

The Reservation

A PERFECT GETAWAY



Right here in Oakura is the perfect getaway destination. Whether you want a family weekend escape, a corporate "pow-wow", an interesting location for a school camp, a birthday party with a difference or a retreat from the kids, The Reservation offers it all. It is a tepee experience located on Steve and Brenda Looney's farm on Koru Road. Bordering the idyllic camp site is the Oakura River and Te Koru Pa. Beyond is the foothills of the Kaitakes, Pouakais and Mount Taranaki. The other direction offers a view of the Tasman Sea.

The tepee inspiration came from Steve's involvement with *The Last Samurai* movie and seeing the tepees on the set. Having the perfect site for tepees – a sheltered river bank with a huge chunk of our village (and Taranaki's) history right over the river in Te Koru Pa, all seemed to work for The Reservation idea. Steve has a passion for the area's history and the natural environment, and is proud to be able to offer a package ex-

perience that allows locals and tourists to enjoy the assets he grew up with.

The Reservation setting is culturally significant with neighbouring Te Koru Pa. This is one of the biggest and most intact Pa sites existing today and was once a busy Maori stronghold till the Waikato and Te Atiawa tribes attacked. The Pa has been vacant for nearly 200 years. To access the Pa, the Oakura River can be crossed through the bubbling knee-deep pools. Beyond the Pa are Department of Conservation walking tracks and, for the very adventurous, a climb up the Kaitake Ranges. More sedate walking tracks are available on Steve and Brenda's lifestyle block. Camping in a tepee is also a cultural experience – of the Indian kind – and one unlike anything else you are likely to find around Taranaki and possibly New Zealand.

The two permanent heavy-duty Sioux tepees have hand-painted artwork on

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Not only Shiatsu, but also . . .



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From milk and Kellogs to triathlons, Nick has it all covered.



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He may be on his knees, but his eyes are firmly fixed on the future.

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from **MAYOR PETE**

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Hi folks!

The recent dry weather has put some strain on the district's water supplies, with a partial water ban having to be imposed for a fortnight throughout the district in February. However, there was one obvious exception to the ban: Oakura.

When everyone else was having to restrict their water usage to allow the district's reservoirs to retain enough water in case of an emergency (such as a fire), Oakura's aquifer allowed the town to continue pretty much business as usual. February proved that the \$1.25 million dollars invested by the Council to develop the water bore was money well spent. The aquifer has provided Oakura with greater security of supply – and will also provide for emergency use in case of a major disaster (such as the mountain erupting) that damages the district's reticulated water supply.

As always though, a good water supply shouldn't mean indiscriminate use of what is, after all, a finite resource. Oakura people responded well during the dry spell by still being careful with their water use and not wasting it, and I'm sure that those good habits will continue over the coming months.

Meanwhile we're heading into a huge March with major events bringing the district firmly into the national spotlight. First up is the magnificent WOMAD (World of Music, Arts and Dance), followed by concerts from guitar maestro Mark Knopfler and the supergroup REM. This follows on from a magnificent weekend of sport in Taranaki, which saw a preseason NRL game by the Vodafone Warriors, two major one-day cricket matches at Pukekura Park, the Urenui Rodeo and the Coastal View Relay.

Big events such as this put the district firmly in the spotlight nationally – and they prove time and time again that it is events that attract visitors and help to build a district's profile. As a district's reputation gets stronger, people are more likely to move to the area and businesses are more likely to start up or expand.

If you have any plans for an event that you'd like to get off the ground, feel free to give me a call on 759 6060. I'd love to see what the Council could do to help!

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Kaitake Community Board

I'm delighted to report we had a very active and well-represented meeting in the Oakura Hall on 1 February. A number of folk discussed their concerns from road speed to mobility scooter access and beach front problems.

The system we work in moves slowly but it is moving. Heather Dodunski, our Councillor, speaks authoritatively on our behalf at the Council meetings.

A special meeting of the Board was held to make a submission to Transit on behalf of the Community to very loudly reject their ridiculous idea of removing the 70 km speed restriction and taking it back up to 100 km. "Yeah right", as they say, that really makes sense. The Board and members of the community are adamant the 70 km zone should be extended not abolished. Many are of the opinion that Transit should extend the 50 km zone down to the bridge on the east side of the village and out to Wairau Road on the west side. The Board is also discussing whether the 70 km restriction that stops a short way up Wairau Road should be extended to the end of Surrey Hill Road. This is an District Council issue as Transit only control the high-ways. What do you think?

Transit have been invited to the next Board meeting to be held in Okato at 7 pm on 15 March. (We cannot advise at this stage if they have accepted.) Come along.

Coastal Strategy consultation takes off with a discussion forum at the Council Chambers on 16 March from 6 pm to 8 pm. The purpose of the forum is to:

- bring together major stakeholders and representatives in a discussion/debate -type environment;
- develop a common vision and direction for the Coastal Strategy;
- raise the profile of the Coastal Strategy project and areas of key issues and opportunities.

IF THE FUTURE OF OUR COAST IS IMPORTANT TO YOU, THEN BE THERE – DON'T SIT ON THE SIDELINE AND WATCH. SEE IF "THEIR VISION MATCHES YOURS".

Best wishes

Fay Looney

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MP for New Plymouth



Greetings to all readers of TOM

As I write this the great news about Taranaki's healthy economic outlook has been released. We can all be proud to live in a region that has for many years been treated as a "poor cousin" by other centres in New Zealand. Now there is proof of just how well and how buoyant our economy is.

How many people do you know who have never ventured south, north or west to visit Taranaki and when they finally get here, are almost overwhelmed by the beauty and friendliness of the place. Almost every visitor fervently burrows into real estate publications and promises to return very soon.

While some of us feel apprehensive about folk pouring into our area, we must remember that the more dollars spent here in the region only guarantees us a better outlook.

For those of us who are tradespeople it is essential that we consider taking on apprentices to pass on our work skills and ethics to ensure not only that our trades are continuing, but that we encourage younger workers to make the most of the buoyant economy.

I hope you all enjoy the activities that are planned for the region in March – Margaret and I are especially looking forward to WOMAD, another international event that will bring many to the region.

Best wishes

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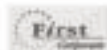
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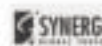
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Public workshops announced for Coastal Strategy

Calling everyone who lives near or enjoys our coastal areas!

Your opinions are needed about the local beaches and surrounding environment, and how development should be managed in the district's coastal areas. The New Plymouth District Council would like your input during a series of public workshops that are being held as part of the preparation of a Coastal Strategy for the entire district.

"The strategy will develop a long-term vision for the coast that covers issues regarding protection, use and development for the next 20 years," says New Plymouth District Council manager regulatory policy, Juliet Hickford. "It will essentially be a guidebook for managing the coastal environment.

"We want to make sure that the strategy reflects what the public wants to see in 20 years' time, so these workshops are being held to find out about the public's opinions and what's important to them when it comes to the district's coastal environment.

"We'd love to see as many people as possible at these workshops so that we get feedback from a wide cross-section of the community," she says.

The workshop for people in the Oakura and Okato areas will be held on Thursday 17 March at the Kaitake Rugby Club Rooms, Corbett Park, Oakura.

Further public consultation – such as surveys and focus groups – will take place during the next 12 months as the Council prepares its draft Coastal Strategy.

For more information about the Coastal Strategy or the public consultation process, or if you want to be included on the mailing list for updates, check out the Council's webpage at www.newplymouthnz.com/coastalstrategy

DOG CONTROL

We would like to remind dog owners and the public of the rules that apply to the Oakura River area in Corbett Park. This area is a public place where dogs are allowed, however they must be kept on a lead at all times and the dogs' actions are the responsibility of their owners.

Following concerns expressed by the public regarding dogs urinating on towels and running loose in the river reserve, animal control officers will be increasing their patrols in the area. Any person who does not have their dog on a lead at all times while in the park, and does not control their dogs' behaviour, will be liable for a \$300 infringement notice.

Jim Aitken

Senior Animal Control Officer
New Plymouth District Council

Oakura sewerage

After receiving three quotations for the route designation for this project, Beca Carter Hollings & Ferner Ltd have been appointed. The strategy has been planned and consultation due to commence at the end of February will include the community, Tangata Whenua, landowners and roading authorities. The process is expected to take five months. While this is going on, the design process for the trunk sewer and reticulation will also continue.

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Just a reminder about our Plunket coffee mornings, which are held every Friday from 9 am until 10.30 am. We have a great group of parents who regularly attend and enjoy the support and fun that meeting with other parents brings. The children have a ball playing with the toys, puzzles, huge tent and tunnel as well as enjoying a healthy morning tea snack – all for no cost whatsoever.

So come along and enjoy a relaxing cuppa and friendly chat at the St James Church Hall on the corner of Donnelly Street and Surf Highway 45. We would love to see you there.

These photos show some children having a great play at the Plunket coffee mornings.

Catherine Keenan
Oakura Plunket Committee



Robbie White and Theo Keenan playing with their favourite toys.



Ben Wilson "doing business" on the phone in the tent.



Fletcher Ferguson getting dressed up for some fun.

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PROBUS celebrates its 10th anniversary

The Oakura branch of Probus celebrated ten years of inauguration recently. A special luncheon was held in the Legends Lounge at Yarrows Stadium. Over 100 members turned out to toast the success of the Club. The personable President, Bill Marshall, paid tribute to past presidents and especially to Stuart Hayton, now 94 years old, who founded the Oakura Probus in 1994 (Stuart was unable to attend). Bill, one of the founding members, was presented with the first life member badge and presidential chain. A cake decorated by Kay Horo also marked the event. Entertainment at the lunch was provided by member Kathy Dobson, who played the keyboard. Other members kept the crowd entertained with jokes and witticisms.

Probus is essentially a social club for retirees. In fact, the criteria to join the Oakura Probus is to be retired, over 60 years old and affiliated with Surf Highway 45 (or a coaster!). The Oakura Probus was the first Probus group to combine men and women in one club. Stuart Hayton along with other villagers felt there was a need for a club where males and females could get together and so, through the Rotary Club, they began the Oakura Probus. The group began with 74 members and today has 120 members with a waiting list. Monthly meetings are held at the Oakura Hall, usually with a guest speaker. "Cameos" or brief talks given by members on their history are also popular. A mid-winter lunch is arranged to help dispel the winter blues. This year a four-day bus trip to the Wairarapa has proved popular, with 42 "probusees" enjoying the experience. Another activity Probus has been involved in is the reading programme at Oakura School. The main focus of the club is about providing companionship and camaraderie, and by the number of members it boasts, it certainly appears to be accomplishing its mission.

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The Adventures of KOREAN KELLY

I gazed at the view from my balcony: a small golden sand beach enclosed in a calm coral encrusted bay, the odd fish breaking the water to feast on the insects that blindly followed the sun's reflection. My hammock swung as I moved out of its comforting grasp and planted my feet on the ground, careful to dodge the vivid collection of tropical fruits at my feet. Mangosteens, dragonfruit, papaya, tamarind, jackfruit – the names sound like a science fiction jungle, but the taste was something else. Who would have thought a bright pink dragonfruit would have glistening white flesh mottled with ebony black seeds and a subtle tropical flavour? Delicious.

I walked from the beachfront bungalow to the nearest of the coconut palms standing vigilant around my abode. I picked up the large brown hairy nut and bashed it on the sharp rock edging that surrounded the small garden of succulents at the base of my step. With effort, the tough fibrous coating peeled away to reveal the coconut, its three eyes peering at me as I plunged into one with a pocket knife. The sweet milk cooled my throat, dry from the endeavour of opening the seed. As the morning sun emerged from behind the mountainous peak in the middle of the island, so too did the other inhabitants of the nearby bungalows. I gave a wave, grabbed my snorkelling gear and walked the dozen or so paces to the ocean's edge, its water already warm and the tropical fish swarming in the hope of a feed.

Under the surface the parrotfish, goatfish, triggerfish and bream schooled together, searching the coral debris and coral beds for food. The scraping of the algae feeders was easily heard as they went about their daily business, their bodies a vivid

collection of colours against the sea garden. I thought I was in paradise. A longtail water taxi skimmed by, a happy local waving and showing me his collection of gleaming white teeth. Correction. I know I was in paradise.

My constitutional dip over, I headed to the small outdoor restaurant and ordered a pad thai. Freshly caught juicy prawns, noodles, egg, tofu and spring onions, together with peanuts, lime and coriander. My taste buds were as delighted as my stomach. The day rolled by, the sun eventually slipping below the horizon in an impressive display of redness, somewhat akin to the view from a certain residence in Pitcairn Street on warm summer nights.

It was the night creatures' time. A small scorpion in my neighbour's bathroom, its tiny pincers indicating the toxicity of its poison, causing a moment's alarm. A long centipede in my room, warning predators with vibrant orange. It was not to be my midnight snack. Barking geckos lined the thatch roof, feasting on moths that swarmed around the single light. The clicks of bats bouncing sonar off other flying denizens and enjoying a similar meal.

What better way to spend the Chinese Lunar New Year? A pleasant respite from the icy cold of the Korean winter. Koh Tao is amazing. The Gulf of Thailand is beautiful. I wonder if they hire English teachers in South East Asia...?

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"Shiatsu treatment is basically acupuncture without needles," says Joanna. "It's a gentle form of treatment, performed with the patient fully clothed, and works using the therapeutic model of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). By stimulating pressure points on the body with palms, thumbs and fingers, Shiatsu can allow the body to completely relax, releasing accumulated tension which could otherwise develop into chronic conditions." Many patients describe a general feeling of well-being and balance, with the treatment relieving acute and chronic conditions such as joint/back/neck pain, headaches and migraines, sciatica, sports injuries and RSI/OOS, digestive problems and other conditions. It offers a drug-free and gentle



way to ease pregnancy and post-natal problems, and relieve stress and chronic fatigue syndrome. Joanna is a member of the New Zealand Charter of Health Professionals and will refer patients to other health practitioners if she feels this is to the patient's benefit.

Joanna's interest in the 5,000-year-old Shiatsu technique was sparked by having some of the treatment herself. After an introductory weekend workshop she went on to study for three years in Auckland, gaining a Diploma in Shiatsu and also a general appreciation of the Oriental approach to life. This appreciation has extended

itself to her also training in Tai Chi and kickboxing, and studying Kung fu for four and a half years. Joanna is also a qualified teacher in this traditional Chinese martial art, and offers classes in this at her home studio, along with a kickboxing and self-defence fitness class.

For further information or to book an appointment for Shiatsu treatment, please phone Joanna on 752 1016 or 025 273 8808.

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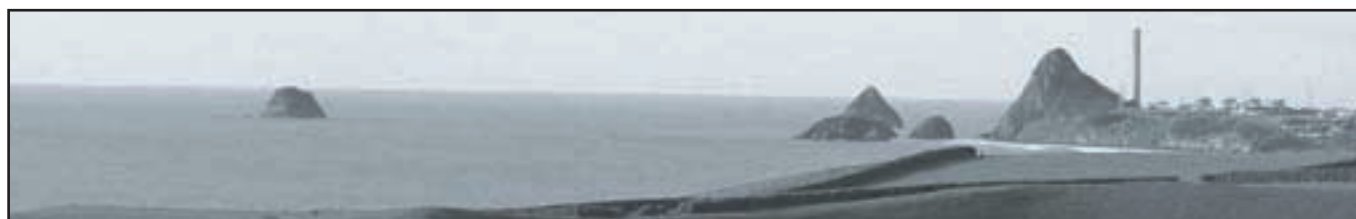
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thrills are nowhere to be seen sounds like a must for you, your family, your visitors, your school or your business, then The Reservation is the perfect place to lay your sleeping bag.

An open day will be held at the Reservation on Taranaki anniversary day Monday 14th March from 10am to 3pm, so bring your lunch and swimming gear and come on down.

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Cats abound in Oakura's commercial district

We've all heard awful stories of abandoned cats – and Oakura's main street seems to be a bit of a magnet for them – but this isn't a tale of woe. Instead over the next couple of issues, we'll be telling you about how a few of those cats have wangled their way into the hearts of Oakura's commercial community and found homes of sorts among our local businesses.

Kate...

Kate arrived and set herself up behind Heydon Priest's with her two kittens about seven years ago. Karen from the Garage recalls that Kate was barely more than a kitten herself at the time. Karen used to sneak out to feed her secretly as Ash Heydon wasn't keen to encourage the cats to stay. However, with her friendly disposition and winning ways, it wasn't long before Kate was firmly ensconced in the affections of the team at the Garage and in particular those of Ash himself!

Kate was and still is a regular visitor at the Medical Centre. Jacky Cooper from the Centre was very involved in the SPCA at the time Kate first appeared and it was she who arranged for Kate and her kittens to be desexed and vet checked. Kate's kittens were soon settled with new owners, but though many people would have had her, Kate wasn't to be ousted from the Garage and it's been her home ever since.

Her friends at Heydon Priest's thought they may have lost her last year when she seemed to have come in contact with something toxic – she lost much of her fur and damaged her liver. Fortunately she recovered, thanks in no small part to a post-veterinary recuperative stay in a cattery (or "health spa for cats"). Ash grumbles half-heartedly about the cost, but he can't help but look sheepishly fond when he talks of Kate.

Kate waits faithfully at the door of the station for the morning shift to arrive at 6 am. Most locals have probably seen her lounging on the counter and if you've ever wondered why your newspaper may have been a bit furry, you know now – you've been given the personal touch by the grey and white tabby.

Leroy...

Leroy and his brother made the bins behind the Crafty Fox and the garage their homes when they were just small kittens of about six weeks old. They were unbelievably used to machinery and were quite happy to doze on top of some humming, thumping piece of equipment.

While quite comfortable around machines, both kittens were very wild and wary of humans. John from the Crafty Fox and Karen from the garage left food out for them and eventually tamed them to the point where they could pat their heads briefly without them running away. But when it came to catching them to be desexed in preparation for finding a home for them, John and Karen both still got a bit cut up and scratched despite the heavy gloves they wore for protection. Leroy even managed to bite Karen through the bars of the cage he was put in, though how he got his teeth around the bars remains a mystery to her!

Leroy and his brother were taken to a new home with some cat lovers on Ahu Ahu Road and while his brother settled in well, John was surprised when three months later Leroy again walked through his door at the Crafty Fox. He'd found his own way back all the way from the farm he was staying on!

These days one-year-old Leroy is much more relaxed and loving, but he reserves his soft side for John and Karen. He runs to greet John's car when he arrives each morning and follows him in for his breakfast. Though still skittish of customers, he's in and out of the shop all day. When it's cold he nestles under the counter, but his favourite posy is the flower garden in front of the shop. Unfortunately black and white fur is not very good camouflage and I'm sure my young daughter is not the only child (or adult!) who has spent many minutes trying to coax him out from under a plant.

A quick word in closing...

Next month you'll meet cats Milly and Bob, who have also made the commercial district of Oakura their home.

The cats we're profiling here are the lucky ones among those who have been dumped or left behind in the commercial district and of course the people working there can't feed every cat! If you suspect a cat is stray or if you are unable to continue caring for a pet, please contact the SPCA on 758 2053 as they may be able to find a home for them.



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OAKURA school news

School extension

Our new classroom, Room 10, was officially opened on 14 February. Our oldest pupil, Harrison West, cut the ribbon and our newest and youngest pupil, Sophie Willis, opened the door to allow the twenty-eight Year 7 and 8 pupils into their new room.

Environmental awareness

Friday 18 February was Beach Clean Up Day for the whole school at Oakura Beach. The children picked up rubbish from Ahu Ahu Road to Corbett Park. This has been an annual event since 1972 and one that the children enjoy and the community benefits from. After picking up rubbish along the beach, the children enjoyed a swim in the river, a play in the sand, games and a hot sausage provided by the Friends of Oakura School. Thank you to the New Plymouth District Council for collecting the bags of rubbish.

Walking and running to raise money

The Friends of Oakura School Committee members again organised the annual "Surf to Surf Fun Run or Walk" event, held on Sunday 20 February. It was fantastic to see the number of entries jump up to 438 from last year's total of 369. As well as an earlier start time, there was a new course layout that focused the event on the beach and adjoining tracks, which are what make the event's location so special and unique. A competition to encourage as many Oakura School pupils as possible to participate was very successful. Out of the total roll of 238, 111 pupils entered the event. The class with the highest percentage of entries was Room 10, with twenty of the twenty-eight Year 7 and 8 children taking part. Their reward is to be a lunchtime banquet of pizza and chips, kindly donated by Pizza Hutt. The prizegiving in the garden bar at Butler's Bar & Café again saw many happy recipients of 138 spot prizes. The winners of the major prizes were Isaac Hardie-Boys, who won a \$600 Mason Appliances voucher and Jackson Braddock-Pajo, who won the main prize of a \$1,200 travel voucher. Both of these children are pupils at Oakura School. We would like to thank all of the businesses that made donations to be given as spot prizes, Oakura Four Square and Butler's Bar & Café, the major sponsors, and all entrants for making this a fun, enjoyable and successful event. All proceeds from this event will go towards a new courtyard and seating area, including shade cloth, for our senior pupils. This area will be used for outdoor learning and recreation.

Cathy Ardern



M.C., Barney Proctor gets a happy word or two from main prizewinner, Jason Braddock-Pajo.

Harrison West and Sophie Willis officially open the new classroom.



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Isaac Hardie-Boys has plenty smile about, winning a \$600 voucher from Mason Appliances.



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OMATA school news

Things are underway at the "Best Little School in the West" and while we like to think of ourselves as a pretty cool school, it is anything but cool temperature-wise at the moment! Fans, swims and walks on our wonderful native bush track are the order of the day. Teachers are making the most of our outdoor classroom in the bush where it is nice and cool.

Some news from the school . . .

- We are certainly making up for the miserable five days' swimming last season in a freezing cold pool. Many thanks to the Home and School for the new pool cover – it really is making a difference to the temperature.
- Beach Education at Oakura was a fantastic day. The weather was great and the children loved their learning experiences and the swim in the sea.
- Building of the new block is well underway and doesn't it look big! As well as a classroom space, it includes two offices, two toilets, a cloakbay and a workspace we are calling the "Creative Incubator", which will be used for children in groups and individually to work on and store long-term projects as well as some other creative enterprises.
- We had great success with *Rich Topics* last year and intend to continue these. Our topics this year, "Roadsense" and "Beyond Planet Earth", will be in Terms 2 and 3. We're looking forward to planning these great rich learning experiences for the whole school.
- Welcome to Helen Barrett, who has been teaching with us the last four weeks. Helen has been a real asset to the staff and pupils and we thank her very much for her energy and versatility in doing a wide range of duties. I wish her well in her university studies, which start soon.

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Nick's not your average Farmer Joe

Omata farmer, Nick Barrett, has a lot lined up for this year. He is a Fonterra shareholder-councillor, he's been appointed as one of the race directors for the World Triathlon Series to be held in New Plymouth and he has also commenced study at Lincoln University as part of the Kelloggs Rural Leadership Programme. This is aside from running his and wife Christine's farming ventures and being involved in his children Morgan, Josh and Alexandra's sporting activities as coach (of roller hockey) and mentor.

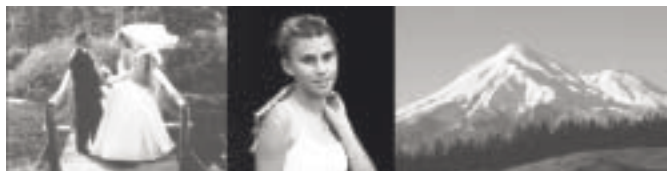
Being a Fonterra shareholder-councillor means having a position on the Fonterra Council. There are 46 councillors New Zealand-wide and two (Nick being one) in the local ward, which stretches from the Stony River to Mt Messenger to Tariki. The Council's role is to monitor the performance of the Fonterra Board by analysing results against projections using quarterly reports. The Council also represents the views of Fonterra shareholders and sharemilkers to the Board and Management. The Council has four committees: the Monitoring Committee, the Representation Committee, the Governance and Ethics Committee and the Shareholders' Relations Committee.

Nick is one of fourteen people on the Representation Committee, which is responsible for tasks like appointing the Milk Commissioner who solves complaints from shareholders not already resolved by the company, a bit like an ombudsman. Nick was the team leader of a census project to survey all dairy farmers in New Zealand. The survey gathered information about farmers' intentions for the future and what their attitudes and opinions were concerning Fonterra for the purpose of representing these views as accurately as possible to the Board and Management.

Nick is also one of three councillors that comprise the Shareholders' Relations Committee. The Committee meets with Board members to consider issues and complaints from shareholders and to consider each change to terms and conditions of supply. They also produce an annual report to the shareholders explaining the Council's opinions.

The position of councillor is a three-year commitment and involves being elected from a pool of 560 farmers. Nick is in his second year and is relishing the opportunities to travel around New Zealand and Australia, establishing international relationships and understanding of the Council's role (this is the only council of its kind in the world and therefore it generates a lot of interest).

Being selected from hundreds of applicants to study at Lincoln University as part of the Kelloggs Rural Leadership Programme is another opportunity Nick is relishing. The idea behind the programme is to develop potential leaders in the rural sector. The programme offers courses in public speaking, researching skills, and knowledge of the political environment and how it affects the rural sector. Nick's work on the Fonterra Council helped secure his place on the programme.



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The World Triathlon Series on the 12th and 13th of November 2005 will be one of the biggest media events to hit New Plymouth, with a touted world-wide television audience of 600 million to a billion people. Along with Venture Taranaki, Nick was part of the delegation that sold the concept to the organisers and when you consider that the other events are held in London, Paris, New York and Toronto, it is a huge coup for New Plymouth. As Race Director, Nick will be responsible for traffic and crowd control, planning the course – ensuring it is safe and making it exciting for spectators, obtaining the necessary permission to close streets, etc and acquiring the huge volunteer work force needed for the event.

Between breaths, Nick maybe able to find time to drive his tractor or use his chainsaw but, partly due to him and his hard work, a little corner of New Zealand is more visible to the world than it used to be.


By Kim Ferens

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The Okurukuru Garden Fête

The Okurukuru Garden Fête (pronounced "fait") is being held for the second time on Sunday 20 March in the expansive gardens of the Okurukuru Café. The Fête combines a top quality market with an outdoor café, wine bar and live music all day to make for a great day out.

The spectacular backdrop to the event made for a truly magical day last year and with a number of new lawns and seating areas, this year's Fête should be even better.

The Fête is open from 10 am to 4.30 pm (rain or shine) with free entry and ample parking in the neighbouring paddocks.

There are around 40 top quality stalls at this year's event, with stallholders coming from as far afield as Auckland, Wellington and the Hawkes Bay for the day, as well as the best that Taranaki has to offer. Products on offer range from plants and garden accessories to clothing, linen, children's accessories and giftware. There has been a real effort to focus on getting quality products with a good range and the organisers are confident that there will be something to interest everybody.

Last year's event had a real family feel to it, with loads of space available for the kids to roam while parents shopped and enjoyed a glass of the local drop, and the new adventure playground is sure to keep them occupied for a while this year.


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New faces at the fish and chip counter

We've been expecting it for a while because it's been on the market, and now the famous Oakura Fish Shop (OFS), patronised by the crew of *The Last Samurai* and Tom Cruise himself, has changed hands. New owners Pierre Ferris and Emmalie Wenn took over from Gary and Angela Harrison on 24 January.

I have to confess to a slight twinge of concern when I heard the shop had changed hands. I was worried the fantastic OFS vege burger would go the way of the moa – few take-away places appreciate the need for an appetising vegetarian choice and we're normally left with the poor (very) cousin to the omnivorous option. Also, though once considered a kiwi icon, the burger with beetroot (not to mention fresh healthy salad – and I mean more than a tired leaf of lettuce and one slice of tomato!) has become a bit of an endangered species in New Zealand in recent years. However, Pierre was quick to assure me that there are no plans afoot to make drastic changes to the current menu. "Gary and Angela have set the bar quite high with quality fish and chips and we're just looking to maintain that high standard and keep the fresh fish supply coming in at the moment," says Pierre.

They're intending to add to the menu at some point, but at the moment they are running to keep up with business and learn the ropes at the same time. In six months or so they'd like to utilise the existing fridge display unit and start offering a selection of fresh salads to accompany fish. Pierre would really like to promote more grilled and crumbed fish, as well as to enhance the fresh fish sales by offering bread-crum mixes made with fresh bread, garlic and herbs. Eventually they'd also like to renovate and extend the deck out to the footpath so they can provide sit-down fish and chip meals.

Pierre is taking responsibility for the day-to-day running of the business while Emmalie will work Fridays and Saturdays in the shop plus do all the book-work and some of the cleaning.

A chef by trade, Pierre has worked in high-end restaurants and establishments in New Plymouth, Wellington (including Government House), Auckland and London. He has lectured at the Pacific International Hotel Management School in Bell Block and until recently was the chef at the Four Elements in town. However, he has never worked in the fastfood industry or been in business for himself before, so he says he and Emmalie have jumped in at the deep end on this venture. Gary and Angela kindly stayed on for two weeks to help ease them into the trade. "Most customers have been pretty good and lenient with us – we've had a few teething problems on the big nights like Fridays, but we're learning as we go and are improving every day."

His biggest blip in the learning curve so far was when on one Sunday recently, Pierre accidentally ordered shoestring fries instead of regular chips. Pierre asked me to reassure customers that shoe string fries aren't the way of the future at the OFS and that the chips are now back to normal!

Along with their two children, Georgia (8) and Felix (4), the couple are living in New Plymouth at the moment but they bought land on Wairau Road a while back and want to start building a house on it next year. In the meantime they're looking for a house to rent out here and Georgia will be going to the local school. The family were already acquainted with Oakura as they have been driving up Wairau Road four times a week for the last year for Georgia's lessons at the Clearwater Riding School. One of the reasons they are looking to move out here is to combine living, working and leisure in the same place. The OFS has provided the opportunity they needed.


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I remember when . . . **Ivor Ellis**

It was a privilege to talk recently with Ivor Ellis, who's lived in Oakura for coming up forty-eight years now. Back in 1958, Ivor and his wife purchased a beachfront bach, in which he still lives.

As Ivor recalls, Mrs Newton started the first fish shop in Oakura and her son Nigel had the first butchery. Mrs Mildred Head ran a small store with odds and ends, a library and mail centre. There was no mail delivery back then, delivery only commenced around 1967 and Mrs Jenny Newton made the first mail deliveries on her bike. When the first Post Office was built where the present Medical Centre is now, Jenny became the first Post Mistress. You could go there and collect your pension. Mrs Lynette Cloke succeeded her. The mail was delivered from there until it was privatised (now delivered by the Megaws).

Next to the general store was the Four Square run by Mr and Mrs Hill, and across the road was a dairy run by Mr Hopkins, who also had a taxi service. The first hairdresser was Jennifer Muir and her salon was located on the site of the current hair salon. Workers took a bus to New Plymouth, driven by Mr Rook from Okato. The return fare was 12 shillings and 6 pence per week. Ivor used the bus service regularly while he was working at the Taranaki Harbour Board.

Prior to the development of Corbett Park, one could go and pick blackberries and mushrooms there and also see the pied stilt, which no longer inhabits the area. Ivor still has old maps that show surveyed sections above Corbett Park. One street was named Potter Terrace and it is only now slowly starting to be developed. Somebody was expecting Oakura to expand!

A few families lived in the Oakura Pa and Ivor remembers a well known Maori lady called Martha, who taught him some Maori lore like no scaling your fish or cooking your mussels on the beach and never chop a rata log in the river. Ivor clearly

remembers Martha coming along the beach from the river's end with a horse and sledge to gather firewood off the beach. This can't be done now due to the development of Corbett Park, the relocation of the bridge and the formation of the road. And there were others Ivor remembers well... Oeo was a great Maori historian and Ivor wishes he had asked him more about Maori history and in particular about the Minarapa stone that was taken from the mountain for the Puniho Pa. Ben Morgan used to string no. 8 wire across the river and feed out hooks to catch the herrings as they came in with the tide – you'd only catch children now! Ben had the first Maori Bible that Ivor had ever seen. Bess Hau used to go fishing with Ivor in a five-man Canadian canoe.

At that time, the Harbour Board were blasting rocks on either side of the river, on the beachfront and in particular, in front of Ivor's bach for use in the Lee Breakwater. In addition they were carting a lot of metal away for roading. Ivor believes this probably affected the course of the river.



Also at this time and certainly since, Oakura seemed to get big floods that eroded the beachfront sections. Ivor tried to save his frontage by digging in pongas and piling up stones, but to no avail until local judge, Arthur Middleton, and Morris Ryan suggested that big boulders be trucked in from Okato and laid on the coastline from

the end of Dixon Street to the river mouth. Ivor recalls that this was done about twenty years ago. Since then, he hasn't had any problems with erosion, just a bit of sand coming in here and there.

One of the highlights for Ivor was the landing of a micro-light on his front section. He and the pilot had a yarn and a cup of tea before the micro-light departed.

The biggest change Ivor has seen in Oakura is the scale of development and the rise of property values. Ivor can recall the time when the village was mainly a bach settlement for weekenders, and many house had outside toilet facilities. There was tank water for which Ivor had a little pump to provide pressure. To the best of his recollection, the roads were rough metal only in the sixties. Then the water supply was connected, the roads tar sealed, street lights installed and rubbish collected from households. In his day sections were on the market for as little as £150 and top sections in Mace Terrace sold for £500 each. Now holiday baches have been replaced by expensive permanent abodes and Oakura is now one of the most desirable locations to live in.

Ivor's life has been an active one, with affiliations with tramping, athletics and race-walking clubs as well as participating in many marathons, half marathons, fun run/walk events and relays. Part of his life's work involved building tracks and huts within Egmont National Park and building the Motorua Wharf. Ivor was also employed by Marketing Services, a book supply company. Although he is an octogenarian, Ivor is still as fit as a fiddle and for the last fifteen years has walked most mornings at 6.30 am with neighbours Caz Novak and Ruth Smithers.

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Work on our building is still continuing and should be complete in early to mid March. In the meantime, we've been having outings to places like Corbett Park, Pouakai Zoo, the Foreshore Walkway and the Oakura Fire Station. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to use the Oakura Hall for any sessions as it doesn't meet our licensing requirements.

We will be having a party on Saturday, 2 April at 10 am to celebrate the re-opening of our revamped building. Mayor Pete will be coming along to preside over the formalities and morning tea will be served. All past, present and future members will be warmly welcomed.

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As I said in my previous piece, WOMAD is the most family friendly of all festivals, with *Kidzone* catering for the younger festival goers, the *Global Village* with its cornucopia of taste sensations and treats for the other senses, the *Workshops* for aspiring musicians and the Maori cultural experience of *Te Paepae*. Did I mention the Cuban papier-mâché artists *The Mora Brothers*, the Spanish hair-sculptures of *Osadia* and an ethnic ballet troupe from Easter Island?

Then there is the music! In the last issue of *TOM*, I spoke about special moments from previous festivals, but as promised, here are my predictions for just *some* of the potential highlights of WOMAD 2005. Listed in no particular order they include...

Les Yeux Noirs' feast of "Manouche jazz" (the Gypsy-Jazz fusion pioneered by *Django Reinhardt/Stephane Grappelli* and carried on into this era by *The Gipsy Kings*). *Ozomatli* provide a unique mixture of Latin music, blended with liberal doses of funk and hip-hop. Folk fans will be astonished by the contrast between the Gaelic mastery/mystery of *Capercaillie* (with the lovely voice of *Karen Matheson* to the fore) and the techno-trad sound of England's highly acclaimed *Jim Moray*.

Senegal's *Daara J* bring West African music kicking-and-screaming into the twenty-first century with its blend of the ancient and ultra-modern, while *Alpha Blondy* and his massive Solar System Band mash up reggae and African "roots" music. *Zap Mama* are certain to be crowd pleasers, weaving traditional Pigmy vocals in and out of Latino, soul and R & B flavours. Acoustic singer/songwriter *Vusi Mahlasela* (one of South Africa's finest artists) should appeal strongly to those who find the work of the other Africa acts just a little too brash.

Middle Eastern music is also generously served with master musicians *Yair Dalal* and *Adel Salameh* (and their respective

bands) approaching Arabic music from different, but equally fascinating perspectives. Prepare to be entranced by the timelessness and purity of Indian classical singer *Rashid Khan*. The electrifying *Lo'Jo* were the undoubted stars of the second WOMAD festival and will deliver a potent, hackle-raising blend of French chanson and fierce Arabic heat. Don't miss them!

New Zealand music is well represented by artists as diverse as *Fat Freddy's Drop* (one of the finest "live" bands in the world today), *Lucid 3* fronted by Taranaki's very own *Victoria Girling-Butcher*, the slinky "riddims" of *Katchafire* and the choral power of *Jubilation*, led by blue-eyed soulman *Rick Bryant*. The iconoclastic *Kronos Quartet* have played works by modern classical masters like *Philip Glass* and *Sofia Gubaidulina*, but are just as likely to serve up an African folk song, a tango by *Piazzolla* or a *Jimi Hendrix* composition. In short, expect the unexpected from this particular string quartet! I stress that these predicted WOMAD highlights are personal choices and that often it is a totally unheralded artist that surprises, hitting the hardest! Remember, if a particular artist just doesn't appeal to you, then try another stage – there is always something different to sample elsewhere! Truly, beauty is where you find it. See you there!

By *Graham Donlon*

(*Graham Donlon* hosts "Music Without Frontiers" on 92.3 'The MOST FM', a weekly radio show that specialises in jazz, blues and a wide variety of world music. He has also written music reviews for over thirty years (in *Hot Licks*, *Ragtime*, *The Midweek* and *TOM*). He has no formal connection to the WOMAD organisation, although he did introduce many of the major acts at the 2003 event. His sanity may be in doubt, but he knows his stuff!)

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Congratulations to Jo Scott (left, with children) and Aleesha Powell (far left), who both won bikes through recent promotions at Oakura Four Square.

Local kneeboarding star takes his talent offshore




Success as a kneeboarder has Hamish Christophers seeking the thrill of competing and living in Australia.

At the recent surfing Nationals around the coast, Hamish finished second in the kneeboarding final. Along with older brother Josh, Hamish is part of the New Zealand Kneeboarding Team, featuring four Taranaki kneeboarders. The New Zealand team will travel to Australia for the Bendalong Pro Am Tasman Challenge in March. Being part of the New Zealand team is nothing new for Hamish, who has competed since he was eleven years old and been in the team since he was thirteen.

A love of the sport developed from Hamish's father, Paul, who is a keen kneeboarder himself – Hamish would get a thrill out of beating his father and his father's mates.

Hamish has been the under-sixteen and under-eighteen champ and has competed overseas, the highlight being the World Championships in Tahiti where he came fifth. Now his goal is to come first in the World Championships in 2007. This has brought about the decision to move to Australia and compete in their surfing circuit, where the competition is a lot fiercer.

Hamish has received great support here in Oakura with sponsorship from Vertigo. He has also received sponsorship from Australian kneeboard maker, Parkes Kneeboards, who custom-made Hamish's kneeboard for him.



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Coast to Coast boys amped after race

Craig Scott and Dave Rielly, along with support crew Jo Scott, have successfully completed one of the most gruelling and prestigious multi-sport events in the world: the Speights Coast to Coast. As a team the two men were placed 89th out of 230 teams and 25th out of 30 in the Open Men's section. An awesome achievement.

So what was it like? A real buzz they both say. Would they do it again? "Yep," says Dave straight away. "That's because you didn't do the five hour run," retorts Craig. "But we are going to have a go at doing it as individuals. When I finished the run I said I was never doing that ever again, but now I've changed my mind."

Craig had the misfortune to suffer from heat stroke following his run. The water in his backpack got too hot to drink so he didn't take enough fluids. But after a night's rest and care by Jo (a trained ambulance officer), Craig was able to compete the next day. Dave did his 3 km run and 55 km cycle in 2 hours 10 minutes. Craig ran the 33 km over Arthur's Pass in 5 hours 40 minutes. On day two Dave cycled 15 km and kayaked 67 km down the Waimakariri River in 5 hours 40 minutes. Craig did his 70 km bike ride and sprint along the beach in 2 hours 21 minutes. Finishing was the biggest adrenalin rush and neither could be stopped from talking.

Both Dave and Craig were really happy with their performances and thought the Coast to Coast was a really well organised event. The scenery was wonderful (when you could look!), though the weather was a bit hot at 40 degrees, but it was a very exciting event to be part of. Craig thinks that in four days he had only nine hours sleep, but as he himself admits, "I'm a passionate fitness freak seeking new challenges," so it's all par for the course. Dave reckons anyone with a bit of training could achieve the meritorious can of Speights at the finish line and, as a "first time learner, ready to give anything a go", he may be right! The bug has well and truly got the boys as they plan their next marathon, triathlon, duathlon and the ones after that.

Craig and Dave know they couldn't have done the Coast to Coast without the help of Jo (Andrea couldn't go because she is due to have a baby soon), who was instrumental in ensuring everything ran smoothly by getting the gear and guys to the right place at the right time, reading maps, listening to their whining and massaging their egos!

A big thank you to the Oakura Fire Service for the \$200 donation for fuel (the team were down to their last cent!) and to TGM for providing tee shirts.

Both Craig and Dave are looking for sponsors for next year's event so if any local businesses or people would like to support our volunteer firefighters in their crusade, please contact the Fire Service.

By Kim Ferens



Dave Rielly up the creek with a paddle . . .

. . . and Craig Scott still manages a smile, despite the heat.

Kaitake Netball 2005

Thanks to those who attended our AGM on Sunday 13 February.

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers, Kaitake will not be fielding a netball team for the 2005 season.

However, existing players intend to get together regularly during 2005 and reassemble a team for 2006.

Regards

Tanya Farrant and Bob Fleming

Kaitake Touch Rugby

We had a great summer of touch rugby down at Corbett Park. Although it was a very casual set up, with us keeping score during the game but not recording final scores each week, everyone seemed to just enjoy being out there shedding some Christmas kilograms!

There were no winners or placings so we don't have an overall winner to report but I think everyone that took the field was a winner for giving it a go, especially as it was five-a-side and very tough in that heat! Thank goodness for the river!

Thanks to all who came each week from as far as Okato and New Plymouth. We hope to see you all again next summer.

Regards

Tanya Farrant and Rob Pompey

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CLUBS AND GROUPS CALENDER

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Friday mornings 9.00 -10.30am at St James Church hall.

Mini Groovers:

Tuesday mornings 10.00am at Oakura Hall.
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Monday and Thursdays 6-7.30pm for 12 years and over.
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Tai Chi for adults:

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Contact Jim Hoskin 752 7337.

Senior Citizens:

Meet tuesdays in St James Church lounge for cards and bowls. All welcome, phone 752 7864 for enquiries.

Twilight Bowls:

Thursdays 5pm at the Oakura Bowling and Social Club.
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Greetings fellow fisho's . . .

Well, we have seen a dramatic pick up as far as the fishing goes. February to March is a great time to get out and fish – it's generally the best time of the year as the water is at its warmest.

We've had a good amount (around 25) of snapper weighed in during February. There are also a lot of kahawai around, especially down towards Okato. A handful of trevally have also come in, these have been around the 2 to 2.4 kg mark.

Corbett Park at low tide is a popular local spot to target these hard fighting fish – use pilchards or mussels for bait and always tie your bait on.

Some kingis have been hooked up not far out from the main beach. If you decide to target these, you need heavy gear – 6 to 7 oz chrome lure and about 60 lb main line will do it.

We have had reports of a lot of crayfish still around, however there is always the problem of the few that continue pulling other people's pots. Did you know that crayfish is one of snapper's favorite food?

Recent Club days have also seen good amounts of fish weighed in. During the January Tri Comp about 15 snapper, 12 kahawai and 6 or so spotty sharks were weighed. There is a \$100 Sutherland's Sports voucher up for grabs each month. If you're keen on getting in on this, phone one the people listed below. Everyone is welcome to come on our Club days.

Finally, just to top it off, a 28 lb snapper was caught not far from here three weeks ago by a New Plymouth man.

If you are keen on fishing but don't know where to start, Oakura Surfcasting Club can help you with:

* Knots * Rigs * Spots * Bait * Casting * General Fishing

Contacts

David Politakis 758 8528 Bruce Madgwick 752 7712

Debbie Edgecombe 752 7425 Gary Harrison 752 7055

Club days for March

SUNDAY 13 MARCH

Sutherland's Sports World Tri Comp – fish anywhere, starting from 5 am. Weigh in at 5 pm at the "Club" carpark, Gill Street, New Plymouth.

NB: you must be a financial member of Oakura Surfcasting Club or one of the other two clubs involved to be eligible to win this.

25 – 27 MARCH

Easter Weekend Fish Up North – fish anywhere around Tongaporutu/Mokau area. Weigh in at site no. 33, Seaveiw Motor Camp at 7 pm Sunday. BBQ to follow.

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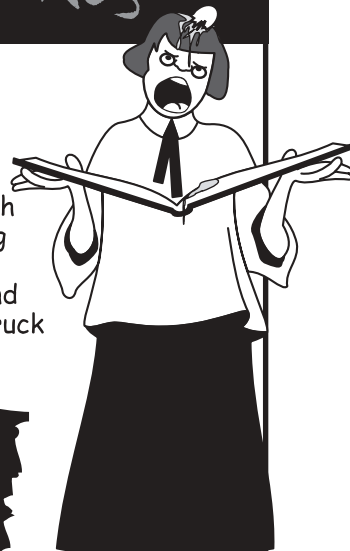
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My favourite things:

FOOD: **Burritos and cookies & cream ice cream**
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Did you know?

In mediaeval times, a festival of egg throwing was held in church, during which the priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choirboys. It was then tossed from one choirboy to the next and whoever held the egg when the clock struck 12 was the winner and retained the egg.



What do you get when you cross a bunny with an onion?
 A bunion.

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What did the bunny want to do when he grew up?
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Small twigs or branches.
Green crepe paper or moss (from your local florist).
Narrow ribbon.
Blown eggshells.
Decorating materials.

To make your egg tree first of all you will need to collect whole eggshells which have had their insides blown out. Make a small hole in one end of the egg and a slightly larger one in the other using a large needle then gently blow the contents into a bowl. You could collect the shells from eggs used in cooking.

Now it is time to decorate your eggs whatever way you like. Use lots of bright colours and shiny bits like glitter or foil to create colourful eggs. A good decoration tip is to coat the eggshells in glue then roll them in glitter. Then carefully glue a length of narrow ribbon lengthways around the egg ensuring it is long enough to tie a loop at the top.

To create your tree place the oasis or plasticine on a small plate then carefully arrange your twigs in it until they form a small tree like shape. Green crepe paper or moss can be wrapped around the bottom to disguise the base then hang your eggs from the branches to complete your tree.

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