

TOM oakura

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First in the world for peace

Children from Oakura School in New Zealand were the very first in the world to participate in the United Nations World Peace Day celebrations.



A break between the rain showers saw the sun shine on the pupils of Oakura School for United Nations World Peace Day. Head pupils, class representative and environmental leaders from the school took part in the global event on 21 September.

Schools across the world planted a single symbolic tree as the sun, and the day, travelled around the earth. The world wide

event connected children from more than 5000 schools in 150 countries, by focussing on environmental issues and world peace. Oakura School was the first school in the world to plant their tree, a Puriri tree, chosen to attract the local wildlife, in Matekai Reserve.

Mayor Peter Tennant, Doug Hislop, Ray Priest and Conrad Pattison, district

The ceremony took place at 9.30am New Zealand time, making the school the first in the world to participate in the global day long tree planting project.

Front row Jonti Hine, Max Catel, Paige MacKay, Jamal Mead. Back row L-R William Pitt Hayden Benton, Bailey Butler and Poppy Mitchel.

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from the TOM zone

The weather seems to be dominating everybody's thoughts at the moment and it is Mother Nature that has been food for thought for me this month.

A few weeks ago I went to Fairfield's Garden Centre (the only garden centre this side of the Waiwhakakaio River these days to buy some lettuce seedlings only to find there was none in stock. Sue from Fairfield's told me to grow my own so I thought "Why not!" Low and behold I ended up with half a tray of sprouting greenery – my babies I called them. But what a buzz – I have never grown seedlings before and I had great pleasure in planting out my babies (will soon be able to supply McDonalds with lettuce if the number of plants in my garden is anything to go by!) and also giving away nicely wrapped parcels of seedlings to others to grow. Now that is sustainable!

I then had a most pleasant morning talking gardens, plants, birds, lawns and various subjects in between with the indomitable Margaret Hodges. My goodness that woman has been through the mill but still she smiles and enthuses and I love it because it reminds me too that I should never give up. Clive Neeson said when I talked to him that his best work comes out of adversity so let us all keep plugging away despite the weather, despite the recession, despite our frail bodies but most of all because we still can!

I would like to finish by acknowledging our outgoing Mayor, 'Pete' to most of us. It has been a privilege having the Mayor comment regularly in the TOM and whether everyone agrees with, disagrees with, likes or dislikes the efforts made by Pete, he has done a top job. New Plymouth is a much better place for having had Pete as our Mayor. We wish you all the best for the future.

Kim



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Hi folks!

As I write this, my time as your mayor is drawing to a close. By the time this edition of TOM Oakura is printed and on your kitchen table, we will have a new Mayor.

To our new Mayor, I offer my congratulations, my support, and my best wishes. Enjoy!

It has been an absolute honour and a privilege for me to serve as Mayor for the last nine years.

We have achieved some wonderful things as a community during that time. To you all, I thank you for your support, your encouragement, and more particularly your commitment to this place!

None of this community's achievements would have been possible without that passion and hard work of our residents.

The great projects that come to define our district usually begin with a great idea from a member of public, and are brought to fruition because local people get involved and are determined to see a great result.

Being part of these projects, getting to meet so many residents of all ages, and advocating for our community at national and international level has been both enjoyable and humbling for me. The Mayoralty of New Plymouth District would have to be the best job on the planet! Our new Mayor is about to have one of the most amazing experiences of his or her life.

A big thanks also to TOM for allowing me to say a few words as your Mayor, and also for the positive difference you make!

Although I've handed on the Mayoral chains, my commitment will not stop.

Rosemary and I (and our family) will continue to do everything that we can to make this fantastic place even better. That's what we all do in Taranaki!

Again, it's been a privilege to work with you all to help make it happen!

Keep the passion!

Mayor Pete

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The last time GST increased was in 1989 by the Labour government. It went from 10 per cent to 12.5%. The only difference between then and now is the Labour government (of which Phil Goff was a member), didn't compensate New Zealanders with a tax cut at the same time.

We are better off this time because the rise in GST is accompanied by compensations either in tax cuts or benefit increases. Treasury calculated that after everything is taken into consideration – inflation, ACC, GST, Tax cuts – people will be better off by an average of 1.2 per cent. Back in 1989 – everybody went backwards by 2.5%.

A family on the average household income of \$76,000 will receive a weekly tax cut of about \$46. They will only pay extra GST of about \$21. This leaves them about \$25 a week better off.

Someone on the average wage of \$50,000 will receive a weekly tax cut of about \$29. They will pay extra GST of about \$13, leaving them more than \$15 a week better off.

A retired couple, living in their own home and receiving NZ Superannuation, will see their disposable income increase of almost \$22 a week. They will pay extra GST of about \$11, leaving them about \$11 a week better off.

Super annuitants will get a double boost from the tax package. Firstly, they will receive a rise in NZ Super – to compensate for the increase in GST. Secondly, they will receive personal tax cuts that will apply to NZ Super payments, and to any other income such as interest, dividends, or part time work.

After these changes, a married couple who receive NZ Super, own their own home, and do not have any other income, will be about \$11 a week better off. A single super annuitant who owns their own home and has \$200,000 of investments generating \$10,000 income a year will be about \$12 a week better off.

Since mid 2008, thanks to tax cuts and other adjustments, superannuation payments have increased significantly. The rate for a married couple has risen from \$439.80 for each person per fortnight to \$511.06 after 1 October. That's an increase of \$142 per fortnight per couple.

On 1 October, Working for Families, benefits and NZ Super payments will increase immediately by 2.02% – to compensate for the rise in GST.

When GST was last raised in 1989 by the then Labour government, from 10 per cent to 12.5%, there was no compensation for Super annuitants or beneficiaries.

For those earning over \$70,000 they move from 38 cents in the dollar tax down to 33 cents. This group which is 12% of all tax payers presently pay 50 per cent of all tax. Their tax cut is five cents in the dollar but it is expected they also spend more, so they will pay more in GST.

As we look at the biggest tax reform in 25 years, the issue of economic equality and fairness invariably comes up. Economic inequality is a difficult notion to grapple with in a society which encourages aspiration, innovation and enterprise as these are individual pursuits.

In lifting people, economic equality is an ideal that is more theory than reality. The real challenge we face is to provide equal opportunity. To help people discover their strengths and encourage their efforts in those directions. Ensuring people

have this opportunity is giving them equity – buy in; but equality isn't so easy to measure because no one is the same. We all choose our level of effort and attitude. The egalitarian way of life – where the gap between rich and poor is narrow, will never be achieved in an aspirational society by making the rich poorer through high taxation, but only by helping those with unrealised potential aspire to greater opportunity through education, training and endeavour. Now more than ever before we see the need for that shift to happen.

Jonathan Young



Jonathan Young
MP for New Plymouth

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Time to listen

I am concerned that the unprecedented growth projected for Oakura now that sewerage is in, be managed in a way that is both environmentally acceptable and aesthetically pleasing. We could end up with Papamoa styled subdivisions if the only motivation of those developing the area is profit based. Now is the time to consider forward thinking urban design so the future of our Village is something special.

I will never forget the reaction of the crowd at a community meeting on the topic of sewerage which was held in the Oakura hall some years ago

One prominent citizen suggested that we did "not want or need a sewerage system", to which statement a then councillor reacted like an angry parent and told us "you will do as you're told". He was almost booed off the stage.

The Council was keen on a sewerage scheme for the Oakura Village and, aware of the resistance faced in the past, realised that they would have to use more subtle means to woo the community. In February 04, consultants Beca were engaged to carry out a study that would provide the New Plymouth District Council with the recommendation for a strategy on sewerage disposal for Oakura. The questionnaire document pointed out that due to the intensification of housing development in the village there was the "POTENTIAL" that run-off from septic tanks "COULD" in future affect the water quality in the streams running through Oakura (in the meantime millions of litres of effluent were being pumped into the sea at Waitara). With this thought in mind 78% of the 59% of environmentally friendly residents who responded to the questionnaire thought Oakura should have a new sewerage scheme. However only 10.8% or 38 people out of 367 were happy to contribute more than \$2000 to connect to it.

I wonder what their response would have been had they known the actual cost of the scheme. The cost for residents wishing to connect to the scheme will be between \$1000.00 and \$15,000 and it has cost the New Plymouth District Council ratepayer \$40,000.00 for each house in Oakura to have access to the sewerage scheme. They could have given each of the residents a fancy bio-cycle septic tank for much less than that price.

Had the Council chosen to hook up Waitara residents first, there would have been no connection cost to residents as the infrastructure is already in place. A proposed budget of \$10 million divided by the number of houses means the cost to the NPDC ratepayer equates to around \$4000.00 for each house in Waitara. This figure does not take into account the Government's Sanitary Works Subsidy Scheme that was not applied for but which would most assuredly have been awarded. Had it been applied for and a 39% subsidy been awarded the cost per household to get Waitara's sewerage to the Carrousel treatment plant and out of the sea could have cost the NPDC as little as \$2500.00 per household.

Now why would the Council push for a sewerage scheme in Oakura when they did not really need one (we had Blue Flag Accreditation for a clean beach environment while still on septic tanks) or want one? And why did they put the Waitara scheme on the back burner when they really needed one and wanted one?

It could be that there was more potential for development in Oakura and more subdivision means more properties which in turn equates to more rates for the District Council. Did the Oakura community desire to see development encouraged in their community? NO.

I have attended a number of community consultation meetings in the past where the major consensus was that Oakura desired to keep its "laid back" beachside feel and that major subdivision and development were not to be encouraged, in fact in the Beca sewerage study questionnaire only 2.2% of respondents believed development should be encouraged in our local community. Recently I read in the paper that the Council is anticipating that the population of Oakura will grow from 1500 at present to 4500 in the next 20 years.

Was the Council listening to either the Oakura or Waitara communities or were they more concerned about the revenue generated in the future from more rateable properties? I am not opposed to well considered, sustainable development but I am concerned when councils follow their own agendas and do not listen to or serve their communities (I won't even start on Shearer Reserve).

I love living in Taranaki and do believe that the New Plymouth District Council is a progressive organisation which does a great job, however on this particular issue those responsible 'dropped the ball'.

There is an upside for the people of Waitara. The media attention has meant that their story has been told nationwide and Waitara is now in the spotlight. The wider community is also aware of their plight and overwhelmingly agrees that pumping effluent into the sea is both environmentally inappropriate and culturally offensive. Now is the time to act and it is great to see the Community Board and Iwi working together to get Waitara's sewerage piped to New Plymouth.

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Update from the Big Red Truck

Spring greetings from all at the Big Red Truck,

On Saturday 28 August the Oakura Fire Brigade once again held its annual Honours night. 2010 was a huge year for honours within the Brigade. This year, the following Fire Fighters received awards

Senior Fire Fighter Chris West: Long Service Good Conduct 7 year bar for 28 years service. This is a Queens Medal and was presented by Pat Fitzell Area Manager for Taranaki.

Station Officer Greg Newton: 2 year bar for 17 years service,

Qualified Fire Fighter Mark Smith: 2 year bar for 15 years service, Deputy Chief Fire Officer David Rielly: 2 year bar for 13 years service,

Qualified Fire Fighter Ross Buttimore: 2 year bar for 7 years service,

Fire Fighter Andrea Leadbetter: 5 year service medal,

Fire Fighter Mark Braddock: 5 year service medal,

Qualified Fire Fighter Seamus Breeze: 5 year service medal,

Qualified Fire Fighter Rowan Oldfield: 5 year service medal,

Fire Fighter Andy Cullen: 3 year certificate,

Fire Fighter Mike Dunn: 3 year certificate,

Fire Fighter Ian Gibbon: 3 year certificate

Congratulations to all of the above and well done. We really appreciate your commitment to the Fire Service and the Oakura Brigade.

Each year we award a trophy, aptly named the Griff Award. It was presented to the Oakura Brigade on the celebration of Terry Griffiths Gold Star for 25 years service to the New Zealand Fire service. This award is given to the person within the Brigade that the Chief Fire Officer believes has excelled in Attendance, Promotion of the Brigade, Education, Service, Participation, Training, Pride and Fire Prevention. This year the recipient of the Griff Award was Jonathan Whitehead. Congratulations Jonathan and well done.

Daylight savings has begun. Once again, we would like to remind you all to change your batteries in your smoke detectors. For further information as to where smoke detectors should be placed in the home, please refer to www.fire.org.nz

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Oakura School juniors visit Fire Station

Oakura School juniors, rooms one to four, had a well deserved treat on the last day of term, a trip to Oakura Fire Station. Chief Fire Officer Matt Crabtree, Deputy Chief Fire Officer David Rielly and Fire Officer Ian Gibbon talked to the children about fire safety. The children had the opportunity to dress up in fire-fighters attire, sit in the fire truck cabin and even use the water hose to knock over cones. It was a fantastic fun way for the children to experience and learn about the Fire Service.



Deputy Chief Fire Officer David Rielly showing the children the back end of a fire truck.

Jago Robertson rides shotgun.



All aboard the fire truck! Left to right: Robbie White, Salvadore Bremnar, Oliver Salisbury and Toby Morton.

Fire Fighter Ian Gibbon with Cullen Luckin concentrating hard on knocking over a cone with the water hose.



Teacher Pete Day with Henry McKenzie and Grace Flemming, all dressed up for action.

Peter and the Wolf

Fun and frolics for all the family are promised in the Val Deakin Dance Theatre's forthcoming performances of *Peter and the Wolf* being held at the Dance Centre, 306 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth during Labour weekend. There will be a 10am and 11am show on October 22 and performances at 2pm and 4pm on Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 24.

This much loved off-beat version of the popular tale features a snorkel clad duck, a softball playing wolf and a bird a la Snoopy complete with flying helmet! These and other characters bring to life this children's classic with humorous choreography by Val Deakin, music and narration by Sergei Prokofiev. It is also the ideal vehicle to introduce children to the instruments of the orchestra.

Taking the part of Peter will be Caroline Weston. She will be pleased to be able to sharpen up her dance and roping skills in the role.

There will some familiar dancers taking the other parts in the production – Jane Roseman and Donna Kelly as the hungry wolf, Inge Vink as the delightfully dumb duck, Laura Sommerville as the bouncy bird, Rosanne Taylor as the very vain cat and a whole host of bumbling, hopelessly short-sighted hunters.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for children with group and family discounts available.

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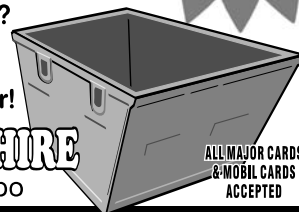
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Moana Te Ua waits for her brother Tim to snowboard down the slope.



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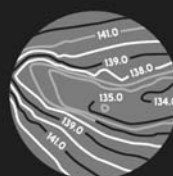
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A full muster of 150 entries teed off on all holes at about 10.30am and we were all back in the clubrooms for prize giving by about 3.30pm, just as the rain reappeared. A great day was had by all, golfers and non-golfers. was great to see people like the Oakura boys' very first cricket coaches, Bob McLean and Dave Thomson, who both had a huge influence on their cricket development in the early days, NPBHS Principal Mike McMenamin who came along to show support and some of the boys from the last Wanderers Tour in 2007. Some good shots were played, and some not so good shots, including one straight through the back window of the Eltham Vet Services Ute. Luckily we waived the 'play it where it lies' rule for that guy! Many people tried and failed to hit a golf ball off a raised tee with a cricket bat and some even failed to find their hole, missing the 7th completely! All good fun though and lots of tired but happy faces at the end. What's more, thanks to the great support we received just about everyone went home with a prize.

A huge thank you must go to Ross, Geoff and the team at Kaitake who hosted us brilliantly and had the course looking a real treat. Thanks also to our principal sponsors A1 homes Taranaki (Dan Jensen) who not only set up and printed all our flyers and posters (thanks Kaz you are a star on that computer!) for the day but also made an extremely generous cash donation of \$700 to our team fund. What a great bunch!

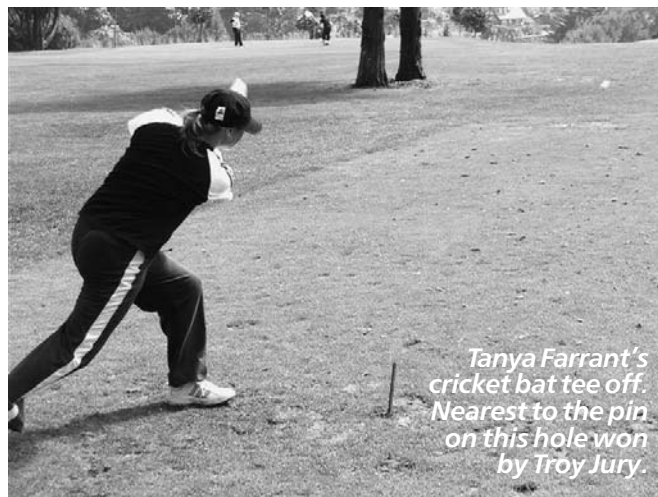
More thanks also to all our other sponsors and supporters, in particular Dave & Cheryl Leuthart from Timberco (major spot prize) Dave & Nuala Marshall Ahu Ahu Beach Villas (arrival platter & brekki for major spot prize), Grant Everest from McDonald Everest (\$250 cash donation), Tanya Farrant and Pauline Thame Butlers Reef Hotel & Bottle Shop who gave us a great deal on drinks as well as donating prizes, Eltham Vet Services and all their suppliers (heaps of prizes), Lenise Young Pharmacy (beautiful prizes), Sargent Building (big raffle prize) The Pike family (two fantastic fishing rods and reels as prizes), BP Powderham & Moturoa, Fitzroy Holiday Park, TLC Meats, The Boon Family, The Kiwi Butcher Shop, Kitchen Creators, Tarawave Surf School, Island Tribe, Oakura Travel, Coral and Norton Moller, Oakura Pharmacy, Raceway Cycles and Mowers, Lahar Café Okato, Oakura Village Cafe, Aluminium Creations, Metalcraft Roofing, Office Max, Snickerdoodles, Supercharge Batteries, Vertigo, New Plymouth Building Supplies, Dominator Garages, Ramset, Jan Gargan Osteopath, and many more! Phew what a list and what great support!

It looks like we cleared around \$4700 for the day, which is a huge boost to the team coffers and pretty much pays two airfares so things are looking good with plenty of fundraising events still to come.

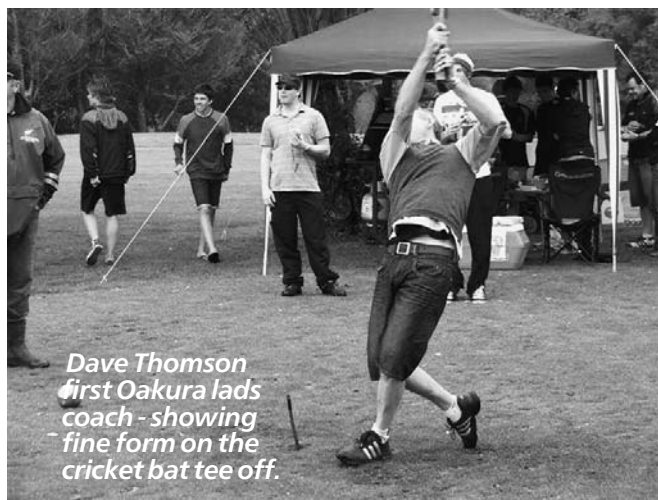
Look out for more as this event gets closer. For all our photos go to facebook.com and look for Taranaki Wanderers Cricket Club.



The lads on the bbq - James, Thomas, Sam and Mason.



Tanya Farrant's cricket bat tee off. Nearest to the pin on this hole won by Troy Jury.



Dave Thomson first Oakura lads coach - showing fine form on the cricket bat tee off.



BP Bob's Boys - Bob McLean (centre), first hard ball coach of the Oakura boys.

Kaitake Golf Club

News and Events

Club Spirit

Most people know if sports clubs of any kind are to survive in this world they must exude a strong club spirit. Kaitake Golf Club is no exception to this rule and it is becoming increasingly noticeable that the club's spirit is growing day by day. This is particularly apparent in the swelling numbers of volunteers that are putting their hands up for work. It

is my belief that people coming forward to lend a hand is a direct result of good club spirit. A group of men that lead by example at the club must be our intrepid course maintenance and firewood men that front up on a consistent basis. I have just come off the course having inspected damage caused by a tornado. Dominic, our greenkeeper, telephoned to inform me of the

destruction that greeted him when venturing out to do a day's mowing. By the time I made it to the course at the end of the day our boys had completed a huge amount of cleaning up. There is still a lot of work to be done but I suspect that by the time our weekend golfers play, they will not realise just how much work has been undertaken to enable them to enjoy their day.

So much of these guys' work goes unnoticed yet without them our club would truly suffer. Club spirit is generated by people like this and it is why Kaitake is bucking the NZ Golf trends by growing in numbers.

Coaching News

One big bonus for the Kaitake golfing community is that we now have our very own professional golfer living in our midst. Dominic Barson, previously New Plymouth Golf Club's professional and a regular on the Australasian tour has moved to Oakura with his family. Dominic is keen to help the club grow its junior membership and has offered his services for coaching our youngsters on a regular basis. The first of these sessions is on Sunday 24 October beginning at 10 am. This is open to all kids aged 16 and under, members or not. Depending on numbers there will probably be two one hour sessions, the first for the younger ones and then the older ones. This is a great opportunity for the kids so all are encouraged to attend.

Recent Results

The men have just completed their 2010 Club Championships. Good numbers were achieved in all divisions. Stuart Skene, a new member this year, has taken out the limit division by completing a very hard fought win over Mitchell Cocker. The look of disappointment on Mitchell's face after suffering defeat tells me that this young man has plenty of passion for the game and will be determined to go one better next year. Marinus Quintus showed experience plays a big part in finals by defeating Mark Miller in the juniors. Craig Farrant took 38 holes to overcome the Stroke Play champion, Dominic Squatriti, in the intermediates and Euan Ritchie continued his course record form to complete victory over Simon Spurdle in the senior division. All these matches were played in very difficult weather conditions, so difficult in fact, that the weekend ladies postponed their finals matches.

The midweek ladies are presently at the semi final stage of their championships so we await their results with interest.



The firewood men! Left to right: Len Julian, Trevor Haskell, Ralph Ellicock, Brian Tanner.

The day after the men's champs were played, the Taranaki two ball best ball was played, again in very difficult conditions. The gross was won by the visiting pairing of Carey Hobbs and Peter Bingham while the nett was won by locals Frank Regan and Brian Lewer.

That's all for now, so until next month -

Happy Golfing.

Ross Benton

Kaitake Golf Club



Junior coaching sessions through the summer

1st session:

Sunday 24 October

Contact the Club on

(06) 752 7665

For more details

Oakura Pony Club

Oakura Pony Club kicked off the beginning of the pony club season with our opening rally on the 11 September. We had a fantastic turnout, and welcomed three new young members – Charlotte Procter and Aaron and Mark Huitema. We are really pleased to have three awesome instructors again this year; Paula Harvey, who is leading the team as head instructor, and Denise Paterson and Robyn King.

Due to the incredibly wet weather in September we have had to postpone the Oakura Pony Club Jumping Day which is our main annual fundraiser for the year. The postponement date is Labour weekend, 24 October, and we are praying for drier grounds and maybe even sunshine.

As well as our regular rallies, there have been a number of fantastic training opportunities to help riders get ready for the new season. The Taranaki Show Jumping Group, lead by the well-organised Oakura-ite Jude Winks, in particular have held dressage and jumping clinics with well-known instructors Robert Steele, Bill Noble, John Cottle, Floss Hinton and our very own Denise Paterson. Taranaki Area Pony Club is also holding a dressage clinic with noted dressage instructor Errol O'Brien.

Of special note this month is our young and gifted rider Jordan Giltrap who gained a place in the Dressage New Zealand mentor programme. This means that she will be paired up with an A-squad grand-prix level rider until the NZ Young Rider Champs in Feilding in January 2011. Congratulations Jordan!

Even though we have started our season it is not too late to join the Oakura Pony Club. We offer riding and horsemanship instruction in a fun and positive atmosphere plus the opportunity to compete in teams and individually, with awesome instructors at a great facility with all-weather dressage and jumping arena and a few cross country jumps. We are a small, friendly club with supportive families in a supportive community. We also have a number of local riders who rent the arena either on a casual or annual basis. If you would like any more information about Oakura Pony Club, please ring either Kellie Divane (chairperson) 7513-336 or Diane Alder (secretary) on 7521-008.

By Diane Alder



Oakura Boardriders

As I write this it's the day after International Peace Day and the Spring Equinox. Unfortunately the weather has been neither peaceful nor spring like. In fact a tornado just weaved its way over our property yesterday morning tearing down trees but being gracious enough to leave our new house renovations intact! The people of Christchurch have not fared nearly so well and we feel so much for them. I have a brother living there who I ring often and he tells me that they have experienced over 700 aftershocks since the big one, so apart from the huge task of clearing the damage and for many leaving their condemned homes, there's the toll that all those aftershocks have on their weary and suffering bodies and souls.

This stormy, wintry weather has produced at times some big swells, but the opportunities for surfing have been limited. We were unable to hold on the last Sunday of August our club's junior competition because of rough conditions. Other contests in Taranaki, regardless of the weather, have gone ahead but I'm told by Brent Anderson that they haven't always been enjoyable. He tells me that the last of the Port Winter Series contests was held in atrocious conditions at Fitzroy on the 11th September. Because of the poor weather and surf for all the contests and with many of the older surfers away at university or having moved on, only the keenest and the youngest surfers competed in all three. Local surfers Seth Marshall, Tyler and Connor Anderson were the only ones from our club to compete in the last contest, where Tyler was placed third in the open division. Although Eloise Stevens, also from our club, didn't compete in this last contest she had enough points to be placed fourth equal overall in the girls' event.

The second and the last event of the Ocean & Earth (O&E) Teenage Rampage Junior Surfing Series, which is open to all teenagers under sixteen throughout the North Island, was held on the 18th September at Arawhata Rd. As with the last event it was freezing but thankfully offshore conditions prevailed with good contestable waves. The winner of the U16 girls and U16 boys division are now off to Australia to contest the international finals of the Teenage Rampage series. What an exciting time for these two young surfers who are from Muriwai and Northland. Thanks must go to O&E's New Zealand's management and Oakura locals, John and Karen Lovell and the team of dedicated volunteers for putting this series on in these economic times that have seen the decline of kids' contests at a national level.

Paige, who has just competed in much warmer and more ideal conditions in Brazil in a Qualifying Series (QS) event, was extremely lucky not to have had more serious injuries after she was tossed on to jagged reef at the world famous Teahupoo break after another surfer on her photo shoot dropped in on her! She surfed in Brazil with a badly bruised kneecap and cuts, so we hope she will be back to perfect health for her next world tour event in Portugal.

Paige now has her own website www.paigehareb.co.nz so check it out for her latest twitter, videos and news.

As part of 'Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week' a group of about 25 of us hardy club members braved the elements to clear the beach from Weld Rd to the Oakura River mouth. It could have been that the recent storms had swept much of the beach clean but I like to think that we are becoming more caring about our environment and that was the reason why our rubbish bags weren't nearly as full as they have been in previous years!

Although I've mentioned that the weather doesn't feel like spring, it's still that time of the year for spring cleaning! So if you have any type of sports equipment or clothing and accessories that you don't use any more and want to get rid of, we at the OBC are

having a sell/swap evening at the clubrooms on Thursday 11 November starting at 5.30 p.m. Hopefully you will have seen posters, flyers and emails about it. If not, there will be a charge of five dollars (this could depend on the item) for sellers and a gold coin donation for buyers. The bar will be open and it will be a great night for catching up with family and friends.

Over the summer months when I'm sure we will be spending as much time as we can in the sun at the beach, the OBC are running group coaching sessions for both young and old members thanks to funding from the Lion Foundation. Gary Bruckner from TaraWave Surf School will be the instructor so if you haven't already expressed an interest in participating ring Gary on 7527474. If you are keen, but not a member, why not join the club? Next year we are celebrating twenty years of being a club that has always lived up to its aims of fostering surfing, encouraging all surfers, providing a meeting place for its members and protecting surfing locations and their environments. We would love you to be a part of continuing this vision.

Contact Paul Lobb, email plobb@ihug.co.nz PO Box 33 Oakura, 4345, ph 7527556

Philippa Butt



The beach clean up crew.



Essala Cook.



Rakarna Scott.



Thomas Skurr.

The latest from NPOB

Well that big swell and southerly blast sure meant some of the recent training sessions took a different turn for the club this month! We have got two of our members heading off to world's as this goes to print so we wish Glenn Anderson (NZ Captain) and Ayla Dunlop Barrett all the very best. Congratulations also to Dylan for some fine results recently and a great representation to the club in the NZ A Team competing in Japan last month. Eastern Pool Champs pool champs saw our club members all finishing in top three for most of their events and some outstanding personal bests. Keep it up guys, roadies always seem to bring the crew closer together and again thanks for the baking support team. All the best too for those going to the upcoming pool champs. Wear your colours well.

Season preparation is warming up with a huge thanks to the Charitable Trust Foundation for their generous support with a whole new IRB rig to keep our community safe this summer. The team have also got some big titles to defend again this year so the training and exposure our IRB team can continue to have, ensures they are razor sharp should an incident occur. The toil of equipment service and updating, clubroom spring cleans and registration forms being dusted off for 2010/2011 season, brings a bit of a spring to the step. We welcome the new executive and tip our caps to Rex Cowley, Keith Monk, Leeanne Eaton and Sean Zieltjes. Thanks for all your hard work and to you too Daisy, although we know you're all still well involved! Check out the website www.npob.co.nz with all updates. Help us to help keep our community safe.

Please email npobsurfclub@xtra.co.nz if you like any more information.

Louise Stevens



The girls get creative in their running outfits during the winter training months of 2009.



IRB action at the 2010 New Years Day.



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An unreal experience without leaving your seat

Local Oakura resident and long time movie making buff Clive Neeson through his recently released film 'Last Paradise' treats viewers to an adventure most wouldn't normally experience. And what a treat it is too - Oakura in all its glory; Oakura locals in all their glory (thanks Smithers, Deken and Neeson families) plus many other Taranaki, national and international locations most of us only dream of visiting.

Clive Neeson is as excited today as he was 45 years ago when he first captured surfing and skurfing on his home built camera. The technological side of filming is just one aspect that motivates Clive. 'Last Paradise' has been produced in Peter Jackson's Park Rd Post Production studio in Wellington and it is in this studio that the masterpiece comes together. Five films from the 60's have been remastered using some unique technology with more than 10 hours of footage edited and scripted into 'Last Paradise' - footage from as far away as Spain, Portugal, Mexico and Bali as well as the Southern Alps. Another aspect that excites Clive is the fact that this heritage cinematography is now preserved and restored and could easily sit next to any other iconic Kiwi artefact and hold its own.

Filming the modern equivalent of the 60's has seen Clive shooting in similar locations to 40 years ago as well as the jaw dropping coastal reaches of the Nullabor Desert in Australia where he camped out for months to capture the perfect wave conditions. Clive brushes off the fortitude needed for this by saying that out of adversity comes the best footage – the harder you have to work for perfection the more you appreciate it.

'Last Paradise' is the culmination of a lifetime's work which started with a dream in Clive's youth. It is the youth of today with their dreams that Clive is excited to bring this film to and he wants to inspire the healthy exuberance for life that young people have. The exuberance and fear free gift that Clive captures so seamlessly in his film through using the best modern proponents of extreme sports in the world, who display their craft with such fluidity you would think the sea and the mountain were natural habitats. Contemporary proponents such as extreme kite surfer Kristin Boese, big wave surfer Brian Conley and down hill skier Finlay Neeson.

Together with extreme pioneers like AJ Hackett, local identities such as Ton Deken and Biggie Smithers now well past their youth but still in their prime also inspire the audience with agility and talent. I caught up with Biggie to ask how and why he continues to enjoy extreme sports and his thoughts on the filming of 'Last Paradise'.

Biggie says he is 'stoked' with the film and was very pleased to be in the right place at the right time to be able to contribute to the film. There is a sequence in the film with Biggie snowboarding down the mountain (Mt Taranaki) – it took a massive 12 hours of filming to get the perfect shots and it is no mean feat. Biggie tells me he had to trek up the mountain (not quite to the top) in his crampons, take these off and gear up in his snowboard gear, snowboard down about 150 metres, take off his snowboard gear, put on his crampons and climb back up again and again. Biggie says he regularly climbs to the top of the mountain and snowboards down and the shots in the movie are him "just doing what I do!" Not bad for a 54 year old. Of Clive, he says the man is 'unreal', very committed and focused on what he wants to achieve. Biggie says he initially

couldn't grasp where Clive was coming from but now he thinks the film is pretty awesome. Biggie who self proclaims that "I am not extraordinary at the things I do" has pioneered fibreglass board building as we know it today and he helped Clive water proof his high specification, high definition camera, with his fibreglass technique. So for Biggie extreme sports is about going to extremes to find solitude in his chosen sports, whether that be snowboarding, kite surfing or surfing and that is when he is having the most fun.

'Last Paradise' has been touring the world as part of various film festivals but it is here in Taranaki that the film is starting its world wide distribution to the masses. It is an absolute must see and it will appeal to a very broad range of people and ages including those not much motivated by extreme sports – the scientific ones because of course Clive is a physicist and this passion has a very strong influence on the film.

Get along and enjoy.

By Kim Ferens



Clive filming in the snow.



Clive's home made camera used in the 1970's.



Clive and Ton during filming in Indonesia.

Last Paradise now at Art House Cinema

The most stunning big screen cinematography ever seen of Taranaki (and that's a fact that PJ's post production crew in Wellers can attest to - there were gasps in the cutting room).

The original footage of the development of the "skurf board" a primitive wakeboard, super light and technically challenging at 70 kilometres behind a jet boat over at the Mount on flat days is breathtaking.

Watching the sour mouthed skiers ban the "winter sticks", pointy twin tailed flat bottomed no-edged toothpicks the guys were "snow surfing" on in Utah makes you want to try an ancient "stick" too. Throw in huge green tubes, a nameless heaving spitting reef on the edge of the Nullarbor where Southern Right whales hang out and you have Clive Neeson's fully baited hook.

Stopping at nothing to achieve the best ever film of extreme sports pioneers in the NZ wilderness, where are these seductive daredevils taking us? World renowned scientists have us twisting on the hook and take us towards solutions both physical and fascinating to keep our experience live, not just celluloid. The pounding soundtracks, help land you in a boat which is firmly in the DO SOMETHING camp. The sustainability and climate change buzz words are absent - this is serious physics and the hypothesis it raises has drawn the biggest Q&A sessions of the current NZ International Film Festival.

Clive could easily have made this film a bitter testament to what we have lost - as his parents in Africa filming on safari captured a beautiful Rhinoceros with an incredible spiral horn coming out of its nose, killed by poachers less than six months later. But the film holds you in its thrall by outlining the possibilities open to us. You enter the story in the austere Australian outback and with a bunch of kids from N.Z. sheep farms, weather the Vietnam war, energy crisis and global surf exploration then arrive right now at the worlds largest collaborative scientific project.

This film belongs to the kids who will shape their own future and may take radically different choices to the ones we have made. If Al Gore's message whipped adults out of their complacency, this one reaches all ages and types. Bring your kids and your folks.

See this film which features Taranaki like never before. Congratulate Clive who has pulled one out of the box with genuine frugal filmmaking. It redefines the adventure sport genre - it is a life's journey, it is so hard core you will be spitting out the pips, and it begs of you - how will you preserve paradise? Don't believe the hype? Visit www.flicks.co.nz/movie/last-paradise/ and check out the wow factor from reviewers and the general public. And ask Ton or Biggie how Clive got THAT shot - they will let you know that there was pain involved!



Premiere night at Art House with the 'Big Wave'.

Guests on the night: right, John Valentine, and below, the Mollers and Washers.



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Contact nico@arthousecinema.co.nz or call in!

This month holds for us the Taranaki Film from Paora Joseph and the Waves Trust, *Hiding behind the Green Screen*. Catch the HD filmed BBC *Last Night of the Proms* filmed live in London, or avail yourself of the Vetro Italian Film Festival, *Mafioso*, *Chocolate* and *Love* in equal doses.

Gardening

TOM Garden – Koru Rata

On a foggy wet day in late September Rosie and I visited Margaret and Richard Hodges garden on Koru Rd. Evidence that spring is indeed just round the corner was everywhere but clearly not in the weather! Buds were bursting on the trees, the early rhododendrons were flowering, the birds were back from the winterless north, the hostas were coming up, the primroses were flowering and the magnolias and camellias were still holding their own.

Koru Rata is a magnificent 'new' garden and there is strong evidence of a very clever artist at work. The attention to detail is extraordinary with windows from every room framing vistas, plantings complimenting the landscape and colours reflecting the environment.

Margaret and Richard began the house and garden only six years ago from a bare wind swept paddock, having retired off their sheep farm at Tarata. The Koru Rd property is 25 acres with various paddocks laid out for farming, a sizeable tunnel house, a blokes shed for Richard and of course the hedge enclosed garden.

Margaret says she is 'reasonably happy' with her garden but it is a constant rearranging of plants to see what works best in each location. And there are many locations to choose from. On entering the garden you drive up a curving driveway past raised or mounded gardens on the right and the left, around a sweeping bend to the front door. On the north side of the house is a wide panorama of the sea and farm land with minimal gardens and plantings to distract from the view. From inside on a clear day you can sit at the dining table and look one way and see the mountain and look the other way and see the Tasman Sea. Margaret has planted various specimen trees and shrubs from her Tarata garden throughout the garden and she says the lines of the garden beds are important. She then fills in behind with more informal plantings. The basic structure of the front garden comes from a plan drawn up by Chris Paul but Margaret has had the pleasure of combining plants for the appeal of their flowers or foliage. Good friend Helen Silcock (90 years of age) has also helped with sage advice about planting various plants in their present location, having 'borrowed' them from other spots in the garden.

Gardening is something Margaret does for pleasure – the pleasure of creating a garden that is colourful and also subtle with attention to symmetry – the red vireya's sitting comfortably alongside the red front door, the pleasure of starting a job and seeing the results and getting out in the garden to do a chore but being distracted along the way by something else. Without putting too fine a line on it – Margaret says she would spend about six hours a week in the garden.

It would be fair to say Margaret is a pretty good mimic of bird calls and the song of the Bell bird followed by the Shining Cuckoo roll easily off her tongue. And these birds along with all the usual bird visitors are a common sight and sound in the garden.

Another feature of outstanding merit at Koru Rata is the lawn. Margaret humphs at the compliment saying it really isn't looking its best but be assured – it is better than most! The secret being in two things – one is Bryce Scown of Turfworkx and the other being in the application of cold water surf powder to kill the moss. The lawns sweep around the garden and house and are well maintained with neatly clipped edges and a smooth haircut.



The trees, shrubs and plants are too numerous to mention but there is one species that stand out as an evident favourite of Margaret's and that is the rhododendron. Vases of rhododendron bedeck every room and every garden bed boasts one or two specimens and of course the early varieties are looking and smelling fabulous at this time of year. Margaret belongs to the local rhododendron group and is also on the New Zealand Rhododendron Council. The move from Tarata has meant Margaret can grow varieties such as vireyas in Oakura that wouldn't grown on the farm and the move also meant she had to leave many of her beloved rhododendrons behind.

A tip from Margaret on how to create a new garden from scratch would be to plant in layers – three specifically - starting with the trees on top then an under planting of shrubs followed at the bottom level with ground cover plantings.

Koru Rata is a wonderful treat and both Rosie and I feel very privileged to have visited – thank you Margaret and Richard.

Koru Rata is this month's recipient of a \$10 gardening voucher from Fairfield's Garden Centre.

By Kim Ferens



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Oakura School Wins at Netball

On Thursday 16 September, the Oakura School A Netball team went to Stratford to play in the Mainland Cup finals. Our opposition was Opunake and the score was 39-22 to Oakura.

Our team was made up of Paloma Aston (Captain), Amy Benton (Vice Captain), Maddee Bourke, Rose Lovett-Tuhua, Liana Haslip, Kelsey Husband, Molly Cattell and Ruth Boardman.

We started really well in the match, scoring the first two goals, and keeping the lead we had throughout the match, thanks to the incredible shooting of Paloma and Amy. There was great mid-court play by Liana, Rose, Ruth and Kelsey, bringing the ball down to the shooters and defending when needed. There were some fantastic rebounds and defense in the circle by Maddee Bourke and Molly Cattell, making sure the opposition got as few goals as possible.

It was a really good game, and all the netball players would like to thank India and Debbie Aston, for coaching the netball team and for being there at the final to give heaps of support.

Molly Cattell (13 yrs)



Triumphant netball girls.

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Oakura School Production a Big Success

Over the course of term three, Oakura School was preparing for their 2010 production. This year's show was called 'True Colours' and was based on the musical journey of a young girl named Susan (played by Charlotte Procter) whose dream it was to sing to the world.

When Susan was rejected by Simon Cowell and his fellow judges for not having her own style, she was told to "get out there and find who you really are". At this Susan was confused and down cast, when suddenly Michael Jackson (Timi Te Ua) appeared and led her on an inspirational journey on which they were accompanied by a group of ten 'quote notes'.

Michael led the company to various places where they met numerous great musical stars including Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, Madonna, Lady Gaga and many more. They received words of advice and encouragement from each celebrity which the quote notes gladly recorded. At the end of the journey, Susan went back to Idol to prove herself to the judges as a whole new person, reformed by the advice she had been given and the people she had met.

The story was concluded with Susan giving a stunning performance of *Fame* and receiving top marks from the judges.

The school performed the show three times, and each performance was a huge success, with each show being sold out.

The students would like to thank Raeleen Luckin, Mr Ray Priest and Mrs Pete Day for all the time and hard work they put into writing the script, choreographing the dance routines and organising the costumes. The school is lucky to have such talented people.

Also in need of a thank you are all the volunteers who assisted with costuming and make up, your help is always greatly appreciated.

The production is always a fantastic experience for the students, and it is clear Oakura has some budding talent in performing!

Amy Benton (13 years)



Charlotte Procter as Suzy and some of the cast of True Colours.

cover story First in the world

arborist for NPDC parks team spoke to the children about the importance of trees in the ecosystem, and hoped that in the future the children would be able visit the tree and remember the day they planted a tree for world peace.

The video can be viewed and downloaded from this link.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-dT1eaT42U>



Mayor Peter Tennant looks on as Paige MacKay and friends plant the puriri tree which has a lifespan of 500 years.



Mayor Peter Tennant, one of 25 mayoral candidates short listed worldwide for the prestigious title of World Mayor 2010, joined the children, with supervising teacher Ray Priest, New Plymouth District Council staff, and parents and friends of the school at the planting ceremony.

OAKURA SCHOOL MARKET DAY



Friday 15th October

5.00pm - 7.30pm

at the Oakura Hall



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We need your unwanted stuff!!! Anyone can donate garage sale items - please drop these into Oakura School, Donnelly Street, Oakura from October 11th during school hours. Large items can be dropped at the Oakura Hall from 10am on Friday 15th October.

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October

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13th School Photos
18th Milo Cricket
19th Tennis
21st Rotary Reading begins
25th LABOUR DAY
28th Y1/2 Movement Madness

November

4th Y3/4 Movement Madness
8th R3 Puke Ariki visit
9th R2 Puke Ariki visit
11th Rotary Reading ends
-RR Morning Tea 10:30am
18th Year 5/6 Athletics at Okato
19th Year 7/8 Athletics at Okato



**Shoshonee
Whakarau.**



Isaac Glennie.

We are currently trialling an Apple ipad with classes and so far are pleased with the learning opportunities that this very smart tool seems to present. Improving students' skills in reading, writing, maths, thinking, creating and problem solving is very easy and engaging on the ipad touch screens. There are so many great learning applications you can download for a couple of dollars. The new entrants have been practicing their letter and number formation, basic facts, reading and listening to stories and the seniors have been practicing their multiplication/division skills and researching.

It was fantastic to get through all the cross country events without getting rained on. Track conditions were surprisingly good after all the rain and running through the ford took care of the muddy footwear! Visiting schools commented on our fantastic venue and course. Thanks to Pat for getting the course organised and special thanks to John and Lynda Matthews for allowing us to use the picturesque 'Waireka Estate'. The development and planting on the estate by Jon-Paul and his team has been amazing and the course gets better each year.

**Some of
our cross
country
heroes -
all putting
in 100%
effort.**



**Phoebe
Harrop.**

Ned Crawshaw.

Olivia Lister.

**Casey Feaver and
Rebekah Wilkinson.**



The year five and six children have just come back from three days at Vertical Horizon camp near Inglewood (Everett Park), so I look forward to sharing their experiences with you next month in the TOM.

Next term we are building up to our production which happens every second year. This time it is 'Panto Pandemonium' and of course Jan Aiello, our music teacher, is gearing the children up for a fantastic show. There will be three performances from 7-9th December with more details out next term. The pantomime is based around fairy tales, so dig out those story books for children to become reacquainted with.

Karen Brisco, Principal

Board of Trustees Update

Winter has gone and spring has arrived so they say. This term has been another busy one, with staff and board members getting up to speed with the National Standards and what is required. 3D Conferences were very successful with good clear information on where our children are at and what we are working towards.

As part of the schools on-going self review the board this term has received progress reports around our Literacy and Numeracy targets which are in line to be achieved by the end of year. We have also had curriculum reviews around Physical Education and Health which are very positive and we are looking forward to summer sports. The latest BOT meeting saw a report on 'Learning to Learn' which was around assessment e.g PAT, PROBE, STAR, Running Records, AsTTle, writing moderation etc, and the way the information is used by students and teachers to inform their learning.

As promised at the end of last term, the footpath down the side of Holloway Road has been started and should hopefully be completed for the beginning of the new term.

The garden project is under way which we hope will give our children a new environment and opportunities to learn.

Hamish Logan, Chairperson



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New Leases Approved for Three Camping Grounds

New leases have been confirmed for NPDC's camping grounds in Oakura, Onaero and Urenui.

The Oakura Beach Holiday Park's current lessees, Al and Jan Rawlinson, have been confirmed for a new lease period. Meanwhile the current lessees of Urenui Beach Camp, Ian and Teresa Hayston, will not only continue with that campground's management but also take on the Onaero Bay Holiday Park.

"We're very pleased to continue to have the Rawlinsons' and Haystons' experience at three of our premier campgrounds, and both Onaero and Urenui will benefit from having a single management team," says Manager Parks Mark Bruhn.

"The lessees will run their sites as commercial operations and set their own fees, while retaining the intrinsic values of coastal camping that have been enjoyed by generations of holiday makers."

Both the Oakura Beach Holiday Park and Urenui Beach Camp will be managed under a land-only lease for 33 years, with Oakura's starting from 1 July next year. The Onaero Bay Holiday Park is being managed under a land and building lease for 10 years, with an option to convert to a land-only lease.

"The new leases include six-monthly inspections, required minimum standards, and an annual review based on key performance indicators," says Mr Bruhn.

"I'm confident that we have a very strong basis for the operation of these campgrounds, especially now that we're heading into the summer season when the grounds are especially popular."

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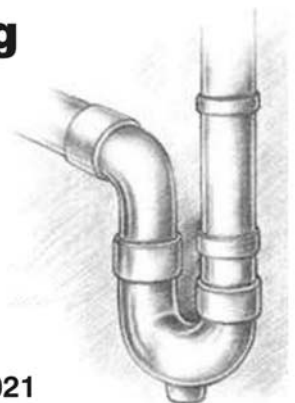
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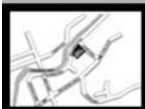
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Okato Squash Club

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