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## EDITORIAL



It's been an interesting month that's for sure. I escaped for ten days to Bali and missed the horrible wet cold weather and when I got home the sun shone for 14 days straight. I don't think I'm lacking any vitamin K now!

Bali was an interesting experience - holidaying with a zillion Ozzies and a gazillion mozzies.

Before leaving for Bali I was a bit concerned about the mozzies and the bad rap they get so had stocked up on heavy duty chemical warfare in the form of Deet but really I didn't give them a thought until bedtime when I could hear them attacking my husband - he is obviously very tasty!

I always enjoy watching the Olympics and Rio was no different. Our olympians are always hyped up in the press then usually fall short and this year was no different. Those expected to do well didn't and little known or those with no expectations did well.

It is a great spectacle watching the best in the world pit themselves against each other but I do wonder about the value in spending what has turned out to be about \$8 million per medal or about \$200 million in total. I'm not saying this money should go to the homeless, child abuse, roading, education or whatever but it does seem an insane amount of money. If I didn't think about the money then I loved seeing New Zealanders on the world stage and punching well above their weight - who will ever forget the joy on Eliza McCartney's face when she flew over that pole vault bar?

Oakura punches above it's weight too - look at our representation in the All Blacks - Beauden and now Liam Coltman - well done Liam on your selection to our premier game. I loved seeing the Wallabies ground into the dirt in Sydney but now I confess I feel a bit sorry for them - where's their emerging Liam Coltmans and the like?

A shout out to Keith Plummer for his years of dedication and service to the community via the KCB - you have helped make Oakura a better place - thank you!

Kim

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The winners of our Maori language week colouring in competition are: Ellie Dinnis and Scarlett Andrews. Congratulations! Their artwork, as well as all the other entrants, are displayed here at the library.

Join us for our regular Crackerjacks story telling sessions held on the third Thursday of every month at 10am (15 September is the next one).

Tuesday the 13th September marks 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl – and all our libraries will be celebrating this much loved story teller. There might even be some hidden golden tickets for the children to find . . .

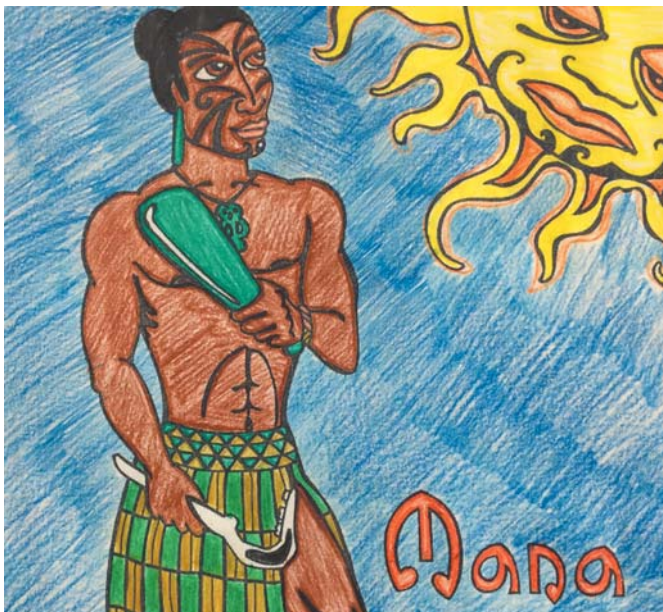
On Wednesday 28th September at 10am-11am we will have our school holiday programme. These sessions are designed for 5-10yr olds and booking is essential. We're "going fishin" in the library!

Ngā mihi

*Vincenza Clark, Librarian- Ōākura*



Winning artworks: above, from Ellie Dinnis, and below from Scarlett Andrews.



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# Focused on the Future for Youth Training and Work

We recently had Got a Trade Week 2016 which is a new initiative launched by Government to raise awareness of the on-the-job training and career opportunities in New Zealand's trades and service industries.

Strong employment growth is forecast in the construction, business services, and hospitality and retail industries. It's important we get the information to our young people that a career in the trades is a great option and will give them practical skills for a productive and growing industry. And of course many successful trades' people go one to make a profitable business from their skill.

Some of our most successful business people have been able to anticipate the future, to identify growth areas and where skilled employers will be in demand. Think back ten years ago and no one would have thought of being a Social Media Manager or a Carbon Emissions Trader. New jobs and industries are being created every year, and the work of teachers and career advisers is to keep themselves and our young people informed of trends that will help them make good career and training choices.

A great website is [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz) which has many helpful tools for young people to discover what resources and opportunities are available. It's about ensuring students understand the demand for future work, where the skills shortages will be and the greatest opportunity for employment.

Job-creating economic growth is the Governments focus, and Statistics New Zealand reported on 17 August, that the official unemployment rate dropped to 5.1 per cent in the June quarter, down from 5.2 per cent in March, and down also from 5.5 per cent a year earlier. More and more jobs are becoming available to our young people.

What it all means is that 105,000 extra jobs have been created in our economy in the last year and 251,000 extra jobs have been created in the last three years.

Added to that, the average annual wage has risen about 25 per cent to over \$58,000 since National came into office

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– that's more than double the rate of inflation over the period (11.9 per cent). The average annual wage is expected to reach almost \$63,000 by 2020.

By any measure, these are positive social and economic numbers. But we have more to do. I can assure you the National-led Government will continue working hard every day to build on this momentum and create a bright future for our young people.



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# Kaitake Community Board

Hi folks

Due to a Department of Internal Affairs timelines issue it was particularly unfortunate that Keith Plummer's nomination had to be withdrawn from the community board ballot for this year's Local Authority elections. I've always believed that healthy democracy depends on New Zealanders exercising their right to vote judiciously by listening and engaging on the issues that matter and voting for those that they care about for their family, business and community. However there won't be an election for the Kaitake Community Board this time as the positions will be now filled by the other four candidates. Spare a thought for Keith, he has completed 15 years service on the board and his insightful promotion of local community initiatives has served us particularly well over that time. We will miss him! Below are enhanced versions of the profile statements of the members of your next board. They will now no longer appear in the information booklet that will be sent out with the voting papers. The new board comes into effect in mid October.

## PAUL COXHEAD

I have put my name forward again for the Kaitake Community Board. I am just completing my first term, and it has been a great experience. I would like to continue on with the great work the KCB and residents are undertaking for the Long Term Plan. We have completed Oakura, and just held our first public meeting at Okato to set the wheels in motion. Omata, you are next.

## GRAHAM CHARD

I was born on the coast, as were my parents before me and their parents before them, and I have always had a real passion for this district. I have pride in my Taranaki iwi - Nga Mahanga A Tairi hapu heritage, and am equally proud of my Scottish and English bloodlines.

Following almost 40 years of service in the New Zealand Defence Force I am now a local business owner/operator, running Okato Takeaways and Founders Cafe - Pukeiti.

I am committed to the wellbeing of the Kaitake Community Board area, and with my involvement on a variety of Boards, Trusts, Committees and Associations around the region I believe I have ably demonstrated the depth of this commitment.

Change is inevitable, so to create the sort of community we want and deserve - one that is clean, safe, ecologically sustainable and environmentally responsible - it is imperative that any change is managed and controlled.

When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills. ~ Chinese Proverb

In standing for the Kaitake Community Board I offer you my skills, knowledge, experience, and abilities to build "windmills" not "walls".

## MIKE PILLETTE

My wife Lynn and I have lived in Oakura since we built our house here in 1980. All four of my, now adult children were educated at Oakura School and I myself taught there for two years in the earlier days of my career of just over 40 years. I am currently deputy principal of Fitzroy School. This time around it will be my fourth term on the Kaitake Community Board. Over the last nine years I have gathered a wealth of experience and knowledge that stands me in good stead to assist the KCB to make sensible and critical decisions about issues that impact on our community. I understand that growth in Oakura is inevitable, it is after all an extremely desirable place to live, but it must be managed in such a way that it enhances and protects all community values, our environment and our unique and varied lifestyles. The current work being undertaken by the KCB recently in Oakura, currently in Okato and in the near future Omata, will inform council of our community's aspirations and how we want our communities to grow. This is exciting work. I believe my previous record of representation and involvement in community initiatives demonstrates my commitment and I look forward to another term.

## DOUG HISLOP

Peta and I are long time residents of Oakura. We raised our family here and have enjoyed many years of community interaction. After four terms serving on the Kaitake Community Board, three as Chair, I have a genuine knowledge of the current challenges and issues we face and, through experience, a good understanding of local government policies and processes.

I recognise that opportunities for growth and development are important to our communities, and believe that such opportunities must have sustainability and environmental integrity as their partners. Therefore my vision remains unchanged, to take great care of our unique environment and for our community to be a vibrant place to live, work and play.

Perhaps that doesn't sound too difficult, the sort of thing any aspiring candidate would say, but the Board, through local engagement and robust advocacy is pivotal in any Council decision-making out our way. It is our role to carry the voice of our communities to the council and its staff, and ensure it is being listened to.

I have the energy and commitment to continue for another term in this busy role and my representation will remain underpinned by my experience, common sense, broad skill-set, community vision and fair-minded approach to all issues.

Our communities west of New Plymouth do need strong support. After all we are represented by distant councillors making decisions for our communities that will affect those living here but not themselves. The KCB needs to be taken seriously, make clear decisions based on meaningful discussion and robust consideration of relevant issues, and not back away from the hard ones.

Well, that's it for this issue. Ka kite ano.

*Doug Hislop (7527324, douglashislop@gmail.com) on behalf of Keith Plummer, Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead and Richard Jordan who is the Council representative on the KCB.*



# SPORTS



## WINTER INTERCLUB TOURNAMENTS

Congratulations to the Oakura team of Alan Bridgeman, Jim Priest, Brian Wickham, Collin Roberts, Roy Phillips and Peter Murdoch in winning the Wednesday fours interclub competition played at the Paritutu indoor bowls stadium. The team went through the round robin event undefeated and made it an incredible eight titles from ten years.

The Paritutu (under 10 years) Thursday night completion has the Oakura team leading the tournament with 6 wins from 6 games. With only three more rounds to go the boys are in a great position to defend their title.

Well done to the team of Steve Muller, Wayne Robinson and Jim Priest in reaching the TigerTurf Regional Final played at the historic Wanganui Bowling Club. The trio were eventually edged out in a thrilling one end "shoot-out" by an experienced Ray Savage led Wanganui outfit.

## CLUB NEWS

The Oakura Bowling and Social Club opening day has been scheduled for Saturday 10th September starting at 1pm. If there are any experienced or new bowlers and/or social members living in Oakura area that are interested in this great game or club, the opening day provides a great opportunity to enjoy a friendly game of bowls and meet the members in a social setting. A full bar is available and afternoon tea will be provided after the bowls. If you require further information, please contact Steve Muller (match convenor) on 06 757 4399.

Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted Alan Bridgeman in the green maintenance program over the winter break. With the right weather conditions the green will be at its playing best for the upcoming season.

*The Underarm Bowler*

## Oakura Tennis Club

The tennis club had a strong summer season and this has continued to see our junior numbers grow. Big thanks to Blitz Tennis and Matt Stringer who has been our dedicated club coach for the season. He has been kept busy with before school and after school coaching sessions from hot shots through to A grade players and cardio tennis on Thursday mornings. The junior coaching was provided at a discounted price this year thanks to a generous grant from both Sport Taranaki and The Pelorus Trust – this has been a great incentive to our juniors and resulted in 70 junior players enjoying coaching provided by Blitz Tennis.

Last season we had two mid week ladies teams - in division 1 and division 5, a Soffe cup team and an A3 team. Our Soffe team welcomed the return of the Simpson brothers Jamie and Brady along with dedicated regulars Len Adamson, Graeme Mitchell, Sue Oldfield, Bailey Bruckener, Jackie Keenan, Chris Davies, Poppy Mitchell and Ana Spurdle. We had great aspirations of making the final and started out strongly leading the competition, qualifying second but were knocked out in semi final in a close battle with Pukekura. Our A3 team, a mix of young and wise also had a strong season and were runner up to Pukekura.

Club champs and prize giving results at seasons end:

Winners of each section were:

U14 Boys: Jack Mitchell (Runner Up: Charlie Waite)

U12 Boys: Sammy Lewis (Runner Up: Robbie White)

U10 Boys: Daniel Lewis (Runner Up: Brodie Ferguson)

Orange Grade: Cooper Ferguson (Runner Up: Otis Dixon)

U14 Girls: Yulan Imhasly

U12 Girls: Taylor Mitchell (Runner Up: Ava Hill)

Blitz Tennis Most Improved Player: Juraj Krajci

Tennis in Schools Programme is starting at the end of term 3 with competition to start in October and juniors on Friday nights. A and B grade is on Saturdays, cardio tennis is Thursday mornings at 9.15am. Contact Jackie 027 673 2900 or Blitz tennis coach Matt Stringer 022 045 8729 or general enquiries contact Jackie Keenan 027 673 2900.

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# Oakura Pony Club

Spring is already upon us and with it the lush new growth in the paddocks which creates a whole new set of challenges for our horse owners. Unsettled weather, sweet new grass and underworked horses are an interesting combination so keep an eye out for frisky or unpredictable horses under firm management on the way down to the beach and pony club for some serious schooling.

After feedback from locals it's been great to see the riders respond to calls for them to be more visible in fading light while on the roads. While motorists are well used to sharing the local roads and expecting to slow for cyclists, horses and children, any efforts to increase the safety for all road users is appreciated.

## RIDER PROFILE: GEORGIA CROTON

Georgia is 18 years old and is a Year 13 student at Sacred Heart College in New Plymouth. Georgia is often to be seen hacking out on her thoroughbred Basil on Beach Road, Omata with her Mum Treena, riding the reliably quiet Bullet.



Georgia with Basil and Bullet.

Georgia is still undecided about her plans for the future but is considering studying either Vet Science at Massey or Engineering at Waikato. She is well aware riding will have to take a back seat for a few years but is confident she'll be back riding competitively once her studies are complete. Owning a horse is an absolute in her future.

*What do you love most about horse riding and ownership?*

The partnership you develop with your horse from continual training, riding and management.

*Favourite discipline of the sport?*

Both Show jumping and Dressage. I do enjoy grooming and braiding the horse to get it looking it's absolute best for an event.

*Describe your horses:*

Bullet is a 23 year old Quarter Horse cross Arab. He is a cruisey dude, bombproof and safe but with a cheeky personality.

Basil is a 9 year old Thoroughbred. He can be a bit grumpy but likes his cuddles too.

*Favourite place to ride?*

Tapuae Beach and the Lake Mangamahoe Bridle Path.

*How has riding helped shape your personality?*

Owning, caring for and riding horses has made me more confident, responsible, disciplined and respectful. I've also learned patience.



Georgia competing on Bullet.



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# GETTING WET



## Oakura Boardriders

Roll on summer! With one winter storm and a great dumping of snow which allowed a few pristine days on our mountain, plus some great *un*-crowded days on the central plateau, followed by some great weather and surf - August was great this year!

This year is the Oakura Boardriders 25th Anniversary. 25 years ago Mike Christiansen had the motivation and foresight to gauge the interest in starting a Boardriders Club in Oakura. There was plenty of interest so with a core crew he set about starting the club and with his council contacts secured the clubrooms and as they say the rest is history. The club will be celebrating the anniversary over Labour Weekend with various functions and get together's which will be advised closer to the time. It will be great to see members old and new making the most of the weekend catching up and reminiscing.

Clubroom upgrade works are continuing with hopeful completion by Labour Weekend.

Below is a short update from Ariana Shewry on her recent trip to Hawaii. Ariana is one of Oakura's and Taranaki's up and coming girl surfers hoping to follow in Paige Hareb's footsteps. At only 13 Ariana has the potential to go a long way and with a good support base we are hoping for good things ahead . . .

### MY TRIP TO HAWAII.

A couple of months ago I went to Hawaii to compete in the Hawaiian Ripcurl Grom Search. I was feeling really excited for the adventure and a little nervous for competing. The competition was held at a wave called Kewalos.

In my first heat I surfed against Brisa Hennessy (Hawaii's top junior surfer), Vahine Fierr, Angelina Yossa, Irie Fitzgerald and Keala Tomoda-Bannert but I missed out on the only set that came through during my 15 minute heat. I got third in my heat but still advanced to the next round.

In the next heat there were no sets so we were all fighting for the waves on the inside. I ended up getting third again but since it was round two only the top two surfers moved on to the quarterfinals.

I had a great time experiencing the Hawaiian competition scene and I'm working really hard to make myself the best surfer I can be. So hopefully next time I compete there I will do better!

After the comp I spent about three weeks training with my coach and spending time with friends and family. I had an amazing time thanks to Mum, Dad and Grandad and Tutu.

*Ariana Shewry*

*Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders,  
President; Luke Florence, 027 493 0819  
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**Ariana doing what she loves best.**



Casey's trainings sessions are now right in the swing of things, it's great to see good numbers of all ages and abilities turning up to the pool. Keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for her training programme, one week every month will be a fun week - not to be missed.

Pool champ trainings are great way to keep fit over the summer, this year the event will be held in Auckland, Friday 7th October - Sunday 9th October.

If you are wanting to get along to this either just for fun or competitively, if you haven't already done so let us know on [npobsurfclub@xtra.co.nz](mailto:npobsurfclub@xtra.co.nz)

The Taranaki Steelformers Around the Mountain Relay is another great way of staying fit and having fun in the lead up to summer. We have teams for all abilities, it is a must-do if you live in Taranaki. Send us a email to secure yourself a spot. Friday 4th November, 150km relay with 10 to 16 team members, with distances between 3 and 11km.

Now is a good time to start either getting a few courses done or refreshing where you need to. First aid, PHEC, instructors, IRBS's, officials, there is something for everyone. If you are keen to become a lifeguard we can sort out dates to suit you. Contact us on [npobsurfclub@xtra.co.nz](mailto:npobsurfclub@xtra.co.nz). For those interested applying for paid regional guard positions this summer, applications are to be in by 04 September, have a look at the SLSNZ website, or contact us if you need some help.

The countdown to summer is on!



**Pool champs.**



# Denno and his Real Deal Hurt Creme

Retirement in Oakura is no time to be putting the feet up and enjoying the sunsets as Dennis Stewart is finding out, though he is quick to point out that there are no complaints from him at the moment - life is great.

Dennis and his wife Karen moved to Oakura last year and when they aren't playing with their many toys, travelling or being creative they are "working" on their passion 'The Real Deal Hurt Creme'.



**Dennis and Karen with their toys.**

Dennis has been a registered osteopathic physician since 1980 with a Diploma in Biochemical Medicine and was a Senior Fellow Member of the Homeopathic Institute. For as long as he can remember, Dennis has always been interested in alternative treatments and can trace this affinity back to his grandmother who was a medical herbalist who treated among others, the Maori on the Whanganui River. Back in 1980 Dennis was using industry available products on his patients with no effect and no results and got thinking about the effects of using synthetic products or pharmaceutical chemicals and animal products every day on his own health and that of his patients - the absorption of parabens and chemicals and their long term effects and decided to try and develop his own product and The Real Deal Hurt Creme was created.

Amazingly the creme is still has the same core active ingredients as when it was created 36 years ago - Dennis got the recipe right thanks to his knowledge of plants!

The creme is made using a plant based non-allergenic cream with a New Zealand native plant preservative and the 11 active ingredients are arnica, rue, hypericum, boneset, peppermint, plantain, calendula, yarrow, echinacea, horsetail and clove bud oil. Obviously the exact recipe is a closely held secret which many people have tried to acquire over the years!

Dennis made the creme originally in his kitchen and trialled it on himself then with permission of patients, trialled it on



**The Real Deal Hurt Creme.**

them. His patients had such good results with reduction in pain, inflammation, bruising, strains, their sports injuries, arthritis to name a few, that they wanted to buy the creme and it has been selling well ever since.

The ingredients in the creme are all organic and Dennis laughs when he tells me that it is tested on athletes not animals. Most recently, crossfire trainers at the Auckland Health Expo used it during the show and raved about it's healing affects.

Dennis is inordinately proud of his creme as he should be - it promises to relieve and help and to be kind on your body and the environment - it says it is pure and it is - it is still going strong after 36 years. With a simple pot of creme Dennis can do what he has always loved doing - ease people's suffering.

Recently Dennis and Karen joined forces with Vital Health NZ who now promote and distribute the creme to health shops, health practitioners and pharmacies. There have been some minor changes - an easier to use bottle and new labelling but the core ingredients are still the same.

So as Dennis and Karen gad about the countryside either on their "Chips" motorbike or "Cnile" Mustang, possibly down the beach collecting shellfish or fish on their quad, or singing at some gig or other, the pair are sure to be enjoying themselves knowing if something hurts, they'll just go home and rub some Real Deal Hurt Creme on it!

The Real Deal Hurt Creme is available from Oakura Pharmacy and health stores.

[www.realdealhurtcreme.co.nz](http://www.realdealhurtcreme.co.nz)

*By Kim Ferens*



## Richard Jordan Councillor, South-West Ward

I want our district to prosper and progress. It is possible to have both a great district and a practical, considered approach to council spending and activity.

I am committed to ensuring the people of New Plymouth District enjoy a high quality working and living environment. The district must remain vibrant and attractive for the people that live and work here and also to those that visit.

The Council must focus on providing the community with the essentials it requires to operate effectively. If we do nothing to help ourselves, we will not stand still, rather we will go backwards as a district. It is important that the council supports business friendly initiatives and gives them the ability to operate in a vibrant successful economy as this will benefit us all.

I am a current councillor and I have worked hard to listen to and



represent our community in the past three years. I argued for, and proposed a 3% maximum average rate increase over the current ten year plan, arguing that the prior plan that had the council agreeing to an average 8.5% increase was unaffordable. After much debate the council settled on 4.5%, the lowest average increase for many terms (the actual average residential rate increase for the last three years has been held to 3.6%). You would have also noticed that the scare tactics of those that were opposed to the decrease and claimed the outcome of the decrease would be to close pools and libraries, this simply did not happen.

I chair the Council's Audit and Risk Committee, the Creative Community Committee and sit on other committees. I am the appointed councillor on the Kaitake Community Board and previously was an Inglewood Community Board member.

I have lived and worked in this community for most of my life, am married with children and grandchildren. Outside of Council I am an Inglewood Development Trust Trustee and the trust manager, Inglewood RSA treasurer, Moa Mail editor, was a long-time dairy farmer, and now own-operate Fun Ho! Toys.

I ask for your vote. I will represent and promote your views, and work hard for the community.

## Bruce Gatward-Cook Let's Make our Place Even Better!

Does it get any better than living on a fantastic Okato farm-let for the last 12 years with the best surf spots just down the road? It can, because there's always community needs. And I respond to needs as a mentor for Big Brother Big Sisters, a former President on the Friends of the Govett Brewster Art Gallery, and a significant supporter of the Taranaki Health Foundation.

While born here, I started my media career in Auckland gaining extensive experience as a journalist, PR consultant, as well as video and TV producer. I returned to Taranaki as communications director for the Destination Taranaki tourism office in the early 2000s. Back then there was no Wind Wand, Puke Ariki, WOMAD, coastal walkway, nor Te Rewarewa bridge – and certainly no Len Lye Centre.

All these, plus our calendar of festivals and natural attractions of beaches, lakes, farms and majestic mountain,

are attracting visitors from all over the county and the world. In times of depressed income from the dairy and oil & gas sector, these visitors are vital to keeping income flowing through our hotels, motels, B&Bs, cafes and restaurants, Four Squares and gas stations.

They're also vital in attracting professionals, trades folk, and encouraging our own family members to move or return to the New Plymouth district making our place a really great place to live and work.

I have promoted the region more than most and know we need to ensure we are attracting the right kind of visitor who is going to enjoy and respect our special place in the world. There will need to be open consultation and communication to overcome issues like freedom campers, respect of beach access, and safe speeds on our highways and lanes. And consultation around continuing to improve our infrastructure whether it's for pony clubs, surfers, skateboarders, cyclists or park lovers.

I'm the first to admit that I don't know all the issues and needs of the New Plymouth district – and in particular the South West Ward. However,

I will listen and I will act so that we can all enjoy a quality lifestyle that is also attractive to friends, relatives and visitors. In essence, we need positive growth. And to do this, we need a unified council of visionary enablers to continue positioning this district as a great place to live, work, visit and play. My mission is simply this = Let's make our place even better! PS: Keep an eye out for my classic 1956 Starliner Special caravan – it's my mobile campaign office so come and talk to me!

Bruce's Starliner campaign office.



**VOTE**  
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**GATWARD-COOK**  
**FOR NPDC** ☒

*Let's make our place even better!*

Authorised by Bruce Gatward-Cook, 478 Dover Rd, Okato.



# Louise James Talks About Her Living Billboard

The traditional still image billboard for election campaigning wasn't the picture I wanted to paint of myself to the people who I hope to eventually represent. Creating a living billboard, on the other hand, even with its limitation of exposure, would speak louder and clearer about my intentions of engagement with the people that live in the district of New Plymouth.



At a meeting for prospective candidates, we had been told to make use of the internet medium of social networking. I set up my Facebook profile @louise4NPDC like many others. While Facebook is helpful to spread a word or two and to get some feedback, there is nothing quite like face to face interaction. After experiencing a day sitting out in the open for passer-by's to have a chat and motorists to be able to respond to my hand waves, I knew I had made the right choice.

A 'like' on Facebook is another one of those still images, a symbolic tick. My experience of interacting with motorists was truly wonderful; it is difficult to translate into words. The diverse variety of people that responded and the multiple types of responses indicated to me how unique and amazing everyone is who lives here. The look on people's faces as they saw me, the frowns that turned into smiles and serious looks that ended up laughing, were priceless! I was impressed by the myriad of ways to wave: like the queen, a nod from the bros, a thumb's up, etc.

The conversations I had with the passer-by's were long and meaningful, neighbours so friendly, offering me cups of coffee, it felt like a real welcoming community. The majority of people I spoke to loved living in New Plymouth and were more concerned about knowing councillors and having accessible ways of engagement between them and council

## Louise James

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than anything else. I asked one older gentleman who his favourite mayor was and he told me 'Mayor Gilmour' because he was approachable and use to walk down Devon Street every Friday to talk with people.

While the internet has provided new ways to connect with people, there is still nothing quite like building relationships through seeing people's faces, hearing their tone of voice and listening to their words. Deep in conversation we can respond to each other in meaningful ways. This is the kind of councillor I would like to be, one that knows the talk on the street and is trusted to represent those views; the people's advocate.



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# New Skills for Local Artist

A recent weekend workshop in Oakura at the Art by the Sea Studio was the location of a new sculpting medium - Powertex.

Powertex tutor Joanne Bouma was showing a small group of women the various techniques and uses for Powertex and Stone Art. Joanne first saw Powertex in Europe more than five years ago and has been intrigued with it ever since.

Powertex is a fabric hardener and textile hardener and is an environmentally friendly water-based liquid sculpting medium. It is easy to use and sets as hard as concrete and is very durable, being suitable for outdoor or indoor use.

Margaret Scott, Jan Russell and Colleen Butterfield were busy making statuettes and surprisingly the base materials were a wooden dowel, polystyrene, fabric and tin foil. Once Powerpaint and Powertex are applied they take on a whole different life!

Ingrid Vercommen and Suzanne Cardiff were applying the medium to canvas. Ingrid had achieved a 3D effect and Suzanne had combined the Stone Art medium along with Powertex to create a mermaid and seashore scene.

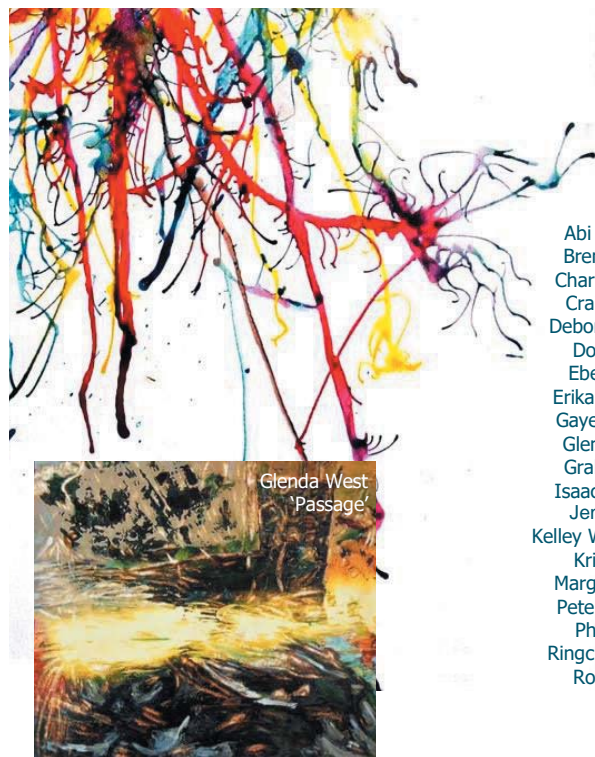
Margaret says she first became aware of Powertex at a recent craft show and in true artistic style wanted to experiment with the medium so she invited Joanne down to run the workshop. Colleen is keen to teach the art form in workshops in the future.

I'm sure we will see some further stunning artworks from Margaret as she integrates Powertex in her artworks.

by Kim Ferens



Joanne and Margaret getting stuck in..



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## Val Deakin Dance Theatre Trust - Danceabout

As a special spring treat, the Val Deakin Dance Theatre Trust will be presenting a new programme entitled DANCEABOUT at several rest homes in the New Plymouth area.

The varied programme will contain a mixture of various types of dance – classical, contemporary, comedy and tap – as well as a live music by well-known guitar duo Guitarra. There are some real gems on the programme including sections from Forever Bubbles, La Fille Mal Gardee and Alice in Wonderland – all comic masterpieces choreographed by Val Deakin. Lovely Brahms waltzes are the basis for a solo to be danced by Jane Roseman, and there is a lively ballet dance to the music of Leroy Anderson.

Many experienced performers will be bringing the programme to life – including Inge Vink, Donna Kelly, Davina Moffat, Catherine Donlon, Mervyn Chivers and Rosanne Taylor. In addition some tiny tappers will be dancing as tramps to Side by Side. Queen of comedy Lynda West steals the show in her various roles in the programme.

Performances will be at:

Tainui Village Saturday September 17 at 1:30 pm.

Molly Ryan Retirement Home Sunday September 18 at 1:30 pm.

The hour long programme is only \$10 – reserve now by phoning 752 7743 (after 9:30 am) or you can get tickets at the door.



**Val Deakin dancers performing in the Danceabout programme at Jan Sandel Retirement Village.**



## COVER FEATURE

# Calling all Taranaki Volkswagen Owners Club Members Past and Present



**The Goodhue's rocking their VW.**

The good old Volkswagen! Most people have a fond memory of the old Vee Dub and we are seeing increasing numbers and many modern variations on the streets these days, including 100% electric models.

The Taranaki Volkswagen Owners Club, TVOC, will be celebrating its 20th year during the weekend of the 29th October 2016. The club was originally started in 1967-68, but slipped into hibernation for a number of years until its rebirth in 1996.

The Taranaki Volkswagen Owners Club, TVWOC, is calling all past and present members to join in the festivities to make this a memorable birthday. It doesn't matter if you are still driving a Volkswagen or not, all past and present members and family will be welcome.

The weekend will consist of a car display open to the public on Tasman Prospect on the walkway during Saturday morning, followed by a car rally in the same format as the first event 20 years ago.

Members old and new will then meet that evening for a get together, food, drink, and of course some good banter about how we all looked 20 odd years ago. The event wouldn't be a 'VW' event without the addition of some spot prizes kindly donated by the Volkswagen suppliers both locally and further afield.

The Sunday morning is going to consist of a coffee cruise along the new motorway extension, with a photo opportunity and viewing for the public to see from the Paynters Avenue over bridge at approximately 10 am. This will conclude the weekend.

Please contact the club if you are a past member to ensure you are on the mailing list. If the Taranaki Volkswagen Owners Club sounds like a bit of you, and you have an old or modern VW, even no VW, they would love to hear from you.

You can choose to participate in all or part of the weekend. It will be very casual.

Contact the Secretary: [bryan@taranakivw.co.nz](mailto:bryan@taranakivw.co.nz) or phone 06 752 1290. President: [kirk@taranakivw.co.nz](mailto:kirk@taranakivw.co.nz)

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Taranaki is the head office for the national building franchise Location Homes and Morph Construction which is owned by Campbell and Hannah Mattson.

Jody recently relocated from Mt Maunganui to join the Location Homes team to work alongside Campbell developing the business in relation to new builds, renovations, development opportunities in commercial and residential property.

Jody says she "loves the lifestyle Taranaki offers and I am especially lucky to be living around the coast on Stent Road – my family, who all love surfing, especially love it when they visit."

Campbell set up Morph Construction the commercial arm of Location Homes in 2006 and in 2008 had the opportunity to purchase and establish the local Location Homes franchise. Again in 2011 the opportunity arose to purchase the national Location Homes Franchise, Campbell and Hannah saw the value in the design and build home franchise as a great addition to their business as it complimented the commercial offering of Morph Construction which carries out work in the education, agricultural, commercial and residential markets.

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**Jody (centre), Campbell (left), Glen (right).**

Jody has a wide scope of business experience including management, human resources, marketing, leadership and sales in many varied workplaces including hospitality, travel, real estate, media and big business. This diverse background enables Jody to relate well to clients from all backgrounds and she really enjoys meeting and working closing with locals, developers and real estate agents.

Jody has gotten to feel like a local quickly with her daily commute from Stent Road to Location Homes office in Bell Block.

“Jody brings a real energetic and passionate attitude into the team” says Campbell, her desire to create the best outcome for our clients and all stakeholders involved in the build process is very evident and is not something that can easily be taught. Jody has a natural affinity and empathy for all that she meets and as a result she understands very quickly the likes, dislikes and concerns of those clients we are working with. Because the process of design and build can be a time of dramatic change and potential stress for our clients it is critical that our team can appreciate and empathise with the client. Jody excels in this area.”

Campbell and Jody and General Manager Glen Stephens are all passionate about property, good design and the team at Location Homes.

“We have a neat team of people here, many of them specialists. They are excellent to work with and we enjoy helping our clients achieve the home, development or investment property they are after.”

- Glen is originally from Oakura and as the General and Contracts Manager of the company is responsible for the execution and delivery of all construction projects from consenting through to code of compliance. Glen is a qualified landscape architect with experience in

construction and contract management not only in New Zealand but Australia and the UK.

- Toni Snooks joined the team last year after working at Chapman Oulsum Speirs and Plantation Design. Toni oversees all architectural and interior design for Location Homes.
- Jason McCulloch is the in house draughtsman with 15 + years’ experience and is responsible for completing working drawings through to consenting stage.
- Craig Morgan is finalising his Quantity Surveying Diploma and works closely with Campbell and the team to quantify and price each project.
- Sarah Elliot is the office manager that takes care of the day to day administration of the company and project management.
- The construction crew include foremen Justin, Rueben, Alan and Carl whom each have teams of builders working for them who make all the magic happen for the clients on site.

This team approach follows through to clients as most designs are completed locally. The designers go to all sites to really understand the needs of the client.

We also have a strong reciprocal relationship with leading architects in New Plymouth and when the client or project requires it we partner with them to create that extra special home.

The aim is to provide affordable luxury designs. Clients also enjoy all the benefits of the group builder model such as national buying power and professional processes and systems but with a boutique tailored approach.

Location Homes distinctive design style is both recognisable and desirable. The team have recently completed a renovation in Oakura and will commence a new design and build in Oakura before Christmas.

An exciting development for the team is the launch of a new coastal design range that will be launched soon so watch this space!

As an introduction to Oakura Location Homes would like to offer a “complimentary landscape design” package with Glen Stephens or an “inspiration interior design” package with Toni Snooks when you sign up to build with Location Homes by the end of 2016.

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## OUR NEW LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

We officially opened and thanked everyone that was involved in the amazing rebuild and renovations of Oakura School on Wednesday 3 August. It was great that we were able to thank John, the architect, and Helen, the interior designer from Ardern Peters Architects Limited. We also were able to thank Steve and his team from Southcoast Construction.

These are some of the speeches and thank you letters from some year 3 and 4 students.

Thank you so much for our amazing classrooms. Our bright and colourful classrooms transport me somewhere different, like the bright green makes me feel like I am in a jungle and the pink reminds me of the sunset. We really love the glass sliding doors because if we want to work somewhere else we can. The doors make our spaces flexible and we can easily move about the space. Thank you so much for creating our amazing classrooms.

*Emma Jackson (aged 8)*

Thank you Steve, Helen and John for creating our fantastic learning spaces. I really like the new breakout space in room 4. It is a great quiet place for people to learn. Sometimes teachers or helpers work with groups in that space. We feel really lucky to be in these new classrooms because they are so great. Thank you again.

*Cooper Fergusson (aged 7)*

I really love our new classrooms. They are bright and colourful and great places to learn. I no longer feel claustrophobic in my classroom because you have opened them up. I really like our shared breakout space with the Kauri Room. I sometimes choose to work there when I want a quiet space to learn. You have really created amazing classrooms for us and we love them!

*Gabe Brebner (aged 8)*

## TARANAKI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Many of our year 7 & 8 students entered in the Taranaki Science and Technology Fair this year. The following students were prize winners:

Salvador Brebner – 1st in Y8 photography,  
Jack Husband – merit in Y8 photography,  
Edward Poole – merit in Y8 Scientific Investigation, 'Cool Cabbage',

Rhiarn Roper – 1st in Y7 Photography,  
Oliver Salisbury – 2nd in Y8 photography and merit in Y7-8 steam car challenge,

Holly Stoddart – merit in Y7 observational drawing,  
Ryan Waite – 1st in Y7 Scientific Journalism,  
Robbie White – merit in Y8 NZ Fauna Poster,  
Ella Coates – special award in Scientific Investigation, 'What is the best sugar substitute',

Elliot Hudson - 1st in Y7-8 modified steam car challenge,  
Rosie Bolger - merit in Y8 observational drawing and special award in Y8 scientific investigation, 'Energy to Burn'.

Rhiarn Roper's and Salvador Brebner's winning photos will be used for the 2017 Science and Technology Fair promotional material.



The breakout space.



Room K.



Receiving their prizes are: above Salvador Brebner and right, Rhiarn Roper.



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# omata school news

## COMING UP

### September

- 8 Y1-3 Omata Cross Country 1:30pm start.
- 9 Y4-8 Omata Cross Country 1pm start.
- 13 Y4-6 Coastal Inter-school Cross Country 1pm start.
- 15 Y7-8 Full Primary Interschool Cross Country 1pm start.  
Y5-6 Choir at NP Music Festival 6:30pm TSB Stadium .
- 21 Y5-6 Vertical Horizons Camp.
- 23 Y5-6 Return from camp.  
Term 3 finishes 3pm.

## PLAYGROUP

Every Thursday during the school term from 9-11am, the Omata Playgroup operates from the hall. Any pre-schoolers who are enrolled to attend Omata School are welcome to come along with a parent. The playgroup is organised by Rachael Shotter.

Huge thanks to Rachael for her time and energy in making this a fun time for children and a social time for parents. Rachael's twins will be starting school next year so she is looking to hand this over to another parent for 2017. If you have a pre-schooler and think you might like to do this please contact Rachael on 751 4529 who will let you know what is involved.



## FUNDRAISING

A keen group of Year 5-6 parents have been very active in fundraising for the up-coming Vertical Horizons Camp just east of Inglewood. The quiz night at Good Home was a huge success and a fun night for all. They are currently selling a raffle for meat and groceries and a rugby ball signed by Kieren Read. They have had a BBQ, organised entertainment evenings and the students have been selling Milos every Wednesday. Well done everyone a great effort.

## ENROLMENTS AND OUR ZONE

Omata School has a zone and at present the Board of Trustees only has the capacity to accept pupils from within this zone. The zone boundaries run from Plymouth/Koru Roads in the West and then from Barrett Road to Poplar Grove up to Karamea then on to Barrett Road, Frankley Road and along Carrington Road in the East. If you are 'in zone' and have a pre-schooler (0-5 years old) and have not yet enrolled them, could you please contact Bronnie at the office 751 2308, so that we can plan for the future intakes of children over the next few years. Many thanks.

*Karen Brisco, Principal*



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# Spotswood College

Greetings to our Coastal, Oakura and Omata communities.

As outlined in the August edition of TOM, students are currently working with parents and whanau teachers to select courses and programmes of learning for next year.

The link between school and future employment is a discussion that parents can begin early (Years 6 – 7) with their children. By exploring children's interests and abilities, links can be made to career possibilities and then the pathway to achieve their career goal can be planned from school to further training and work.

Some handy hints to assist in this process include: -

When thinking about interests jobs can be categorized in three main areas – jobs to do with people, e.g. nurse, teacher, etc.

jobs to do with things e.g. making, shaping, designing, constructing, repairing e.g. builder, fashion design;

jobs to do with information, e.g. accountant, lawyer, information technology network developer.

This is a simplistic tool but nonetheless useful to begin the career pathways process.

Sometimes young people find the process very scary if they believe career decisions (or any decision for that matter) have to be perfect and that they cannot have any doubt. Discussing how to make the best decision and using a thinking tool like PMI (Positive Minus Interesting) encourages young people to be able to make a decision in the knowledge that plans can change as new opportunities arise.

Asking friends and family to share career path stories illustrates how job opportunities develop and evolve

Ultimately a decision has to be made. Not making a decision is a decision (by default) in itself, the trick is to be pro-active and commit to the best decision following a robust process.

Although living in the 21st Century demands us all to constantly acquire new skills here is a summary of key skills for the workplace: -

communication/interpersonal skills;

information skills – gathering/sorting/arranging;

collaboration with others to solve complex problems;

thinking/creative/problem solving skills;

number skills;

language skills;

using technologies to access and analyse information;

business and management skills;

the ability to keep learning to adapt to constant change in the workplace.

The Careers NZ website [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz) is very helpful for students and parents, it has great information on what jobs entail and the school qualifications that are needed for entry into the job.

## RECENT REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### 2016 NEW ZEALAND SPELLING BEE

This year I have once again been fortunate enough to represent Taranaki in the 2016 New Zealand Spelling Bee. It was run in a sequence of different tests, from the classroom to the school, to the regionals and now to the national finals in Auckland. For every test we had to learn a list of words, some of which were in the competition, others that were not. As I got further into the competition, the words became progressively harder and the ones from the list became less important as more unseen words from the dictionary were added. On the 9th of August, I travelled up to Hamilton to compete in the Central North Island Regional Spelling Bee. This consisted of a small written test, followed by the first ever oral round in the whole competition. After making it through the written test, the oral was a knockout-style tournament, where as soon as someone spelt a word wrong they were out of the competition. The rounds passed rather quickly but eventually they found the top five spellers from the region and now we receive free flights up to Auckland to compete in the final for \$5000 prize money.

*Roan Upson, Year 10*



Central North Island Spelling Bee.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Sunday August 14th our chess team (Chris Hobson, Roan Upson, Kane Holmes and Zaphen Sinclair) travelled to Waitara High School to play in a chess tournament that involved five other Taranaki secondary schools.

The competition was tough as all of the players were very good at chess. We played five games each taking from 1.00p.m. through to 6.00p.m. in the evening.

We had an enjoyable day of challenge and skill and the day was of course made better by the fact that we won!

Thanks to Ms Sole for organising our team. Her support, along with Mr Upson's, was very much appreciated during an exciting, tense and challenging day.

Since our game other students have come forward to express their interest. We look forward to more students getting involved in chess at Spotswood College.

*Chris Hobson, Year 10*





Chess tournament at Waitara High School.

## 2016 JUNIOR ORATORY RESULTS

### Year 9

1st	Iain Hannam-Williams
2nd Equal	Kobi Hislop
2nd Equal	Ailis Lay
3rd	Michael Gibbon
Highly Commended	Kohana Clothier
Highly Commended	Emily Law
Highly Commended	Arielle
Grindlay-Lambert	
Highly Commended	Sam Skinner
Commended	Oliver Doole
Commended	Corban Churchill
Commended	Jackson Bell
Commended	Riley McDonald

### Year 10

1st	Larissa Wilkinson
2nd	Keegan Joe
3rd Equal	Gemma Clarges
3rd Equal	Phoebe Pepper
Highly Commended	Luke Cocker
Highly Commended	Pipa Clarkson
Highly Commended	Ryan Clough
Commended	Luci Whyte
Commended	Felix Ashworth
Commended	Rosie Ray

## OPEN EVENING

It was wonderful to meet so many Year 8 students and their families at our Open Evening on 11 August. Thank you for visiting our school to find out what Spotswood College can offer. We look forward to working with you as we formalise enrolments over the next few weeks.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange an appointment time.

Ngā Mihi Maioha

Mark Bowden, Principal

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## OAKURA COMMUNITY - WHAT'S ON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OMG Oakura Meditation Group** - meets on the first Thursday of the month at St James Hall 7pm, all welcome call Kate 0272037215.

### Oakura Tennis Club

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

**Pippi's PT and circuit training,** every week day morning 9.15 -10.15am and Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5.30 - 6.30pm. Teen-age crossfit/boxfit sessions on Tues and Thurs 4.15 - 5.15pm. More details call Pip 022 104 1851.

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

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

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

**Val Deakin Dance School.** Oakura Hall. Monday afternoons, Pre-school dance classes 3:30 - 4pm. Beginners' Ballet dance class 4 - 4.45pm. Contact Val on 752 7743. Also classes for pre-schoolers to adults in ballet, jazz, tap, modern and ballroom (beginners to advanced) at the Dance Centre in New Plymouth. For more information phone 7527743 or email [val@valdeakindance.org.nz](mailto:val@valdeakindance.org.nz)

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

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

**Zumba Fitness.** Each Wednesday during school terms - 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Oakura Hall - everyone welcome, \$5 entry. Ph Ange on 021 222 9683 for enquiries.

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