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## PIGEON IN THE PARK

Matekai Park plays host to some wonderful birdlife.

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## EDITORIAL

A big thank you to Ron for carrying the TOM mantle while I was away in North Africa and France - it was so good to relax and know that someone was taking care of the work!



It was a brilliant idea to go away for a month of winter - there's a lot to recommend it!

I've always been a Len Lye Centre sceptic - wondering why we need such an extravagant and costly 'monument de folie' and whether the average rate payer would ever get any benefit (and I guess by benefit I mean monetary) from the centre. I still wonder the same but having been to the mecca of galleries - Paris, I can see how these institutions help give a place 'flavour'. They draw in the tourists, who shop, stay, eat and travel in the city.

Do I want that happening here in New Plymouth? Do I want tourists taking over my favourite spot on the beach, cramming my walking space on the walkway, snaffling my table at my favourite cafes, buying that pair of shoes I want? Probably not but I concede the economic outlook for Taranaki is looking a little bleak at the moment, what with falling dairy prices and the oil industry in slump so an alternative such as tourism might cushion the impact on some businesses. The Len Lye Centre may just provide one answer to a bleak outlook but most of us will have to make personal sacrifices for the greater good. At least the centre looks amazing - truly amazing. Might cause a few accidents with people driving past trying to see their reflection in the stainless steel! Already tourists are lining the street taking photos so while we might not have an Eiffel Tower with its 250 million visitors, we have a Len Lye Centre and I'm sure the name New Plymouth will become synonymous with its latest 'monument de la gloire'.

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# Mayor Andrew Judd

Hello everyone.

After years of planning, the new rubbish collection system is a couple of months away from starting.

The new system will see households in the collection areas using branded plastic 60L bags for general rubbish, a 60L crate for glass recyclables, and a 240L wheelie bin for all other recyclables.

Not only are we getting rid of plastic supermarket bags for the recyclables but we will also be able to recycle more plastics than before. Currently we can recycle only types one and two plastics, but from 1 October that expands to types one to seven.

The aim of the new system is to reduce the amount of material that goes to the landfill, which would mean cost savings for all of us. We have a lot of room to improve as 65 per cent of waste from households can be diverted from the landfill!

## Bin delivery

The first sign that people will see of the new collection system is the delivery at their homes of the recycling bins and branded rubbish bags.

This delivery will be completed by the end of September – so if your property is charged a targeted rate for rubbish collection and you haven't received your bins yet, don't worry, they're coming!

To help you out, the bins will be accompanied by a calendar (showing which week is for collecting glass and which for general recyclables) and other information.

The bins can't be used until 1 October though, when the new collection system starts.

While this new system will make it easier for us to get the most out of our recycling, it isn't the full answer to responsible waste management. From 1 October it will be up to each of us to use this system to its fullest and recycle as much as we can from our homes, as the collection system will only be as good as the effort we put into it.



## MARK YOUR DIARIES WITH THE FOLLOWING DATES.

"E-books for Everyone" will be held on 24th August from 4-6pm here at the library. Come along and learn how to borrow free e-Books and free eAudio books. We'll do our best to answer your questions, no matter what your device. No booking needed.

Crackerjacks, pre-school story time will be held on Thursday 20th August at 10am. No booking needed. Bring your babies too!

## NEW ADULT FICTION:

Two foreign fiction novels translated into English that are real gems: *The Crash*, a French thriller and *The Altogether Unexpected Disappearance Of Atticus Craftsman*, is a funny and quirky novel with elements of a love story and a whodunit all rolled into one book.

The Taranaki Arts Festival events are on 13-30 of August. We have brochures available. If you plan on enjoying writers at the Libri Lounge and want to read their books first, don't look any further. We have Michele A'Court's *Stuff I Forgot To Tell My Daughter*, Antonia Murphy's *Dirty Chick: Adventures Of An Unlikely Farmer* and Nick Hager's *Dirty Politics* to name a few.

Reading is a great way to de-stress and unwind at the end of the day.

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Taija Roberts at our school holiday programme holding her animal creation.



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# New Zealand Benefitting from Major Sporting Events

Taranaki is a region that constantly punches above its weight and it is no exception when it comes to major sporting events.

We have fantastic facilities from the Sandfords Event Centre, TSB Stadium and Yarrow Stadium and when it comes to major international sporting we make sure Taranaki is front and centre. Right on the back of a hugely successful Fifa Under 20 World Cup, it was recently announced Yarrow Stadium will be host to the All Blacks v Argentina in 2017.

On a national level we are home to the winners of the ITM Cup 2014, and am sure there will be some very large crowds supporting our home team this year. Being able to attend these major events in our backyard not only contributes to making this region a great place to live but the spin off for local business is hugely beneficial for our economy.

The Governments backing for major international sporting events continues to create opportunities for Kiwis not only at home but also overseas.

The first half of the year has already seen New Zealand host the ICC Cricket World Cup and the FIFA Under-20 World Cup, which were successes both on and off the field. The Black Caps became the first New Zealand cricket side to reach a World Cup final during a summer which captivated the population. New Zealand's GDP was boosted by \$110 million and over 2,000 new jobs were created as we showed off the country to an audience of over a million people.

The FIFA Under-20 World Cup was just as successful. Over 300,000 New Zealanders got behind the tournament by attending matches and visiting fan zones.

Attention now turns to rugby after the Highlanders and Hurricanes contested the first all-New Zealand Super Rugby final since 2006, with the Highlanders emerging victorious.

The All Blacks have already begun their build up to the Rugby World Cup in September and October by playing their first-ever test in Samoa. It was a great atmosphere and chance for New Zealand to strengthen ties with its Pacific neighbours.

We are investing \$3 million in marketing New Zealand exporters to the world through the New Zealand Story programme and the Rugby World Cup. The New Zealand Story is a toolkit which helps exporters from all sectors gain a competitive advantage by building a strong, consistent profile of New Zealand in international markets. It means translating the strong All Blacks brand into long term economic benefits for New Zealand.

The momentum from 2015 is set to continue with the announcement of the 2017 British & Irish Lions tour schedule. More than 20,000 Lions supporters visited in 2005 and the 2017 tour is expected to attract a similar number. No doubt the benefits will be felt across the country.

National is committed to attracting more of these events to New Zealand, giving sports fans, tourism operators and other businesses a chance to show what a great country this is to visit and do business in.

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# Kaitake Community Board

Did you know there's an important decision looming on the NPDC councillors' horizon? That is the upcoming representation review. The council is required to review its representation arrangements at least once every six years. A review must be publicly notified by the council no later than 31 August in the year before an election - that's August this year!

Consequently council is taking a fresh look at the structure of its elected membership and the way they are elected. This affects the total number of councillors, whether they come from a ward or 'at large' across the district, where the ward boundaries are drawn, and whether or not there are community boards.

Shortly councillors will decide, from a range of possible options, which scenario they prefer and this will then go out to the community for consultation. This is a difficult process for our decision-makers as they have to stand outside 'the representation box' under which they were elected to see if 'the box' should be re-designed and how it can be. However any member of the public can make a written submission on the proposal and the council will then consider all submissions and may well change its initial decision as a result.

Representation is always a hot topic. For example during the 2004 review 416 submissions were received and in 2007 another 153 submissions came in. If a person who makes a submission is not satisfied with the council's final determination they can appeal against it. In both 2004 and 2007 there were a number of objections that ultimately led to a Local Government Commission hearing. The Commission has a quasi-judicial role to determine the best representation arrangements for a local authority, and takes into account the original council decisions, the submissions, appeals and objections. In other words the Commission makes the final, binding decision. In both cases the decision finally arrived at was for the NPDC to have a three ward structure - a North Ward with two councillors and two community boards, a City Ward with ten councillors, and a South West Ward with two councillors and two community boards. This is the current structure.

Prior to 2004 the district to the west of New Plymouth was represented by a councillor, but since then some of our community has been represented by the ten city councillors and the rest has been represented by the two Inglewood councillors. In both instances this loss of local representation is due to elections favouring candidates who come from the area where the majority of the population resides. A number of able local candidates have put their names forward for a seat at the council table since 2004 but have never been able to garner enough votes to get elected.

It is not my brief to persuade anyone which representation scenario is the best fit for those that live between the outskirts of New Plymouth and the Stoney River. However I do urge everyone to take the time to get acquainted with the review information when it becomes available, as the final outcome will certainly impact on us one way or another. I expect the Council to decide on its preferred proposal on 11 August with submissions opening around 22 August and closing in early October.

Well that's it for this month. The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be at the Oakura Hall on Monday 17 August at 4.30pm.

Ka kite ano

*Doug Hislop (752 7324) on behalf of Keith Plummer, Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead and Councillor Richard Jordan who is the Council representative on the KCB.*



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# Rare New Zealander Visits Matekai Park

The karearea or New Zealand falcon/bush falcon/sparrow hawk has been spotted in Matekai Park over recent months. Not to be confused with the Kahu or Harrier hawk which is larger (twice the size of a female karearea), much more prolific, flaps its wings, glides then flaps while the karearea has a constant rapid wing beat. They have slightly different plumage too.

The karearea is very rare and most people would not have seen one so the fact there is one visiting Matekai Park is exciting. Graeme Churchill is a regular visitor and caretaker of the park, and has been thrilled to witness the falcon there. It's quite possibly a juvenile coming down from the Kaitake Ranges to feed on sparrows.

The karearea is capable of flying speeds in excess of 100 km/h, can catch prey bigger than itself by watching from a vantage point then making a fast direct flying attack. There are lots of great vantage points in Matekai Park!

The karearea, like all falcons, does not build a nest but makes a scrape in the ground, under a rocky outcrop or in an epiphyte. This has likely led to predation by stoats and other mustelids. Other threats to the karearea are loss of habitat, electrocution, being shot by people and more recently in certain areas - wind farms.

Matekai Park is proving to be a very valuable ecological asset to the area with many rare and unusual birds visiting - last year it was the Kaka.

The diversity of trees has made all the difference says Graeme who has been a strong advocate for exotic trees being introduced as a food source for both birds and bees. Banksia, cherry and gum all flower at different times to natives thereby providing a consistent food source for birds and bees. When these trees are flowering and fruiting the masses of tui, pigeon and bell birds in the park is extraordinary. One neighbour noted more than 55 tui leaving the park at dusk. It certainly is worth a visit to listen to and watch, especially the tui squawking and squabbling in the trees. Keep your eyes open for a very rare visit by the karearea.

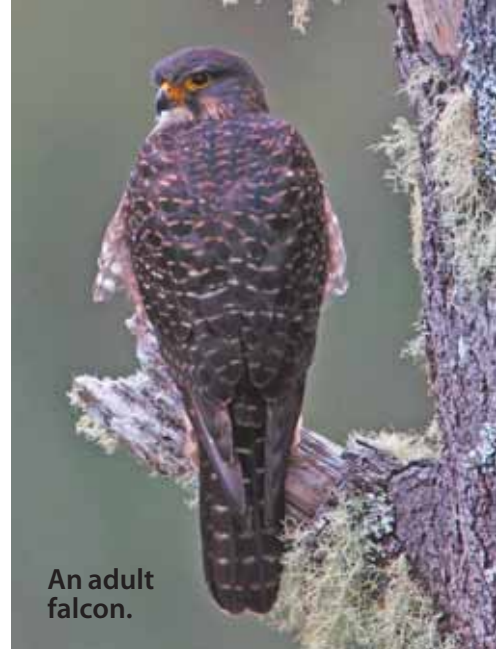
Dave Bell from the Native Birds Taranaki/NZ Falcon would appreciate if anyone encounters this falcon to report their experience on their website reporting form

<http://www.nzfalcon.org.nz/nz-falcon/report-observation-of-nz-falcon/online-observation-report.html>

See the chart of trees if you are interested in planting trees to attract birds to your property, from Native Birds Taranaki website.

By Kim Ferens

Thanks to Paul Gibson from Upics for his extraordinary photos of an adult and juvenile falcon. Information sourced from DoC.



An adult falcon.

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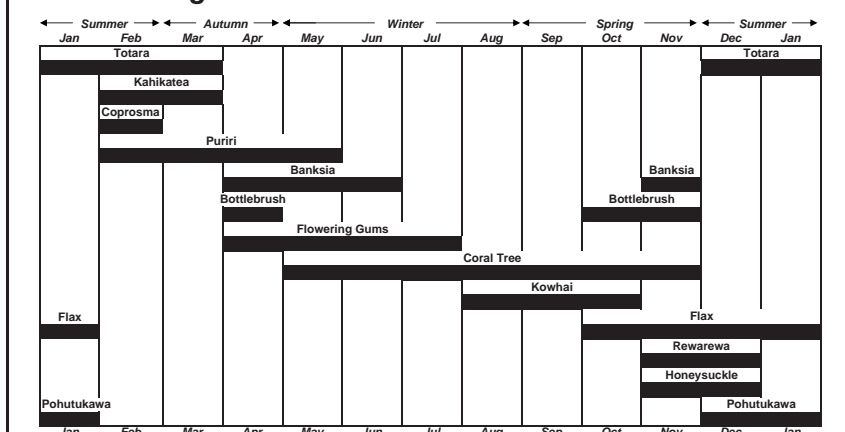
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## Flowering Calendar to attract Native Birds to Gardens



A juvenile falcon.



Matekai Park residents: above, a bell bird and below, a pair of tui.



## Adam Page at TAFT

As part of the regional programme in this year's Taranaki International Arts Festival, multi-instrumentalist Adam Page will be playing one show in Oakura. We spoke to him from his home town in Adelaide, and began by asking if he had any previous connection with Taranaki.

"I played WOMAD a few years ago, both solo and with Band of Thousands (with drummer Riki Gooch). It was a fantastic experience. The Taranaki audience was EPIC. I've also played in Taranaki with Mal Webb and The Adelaide Sax Pack. Both were fantastic shows. But aside from performing, I have a strong connection with the mountain. My first time on the mountain was in the early 2000s and I first circumnavigated Taranaki in 2007. It was one of the hardest and most rewarding experiences of my life. Since then I've been on the mountain three more times. It's the only mountain I talk to when I'm on it, and I've been on a lot of mountains."

For people unfamiliar with your music, what can they expect from a night with Adam?

"Absolutely the unexpected! The style of performance can be described as multi instrumental, improvised, spontaneous compositions . . . but I'm more inclined to describe it as bearded, musical tomfoolery. I love interacting with audiences (in a non-obtrusive way) and feeding from the energy in the room. No two shows are the same . . . although I will probably play my beard each show. Seriously."

Page has won multiple awards and played festivals worldwide, including the Edinburgh Fringe, Glastonbury and Big Day Out. He's not to be missed at the Oakura Hall on Friday 21 August at 7pm. Tickets are limited and can be purchased from The Crafty Fox, or online at [www.artsfest.co.nz](http://www.artsfest.co.nz) and cost \$28/\$32.

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# Markets and Mayhem

As many of you will know I recently travelled to Morocco for a Peta Mathias Culinary Experience and then onto France and Spain for a few weeks.

One aspect of my trip I was looking forward to was visiting producers markets. I have watched many celebrity chefs touring different countries and raving about the markets and for myself, I have enjoyed buying produce from the prime producer.

My first experience of a producers market was in a small village in the Moroccan hinterland called El Kela des Sraghra. It was all very colourful, noisy and aromatic once you have got past the aggressive hawkers who tried to thrust all sorts of gimmicky rubbish on you but should you be brave enough to try and take a photo of them, all sorts of allah's rained down on you!

This first encounter was going well for me, I had developed a good technique of taking photos by holding my SLR down at my waist and shooting from there without being detected and abused. But then we came to the "meat" section - all sorts of dead animals in all sorts of states - carcasses, bits, guts, blood, bones, skins and organs. I had to make a mad dash from the market heaving my "guts" out! And I'm not the squeamish sort!

Our next market was in Marrakech at the indoor Jewish market where our cooking group went with Peta to buy

our lunch ingredients which we were then going to cook in a Riad in the Medina. Not far into the market we had to go past the chicken section - live chickens, dead chickens, bits of chickens - feathers, legs, guts and poop. I bravely put my hand over my nose and with my head down charged through to the fresh vegetables, flowers, and spices. I focussed on these lovely sights but then we had to go to the fish section. This was back beside the chickens. I didn't last inside long enough to see any fish and again went hurtling from the market heaving my intestines out with tears running down my cheeks. Unfortunately standing on the sidewalk in Marrakech isn't always a pleasant experience with not so lovely smells wafting up from the sewers but it was the lesser of the two evils! Nothing would have got me back in a producers market in Morocco after that. In Jeema el Fna, the world famous market of Marrakech we visited a meat stall where the butcher has a five foot brick lined hole (a tandir) in which he lights a fire then suspends a whole lamb from a hook, covers it and leaves to cook for hours. You eat it hot from the hole with cumin infused salt - quite delicious if you don't look at the legs of lambs hanging from the roof! But at least it was outdoors!

In France we spent a week barging along the Canal du Midi and our guide took us to a couple of markets to buy ingredients for various meals and to eat lunch on one occasion. These experiences were much more pleasant and inspiring, not so smelly and no body parts lying around. It made me wish we had similar markets here - there's nothing quite like buying your cheese from a man who passionately believes in his product and enjoys the process of selling it to you.

The fish market in Valras Plage, Beziers was a quick visit for me as the smells had me reliving Morocco but it's fair to say markets in France are 'different' - better than Morocco.

We stopped for lunch one day in the village of Gordes whilst a market was in full swing. The village was heaving with stalls, people and cars. We sat and ate our lunch on the only available space - the statue right in the middle of the square and as is the case everywhere in France, dozens of Asians photographed the statue and they now have me stuffing my face with delicious pastries - love photo bombing those Asians!

In Barcelona we ventured into the Magic Carpet Market of Santa Catarina - the Iberico ham displays were awesome and no smell! You can hardly see the shopkeeper for hams.

The only market we went to in Paris is being understated



**Above and below: Marrakech village market.**



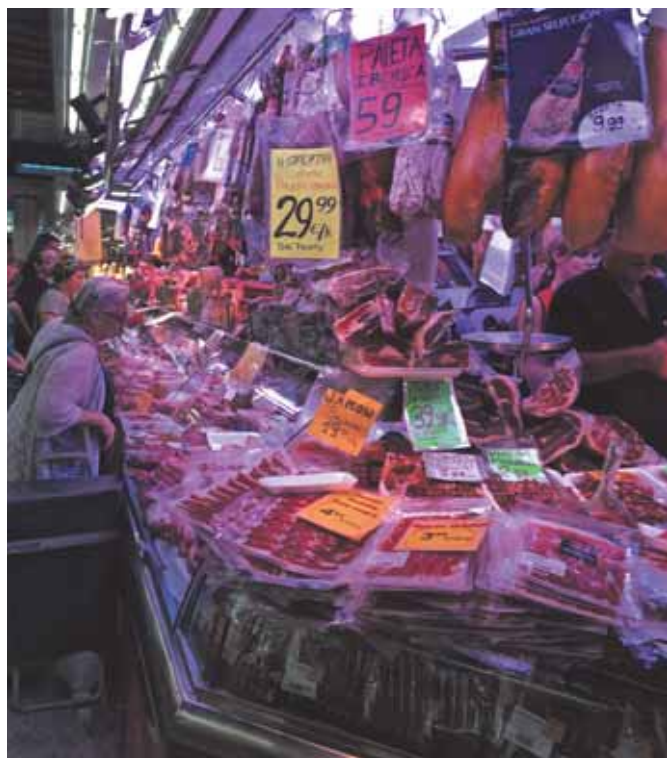
**Jewish market with Peta Mathias.**



and undersold to be called a market - Galleries Lafayette, but in essence no different to other markets, except the prices are through the roof!

Back it is to Countdown Superstore and mediocrity, but I suppose I won't be running from the store with my hand over my mouth and tears running down my cheeks!

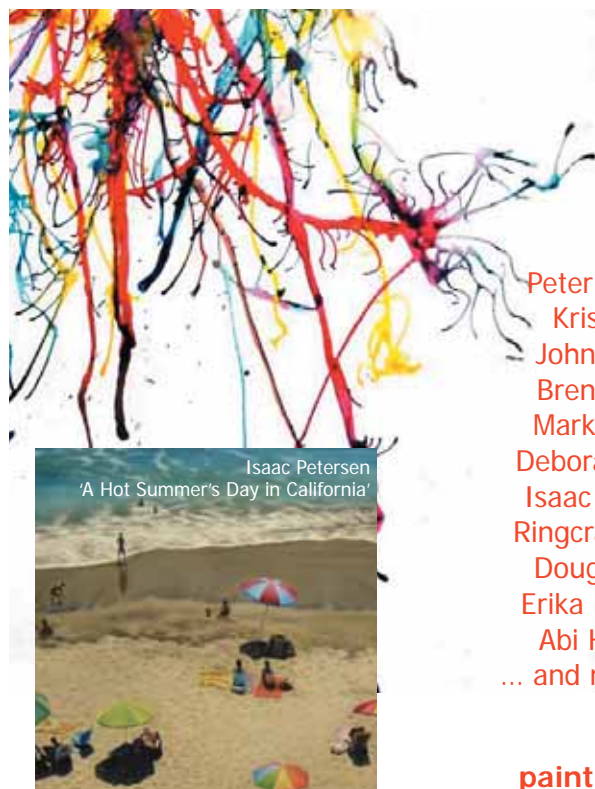
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## Kaitake Golf Club News

### MID WINTER STABLEFORD

Another mixed open competition attracted 36 golfers out to the course one Sunday in June. This was good fun and an opportunity for members to catch up. The winner of the Men's section was Ross Fah with 39 points and Raewyn Bishop won the Women's section with 37 points.

### CLUB RESULTS

#### Mid Week 18 Hole Women

The Maskelyn Trophy was won by R Robins and T McEldowney. Runners-up were M Barrett and N Potts.

Buttons winners were J Koch and B Crombie with L Julian and J Reid runners up.

#### Weekend Women

Patterson Trophy won by Kim Woodward.

'Give Golf a Go Day' is proving to be a successful way to introduce new players to the game of golf. Six new members joined some of the Weekend Women and attended a successful coaching session with Dominic Barsons and played a few holes to put new found skills into practice.

We all learnt a lot and intend to have another day when it gets a bit warmer. Please phone Pauline Gray 7534450 or Jacqui in the office for more information.

#### Mid week 9 Hole News

It is mid winter celebration time and the 9 Hole group had its annual half yearly luncheon recently. Thirty ladies both current and past members braved the wet wintry day to sit around the fire and dine on good fare at the Black Harp. Jo hosted a golf trivia quiz and 20 lucky players got to scratch and win. No major prizes but enough to buy another ticket or two.

On the competition front - Round 3 of the Super 9 has been completed with Yvonne Coxhead getting to stir her second cup with the spoon whilst Sandra Wilkes wins her first for the season. Thursday hagglers include Noel Lawrence and Ann Rasmussen for great putting, Susan Cottam and Yvonne Coxhead for beating the course and playing par, Jo West and Susan Cottam doing the Medley and Jo West and Pat Wilcox for a fine round of Nett.

On the Pennants front, round 8 has been completed and with both the Kaitake teams tied on 10 points in first place there could be a play off on the final round at Westown next month. That is of course if all goes to plan and we don't get a stray team coming in from behind. Go the White team, Go the Blue!!

#### Men's

The Men's Top Dog competition has finished with the winners being Alan Bennett and Pat Bishop with Kelvin Bishop and Harold Rilkoff runners up.

### JUNIOR GOLF

The number of juniors registered as Chippers now total 12. The weather hasn't been too kind lately but they are still playing every second Sunday. A shortened 9 Hole Junior Golf course is registered with NZ Golf enabling the junior members to get a Junior Handicap.

Any 5 - 12 year olds wanting to join or just come along to give golf a go are very welcome. Remember you don't need clubs, just come along. Contact the office for further information, phone 752 7665

### COMING UP

Sunday 9th August is the Taranaki Top Team Qualifying. Last year Kaitake won the Top Team so are looking to retain this trophy. The final to be played at Kaitake is on Sunday 20th September

Wednesday 26 August is the Kaitake Monthly Open

*Andrea Jarrold, President*



## KAYAK FISHING CLUB

The AGM and prize giving was a great success with some very worthy winners. The club champion and top points scorer is Martin Rook, the top surfcaster is Chris Whitaker.

The new season is underway and planning for next years kayak classic is also underway. Some good fish have been landed in July including some nice snapper and despite the cold weather South Taranaki has been fishing well. Jim and I also managed some gurnard and snapper from the White Cliffs including a 6.9kg snapper. The next club event is a trip to the far North in August for the next event in the Orton Events Kayak Series.

*Garry.*



**The Kayak Club awards night.**





# BODY REHAB

If you've been wondering what's happening in the building behind the bottle store (next to Vertigo) then read on! Body Rehab is now open in Oakura.

Alby James is Body Rehab. Alby studied at AUT and gained a diploma in fitness training. After gaining experience in the fitness industry, he realised that a large majority of the people he was working with had pain in their bodies. This gave Alby the motivation to find out what was causing this pain. He headed off to Australia to complete a rehabilitation course and after a year of practice, discovered his passion in helping people to remove pain and dysfunction from their bodies, eventually going back to complete the master rehabilitation course.

For the past 6 years Alby has been motivating people from all walks of life to achieve their goals and improve themselves while providing the tools and education for them to do so. He has worked with people suffering all kinds of pain, injuries, disabilities and physical impairments, as well as those wanting to generally improve their health and wellbeing.

Moving freely and having an able body to do the things that he enjoys in life is what motivates Alby to keep himself physically and mentally fit and healthy. He believes everybody has the ability to feel the same way as this and loves helping people find the right recipe for their minds, bodies and stomachs with his holistic approach. Alby loves being in the village and operating out of his new studio/clinic. If you have pain in your body, whether it's short or long term - Alby can help you! For more information, give him a call or head to his facebook or website.

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- correcting dysfunctional movement patterns.
- weight loss and nutritional advice.
- stress management techniques.
- health, motivation and general well being.
- trigger point release therapy.
- education about; myofascial release, movement patterns and cause of/treatment of pain.
- functional movements and release tools to rehabilitate yourself for life.
- working towards specific goals (not necessarily fitness orientated).

# GETTING WET



## Oakura Boardriders

Not much to report this month with the atrocious weather hindering good surfing conditions, although there were a few bitterly cold days with great surf on the beach and a couple of great banks. Ariana Shewry had a smile a mile wide after a couple of sessions - winter always used to be the best time to surf Oakura beach..

The New Plymouth Surfriders are hosting "The Perfect Wave Winter Series" with some great prizes with the winner of the Open Series (best 3 of 4 results) will receive accommodation for two at The Perfect Wave Indonesia Surf Camp. Anyone who enters (and has paid their subs / entry fees) goes into the draw for a similar prize at the end of the series....

### ROUND ONE RESULTS.

**U 14** - 1 Sam Dingle,  
2 Kava Matthews,  
3 Natasha Gouldsbury,  
4 Ryder Pennington.

**Women's** - 12 Zhana Hutchieson, 2 Natasha Gouldsbury.

**U 18** - 1 Reef Matthews,  
2 Sonny Martin,  
3 Joel Clegg,  
4 Caleb Moratti.

**Open** - Josh Kettle, 2 Jarred Hancox, 3 Reef Matthews,  
4 Jamie Andrews.

As we go to press round two is on hold waiting for better conditions.



Neil Pullen

### NEWS

The mid winter dinner was a great get together although I believe the late pull out of some of our new immigrant families due to the U20 Soccer World Cup finals left the crew smaller than anticipated but a great night was had at Lahar in Okato who appreciate our business - their new building is certainly worth a visit.

The mountain sprung to life with some good snow for a few days which allowed some first runs of the season and it was good to blow the cobwebs off with some great weather in between the continual rain. A lot of Oakura made the effort and were rewarded with some good conditions. Being school holidays the crowds were intense at times but all good fun and good for the mountain clubs coffers.

Just as I finish this the news and coverage of Mick Fanning's confrontation with a Great White Shark in the final at J-Bay is the big news - it could have had horrendous consequences for Mick and gives all of us surfers pause for reflection as these monsters are regular visitors to our coast. Live life to the full and don't regret a day!

*Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders Club*

*John Shewry, President, 027 252 9190*

*Paul Lobb Secretary, and club bookings, 752 7556*

## NPOB News

This winter the New Plymouth Old Boys Surf Lifesaving Club have had a shipping container put down at Ngamotu beach for the introduction of winter trainings. With the handy skills of Dean Spicer, the container was fitted out with ski and boards racks for both the senior and junior training equipment. This has now given us the ability to hold trainings for seniors and junior in most weather and sea conditions due to the consistent conditions at Ngamotu beach. We currently hold a training every Sunday which sees both senior (14 and over) and junior (14 and under) interacting in various types of fitness activities. The container is a great new addition to our facilities and will be greatly utilised over the coming months. Along with having new facilities, we are also updating our current clubhouse with renovations going on in the both boys changing rooms and the upstairs being refurbished. We look forward to having a more modern surf club for the coming summer. With developments not only going on with our facilities, we are up skilling our lifeguards -sponsoring them through courses looking to build their skills and getting them more qualified, creating the safest possible environment for both members of the surfs club and the Oakura beach goers.

We are seeing a positive reaction to the winter training programme with strong numbers turning up to Sunday sessions at the port with good keen attitudes. This is also showing in the pool with Sean 'Teets' Zieltjes having a solid squad of swimmers turning up every morning at the New Plymouth Aquatic Centre. We are due to kick off our pool champs training, which will see a group of swimmers attend the New Zealand pool champs competition in October. The IRB team have also started training in preparation of the 90 mile beach race in mid September which sees each



Training at the port on a Sunday as Jack Dingle leads the pack.



Lachlan Stevens and Sam Dingle race at Ngamotu beach.



crew undergo a gruelling three hour race along 90 mile beach with challenges and obstacles along the way against some of the best crews in New Zealand.

Rhys Clark currently hosts a Crossfit session at Highlands Intermediate gym every Tuesday night which welcomes all age groups. With the new season set to kick off this October we welcome the Oakura community to come and attend any of our Sunday port trainings or Tuesday Crossfit sessions and encourage you to get involved in the local surf club as a good way to both keep fit and build water safety knowledge while having a good time. We look forward to seeing you.

For more information please get in touch with me  
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 Ph: 027 525 9111*

*Or Rhys Clark, mail: [rhys.a.b.clark@gmail.com](mailto:rhys.a.b.clark@gmail.com)  
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**Tuesday night crossfit with Rhys Clark.**



**Interior of the new shipping container.**

**Renovations underway in the boys changing rooms.**



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Nicky Keefe wouldn't swap her job as an Educator for all the money in the bank, and that's a telling admission from a woman who once had a career in banking. It's been 14 years since the grandmother of two joined PORSE.

"I always imagined I'd go back to the bank once my own three children were at school but when the time came, I couldn't pull myself away from the children I'd come to love. I regard some of the families I've worked with, as my closest friends."



Educator Nicky with Lily, Arlo and Jahsya.

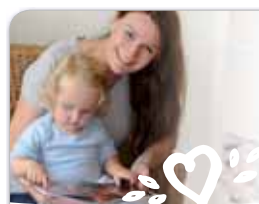
Managing her own business from home has enabled Nicky the luxury of watching her own children grow and develop, whilst earning a fulltime income. She says the enduring friendships she's made along the way have been the ultimate perks of the job.

"Kody and Tia Ward were among the first children I looked after, and being around the same age as my own two boys, the four of them became like siblings. We still holiday and enjoy barbeques with their family and it's been really cool to see them grow up as teenagers and form such close attachments with each other," says Nicky.

These days Nicky has a full schedule caring for seven different children. Her days are packed full of stimulating activities including daily baking lessons, painting, bike rides and walks to the park, as well as plenty of water play at the local water park. But aside from all the fun, Nicky's very serious about instilling good manners and self help skills in her littlies.

"Never underestimate the importance of good manners. Young children are so impressionable so if I can teach them things like how to be well mannered and eat politely and to be a kind and caring friend, then I'm doing a good job."

"I would say 90% of the children I have cared for I have had from babies right through to school age, so naturally, I've been very protective of each one of them and treated them just like my own. Often I think children learn from and listen more to people who aren't their parents, and I don't treat that lightly. My fulfilment comes from helping produce happy, confident young Kiwis with a healthy sense of resilience."



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## OAKURA SCHOOL YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 INTERSCHOOL INDOOR BOWLS COMPETITION

During the last week of Term 2, six teams of selected 'professional bowlers' from Oakura School competed against other coastal and south Taranaki schools in an indoor bowls competition at Opunake Stadium. The tournament was run by Sport Taranaki.

The teams played a range of singles, doubles and fours. The day was very quiet, and you could feel the competition in the air. We felt really happy with our participation and every team won a lot of their games. Two of our teams were very successful and came first and second in the tournament. One of our students, Jack Mitchell, also won his team a share in \$10 because he bowled the closest to a \$10 note.



The Oakura School bowlers.



The winning teams.

Thanks very much to the support and coaching from the Oakura Bowling Club. Your time and patience to coach us into being effective bowlers is much appreciated. We'd also like to thank the parents that drove us to and from Opunake Stadium.

*By Melanie Bishop (12) and Adam Bridges (13)*

## THE FONTERRA TARANAKI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

This year the Fonterra Science and Technology Fair is being held on Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th August. Year 7 and 8 students from Oakura School worked very hard on their entries last term, both in class and in their own time. We have a large group of 42 students entered into the following categories:

Scientific Investigation;  
Observational Drawing of an Athropod;  
Journalism - Why we should be nuclear free;  
Photography of weathering;  
Advertising poster with a focus on flora;  
Steam Car challenge;  
Water Rocket challenge.

We are pleased with how many students are participating and think that it is a great opportunity for us to learn and develop a range of scientific skills. We'd like to especially thank Ms Judy Hanline for bringing in her many insect exhibits for us to do our observational drawing effectively.

*by Chloe Walshaw (Age:12)*

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Once again another term has raced by with students and staff participating in a huge variety of activities and events. These have included:

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Special thanks to all students, staff and parents for your “Taking Part” in the full spirit of our E TŪ values, in these activities.

From the activities students have achieved some noteworthy results including:-

Andee Coles, Katie Pullen, Ashlan Stening and Roan Upson have qualified for the Regional Finals of the New Zealand Spelling Bee to be held in Hamilton in August.

Ronan Avery gained a Highly Commended Honours Award in the New Plymouth District Chamber Music Contest

Josie Hick and David Froom competed as part of the NP Brass Band at the Annual National Brass Band Competition in Rotorua. The Band gained First Place in the Marching and Second Place in the set piece.

Rory MacDonald, Campbell Parker, Thaddeus Poole and Kalin Wara won First Place Band in the Taranaki Regional Finals of Rockquest.

Hikaru Han, Libby Meichtry, Sam Raumati and Sophie Willis won First Place in the Best Song of the Rockquest Finals

Kate McLean and Chelsea Takamori won Gold Awards at the Taranaki/Whanganui Hospitality Competition.

Aidan Zittersteijn has won a number of awards in both Lawn Bowls and Indoor Bowls

1st Place New Zealand Under 21 Mens’ Singles Plate Championship (17th place overall)

1st Place Central Taranaki Division Open Singles

3rd Place Western Division Open Pairs

5th= New Zealand National Championships Open Fours; & 28th= Open Pairs

North Taranaki Indoor Bowls representative team

North Island Indoor Bowls Championship – Junior Player of the tournament

North Island Academy representative team vs South Island  
Cory Bedford selected for the New Zealand Under 20 Mens’ Roller Hockey team



**The school mural.**

Ryan Clough – won the John Dent Trophy – Taranaki Junior Surf Lifeguard Overall points for 13 Year boys.

Hikaru Han – 1st place Taranaki Inter-Club Tennis League (Soffe Cup)

Taranaki Junior and Senior Tennis representative

1st Place New Zealand Open Womens’ Doubles Grass Court Tennis Championship

## **GALA**

Despite the difficult weather and the Taranaki economic doldrums our Gala was again a hugely successful community event. Thanks to all students, staff, parents, whanau, sponsors and community members for your significant contribution to a great day. Our special thanks go to Kathy Oates and her PTA Team for the huge task of organising this event.

We will be publishing a full list of sponsors in our next Newsletter and ask that if possible you support these businesses with your custom.

## **MURAL**

A number of students are working with local artist Lynda Newman to create some new murals around our school and to update the one on our Library. The murals seek to capture who we are as a school through our focus on our E TŪ values. We are very grateful of the work Lynda and her team of art students are doing to brighten our school environment whilst emphasising our key school values.

## **CONTRIBUTING SCHOOL VISITS**

Over the past fortnight a group of Year 9 students with some Head Prefects and Senior Staff have been both visiting our contributing schools in their schools and hosting them in ours.

The transition from Year 8 to Year 9 is a big step. At our school we work very hard to assist young people make this move as easily as possible.

Mr Knapton and Mr Scott, with assistance from a number of key faculties, have run lessons for Year 8 students so that the students can experience learning within our college environment. Year 8 students have enjoyed these interactive and engaging lessons. Special thanks to all staff involved including those from Devon, Omata and Oakura schools who have worked closely with us on these visits. Much of this work will culminate with our Open Evening at 7.00p.m. in the School Hall on Wednesday 5th August. Please do encourage Year 8 students and their whanau to attend.





Above and left: Contributing school visits.



#### KEY DATES FOR TERM III

- Week 3** 3 – 7 August  
Fonterra Science & Technology Fair.  
OPEN NIGHT – Wednesday 5 August 7pm  
in our School Hall.
- Week 4** 10 – 14 August  
2016 Enrolment process begins.  
Fusion Language Festival in Wellington.  
Attitude Presentations.
- Week 5** 17 – 21 August  
Sir John Kirwan Visit.  
Spelling Bee Semi Final, Hamilton.
- Week 6** 24 – 28 August  
Methanex Maths Spectacular.  
Matrix Jazz Band Competition in Hamilton.
- Week 7** 31 Aug – 4 September  
NZSSSC Winter Tournament Week.
- Week 8** 7 – 11 September  
Senior Examination Week.
- Week 9** 14 – 18 September  
Parihaka Visit.
- Week 10** 21 – 25 September  
Social Sciences trip to Vietnam.

We look forward to meeting Year 8 students and their families on Wednesday August 5th at 7pm. Should you have any specific queries regarding enrolment at our school please contact me accordingly.

*Mark Bowden, Principal*

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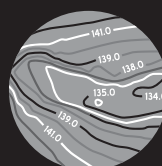
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## BOT UPDATE

At long last after three years our property development project is off the ground. The cloak bay area to the back of room two will be transformed into a flexible learning space. It has been designed to cater for many uses, from a withdrawal space for small groups to a learning space for a class of students. This will be an area of the school that can be moulded to the needs of the school at the time. I commend the design team for looking outside the box to make this small space a space that will be an ongoing asset for all.

As part of the construction we needed to repair the areas of the school that were identified as not weather tight and strengthening issues. As a result we have room three being refurbished from top to toe and some exterior cladding replaced. At the last board meeting we had the senior and junior reading reports. Vicky made special mention of the benefit of teacher aides within the classroom, giving flexibility to cater for a wide range of abilities. Viv commented on the ALL programme, an MoE initiative with this year's target being reading. Vicky also presented the social science report, which was highlighted by the ANZAC service at school. This gave students, staff and parents alike some very powerful learning experiences linking us all as a community.

Each board meeting we have a report from the student council, which covers all manner of things such as; positive actions, health and safety and suggestions for the board.

The pleasing thing that shines through time and again is the level of self-management. This is evidence of the culture the school has of creating responsible life-long learners. We should all be very proud of our children and I encourage you all to read a student council report on the noticeboard outside room one.

*Hamish Logan, Chairman*

## OMATA PLAY-GROUP

Rachael invites all pre-schoolers and parents to play-group held every Thursday from 9-11am in the hall during term time.

*Rachael Shotter 7514 529*

## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

Last term we held our AGM, where Maree Moffitt, stepped down as Treasurer. I would like to thank Maree for supporting home and school. It has been a pleasure working with you. Joining Home and School this year, and taking up the position of Treasurer, is Toni Thompson. Welcome to the team Toni. Friday lunches have not missed a beat. Every week, Ann and her team prepare hot, tasty, filling meals for students and even some teachers, as our long term fundraising project. Thank you to everyone involved, including our dedicated bakers. Last financial year, lunches, raised over \$5000, which in turn goes back to the school in the form of sports equipment, books, technology and other learning resources for the students.

We have a new and exciting fundraising event coming up which I'm sure people are going to love. Also now that the shortest day has passed, it is time to start thinking about

our spring gardens, so our yearly Kings Seeds fundraiser will be kicking off soon.

*Rachel Alford, Chairman*

## YEAR 5 AND 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Omata School is having another great season in the Year 5/6 Inter-School Sports Competition. Both the Football and Rugby teams are through to the semi-finals, with the Netball team narrowly missing out. The semi-finals will be played in week two of term three. It has been wonderful seeing all the parental support the teams have received and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank-you to the coaches of our teams.

*(Rugby) Daryl Neilson and Craig Feaver, (Football) Stuart Bennett, (Netball) Mike Tewhata and Bridgit Barleyman.*



**Mike Tewhata and Bridgit Barleyman (Coaches) with the Year 5 and 6 netball team.**



**The Omata Year 5 and 6 rugby team.**

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**Indoor Bowls.** Mondays 7.30pm at Oakura Hall. Ring Mike Vickers 752 7881.

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

**Mini Groovers.** Music and movement for preschoolers! Tuesdays 10am during school terms, now at St James' Hall (opp. Oakura Hall). Gold coin donation. Contact Sara Matheson on 021-294 6896.

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

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

**Oakura Pony Club.** Contact Robin King ph 751 0300.

**Oakura Pool Club.** Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm @ Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Chip 027 621 4999 or 752 1004.

**Okato Squash.** Club nights on Mondays from 7pm, everyone welcome, phone Darryl Gibson, Ph 06 752 4804.

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

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Tuesday 3pm-5pm - Junior Coaching.  
Wednesday 3pm-5pm - Junior Coaching / Hot Shots Tennis.  
6pm-7.30pm - Ladies practice night.  
Thursday 5.30pm-7.30pm - A Grade players practice.  
Friday 4pm-8pm - Junior Interclub competition.  
Saturday 9am-4pm - Sofe Cup and A grade Competition.  
Contact Club Secretary, Jackie Mitchell on 06 752 7013.

**Probus Club.** Meets once month at Kaitake Golf Club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Barry Goble 752 7254, or Betty West 752 7816.

**St James Church, Oakura.** Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

**St John's, Omata.** Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd Sunday of the month.

**Val Deakin Dance School.** Oakura Hall. Saturday mornings. Pre-school dance classes 9:30 - 10 am. Beginners' Ballet dance class 10.00 - 10:45 am. Contact Val on 752 7743.

Also classes for pre-schoolers to adults in ballet, jazz, tap, modern and ballroom (beginners to advanced) at the Dance Centre in New Plymouth.

**Vigor Fitness.** Tuesday and Thursdays 10am - Outdoor Pure Grit Training. Phone Anneka Carlson 021 404 642.

**Volkswagen Club.** Regular events range from car rallies, the YMCA climbing wall, camping, BBQ get togethers and sharing good family times and knowledge. Contact President: [kirk@taranakivw.co.nz](mailto:kirk@taranakivw.co.nz) and Secretary: [bryan@taranakivw.co.nz](mailto:bryan@taranakivw.co.nz)

**Yoga Classes.** Oakura Church Hall, Wed at 9.15am, Fri at 6am, (call Kate to book your class), Fri at 9.15am. Everyone welcome. Contact Kate Evans 027 203 7215.

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### ROKARE TENNIS

MIDWEEK Ladies - Open Day 3 August. All new members welcome.

Meet every Wednesday, 9.30am Walsh Rd, New Plymouth. Ph Val Vickers 7527881 for details



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