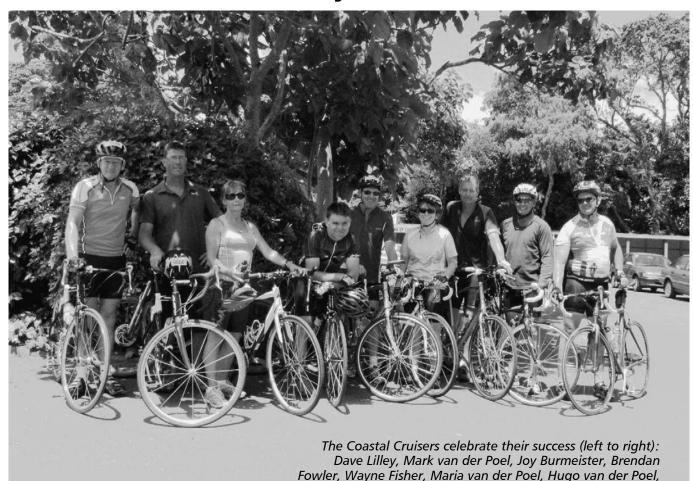
IGN *okcilo* The Bone Collectors:

Round the Mountain Team Cycle Event



Amongst hundreds of riders who challenged themselves to cycle around Mount Taranaki on Saturday, 15 January were Okato and Warea's "Coastal Cruisers", who had entered the Bone Collector team event, part of the Round the Mountain Cycle Ride.

The day dawned clear and promised to be a hot one. Dave rode all the way (153km), with Brendan Fowler adding his bones at Okato and completing 126km. A very experienced cyclist, Brendan, along with a tail wind, carried Dave along at a fast clip, and the pair reached a top speed of 66km/hr. At Rahotu, with 107km to go, Hugo van der Poel joined them and by Opunake, the Cruisers had maintained an average speed of over 33km/hr. One of two women in the team, Maria van de Poel, joined in at Opunake, set to cycle 91km, followed by Wayne Fisher at Te Kiri (78km), Robert Billing at Kaponga (65km), and Snow Mullin at Eltham (52km).

From there back to New Plymouth the team was challenged by a stiff breeze, which may have compromised their overall travelling time but at least it cooled them down a bit. Mark van der Poel and Joy Burmeister decided to go out together from Midhurst to complete the final two legs of the challenge (36km). Everybody was riding strongly on the home run when another rider nudged Maria's wheel, and when she changed gears on Burgess Hill her derailleur smashed to bits with a crack and went through the spokes of her back wheel. Luckily, she didn't fall, and she and her bike were able to hitch a ride to Pukekura Raceway where they crossed the finish line with their teammates. They had com-

Snow Mullin and Robert Billing.

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editorial

Well, what a summer we are having. Those of us who are lucky enough to be holidaying have certainly been spoiled



with sunny days, gentle breezes and warm water in abundance. Apart from the blow in mid-January, that is, which fortunately blew itself out overnight.

Milly's annual tenting holiday at Urenui Beach has reinforced for her how special Taranaki is. Outsiders could accuse us of being parochial, which may be true, but when you experience and appreciate what our province has to offer, how could it be otherwise? We reckon you don't have to travel far to experience a small slice of paradise.

However, please remember that enjoyment of the beach comes with caveats. Firstly, protect yourself from the sun. That sun is fierce, as attested to by the number of ruby red individuals encountered on the beach. Secondly, when swimming in the sea, be mindful of how guickly conditions can change. Thirdly, what seems to the untrained eve to be a safe swimming spot can turn out to be a dangerous rip or to have deep holes. And finally, always wear fins when body boarding to make sure you can get safely back to shore.

Taking sensible precautions will ensure that we can all continue to make the most of what this special place called Taranaki offers.

Enjoy and stay safe.

Milly and Kerry

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pleted the course in a very respectable time of 5:50:44, in 54th place out of the 62 teams who had entered. And they had clocked an average speed of 27km. But no one was counting!

Team Manager, Maria, would like to thank their supporters: Nikki van der Poel, Sharon Fisher, Kerry Mullin, Claire Billing and moi, who transported cyclists and their bikes to their starting points, cheered the team on, dispensed much needed refreshments along the way, and provided a veritable picnic feast in a shady spot when the ride was done. They all helped to make a day of hard work so much easier and more enjoyable.

Congratulations to you all, and also to Pete Morgan, who did the ride solo in 5:27:36, 103rd of 155 solo riders, and 28th of 35 finishers aged 35 to 44.

Story and picture by Kerry Lilley







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Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust

Rescue Vessel Update

The Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust is expecting delivery of its new, purpose-built Lavranos-design rescue vessel by the middle of February, according to Frog Goodin, Chairperson of the Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust. It will provide a locally available sea rescue service and, with a range of 500 nautical miles and the capacity to weather heavy seas, it will also be able to help with sea rescues anywhere along the coast from Raglan to Nelson. A satellite phone, which will ensure cell phone coverage in all areas, is being imported from Australia and a Man Overboard Recovery System, which will be sponsored by Revital Fertilisers, has also been ordered.

Rescue vessel crewmembers must be competent in all aspects of vessel and equipment handling, and be certificated first aiders. Safety Training Officer, Anthony Williams, says it's planned that by the end of February eight men will have completed a Day Skipper course introducing the rules and procedures of sea rescue. They will also have done a first aid course, which is available to other members of the Trust too. Both of these courses are prerequisites for the Boat Master's course, which leads to the qualification necessary to skip the rescue vessel. Anthony stresses the importance of having trained back-up personnel, who can take up the slack when the need arises. He reckons this should not be a problem though, because, "Once the boat arrives and people see it, they will want to be part of it."

Defibrillator Access

Meanwhile, plans have come together to ensure that the state-of-the art resuscitation equipment that was presented to the Club in November last year is readily accessible for cardiac emergencies all along the coast. It will be kept under lock and key at the clubrooms at Bayly Road, but in an emergency can be accessed by any member of the public.

Using the automated external defibrillator (AED) is nothing to fear. While training in its use would bring the comfort that familiarity brings, it is unnecessary for success. It is easy to use and once turned on, talks you through the simple procedure. You attach two leads to the patient, the defibrillator makes its diagnosis, you are instructed to stand back, and the defibrillator delivers the shock and assesses its success. Chest compressions, at a rate of about 30 per minute with the patient's head tilted back to keep the airways open, remain an integral part of the treatment. Everybody should ensure they know how to do this — it could save the life of someone you love.

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327 Bayly Rd (3.23km on the left — the last house at the seaward end of the road) Phone: 06-763 8834

Dixon (and Joanne) Doyle

Anglers Ave (2-storey bach immediately north of the Boat Club)

Phone: 06-752 4232 (Okato) Dixon's cell: 021-879 292

Anthony Williams

162 Lower Puniho Rd (1.62km towards the sea on the right)

Phone: 06-752 8167

Richard Corry

Okato Police Station, Cumming St Phone: 06-752 4111 Failing all else or if he is attending the emergency.

I suggest you record this information and keep it readily available.

By Kerry Lilley

Okato Earthworks Ltd 20 TONNE DIGGER *available for* Agricultural Earthworks and Drainage Phone Steve 0274 524 022 A/h 06 752 4284



New Zeal Community Christmas

One of the more meaningful Christmas events held in the village in December was that organised by Treishka Morgan, Emily Davidson and the New Zeal Christmas team. The small group of excited people who gathered at the swing bridge set off round the village to collect, from various garages, small angels, wise men, shepherds and travellers, who all joined in the search for treasure.

The group grew snowball fashion and had turned into a veritable throng by the time it arrived at the home of Chris Atherton and Anne Adkins on Carthew Street. There, Baby Jesus was found sleeping peacefully in his manger, watched over by Joseph, Mary and two gorgeous little angels, one in pink gumboots.

Then everybody, including those in the nativity scene, headed over to St Lukes Hall where there was music, a bouncy castle, a barbeque, ice creams, a lolly scramble, bubble blowing, face painting and much camaraderie.

A huge thank you to Andrew and Kat Moffitt who supplied the meat, Brett and Jane Follas of Okato Four Square who supplied the bread and tomato sauce, Mitre 10 for the bouncy castle, and everyone who helped make it such an enjoyable community celebration. And last but not least, thank you to the mystery helper who picked up all the rubbish after the event.

Story by Kerry Lilley



There was a great family atmosphere.

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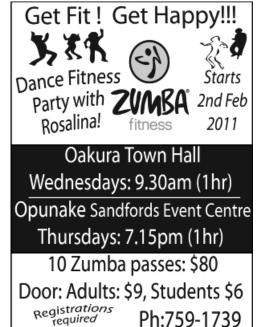
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The gathering crowd sets off down Cumming St.



Treishka Morgan admires Baby Jesus (George Bromell), watched over by angel Olivia Atherton, Joseph (Chris Atherton), Mary (Anne Adkins) and angel Isabella Bromell.



NEW classes in Oakura Hall Saturday mornings

from February 12th

9.00am Preschool dance 9.30am Ballet for children

for information/registration ph 752 7743 (after 9.30am)

Graphix Explosion

Graphix Explosion has moved its New Plymouth print business — all the way across the road.

'Graphix Explosion provide printing and graphic design services to small and medium-sized businesses Taranakiwide. They design and print a wide range of products including business cards, rack cards, flyers and brochures. They can also supply promotional items such as note pads, pens, coffee mugs and fridge magnets. Before starting your next printing project ask Graphix Explosion for a free, no obligation quote.'

Owners, Shane and Sharon Devlin, have uplifted their business from the Devon St West premises they have occupied for the past seven years and relocated into the former Whopping Big Carrot building, which they have looked at for all that time.

Now Shane says, "Look for us in the old Carrot building." The 100 year old Carrot building has been substantially refurbished for the change. From the outside, Imagine Design's Tony Biesiek has given it a radical renewal with fresh imagery and new joinery, and inside there's been a reworking of the space to create an attractive and efficient working environment.

It's also an environment that's home to the latest colour printing equipment from Fuji Xerox — a Colour 1000 digital press, the only one of its kind in Taranaki and fresh off the boat from Sydney. "We have always had two machines, so we can have a back-up if one breaks down," Shane says. "That way we can ensure our 'Right first time and on time' guarantee."

There's a touch of irony in Shane's business being at the cutting edge of print technology — he began his printing career as one of the last apprentices to be trained in turn-of-the-century linotype processes.

That's turn of last century, not this century. Linotypes were first invented in the 1880s and used molten lead to form slugs of lettering that were then cramped together to create a page of type for printing. They lasted into the 1970s when they were gradually phased out in favour of newer and more efficient methods of printing.

Shane started his apprenticeship on the Taihape Times twice-weekly newspaper, moved to Taranaki Newspapers' commercial printing division in the 1980s to develop his trade, and then left in November 1995 to set up his own printing business. So this month marks 15 years in business — a happy coincidence with the move into the new premises. In that time, Shane has experienced and embraced the rapid and continuing development of digital printing processes. The older processes were a hepefit however he case "I

The older processes were a benefit, however, he says. "I loved it ... it was a mechanical process that you had to think through. It required a logical train of thought."

Shane appreciated the "really good grounding" in the basics of the printing industry and when the computer industry eventually gained ascendancy in printing, he was in the right frame of mind to run with it.

Sharon and Shane could see opportunities and these prompted the couple to make the move into business for themselves, and consequently into hundreds more businesses and business people through a focus on business cards. They became specialists in that area and built up a loyal clientele.

That loyalty is two way, Shane emphasises. "We believe in doing right by our clients and go out of our way to give them the best product at a reasonable price. Many of our first clients are still with us today."



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In 2002, Shane and Sharon purchased the Vision Print business in Hawera to create a Taranaki-wide printing operation, adding Aries Print to the fold six months later. The Taranaki network was boosted several years later in 2008 when they bought Shore Print in Hawera and merged that business with the former Vision Print operation to create Graphix Explosion Hawera. The more conventional offset printing equipment there complements the digital focus in New Plymouth.

"Most offices have copiers that can do something that is of passable quality. But we can take it to another level. The difference is great design and the print finishing — we are trained and skilled in doing what we do, and that counts in terms of the final product."

The new Xerox equipment helps provide that superior finish — in more ways than one. As well as the countless colours it can create, the Xerox can add a clear varnish to the surface of the printed product. "That's truly unique," Shane says. "It can achieve a 3D effect by running it through multiple times and building up the layer of clear lacquer. It has a tactile effect for a greater impact."

A good business doesn't just depend on a Xerox machine, it is the people who make the difference and Shane pays kudos to his team for making it possible. They are:

Mark Laurence, Manager; Christine Wilson, who you will find at their new front counter; Matt McDonald, Head Designer; Giles Scott, Sales and Marketing Manager; Pat Coxhead, Bindery; and Bob Burdoff, Digital Press Operator. Graphix Explosion are now ready to bring a whole new level of print to Taranaki so pop in and check out their new premises and discuss your printing needs with their team of professional and friendly print experts.





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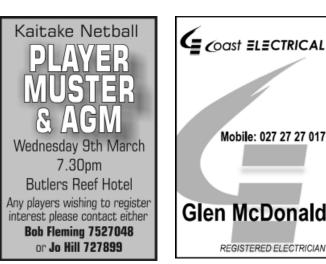
Itching dogs are amongst the most common patients seen at the vet clinic. Itching can result in great frustration for dogs, their owners and also the vets! There are a number of causes but one of the most common seen at this clinic is contact allergy.

Dogs with contact allergies react when they come into contact with particular substances. A very common contact allergen is a weed called Wandering Jew, which is common around this district, especially in the Okato Domain. It often grows in damp, shady areas, and has small, flat, smooth, green leaves and small white flowers in spring and summer. The leaves and stems contain a sap that causes the reaction in sensitised animals. Normally this reaction takes 6 – 9hours to develop. The dog's skin will become itchy and inflamed and will possibly develop raised lumps, especially in areas where there is less hair, for instance in the armpits and on the abdomen.

Sensitive animals are best to avoid contact with Wandering Jew. The clinic has some advice on its removal. If you have eliminated it and still suspect your dog has a contact allergy, veterinary advice should be sought.

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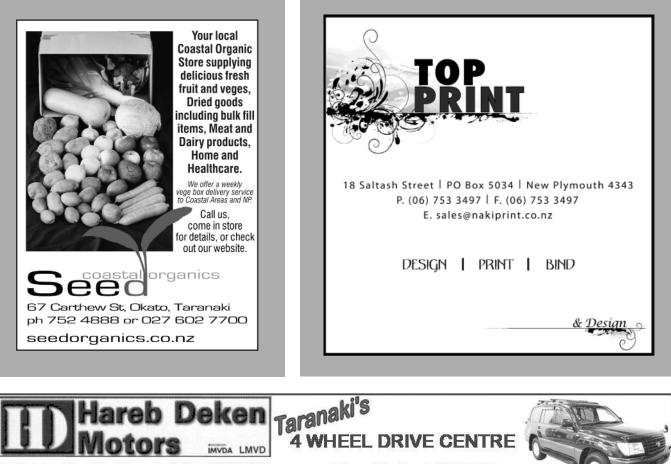
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Coastal Taranaki School Ball 2010

At the end of each academic year, Coastal Taranaki School hosts a graduation dinner and ball in honour of their Year 13 students. I talked to event co-ordinator, Delwyn Pearce. It was the biggest event in a number of years, she says. There were 94 guests altogether, with 16 of the 22 Year 13 students who started the year attending, as well as students from Years 11 and 12. To swell numbers and make it more of an event, everyone was encouraged to bring a partner who did not attend the school. Many were 'just friends', and many were ex-students or students from other schools.

Without a core group of reliable fundraisers, the event could not happen and Claire and Nicola Simpson, and Debbie and Rebecca Gibson have been key to the fundraising effort for a number of years, says Delwyn. The two big fundraisers they organise — Whitcoull's stocktake (which involves 25 people), and dispensing water at the Round The Mountain Relay - raised all the money needed. All that was left for ball-goers was to pay \$40 for their meals. The event was held this year at the New Plymouth Club. The theme was 'Las Vegas' and, from the moment you stepped out of the lift, every detail was convincing. A 'neon' sign welcomed ball-goers to Coastal Taranaki's Las Vegas Graduation Ball, and an avenue of dice guided you past a gamblers' corner and past a couple of gamblers (Elvis Presley and Charlie Chaplin) tossing dice to the dining and dancing hall. Natasha Langdon-Williams had volunteered to do the table settings and what a fabulous job she did! Ball-goers were greeted by a sea of black and red - red table-runners with "Welcome to Vegas" placemats flanked by a heart and a spade, a club and a diamond, black serviettes overlaid with a single red feather, a couple of gold-wrapped chocolate coins on each table setting, and a sprinkling of tiny gold stars. The glitzy night lights of Vegas provided the backdrop for the dance floor and a glamorous Little White Chapel was an inviting spot for photo shoots. Add 100 black and red helium balloons hovering on the ceiling and the theme was complete.

Dinner was followed by the formal part of the evening. Rowan Oldfield, who was supervising a group of Year 10's on the Gold Coast, had nominated Joanne Thomas to read his traditional speech to the leavers. Assistant Principal, Ben Naughton, and Rohe (Form) Teacher, Marian Richardson, then gave a brief tribute to each Year 13 student, and each one who had completed the year received a Survival for Life Pack. Marion explained the significance of the contents: string "for tying up loose ends" and paperclips "for keeping it all together".

Performances by teachers Ted Normanton and Kelly Madden were highlights. Ted, a rather tall and dusky Elvis Presley, offered what has been described as "hilarious" renditions of Viva Las Vegas and Teddy Bear, while Kelly, as Tina Turner, gave convincing performances of Simply the Best and Proud Mary. Later, a DJ provided great music for dancing.

Student King and Queen of the Ball, chosen by the crowd, were Ashley Downes and Jordan (JD) Linn, and in the Teacher/Parent section, Marian Richardson and Ben Naughton were popular choices.

As usual, the Year 13's had been almost entirely responsible for the organisation, and according to reliable sources, the 2010 ball was Simply the Best!



Head Girl, Meisha Davies and Head Boy, William Lower.



Ashley Downes with proud dad, Paul, dressed for the ball.

Story by Kerry Lilley
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Okato Plunket Open Day and Community Christmas Party

Okato Plunket has recently moved to new premises at St Paul's Church Hall and it seemed the perfect opportunity to stage an open day and Christmas community event. About 40 children arrived with their parents on a beautiful summers' day. Father Christmas arrived, there was a bouncy castle courtesy of Mitre 10, face painting, a lolly scramble and ice blocks all round.

"It was an awesome day," said Jaclyn Fisher, the committee's president.

The group is thoroughly enjoying its spacious new accommodation, which has a generous meeting space and ample storage. A recent photo day fundraiser raised about \$1000, which will go towards furnishings and maintaining the port-a-cot, highchair and breast pump that are available for hire.

Plunket is an organisation that provides support services for the development, health and wellbeing of children under five, where parents can access professional advice and support, and they and their under-fives can get to know each other. The committee, which works to maintain this valuable community asset, includes officers Jaclyn Fisher (President), Beccy Muggeridge (Vice-president), Michelle Sole (Secretary) and Rebecca Ripia (Treasurer), who are supported by a committee of six. They are looking for new members. "Because you shouldn't hand your keys out to just anyone."



"We're a friendly, social bunch," Jaclyn assures me. "Our meetings are held bi-monthly. They are informal and Camp Mother, Kirsten Williams, often brings her legendary Baileys fudge."

Plunket clinics for all under-fives are available at St Paul's Church Hall each first, third and fifth Wednesday. Plunket Nurse, Kristy Faloon, can be contacted on her cell phone 021-190 080 or through the Plunket Office on 06-769 5453. A regular coffee morning and playgroup is also being planned.

For information about membership or equipment hire, contact Jaclyn on 06-752 4872, or Rebecca on 06-752 4501.

Story by Kerry Lilley



Ceris Hart gives Timothy Muggeridge a new look. (Picture by Amy Julian.)



Olivia and Santa get ready to high five while Olivia's mum, Anne Adkins, looks on. (Picture by Kerry Lilley.)

Vision Okato Update

A public meeting was held on 10 November 2010 at Coastal Taranaki School. Approximately 100 people attended, representing a wide cross-section of the community. Vision Okato outlined its proposal for the creation of a community centre at the Okato Primary School grounds, and suggested that it could be developed as an important community landmark and a functional space in a way that preserved the historical and cultural integrity of the site. Several activities that seemed feasible included, but are not limited to: a playground, a skate park, youth facilities, community services, campground and accommodation, community gardens, artists' studios, an art gallery, a history centre, community events and other community initiatives.

Following the presentation Tracy Dando, from the Department of Internal Affairs, facilitated an open forum, which gave the community an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Four options were then presented, and every attendee was asked to express his or her preferences. One option was to maintain the status quo i.e. do nothing to influence the future use or development of the site. This option received no support. Two other alternatives were for the community to purchase the property or for Vision Okato to request that the New Plymouth District Council buys it for the community's use. The remaining option, for which there was overwhelming community support, was to back the local hapu, Nga Mahanga-a-Tairi, and Taranaki iwi in their Treaty of Waitangi settlement process. This would entail supporting the land banking of the property, which would give tangata whenua the opportunity to reclaim it. This outcome recognises that both Vision Okato and tangata whenua share similar aspirations for the Okato community and in particular, for future opportunities for youth. As a result of the decision of the public meeting, Vision Okato is developing a relationship with local hapu, Nga Mahanga-a-Tairi. A positive first meeting was held at Puniho Marae in December. Representatives from the group were given an opportunity to become more informed about the Treaty settlement process and some of the issues that may influence the future of the former Okato Primary School, which is expected to be land banked. It is expected that the property will be transferred to the Office of Treaty Settlements sometime this year. While the preservation and development of the former Okato Primary School remains an important issue for Vision Okato, it is no longer its main focus.

Vision Okato held a further meeting on 13 December, which was attended by about 20 people. The group's change of focus to smaller projects that would benefit all community members in the Okato area was endorsed by everyone at the meeting, including tangata whenua. Possibilities include:

- supporting opportunities for youth
- continuing to organise a regular local market
- re-establishing a charity shop in Okato
- supporting the sustainability programme at Coastal Taranaki School
- organising a recreational community event similar to the Top Town events held in the past.

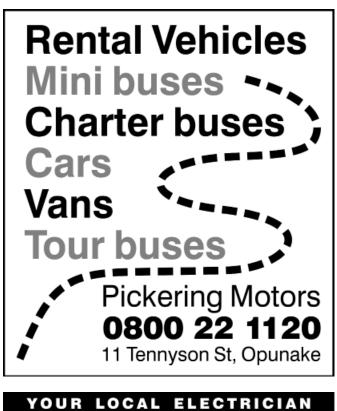
The meeting resolved to establish Vision Okato as an incorporated society, as this is the best organisational vehicle to support the community nature of the group and these activities.

Since October 2010, Vision Okato has been supported by Tracy Dando, a Community Development Advisor for the

Department of Internal Affairs. She is assisting the group to develop its relationship with tangata whenua, establish an incorporated society, make progress on the projects identified above, and develop a feasibility study for a community centre.

If you would like to be involved in Vision Okato or are interested in any of the projects mentioned above, please contact Teresa Goodin 06-752 8186 or Mel Abbott 06-752 4225.







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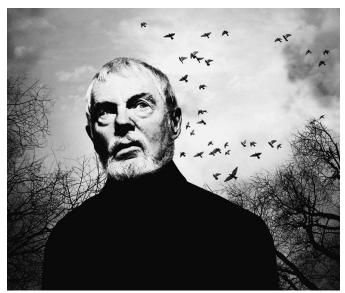
Art House News

Arthouse Cinema rips into the New Year after a stunner of a one-year-old birthday. Bumper audiences are turning out for *Last Paradise*, which continues to screen every week at 5.30pm on Mondays throughout summer. New daytime sessions for Mums and Bubs are 10am Tuesday and Thursday. Although the films will be rated M, please choose carefully what you would like your bub to see. All under-fives admitted free.

We've something to suit everyone's tastes this month.

Explore the very nature of love, power and loss with London's National Theatre in *King Lear*.

Prefer local accents to bardish tones? Meet another rugged underdog try-hard family in NZ's latest homegrown film, *The Hopes and Dreams of Gazza Snell*. With shades of both *The Castle* and *Smash Palace*, This dad is a Howick cleaning contractor who wants success in local body politics. But his real passion is kart racing and he's grooming his teenage sons, Marc and Ed, as future motorsport heroes. He has borrowed so much to make it happen that it stretches the love of his wife, Gail (Robyn Malcolm), to breaking point.



King Lear from London's National Theatre.



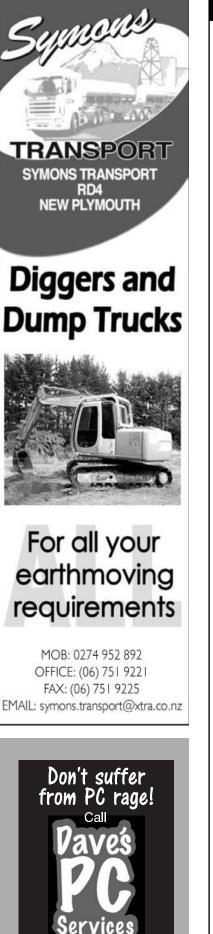
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okato clubs & groups

Bellydance Group Okato - St Lukes Church Hall, Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm. Contact Rosalina 06 759 1739. **Care and Craft**

Get together Thursday fortnight at St Luke's lounge. 10.30am

- 2.30pm. Contact Thea Fisher 752 4290.

Coastal Garden Circle

Meet every third Monday of the month. Contact Rae Hooker 752 4086.

Highway 45 Craft

Meet weekly on Monday mornings 10am - 12noon at members' houses. Contact Iris Putt 752 4182.

Historical Society

Meets quarterly in the Community Trust Hall. Contact Iris Putt 752 4182.

JKA Karate, Okato

Monday and Wednesday 6pm - 7.30pm in Coastal Taranaki School Gymnasium. Contact Nicci 752 4529 or 027 259 6223. Kaitake Community Board

Teresa Goodin, ph 7528186 or teresagoodin@xtra.co.nz **New Zeal Church**

Service 10.30am, Sundays at St Luke's Hall. Contact Angela and Kevin McFetridge 752 4993.

Okato Bowling Club

Club day held every Sunday at 9.30am onwards. President Bruce Peacock 752 4538, Secretary Fiona Liddall 752 4509, Contact women's section Laureen Bright ph 752 4874.

Okato Co-operating Parish Women's Fellowship

Meet bi-monthly, first Wednesday of the month in St Luke's lounge, 1pm. Lorraine Whittle 752 4359. Harvey 752 4568.

Okato Fire Brigade

Weekly. Monday night trainings, 7pm - 9pm. Contact Barry.

Okato Lions Contact Merv Hooker, ph 752 4086.

Playcentre

Main Road, Okato (over the Stony Bridge). Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30 - 12.30pm. Contact Rachel 752 4463.

Playgroup

St Luke's Hall, Main Road Okato. Wednesday morning, 10am - 12 noon. Contact Julie Moore 752 4277 or Danelle 752 4916. Plunket

Meet bi-monthly at St Paul's Church Hall. Jaclyn 752 4872. Pony Club

Contact Carey Brophy, 752 4458.

Probus

Meet every third Friday at the Oakura Golf Club. Contact Margaret Hodges 752 1371.

Squash Club

Monday evening club night. Contact Steve Kelly 027 2333 229.

St Patrick's Church, Okato

Daily mass 8.30am. Saturday evening mass 7pm. Inquiries to Steak Goodin 752 8160 or Nora Fox 752 4062.

St Paul's Church

10am services. Congregate first and third Sunday of the month. Contact Jan Putt 752 4188.

St Peter's Guild

Meet 4th Friday of each month. Angela Montgomery 752 7738. **Tennis Club**

Contact Maree Moffitt 752 8107 or Raewyn Lawn 752 4466. **Tumahu Golf Club**

Roly Harvey 752 4314. Sunday: Mens golf day, Tuesday: womens golf day. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month: mixed golf.

Tumahu Rural Women

Meet every second Wednesday of the month, 1pm at alternate members' houses. Contact Joyce Downes 753 4122.

Please contact Milly 752 4425 for any additional listings or amendments.