

Coastal Schools' Education Development Group

The Minister of Education, Trevor Mallard, has signalled a review of schooling, to include Pungarehu, Warea, Newell, Okato Primary, Okato College, Oakura and Omata schools. The reference group of representatives from the area has been selected to oversee the process and represent the community's perspective.

Each school has 2 representatives and a Principal rep from the Primary and Secondary sector. Other representatives include, iwi, early childhood education, NZEI, PPTA, local politicians, Federated Farmers, School's Trustee Association and the Ministry of Education in the form of a project manager.

In general the objectives of the reference group are to be a forum for discussion of issues with the project manager. There will be plenty of opportunity for the local communities to have input.

The timeframe is to have an initial suggestion from the Project Manager by September 2003. Consultation will follow until December with a preliminary announcement from the Ministry of Education in January 2004. Further consultation will follow with the Minister's final announcement likely in June 2004. This will allow for any development needed to be carried out by the start of the 2005 school year.

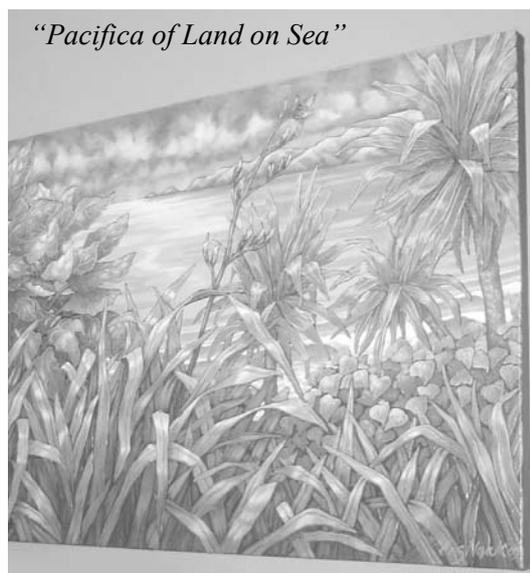
The positive outcome from a review is that we continue to offer quality education for the children of our communities for the next 10 to 15 years as the demographics of our communities are changing.

Nick Barrett, Omata B.O.T Chairperson

Local artist exhibits in Florence

Local artist Caz Novak has been invited to exhibit at the International Biennale of Contemporary Art in Florence this year. The invitation came via email and was quite a surprise to Caz, who immediately emailed back that they must have the wrong person - but, no! Her work was chosen from her website, and she was

then required to submit five photographs of further work for the final selection process. Having been selected, Caz was informed that she may exhibit up to three paintings on a 3x 2m wall space. Caz has completed her work "Pacifica - of Land and Sea", a large diptych celebrating the NZ coastline and its native plants. *(continued on page 3)*



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From Mayor Pete

The Annual Plan for 2003/04 has brought with it some great news for coastal residents.

We had fantastic feedback from the public on our draft plan – receiving a record 484 submissions – which helped the council to finalise its plan for the coming 12 months.

Among a variety of projects for the council in the coming year are:

- Consulting with Oakura residents about a sewerage system for the town
- Creating an Oakura Strategy Plan, which will focus on the development of the community and coastline
- Supplying reticulated water to Omata
- Developing stormwater systems in Oakura

All of these projects could have a significant positive effect on coastal Taranaki residents. A lot of public input will be sought for the sewerage system proposal and the Oakura Strategy Plan, and I really look forward to hearing your comments and opinions on those two projects.

Speaking of projects that are hugely positive, I've heard nothing but high praise for Puke Ariki! It flung its doors open to the public on June 15 and thousands of people have since turned up to look inside this magnificent facility – and everything I have heard since then shows that residents have been bowled over and are very proud to have something like Puke Ariki in their back yard.

Of course it's *because* of the people in our district that Puke Ariki is so fabulous. From the stories it tells to the groundbreaking ways that it tells them, Puke Ariki is testament to the innovation, pride and 'can-do' attitude of our entire community.

Taranaki people have a habit of grabbing national and international attention for their ideas. Remember: if you have a project that you think this council can help with, give me a call on 759 6060!

Peter Tennent

Mayor

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This work is currently on display at Puke Ariki in the Taranaki Naturally Gallery. All art exhibited at the Florence Biennale is part of a final judging process which covers a wide range of media including sculpture, digital art, installation, drawing and painting. In the painting category, the works range from abstract to realism. The last Biennale saw over 600 artists from 54 countries exhibiting. The exhibition is held at the Fortezza da Bassa, a historic castle that is set up with movable panels to display the work appropriately. The exhibition runs from the 6th - 14th of December and coincides with various cultural events in the city.

Local loos get a facelift !

You may have noticed lots of activity at the public toilets on Messenger Terrace. Oakura was high on the New Plymouth District Council's list to bring the toilets in our district into the 21st century. Once finished, not only will the toilets have a fresh look but they will be more accessible to all.

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Omata's St John's Church Renovations near completion

By Kim Ferens

As you have driven past St John's church at Omata lately you may have noticed lots of activity. Badly needed restoration has been underway for several weeks to return St John's Church to its former glory and retain such an important piece of Omata's, and indeed New Zealand's, history. The New Plymouth District Council

Heritage Fund contributed towards the renovations and local community members have also helped out. According to Mr George Mason of Omata, the shingle roof has been cleaned and water-blasted and a waterproof algae and moss treatment applied. Much of the overgrown vegetation has been cut back, making the church more visible from as far away as Hurford Rd while also rendering it less likely to grow moss or get damp. Inside and under the church, the piles have been replaced and many rotten boards have been removed. A borer fogging treatment will be used to prevent further damage. Soak holes have been dug to further waterproof the building as water was pouring in underneath it and contributing to the rot. In June, scaffolding went up and the Periodic Detention workers started painting inside and out. Jason Baikie, a builder who is considered to be an expert at historic renovations, has carried out the restoration work. We hope our church will stand tall for another 130 years!

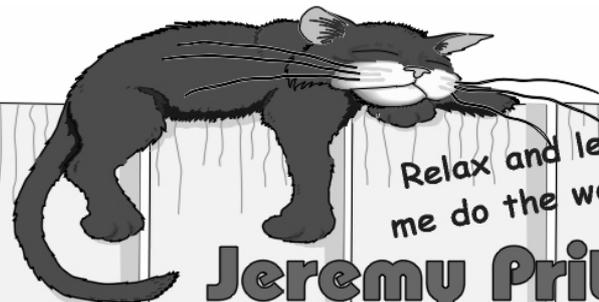
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Hon. Harry Duynhoven MP for New Plymouth Homeowners beware

On 20 June the Government announced that it would place eight finance and property companies into statutory management.

These companies appear to have been operating 'buy back' schemes, which involve homeowners signing over their property titles to raise finance.

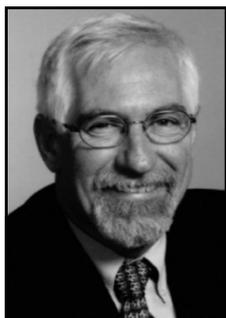
By acting quickly on the recommendation of the Securities commission, the Government prevented the sale of 10 further houses involved in the scheme.

The companies are CH Finance Limited, ICMG Leasing Limited, The Independent Creative Management Group Ltd, Toi Te Atatu Ltd, Sleinad Finance Company Ltd, Opol Ltd, ICMG Holding Ltd, and ICMG Property Company Ltd.

Statutory management is used very rarely, and only when serious conditions are met. In this case, the principal purpose of statutory management was to limit the effects of any fraudulent or reckless act or activity. It was also considered necessary to protect the interests of the wider public.

I urge any home owners affected by this or any similar 'buy back' scheme to come forward by calling a toll-free number established by Consumer Affairs: 0508 468 732.

It is important that homeowners stay well clear of schemes that involve the transfer of their property to anyone else. There may well be a number of other buy back schemes still in operation through so-called finance companies. If you are approached by anyone running such a scheme, please contact Consumer Affairs.



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Councillor's Comment



The Annual plan process is an interesting one. Over three days the councillors and council staff start by listening to all the people who wish to speak to their submissions. On the first day we sat from 1.00pm until 8.00pm and then resumed the next day at 9.00am until 1.00pm. That's how long it took to listen to all of the submissions. In fact it is quite interesting and not as boring as one might think, as each submission is so different. Some submissions are really serious and some can be quite comical. It was great to see many Kaitake Ward people putting in submissions this year. It really is the way to get other councillors to know what we are passionate about. On the third day we go through all the submissions one by one: they're put on the board to make a wish list, so to speak. This meeting was scheduled to last from 1.00pm until 6.00pm, but we ended up finishing at 9.00pm. Quite a marathon really. Once the wish list is up, then a process of elimination takes place to find out what we keep at the end and the impact it will have on rates.

For this ward I managed to keep three things on the board. One was \$10,000 to start a process combined with the Regional Council to look at a Coastal management strategy for the development of this ward. There was also \$570,000 for a water supply to Omata and \$50,000 to start the first process of consultation for a sewerage system for Oakura township.

I believe that over the last few years this ward has missed out on lots of things. When I hear how much money has been spent in Waitara and Inglewood I realise that it is time some came this way. Anyway at the end we were very lucky, we got the Water supply for Omata and the money for the sewerage and still got the go ahead for the coastal plan, but without the \$10,000 as the council will do it within the current budget. Also I asked for some funding from next year's annual plan to go towards our main street upgrade.

Under the Electoral Act 2001 the Council is required to undertake a review of representation. A decision on this will be released to the public for consultation before the Council makes a decision on August the 12th.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT OAKURA BECOMING PART OF THE NEW PLYMOUTH WARD? You WILL be able to have your say. Look for more information in TOM. Until next month. There is a lot of good work being achieved.

Regards Pam Street.

Oakura

North of the Bombays ???



Don't be surprised if you are north of Whangarei on state highway 1, and see a Transit New Zealand road sign pointing to Oakura on the east and Cape Reinga to the north. You haven't become disoriented, it's just that there are two Oakuras in the North Island - one on the Tutukaka coast, about 45 minutes north of Whangarei, and of course our local Taranaki Oakura.



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The Stream.....

The stream, created by Audio Origin for the *tom* website, www.oakuramessenger.co.nz, is up and running and we recommend it to you all.

An old version of Real One Player was being downloaded last month. This is the reason you were unable to view the stream. So log on and download the latest version of Real One Player, then sit back and listen to the great sounds of Joel Haines and enjoy the local sights. We look forward to your feedback - email us at oakuramessenger@xtra.co.nz.

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Tom's Copper's Column

Well, the past month has been a busy one, with a couple of burglaries in the Jans Tee, Beach Camp area. The bad guys haven't been caught yet. If they keep offending then it is only a matter of time. I have had people ringing up about suspicious people and circumstances. It is all good. Please continue to contact me or the New Plymouth Police should you see anything suspicious.

On 12th July there will be a letter drop in Oakura regarding Neighbourhood Support. Now is a good time to consider starting a Neighbourhood Support Group in your street if you aren't already involved in one. It only takes one person to "take the bull by the horns" and spend just a little bit of time. No more than an hour a month. All it involves is contacting your neighbours, seeing if they are interested. Setting up a phone list so you can contact each other should the need arise. It is not about gossip or rumour, it is about looking out for each other. As Oakura is a small community I am certain most people know their neighbours anyway. It is also a good excuse to have a street BBQ (of course when/if the weather fines up).

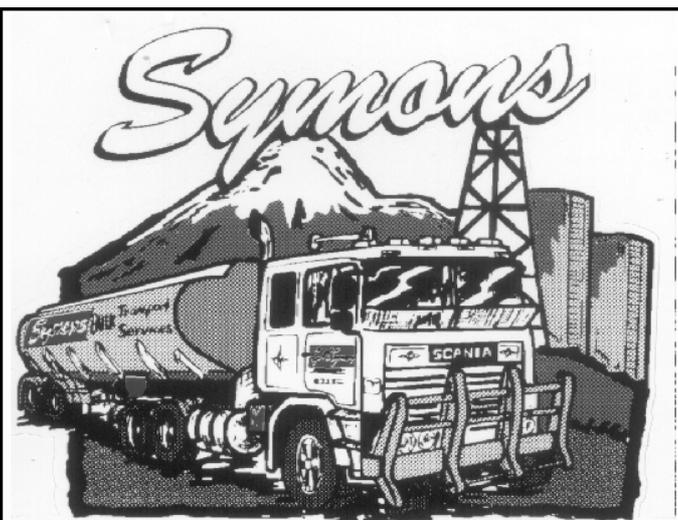
Maria Grant is the North Taranaki Neighbourhood Support Co-Ordinator. She can be contacted on 757 9543. She is very keen to help set up Support Groups and assist you in continuing to keep Oakura the fun and safe community it is renowned for.

I am pleased to note that the graffiti at Shearers Reserve is almost nonexistent on the Playground.

With the town upgrade about to commence please be aware of the speed limit that will be imposed because of this. 30km/h means just that. The men and women working there put the signs up for their safety.

Have a great month. Regards,

Constable Thomas
The Local Bobby



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A Bite of History...

The Omata Dairy Factory

By Kim Ferens- Omata Correspondent



The Crown Dairy Company's Hurford Road butter factory.

The first dairy factory was built in 1891/92 by the Crown Dairy Company on Hurford Rd about 2 kilometres up on the left, to take advantage of the river. The Crown Dairy Company (as Omata Dairy Company was formerly known) was managed by 3 men who were considered some of the pioneers of dairying in Taranaki – Mr Newton King, Mr J C George and Mr Richard Cock. In its infancy, the Crown Dairy Company had 7 suppliers who received 2.5 to 3 pence per gallon of milk. The Crown Dairy continued until 1899 when suppliers became dissatisfied with the payout and a decision was made to form a Co-Operative Dairy Co who purchased the plant and factory. The first Omata Co-Operative Dairy Co was incorporated on 6th March 1900.

Dairying in 1900 was very different from today and extremely difficult. Roads were in poor condition or non-existent and often impassable. Transport was by means of horse and cart with milk carted in milk cans (these are popular collectable antiques today). Distances travelled had to be relatively small, as no refrigeration existed and time was limited. Most of the countryside was covered in fern or standing bush or logs and stumps. Open pasture was still being developed and fencing was going in as time allowed. All very different from the lush dairying units we see today. Each farm was smaller, with smaller herd sizes, because of the labour intensive nature of farming in that era.

From 1900 to 1950, the Omata Dairy Company experienced phenomenal growth. The 7 suppliers and 2.5 pence per gallon payout increased steadily to its peak of 181 suppliers and 12 pence per gallon payout and 574 tons output of butter. The lowest recording of output is 125 tons.

The dairy company has an interesting history and it would seem to me that the management of the company kept up with modern advances in technology. The following timeline documents the main events over the years.

- 1892 7 suppliers
- 1901 24 suppliers. Refrigerator installed
- 1906 Creamery branch opened at Koru
- 1911 Pasteuriser and skim milk weigher installed. 62 suppliers
- 1912 First milking plant installed in Omata – a 3 cow “Ridd” plant
- 1915 Negotiations to purchase the factory and plant of the Oakura Co-Operative Dairy Factory (located on Marsh’s farm just south of Wairau Rd on the left.
- 1918 Fire destroyed the main factory at Hurford Rd. 1 vat casein plant installed
- 1920 102 suppliers. Herd testing proposal made
- 1921 Mr George Duke Snr appointed cartage contractor
- 1923 New assistance residence erected. Cool room installed. New vat installed. 195 ton output of butter.
- 1924 Koru Creamery closed. Casein manufacture ceased at Hurford and Oakura (casein is a second dairy product which is used in the manufacturing industry).
- 1925 Proposal made to use electric power instead of water wheel and to also amalgamate with the Royal Oak Dairy Factory at a site beside the cool stores, thus eliminating double travelling for cream and cartage of boxes, coal and other materials. Royal Oak would not agree to closing their factory. The final deal was to erect a new factory near Belt Rd for £6000 or make additions to Hurford Rd for £1500-2000. A poll was taken and the New Plymouth factory scheme was defeated 157 to 155 votes. Factory separation of milk at Hurford Rd was to cease. Output was 244 tons.
- 1926 Oakura Creamery closed and cottage moved to Hurford Rd
- 1929 A “Candy” filter was installed. 131 suppliers and 354 tons output
- 1937 New condenser installed. 181 suppliers and 542 tons output

- 1940 Land purchased for better accommodation. Milk was diverted to Patua at Tataramaika for cheese manufacture because of the war. Output decreased substantially.
- 1942 Output 174 tons
- 1943 Return of the cheese suppliers meant a record 567 tons output. Many Omata farms transferred to “Town Supply” meaning a 103 decrease in output.
- 1947 New residence built and a Public Works Department cottage bought. 494 tons output.
- 1950 Insurance cover based on replacement value of the factory, plant, land and 5 dwellings is £19355. At this stage the Companies’ output of butter was mainly to export markets through the Dairy Products Marketing Commission (or Primary Products Marketing Department) and to merchants and storekeepers around New Plymouth. In comparison, another Dairy Company (Tikorangi) had 62 suppliers and 554 tons butter in 1961.
- 1970 Severe drought in the province meant production was down 12.6%. The factory closed in March and milk went to other companies.
- 1974 The Omata Dairy Company amalgamated with the Bell Block Company. The plant was sold and Mr Neville Adlam bought the factory which he has owned ever since. Mr Adlam is a Citroen car dealer and stores old cars in the factory along with a paint and panel shop. Mr Adlam says the buildings are in need of a paint but at 12,000 square feet of floor space this is no easy task. The old waterwheel from the factory now graces Pukekura Park.



The Omata dairy factory site today.

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New carving for significant Pa site



The new lintel which marks the entrance to Koru Pa

The etching of a special partnership between Ngati Tairi and Nga Mahanga A Tairi iwi and Taranaki Conservation Department staff has resulted in the creation of a new carving welcoming visitors to Te Koru Pa near Oakura village

The new carved totara lintel was unveiled during a ceremony attended by local iwi , DOC staff and the North Taranaki Community Arts Committee.

Te Koru Pa is recognised as one of the world's most significant Maori Heritage sites, and currently has a Historic Places Trust category two listing.

The carving shows a central figure, representing Tane A Mua or "the man out front", who in early times would be the first to come out and check on who was approaching the Pa. He is flanked by two guardians.

Underneath him is a taiaha (or long-handled weapon), which represents the laying down of weapons as the Pa is no longer a place of war.

DOC New Plymouth spokeswoman Barbara Curtis said carving of the new lintel, suggested by local iwi and part-funded by the department, was an important step in the ongoing process to upgrade the area in line with its historic significance.

"Te Koru Pa is a very special place. It's significant nationally and internationally because of its special features, and the carving gives the area more of a presence so people feel they are really going on to a Pa site," she said.

Among Te Koru's significant features are its large defence ditches, stone walls and bell-shaped rua (storage pits), which are distinctive to the Taranaki area Ms Curtis said local hapu had been instrumental in helping restore the site.

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Gardening with Rosemary Herb

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Checklist for July

Vegetables:

Plant broad beans, asparagus crowns, onions, garlic, shallots, cabbage and spinach.

Add compost and lime to vacant soil in readiness for spring planting.

Flowers:

Sow seeds of alyssum, delphinium, larkspur, dianthus, sweetpea and cornflower. Lift and divide dahlias, cannas and phlox.

Prune roses. Spray with Champion Copper for control of fungus diseases and Conqueror Oil for control of Scale Insect and Mites.

Fruit Trees:

Plant fruit trees. Prune established fruit trees on a dry day to avoid spread of diseases. Paint wounds with Baceal pruning paint to prevent disease entering the tree.



Work done at the Pa so far has included the clearing of vegetation from its terraced embankment, as well as the clearing of viewing points and erection of interpretation panels. Large trees that threatened to destroy special features such as the rock walls have also been removed.

A final interpretation panel is due to go up next year, with plans also afoot to upgrade the area's Historic Places Trust listing to a category one listing, Ms Curtis said.

Health and wellbeing With Sarsha Hood

We consume dairy products from the moment we come into this world, and most of us consume them until the day we die. Humans are the only creatures on the planet that consume milk after we are weaned. We are also the only creatures on the planet that drink the milk of another animal. We are told that consuming dairy products will build healthy bones and teeth. Why then, I ask, do we have one of the highest rates of osteoporosis in the world?

Do we need more calcium in order to avoid osteoporosis, the progressive thinning of bones in the elderly? In the west we are certainly told so. Yet data uncovered in China does not support this view. Although most Chinese consume few if any dairy products and ingest low amounts of calcium in general, they appear to be at a much lower risk for this potentially disabling disease. The incidence of hip fractures, for example is only about one-fifth of that in the west, a striking difference. Elderly Bantu women don't have osteoporosis despite having a large calcium drain from nursing an average of 10 children. Eskimos on the other hand, who consume a high protein diet and large amounts of calcium, have the highest rate of osteoporosis in the world.

We do know that high protein intakes result in calcium loss through the urine. High protein diets can cause the body to excrete more calcium than it gets. For example, a person eating 142 grams of protein a day will excrete twice as much calcium in the urine as a person taking a more moderate 47 grams. Because our bodies need calcium to regulate many different functions, such as functioning of our muscles and nerves, the deficit caused by too much protein causes the body to withdraw more calcium from the main reserve "banks" in our bones. These in turn become increasingly more fragile as calcium is removed from them.

So in view of these facts, what are the alternatives for obtaining enough calcium for our bones? Consuming dark green leafy vegetables, getting adequate amounts of vitamin D and plenty of exercise are the answers to

maintaining strong healthy bones. Dark green leafy vegetables are high in calcium; in fact one cup of broccoli contains 178 milligrams of calcium and one cup of cooked spinach contains about the same amount of calcium as a cup of milk. Vitamin D is necessary for proper calcium absorption. Though vitamin D can be easily obtained by eating sardines, herring, salmon, tuna, egg yolk and fish oils, none of these high fat foods are really necessary. Anyone can get adequate amounts simply by being outside in the sunlight for as little as 10-15 minutes three times a week. Fairly easy to achieve in this beautiful place that we live in! It is also proven that any form of weight bearing exercise increases our bone density. Exercise can be started at any age, and is not only beneficial to increasing bone density, but also is proven to lower the risk of most diseases related to aging. Please consult your doctor before starting any form of exercise programme.

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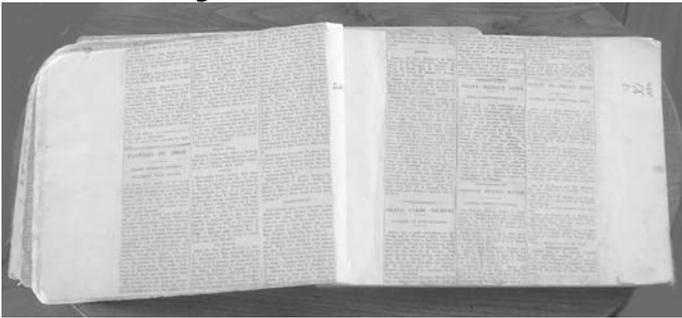


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Community News

The way it was before tom



We have been enjoying reading a wonderful collection of clippings from the 'PROVINCIAL DIARY' column which was run in the local newspaper in the 1920s-30s. The excerpt below is from a regular part of the "diary" called

"Omata District News"

There was an attendance of about 30 children and 16 adults at a lecture given by Mr Foston in the Omata schoolroom on Thursday evening. The lecturer dealt with the history of the moa, gold-mining and coal-mining in New Zealand. All subjects were illustrated with lantern slides.

Miss C Kendall is spending a few days at New Plymouth.

Miss D Vickers is spending a short holiday at New Plymouth.

Mrs W E Donald has visitors staying with her.

Miss K Luxton, Hamilton, is the guest of Mrs A J Luxton.

Mr E Spence is making satisfactory progress after his recent illness.

Fortunately today, The Oakura Messenger supplies you with all the community news you need, but if it didn't the "Omata District News" for July 2003 would read something like this:

Omata District News" (2003)

There was an attendance of about 100 children and 30 adults to an induction given by the staff of Puke Ariki. The induction dealt with the history of our place, - Taranaki. All subjects were illustrated with the use of the latest in interactive displays and audio -visual equipment.

Ms T Lusk has returned from her trip to Hawera.

Mrs C Jones goes to New Plymouth two, three or four times a day.

Ms T Lusk is spending a short holiday at Wellington.

Ms M Powell has visitors staying with her.

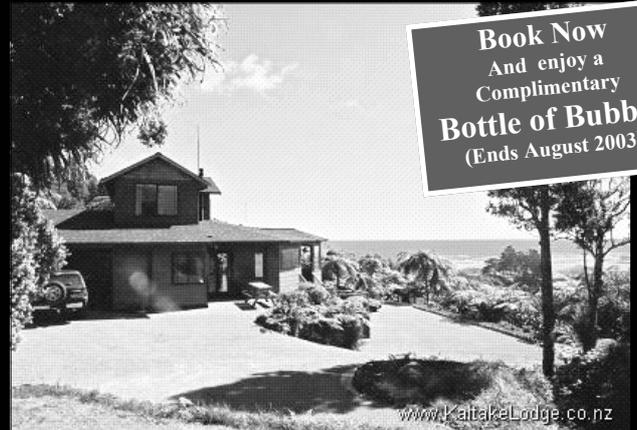
Mr R Jones is making a satisfactory recovery after his recent influenza.

Mr and Mrs P.F Lewis are taking a motor tour of the North Island.

Mr and Mrs J L England are the guests of Mr and Mrs R..B.Jones.

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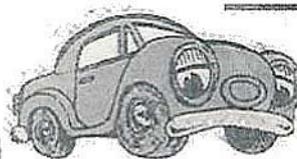
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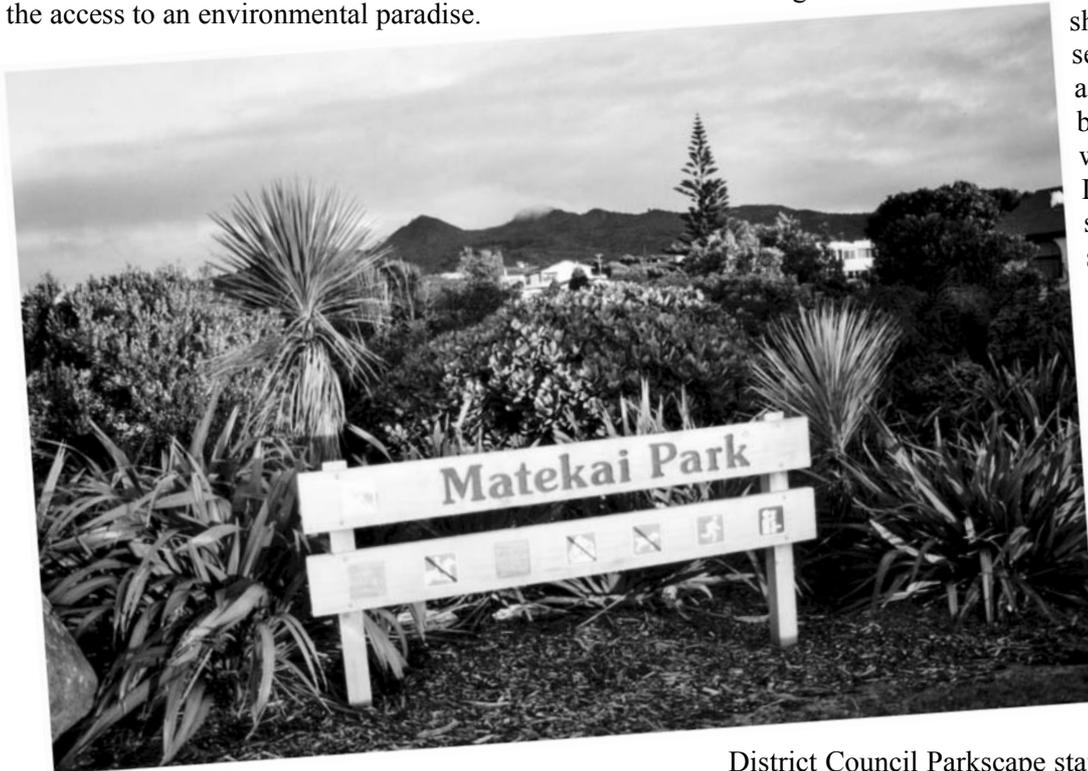
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An Emerald Taonga



Meander southwards along Messenger Terrace heading down to Wairau Road and on the left is the sign to Matekai Park. In a car you would hardly notice the narrow, steep cleft, flanked by flax and bush, but it marks the access to an environmental paradise.



The name Matekai (gateway to the sea) was given to the park following a school competition. Historically, it was where Lucy, of Lucy's Gully, used to gather her flax for weaving.

The 11.3 acres (4.6 hectares) of green space, wetlands and established planned planting, is the outcome of a battle won long ago by a small group of far-sighted, environmentally conscious people. Alerted to the fact that the County Council was determined to drain the area and then bulldoze it for playing fields, Alistair Duncan and Suzette Goldsmith took them on. Significant and fortunate to their argument, was the discovery of a threatened species of rare gold striped gecko living in the reserve and not found anywhere else in New Zealand. "We argued our case and won. It was very satisfying," said Alistair, who was responsible for the original tree-planting plan.

The formation of the Oakura Environmental Society a quarter of a century ago formalised planned planting and fund raising for the preservation and continuation of

Matekai Park. The Society was based on a mutual agreement of friendship, commitment and contribution among a diverse group of concerned, hard working locals. It was a community labour of love for the betterment of Oakura.

These were people who knew that in the not too distant future wetlands and green space would be of immense and equal value to humans and animal life alike. Most had travelled overseas and seen the results of intensive urbanisation and rightly suspected Oakura would face similar popularity and development in the future.

Local schoolteacher Ray (Happy) Priest, one of the original

members of the society, showed me around the reserve with quiet pride and assurance. "We all knew back then that this area was too important to lose. It is the link between the sea and the village," he says. Over the years Ray has used Matekai Park to nurture a love and understanding of the environment in his pupils. "Many lessons can be learned when you have a resource like this within walking distance of the classroom. We even have a plant nursery at the school to continue contributing to the park".

District Council Parkscape staff are responsible for culling and pruning, maintaining the bridges and signage. Suzette Goldsmith remembers a system of working bees at the start of the project. "They were usually organised by Graeme Rook and were quite casual. We'd just turn up with a spade and our gumboots and things always got done. There were sheep in the park keeping the grass down so we had to protect the plantings, it was quite rural then," she said. "Originally we wanted to make a bridle path on the eastern side for ponies but unfortunately it didn't happen. However, the community can be very proud for holding on to Matekai Park. It's a real thrill to see it".

Walking through Matekai Park it's hard not to be impressed at the breadth of the project these people with young families and full time jobs committed to all those years ago. It's like a small version of Pukekura Park. Foresight, commitment, hard work and community spirit has ensured an important and beautiful legacy for Oakura will last forever.

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**Rarotonga Rambles
Scooters**

With hair flying behind me, riding my scooter to work each morning is just the best way to start the day. In Rarotonga the main form of transport is scooter: 50 or 100cc, no helmets, 40km speed limit. Hot, humid climate. It's the ideal way to get around an island that has a 33km circumference.

On a recent trip with my sister to Aitutaki, a little island not far from here, we hired a scooter that was slightly different from the one I own. This one had a seat that was shaped for two, with the driver sitting slightly lower than the pillion passenger. It also had one of those shield-things at the front, so you could put your feet in front of you instead of to the sides. Well, my sister is six feet tall, and I've got quite long legs myself. So you can imagine what a pair we looked on this bike. With her on the raised back, her head was way above mine. And instead of my legs fitting in front of me, I had to sit frog-legged in the front – with knees rattling against the sides!

In Rarotonga the roads are pretty good, a bit bumpy, but sealed. In Aitutaki only half the roads are sealed and they are very bumpy. The other half are white sand and pot-holed. Every time we bumped along on the scooter my sister would move an inch forward, because of the slanting seat. Which pushed me forward. Until I was just about sitting on the floor of the bike!

Back on Rarotonga now, I can appreciate my own flat, soft-seated bike, and again enjoy the feel of my hair flying behind me. Problem is now, however, we're heading into Winter and the temperature gauge is dropping to 24-28 degrees, brrrrrr. Time to get a car I think!

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Ambush on the Sands of Oakura

Oakura's background is not all surfing and basking on beaches – it's also been bathed in blood.

Details of this violent history can be found in the Taranaki Life gallery at Puke Ariki. Take your time to peer into the glass cabinets until you pinpoint a revolver that used to belong to Lieutenant Thomas Tragett of the *Ambush on the sands*

57th Regiment. The young man was one of nine British troops killed in an ambush by Maori at the mouth of the Wairau Stream at Oakura. This attack, on 4 May 1863, signalled the start of the second Taranaki Land War.

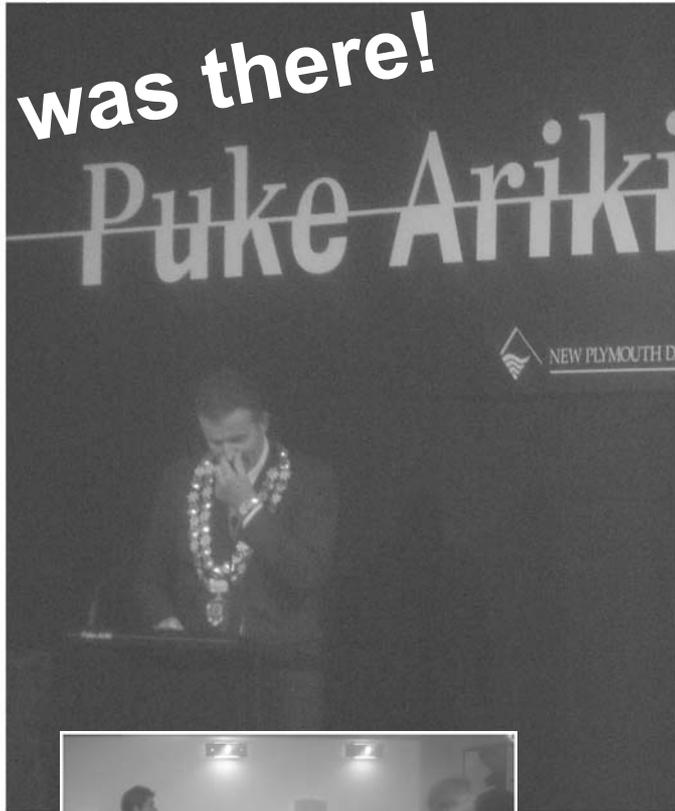
To find out why the first war started, tap into www.pukeariki.com and click on the Conflict section of the Taranaki Stories to read the Pekapeka Block account.

The second campaign was a case of mistaken identity. The group was actually waiting to ambush Governor George Grey, who was due to pass along the beach that day. Instead the warriors attacked a small unit of eight soldiers and two officers, killing all but one. Private Forence Kelly survived.

The Maori planned the attack in response to the 1863 re-occupation by Government forces of the Tataraimaka

Block, south of Oakura. This was considered an act of Swar by Taranaki iwi. The Taranaki Life Gallery holds many stories of this region's gory and glorious past. To find out the Maori point of view on Taranaki's history visit Te Takapou Whariki o Taranaki.

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Fresh face for festival

Following her recent success with Revitalize, local businesswoman Louise Stevens has been appointed Event Manager for this year's Taranaki Rhododendron Festival. Louise said "Thank you to the local businesses that have supported and continue to be involved with Revitalize: Ahu Ahu Beach Villas, Oakura B&B, Green Ginger Cafe, Caz Novak, Etcetera, T.O.A., Sarsha Hood, Lenise Young Staff, Rocks, Moana Pearls, Margaret Scott, TOM, Todd Riffick and Jill. Cheers all. Oakura's a great community and here's to a great gardening fest".

The Daily News Fashion Art Awards

This year's wearable art show promises to be bigger and better in many ways than those from the previous two years, which added up to a huge learning curve for Lois Finderup (director, producer and organiser of the contest). After taking on board the constructive criticism, and the compliments, Lois has developed innovative ways of displaying the works of art. With the use of close-up video techniques, we will be able to show the audience the intricate details of these amazing works of art, which in the past wasn't possible. In addition, the designers of the garments will be identified as their work is displayed.

The show this year will be showcased on the Friday evening, allowing a two-evening season. The preview show



will not incorporate the award ceremony. Many people missed out last year because the event was sold out a week before, so it truly pays to book early. The prize money has been increased, thanks to the wonderful support of the sponsors, and all section winners will receive a hand-crafted trophy. There are a few different sections

"Stacey Ireland's "Raid", supreme winner of the recent Stratford 125th anniversary wearableart show"

in this year's contest. Lois aims to allow all who enter to be included in the show, but the creations must follow the rules of entry.

The most gratifying part of being involved with this quest for Lois is the wonderful way all the schools and colleges, as well as members of the general public, get involved. We have a unique province with so many incredibly talented people and it is a privilege to have the honour of showcasing their works of art.

Entries to this years competition close on 2 August, with the garments themselves to be delivered on the 3 or 4th of October. For more details or entry forms contact Lois Finderup ph: 753 4648 or email lois.daryl@clear.net.nz.

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The Oakura Library will remain open for normal hours during the school holidays (July 7-18).

Monday – Friday: 10am-12.30pm; 1-4pm

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Please note the library is closed from 12.30 – 1pm each day for lunch.

It is free to join the library, and there is no charge to borrow books. You can use your library card at any of the community libraries in Oakura, Inglewood, Waitara, Bell Block, and Puke Ariki. You can also return your library books at any of these branches, regardless of where you borrowed them.

We have a wide selection of contemporary adult fiction, with new titles always arriving. For pre-school children, there are board books and heaps of picture books to choose from, as well as a junior fiction section and teen area. We also have videos, cds, cd roms, photocopying and internet access (some charges apply for these).

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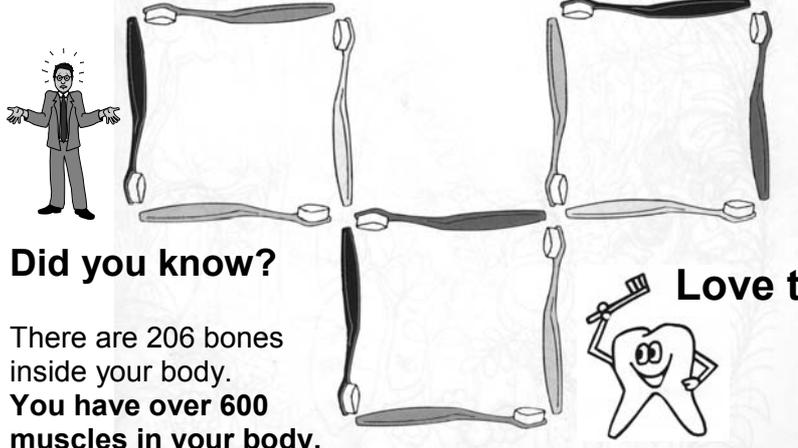
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Fantastic Results

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Congratulations to the following pupils who had outstanding results:

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1 st Yr 8 Group Investigation	Joshua Walden & Mathew Dickey
3 rd Yr 8 Group Investigation	Joshua Barrett & Jack Smithers
Merit Yr 7 Group Investigation	Toby Andrews & Stacey Fletcher
Merit Yr 8 Group Investigation	Melissa Harvey & Jenna Flett
Merit Yr 8 Group Investigation	Adam Collins & Calum Ross

Thanks must also go to Dee Luckin and Ray Priest who, every year, put hours into supporting children with their projects – such as sourcing materials, giving time before and after school, etc. We are very lucky that Dee and Ray ‘go the extra mile’ for their pupils.

Lynne Hepworth, Principal

Samantha Woods

My aim for my maths fair project was to find out on average how many holes players would make with their golf shoes on the greens each week. I found out they made 2,4136,445 million holes each week. I found the maths fair really fun because it let me learn something I never would have found out.



Mathew Dickey and Joshua Walden

Our aim for the maths fair was to find out the cheapest price to re-vamp the senior area of the school. We found out the cheapest price to make a cobblestone area with



picnic tables and sails over it, to put line games on our court, paint our dull fences and to put tube tread in our changing rooms. The price was \$12,486.56. We really enjoyed the maths fair, it was a great experience and I hope that we'll be able to participate in the challenge again.

Josh Barrett

My aim for the maths fair was to find out what animal would be more profitable to farm, the cow or the goat.



I found out that the goat would be more profitable to farm Maths fair was really fun and I enjoyed it because it was a challenge and I hope I get to do it again sometime.



Omata welcomes a new principal

Ms Karen Brisco, Omata School's new principal, is proving a very worthy replacement for Mr Mike Norris. Karen says she is still settling in but loving the wonderful atmosphere at Omata. Mike left the school in shipshape order so Karen feels it is up to her to nurture and enhance the culture of the school with only cosmetic changes likely. Parents, teachers and children alike are seeing a more feminine influence around the school and it is also very evident that we have a thoroughly capable leader. Karen originates from New Plymouth and attended primary, intermediate and secondary schools *cont.*



Karen Brisco, Omata School Principal

there before going to Teachers College in Palmerston North. Karen taught for 14 years in Wanganui, 1 year in Eltham, 3 years at Otakeho and 4 years at Riverlea in a teaching principal role. Riverlea faces closure and Karen was keen to further her career and felt Omata would be a great opportunity to develop new skills. Of special interest to Karen is advancing children with special abilities (gifted children) by accessing resources and getting individual programmes up and running.

Information and technology are tools Karen uses effortlessly and she is keen to build up educational software within the school. "I have been made very welcome and everyone is so friendly. The staff here are great and Omata's good reputation and community relationship is wonderful. The school grounds are in excellent condition so I don't feel like I need to make any big changes. I am enjoying being near to New Plymouth (especially the shops!!) and working with city principals," says Ms Brisco.

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The Painted Apple Moth is still a threat, with costs to eradicate it escalating beyond \$90 million. The Varroa Bee Mite and the Gum Leaf Skeletoniser have both been declared impossible to eradicate. We have yet to find out the full costs these pests will be to our industry, economy and environment.

In response to mounting public concern, the Auditor General conducted a comprehensive report on biosecurity with enlightening results. The summary of the report noted that the response to incursions was too slow and the funding process too complicated. It cited disjointed departments, no clear objectives, no cohesion between the groups and a lack of ability to react quickly to dangerous incursions.

In order to effectively eradicate pests, speed of response is vital. The Painted Apple Moth, the Varroa Bee Mite and the Gum Leaf Skeletoniser are all disastrous examples of what happens when delays occur. We need, therefore, to have emergency response funding and a process that allows for incursions to be contained quickly and effectively. Emergency response funds already exist for management of civil defence situations and oil spill pollution, so why not in biosecurity? It's just as important.

Perhaps the most important need is to stop pests at the border, before they enter New Zealand. Sea containers are by far the most common entry point for most foreign organisms and pests. Over the past 8 years this country has seen a 96% increase in landed sea containers. This must be one of our main focal points.

At present, only 10% of the 420,000 containers arriving per annum are inspected. Most of those are door inspections only and are proven to be ineffectual. A recent MAF audit found that by re-inspecting containers which had been "cleared" they discovered not 5 alien spiders as first thought, but 124, and instead of 3 insects there were 71!

Despite the costs and difficulties involved we need to do

more to inspect our containers and fumigate efficiently. At the same time we must develop research into ways that will make our containers less "host" friendly.

We cannot afford to rely on overseas countries declaring their containers "clean". For example, during the recent UK Foot and Mouth outbreak, farm vehicles were being imported into New Zealand, with checks at the UK and New Zealand borders. A farmer rang to report that his imported hay baler from the UK still had hay in the chute! Obviously the inspection left much to be desired. We can be certain that it is therefore our responsibility to ensure that containers are free of pests. The cost to our health, economy and environment is too high a price to pay if we don't tighten up our container controls.

Airports and passengers are another source of entry for pests – either deliberately or accidentally. Despite an increased education programme and the implementation of an instant \$200 fine, the following was removed by quarantine officers from incoming passengers last year:

- 8 tonnes of meat products
- 15.9 tonnes of fruit
- 3.6 tonnes of seeds
- 32 tonnes of dairy products
- 3.2 tonnes of fish products
- 5,800 plant items.

Obviously more needs to be done. Why not step up our in-flight education programme and substantially increase fines to \$1000 with deportation of visitors who have violated our biosecurity rules? The message will eventually filter through.

New Zealanders have to ask how much biosecurity insurance is too much? Our country is highly dependent on its farming industry. In June 2002, agricultural products alone totalled 52% of New Zealand's exports. Over half our export earnings! Frightening estimates from a recent Treasury Report put the cost of an outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease at \$12 billion in trade escalating to a phenomenal \$60 billion to the entire economy! We can't afford for this to happen.

Money must be invested into biosecurity. Lack of protection of our borders and surveillance of people and products entering this country is placing our entire economy at serious risk.

The disjointed biosecurity issues must be cleared up and should be a high priority for all political parties and especially the government. This is an issue that affects all New Zealanders whether urban, provincial or rural. We cannot afford to gamble with such a real threat to our economy. It is, after all, our future.

Shane Ardern
MP Taranaki-King Country
National Biosecurity Spokesperson

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Sam and Tess Dobbin celebrated 65 years of married life on June 15th with some of their eight children, 29 grandchildren and 57 great grandchildren. Throughout their marriage the company of their family has always been important and not a day goes by without a phone call or a visit from one or more of the extended family.



Sam and Tess Dobbin spent most of their married life on a farm in Rahotu. They bought their Oakura property in 1963; it came with a fully furnished three bedroom bach sitting in one corner. In 1965 the bach was demolished and son-in-law Brian Burkett commenced work on their new holiday home which in 1973 became the couple's permanent home. When they moved to Oakura there was an established community, and Friday night gatherings at Butlers became a much enjoyed event as a great way to keep in contact with other locals.

Oakura has changed with the years and one area of change has been the addition of footpaths and sealed roads. Thirty years ago, Messenger Tce was a gravel road with sand and beach grass verges. With the views of the sea and Paritutu, the climate and the close proximity to New Plymouth, the Dobbins think it would have to be the best place in NZ to live.

Sam still continues to spend a lot of time fishing and whitebaiting. Tess joined the Kaitake golf club and up to two years ago was still an active participant; these days she is more inclined to play when away on holidays.

Anniversary acknowledgements keep arriving, with flowers from Harry Duynhoven and Pete and Rosemary Tennent, and cards from Helen Clark, the Queen, Dame Sylvia Cartwright and the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Oakura CBD Upgrade

Following consultation with affected business owners and the Kaitake Development Subcommittee, the need arose to increase the aesthetic appearance of the village for visitors and locals alike as well as investigating measures to calm traffic speed. NPDC has worked closely with a number of parties to ensure that the theme of the village concept relates to the relaxed, coastal lifestyle.



Works will include: kerb extensions, tree pits with associated landscaping, alterations to the existing pavement marking, signs, and new street furniture.

The contractor, Whitaker Civil Engineering Ltd, is due to commence the works in early July 2003.

The construction period is scheduled for 8 weeks with contract completion set for late August/early September 2003.

NPDC can be contacted on 759 6060 for any further information.



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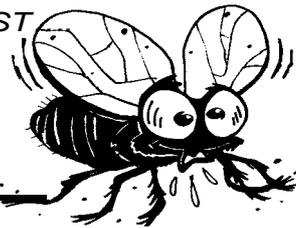
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Kaitake Netball

We are well into the 1st round of competition and both Kaitake teams are going really well.

At the time of writing, Kaitake Blue are in second position and Kaitake Black in third position on the 3rd grade ladder.

NPGRHS Int A1 are on top, above both of us - hence they are the team to beat at the moment. Kaitake Black unfortunately had a loss against them last week. Kaitake Blue are scheduled to play against them on 19 July.

On 31 May, Kaitake Rugby Club had a reunion day at Corbett Park that was a great success. I'm sure there would have been a few sore bodies on the Sunday after a gruelling game of rugby against Rahotu. Great to see some old faces out there on the field.

Kaitake Netball got in on the fun and had a game against Rahotu as well. It was quite a sight to see both rugby and netball being played at Corbett Park - it's been a long time since that happened. Congratulations to those who organised a great weekend.

Also on 31 May it was Kaitake Blue versus Kaitake Black at Waiwakaiho and Kaitake Blue went down by 1 goal. It was a very tight game and Kaitake Black needed this one after going down to Kaitake Blue during grading by 5 goals.

We will have to play each other once again in the second round of competition and at one-a-piece, I'm sure both teams will be wanting that 2nd win.

See 'TOM's What's On' for our game times in July. See you on the sidelines!

Tanya Farrant

Winning Walden



Miaana Walden has been selected to play Yr 7 Netball for Taranaki. One of 10 players from Taranaki, she is a member of the Oakura Junior Sports Club. The club is delighted.



All the facilities have been serviced in readiness for snow through a huge effort by Stratford Mountain Club committee members and supporters who get up there and do the work. Remember to give a big 'thanks' to them when you see them up the mountain... (even better buy them a beer!). It sometimes amazes me that it all gets done on a voluntary basis - just for the love of SNOW.

Snow reports will continue to be updated on 7591119, and radio stations get a fax when we operate, so stay tuned. More in-depth information and sometimes predictions about the coming weekend (especially the top tow) are on our web site report on www.snow.co.nz.

The club is working on a web cam to be connected to this site, so we can all see exactly what the conditions are on the slopes.

All the work and talking is nearly over for another year - it is time to hit the slopes - enjoy!

Keith Plummer - President SMC

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The Powder Reef Club is an Oakura-based Ski and Boarding Club that has been operating for approximately 10 years. The club currently meets every 3rd Thursday at 8pm at Butlers Bar & Café. We are a non-profit organisation promoting skiing and boarding in the community. The highlight of the season is our annual Turoa Ski Trip in September (dates to be confirmed). Three days of skiing and boarding with a large group. If this sounds like you **please contact Mark Braddock on 7527035 or Linda Holswich on 7514037 for details.**

Thursday 10 July 2003 7:30pm at the Kaitake Rugby Clubrooms will also double as a **ski swap** so clean out those cupboards, dust off that gear.

All welcome including present members, new members and non-members. Sellers \$5 entry. Refreshment available.

Coming Events :-

Thursday 10 July 2003 Ski Swap and July meeting at the Kaitake Rugby Clubrooms 7:30pm Sellers \$5 entry. Refreshment available.

Thursday 24 July 2003 July meeting at Butlers Bar & Café at 8pm

Thursday 14 August 2003 August meeting at Butlers Bar & Café at 8pm

Aug (TBA) Fundraising Social

Thursday 3 September 2003 September meeting at Butlers Bar & Café at 8pm to finalise trip details

10/11/12 or 17/18/19 Sept (TBA) Turoa Ski Trip

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We are all anxiously watching the weather patterns at present for those ever elusive white flakes. This season we are happy to welcome back Christina Binsbergen as our ski instructor. Christina is available to coach our young skiers. She brings with her a wealth of experience, having skied for the Swiss National Team. We are very lucky to have her expertise. We are also able to offer snowboard training for those up and coming snowboarders. We have Graeme Dunbar and Lionel Haldane available, but only until Ruapehu opens. Training will be available on the weekends we operate, so tune into the snowphone for the latest info. Snowphone number 7591119. For further details phone Christina Davies, Racing & Training Co-ordinator 7527613.

Local girls part of a winning combination

Local girls Grace Power and Lauren Howe were a part of the New



Caption: Grace Power and Lauren Howe who were part of the NPGHS winning team.

Plymouth Girls High School running squad that took out the silver medal for the six person team event at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country championships held at Trentham in the Hutt Valley on 21st June.

Congratulations to Grace and Lauren and the NPGHS team

Greg Burkett Memorial Shield

Queens birthday weekend this year was the 20-year anniversary of the Greg Burkett Memorial Shield game which is played between Kaitake and Rahotu Senior 4ths of the 1983 contingent. It was the last game this grade would play for the shield, as many of the players have retired or feel they should be.

The game has been played annually since 1983 as a tribute to a local friend and player, Greg Burkett, who died 20 years ago when he was just 20 years old. Rahotu rugby club was the challenger as it had connections with his cousins.

This year's event was organised by Jeff Clement and the Kaitake club. It started on the Friday night with a social gathering and team talk for the Saturday game which turned out to be a game to be remembered. One highlight from a spectator was watching the nonplayers decide to don shorts and be part of the game. The game, which was won by Rahotu, was slow in many respects - the most obvious being the recovery from rucks and mauls, perhaps not surprising considering it was open only to over 40-year-olds and original players. Any sore muscles and egos were quickly soothed at the aftermatch function and party that evening. Sunday was spent with final farewells to those who travelled especially for the occasion from as far as the South Island and Australia.

A spokesperson for the shield game said that although this was the last time the original 1983 Senior 4ths would play for this shield it will be continued as an annual game between the Coastal and Kaitake teams for the Senior 3rds as part of the normal club competitions.



Back row: P Bradley, M Hartly, B Symon, G Diggins, D Berride, B Masters, B Lynburn, G Clemant, G Burkett **Middle row:** S Thomas (Manager), P Cavey (President), T Walsh (Secretary), T Burkett, M Megaw, N Cooksley (Treasurer), K Thomson (Coach), I Hughes (Club Captain) **Front row:** G Hildred, S Cruchley, S Burkett, T Ryan (Patron), J Tanner (Captain), P Carrier, T Rook **Absent:** P Schrider, V Hare, T Clymer, N Webber, M Street, T Ratahi, M Krutz, R Bishop, L Hines, B Crawford, P Saunders, R Shotter, D Stevenson, J Crofsky

Highland Dancing Competition at Oakura

The Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki conducted a Highland Dancing competition on the behalf of the New Plymouth Competitions Society at the Oakura Hall on Sunday 29 June 2003.

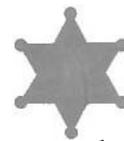


Dancers from left to right ... Roisin Mohr, Jamie Scott, Rebecca Sande, Ann-Maree Dehar, Kaye West

Dancers from the Lawrie Studio of Highland and National Dancing based in Oakura competed with excellent success. Morgan Bamford (10) New Plymouth, gained 8 firsts and was successful in winning the Taranaki Savings Bank Scholarship plus the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Award for the Sailors Hornpipe and Irish Jig plus most points overall for the Junior Premier class. New dancers from the Studio who are in only their fifth month of learning and competing in the Beginners section and only in their second competition had great success.

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Jamie Scott (8) Oakura gained two seconds and one third, Rebecca Sandle (10) New Plymouth gained one second and two thirds, Ann-Maree Dehar (11) Oakura gained one fourth and two fifths, Kaye West (9) Oakura gained one fourth and Roisin Mohr (7) Oakura gained a sixth placing. A highlight for the new dancers was completing new dances the Scottish Lilt and the Sword Dance. All girls are looking forward to the next competition at the end of July in Marton.

In May all girls completed examinations with the United Kingdom Alliance. The examiner was Miss Frances Patterson from Edinburgh. Morgan completed Gold Highland examination with Distinction. Jamie, Rebecca, Ann-Maree, Kaye and Roisin completed Pre-Bronze examination each gaining Highly Commended (the highest grade possible.)

New classes for Highland Dancing commence at the Oakura Hall at the beginning of Term 3. For information and enrolments please contact tutor – Miss Judy Clark – 06 7527373 or judyclark@clear.net.nz



Oakura Surfcasting Club Update

The O S C recently held there A G M and Annual prize giving at Butlers Bar and Café, apart from the normal things that go down at an A G M the 2003-2004 Subs were to remain the same as last year as the general consensus was to keep them as low as possible to try and attract new members. Family-\$50.00, Individual-\$33.00, Junior \$6.00 and Social Members \$10.00.

The new committee was voted in and has a few new exciting ideas ahead for the coming year.

16 annual trophies that are sponsored by local businesses were awarded to members, and there were a few surprises as members received them for their fishing efforts through out the part year.

Results were:

- Most Club Day Points, Men's - Wayne Johnston
- Most Club Day Points, Women's- Melissa Dalzell
- Most Club Day Points, Juniors –Liam Coltman
- Most Points Overall, Men's- Wayne Johnston
- Most Points Overall, Women's– Debbie Edgecombe
- Most Points Overall, Junior– Liam Coltman
- Heaviest Snapper-Doc Brown
- Heaviest Trevally– Larry Eaton
- Heaviest Snapper on a Club Day– Wayne Johnston
- Three Heaviest Snapper– Doc Brown
- Most Spieces– Ali Watt
- Heaviest Shark Snapper & Trevally- Wayne Johnston
- Heaviest fish for a New Member– Bob Sayer
- Heaviest bag on a Club Day– Larry Eaton
- Heaviest fish for a Junior-Liam Coltman
- Presidents Trophy– Larry Eaton

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The programme is not the same as the Social Service Grants Scheme, Creative Arts New Zealand Scheme and projects qualifying under these schemes will not qualify under the Community Funding Partnerships scheme.

An information and application form outlining the basis on which the programme operates and how to apply for funding is available from the Council's Customer Support Centres in New Plymouth, Inglewood and Waitara. Further information or enquiries about the scheme should be directed to the Council on 06 759 6060.

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