken about running for Mayor of the New Plymouth District and have aspirations to do so. This is something that I have sat down and discussed and considered for some time with my family, regarding the timing.

For the 2010 local body elections, I will be restanding for the position of Councillor in the city ward only and not for Mayor. I have more than enjoyed the challenges and steep learning curve over the past three years and look forward to being able to continue representing the New Plymouth district for another three years.

Even though I was the youngest Councillor this term I look back and I am proud of the changes and differences that I have made. Being instrumental in the changing of standing orders to allow deputations' and public comment to be 10mins; also allowing those to speak to the full council on non agenda items. And of course the boy racer bylaw that was implemented in the Bell Block industrial area early this year which has been a great success. I am proud to have made such a difference in that area. I look back over these things and others and am proud to say I did make a difference.

Even though I will not be standing for Mayor these elections I have not ruled out ever running for mayor in elections to come.

I sat down with my wife Vicky and two boys and we discussed the issue and believe that I still have things to learn in local government and I do have age on my side. So I look forward to bringing my fresh approach, enthusiasm and dedication to the council table and not just talking the talk but putting action to it.

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Tom Garden of the Month

Fifty six years ago a large Fitzroy property was subdivided and the featured TOM garden this month surrounds a home built on land that was part of that subdivision.

few of the many plants and trees making an interesting mix in the front garden. Other plants used around the garden to great affect are different ivy. Jill and Maurice have it covering walls in places and on the entrance stairwell ivy vines like thick ropes are

The couple have designed their garden to be low maintenance and the lack of any lawn is something that Maurice is guite happy

The back of the house is completely walled off around an in ground pool. Here raised gardens house a mix of tropical plants. In this sheltered little micro climate plants such as a bougainvillaea which is still in flower are thriving. Jill has some of her striking pottery art work on the wall around the pool as well as on the wall along the covered veranda. There's more ivy dotted around here as well as various potted plants along the veranda. Cyclamens are another favourite and Jill uses these both in and out doors to add a splash of colour. When they have finished flowering she simply puts

Like most garden lovers Jill says she couldn't live without her

garden. The heavy rain our region experienced hasn't impacted

on this unique garden unlike many of us with water logged lawns.

them outside with their pot on its side to rest them.

Owners Maurice and Jill designed and built the home with the help of Maurice's father and extended family. The home which is a fine example of strong 1950s architecture was built around a large old magnolia tree growing on the property. The magnolia has since gone having succumbed to borer but the garden that exists today is still home to many trees planted back when the house was first built. Two lovely old cherry trees hold centre stage in the front garden and are around 50 years old. These trees and the myriad of others that fill the front garden act as a green belt between the home and the busy road that the home resides on. Jill says she likes to have trees that alter with the seasons such as the cherry trees as she enjoys seeing the colour changes of the leaves. Bright yellows and greens are Jill's favourite colour palette and the couple have chosen strong architectural plants to complement their home's design. There are a large variety of conifers as well as pukas,

trained around the stair balustrade.

with.

Because they designed their garden with low maintenance in mind Jill and Maurice can enjoy their eye catching garden year round with a minimum of fuss and effort.

By Jackie Tomlinson



Maurice and Jill's gorgeous winter garden.



Gardens featured in the TOM Fitzroy receive a Garden Voucher generously donated by Fairfield's Garden Centre



Winter Garden Competition

Winter has well and truly settled in now. Our lovely mountain isn't the only thing that looks spectacular at this time of year. Drive anywhere and the sight of fruit laden citrus trees are adding welcome colour to many gardens.

Here at the TOM-Fitzroy we are on the hunt for the areas 'best citrus tree'.

Send us in a photo of your tree by 1st August and let us know if you have any special tricks that keep your tree healthy and producing lots of delicious fruit.

The winning photo will receive next month's Fairfield garden voucher.

Send entries to kim@thetom.co.nz by 1st August

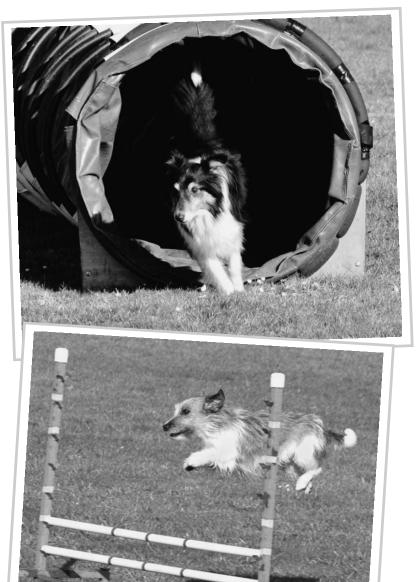
Dog Agility Championships at Glen Avon

On Saturday morning, 3rd July I visited the dog agility championships on Alberta Rd. Fortunately for the hundreds of dogs and their owners, the sun was shining albeit weakly. The ground was rather soft and puggy but this in no way seemed to hinder the progress of dogs jumping and running around various judging rings.

Dogs and their owners had gathered from all over the North Island. It clearly is a lifestyle option with many people setting up camp with gazebo's, tents and picnicking equipment. The dogs travel in style and all are very well cared for.

The dogs competing in the agility tests came in all shapes, sizes and breeds and without exception were very well behaved. It is a sport that people do for fun mainly - another social sporting event that they can do with their dog. Some travel every weekend to shows around the country. You can contact Patricia Martin - enrolment officer - 7513027 or email Paula at mitty1@clear.net.nz for more information

Fay Bailey of the North Taranaki Dog Training Club told me that "everybody seemed to have a great weekend and the good weather that we were blessed with certainly helped. We had 159 dogs competing in classes over the weekend, and it was the first champ show in New Zealand to have the new micro height running for the very little dogs and a new division of heights for the rest of the dogs".



By Kim Ferens





Flying Dogs!



Arthouse News

Thanks to your support we are now offering midday sessions, which began as Mums and Bubs sessions at 12noon and are now open to all-comers. Tickets are \$12 for 12noon and 2pm sessions every day, and all day Monday — that's \$3 off our full ticket price!

Tickets for most sessions are available online (for a small booking fee) letting you print your tickets out at home! See <u>www.iticketexpress.co.nz</u>.

Hot soup, cheeseboards, mulled wine and tasty light meals have been added to the menu.

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Mikael Blomkvist, has made his living exposing the crooked and corrupt practices of establishment Swedish figures. So when a young journalist approaches him with a thesis about sex trafficking in Sweden Blomkvist throws himself into the investigation.

He's had no contact with tattooed wild-child Lisbeth - yet unknown to him, Salander has had contact with him via his hard drive. She takes matters into her own hands – but is then accused of three murders, all connected to the expose about to be published.

Thriller, R16, 129min. Swedish with English subtitles.



Secondary Schools Inline Champs –

Medals for three local schools

During the first weekend of the school holidays eight secondary school inline teams battled it out at East End Skate Rink to be top inline skate team in the country.

Kerikeri High School took out the championship with NPBHS second and FDMC third – the same result as last years competition. In the combined schools division Thames Combined won gold and NPBHS/NPGHS/Coastal came second.



Teams came from Paraparaumu, Auckland, Kerikeri and Thames along with the three local schools, and a very high standard of inline hockey was on display.

Francis Douglas Memorial College did extremely well to finish third considering their captain Julian Beardman could only play two games before departing for America. The rest of the team stepped up and played a very gutsy tournament.

Another highlight was the local combined team made up of year 9 and 10 players competing against year 11 to 13 players. The combined team played with real spirit and never looked intimidated by the size or skill of older more experienced players.

In the final game for gold and silver between NPBHS and Kerikeri, local NPBHS player Mark Houwers suffered a broken ankle such was his enthusiasm to win, so we wish him a speedy and full recovery.

As usual Ken Lockhart of NPBHS organised a well run and exciting competition.



Second place winners, NPBHS and third placed FDMC.



Ken Lockhart presenting the KeriKeri captain with the winners trophy.

The combined schools winners, Thames along with NP combined team in second place.



NP Rollersports Club

The Ravens Take Triple Gold

Over Queens Birthday weekend in Tauranga junior teams from around the country competed for gold, silver and bronze medals. Eleven teams in total were competing in the three day tournament.

Ravens U10 Team won Gold Ravens U12 Team won Gold Ravens U14 Team won Gold This is the first time in the tournament history that all three grades have been won by the same club. The club is extremely proud of all the kids who played as they have all worked extremely hard to achieve gold in their age grades.

Some of the players involved have only started playing inline this year and it is not too late if you would like to start playing just go on our website: <u>www.ravensinline.co.nz</u>

Congratulations New Plymouth Ravens Inline hockey junior teams for taking the triple Gold.





New Plymouth Surf Riders' Club

There has been no let up to our activities as winter rolls in even though the poor weather has

restricted the number of good days. Those fortunate to have lifestyles organised around surfing have managed to capture some excellent days at their favourite spots.

For those wishing to test themselves against the best, two competitions have been available: the Surfing Taranaki sponsored Taranaki Championships and round one of the Port Taranaki Winter series. The cream of Taranaki's surf talent pitted themselves against a quality field at Back Beach for the 2010 Taranaki Champs. Defending Open Champion Bachelor Tipene was narrowly defeated by Kane Rowsan who put up a display of aggressive power surfing to take the title for 2010. Bach's wife Thandi successfully defended her title from Amaia Sasia. Results were:



Men's Open:

- 1 K. Rowson (NP)
- 2 B. Tipene (NP)
- 3 J. Andrews (Waitara)
- 4 J. Hancox (NP) 4.
- Women's Open:
- 1 T. Durham-Tipene (NP)
- 2 A. Sasia (NP) 3 - K. Hartley (NP)
- 4 C. Stevens (Oakura)
- U16s:
- 1 W. Wano (Piha)
- 2 S. Kettle (NP)
- 3 M. McLeod (Waitara)
- 4 -J. Hart (Oakura).

After a series of postponements due to the weather the Port Taranaki Winter series was also held at Back Beach allowing the younger (GROMS) surfers to show how they have benefited from attending the high performance coaching course last year and to start making their bid for inclusion in the Taranaki Scholastic team to compete in the national event in September. Results were:

<u>U12</u>

U16

1 - Isaac Kettle

4 - Daniel Farr

1- Josh Kettle

2 - Sean Kettle

U18 Girls

3 - Sonny Rapira Martin

3 - Mahorahora McLeod

2 - Josh Farr

1st Winter Series - 27/06/2010

Open

- 1 Jarrod Hancox
- 2 Sean Kettle
- 3 Conan James
- 4 Tyler Anderson
- <u>U 14</u>
- 1 Isaac Kettle
- 2 Te Rapai Barbarich-Love
- 3 Mahorahora McLeod
- 4 Toa MacDonald

U18 Boys

- 1 Eli MacDonald
- 2 Jordan Hart
- 3 Matt Smith
- 4 Matt Sanger
- 1 Casey Stevens 2 - Eloise Stevens

4 - Eli MacDonald

And something for members to start studying for: on August 21st we will be holding a Team Quiz night followed by a new surf video. The quiz questions will be suitable for all ages so Groms, Families and Masters will all be catered for. Mark this in your diary and start geeing up on your surf knowledge. More details in LINEUP later this month.

Allen Pidwell

Below, Kendra Harley (NP) competes in the Women's Open and left, Men's Open winner Kane Rowsan(NP) (Photos by Daisy Day Surf Photography.)



3 - Lydia Walsh 4 - Emma Croton

East End Surf Life **Saving Club**

IRB Team

East End is proud to advise that our IRB Premier crew of Andrew Cronin, James Morwood, with patients Emma Cronin and Geoff Cronin will be competing in Rescue 2010, the Lifesaving World Championships. The event is being held in Alexandria, Egypt with the IRB competition taking place from the 11th-13th October. It will be the first time East End has been represented by a team at the World IRB Champs and the team are excited to have the opportunity to compete for a world title.

On the local front the East End IRB team had another busy season providing lifeguard services and in the racing arena. In addition to the voluntary weekend lifeguard patrols, East End also provided Event Lifeguard Services for a number of local aquatic events. Throughout the summer, the IRB team was kept busy training twelve new crewmen and three new drivers. The skills used are valuable to maintain our patrol capability and keep swimmers safe at the beach.

In the racing arena East End won three major titles for the second year running: Top Club North Island IRB Champs, Top Club Taranaki IRB Champs, Top Club National IRB Champs. The Premier crew of Andrew Cronin and James Morwood achieved Top National Premier Crew for the second year running. The Senior crew of Nick Horo and Rory O'Connor achieved Top National Senior Crew.

This season East End fielded nine crews which were made up of three womens' teams, three under 21 teams, plus two senior and one premier teams. Of the nine crews only three had raced together prior to this season, which goes to show the training and efforts that all crew put in for East End to achieve the three major titles. To win the titles, all worked as a team and supported each other on and off the water, as points were gained by each crew getting into the finals.

Over the winter East End is busy training ten new IRB drivers. Each new driver has to undergo at least ten hours of supervised driving before they can sit their IRB Drivers license test. Winter is the perfect time to start this training with testing conditions and less people in the water. Cold temperatures however keep most sessions short and sharp.

The East End IRB team would like to thank everyone that has supported and helped out over the past season. Your time, effort and sponsorship is greatly appreciated and assisted in improving their lifeguard skills as well as rescue and first aid equipment.



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New Plymouth Boys' High School

New Plymouth Boys' High School is very proud of its students. We have had another assembly for boys gaining Excellence in NCEA. The boys in the Chamber Music and Youth Orchestra performed very well and we had one boy in the winning group for Rockquest. We are the Taranaki Champions in Chess, Cross Country, Hillary Challenge, Golf, Mountain Biking, Motocross, Rock Climbing to name just a few of the more interesting competitions.



Rhys Marshall proudly holds the "John George and Max Carroll trophy," which is given to the winning 1stXV in the NPBHS v FDMC game. Both John George and Max Carroll are men who have given a lot to Rugby in FDMC and NPBHS respectively.

Conor Anderson is a New Zealand representative in Karate (Shato-kan-karate) and is Captain of the National Junior Team. He is soon to go to a tournament in Queensland.



Rhys Marshall with his trophy.

Conor Anderson.

Boys' High wins Taranaki Chess Championship

On a Saturday in June, New Plymouth Boys' High School once again was host to the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Chess Championship. This year the schools entered were Francis Douglas Memorial College, Patea and two teams from NPBHS.

It was a clean sweep for the Boys' High teams who took out first and second places.



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The NPBHS A team comprising of Alan Ancell, Jacob Tomlinson, Matthew Boswell and Tyler Stewart won and will travel to Christchurch in September to represent our region at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Chess Championship.

NPBHS B team comprised of Jesse Watt, Ben Mrowinski, Billy Rodenberg, Alex Harfield and Ajax Horn came second with Patea and Francis Douglas Memorial College third equal.





Mangorei School





Mr Allen.

Mr Allen

Mr Allen is our Mangorei school caretaker. He is also a treasured member of our staff here at Mangorei.

Philip James Allen, aged 54, is the Mangorei school caretaker. He is brand new to the position after Mr Don Hodge (remember last years article!) retired. He has worked at Mangorei for one term and is loving every minute of it. Mr Allen told us that his previous career was at his own business in which he worked as an automotive electrician. His favourite tool is a lathe as it is the most useful and he loves the new school shed that was built earlier this year. It is a great place to store all the important tools he needs to keep the school looking beautiful.

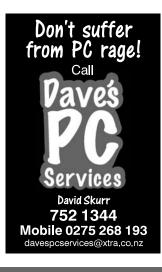
Mr Allen loves working at Mangorei. His favourite thing at Mangorei is the students and also working with the wonderful staff. Mr Allen said that Mangorei has the perfect work atmosphere and he also enjoys the fact that this job has a lot less stress than his previous auto electrician position had.

Mr Allen thinks that the most important quality of being a caretaker is being a helpful handyman who accepts all the challenging jobs at school. When thinking about who in his life has been inspiring to him he doesn't hesitate in saying his dad who

is an amazing 93 years old. Mr Allen speaks proudly of his family, his wonderful supportive wife and his three children. He happily mentions Ben his son who is 18 and lives with them, as well as Ted the family cat (His favourite pet by the way!).

His own advice for those who wish to do outdoor jobs is to 'make sure it is fine first as it makes it more pleasant to do!' When we asked him what part of the job he dislikes most his reply was short and sweet: 'I like them all', showing that he certainly is the right man for the job here at Mangorei!

By Emily Furr (Y7), Katherine Spencer(Y8) with help from Sam Thomson(Y8).





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Merrilands School News

SCHOOL Merrilands is truly a school where each child gets to "shine." Being a smaller city school with low numbers of children per class we really get to know and support our children as we live our school vision of being a "Caring Community Inspiring Lifelong Learning."

An example of this was the recent Taranaki Primary School Chess Tournament with the following article written by our chess team.

Chess Success:

Friday 18 June was an exciting afternoon for our Chess Team. We were at the Oakura Hall competing in the finals of the Taranaki Primary and Intermediate Chess Competition. It was thrilling that our team had reached the final after finishing second in pool play for our section.

Would we do well in the final? The rounds are based on the overall performance of the four members of each team. Players are rated 1 to 4 and play the rated 1 to 4 players of the opposite team. The eight teams in the final were split into two groups. We had three games to play in Round One to see which two teams would move forward to the semifinals.

First up, Moturoa. We beat them 3 - 1. Toko were our next opponents. They were last year's winners so we expected a tough round but we won 4 - 0! St Josephs Stratford were the next game and they won $2\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$. The semi-finals were next and because we had the most points we were the number one team! Omata were our opposition and we won 3 - 1, which was two wins and two draws.

Now the finals to find out who would represent Taranaki in the New Zealand Competition in Christchurch later in the year. Our opponents were St Josephs Stratford who had beaten us earlier on. How would we go against them a second time? It was really exciting. We tried our best but St Josephs Stratford won $2\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ so they are the Taranaki winners.

Congratulations St Josephs Stratford. We were very proud to be placed second for the whole of Taranaki in 2010.

Joshua Toa, Devyn Chapmen-Stone, Mowgli Cameron and Calum Sutherland.



Above - Our valiant team at play, and below -Proudly displaying their silver medals.



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Educator Career – PORSE

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A PORSE educator with children drawing.

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Merrilands Kindy

Our celebration of Matariki this year has been an exciting learning experience for teachers, children and whanau. Activities included: collecting a food hamper to present to the Foodbank for needy families; constructing kites, a traditional Matariki activity for children; harvesting our kumara and maori potatoes, and working to prepare our garden in readiness to plant a winter garden; cooking activities – including Rewena Bread, a 'Hakari' feast (shared lunch) for all children and wh?nau to farewell the old year and herald in the new. We all enjoyed our children's and family's involvement in these activities, which represent this kindergarten's commitment to celebrating Tikanga Maori and our bicultural heritage.



Children preparing a hamper for the Foodbank.

Also this term we attended a show "The Farm At The End Of The Road," held at the TSB Showplace which enabled our morning children to experience theatre/drama, extending on their repertoire of pretend/dramatic play and expressive communication skills. A great time was held by all who attended and for some it was a first time experience to travel by bus.

We were visited by a group of Technology students from New Plymouth Girls' High School who presented us with a beautiful wooden truck that they had designed and made.

We are now taking enrolments for three and four year olds and have a few vacancies for immediate start, so please feel free to pop in and meet our wonderful teaching team and view our fabulous environment that we have here at Merrilands Kindergarten. We are looking forward to another exciting and eventful term which starts on Monday 19th July.

Yvonne, Fortunate and Brenda



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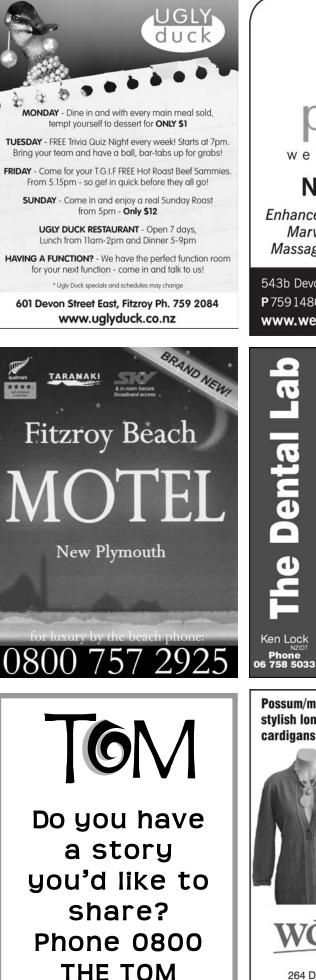
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CLUBS & GROUPS

East End Indoor Bowling Club

The club meets in the Community Hall Sackville St Fitzroy at 7.30 pm every Monday evening, new members are very welcome. Please phone Betty Death 757 9968

Fitzroy Scout Group

For boys and girls from age 6.

We meet on Mondays 6.00 – 7.30pm at The Scout Den, Clemow Road, Fitzroy (near Lake Rotomanu).

Visit us to see what we do. The first term/part term is free! For further details if your child is under 10 years: ph Cory 06 759 9312 / 027 291 7334 or 10 years + Craig 06 755 2013 fitzroyscoutgroup@xtra.co.nz

Mahjong

2010 Winter Season Starts on Saturday 1st May and then every Saturday 1.00pm - 4.00 pm at New Plymouth Croquet Club East End Reserve. \$3.00 per day including tea and biscuits. Small Prize for Lucky Hand of the Day.

Contact Betty ph 757 5913, Val ph 758 1957.

New Plymouth Chess Club

Every Tuesday 7.30 pm. Clubrooms:11 Gilbert St (next to Model Trains). For further information contact Errol Tuffrey 758 2626.

New Plymouth Swords Club - Fencing

At New Plymouth Boys High Old Gymnasium, off Hobson St. Every Monday night of school term - Juniors 6-7pm - Seniors 7-9pm. For more info contact: John Calcott, Ph 753 9186, jcalcott@paradise.net.nz

Ravens Inline League Games

Sat 24 July – 10am Sen2 v Devils; 10.55am U18 v Miners; 11.50am U16/1 v U16/2; 12.45pm Open Sen v Devils; 1.40pm U18/2 v Miners; 2.35pm Prems v Open Sen.

Rotary

Meets every Wednesday night at 5.15pm at the Beach Street Hall. Enquiries to the Secretary, Ross Smith, phone 758 4194. Email, rossandanne@slingshot.co.nz

Santa Rosa Country Music Club

Meets every Friday night at the Fitzroy Hall, Sackville Street Fitzroy, at 7.30pm till 10.30pm. Information regarding club please PH 021 265 9230 or email <u>lancasters@xtra.co.nz</u> entry \$3 nonmembers \$2 members. Supper provided.

Taranaki Jazz Club

Meets in the New Plymouth Sunday August 15th, 4.00pm to 7pm. Entertainment from former New Plymouth musician William Sklenars and his Quartet. General admission \$15, Jazz Club/New Plymouth Club members \$10 members, students \$4.

Taranaki Model Powerboat Club

Holds a club day on the 1st Sunday of every month (weather permitting). It is held at Lake Cowley, just before the Go cart track in Waitara. Contact John Nicholls on 769 9166 or 021 299 4168.

Taranaki Radio Control Car Club

Off-road racing, Club's dirt track by Lake Rotomanu, 2nd Sunday of every month. Contact Greg Mawson, ph 753 7471. *On-road racing*, contact Selwyn Duthie, ph 06 765 8108. *Indoor racing*, contact Tracy van Beers, ph 751 1093.

U3A New Plymouth

Monthly metings are held at the Trinity Church Hall, 8 Henui Street, Fitzroy at 2pm on the second Thursday of each month (except January). Contact the Secretary, Phone 752 3801, for more details - never too old to learn.

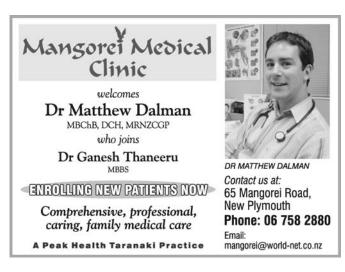
Victoria League Bridge Club

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