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*Oakura's Niwa Shewry competes at a recent skate competition, finishing second.*

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## From the Editor



Happy New Year to all TOM readers, I hope you had a good holiday break and are back into the swing of the daily routine - I'm trying!

Freedom camping is a thorny issue that has had me thinking. Should the urge move us, us Kiwi's like nothing better than to freedom camp wherever and whenever we feel like it - and I think we should too. We pay taxes in this country.

Tourists are another story altogether in my opinion - the word "free" needs to be addressed. If the success and prosperity of our region will eventually come down to tourism then we have to be a lot smarter at benefiting from it. Tourism shouldn't be costing us in short. The council recently put on a bus to take visitors up the mountain - who is paying for this? Us ratepayers? Just so we can visit our own mountain - weird! It seems to me that all our regions tax payer resources are being stretched because of tourism

and the only current way to recoup these expenses is to tax the tax payer even more. It's time to get smart and at the very least charge campers to stay in car parks on the mountain, parks and at beaches where there are toilet facilities. The photo left shows how extensive freedom camping is on our mountain.

What is your opinion?

*Kim*



*Photographed left is happiness in the wait for Santa before Christmas to start the lolly scramble at the annual Arden Place/ Shearer Drive Christmas BBQ. An amazing turnout of people and a special welcome to all the new people to our streets.*

*Bernice Duff*

## Local Football Club Launches First Ever Men's Team

Local sport enthusiasts have teamed up to form Taranaki's latest Football team; Kaitake F.C. Their aim is to promote football from an area which has never had a representing team in an adult football league before. Along with the support of Oakura Junior Soccer Club, they hope to bring the community together each week at games and encourage more kids to participate in football after school level.

Kaitake F.C. Chairman, Michael Maxim, says: "Many people have had this idea over a number of years but it's only now that it has all come together. With hard work from a select few passionate lads we've been able to secure a local ex semi-pro coach Billy Charlton, and two major sponsors, Butlers Reef and Cunningham Construction Ltd. With word of mouth and the help of our Facebook page 'Kaitake FC', we've been able to generate enough player interest to secure a full squad."

Training began last month and the team will enter Taranaki Men's Division 1 and play in fixtures around the region each Saturday at 12:45pm starting in April. Home games will be held at Corbett Park and players and supporters are encouraged to come to Butlers Reef after the game for refreshments. Fixtures can be found on the Central Football website or on the Kaitake F.C. Facebook page.

Mike says: "The team is shaping up nicely but we're still taking on players and any support off the pitch such as sponsorship is also appreciated. Email [kaitake.fc@gmail.com](mailto:kaitake.fc@gmail.com) if you're interested. We can't wait to get going and see what the season holds".

*Archive photos of football in Oakura*



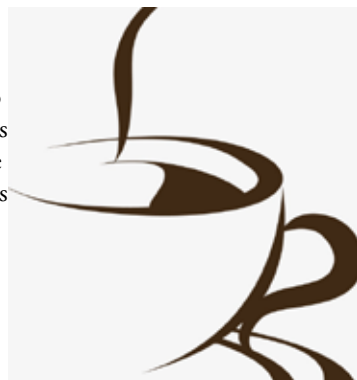
## Coastal connections morning talk

### Coffee and Chat dates

The weekly Thursday morning coffee and chat at the surf club resumes 7 February. It is always interesting to meet new people and share stories with members from the community.

Please feel free to contact me for further details.

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# Kaitake Community Board

Hasn't the summer holiday weather turned out to be a real cracker? It certainly was a factor in the range of national, regional and local events put on by many committed and enthusiastic locals. Taranaki turned on stellar days of clean surf, sunny weather and light winds for the National Surfing Championships, ditto for the Surf Life Saving Central Regional Championships. The new skate park hosted the Oakura Beach Bowl Jam, a great event, and there was a big turn-out at the New Years Day Beach Market too. As I sit writing this we are being informed that some parts of New Zealand could officially be facing a heat wave during the next week so it appears the great weather will continue, especially as soon as the kids head back to school! This seems to be a time-honoured tradition over the years. While the crowds have departed there is still a pretty large cohort of locals enjoying our superb environment in many ways. Let's hope the summer weather lasts past WOMAD, through to Easter and beyond!

The Community Board has been involved in plenty of 'behind the scenes' issues during the holiday period. There are always some matters that require attention and they don't disappear during the holiday period. It is important to stay on top of what's happening in the community and it all takes time.

One of the issues we are working our way through at the moment is to find a solution for the local kids who have put hours/weeks/months of wholehearted effort into building a bike track with jumps on and around the public walking trail at the back of Shearer Reserve. It has been a very creative endeavour and I'm sure many in the community acknowledge their efforts as the KCB certainly does. However, the Council received a complaint and needed to act as it is a public reserve. The Parks team are sympathetic to the kids' dilemma of where else can they have their fun too, and we intend working with them to find a suitable compromise. To that end we will be setting up a meeting with the kids, their parents and the Council staff in the not too distant future to see what can be done. In the meantime, we've asked the kids to not construct any jumps on the walking path due to the public health and safety issues the Council is required to address.

Another issue taking up an inordinate amount of time is dealing with the copious paraphernalia associated with the Wairau Estate large tract residential plan change proposal. The community board's stance is quite clear. We require all provided expert evidence to be thoroughly checked by competent professionals and if accepted any assumptions have to be within reasonable doubt. A company vision stating the proposal will be a "well-planned area of urban expansion with a high-quality environment consistent with the unique environmental and community values that is Oakura" and vague assurances of addressing the large number of valid community concerns just doesn't cut the mustard. We deserve better!

We are also involved with finding a solution to the ongoing public access issues at the end of Weld Road. The unpleasant anti-social behaviour that has been generated cannot continue.

We remain hopeful that the Council will take steps to generate a solution acceptable to all parties so we can all get



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on with far more positive activities in the environment. Finally, our wonderful hall custodian Vicky has informed us that 6 dark blue chairs missing are missing from the hall. It would be nice if whoever borrowed them could get in touch with Vicky and arrange their return!

Well, that's it for this TOM issue.

The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held at the NPOB Surf Club at 4.30pm on Monday 3 March.

*Ka kite ano*

*Doug Hislop (752 7324 and [douglashislop@gmail.com](mailto:douglashislop@gmail.com)) on behalf of Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead, Graham Chard and Roy Weaver who is the Councillor representative on the KCB.*



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## Insights in Asia

Last month I had the privilege of leading the New Zealand Parliamentary delegation to the 27th Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Each year, the APPF brings together parliamentarians from 27 countries in the Asia Pacific region to address political, security, economic, and social issues. The forum works to promote the expansion of trade and investment, sound and sustainable environmental practices, and the advancement of freedom and democracy.

Democracy is under pressure in a number of areas in Asia. However, it is good news that Malaysia are seeking to do some electoral and parliamentary reforms that will strengthen democracy in their country. Before going to Cambodia, I spent about four days in Malaysia and met with a number of their parliamentarians, and the Speaker of their National Assembly and the Chair of the Electoral reform committee, to essentially compare notes about what is happening in New Zealand and what has been Malaysia's history and now their aspiration in reforming their political environment.

At the APPF in Cambodia, among the discussions and resolutions, we considered were security and conflict prevention, regional economic integration and the empowerment of women and girls.

With the ever-increasing level of diversity in New Zealand the insights we shared will be valuable as we enter another busy year. Certainly here in New Plymouth electorate I'm very keen to build on the successful Women of Influence series which offered locals the opportunity to meet with successful female parliamentarians. Differing ethnicities, genders, age groups all offer alternative viewpoints that can strengthen and grow our community. As Taranaki continues to become more and more diverse our collective expertise and experience grows. This gives us greater resourcefulness as we look to meet the challenges of the coming years and decades.

I hope this year that we are able to recognise how different perspectives can help us all constructively work together to ensure we remain the envy of the rest of the country.

*Jonathan Young*  
*MP for New Plymouth*



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## "Perfect honeymoon" removing possums in a New Zealand-first

A new married couple are spending their honeymoon removing possums in New Zealand's first large-scale possum eradication operation, as part of Towards Predator-Free Taranaki.

Newly-weds Andrea and Max Hoegh say they're happily spending their honeymoon working with Oākura residents to help eradicate possums in the coastal Taranaki town.

"We just love the native wildlife and plants here so much, we couldn't think of a better place to be – it'll be the perfect honeymoon," says Mr Hoegh, who's admits to working a little on the zero-possum operation on his wedding day earlier this month. Their work is part of a New Zealand-first, multi-faceted operation to reduce possums to zero density across about 8,600 hectares, on urban, farm and conservation land between the Timaru Stream and Oākura River, below Carrington road, to the coast.

The couple's urban zero-possum work has been underway since October 2018, already catching almost 200 possums in Oākura, but they only returned to the beach side town on Friday 25 January after celebrating their wedding in Ireland, where the bride hails from. They've been working in the zero possum area, for Taranaki Regional Council, together with Oākura locals, community groups, Taranaki Mounga Project and Taranaki Regional Council, as part of Towards Predator-Free Taranaki. However, the newly-wed couple are calling on Oākura residents to help eradicate possums - reporting any suspected possums in the area to them 24/7 on 0800 736 222. "We can't do this by ourselves. We need residents' eyes and ears to report any suspected possum sightings, sounds or signs of this predator," Mrs Hoegh says.

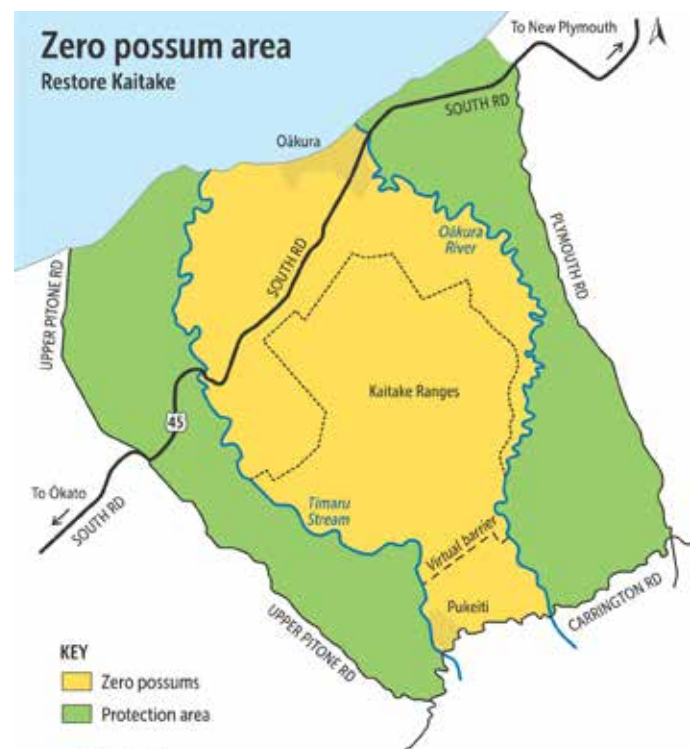
The good-natured bride says she is happy to receive calls anytime 24/7 from the public to help get rid of possums. It's fair to say the couple are possum obsessed, says Mr Hoegh,

who's been hunting since he was six-years-old.

"I'm really happy to be back in Oākura, we just love it here and it's going to be even better if we can eradicate possums," Mr Hoegh says. When the pair get a suspected possum report, they will visit the area assess it and then set a live trap, ensuring the safety of any children or pets.

Their work is considered critical to help restore Kāitake's biodiversity, allowing native birds like kaka and kiwi to return to the area, by eradicating possums. Possums are notorious for feasting on native plants, birds and their eggs.

However, Mr Hoegh says Oākura has already been tainted by the possums, for him. "I can't look at a piece of bush now, or a panoramic view of Oākura's stunning coast line, without thinking of all the potential possum habitat. "It's ruined the view, a little bit, but that's ok. I'm happy helping residents restore Kāitake by making it possum-free," he says.







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In '21 Lessons for the 21st century' Yuval Harari builds upon his previous 'Sapiens' and 'Home Deus' to offer another powerful book that "untangles political, technological, social, and existential issues and offers advice on how to prepare for a very different future from the world we now live in ... Harari's unique ability to make sense of where we have come from and where we are going has captured the imaginations of millions of readers. Here he invites us to consider values, meaning, and personal engagement in a world full of noise and uncertainty." We can't afford to sit back and do nothing.

That's why I found this quote so timely: Never underestimate your power to inspire and affect your community around you. Even the smallest of acts can really ripple out."

~ John VanDeusen Edwards, Founder of The Food is Free Project

Crackerjacks, pre-school story time resumes Thursday 7th February 2019 at 10am(the first Thursday of every month). Join us for a relaxed half hour of rhyme, song and craft.

New to our collection: VOX books. We have several picturebook titles and junior non-fiction books combined with a built in audio recording so children just push a button to listen and follow along. They've proven to be very popular already!

The robot roadshow stopped at Ōākura Library this summer. We also added an augmented reality segment to the show. With a mobile device make your augmented reality book come to life. We have two titles: iScience and iDinosaurs.

A great new year's resolution: read more books!

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### Coming Events

#### February

- 14 Beach Education at Oakura Year 5 and 6
- 15 Beach Education at Oakura Year 7 and 8
- 22 Omata Triathlon 1:30pm
- 26 Home and School Meeting 3:15pm
- 28 Omata Playgroup 9-11am

#### March

- 5 Swimming Display Day
- 11 Taranaki Anniversary Day

### Omata in Wonderland

Our production was written by year 7 and 8 students, Jacinta Pattison and Charlotte Butler. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performances from all the students. Thanks to everyone who helped, particularly to Ruby and Justine Crawshaw who put many volunteer hours into the props, backdrops and face painting. Also huge thanks to Jan Aiello who produced and directed the performance and to Raeleen Luckin for the choreography. It was a truly outstanding show, full of wonderful music, dance and imagination. Well done to all the students - it was a great way to finish the year.

### Year 8 Graduation

On the 19th December we farewelled our year 8 graduates and wished them well in 2019 as they begin their high school years.

### Cup Winners

Community Cup for Arts and Culture

- Ruby Glennie

Home and School Cup for Sporting Excellence

- Jorja Eldershaw

Staff Cup for Responsibility

- Olive Denton-Woolley

Principal's Cup for Leadership

- Mya Glennie

Board of Trustees' Cup for Academic Excellence

- Jacinta Pattison

*Ngā mihi nui*

*Karen Brisco*

*Principal*

*Photo below from left:*

*Jorja Eldershaw, Mya Glennie, Ruby Glennie, Jacinta Pattison and Olive Denton-Woolley*





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Welcome back to 2019

The team has been busy preparing for our exciting changes for this year - a check in check out device suite has been established to support BYOD ensuring digital fluency access across all year levels, the music suite and other spaces have been moved to bigger areas to accommodate for growing numbers and the wellness centre has been prepped to ensure our young people are well supported.

We are looking forward to starting our new school year together re-connecting, learning and very importantly dedicating some time for good old fashion fun including a Student/ Staff Water Wave to 2019.

## Staffing News

We are a fortunate to have a number of wonderful staff joining our team at Spotswood College. A special welcome to our new property manager Matthew Neild, new teaching staff Carlin Kumeroa, Wayne Cribb, Anna Scott and past student Jeff Thomas.

## Students At The Centre Of Learning - Linkage Day

Linkage day was a great start to transition our Year 9 students for 2019. We would like to acknowledge the contributing schools for their wonderful assistance to the students and our staff during this time of change.

Students took part in a range of collaborative activities that helped them all to connect and feel comfortable in their new school community.



We look forward to officially welcoming all new students, families and staff into our school family on Friday 1st February, 9.00am meeting time. The first week is purposefully designed to continue to transition and support all of our new students

## Cultural And Sporting Success

A huge congratulations to our sporting extraordinaires who achieved so well at the Taranaki Sporting Awards Evening 2018. Aidan Zittersteijn who was awarded Junior Sports person of the Year.

Keegan Joe and David Jeffrey who were awarded Junior Sports Team of the Year. And Anthony Joe who was awarded with a special TSSSA award for his outstanding services to sports. Congratulations to Darcy Collins also who has been selected to be part of the Olympic Wrestling Team 2019, which includes travelling to compete in Indiana USA, and Keelin Aspelg who was one of the youngest competitors along with her fellow youth team members to take part in the Vaka Elva Waka Ama racing event in Rarotonga. She has also become a Certified Waka Ama NZ Foundation Coach.

Our job is not to prepare students for something

Our job is to help students prepare themselves for anything

A.J. Juliani

**Nicola Ngarewa**  
*Principal*





# Oakura Tennis

Hoping everyone enjoyed the lovely summer weather over the holidays and managed to keep hitting some balls up at the courts.

The frustration of the rainy weather continued to hamper the first round of the competition play but we did all enjoy the games when the weather allowed.

The final results of the first round were:

## Juniors

Cool Cucumbers – Orange Grade: 4th after the first round but this grade is more about learning the game of tennis than the scores and it is great to see this team hitting good balls and getting out on court.

Hard Hitters – Green Grade 1st Division: this team has moved up to the top division of this grade and played well amongst some really good teams. Whilst the scoreboard wasn't always on their side, they had some close games and their tennis is improving by playing stronger players.

Drop Shot Divas – Green Grade 2nd Division: this was the first year in the Green Grade and whilst the points on the scoreboard may not have been high, there were some hard fought games throughout the round with quite a few tiebreakers that could have gone either way.

Roto Roasters - We also have some of our players playing in a combined team with Rotokare who came 3rd in the 1st round. It is great to be able to collaborate with our neighbouring clubs to form teams and get our juniors playing lots of tennis.

Tash Lewis has done an excellent job of coordinating all the junior and youth teams this year.

## Youth

Spinmasters – 3rd after the first round with only 2 points the difference between 1st and 3rd so round 2 could easily see this team climb a few places.

## Saturday Competition

B Grade: Finished 2nd after the first round which is a great accomplishment. This team of 4 teenagers (with a couple of old

timers as reserves) are playing great tennis against opposition that is often way more experienced than them.

A3 Sumpter Trophy: Our A3 team finished 2nd after the first round. The talent in this team is increasing all the time so will be interesting games coming up in the 2nd round.

A2 Wilson Trophy: This team finished 4th in the first round with only one point off third. Plenty of opportunity for this team to move up some places heading into the 2nd round.

A1 Soffe Cup: After a very unusual first round with so many rained off Saturday's and therefore shared points, the finals were played between Rotokare and Okaiawa South Combined with Rotokare having a convincing win. Whilst Oakura had a very close match against Pukekura Park (last years winners), the overall result saw Oakura in 5th place on the ladder.

A change of format in the A1 level is being trialed which will see the strongest men in each club playing off against other clubs in a smaller team format. Should be some great games to watch over the next few months.

Coaching is in full swing again for Term 1 with Jaime Simpson spending many hours on court getting our juniors hitting well. Jaime is also running Cardio Tennis Sessions on Thursday mornings for seniors and a senior coaching session on Friday's.

Any questions about coaching, look up [blitztennis.co.nz](http://blitztennis.co.nz)

Make the most of the sunshine and get some games played on court before heading to the beach for a swim.

*Ann Bridges*



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### **Happy New Year to everyone.**

We have a new president - Clay Jordan and Club Captain Raymond Lewis. The rest of the board remain the same and we look forward to working with them with many new ideas which we hope to implement throughout the coming year. We are looking at a few different competition

formats to keep interest in the weekly competitions.

If you've been into the club house lately you will have noticed the new carpet has now been laid at long last. We hope to encourage members and public to use our premises for weddings, birthdays, conferences etc. Please contact the office for information to utilise our premises in the future.

We have had volunteers in the office over the Xmas and New Year period and having the office open has been a huge revenue boost for our green fees and also our shop items. Would also like to acknowledge the volunteers who have manned the office over the Xmas season once again very much appreciated.

### **Womens Division News**

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2019 golfing season. What a fabulous summer we are having and already the women are out on the course enjoying great playing conditions

The club competition programme starts early in February.

Opening days for the women are Tuesday 5th and Saturday 9th February.

The Taranaki Weekday and Weekend Pennants competitions also start early in February. These games give Kaitake women the chance to put their skills to the test against other clubs.

The women's committee extend a warm welcome to women wanting to join a club to play golf regularly or prospective players just wishing to give golf a try. If you want to talk to anyone about joining or learning to play golf, feel free to phone Andrea Jarrold on 7514234 or 0273587001.

### **Club Captain Report:**

Hope you all had a good Xmas and New Year break. Now its time to dust off the clubs and get back into it.

On the 12th January 2019 we had our first tournament - The Beachcombers which was kindly sponsored by Butlers Reef and was a huge success and a fun day was had by all.

#### **Results:**

Mens - Nett Division 1 Jackie Yang (Waitara) 62

Nett Division 2 Norman Lofthouse (Kaitake) 62

Stableford Div 1 Drew Cadenhead (Kaitake) 40

James Smithson (Strathmore) 40

Andrew Castles (Inglewood) 40

Tony Martin (Waitara) 39

Shaun Gower (Inglewood) 39

John Harold (New Plymouth) 38

Mens Stableford Div 2 Dennis Harvey (Kaitake) 42

Ralph Ellicock (Kaitake) 41

Ian Johnson (Kaitake) 40

Ian Frame (Kaitake) 40

Alan Bennett (Kaitake) 39

Ken Te Wani (Kaitake) 39

Ladies - Nett Karen Wallace (Kaitake) 63

Stableford Sharon Adamson (Pungarehu) 38

Denise Howe (Kaitake) 38

Dianne Meagher (Kaitake) 38

Karen Avison (Kaitake) 37

Debra Johnson (Kaitake) 37

Ann Braithwaite (Te Ngutu) 37

Well done to all the winners and a big thank you to all outside members that came and participated in our tournament.

We have a new board this year so there might be a few changes till we find our feet.

2019 - Now some new rules in golf so please check your new rule book which can be collected at the office as to avoid any confusion.

I look forward to seeing you out on the course.

Pennants 2019 - Start 10th February 2019 sheet in Mens Locker Room for names.

Twilight - Postponed until further notice. Looking for volunteers to run this event.

**Club Captain - Raymond aka Tubs**

### **New Members Welcome:**

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

### **Kaitake Golf Club Chippers**

First Chippers Day was Sunday 27th January. Look forward to you all coming back and hopefully some new chippers as well. See you all then. Dominic Barson golf professional tries to come one Sunday each month courtesy of the Taranaki Golf Association and offers additional coaching. We have so many keen chippers out there and it is so awesome that they are joining up for this year.

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

### **Volunteers Welcome**

Kaitake Golf Club, your local club, situated on the Main South Rd, 1km south of the Oakura village, is keen to acquire more local volunteers. And you DON'T have to be a golf member to be a volunteer. If you would like to share your past skills or just be that helping hand, the club would love to offer you that breath of outdoor fresh air and the close companionship of other likeminded mates. There are numerous tasks and projects that the club preforms weekly, so whether you're skilled or not, you will mould into their team.

The club house recently received a face lift internally with new paint, carpet and caterers to attract community functions such as funerals, weddings, meetings etc. The course has undergone major improvements to not only attract new members but new residents to the district.

The new tee signs that will be proudly displayed around the course will bring them into the new era.

Contact Denise at the club on 06 75 27665 to find out more.





The festive season has been really busy for the Oakura Boardrider's Club with the hosting of the Surfing New Zealand Health 2000 Surfing Nationals.

We enjoyed a week of great surf and with a lot of the coastal surf breaks being opened up, some great locations utilised. Not a popular decision on some fronts but with local surfers excelling in great surf the majority were happy with the results and organisation. With normality returned the surf has continued to pump and the crowd factor is back to a normal great summer.

Local club members Manu Schafer (pictured below) and Tom Butland both claimed national titles with Tom also being the youngest ever men's finalist at 15. He came up against three of NZ's top pro surfers in Ricardo Christie (who got a release from the World Surf League to compete), Billy Stairmand and Elliot Parata-Reid so had his work cut out for him but after winning his semi final had every chance. Alas it wasn't to be but outstanding effort all the same. Along with Dwaine Mataa who featured in three finals, they share the most outstanding performance award.

Other Oakura surfers to make the finals were Jeremy Curd and Brian Clark. Other Taranaki locals taking titles - Chris Blain, Luke Kerr, Jarod Hancox, Jamie Andrews, Natasha Gouldsbury and Kelvin Weir rounding out a great nationals for Oakura and Taranaki surfers.

During the Nationals week Oakura Boardriders also hosted a skate contest at the new bowl in the village - an awesome night, great weather and a huge crowd saw some

great skating. Local Niwa Shewry taking 2nd place against some stiff competition - at 12 years old a true local talent destined for success. Thanks must go to NPDC, SET Engineering and Vertigo Surf and Skate for their support and sponsorship. Competitors from around the country and overseas added some flavor making this a great success and hopefully we can see more of these at what is now a great asset for the community. A great reward for some peoples hard work pulling the project together.

Ariana Shewry (pictured left) didn't have a great National Championships with things not going her way but she put it behind her and bounced back with a 2nd place at a Pro Junior contest at Sunset Beach in Hawaii - a big confidence boost and great start to her year.

Paige Hareb kicks off her contest year in Australia mid February with back to back qualifying series contests at Avoca, Newcastle then Manly before the World Tour event at Snapper Rocks in the first week of April followed by Bells Beach mid April, a busy start. With her and Ricardo Christie both on the elite world tour this year there will no doubt be plenty of added interest and support from passionate Kiwis. All the best to both for a great year. Paige keeps on doing Oakura proud and is never backward in promoting Oakura as home.

Surfing New Zealand's contest season is about to get underway with the Grom Search Series, an open circuit contest at Papamoa and two contests scheduled for Raglan a busy few months ahead.

Surfing Taranaki has its summer Micro Groms series in early February at Fitzroy with future dates to follow - keep an eye on social media for updates.

The Oakura Boardriders are going to be running coaching, and also the usual Friday Social nights so there is plenty happening this summer, everyone is welcome so come on down for a catch up anytime..

**Brent Anderson Oakura Boardriders**  
**President: Luke Florence, 027 493 0819 or**  
**John Shewry 027 252 9190 with any queries**





Busy busy times at the Surf Club - we have hosted the Central Region Champs, a junior carnival and our 2019 Oceans camp. No time to put the feet up yet though with Nationals just around the corner. A big thanks to everyone who has pitched in and helped out over the last month, it has been a

great club effort.

Saturday 12 January, our senior team competed in the CRJ (Central Region Champs), pictured here, a super-hot day with the sprints having to be postponed due to blistered feet! We couldn't have asked for better conditions with a lot of big surf, competitors had to pull out all their skills plus a bit more. Very entertaining watching the boats.

Congratulations to our small team of 9 competitors, NPOB finished an impressive 7th out of 16 teams. Special mention to Olly Spicer winning overall in the under 16 age group. Top job Olly, enjoy the \$\$\$! Good luck guys at Easterns and Nationals.

The following day we backed up hosting our local Junior Carnival, with NPOB coming out top dog, narrowly beating Fitzroy by 5 points. It was great having an impressive number of NPOB kids finishing in the top 3 in their age groups. Next up is Taranaki Champs at the start of February, then the East End Junior Enduro challenge and then of course the grand finale of Oceans back at the Mount in March. Keep up the training kids!

#### Overall Individual Place Winners

Under 8 Girls	Under 8 Boys
1st Gabby Robinson	3rd Thomas Martin
2nd Daisy Lash	
3rd Phoebe Bennett	
Under 9 Girls	Under 9 Boys
2nd Lydia Helms	3rd Finlay Sullivan
3rd Georgia Dinnison	
Under 10 Girls	Under 10 Boys
2nd Keziah Fakavamoeanga	1st Ethan Peacock
	2nd Duncan Poole
Under 11 Girls	Under 11 Boys
3rd Natalie Withers	3rd Ben Helms
Under 12 Girls	
1st Hayley Tewhata	
2nd Eva Martin	
Under 13 Girls	
2nd Tiani Kensington	
Under 14 Girls	
2nd = Isla Robinson & Lauren Tewhata	



Our 2019 Oceans Camp was again another great camp, 41 kids (9 to 14 years old), fronting up for 3.5 full on days. Activities including beach and water sessions, team buildings, a run up the Goat track and finishing off with the famous (or infamous) Dylan Dunlop-Barrett Eliminator.

A massive effort put in by all the kids, with some only just starting out in surf. Confidence and skill levels of everyone improved. A great couple of days with a bunch of fun, fit, healthy and general all round good kids. The effort they all put in is amazing.

BP are repeating the EVERY LITRE COUNTS promo this summer! Every time you fuel up at BP retail sites between 21 Jan - 17 Feb, BP will donate to SLSNZ. As a charity with volunteer lifeguards, we need this! Please support the cause and fuel up at BP.

And finally, again thank you to our volunteer lifeguards who give up their time in the weekends to patrol the beach. Please stay safe everyone, swim between the flags and parents please always watch your kids in the water.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Enjoy the beach, stay safe and swim between the flags.

**NPOB Committee**

***npobsurfclub@xtra.co.nz***







*Eliminator champions 2019 Ethan Peacock and Lauren Tewhata*



### Club Championships

Peter Radich, Peter Murdoch and Ray Haslip won the triples championship final over the Alan Bridgeman skipped team of Ted Barrett and Bob Anderson. The Radich team repelled all that was thrown at them by the Bridgeman trio and held their nerve to win 21 – 16.

Peter Radich and Peter Murdoch continued their great winning form by adding the championship pairs title to their trophy cabinet. In blustery, difficult playing conditions the duo defeated the incumbent champions Steve Muller and Kurt Smith in a close and hard fought final 23 – 16.

The two finalists have also been decided in the highly competitive fours championship. The current championship holders Adam Collins, Wayne Robinson, Andy Shearer and Kevin Gray will match up against a Steve Muller skipped quartet of Kurt Smith, Paul Coxhead and Roy Phillips. Good bowling to both teams. The club singles (senior & junior) championship will also be played on Sunday afternoons throughout February. All members of the community are welcome to come on down and enjoy the hospitality of the club while watching some of Oakura's finest bowlers in action.

### Interclub Tournaments

The midweek and Saturday tournaments of Avery, Gilmour and Shield are nearing conclusion with the Oakura Bowling Club currently second in the Avery Cup and midfield position in the other competitions. The club are the current holders of the Avery Cup and with 2 rounds to play the club is well placed to launch a challenge to the competition's leaders.

The Oakura Orcas require 1 win from 3 games in the last round of the 1st Div pennants to retain their spot in the competition for next year. After winning promotion to the 1st Div last year it has been a great learning curve for the team as they competed against some of Taranaki's best bowlers. Well done to all the bowlers who represented the Orcas and there's no doubt the players are looking forward to the challenge of next year not only in the 1st div pennants but also in the highly competitive Bill Smee Div 1 interclub competition.

### Club News

It is great to see the wider community utilising the bowling club facilities over the past months with numerous groups hiring the venue and enjoying the fun and entertaining aspect of playing bowls. Water cooler whispers tell me that there were 3 All Blacks enjoying a social but competitive roll up with their family and friends on one of our glorious summer evenings over Christmas. Unfortunately, the club may have to wait a few years for them to take up this great game but we do live in hope.

### The Underarm Bowler

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# Oakura Community What's On

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

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

**Functional Crosstraining by Nakifit:** Saturdays 7.40am. Ph 021 297 5465 or [nakifit@gmail.com](mailto:nakifit@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

**Oakura Meditation Group:** - Mondays 8.10pm 37a Donnelly St, ph 0272037215, email [kate@shineyoga.co.nz](mailto:kate@shineyoga.co.nz)

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

**Oakura Pony Club:** Contact Marlies Butland Delfos ph 0274595962.

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

**Oakura Sunday School - St James church:** Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 10am. Contact [stjamesoakura@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesoakura@gmail.com)

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



**Oakura Yoga:** - Shine Yoga Studio, 37a Donnelly St, [www.shineyoga.co.nz](http://www.shineyoga.co.nz) for days and times, ph 0272037215.

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

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

**Okato Squash:** Club nights on Mondays from 6.30pm, everyone welcome. Contact [okatosquash1@gmail.com](mailto:okatosquash1@gmail.com) for further information.

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

**Pickleball Oakura:** Come along and give Pickleball a go. Oakura Hall Thursday mornings 9.30am and Tuesday evenings 7.15pm. Contact Elayne Kessler at [ekesslernz@hotmail.com](mailto:ekesslernz@hotmail.com) or ph 0279377173

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

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

**Val Deakin Dance School:** Oakura Hall. and the Dance Centre in New Plymouth Phone 7527743 or email [val@valdeakindance.org.nz](mailto:val@valdeakindance.org.nz)

## KAYAK FISHING CLUB

This years Kayak Classic is set for March 23/24. Early bird entries close 6th March - we have 2 early bird draws to the value of \$1000.

The main all entry draw prize is a Viking gt Kayak powered by a Bixby jet engine - value \$3800.

We have a cash prize of \$5000 - all you have to do is catch 8 species over the 2 days of competition. As always, there is lot more. Egmont Seafoods will be on site to fillet the catch once again.

We will have music and a special guest entertainer for the prize giving. This year's venue - Butlers Reef Hotel.

**Garry Harrison**  
*photo left of Garry with a great snapper*