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EDITORIAL

Another month ticks by and blow me down it is March! At least the weather has decided to play by the rules – warm and windless. I have been having a great time at the Aquatic Centre swimming in the afternoons – it is so lovely there when the sun is shining.

An interesting debate is going on in the media, that of land ownership and whether overseas entities can own tracts, large or small, of our land. It is interesting that most people refer to the countryside as ‘our land’ with the associated responsibilities of taking care of it but it is more an airy fairy, lovey, dovey sentiment. There are many who claim ownership but let the land fall into rack and ruin. I could be wrong but the Crafar farm debacle appears to be centred around Sir Michael Fay and the persuasion and influence he can bring to a situation. Let’s face it, would the debate still be raging about Chinese ownership if he didn’t want the land for himself and his buddies? Take a look at how many other tracts of land are in foreign ownership and realise that these transactions went on without anyone knowing.

I do think it’s a good idea to find out if New Zealanders are comfortable with land being sold to foreigners but it has to be a level playing field with dialogue taking place between all New Zealanders not just those with an interest in buying or selling. After all our State Owned Assets are being partly sold off to help finance our continuing level of lifestyle.

Kim



COVER STORY

Merrilands School Gardens and Worm Farm Up and

Running! (Or is that Wriggling?)



With the building and establishment of a school garden for each class in 2011, Merrilands School has added a commercial worm farm to their expanding operation.

Associate Principal Bryn Rees excitedly described how through the generosity of local businesses, gardens were quickly established.

“Bob Joyce supplied, delivered and cut the timber to length, the children and I put the planters together, a group of keen children and parents put down weed mat and unloaded the soil, and before you know it, we had so much produce, that we not only got to sample our delicious vegetables, but we were able to sell produce and put money back into buying the next round of plants!” he exclaimed. “Furthermore, the O’Neills from Revital Fertilisers have come to the party and provided us with a commercial worm farm. The classes are composting food scraps and then feeding the worms with the broken down material. Once the farm is fully established we aim to bottle the worm deposits and sell our very own fertiliser!”

Year 6 pupil Andrew Carley (an avid gardener) chips in, “it’s really cool how the worms can have more than one heart!”

“I really like it how we can set up our own shop to sell our healthy vegetables,” Shanaye Rimene adds.

Ethan and Joshua Dixon thrive on the responsibility of watering the plants, and weeding, plus they’re excited about the spud growing competition to see which class has grown the most, or, the largest potato in their class tyre garden.

“With the addition of ‘worm wees,’ we’re hoping the plants will be even larger,” laughed Matthew Tuck.

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TOM Garden of the Month

It's no secret that these days more and more people are putting their hand to growing their own vegetables. With rising food prices, chemical spraying and genetic engineering all a part of life in 2012, it's not surprising that people want to take control of the source of the food they are eating.

This month's TOM garden is owned by retired couple John and Lis, and for the last two years they have been transforming the rear of their suburban property into a thriving vegetable garden.

Moving from Northern Ireland in the 1970s the couple's first home was a half acre property at Lepperton. Here they established a garden with large trees, shrubs and sweeping lawns. Lis says they had a vegetable garden at their Lepperton property but her inexperience in growing veges saw it end up being turned into a pond.

Moving to their current property Lis says was a real challenge as she had always gardened on a much bigger scale, so it was hard to know how to approach gardening in a much smaller space. The front of the property is a lovely space filled with trees, shrubs and flowers. The rear of the property up until two years ago was also planted this way but now is a thriving food producing vegetable garden.

Even though they have experience with gardens, Lis describes herself as a 'novice' and she went onto say, "I am a very 'green' vegetable gardener." However, with encouragement from friends who are keen vegetable growers combined with the soaring costs of fresh vegetables, Lis was provoked to try her hand at growing her own vegetables.

Gone are many of the large trees from the rear of the property along with most of the shrubs and flowers. In their place is a huge variety of vegetables. The garden is still a work in progress and Lis plans to straighten out curved raised beds to make them more useful as well remove more trees and shrubs to make way for more vegetable plots. Growing almost all her plants from seeds, Lis plants the seeds into egg trays and raises them in the garage until they are ready to be sown into the garden. When it's time to be planted in the garden she plants the seedling in its egg tray straight into the garden as this just slowly breaks down into the soil and the roots aren't disturbed.

As we wandered around the garden Lis pointed out how she likes to have plants coming along in different stages

so that there are always new ones coming through. The list of vegetables, fruits and herbs that Lis and John have growing is extensive and includes garlic, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, spinach, cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, sweet corn, two types of beans, potatoes, rhubarb, capsicum, tomatoes, courgettes, watermelon, leeks, cauliflower, strawberries, cucumber, sugar snap peas, parsley, rosemary and chives. There are also two tubs of yams growing. They are grown in pots because they are rampant when in the garden, being part of the oxalis family. Lis has espaliered an apple tree along a fence and she is nurturing two little feijoa seedlings to eventually plant out. There's also a lemon and mandarin tree, the latter covered in fruit even though it's a very young tree. All the produce she grows is used when it's fresh, or it is frozen, pickled or preserved.

Lis says she doesn't think her garden is anything special but was happy to share her experience of growing vegetables



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with the TOM readers because “It may encourage others to have a go at starting their own vegetable garden.” She went on to say how exciting it is to see the various vegetables coming through. Two books that have become gardening ‘Bibles’ for Lis are: the New Zealand Gardener Garden Diary and the NZ Gardener Special Collector’s Edition Home Grown Fresh Vegetables.’ As well as the books another source of useful information has been the NZ Gardener website getgrowing@nzgardner.co.nz, where every Friday there are discussions, giveaways and lots more. All the plants in Lis’s garden look really lush and healthy and Lis says she prefers to use no chemical sprays on her garden but instead uses an organic spray for pests and poultry manure for the soil.

Wandering around this lovely local garden and talking with Lis I couldn’t help but be inspired about what is achievable for the home gardener.

By Jackie Tomlinson


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New Addition to Speedway Museum

Recently Wayne Paul added another Speedway treasure to his wonderful Glen Avon home museum. With the recent purchase of a TQ car, he says he now has a complete set at the museum. As well as all the wonderful memorabilia there are two midget cars, two motor bikes and now two TQ racing cars. Wayne’s recent purchase has also ensured that another piece of New Zealand Speedway history remains on NZ shores as there were other prospective purchasers from overseas eyeing up the immaculate little car. The owner of the car was happy to see it stay in NZ especially as it was going into the museum and he plans to come to New Plymouth to check out Wayne’s collection.



Wayne says he bought the car as he has always wanted another TQ and he is especially fond of the JAP speedway motor which was originally built for Speedway bikes. It is run on methanol and is a total oil loss system. The car is from the pre roll cage era and came with its original helmet, also painted in the same colours as the car.

It’s amazing how narrow and small the seating area is in these vehicles and when viewed up close you see how vulnerable the drivers were as they raced around the track. With Wayne’s museum now bursting with Speedway vehicles and all the sets complete I asked Wayne if any more purchases were on the horizon and he laughed and said, “I never say never.”

If you would like to visit the Speedway museum, contact Wayne on Ph 758 0962

By Jackie Tomlinson

New Plymouth Surf Riders' Club

Well, we are back with our first report since prior to Christmas and like everyone we have been griping about the weather. Beside the unsettled atmosphere which has brought unseasonal winds and rain there has been a distinct lack of consistent surf to enjoy. Certainly there have been some very good days for those canny enough to discover the breaks that have been firing but overall it has been a disappointing surfing summer so far. The only saving grace has been the warm sea temperatures making immersion quite pleasant.



Max Bound shows that he's still got it.



On the competitive side our Micro-groms (surfers aged from 5 to 12 years) have enjoyed two competitions: one held at Fitzroy and another hosted by Waitara Bar Boardriders. Our youngest members really enjoy the experience and with a host of very supportive parents and management by Surfing Taranaki who provide the communication and certificates of participation, the groms are shaping up to enter the first National Micro-groms championships to be held as part of the TSB Festival of Surfing in April alongside the Women's top 18 surfers on their World Championship Tour. Two more Micro-grom events will be held prior to April, hosted by Oakura and Opunake.

The Groms and seniors have also tasted success at the Surf New Zealand Nationals and Pro Circuits with the outstanding results being that Thandi Tipene won the Women's Open and Sean Kettle won his inaugural Pro Series under 20 division.

In conjunction with Sports Taranaki and Surfing Taranaki we are again planning to host a second Disabled Surfers Day in conjunction with DOC's Seaweed. More details as they are finalised. 2011's event was greatly appreciated by those who are less able to surf than we fortunate ones and our

volunteer helpers also gain immense satisfaction from being able to share their lifestyle with others.

Due to clashes with the Surfing New Zealand circuit which take our top surfers away, we have postponed our Club Championships until April, although the Groms and Micro-groms may be held prior to that so they can enjoy the warmer weather.

However, preparations are well in hand for another 20th anniversary celebration. This time the 20th anniversary of the Easter Masters is kindly sponsored by Fisher and Paykel. Open to males 35 and over and females 30 and over, entries are already flowing in with some 70 year old surfers keen to show they still have it. The event is limited to 132 entries so be in quick. Entry forms are available on our web site www.npsurf.co.nz or by e-mailing mail@npsurf.co.nz.

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State Kiwi Swim Safe Programme (Taranaki)



In May last year Cecilie Elliott was appointed by Swimming New Zealand as the new Schools Swim Safe Advisor for the Taranaki region.

With the support of State Insurance, Swimming New Zealand is now able to enhance the level of support provided to primary schools in the

delivery of their learn to swim and water safety programmes.

It is called the “State Kiwi Swim Safe” Programme. This is a fantastic programme that is being delivered to schools throughout New Zealand, and already 76 Taranaki primary and intermediate schools have signed up to this exciting programme.

Cecilie’s role involves providing professional development and ongoing support to primary and intermediate schools with their aquatic programme. It provides free training (Cecilie runs a 3 hour Professional Development workshop with teachers as well as providing them with resources) and free resources to every child in their school. This is followed up by a day poolside where Cecilie supports teachers in delivering their swimming programme.

Already Cecilie has completed 63 workshops with schools in this region, with over 450 primary school teachers trained so far, and together they work to ensure school students have access to quality swim and survive education at school.

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MODULE 8 – AT THE BEACH

This module covers safety at the beach through Surf Life Saving New Zealand’s experiential programmes. Beach Ed is a theoretical and experiential based programme where students learn about surf and beach safety from experienced Surf Lifeguards.

Cecilie has received positive feedback from the Taranaki schools that are on board with this programme, and she is pleased to see how it has enabled teachers to grow in their swimming teaching and also to strengthen their schools swimming programmes.

Koru (the programme’s mascot – the blue kiwi) will be in Taranaki the last two weeks of term one and the first week of term two, presenting schools with their State Kiwi Swim Safe School Certificate. This is an opportunity to congratulate the schools delivering the programme and also congratulate the students on their swimming in a fun way.

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East End Reserve Car Park Area Trashed

The East End reserve car park would have to be one of the most popular spots for people to come and park their cars. Whether it's to picnic, go for a walk, head down the beach, take the kids to the playground or just sit in the car and enjoy the view while eating lunch or dinner it's a beautiful, shady and special scenic spot in our local area. It also unfortunately seems to be a popular place for people who think the rubbish bin is on the ground outside the window of their car and the grass strip at the bottom of the terraces on the south side of the car park a perfect place to chew up with their car tyres.



The day I took the photos in the car park the muddy strip that was once a stretch of lawn was littered with garbage from fast food outlets. A long time resident surveying the damage inflicted on the reserve commented that this sort of mayhem was all but eliminated when the reserve was locked each night and she said perhaps it's time for the council to have a rethink about locking the gates after dark both to save rate payers money and preserve this lovely area.

By Jackie Tomlinson

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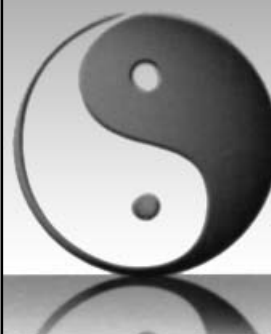
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The building was built for a dentist Mr Parker as a private dwelling for himself, his wife and daughter. The house boasted 13 bedrooms. The grand building which featured towering carved mantelpieces and an 18 foot stud was used as a reception venue for weddings before becoming a guest house around the 1940's. It was known as the Te Ara Guest House and had the reputation of being the "ghost house". One room was said to be haunted by a nun and local children were said to be frightened of the house, hurrying past in fear. Other rumours circulated of underground tunnels leading to the coast but no such tunnels have ever been found.

In the 1960's a Mr Jefferies bought the property and subdivided it into flats.

The site is perhaps unforgettably known for the Michael Smither's mural painted on the front fence in the mid 1970's of dolphins. RSA volunteers shortened, levelled and painted the wall in 1997 in preparation for graphic artist Derek Bracegirdle's military and RSA club scenes mural. This was not without outrage from locals and eventually the dolphin mural was relocated to the STOS building on Devon St West. The wall has drawn plenty of attention with high speed car crashes finishing abruptly in it, female war veterans complaining the military mural didn't feature any women, the Crowe brothers wanting to advertise their pornography business on it – all debated vigorously in the local paper.

During the boom years of the mid 1980's the building was known as the Te Ara Lodge Restaurant and Reception Lounge and still had original features such as Kauri furniture and fittings. The rumours of ghosts still circulated at this time with the ghost thought to be Mrs Parker the former owner. She was reputed to walk about the house and even go as far as the railway lines.

Over the years the building fell into decay until the promise of restoration surfaced in 2008 when the Crowe brothers Steve and David bought the building and land from the RSA who had relocated to the Devon St East site in January 1991.

Extensive media coverage was given to the eventual fall out between the Crowe brothers and the RSA committee in 2010.

ITL began business in 1988 in Bell Block with three people in the business providing engineering services mainly in the oil and gas industry. Over the years ITL has grown from a small business to today employing over 90 people. The oil and gas industry is still the main focus of ITL's business but they also have marine and industrial divisions. Deborah Gilkison, business development, says their business is a professional engineering services company providing engineering design and builds solutions for the oil and gas industry. The highly skilled team of project managers,



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The company is committed to the community and the Taranaki province. Recently ITL offered specialist computer software called autoCAD to all secondary schools in the region. This means students can come out of secondary education with a working knowledge of cutting edge software – it is part of being committed to the community and investing in the future of the business by fostering local talent.

ITL has five directors: Kim and Graham Gilkison, Andrew Smith, Ryan McDonald and Alan Hooker. General Manager of ITL is Colin Fromont. Deborah explains that part of the businesses success is the family culture that exists in the business and the flat structure. Employees are free to pursue their own passions (surfing, snowboarding, fishing, cycling etc) at times that suit rather than only outside of the traditional working week – so long as client's needs are taken care of first. This fosters productivity, innovation and a strong loyalty to the business.

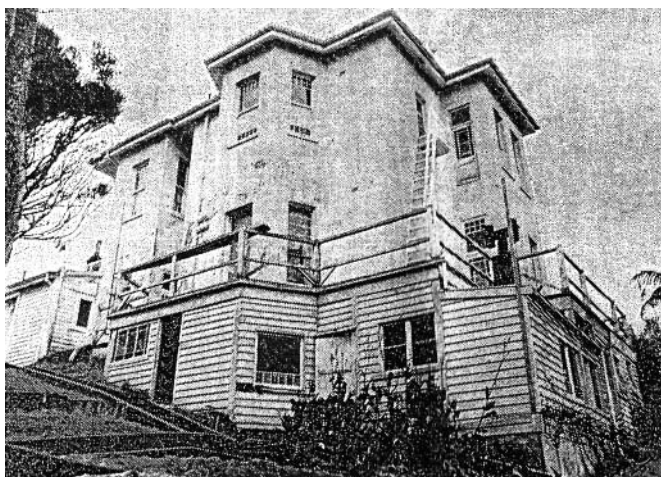
Visitors to Pukekura Park's Festival of the Lights would have seen ITL's commitment to the art scene with a piece of art engineering by James McKillop. The light changing couch proved to be a popular place to take photos over the summer. ITL have also been involved in the Kinetika Art and Engineering Festival with James winning the top award in the festival.

May a long and happy relationship continue with ITL and the Fitzroy community.

By Kim Ferens



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Congratulations to our sailing team who won every class in the Taranaki Championships. Winners were Will Lightbody, Joe Batchelor, Campbell Graham and Dylan Taylor.

If your surname is Kettle then you are VERY good at surfing. Congratulations to Sean Kettle (National U20 Champion) and Isaac Kettle (National U14 Champion)

Our surf-lifesavers excelled in Taranaki Champs.

Winner of the Flannagan Cup was Olly McCullough who swam 3.6km in the ocean in 43:15:55.

Dylan Taylor - Sailing. (National Junior Champion Paper Tiger Class).

Julian Weir swam in the Victoria Age Group Championships - an invitation meet for swimmers in New Zealand and Australia. Julian broke the all-comers record in 100m backstroke. In all he gained two gold, one silver and two bronze medals competing against Australasia's best. In the school swimming sports Julian broke six school records.

Mitchell Owen and Adam Beavis are members of the Taranaki U19 Surf Life-Saving Team.

Thomas Burrell trained with the NZ table tennis coach.

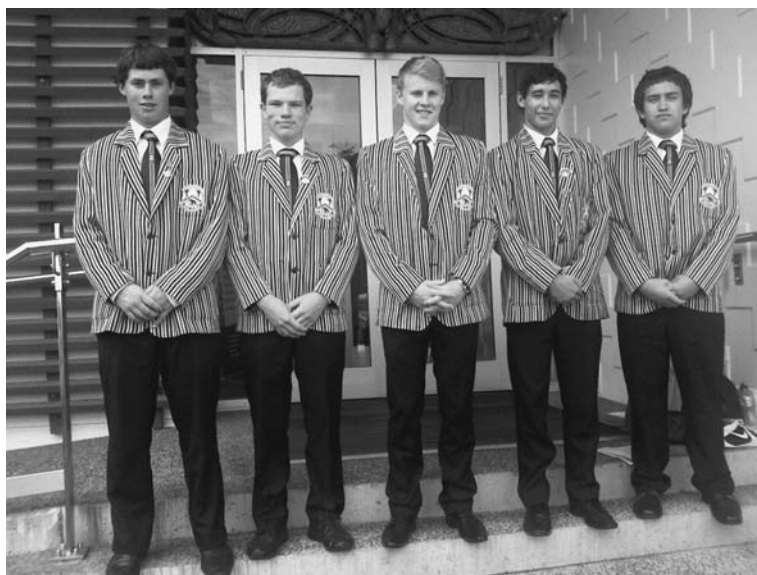
Each year we purchase some art work from the boys and display it at school. The art work of Jacob Kelly and Thomas Lawley was chosen.

The yo-yo is back in fashion - you should see Aaron Gao who excels.

Headmaster, Michael McMenamin



Aaron Gao having some fun with the yo-yo.



School leaders Henry Boon, Jahi Wicksteed, Mitchell Holyoake, Derek Albertsen, Thomas Clark-Puia.

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Mangorei School 'Student Leadership'

With a new year comes new challenges, and Mangorei School's recently selected Ambassadors and their deputies are equal to any task. The family atmosphere at the school is supported with many opportunities for the senior students to lead, encourage and grow the positive values the school stands for. Here are the Ambassadors and Deputy Ambassadors for the first two terms.

I am Jack Boon. I have been at Mangorei School for six years and am proud to be our schools' Ambassador. After school I enjoy swimming, playing basketball and rugby. In winter, I ski. I also like to make movies and socialise with my friends in the weekend. Throughout my time at Mangorei School I have always wanted to be chosen for this job and I am sure my leadership skills will greatly benefit from it.

I am Kristen Longstaff and I am twelve years old. I have lived in New Plymouth all my life. The only school I have attended is Mangorei School and I am in Year 8, my final year here. Being elected to be an Ambassador for Mangorei School has been a huge achievement and this position has set my hopes higher of making it on to our schools' Honours Board. I hope to be the best Ambassador I can.

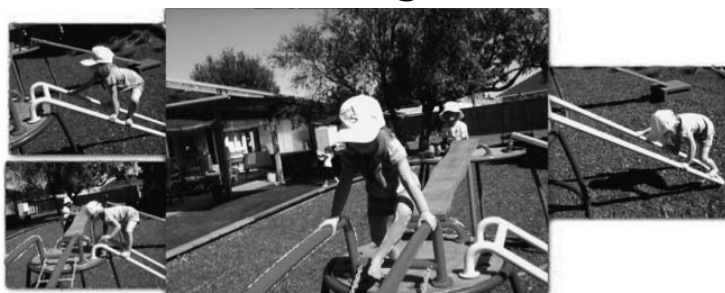
I am Christopher Headey, I am twelve years old and my family and I emigrated to New Zealand from Kent in England in 2006 when I was just six years old. I am interested in music, particularly guitar. I enjoy reading, writing stories and speech making. I aspire to become an author one day and I would like to play in a band too. I am proud to have been chosen Deputy Ambassador which carries responsibility. I will fulfil my role to the best of my ability.

I am Lauren Barnfather. I am Deputy Ambassador for Mangorei School. I am eleven years old and have attended Mangorei for eight years. I enjoy netball, cooking, reading books and playing with my friends and pets. I know this role will help me to become a great leader one day such as the Head Girl at High School or maybe even the Prime Minister!



Ambassadors Jack, Kristen, Christopher and Lauren.

Merrilands Kindergarten News



Haere mai everyone! We are back and hope 2012 bring good tidings to you all.

We welcome all the new families joining our kindergarten. We invite parents who are looking for the best place for their children to grow in confidence and competence, to pay us a visit, as we are taking new enrolments.

Our new equipment for the second phase of our playground development has arrived. We are impressed with the children from both sessions learning to manage the new equipment. Lots of new challenges for climbing, hanging, swinging, balancing, with gross motor skills, upper body strength, spatial awareness, development of vestibular system, persistence, risk taking and self-assessment being among the many desired outcomes for children from these active play activities.

This term we are going to celebrate cultural diversity represented in our kindergarten community through our kindergarten multicultural day. Families are welcome to showcase what they hold dear in their culture and share it with the kindergarten community (food, clothing, music, etc).

We are going to continue promoting walking, biking and scooting to kindergarten through the support of the 'Let's GO' project.

Watch the space for more details about what is happening at our lovely kindergarten.

The Teachers.

Merrilands Kindy

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will be held from 10.30am till 12.30pm at Merrilands School tennis courts on Sunday 25 March 2012.

(Postponement date is 1 April 2012 if raining)



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TOM Pets of the Month

Breed: Domestic cats.

Colour: Grey and white and black and white

Names: All the cats have been given 'temporary' names by their foster owners. Mother cat is being called Minina (Spanish for little female cat) and her kittens have been named Maximus, Minimus, Blackie White Chin, Remainder and Grey White Chin.

Age: Mother approximately one year and the kittens around seven weeks at the beginning of February.

The mother and her babies are being fostered by a couple for the SPCA. Once the kittens reach 800gm they can be desexed and their young mum was already booked in for surgery to be spayed. The day I visited, the kittens were a picture of health all busy playing and racing around in an area of the house set up especially for their lively antics. Their foster parents had been busy socialising both mother and kittens and the result is the once wary little Minina is now friendly and confident. When you receive this month's TOM hopefully they will all have found homes but it would be worth a call to the SPCA if you want a gorgeous permanent new addition to your family.

The SPCA foster programme is always looking for new foster families for the animals at the refuge. If you think you could help give them a call on 7582053. They supply all the animals' bedding and food as well as taking care of any veterinary needs while the animal is in your care. The couple fostering this month's TOM pets say it's a wonderful way to enjoy animals in their home without having a permanent pet.

By Jackie Tomlinson



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FITZROY CLUBS & GROUPS

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

Meets at Beach St Hall on Monday and Thursday at 1pm for euchre.

Meets at Beach St Hall on Thursday 1pm for indoor bowls.

\$2 entrance fee, includes raffles and afternoon tea.

New members welcome so please come and join our friendly group. For more information ring Rob 753 7132 or Rita 753 3425.

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 Rosa 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. Non members, \$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.

St. Bosco Indoor Bowling Club.

Meets in the Community Hall, Sackville Street Fitzroy at 7.30 pm every Tuesday evening. New members welcome. For further information please contact Con Coulton 758 0351.

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.

Taranaki Seniors Tennis.

Meet every Sunday morning at Rotokare Tennis Complex, Walsh Road - off Omata Road, 9 am till 12 noon. Everybody over 35 years of age most welcome. We have social and competitive levels and a good off court social programme for all to enjoy. Come and give it a go. Good exercise and friendship. Please phone Beth at 769 5566.

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.

Victoria League Bridge Club.

Very social bridge, every Tuesday from 1pm to 4pm. Phone 757 5913 for more details.

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