

## Thrill for Jill



*Jill Chitty's entry into Modus Operandi New Zealand*

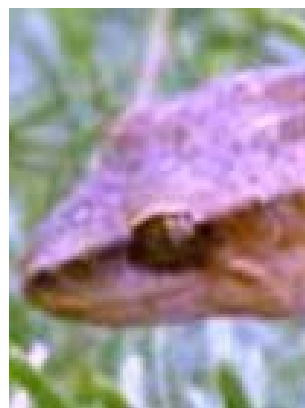
Local designer Jill Chitty is making a name for herself in the fashion industry by winning the "Haute Couture" section of the inaugural Modus Operandi New Zealand Fashion Awards for the Wellington region. Another Taranaki graduate, Gemili Power, won the same section in the Auckland regional awards. The inaugural awards attracted 650 entries nationwide. Three or four of the nine overall national finalists will be invited to go to Auckland to work with the Modus Operandi team for three months to further their careers. Additionally, these selected few will compete for the Supreme Award which is intended to launch the successful designer into the fashion industry with Modus Operandi assisting with production and marketing and selling the designer's range in their High Street store.

Jill expresses her thanks for the enormous amount of good old fashioned local support she has received - in particular from Skincare Taranaki, and the many, many Oakura friends and family who have all contributed.

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## From Mayor Pete

Being lucky enough to live in Taranaki as we do, we get to enjoy some of the best things in life.

Things such as a vibrant and good-hearted community of residents who work together for the betterment of others as well as for themselves. And things such as a strong rural sector that is the backbone of our region, and a fantastic landscape that includes the best of both alpine and coastal environments.

Recently there has been some discussion about the interests of the rural sector and the interests of people who want to get out and enjoy the great outdoors, such as surfers wanting to access top surfing spots across private farmland.

This council can appreciate the needs of both groups: farmers want to protect their stock and their land, and surfers want to access some of the best waves that can be found in Australasia.

This is part of the wider issue of guaranteeing public access to Taranaki's coastline while enabling activities such as farming and new housing to continue.

It's because of the willingness of Taranaki people to work together that I'm confident we will reach a solution for coastal access that suits both the rural sector and the public at large.

Already this council has reached an agreement with a landowner that will guarantee public access to the coast just north of the renowned Kumara Patch surfing spot, a little down the coast from Oakura. But this is just the start: we are looking at the wider issue of public access to our magnificent coastline, and we will be working closely with all communities of interest to make sure that everyone's needs are met.

I am greatly heartened by the attitude of the wider community, which recognises that the needs of all interested parties on this issue are valid and is confident that a workable solution can be found.

We do live in a great part of New Zealand, which is due in no small part to the positive and good-hearted residents of this district.

If you have any input to make on this issue, or you have a project that you think this council can help with, give me a call on 759 6060!

*Peter Tennent*  
Mayor

## Hon. Harry Duynhoven MP for New Plymouth

Warm Greetings to all readers of TOM – a publication that appears to go from strength to strength. Well done to the contributors and editors of this highly recommended community newspaper.

By now, most people will have heard of the ‘hiccup’ in my political career that if it was not actually serious would make great dinner party conversation. By the time you read this column, I would hope that the matter has been resolved without the fuss and expense of a by-election for the seat of Member of Parliament of New Plymouth.

You will all be aware that I am proud of my Dutch heritage, having been born in New Plymouth in 1955 to a Dutch father and a New Zealander mother. This entitled me to dual nationality. A law that was passed in the Netherlands deprived me of the dual nationality in 1995. After a wealth of criticism of this law, the Netherlands ruled that those with dual nationality could get this status back retrospectively.

As this change of law affected my status, and more importantly provided my children with Dutch nationality or citizenship, I filled out the required forms, and now find that this action may have breached an ‘ancient’ and almost unknown provision in New Zealand’s Electoral Law that has remained since before New Zealand had a Parliament, in fact from 1852.

The relevant section of the Electoral Act of 1993 provides that the seat of any Member of Parliament becomes vacant:

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The Dutch law was retrospective and seamless, and that means that I am simply in the same position as I was when I was first elected to Parliament, but the technicalities of the interpretation of our Electoral law cannot be ignored, and this matter must now be decided upon by the Privileges committee.

A large number of people nationwide, and indeed internationally, have sent messages and I thank all of you who have called my Electorate offices to register your support in this amazing position.

Enjoy the spring weather, keep well and safe.



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## Councillor's Comment



It was unfortunate that the second part of the information I wrote for you regarding the Representation review did not get printed in the last Messenger. However these things happen, so I tried to disseminate the information by way of a letterbox drop in Okato, Oakura and Omata with the help of Sue Henchman. We listened to submissions at Council on 13th August. I shall keep you up to date. It is interesting to see our Kaitake Community Board are going to submit to retain the status quo, and not submit for keeping wards as they first indicated.

Also this month at Council we will be making a decision on the Waitara land issue. This has been a huge job and responsibility listening to and reading all of the information over the last 6 months.

Lots is happening around Oakura village and beach with some of the projects we have been pushing for underway. Okato are also in the process of having some main street upgrades.

The work already done in the Oakura main street seems to have slowed traffic down considerably. We hope it stays this way, as this was one of the main objectives. As a matter of interest, last week the trailer that gets parked around the district and measures car speeds was in our main street and an observer noticed that most cars coming from the Okato side were still doing in excess of 60 km/h by the time they reached the vicinity of the garage.

Last week I visited the Kumara Patch along with a council officer and Thomas our local policeman, to walk the track and the beach so as to understand the issues we have been reading about. We intend to consult with everyone possible and hopefully come up with an alternative for the surf users.

Have you been to visit Puke Ariki yet? What an asset this is to our city! Hopefully the parking issue will get sorted. On this note, until next month... Ka kite ano,

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## Okato Centennial Memorial

This article discusses the symbology of the Okato Centennial Memorial. The information was given to me by Helen and Ray Rook of Okato.



The grass within the kerb is intended to represent the seas in which NZ is set.

The memorial itself, raised above the sea, depicts the land and, as in Maori lore, it is fringed with white surf and cloud - the white concrete surround. The first layer of small rounded stones is intended to represent the

Taranaki coastline, and the gradings up to the bigger sizes represent the course of the Stony river as it rises towards the mountain. Rising up and dominating the scene is Mount Taranaki, here symbolised by the large boulders at the foot of the tower. The tower with the clock portrays the passage of time and commemorates the completion of the first century.

The material used, modern stainless steel dairy tubing, is intended to link the past with the present, and while showing the current prosperity, indicates confidence in further development in the future.

Visitors should note two stones of interest, one of the bigger stones with crossed grooves on the East, is a Maori canoe anchor. On the West side is a medium sized stone, rusty red in colour, which was also given by Maori people. It is one of several from Oringi, the sacred spring near Whakarewa Pa, Puniho.

*Submitted by Pam Street.*

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The idea of running my own computer business came about when my family needed to decide whether to return to Wellington for job opportunities, or remain in picturesque Taranaki and enjoy the lifestyle we have made here in Oakura. I had returned here after working at the New Zealand Police College I.T. Department, and my wife (Katy) and I set up business from home. Katy returned to work part time as a Registered Nurse at Base Hospital; she also has an active role in the business. We share the care of our two pre-school children.

Dave's PC Services was opened for business in October 2002 and we have been steadily building up our customer base. Our initial aim is to focus our business from Omata to Okato, giving support to local small businesses and the home user. I also offer voluntary PC support for the local Kindergarten our son attends.

The computer business is a very competitive world, so I like to think of myself differently from my competitors, in that I provide a personalised service, in the home (although I do prefer to take most computers home, as the downloading is time consuming). I have flexible working hours, which means I am available some evenings and weekends. I fix, up-grade, maintain and sell new and used computers and components.

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## Kaitake Community Board



It has been good to see interest shown by the public on how they should be represented on the New Plymouth District Council. Voters seem very keen to see the Community Board stay.

The Kaitake Community Board at its last meeting supported the Council resolution that the NPCD is to consist of 15 elected members, including the Mayor. These will be elected by the electors of the district as a whole.

The existing four Community Boards will be retained, each with 4 members and 2 appointed members. Elected members will be elected by the electors of the relevant community as a whole.

We need to retain our local identity. We have a community of interest in the Kaitake area and wish to retain our local representation with a voice in Council through our Board.

We will be making a submission at the Council meeting to support this.

Keep smiling.

**Susan Henchman, 06 752 7815**  
**Chair Kaitake Community Board**

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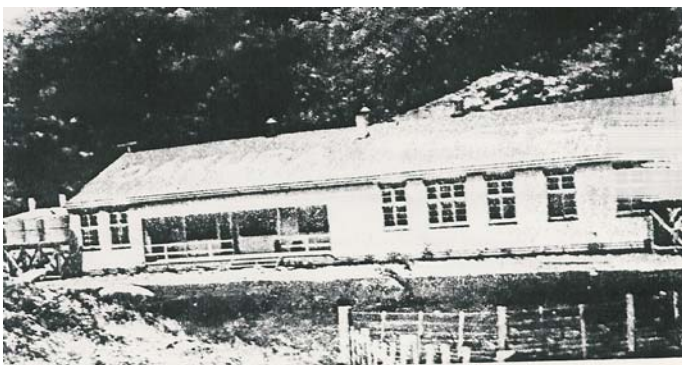
## Kaitake Radar Station

The Ahu Ahu ridge, scene of so much war time activity in the 1860s, was involved in another more recent war: this time in 1942. With the very real threat of a Japanese invasion of New Zealand, the country was placed on full-time alert. The main ports were defended by heavy artillery, and large numbers of troops were strategically placed in vital areas. In Taranaki, dummy aircraft were placed on various dummy aerodromes to deter the Japanese.



A radar station was placed on the Ahu Ahu ridge just inside the park boundary, about three hundred metres below the ancient Ahu Ahu pa. With another station established on Farewell Spit, it commandeered the approaches to Wellington from the west. It was operational until the end of the war.

To the casual observer, the cluster of nondescript buildings near Lucy's Gully was a holiday camp. The words "Oakura Hostel" were painted in bold letters on the roof to fool any enemy craft flying overhead into thinking it was a holiday camp. All the buildings were disguised right down to the dormitories which had dummy wooden chimneys jutting from the roof and, to cap it all off, small boulders painted white lined both sides of the roadway into the unit. The locals were intrigued with the goings-on up the hill and were told it was a "water pump" - but it was in fact Unit 11 - one of 19 radar stations scattered around New Zealand.



At its peak, the station was staffed by about 70 personnel. One naval rating recalls the night they were busy plotting the position of a ship about 10 miles out from

## Tom's Copper's Column

It has been a cold and frosty month with clear blue skies, most of the time. The burglaries and thieving from cars seems to have stopped. The bad guys must have moved on or got scared they were going to get caught. (The last time I said this they started up again!) Hopefully, they won't return to Oakura.

On the weekend of the 18th July, a letterbox on McFarlane Street was viciously attacked with a golf club. The head of the golf club was broken off and left inside the letterbox. Because of the severe nature of the letterbox assault, the letterbox will not recover and needs to be replaced. If you have any information that may lead to the apprehension of the thugs that attacked this poor defenceless letterbox please contact me. On the same night someone has smashed two windows at the Old Boys Club Rooms. They also damaged the toilets across the road. Someone must have either seen the event or know who it was. Please drop me a line if you do.

The response to the Neighbourhood Support letterbox drop on Messenger Tce and all the streets off Jan's Tce was great. Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond.

Letters will be delivered to the rest of Oakura in a couple of weeks. On that note, have a great month. Keep safe and look after your neighbours because you never know when you might need them in return!

**Thomas McIntyre**  
**Okato/Oakura Constable.**

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New Plymouth. Plots were reported to Wellington every quarter of an hour and all seemed to be going well until there was suddenly a great commotion. Wellington announced that, according to their figures, the ship was sailing over Mt Taranaki - they had been plotting the path 150 degrees south instead of 150 degrees north!

Today, all that remains of the station are the concrete base blocks and a few stone walls in the administration area.

# A Zephyr or Two on Surf Highway 45

By Kim Ferens

As you drive along Surf Highway 45 you may have noticed a zephyr or two out for a drive. One is a 1954 Mk 1 black Zephyr that reminds you of the TV programme "Heartbeat" with policemen racing around in car chases in Mk 1 Zephyrs. The other is a 1955 red convertible Zephyr that reminds you of Hollywood film stars (incidentally Tom Cruise has given the Donalds a cheery wave as they passed on Surf Highway 45). Bill and Val Donald - Dairy Farmers of Omata - are the proud owners of these magnificent machines. Nostalgia was the first word Bill used to express his passion for Zephyrs. A hankering for cars from one's youth, of cars that deserve a little extra special love and tender care. Believe me, these babies are pampered (no trips out in the rain), rubbed and polished, tinkered with and talked to like real babies are. Bill's dad also has a passion for Zephyrs, so Bill grew up tinkering under the bonnets of many a Zephyr. He spent 5 years from 1983 restoring his Mk 1 and at the Zephyr Club Convention won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for Best Restored Mk1 to Original Condition.



Bill Donald with his Mk 1 1954 Zephyr with 1<sup>st</sup> prize trophy on the bonnet.

For like-minded people, a Zephyr, Zodiac and Consul Club exists and Bill and Val belong to the Central Region Club. The club covers Gisborne, Taupo, South Manawatu and Taranaki, with about 55 members. This would have to be like heaven to anyone with a passion for Zephyrs. Parts swapping, buying and selling of cars, advice and encouragement given and a magazine published every two months by Bill and Val are reasons to join the club, but the social side of the club sounds the exciting bit and probably the bit wives and families get to enjoy. There are frequent trips away to different locations for rallies. At the AGM, a programme is worked out that sees each region host a rally. What a great way to see the country and make new friends. The last rally was in Gisborne (Bill and Val took the Nissan and had to bring up the rear of the Zephyr rally) and the

next one will be the snow run in Raurimu. Every year the Club holds a convention and this year the North Island Convention is in New Plymouth at Labour weekend. The old girls will be on display at Pukeariki, and then a top secret rally around Taranaki takes place. I dare say the odd bottle of rum will fortify those in need of fortification and a good old gossip will go on as well!!

If being part of the Zephyr, Zodiac and Consul Club sounds like your thing (you don't have to own a Zephyr and the members are all age groups), then contact Bill or Val Donald (ph 06 7511452) for more information.



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# Health and wellbeing

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### Meditation

When most of us in the western world hear the word meditation, incense sticks, white candles and chanting probably spring to mind. Meditation of one style or another has been around for thousands of years. It can be found in most major religions, including Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam. Generally, Eastern religions have tended to concentrate on meditation as a means of realising spiritual enlightenment. It is also common knowledge in the East that regular meditation provides a person with many health benefits. We in the West have only recently begun to understand the benefits that meditation can provide. Meditation is a useful and effective self-help tool for promoting good health and can help to treat a range of disorders.

Many forms of meditation result in the clearing of one's mind and this promotes a sense of calm and heightened awareness. During meditation, the brain's activity, as mapped by electroencephalography (EEG), alters state significantly. The most well known brain waves evident during many kinds of meditation are called alpha waves. These brain waves accompany relaxation of the entire nervous system. Scientific studies show that the regular practice of meditation can be a powerful healing tool. Regular meditation can be used to help a wide range of disorders, including: *asthma, anxiety, chronic pain, headaches, high blood pressure, insomnia, migraines, stress and some life threatening diseases*, just to name a few. Regular meditation has also consistently been found to benefit mental health by reducing depression, hostility, and emotional instability.

Resting the mind has a dramatic effect on brain activity. When the brain moves into an alpha wave state, many physiological changes occur, starting with the autonomic nervous system. One of the main roles of the autonomic nervous system is to regulate glands and organs without any effort from our conscious minds. The autonomic nervous system is made of two parts, called the sympathetic and the parasympathetic systems. These systems act in opposite yet complementary ways; the sympathetic nervous system 'revs' the body while the parasympathetic calms it down. Chronic stress or burnout can occur when the sympathetic nervous system dominates for too long. During an alpha wave state, the parasympathetic system comes to the fore. This results in lowered blood pressure and heart rate and a reduction in stress hormones. If meditation is practised regularly, these beneficial changes become relatively permanent.

Meditation has evolved out of many different religions and philosophies, which means there are a number of different techniques to choose from.

Some examples include:

**CONCENTRATING ON THE BREATH** - consciously noticing the movement of air in and out of your nostrils, or counting the breath in a variety of ways.

**EMPTYING THE MIND** - allowing the mind to clear and 'float', gently pushing aside any stray thoughts, allowing thoughts to float in and out of awareness.

**LOOKING AT AN OBJECT** - focusing your attention, but not necessarily your thoughts, on the shape, sound and texture of an object, such as a tree or a candle flame.

**MOVEMENT** - using a physical technique like yoga, Qi Gong or Tai Chi to still the mind by coordinating the breath and the body with gentle movement.

**USING A MANTRA** - repeating a word or phrase over and over, either out loud or silently, to focus the attention, perhaps timed with the breath.

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## "Hair Today" on show in Nelson

Waireka wearable artist Sandra Lewis has had her art piece "Hair Today" selected for the "Red" section of the 2003 World of Wearable Art Awards to be held in Nelson in September. "Hair Today" has been created out of hundreds of hair rollers and other hair accessories, and as per a condition of the "red" section is entirely.....red! If you are heading down to Nelson, look out also for Sandra's "Kiwi Bra" which will be on display in the 6<sup>th</sup> exhibition at the World of Wearable Art Museum.

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## Life has been a bit of a blur for Richard Landers lately.....

Moving to Oakura from South Taranaki in January, Richard and his wife, Richelle have been very busy for the last six months moving into their new home on Croydon road, settling their children, Adam and Renee, into Oakura School and coaching for the Oakura Junior Sports Club. Richelle has started work as a support worker for Ministry of Education at Kaitake Kindergarten. Richard has been juggling the building of a studio with gallery attached and satisfying his clients. He hopes to have a full display of stained glass by this years Rhododendron Festival.

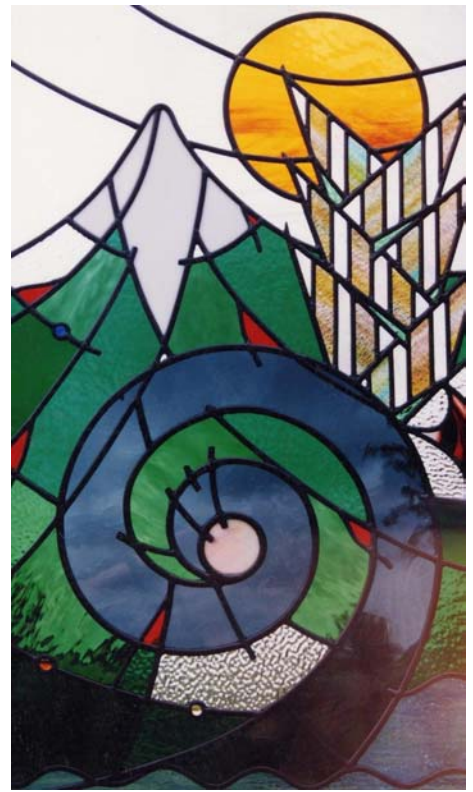
Richard has been involved in the glass industry since 1981, establishing his own studio in 1987. With his incredible knowledge, technique and vision Richard Landers brings a new aspect to creating visual beauty through his chosen medium of glass.



*Richard Landers in his Croydon Road Studio checking glass for imperfections.*

"There are many reasons for installing stained glass. Often it is to overcome the ordinary that so many houses today reflect. Flat, clean lines and surfaces so common with modern building practices have stolen the character and decoration of our history." said Richard. Glass can provide the opportunity for an input of individuality, some personal design or emphasis. In other cases, stained glass will provide privacy, mask an unpleasant view, enhance the architectural era of a building or create impact in a space and provoke thought.

With his technical expertise and insightful creativity Richard Landers will develop your design to work beautifully in your space. "A window is never just a window. It is part of an environment that can push or pull on a situation as required." he said.



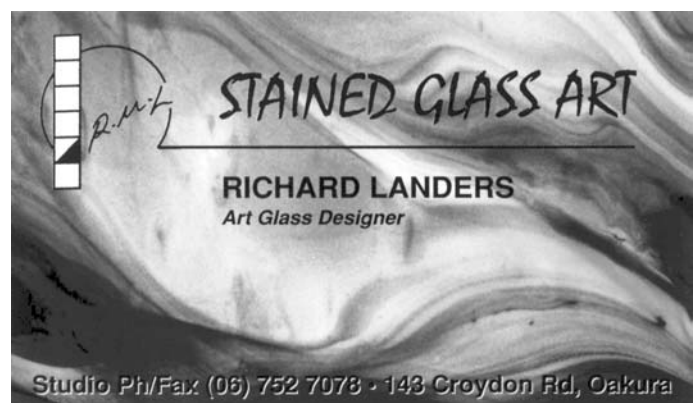
Whether working on an existing building or looking at a proposed one, the personalized attention assures a successful outcome. "In my design I try to encourage the

viewer to reflect...provoking thought, inspiring interest and imagination." said Richard. Recognising the situation and noticing the lifestyle of each patron as well as the overall architecture are all important considerations. Each commission brings its own challenge of listening, learning and finally weaving the client's ideas into a design



that gives the work significance – a history.

Richard Lander's studio is on Croydon Road in Oakura. Please call for an appointment (06) 7527078.





# Schist

## A Little Story about Stone

By Kim Ferens

Tom and Suzanne Smithers of Tom Smithers Enterprises Ltd have branched out from surfboards and skate parks. They now supply South Island, or more specifically Central Otago, schist to the local market. Schist is certainly associated with the building industry in the central South Island, but in New Plymouth? Why bring it here? Tom explains "There is no natural resource of comparable quality in Taranaki and the Taranaki landscape lends itself to schist. Schist is being used a lot in Auckland - imagine it here by the mountain. Schist has a timelessness that appeals to me. It was through our skate park facilities (of which we have built about 50 around New Zealand) that the idea of using schist originated. We transport precast concrete skate park components to the South Island, so to fill an empty returning truck and minimise freight costs we bring back schist. In Auckland, schist costs about \$850 per pallet and we can sell ours for \$550 per pallet because of our transport arrangement."

The schist Tom has is a lovely brown with golden flecks, but it can be in all sorts of colours. Different areas have different colours - blue, grey, brown. Tom and Suzanne have plans drawn up and waiting to action for a new workshop to be located at the Tapuae Hill site which will feature schist around the windows. A dry stone wall is also on the waiting list but Tom is too busy doing skate parks - there are four jobs waiting in the South Island.

Schist has many uses. It can be used to build feature chimneys or pillars in houses, dry stone walls, paving or paths, landscaping, retaining, ornamental features, BBQs or veneer cladding on houses and buildings. There are two methods of using schist for cladding. One way is the centuries-old way that Tom favours where the schist is placed in reasonably large slabs one

on top of the other with the mortar flush with the slabs. The other way is similar, but the mortar is raked out of the joint with the schist jutting slightly further out than the mortar. More schist is used this way and the method is more labour intensive (Mr Cook is building a house with schist using this method on Devon St West).

Contact Tom and Suzanne Ph/fax 64-6-752-7562 or [tom.smithers@clear.net.nz](mailto:tom.smithers@clear.net.nz) if schist interests you. Tom can organise stonemasons to lay the schist and has a unique weighing in and out system as well. This means the schist is weighed when you buy it and any leftovers are weighed and you just pay for what you use. I can't wait to see more schist being used in Taranaki.



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# *I Remember When...*

*By Kim Ferens*

Remember when Oakura was mostly farm land....a few houses.....a pub.....a general store.....a school.....a hall.....a pa.....a weekend surf club.....a beach camp and a beach front store?



Barrie Head

Mr Barrie Head of Abraham Funeral Directors remembers a vastly different Oakura from the one we see today. He was born in 1941 to Charles and Mildred Head, who owned the Post Office cum library cum drapery and general store located on the corner of Dixon St and the Main Rd. Barrie's parents bought the shop that held all these roles from Mrs Smart just before World War 2.

Mildred was the Post Mistress and Charles had the unenviable job of delivering telegrams informing parents of sons killed in the war. The family built and lived in the house behind the shop (58 Dixon St). In those times the hotel was the centre of the community; it was owned by Tom McDonnell. Police did regular checks on the 6pm closing deadline but the forewarned patrons would leave then return once the police departed. The hotel put on a big Christmas party every year. Mr Phil Lightband owned a Tiger Moth aeroplane and would land the plane on the beach and Father Christmas would get out with gifts for the children. Later on there would be a party for the adults at the pub.

There weren't many houses in Oakura, only 1 or 2 along the beach front and no tar sealed roads. Sections along the mountain side of the beach road were for sale for £25 and that seemed like a lot in those days. Many Maori families lived in the Pa and in the village and various artefacts have been uncovered as landscaping was carried out.

As children do, Barrie played in a Gun Emplacement on the beach located just before Messenger Tce. The Home Guard had the job of keeping a watch out for approaching enemy in WW2 and were ready to use the gun to defend the village.

A fishy story Barrie remembers is of Mr David White catching a tiger shark off the beach and dragging it ashore with a horse and cart. There was much fascination over all the baby sharks inside it.

Sixty years on, and Oakura is mostly.....permanent housing.....cafes.....a holiday resort.....highly sought after beach front accommodation.....a retreat for the rich and famous.

This month TOM interviewed Barrie Head for the first of what will be a regular column called "I remember when...". If you know of anyone who lives, or used to live, in the area and may have an "I remember when..." story to tell, we would love to hear from you. Give us a call on 7513305 or email us at [okuramessenger@xtra.co.nz](mailto:okuramessenger@xtra.co.nz).

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## Shopping

I thought I had been cured of retail therapy when my mother took me to Sydney some years ago for a week-end shopping expedition. Now, she could shop the pants off anyone I know! I was exhausted on day two, and vowed never to look at another shop again.

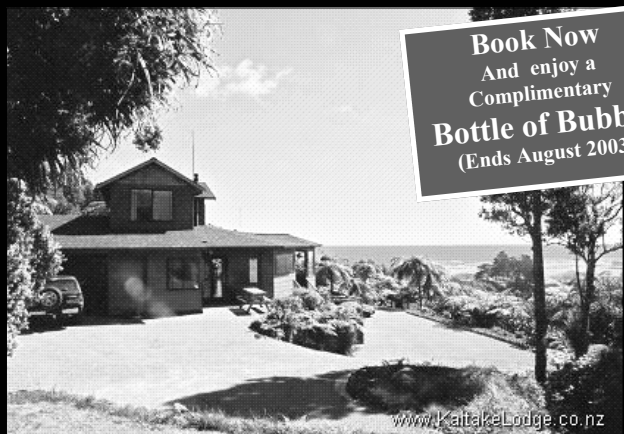
Moving from Wellington to Taranaki calmed my shopping instincts again. After all there are only like four shoe shops in New Plymouth, right?

Moving from Taranaki to Rarotonga has sort've killed any inherited shop-a-holic in me for good. Shopping is done for necessity. And it's not that much fun. Oh sure, if you're a tourist it's not bad. But as a local? Forget it. Last week I figured the 9-year-old was probably due for a new pair of shoes. Usual story, had the last pair 6 months. She loves them and won't dream of telling me when they're tight on her. So, Saturday morning our usual grocery shopping day, we had a look at the local department store to see what they had on offer in the way of size 3 shoes. Well, I had no idea jandals were so popular here. There must have been at least 30 different coloured and designed pairs of flip-flops. One pair of boys' velcro sandals, and ONE pair of shoes the 9-year-old liked but which were too wide for her skinny feet. And that's it folks. No other shoe shops on the island. Apart from the odd boutique of course that sells a couple of pairs of adult shoes, or the markets and tourist shops that sell – you guessed it – jandals (very pretty too, with shells or crystals, sparkly, plain, whatever you fancy!).

So, all I can say is. Thank God for Pumpkin Patch. I've never really appreciated catalogue buying before, but now I'm a real convert. Maybe there is just a teensy little bit of shop-a-holic left in me after all?

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# Gardening with Rosemary Herb

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### August Checklist

#### *Flower Garden:*

Plant new season's roses in rich well drained soil, with plenty of compost.

Complete rose pruning in time for spring growth.

Plant new perennials. Lift and divide clumps of existing perennials.

Plant trees and shrubs now to maximise spring growth.

#### *Lawns:*

Evenly apply lawn fertiliser to stimulate new growth.

Moss can be a problem in poorly drained or shady areas of lawn. Rake the area thoroughly and apply a solution of Sulphate of Iron (10g per square metre) to kill moss.

#### *Kitchen Garden:*

Prepare the garden for spring planting. Add generous amounts of compost. Now is the time to add lime if necessary.

Plant new citrus and deciduous fruit trees.

Prune passionfruit vines and feijoas to encourage new growth and fruiting.

# Mitre 10 Gardener

## Hoplodactylus Chrysosireticus (The Taranaki Goldstripe Gecko)

Our "An Emerald Taonga" story on Matekai Park in the July issue of TOM mentioned a rare gold striped gecko which was found in the reserve. Here is some more information on 'Hoplodactylus Chrysosireticus' – the Taranaki Gecko.

The Goldstripe Gecko is found only around the Taranaki coastal strip from north of Urenui to Patea, and on Mana Island near Wellington. It is brown, olive-green or yellow-green in colour with prominent clearly defined longitudinal stripes. Its natural habitat is the flax bush, so large groupings of flax are very important for its survival. It is also found around human habitation in gardens (red hot poker plants) and amongst ivy covering old sheds, and between sheets of corrugated iron in hay sheds, pump-sheds and the like. It is usually found in isolated pockets, so is very vulnerable to predators and habitat destruction. It is a fully protected animal i.e. can not be taken from the wild without the permission of the Department of Conservation, and is listed as an "Endangered Specie"

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*Hoplodactylus Chrysosireticus (The Taranaki Goldstripe Gecko)*

## Dr Lindy Fookes

Dr Fookes is the most recent member to join the team at Oakura Medical Centre. Her colleagues welcome a female doctor to share the practice with Dr Brent Anderson and Dr Mike Kennedy. Lindy studied at Otago Medical College. In her fourth year she gave birth to her twin boys, Harry and Dan (10 years). Returning two years later to complete her degree, Lindy graduated then moved to Taranaki to work at Base Hospital. Her next appointment was in the UK and it was there that her third child, 2-year-old Katie, was born. She returned to Taranaki with her family in 2000 and worked at Medi Cross until earlier this year when she started working part-time at the Oakura Medical Centre. Dr Fookes now works on Wednesday and Friday at the medical centre and welcomes new patients.

## Dr Mike Kennedy



Mike came from Christchurch 18 months ago to join his colleagues at Oakura Medical Centre. He has spent most of his time at the Okato practice. He is there Monday, Tuesday and Friday and spends Thursday in Oakura. Mike has bought a property in Oakura and plans to make the most of the surf.

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## Tania Davis, Beauty Therapist

Having travelled in the UK for six months, Tania Davis returned to New Zealand to attend the Wellington School of Beauty Therapy. There, she qualified as a



Beauty Therapist and now holds the international qualifications in CIBTAC and CIDESO. After working as a therapist for two years in Wellington at Trois on Allen, Tania left to return to Taranaki to pursue her interest in cosmetic non surgical procedures and enjoy the sun, surf and Taranaki lifestyle. Tania was given the opportunity to join the team at Skincare Taranaki. She was thrilled to accept, having found a clinic that offered full beauty therapy care as well as intensive specialised skin care treatments. Tania offers the following services: eye lash tinting, eyebrow tinting and shaping, waxing, manicures, pedicures, AHA and specialised facials, make-up, therapeutic massage, electrolysis, non surgical facelifting and Medlite IV laser treatment for tattoo and hair removal. Tania is looking forward to meeting existing and new clients and welcomes your visit or call to the clinic.

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For the small '**spider' veins** sclerotherapy remains the most efficient and cost effective method of treatment. Sclerotherapy consists of injecting small quantities of a solution into the visible veins. This solution causes the veins to 'shrivel up'. For this procedure to work it must be performed by practitioners who are aware of optimal treatment techniques.

For the **larger varicose veins** UGS is an excellent treatment. UGS has become an alternative to 'vein stripping'. UGS consists of injecting the solution (under ultrasound guidance) into the damaged deeper veins that give rise to the visible varicose veins. The injected solution then shrivels up these deeper veins and the associated varicose veins. These deeper veins are not necessary for your circulation, as they have usually not been working for many years. UGS is done on site and is a 'walk in, walk out' procedure. There is minimal discomfort with the procedure (no patients have ever required any type of anaesthetic during the procedure) and there is no cutting of the skin. You can walk immediately after the procedure and can drive yourself home or, if appropriate, return to work on the same day. It is a very cost effective procedure with the maximum 'out of pocket' cost being \$950.00. If you are interested in getting more information about any of the procedures performed at this clinic, please don't hesitate to call.

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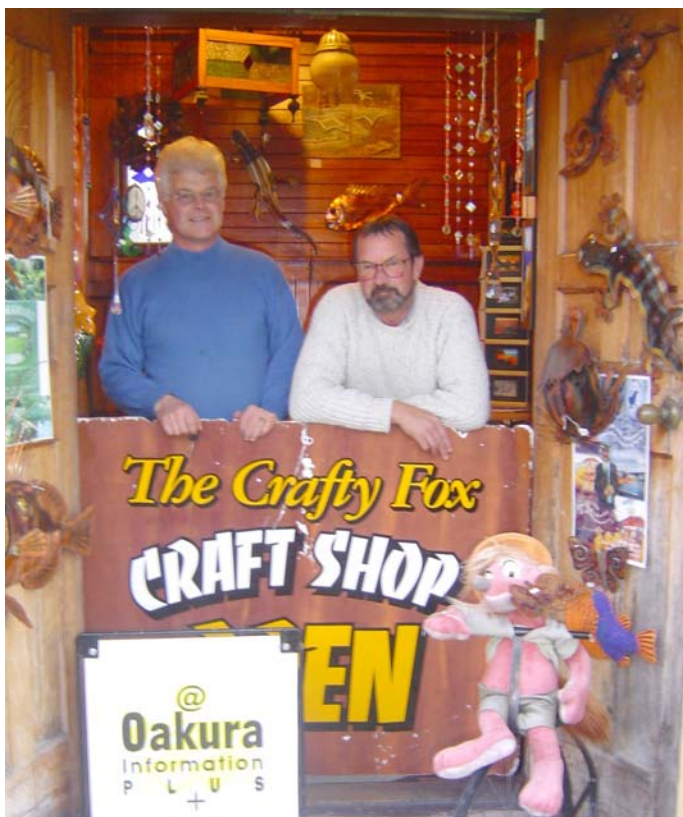
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## A new home for Info Plus

After a quiet Autumn period, Info Plus has been on the move and is now nicely settled in The Crafty Fox building across the road. Info Plus was set up in October last



Tony Barnes and John Sole outside The Crafty Fox

year by local women Michelle Powell and Tracey Lusk. They saw a gap in the village for a place that could promote what Oakura has to offer. The centre was unable to get funding so some thought and creativity were necessary to provide financial support for the project. With a generous sponsorship offer from TSB McDonalds Real Estate and the support of many businesses the vision of these women became a reality. A team of dedicated volunteers worked at the centre promoting Oakura and surrounding areas to numerous visitors and locals. However, it became increasingly difficult to maintain the hours set out and this saw the centre more closed than open, a situation that Tracey and Michelle felt responsible for as pioneers of the centre. It was never an option to close the centre, so the pair set out to find a new location. Fortunately, their first choice was accepted with open arms by John Sole and Tony Barnes, the owners of The Crafty Fox. John and Tony have been in the tourist industry for some time with their Ngamamaku gardens and The Crafty Fox shop. Their passion for people and sharing the area is obvious by their warm and friendly approach – Info Plus could not be in better hands.



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## Puke Ariki



### Oakura Library *With Tara Ward*

Hello from Oakura Library!

We have a number of new titles in the library this month, including the very popular *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. Other new books include:

Ruth Rendall – *The Babes in the Wood* – the latest Chief Inspector Wexford novel;

Elizabeth Smithers – *The Sea Between Us* – local award-winning author; James Patterson – *Four Blind Mice* – ‘a sensational rollercoaster tale of suspense, politics and intrigue’; *Yeats is Dead* – a novel by fifteen Irish writers in aid of Amnesty International, including Roddy Doyle, Marian Keyes and Frank McCourt; and Sara Donati – *Lake in the Clouds* – bestselling author of *Into the Wilderness* and *Dawn on a Distant Shore*.

New books are displayed each Monday for one week. You can request any of these books for a \$1 fee (on collection of the book).

Did you know the library is open on Wednesday evenings from 5pm-7pm? We have had low attendance during our late nights – if you enjoy the option of coming to the library after work on a Wednesday, please make the most of these extended hours.

New members are always welcome. Membership is free and entitles you to use the libraries throughout the New Plymouth District – Puke Ariki, Bell Block, Waitara, Inglewood, and of course, Oakura!

**Tara Ward**  
**Oakura Librarian**



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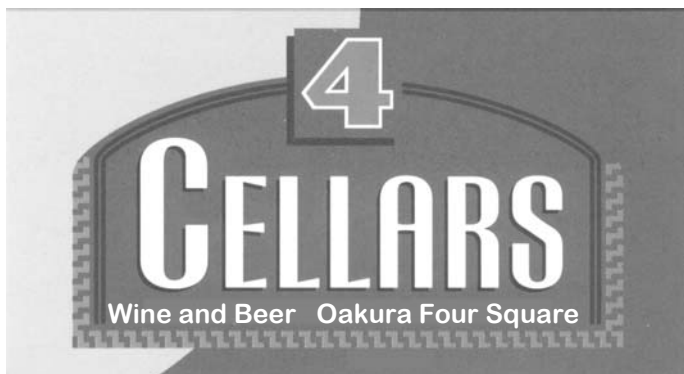
After 9 years at the Oakura Four Square, Jimmy and Jackie Lim are still busy, busy, busy and not just with the stream of customers. This month they've had the builders in extending the premises again by almost a meter this time to accommodate the three new chillers. Jackie said "we can't go out any further...we'll have to go up next time!". At the end of August the chillers will be full of a comprehensive selection of white wines and beer. Purpose-built wooden racks will display the red wine. Look out for their advertised weekly specials and ask one of the team about a Four Square Cellars Wine Club Card. Collect 11 stamps on your card to receive a free bottle of wine from their selection up to the value of \$12.

The community notice board will be in place outside the Four Square at the end of August. If any businesses would like to subscribe to this project, for \$50 your name and a few lines about your company will be printed on the frame of the notice board. Call Jimmy or Jackie for further information on 7527862.

Two lucky shoppers at the Four Square won prizes last month. Dave Smithers won the "Birthday Basket" valued at \$100 and Olivia Thame rode off on the bicycle from the Meadowfresh milk competition. Olivia said "I probably put the last entry in the box and they called me the next day. She is thrilled with her prize and has been cycling to her friend's house.

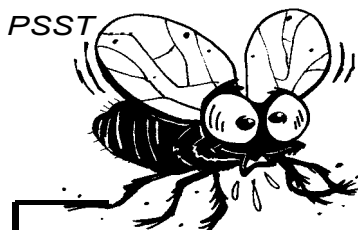


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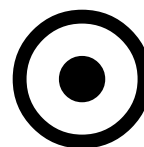
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At our next AGM there will be two members left on the current committee. Neither of these women has pre-schoolers. We need new Mums/Dads/Caregivers who would like to meet once a month, mainly socially, to keep Plunket services alive in the Oakura area. Oakura Plunket stretches from the New Plymouth boundary to Weld Road. Anyone is welcome to join.

Our main fundraiser is our House-to-House Appeal in October. We are lucky to have the Oakura Fire Brigade to help us but we need extra collectors for 2 hours on one evening. **PLEASE** think about helping us as this is our main source of income to help keep Oakura Plunket going.

If we can not get new members immediately, Oakura and the surrounding area is in grave danger of not having the services of Plunket.

This is a really fun committee to join, so please ring for further information:- Noelene Vickers, 7527022 or Trish Whitney, 7527099.



## School News

Oakura School is having its biennial Gala Day at the end of November this year. The Gala Committee has already begun planning, as there will be many exciting stalls this year, including Christmas crafts, fun activities for all ages and lunch-time food. If you are making marmalade, chutneys and preserves in the near future, donations of these would be gratefully received for the Produce Table. There will be a plant stall too so donations of plants, potted succulents or cuttings would be fantastic. Any donations can be left at the Oakura School office or phone Cathy Arden, 752 7519, and we will arrange to collect them. Keep watching TOM for more details.

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## Try Brunch in Hamilton

On a recent trip to Hamilton I was so taken by the friendly service at a local café I enjoyed breakfast at, that it seemed appropriate to share it with others. The décor is very welcoming in dark brown and black and upon entering you are greeted immediately and shown a menu. Along with the usual brunch items of eggs done any way, muesli, hot cakes, etc. was my choice of the full breakfast of eggs, bacon, tomatoes and mushrooms. What I especially liked about this meal was the obvious lack of fat-soaked food which is often what comes with this choice; there were no deep fried processed hash browns and I left feeling light and refreshed. My two-year-old companion was treated possibly better than myself and my sister, which I of course have no qualms about - in fact it so nice to go somewhere that doesn't see children as a problem. He was given a large piece of paper and a cup of crayons, and throughout our meal the staff would check in on his drawing. At the end of the meal, he had the choice of hanging his picture on their wall or taking it home; he chose to go with the waitress to hang it up.

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## The Rainforest by the children of Oakura School

### The Yanomami

By William Schroeder (12) and Ben Brennan (12)

The Yanomami people have learned a lot of technology by using common sense. When the river rises up in winter the people cannot cross. At this they thought about building a bridge like thing so they are able to cross. They now use their common sense and make suspension bridges which are stable. They have branches that you walk across that are held up by cross sticks that are stuck into the river bed. They sometimes also have handrails to make it easier to cross. They gather lots of bark off the high trees to make canoes. They build high scaffolding just like we do today. They take the bark and hollow it out with a chisel. After that task has been completed they take it down to the river to test how it floats with people in it then they fill the gaps with clay from the river bed.

In 1989 40,000 miners came into the territory of the Yanomami people. Back in that day they had very little contact with the outside world. When the miners came they brought over diseases like the common cold, the flu, and the measles. By 1990 15 percent of the Yanomami population died of measles, flu and common colds. The miners live in the forest in huge cities. When they take the gold from the river beds they pollute the river and the fish die. The fish are what the



"Cheetah" by Christie McMillan, Room 10, 11 years

Yanomami people depend on. Big mining jobs pollute the river with toxic mercury. They also pollute the air by burning a huge amount of wood and land. The Yanomami people were not used to these conditions.

Yanomami hunters kill only enough to feed their tribe. If they catch too many birds, animals, and fish there will be hardly any food to feed their family in future. The weapons that they use to kill animals are rifles, blow guns, bows and arrows. The rather silent weapons like blow guns help them to sneak up on animals so they are easier to kill them. The poison in the blow darts doesn't harm them it just makes them relax. This poison is called Curare. Nowadays this is used to help patients

relax when they are doing important surgeries. They will not eat their own catch because they believe that the hawk guides them in their hunt. They believe that the hawk will not help anyone that eats what he kills. Only one blow of a blow dart is able to blow the dart 10 meters or so.

The Yanomami's favourite crops that they use are manioc, maize, yams, and plantain. Plantains are like large bananas. Some of the women plant canes. These canes are used for making arrows and cotton is used for making hammocks. Pineapples, papaya, bananas and palm trees are planted into a garden. These plants and trees usually take over 10 years to produce fruit. A few years later the Yanomami move because the crop garden is unable to take any more plants. This type of farming is called shifting cultivation. This type of farming does not harm the rainforest because the gardens are really small so it doesn't make a difference to the environment.



"Toucan" by Lisa Zieltjes, Room 10, 12 years

Amazon  
Anacondas live there  
Many things live there  
A traditional Amazon family lives together  
Zero tolerance for destroying rainforest  
Only treat the rainforest how you would like to be treated  
Neat Amazon houses

Mason Farrant, Room 4, 8 years

The Amazon  
Animals creeping around  
Many plants of different kinds  
A river running across it  
Zero tolerance wood cutters  
Only bring out what you brought in  
No killing animals if you don't need them

Roisin Mohr, Room 4, 7 years

A peaceful place  
Many plants  
Anacondas live there  
Zero tolerance for destroying rainforest  
Only take photos if you go there  
Neat traditional people

Matthew Everest, Room 4, 8 years



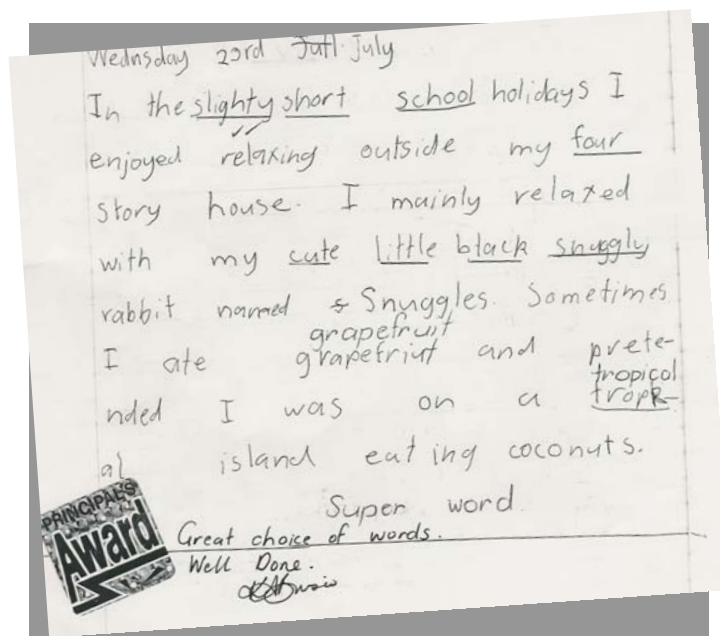


## A selection of art from the children of Omata School

Kyron Stewart of Room 3 Omata School who received a Principal's Award for his creative writing about what he enjoyed most in the holidays.



Jessica Brewster of Room 2 Omata School with her example of poetic writing. The children brainstormed about Antarctica and then created their own poem.



The top of the iceberg  
Up up I go  
I get closer closer to the top  
I hope it doesn't rain !!  
I can see see see the top  
I run run run to the top  
**YES!!**  
I made it.  
I wish I had more clothes  
Just sitting sitting there in the land of  
snooooow  
it's time to have fun  
Weeeeeeeeeee  
Splash!!!!!!  
I'm in the water  
Oh no.

By Jessica Brewster



Picture left: William Lower of Room 1 Omata School, with his landscape created using coloured PVA glue then a dye finish.

### 'The Decorating Guru' Tip of the month

Winter wallpaper sales keep me busy. One working mum whose house I am papering mentioned that she must learn how to wallpaper. My reply was "Why would you bother?" Expensive wallpaper, lovely home, why ruin it with an amateur job? No tools, little knowledge and lots of frustration. Leave it to the experts.



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The season is now up and running: it opened on Sunday July 6 2003. There have been some excellent days since, with the cover on the T-Bar reported to have been the best since 1995.

Technology has kicked in at the field this year to provide information to users. The snow phone on 759 1119 is regularly updated, or you can go to the Mangunui Skifield web page [www.snow.co.nz](http://www.snow.co.nz) to get the snow report and see the ski field for yourself on the web cam.

The URL is

[http://www.snow.co.nz/snowreports/snowreport\\_cam.jsp?skiArea=14](http://www.snow.co.nz/snowreports/snowreport_cam.jsp?skiArea=14)

**Snow Phone Number 751 9119**

## Oakura Primary School Ski and Snowboard Team



**Back Row:** Jack Smithers, Calum Ross, Josh Barrett, Matthew Dickey, Georgie Wood, Ann-Marie Dehar, Tobias Looker

**Front Row:** Matthew Knudse, Tai Juneau, Rachel Eden, Lucy Brankin, Thornton Davies, Henry Saleman, Finlay Neeson, Jackson Braddock-Pajo

## Local successes in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Skiing and Snowboarding Champs

### Junior Boys Skiing

2nd Morgan Davies Oakura  
3rd OJ Jureau Oakura

### Senior Boys Skiing

1st Sam Forrest Oakura  
2nd Nicky Priest Oakura  
3rd Rowan Dixon Oakura

### Junior Girls Skiing

1st Paige Hareb Oakura  
3rd Monique Forrest Oakura

### Open Boys Snowboarding

1st Shem Plummer-Butt Oakura  
3rd Peter Manning Oakura



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## Taranaki Primary and Intermediate Ski and Snowboard Championships Results

### Intermediate Boys Skiing

Calum Ross 3rd

### Junior Boys Skiing

Finlay Neeson 1st  
Thronton Davies 2nd  
Henry Salesman 3rd  
Tai Juneau 4th

### Junior Girls Skiing

Lucy Branki 2nd

### Intermediate Girls Snowboarding

Ann-Marie Dehar 2nd

### Junior Boys Snowboarding

Henry Salesman 2nd



# Kaitake Netball

It's down to the business end of the season now and at the time of writing the two Kaitake teams have reversed their positions on the table from the last TOM article. Kaitake Black is now in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Kaitake Blue is in 4<sup>th</sup> place. The next two weeks are crucial if both teams are to secure a place in the top five.

**Kaitake Black** will need to win two more games to stay safely in the top five. They will have a total of 21 points if they win both games but will only have 18 points with 1 win. Their rival is **Nag n Noggin** who have the same number of points as **Kaitake Black** but have an advantage with their goal percentage. These teams will be playing each other on 2 August so one of them will have a loss; a crucial game for both of them!

**Kaitake Blue** will also need to win their next two games to end up with 19 points. The **Woodleigh** team is their rival as they are on 13 points apiece and, like Kaitake Black, they have a crucial game against Woodleigh on 2 August.

Once these games are completed (2 August), a draw will be produced for the top five teams and the netball season will continue for five more weeks until 6 September where a winner will emerge for the Taranaki Champs.

On 19 July, Kaitake Blue were hoping to knock NPGHS off their perch. NPGHS have been too strong not only for Kaitake but also for the whole of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. No team has been able to beat them yet and we were hoping to be the first on that day. However, we had an injury to one of our star players (Kelly) in the first half; she went down with a serious Achilles injury, and that didn't help us with the mental side of our game. We gave it our best but couldn't come away with a win.

Kaitake Black earned an easy 3 points that day when Western Subs defaulted against them.

The next issue of TOM will be our last as the netball season winds up in the early days of September. We will miss the TOM What's On this month so we will post the draw for the last 5 games on the local notice-board next to the Oakura Pharmacy. In the meantime, come down and support us sometime.

*Tanya Farrant.*

**Blue Team:** Bob Fleming, Vanessa Danger, Tanya Farrant, Kelly Miller, Claire Dobbin, Catherine Spindler, Catherine Ongley, Melissa Fleming, Karen Lovell, Janet Farr, Vicki Eaton, Jo Hill and coach Anna Cleland.

**Black Team:** Nicole Mancer, Tracy Day, Ann Te Ruki, Christine Berridge, Glenda Hooper, Karen Cooper, Snoz and Amy Elliot.

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## Taranaki Year Seven Netball Victory

Miaana Walden from the Taranaki year 7 netball team was interviewed about their recent victory. It was a very early start for the team; they left on the bus at 5am and had to be at the courts by nine. They won the first game easily and then won the next. The third and last game was the closest, with Taranaki only winning by 1 point. The semifinalists were announced over the loud speaker: since Taranaki had won all their games they knew they were in and thought they had a good chance for the finals. They won the semifinal game easily but knew the final would be tough, as they were playing Upper Hutt. They had won the last game against this team by only one point. When the buzzer went at full time in the final, the scores were drawn; the game had to keep going till somebody won by two – and Taranaki did it! Miaana was stoked at their victory; she thought the whole team had played well and mentioned special thanks to the coach, Sue Jans.

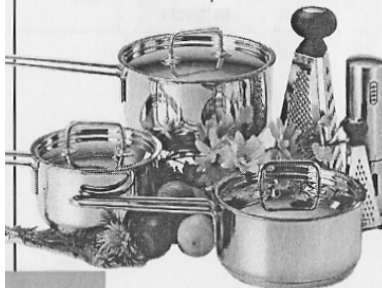


*Miaana Walden at the Oakura  
Primary School  
netball courts*

**Rebecca Shannon**

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## Success for pupils of the Lawrie Studio of Highland and National Dancing

Five pupils from the Lawrie Studio travelled to Marton to compete in a Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing competition held on Sunday 27 July 2003 by the Highland Dancing Association of Manawatu, Rangitikei and Wanganui. All dancers were successful and performed to their very best ability.

Jamie Scott (7) gained two fourth and one fifth placing and gained the trophy for the dancer most deserving of encouragement in the Beginners (Junior) section. Kaye West (9) gained one second, two third and one fifth placings in the Beginners (Junior) Section. Rebecca Sandle (10) gained two second and three third placings in the Beginners (Senior) Section. Sophie Gibbins (11) gained one first, two second, one third and two fourth placings in the Intermediate Section. Morgan Bamford (10) gained eight first placings in the Premier (Junior) Section.

Roisin Mohr (7) is currently in Scotland visiting family. Roisin has taken her kilt so that she can dance at some of the Highland Games while in Scotland. We will be very interested to hear of her adventures on her return to Oakura.

We welcome to the studio three new dancers...Silika (5) and Atayla (4) Fakavamoeanga, and Sophie Gibbins (11).

The Studio's next dancing competition will be in Auckland at the end of September.

For inquiries and enrolments contact  
Judy Clark – 06 7527373 or [judyclarke@clear.net.nz](mailto:judyclarke@clear.net.nz)

## Oakura Yoga

Due to the hall being booked out for another event yoga was cancelled for two weeks, from the 28th of July through to the 11th of August. Classes resumed on the 12th of August. I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused, but I only found out that the hall had been booked on short notice. Remember there is a new class on Thursday nights at 7:30-9:00. This is a class especially aimed at beginners, so come along and try it out

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## CREATIVE COMMUNITIES GRANTS SCHEME

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All projects eligible for funding must be arts and cultural projects that:

- increase participation in the arts at a local level
- increase the range and diversity of arts available to the communities
- enhance and strengthen the local arts sector
- take place within the district and/or produce benefits that are largely experienced within the district
- benefit the local community
- have not started before an application is assessed and have not been funded by Creative New Zealand or the North Taranaki Community Arts Council for the same project.

Funding will be available as grants or guarantees against loss.

Application forms, including information sheets, are available from the Council's Customer Support Centres at New Plymouth, Inglewood, Waitara, and the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery.

Enquiries in respect of the Scheme should be directed to the New Plymouth District Council on 759 6060 or e-mail [enquiries@npdc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@npdc.govt.nz). Copies of the forms are available by e-mail.

The closing date for applications for this round is **Friday, 12 September 2003.**

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