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A whirlwind of successes for junior
female boxer, Thea Awhitu.

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EDITORIAL

It is always good to kick off a new year feeling optimistic and enthusiastic and being involved in something like the TOM. It is hard not to be enthusiastic as there are always so many good stories out there in the community. We love to tell them so if you have something that others might enjoy sharing too, please make contact with someone from the TOM team - we would love to hear from you.

It is amazing to think the summer holidays are now over, children are back at school and those parents who are sending their progeny off to tertiary education are getting ready for one of the biggest changes in their life – a child leaving home. My oldest son has completed four years at university and I can still remember the days leading up to his leaving and rather than feeling elated about finally getting one child off my hands, feeling where did all those years go? The span of a child's life being dependant on his or her parents is so short in hindsight but sometimes seems interminable when they are toddlers – enjoy your children while you have them. The flip side of course is that they come back beautiful adults whom you enjoy spending time with (when they let you!).

Kim



COVER STORY

Thea Awhitu Shines on Junior Women's World Boxing Stage

2011 was a whirlwind of success for Thea Awhitu in the amateur boxing world. Although the Merrilands teenager has only been boxing for three years she has achieved a huge amount in that short time.

In the later months of last year she was also named the 2011 Taranaki Junior Maori Sportswoman, The 2011 Daily News Taranaki Sportswoman and the New Zealand 2011 Junior Maori Sportswoman.

I spoke with Thea just before Christmas last year to talk about all that success and what attracted her to the male dominated sport of boxing in the first place.

Thea is 16 years old and had just finished Year 11 at New Plymouth Girls High. It

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Thea Awhitu, left and Skye Nicolson, right.

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New Plymouth Potters

New Plymouth Potters are up and running for 2012 with their hand building and wheel classes commencing on Tuesday 14th February. The classes are run by two very experienced potters, in conjunction with ACE Taranaki, and offer a wide variety of skills and techniques both in hand building and wheel work.

Hand builders begin with small pinch pots, and progress through slab building to coiled pots and press moulded pieces. Wheel workers master the rather challenging skill of centring before learning the basic forms of cylinders, bowls and plates. All work is fired by the club and then glazed as part of the course work before being re-fired prior to the closing night. All participants who complete the full eight week term take home a selection of finished work.

If you would like an opportunity to try something different this summer, either enroll through ACE Taranaki (phone 0800 223 827 or see www.acetaranai.ac.nz) or contact Cecily Bull on 7534498.

During February the club is involved with the Real TART Gallery Challenge Exhibition with the theme being Birds of a Feather. This annual challenge, open to all Taranaki potters, always attracts some interesting work speaking to the theme. The exhibition opens on Friday 3 February and runs until the end of the month.

Canadian potter, Gillian McMillan, who will be touring the North Island during February, will also be an exhibitor

in the Real TART Gallery Challenge, bringing some of her delightful jug birds to join the work on display. She will be visiting our club rooms on 16 February to talk to us about her work and show photos of more of her jug birds. Gillian combines a true love for birds, a fine eye for colour, hands which have learnt to mould clay, and a free-flying imagination ready to form a bird into a jug, or a jug into a bird. Members of the public who are interested in seeing Gillian's presentation are welcome to contact the club for more details.

The club has made good use of the fine summer weather by revamping their Te Henui Vicarage Gallery. Display shelves have been rearranged and repainted to better display members' work. The Vicarage Gallery is open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 1-4pm and during the day on Thursdays when members are working in the club rooms.

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GETTING WET

Christmas Festivities at Fitzroy Surf Club

Fitzroy Surf Club has had a busy Christmas season. Our Junior Surf Sundays have been very popular this year with everyone turning out rain or shine to join in the Sunday morning water based activities. The Fitzroy Family Christmas Brunch was held in December on a lovely Sunday morning and this proved to be a fantastic fundraiser to help purchase more equipment for our budding junior clubbies. We even had an appearance from the man himself – Santa turned up in an IRB with lollies for everyone! To help make this morning such a great success were a fantastic bunch of parents from the club as well as the support of many amazing local businesses and it wouldn't be a Christmas brunch without a Christmas tree kindly donated by Hines Pines Xmas Trees.

Our other major Junior Surf fundraiser for the year was our annual Pig in a Barrow fundraising drive. It was a heavy barrow to push around this year with goods donated from a huge number of local. Even the wheelbarrow was donated this year. Special thanks has to go to Liquorland Fitzroy for the number of goodies that were donated as well as Pak 'n' Save for all the food items and the all-important ham. The raffle was won this year by P Garrett.



The tasty treats on offer at the Fitzroy Family Christmas Brunch.



Fitzroy Surf Club president Todd Velvin with special guest Santa at the Fitzroy Family Christmas Brunch.

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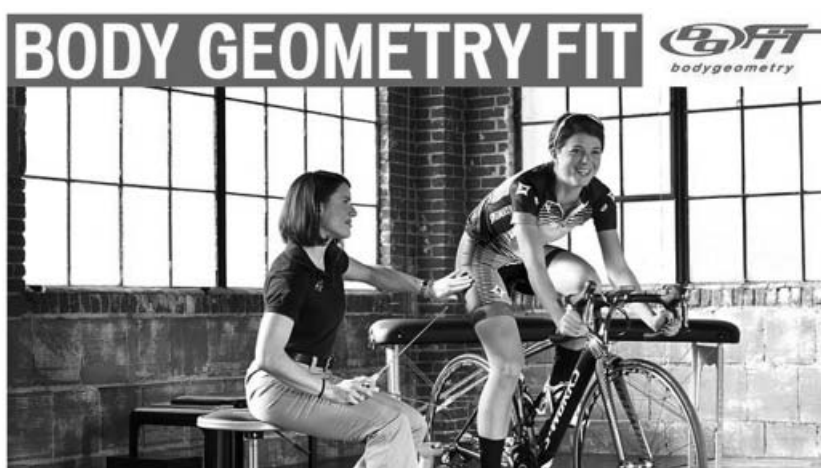
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Art in Unexpected Places

Over the last few months art work seems to be popping up on walls around our local area. The paintings all look to be the work of talented artist Eno and are to be found in all sorts of interesting spaces. Two of the paintings are on walls near busy traffic areas while one is hidden away in a disused concrete structure and is a wonderful surprise when you find it. There may even be more that I haven't spotted yet ...keep your eyes open.

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TOM Sports



COVER STORY *(Continued from page 2)*

was back when she was 13 and had just stopped playing inline hockey that she first discovered boxing was the sport for her. Thea was looking for something to do to keep her fitness up and heard about boxing through her cousins' husband Sam Rapira, another very successful Taranaki boxer. She decided to go along with her younger brother Cody to the Box Office Boxing Club at Bell Block to check it out. Cody wasn't serious about it but Thea discovered that she was. Before long it was noticed she had potential and encouraged by club members and Sam's brother, coach Jacob Rapira, she started training and competing.

Last year Thea went to Turkey as part of the New Zealand Junior Women's boxing team to compete at the Junior/Youth Female World Boxing Championship. Accompanied by her older brother Joseph, Thea went to the championship unbeaten in NZ but with no idea how she would perform on the world stage. That she came home with the silver medal was a phenomenal result.

Thea is the first Taranaki girl to represent New Zealand in boxing and currently is only one of three females who box in Taranaki. Because of this, travel is a huge part of her commitment to this sport, both for competing and training. Thea had spent the weekend before I interviewed her in Auckland. This, like many weekends, sees her travelling to other centres around New Zealand so she can spar against other female fighters. The hectic schedule was all part of her training programme leading up to her competing at the Nations Cup Boxing Championship in Serbia in January 2012. The lead up to Christmas saw Thea in full training mode. There were no plans for calorie laden Christmas food and she was training twice a day with gym work in

the morning and boxing training in the afternoon. She explained that the gym work involved using light weights and short fast sprints. Her training gym Rampage has also come on board with sponsorship which has been a great help in her preparation for Serbia.

Thea helped surfer Paige Hareb train in the lead up to her 'Fight for Life' bout against Hayley Holt and she said this was a lot of fun.

I commented to Thea that I had heard an interview with Paige after the fight and she had said she was pretty sore. Thea explained that the girls that she boxes against can be no more than four kg in weight heavier than her whereas Hayley was six kg heavier than Paige and this can make a big impact on the outcome. I asked Thea if she had sustained



New Zealand girls in their track jackets are, left to right, Thea Awhitu, Magan Maka, Te-Arohanui Hira, Daena Stevenson.

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many injuries while boxing and surprisingly she said that she hadn't. She also went on to explain that the women's boxing has 'less action', is less full on and is more tactical and more of a thinking game. When she was in Turkey last year she encountered some problems with her wrist but this was managed with Deep Heat and massage.

The highlight for her this year has been "the travelling!" Thea went on to say that she and her brother went through many countries to get to Turkey and she loved the experience.



Thea with her awesome collection of trophies.

With being away so much I wondered how Thea had managed her school work especially as in 2011 she had NCEA. She told me that both her school and her teachers had been really supportive and homework is posted on line so this makes it more accessible. This year the subjects she is taking are Chemistry, Biology, Health, Maths, Physical Education and English as her long term plan is to be a physiotherapist.

From chatting with Thea it's apparent that in order to be successful in boxing a large amount of self discipline and self motivation are required. Her lifestyle with everything from the food that she eats through to the training she does and the time she has left for other things like hanging out with friends is all accounted for.

I asked Thea what qualities good boxers have and she said, "it's all about attitude, heart and commitment." With her results to date and the attitude, heart and commitment she shows, Thea looks on the right course for her goal which is to compete and win gold at the World Junior/Youth boxing championship in 2013.

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This year's winners of the Bell Block club trophies (top-bottom, left-right): Jacob Rapira (coach), Sam Rapira (most dedicated, most outstanding), Tanya Robbertson (most improved), Thea Awhitu (most scientific, highest achiever), Te-Kapotai Tohu (most promising).

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TOM Garden of the Month

The roses out the front of this month's TOM garden made it easy to spot as I drove up to it. The garden was recommended to me by a friend of the owner because of all the beautiful roses that were growing there and it was certainly roses that greeted me as I neared the property.

Allie and her late husband Colin built their retirement home in Merrilands about 13 years ago and started the garden from scratch. Coming from properties that were much larger in size than this compact section was a deliberate move. The couple were thinking ahead and planned this new garden so that it would look great but would be easy to manage. Now that she is looking after the garden on her own, Allie has made even more changes so that it is still enjoyable as well as manageable.

The large number of roses in the garden are due Allie says, to Colin who developed an interest and love of roses and rose growing whilst the couple lived in Masterton. Allie went on to say that Colin was referred to as the 'Rose Man' by those in the neighbourhood as he was always out in the rose garden looking after the plants and chatting to people as they walked by. Allie says she keeps the rose garden in memory of her late husbands' love of the flower and also the enjoyment she gets from the beautiful plants. Although she admits she doesn't devote the hours that Colin used to in their upkeep, you would never know and the roses looked stunning on the day I visited.

The front of the property has a large circular garden planted in lush healthy roses, many in flower and all covered in buds. Allie plans to plant red begonias around the border of the roses and showed me a photo of how it will look when she's finished. There are a variety of different coloured roses growing here and on show the day I visited were white, red and various golden varieties. I asked Allie if many of the roses she grew are perfumed and to my delight she told me that all the roses on the property are perfumed. Although I don't grow roses, I love the look of them and especially their perfume, so I always feel a bit cheated when if I take a sniff there's no perfume. Some of the rose varieties Allie has growing include; Gold Medal, Loving Memory, Remember Me, Margaret Merrill, Pristine, Peace, and Lady Rose.

Also out the front of the property are two Yew trees as well as a large healthy red bougainvillea and a red climbing rose, both covering the front fence. There was a flowering cherry out the front too but its roots started to become a problem with the driveway pavers so it was removed. Allie tells me she has had to have a few trees removed either because of size or the amount of work they generated. A frangipani tree was in the latter category it dropped leaves all year and created a lot of mess. Keeping the garden and its plants manageable has been a priority for Allie and as she showed me around the garden on the north side of her home she pointed out some of the changes she had made so that it works for her. In this compact space she has a small stretch of lawn with garden running along the length of the fence. Some of the plants found here are espaliered camellias, vireyas, hosta, poppies, hellebores, rhododendron, impatiens, begonias and polyanthus. Some solid concrete garden furniture and a





birdbath bought from a previous home nestle into this sheltered and private part of the property making it a nice place to sit and enjoy the garden. Allie has also got a small stretch of vegetable garden at the rear of her home. Here she grows just a few things that she needs: currently silverbeet, rhubarb and parsley are all flourishing in their compact space.

Allie says whilst the roses require quite a bit of work they are a real feature of the property. The climate in Master-ton, Allie says, really suited rose growing with cold nights, hot days and a dry, not muggy heat. She sprays every fortnight for aphids and black spot and even dead heading the various plants is a big job and she showed me a large drum filled with spent rose petals.

Allie has a wonderful way of displaying the gorgeous blooms of her roses. Rather than picking a whole vase full she prefers to just put a single flower floating in a large glass bowl. They look beautiful displayed this way and Allie says she would rather enjoy them this way or just growing on the bush.

Allie is not a slave to her garden and one of her other interests is painting with water colours. A friend that also paints recommended Allie's rose garden to me. She was at the time struggling to capture the right colours in a painting of a lovely rose bloom Allie had given her.

Last year over winter when Allie was recuperating from knee surgery she wrote a children's book which she published and printed a small number of copies to give to her family. The book 'Adventuring' By Ganma was inspired by a lovely photograph of one of her great grandchildren. Allie started with a poem and the story grew from there with her illustrating the story with beautiful pencil drawings. The little book tells of a young child's adventure following a hare across a field. Allie also uses this talent for verse with her involvement in the Rotary programme of Reading in Schools. She reads to a group of children out at Puke-tapu School each week and enjoys making up limericks for each child. In Allie's kitchen is a photo given to her by the

children she reads to each week, and if the smiles on the children's faces in the photo are anything to go by then the reading programme is a big success.

It was a lovely summer treat visiting the garden of this talented painter and writer. When I arrived at the property roses were the first thing I noticed and as I drove away it was still roses at the fore as my car was now filled with the perfume of a perfect bloom that Allie had given me to take home.

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New Plymouth Boys' High School

New Plymouth Boys' High School is delighted to welcome back the boys and staff as we begin another new year. We have 290 Year 9 boys beginning at the school and we wish them every success as they take advantage of every opportunity. We were pleased with the academic results and will continue in our focus to have every boy engaged in his studies and achieving his best. This year we welcome 28 overseas students to the school – they add a wonderful extra dimension to life in the school and help with the boys' understanding of the value of diversity.

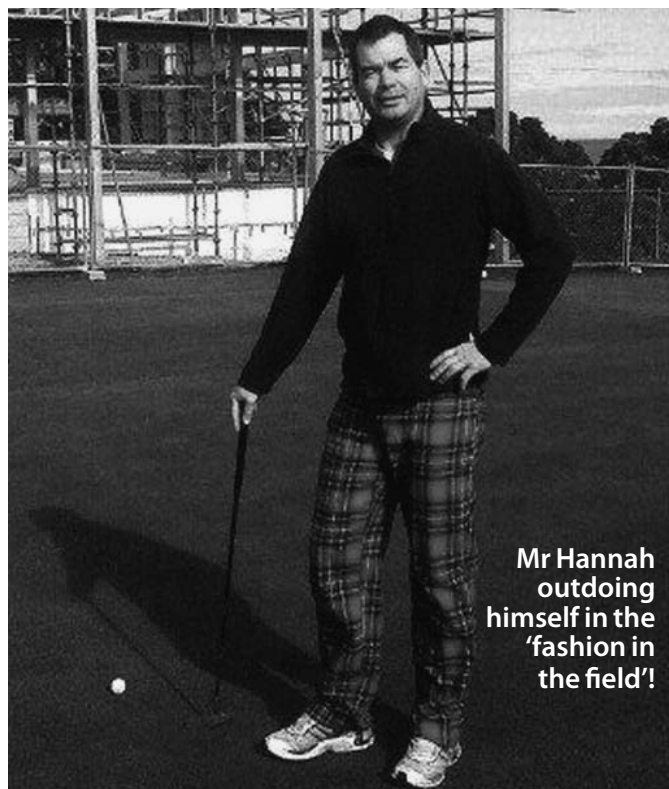
We have 21 RTLBs as staff members. RTLB (Resource Teachers for Learning and Behaviour) are responsible for working with students in Taranaki who are struggling with learning or appropriate behaviour. Although technically they are employed by NPBHS the RTLBs will be working in schools all around Taranaki and their manager Chris Greer is based at Boys' High. We wish them every success in their important work.

You might have seen two of our staff in Devon Street outside the TSB. Outstanding musicians Stewart Maunder and Don McLaurin played Christmas carols. The staff finished the year with a golf "tournament" with varying levels of success and ground removal – for some it was a pleasant walk ruined by golf.

We congratulate student Dylan Taylor who came first in the National Junior Paper Tiger Catamaran Competition. He will represent New Zealand in sailing this year.

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The Return of the Tiger

Ex Headmaster Tom Ryder shares more details on NPBHS iconic Tiger jacket...

In the December edition of "The TOM" there was the usual contribution about NPBHS student achievements and the article also addressed the history of the school's Tiger Coat, arguably the most striking item of school dress in New Zealand. It accurately described the origins of the coat, beginning with a conventional black-and-white striped cricket jacket in 1917 which the long-serving headmaster, Bill Moyes, had modified in 1930 to include a third stripe in gold which allowed it to be registered as a unique item. "The Tiger Coat", as it was immediately called, was awarded initially to prefects and members of the 1st Cricket XI and the 1st XV. Later other sports were added and everything was celebrated at the annual Sports' Dinner conducted in the school's dining room. And the tradition continued into the 1970's while the cost of woollen cloth soared. Manufacture ceased and supplies of the coats in local shops dried up. The jacket faced extinction, the celebratory dinner had lost its focus and was phased out. All of this is recorded in the school's Centennial History, "The First Hundred Years."

Some 25 coats, donated by old boys, and cared for by Mrs Shaw who ran the PTA's clothing shop, were lent out to boys representing the school in competition. But then the article loses its way. Old boys and staff share my disappointment at the information gap and I write, with elaboration, to set the record straight.

Not long after becoming headmaster in 1979, I was asked to restore two of the school's traditions that had lapsed some years earlier. The first was the Anzac Service which I immediately agreed to and the second was the Annual Sports' Dinner which I declined, on the grounds that it had too narrow a focus. We would resume a celebration only when the range of high achievers and those providing valuable school service, embraced the performing arts. The staff chaired by the Senior Master, Rendell Brine, produced the relevant criteria, considered the nominations and the first "Awards' Dinner" was celebrated in 1981. The event was formal with a guest speaker and musical entertainment: the boys dressed in grey longs, white shirts and school ties but there were no Tiger Coats!

In 1982 I took the problem to the school's PTA. Its chairman was Ron Goodare, formerly the manager of a local clothing manufacturing firm, and when I finished he quietly observed: "Tom, woollen cloth is far too expensive, but if we were to use a synthetic fabric, we could be in business. It would be much cheaper, would wear well, hang better and the colours would be crisper. I know a manufacturer, and my old company could produce a range of sizes." Costs were established and we were immediately stymied! A bulk order of terylene cloth required a good deal of discretionary money which a cash-strapped Board of Governors, faced with a major upgrade of the hostel, simply didn't have.

But the PTA increased its fund raising and dug deep, the board helped, and the sum was found! An order was placed with the "Levana Company" of Levin, and "Classic

Fashions" of New Plymouth duly produced a range of smart, fully lined jackets, for the first time with chrome buttons monogrammed with the school's crest, all at a reasonable cost and controlled by the PTA clothing shop. They were immediately popular and awardees began to attend the Awards' Dinner resplendent in the new Tiger Coats! And the tradition continues, with wearers turning heads wherever in New Zealand or the world they represent NPBHS. All thanks to a tenacious PTA! The Levin mill closed in the wake of government withdrawal of tariff protection for manufacturers and succeeding batches of cloth, since the 1990's, have been sourced in Indonesia. New jacket-makers have also been found, and the school continues to control the enterprise.

Tom Ryder, NPBHS headmaster, 1979-1995



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Striving For Goals Brings Success For Hayden

Sometimes we bump into people and are struck by how extraordinary they are. This month we profile a young man who has an extraordinarily good attitude towards everyone he meets and everything he does.

Hayden Whyte is 18 years old and has just gained NCEA level 3 with merit from New Plymouth Boys High School. This follows on from gaining NCEA levels 1 and 2 with merit.

Hayden attended Woodleigh Primary School and then Highlands Intermediate before going to NPBHS. At Highlands Hayden left having earned an Honours Badge – the top award given out at the school for excellence in sport, music, culture, service and academic achievement.

Local theatre has also benefited from Hayden's good attitude. He has had parts in the Operatic Society productions *Oliver* and *Brassed Off* though never for singing – Hayden admits he is tone deaf.

While at NPBHS Hayden rates the cross country team as one of his more memorable experiences especially attending Nationals in Christchurch when he was in Year 9. Last year he received a Tiger jacket for his accomplishments with the inline hockey team – winning the Secondary School Championship.

Hayden says he is no genius but rather a goal setter who is prepared to work hard to reach his goals, something he says his parents have taught him.

Outside of his education Hayden has kept himself busy with a raft of activities. Music is one passion and Hayden has been learning the piano for 10 years. Last year he received a trophy for Best Performer of the Year from his piano teacher Diane Dravitski. Hayden has sat and passed his grade 6 piano exams and also competed in piano competitions (came second) with a duet partner Emma Crowe. While at University this year, he is hoping to get a part time job playing in bars/cafes or hotels and is building up his portfolio of playing pieces. Diane, his piano teacher says Hayden is a very talented and hardworking student. Hayden is currently teaching himself the harmonica.

Another passion and perhaps his greatest passion is inline hockey and Hayden set himself the goal of gaining a place in the New Zealand U18 team this year and he has achieved this goal. It has taken dedication and hard work and some trying times over the 2011 season but with lots of rink time and lots of practice and a very competitive streak, it has paid off. Hayden began playing inline hockey while at Woodleigh School and he looks back affectionately on his time in the 'Woodleigh Whippers' team which was coached by Laurie Hill and rates this as the beginning of his passion for inline hockey. He

joined the local Raven's club as an U12 player. In 2011 he played for the U18 team and the senior team – going to Nationals in Hamilton to compete. Hayden also coached the U12/2 team and proved himself a popular and able coach as well as a player in the club.

This year Hayden plans on doing a Bachelor of Engineering at Canterbury University. He has been working at the Warehouse for the last three years to pay for his tertiary education and also doing building work to help with the practical component of his degree. Hayden says he is excited and nervous about his move to Christchurch but well ready for the challenge.



Hayden.

Long term goals include travelling overseas to work in the oil and gas industry and with his dual Dutch citizenship this looks possible in Holland or somewhere in Europe. He is hoping to find work in the oil industry in New Plymouth during his university holidays.

Good luck with achieving your goals and we wish you every success.

By Kim Ferens



Hayden receiving Best Performer of the Year trophy from piano teacher Diane Dravitski.

Time Changes Everything

There continues to be a great degree of uncertainty in the global financial markets, and uncertainty creates volatility as people try to second-guess the market swings. Even the experts will not get it right most of the time. Two key considerations for the average investor at times like this are risk tolerance and time in the market.

If you're feeling uneasy about your investments and they are keeping you awake at night, you need to talk to your financial adviser about the type of fund you are currently investing in and your tolerance for risk. Most investments will experience both ups and downs through market movements; it's your level of comfort with volatility that is important.

The old adage "it's time in the market that is important, not timing the market" is truer today than it has ever been. If you have sat down with your adviser and developed a financial plan that takes into account your financial situation, financial needs, financial goals and risk tolerance (and nothing has significantly changed in your life since you last reviewed that plan), then you should feel confident that your current investments will deliver the outcomes on which you both agreed. If, however, you feel exceedingly nervous, haven't reviewed your plan recently or have had significant life changes, then it would be a good idea to talk to your adviser and confirm that your current plan is the one that best suits your needs now.

Remember, time changes everything – even your investment needs.



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TOM Pets of the Month

Names: Meg and Duke

Ages: Meg is 8½ years and Duke 4½ years old.

Breed and Colour: Pedigree 'Pembroke' Welsh Corgis. Meg has a Sable coat and Duke is Red and White

Personalities: Meg may be the smallest of the pair but her owners tell me she is most definitely 'team leader.' Very sociable and people loving, Meg is intelligent and sweet natured but she is a creature of habit and lives by the clock. She lets her owners know when it's time for a walk or a meal and she always goes to bed when it gets dark.

Duke is 'Mr Cruisey' and is the mellowest and most loving Corgi the family have owned and he is number '8' in a line of much loved Corgis that have been part of this family. Duke is very cuddly and quite likes to sit and watch the computer screen. Both dogs love their walks down the beach or along the Te Henui walkway and when I visited both were happily sharing their home and owners with two more Corgis. 'Demi and Kieran' are the visiting dogs who are owned by relatives in Auckland.



Duke (left) and Meg.

Stand Up Taranaki

Stand Up Taranaki is an open air music and art festival featuring local performers including Danni Williams, Jacob Randall, Jeff Jones and Chris Welson with special guests, 'Dirt Box Charlie', Soul Savivaz and Blessed. The festival is run by the Te Aroha Noa Taranaki Trust and is held every year at East End Reserve. It has a youth focus and family atmosphere and is held to encourage youth to use their talents in areas such as music, dance and art and it gives them a chance to showcase these talents.

Get along on the 11th February - it is free to attend and the programme runs from 1.30 pm until 10.30 pm. The atmosphere is wonderful and the location sets it apart - it is near the skate park and beach. Food and refreshments will be available.

Highlights include lots of local home-grown music and art. The art display will be in the skating rink building so get along and have a fun family day out.

Meg and Duke and their Auckland 'relatives' have been 'introduced' to the Corgi loving HRH Queen Elizabeth. Whilst the dog's owners were in the UK they had the opportunity to go on a tour of the State apartments at Buckingham Palace. At the end of the tour Meg's owner decided to pass on a letter and some photographs of the dogs to a policeman on duty at the palace so that he would hopefully pass it onto the Queen. He was most helpful and the letter was duly sent onto Balmoral and when Meg and Duke's owners returned home a reply from the Queen's office awaited them thanking them for the photos and letter.

Dog lovers wherever and whoever they are always have that bond of loving their canine friends in common, even royalty.



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East End Indoor Bowling Club

Meets in the Community Hall Sackville St Fitzroy at 7.30 pm every Monday evening. New members are very welcome. Please phone Betty Death 757 9968.

Exercise to Music.

Fridays 9.30am-10.30am (for everyone 50+). Te Henui Church Hall, Henui St, Fitzroy. Contact Sonia for more details 06 759 8918 or Gloria 06 752 7442.

Fitzroy Outdoor Bowling Club.

Season opening on Sunday 18th September. – two club days per week – Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. New members welcome – both men and women. Join our friendly members who play on two greens with an upmarket clubroom and fine facilities. Contact the president Neville Goldsworthy 758 8846 or the secretary Sherrylle Watkins a/hrs 755 0125 or Club Pavilion 758 9062.

Fitzroy Scout Group.

For boys and girls from age 5. Keas meet on Tuesdays from 5pm - 6.15pm, Cubs meet on Mondays 6.00 - 7.30pm, Scouts meet on Mondays 6.30 - 8.00pm at Te Scout Den, Clemow Road Fitzroy (near Lake Rotomanu). Visit us to see what we do. The first term/part term is free! For further details contact the following: For Keas (years 1-3) phone Ashley on 06 7583918 / 021 292 2686. For Cubs (years 4-6) phone Cory 06 759 9312 / 027 291 7334. For Scouts (years 7-10) phone Vinnie 06 755 0328/027 486 6210. Or email: fitzroyscoutgroup@xtra.co.nz

Fitzroy Mahjong Group

At Beach Street hall lounge room, every Saturday 1-4pm. Everyone welcome, come along and enjoy Mahjong, cup of tea & biscuits. There will be a small prize for hand of the day. \$3 each. Note: There will be a break from 3rd December and restart 4th February 2012. For details phone 7581957 or 7575913.

Fitzroy Men's Probus Club

Meets in the Beach Street Hall, Fitzroy, at 10am on the second Tuesday of every month (except January). New members welcome. Please phone Ian Raine 06 757 5825.

Fitzroy Senior Citizens Association

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Fitzroy Womens Probus.

Beach St Hall, meet 10am 1st Wednesday of each month. New Members welcome. Phone Margaret Stening 757 8890.

Freemasons Worldwide

Are ordinary men in the community, 21 years and over, of all religions and backgrounds, who share a concern for human values, moral standards, and the rights of individuals. Meeting monthly in Fitzroy. Phone Roger Marshall, 06 759 1755.

New Plymouth Chess Club.

Every Tuesday 7.30 pm. Clubrooms: 11 Gilbert St (next to Model Trains). For further information contact Errol Tuffrey 758 2626.

New Plymouth Floral Art Club.

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month. Venue: Holy Trinity Church Hall, Henui St. We have two meetings, one during the day, the other at night to cater for working women. Further information from: Shirley 758 9090 or Beryl 751 0309.

New Plymouth Pakeke Lions

Meet on the last Monday of the month at the Fitzroy Golf Club, 11.30am. Contact President David May 758 4427.

New Plymouth Potters

Meet every Thursday between 10am - 4pm at the Te Henui Vicarage, 288 Courtenay Street. Monday evening classes for members, 7-9pm. Tuesday evening open classes 7-9pm. We welcome new members. Contact Gail Ph: 753 6207. The Te Henui Vicarage Gallery is also open on Saturday and Sunday 1-4pm.

New Plymouth Swords Club - Fencing.

At New Plymouth Boys' High Old Gymnasium, off Hobson St. Every Monday night of school term. Juniors 6-7pm. Seniors 7-9pm. For more info contact: John Calcott, Ph 753 9186, jcalcott@paradise.net.nz

Rotary

Meets every Wednesday night at 5.15pm at the Beach Street Hall. Enquiries to the Secretary, Ross Smith, phone 758 4194. Email: rossandanne@slingshot.co.nz

Santa Country Music Club

Meets every Friday night 7.30pm until 10.30pm at the Fitzroy Hall Sackville Street Fitzroy.

Entry is \$3.00 for Members and Non members is \$4.00. Supper provided.

Contact John Lancaster 021 265 9230 or George Whittaker 06 756 7670.

Sit and be Fit.

Tuesdays 9.30am-10.30am (this class exercises in chairs), Te Henui Church Hall, Henui St, Fitzroy. Contact Sonia for more details 06 759 8918 or Gloria 06 752 7442.

Taranaki Model Powerboat Club

Holds a Club Day on the 1st Sunday of every month (weather permitting) at Lake Cowley, just before the Go cart track in Waitara. Contact John Nicholls on 769 9166 or 021 299 4168.

Taranaki Radio Control Car Club.

Off-road racing: Club's dirt track by Lake Rotomanu, 2nd Sunday of every month. Contact Greg Mawson, ph 753 7471. On-road racing: contact Selwyn Duthie, ph 06 765 8108. Indoor racing: contact Tracy van Beers, ph 751 1093.

Tasman Club

Situated at 35 Octavius Place, New Plymouth. Tasman Clubrooms are available for hire. Further information phone 758 5186 clubrooms.

The New Plymouth Croquet Club has started their summer season and invite you to join them, 9am Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday with our Twilight games starting again 5pm 9th November and every Wednesday throughout daylight saving. Golf Croquet does not require muscle or stamina just cunning and good sportsmanship. Give Barbara a ring on 7582710 for more details.

TSB NP Contract Bridge Club

Plays Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs at 7.20pm and Friday afternoons from 12.45pm at 70 Hobson St. Ph the President 758 8985 or the Secretary 759 0258.

U3A New Plymouth.

For the regular notice of U3A New Plymouth meeting: please note the Secretary's phone number has changed. It is now 753 3574. It is worth noting that you do not have to have had a university education to join.

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