

Lydia Quay – A YOUNG ACHIEVER

By Anne Stembridge

LYDIA QUAY is promising to do all she can to keep the Clearwater Riding School open.

A looming land sale could jeopardise the riding school but that hasn't dampened the spirit of the Oakura Young Achiever.

Winner of the New Plymouth District Council's 2006 Youth Development award for her commitment to the young

people in the area, Lydia has her sights set on finding an alternative site for the school on land currently being leased on Ahu Ahu Road and which is now for sale.

Proud mum Janet nominated Lydia for the annual award because she works hard and always goes beyond the call of duty for her pupils.

Lydia was pleasantly surprised with her win but is now focused on ensuring a future for the 30 year-old school.

"My main concern at the moment is to secure some suitable land for the school as it's the only riding school left in the district and I would hate see it go," says the dedicated Pony Club instructor.

She had already changed the school's location since buying the business from well-known horsewoman Jill Tompkins early last year. "The uncertainty of the school's future is really hard on the kids," says the 23-year old.

She started riding horses at age six and

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It is very exciting to be moving TOM into a new slip stream with our updated website. If you haven't looked at TOM online, before have a peek at www.thetom.co.nz

This certainly is the way of the future as more and more people use the internet as a way of life.

Both Tracey and I have been blown away by how many hits we have on the site each week. Our new front page will feature the current TOM issue with a colour photo.

Incidentally our photos are for sale if you ever want a copy. We also have an 0800 number up and running so feel free to call us on 0800thetom or 0800 843866 with any queries or story ideas.

We have a few more wonderful ideas for the TOM about to come to fruition too so watch out for them – we are putting Oakura on the map!

And of course we couldn't do this without all the help and support of the community, so thank you.

Kim Ferens

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Hi folks!

Two major projects that will bring big changes to Oakura are continuing apace.

Firstly, the initial stage of bringing reticulated sewerage to the town has been completed with a main pipe (plus laterals for the adjacent businesses) installed beneath the 400m length of SH45 through the centre of the town.

Tenders for the following stages will soon be advertised, with that work due to take place later this year and throughout next year. That will see a reticulated system that the town's 1,200 residents can connect to, including a pump station and a trunk main to New Plymouth.

The reason the council had the sewerage pipes laid beneath SH45 so much earlier than the rest of the project was simple: Get the underground services squared away, and then start work on upgrading the streetscape in the centre of town.

Contractors have now started on the streetscape, which will bring with it a new traffic lane layout and footpath designs that reflect Oakura's coastal location.

A lot of people put in quite a bit of time to get this design right and I'm really looking forward to seeing the finished product.

Oakura holds a special place in the hearts of visitors as well as residents, with a lot of people in Taranaki spending the summer days of their childhood here.

It's a great place to be and these two major projects will provide it with a look and basic infrastructure that will help the town maintain its special character for many years to come.

And speaking of summer: Has anyone else noticed that the days are becoming noticeably warmer?

There's just a hint of summer approaching, and a hint is all I need to start making plans for a New Year break at Oakura Beach! I'm picking that we're in for a hot summer season, and there's no better place to enjoy the holidays than in Oakura.

And this year when the visitors come, they'll see a town centre that enhances the village feel and reminds them that this is the best corner of New Zealand to be in.

Meanwhile if you have any projects under way that you think the council can help you with, give me a call on 759 6060 and I'll see what we can do!

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Patience is a wonderful thing if you possess it. It's been a bit short lately with folk experiencing frustration about the works going on in the village. I don't know how you are able to do such work without disturbing the norm and quite frankly my patience is very short with those who criticise before the event.

CBD plans have been about since before I took up this job. People have been consulted to death about what they would like to see happen in the village and have had many opportunities to have input into the present plan. The fact that the discontented have not taken these opportunities and now claim to know a better way to do it is no reason to abuse those who have given their time and help to create a village atmosphere as requested by the majority.

Bureaucracy creates many frustrations – none more so than for those at the coal face of such changes. Council officers have worked very hard to try and please everyone. However, there comes a time when the work must start or budgets are lost.

Slowing down the traffic will bring benefits and more importantly, a safer environment for our children and pedestrians. Having more attractive surroundings will benefit local businesses and keep folk in the village longer.

Walking tracks

Bureaucracy has also frustrated those who enjoy our bush walks and tramping. The closing of the Davies track along with the Sefton has infuriated many who have for years enjoyed this simple pleasure. For many it is part of their heritage, the right to access our National Park and tramp the bush. Now it is so regulated by OSH (occupational health and safety) laws and so forth that DoC have to work at all times alongside the law to the point that, like many leisure activities, it has become ridiculous.

Recently another meeting was held for those wishing to find a way to work with DoC to keep at least one track (Sefton) open. Hopefully common sense will prevail and progress will be made by an enthusiastic group of people willing to put their efforts into making it happen.

Matekai Park

I recently enjoyed a very pleasant walk through this park, which I have to say I have not been on since I was a kid (it would have been a farm then).

The occasion was a meeting between Council Parks Officers, Council Engineers, sewerage design engineers and the Friends of Matekai Park, who have concerns about the disturbance that may occur within the Park when the sewerage pipe will be put through.

There is no doubt these works will disturb the landscape, however, all parties are working together to ensure the least disruption. It's nice to see Alan Madgwick and Graeme Churchill endorsing their 30 year association with the Park.

Susette Goldsmith, the original secretary of the Friends, tells me all the records of the Matekai Friends group have been deposited at Puke Ariki just recently.

Well Christmas is within our sights now along with, I hope, some nice weather. I look forward to seeing the finished village landscape in early December.

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Lydia Quay – a young achiever

has lived the horse life ever since, learning a lot from “her second mum”, Jill Tompkins.

“I used to look after the school for Jill when she was away, sometimes for up to three months.”

Lydia sees taking on the school as a natural progression and loves mentoring her 40-odd young pupils, ranging from five to 18 years, in all aspects of horsemanship.

“It is really cool to see the kids achieving their goals and learning about horses properly. I didn’t listen to my teachers or Dad when they said it wasn’t possible. I thought, ‘I’m going to give it a go,’ and now my friends are jealous because I enjoy my job,” says the accomplished rider.

The Spirit of Taranaki

- J D Juneau

OAKURA photographer Jane Dove Juneau captures the ever changing face of Taranaki in her latest book.

Her second collection of photographs, *The Spirit of Taranaki* is being released this month at the Wall Gallery, Puke Ariki in conjunction with a four-week exhibition featuring 34 of the book’s photos.

The former *Taranaki Herald* and *Daily News* photographer wanted to document her fresh view of Taranaki when she returned from the United States after 17 years.

During that time the mother of two worked predominately as a freelance photographer and writer, and was editor of a quarterly lifestyle magazine in Mammoth Lakes, California.

Jane says a lot has changed while she was away and since her first book was published with New Plymouth writers David Hill and Elizabeth Smithers in 1987.

“Taranaki has become a different province to what it was 20 years ago. It has more of an international feel now,” she says.

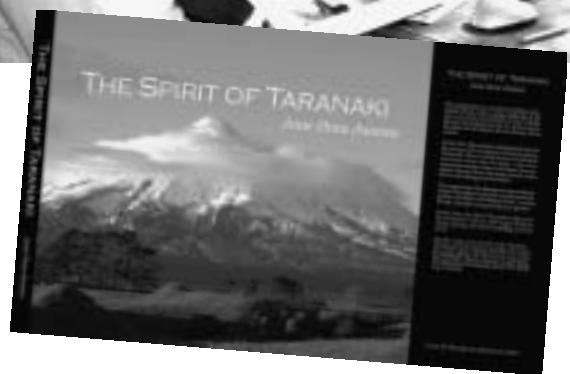
Comprising of four parts, the book illustrates the unique landscape, man’s influence on the region, its varied art and architecture, and events and activities celebrated within the province.

“The book is my personal view of Taranaki. I have tried to capture the idiosyncrasies that make Taranaki special and what I like about it,” says Jane.

She hopes the book, three years in the making, will help promote the area and give visitors lasting memories of “a place well worth being on the map.”

The Spirit of Taranaki is available from local bookstores.

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HON. HARRY DUYNHOVEN
MP for New Plymouth

With all the side-shows going on in Parliament at the moment, it would be easy to overlook the fact that 17 September marked the first anniversary of the 2005 General Election. One year on, the Labour-led Government is celebrating its policy achievements for the people of New Zealand.

Locally, I've been reflecting on some of the issues that I've been working on as your local Member of Parliament to make sure that our electorate benefits from the three goals the Government has set for the country. Economic transformation, supporting families young and old, and building a strong national identity are the three goals we are working towards for the good of all the people in our country.

The news I am most pleased about in the last year is the terrific direction our local economy is heading. There is an exciting buzz around New Plymouth and Taranaki and many businesses tell me of their plans to grow and expand, reflecting their confidence in the area. That momentum is flowing through to local employment figures. As a Labour MP, I firmly believe in building an economy where there is a job for everyone who wants one. That is the basis of a fair and inclusive society that can then be in a position to afford the kind of community services we all need in health, education, transport, housing and the environment.

It was therefore really pleasing to release our local unemployment statistics recently, which showed another decline for the sixth year running. Unemployment in New Plymouth dropped from 1,739 to 1,386 people. We've got to keep up all our efforts to get that figure down even further.

We've continued to make good progress on transport issues in the last year. I recently welcomed Land Transport New Zealand's approval of funding for the Bell Block bypass in New Plymouth. This is an issue I have been pushing for years and it is very satisfying to see that we finally have funding and tenders can be called for with the aim of beginning construction this summer.

Down in Wellington, the Government has also had a busy year on behalf of the people of New Zealand. We have increased the pension, expanded the Working for Families package, removed interest from student loans for New Zealand-based graduates, increased the minimum wage to \$10.25 an hour, expanded the Paid Parental Leave scheme to include the self-employed, committed to an extra 1,000 front-line police officers, improved the rates rebate scheme to \$500, included those aged 45-64 years for cheaper GP and pharmacy visits, announced plans for faster, cheaper broadband Internet, passed the visionary KiwiSaver scheme into law, improved the Welcome Home scheme for first time homebuyers, reduced ACC levies for small businesses in six sectors of the economy and announced options to reduce taxes on businesses in general.

Politics might not always seem like a pleasant business, but for those of us who believe in public service, who accept that the answers to the complex challenges in our community are often difficult but must be faced, and who keep relentlessly positive about the future of this country, then the last year of achievements has been worth all the effort.

Thank you for reading my column.

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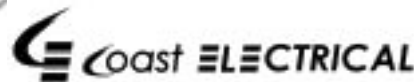


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Spanish tapas tickle the taste buds

The highlight of a recent week was to go to Wunderbar with Tracey to sample Danger's tapas menu. What an absolutely amazing way to dine.

Prior to dining the only thing I knew about tapas was that they were small dishes of food. I now know tapas is a Spanish style of dining, which does indeed consist of small dishes of tasty food served with a drink (or two). The idea seems to have originated in Spain when workers would finish work and bar hop from place to place drinking before dinner (generally served around 9 pm). Small servings of food were served with the drinks to prevent alcohol poisoning. Tapa literally means "cover" in Spanish and originated in the 16th century when drinks were "covered" with a card or piece of bread to stop the fruit flies from getting in. This bread was then covered in a snack. Today all over the world tapa restaurants have popped up but they bear little resemblance to the humble beginning of the tapa.

Wunderbar is the first local café to take advantage of the new trend and the immense public interest in tapas. Needless to say tapas is a huge hit in places like Auckland and Wellington. Our evening started with three plates of flavoursome foods – huge olives stuffed with chilli and Spanish ham, Catalan tomato on bread, pimento peppers stuffed with goats cheese and everything was deliciously warm. The bread is made by Danger himself and is some of the nicest I've eaten.

More and more plates kept coming and Danger would introduce them in Spanish, which sounded very impressive – green-lipped mussels, stuffed baby squid, marinated mushrooms, garlic prawns, artichoke hearts stuffed with pork, scallops with goats cheese, Spanish style omelette. Every dish was as delicious as the last,

As the evening progressed and the appetite disappeared, you were left with a feeling that your taste buds had been on an overseas trip and you were well sated, but not so stuffed full that you regretted eating that last mouth full.

The tapas menu is a very social way of dining – you can just keep on eating, drinking and talking without interruption and you get to interact with your fellow diners in a way you don't if you order off a set menu.

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Pam being farewelled at Auckland Airport.

Pam Bridges the Gap

Omata's Pam Livingston reckons jellyfish is a delectable delight and the Chinese have impeccable traffic manners.

Part of a three-team New Zealand contingent playing against teams from 12 countries in the 10-day annual Asia-Pacific Open Bridge

championships in Shanghai in August, Pam did not know what to expect from her first trip to Asia.

She admits to only sampling the local delicacy of jellyfish by accident, although she was pleasantly surprised at how nice it was. Pam was also impressed with the politeness of the local people. "There were lots of people on bikes and they all gave way. People were very quiet and serene," she says.

The mother of three feels New Zealand did extremely well as some of the teams were professional. "We were amateurs in comparison. Wealthy people pay to play with a good partner in most countries, but not here," she says.

New Zealand's top team came fourth, while the women's team won their section and the seniors' were placed seventh.

Added pressure came with the sudden death of her bridge partner's mother the day before the tournament started. "His family wanted him to stay and play as his mother was very proud he had got to the competition and he coped really well."

It was Pam's first time playing bridge internationally and she is the first woman in 50 years to be selected to the national top team.

"It was one big buzz. I enjoyed the challenge of playing against different countries. It was great representing New Zealand," she says.

Pam has played bridge for about 15 years but only seriously for five years, when she teamed up with Wayne Burrows from Palmerston North. About an hour a day is spent training on the internet and they meet once a month to practice in person.

They decided to have their first go at the national side earlier this year and after a gruelling six-day trial playing eight hours a day in Wellington, managed to secure places in the three-pair team.



Pam relaxes after the China Macau game.

"I had no expectations of getting in. I was doing it for the experience. People don't usually succeed the first time."

Although there wasn't much time for sight seeing, what Pam did see was fantastic. The row upon row of 30-storey apartments made an impression, as did the sheer volume of people.

"It was a huge culture shock. The very surprising thing was it was very quiet considering there were all these people."

Omata's honorary ambassador says she is particularly grateful to the New Plymouth Bridge Club for its fundraising efforts and to husband James and children Callum (14), William (12), and Phoebe (9), who have been very supportive all the way.

New Plymouth Bridge Club president Jennifer O'Shaughnessy says Pam Livingston is dedicated to the game and deserved to be part of a prestigious team.

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A snapshot of the Omata Tennis Club

In 1924 a group of young people in Omata wished to form a tennis club. After requests to the Taranaki Education Board for the use of school land, arrangements were made for the laying an asphalt tennis court at the corner of Waireka and Sealy Roads, to be used by the pupils of the school as well as by members of the Club out of school hours. Despite enquiries, no consent would be given by the Education Board for Sunday play. This was the rule for all sport in the school grounds at that time. However, many happy games and friendly matches were played on the Omata tennis court before the Club ceased to function about 1940.

In 1958 the Omata Tennis Club was revived. Mr Mick Snell, the school headmaster, was elected patron, Mr P Clark became president and Mrs Yvonne Hildred the secretary. The Purser brothers gave demonstrations and coaching to the children on Saturday mornings. Mr Clark and Mrs Hildred also coached and representatives from Kawaroa and Huatoki Tennis Clubs gave demonstrations too.

Mr Don Coleman was the first Club Captain. The Club was affiliated with the Taranaki Tennis Association and played matches with neighbouring clubs. Many players achieved good results for the Club. Winners of the C Grade Taranaki Championship were Miss V Coleman and Mrs A Clark (Ladies' doubles), Miss V Coleman and Mr W Tanner (mixed doubles). Mr J Patu represented the Club for Taranaki, while Mr Tanner, then a member of the Huatoki Tennis Club, was a Taranaki representative for five years.

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Savane

Ali Farka Touré

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Film producer and blues fanatic Martin Scorsese described the music of the late Ali Farka Touré as "the DNA. of the blues" and this is only one in a long series of statements over the years that compares the work of this peerless African guitarist with such primal bluesmen as John Lee Hooker, Son House and Lightnin' Hopkins. He was also the much-loved mayor of Niafunké (a remote village in the far north of Mali) and was revered by some of the finest musicians of our time. Yet for all of this, Touré was a humble man who described himself as a farmer and much preferred the simple rural life to the adulation that he garnered whenever he toured outside of Africa.

Completed a matter of weeks before his death from bone cancer, *Savane* is a fitting memorial to the timeless artistry of Mali's master of what is now commonly known as "the desert blues". Former collaborator Ry Cooder described *Savane* as "absolutely perfect. A truly great piece of work." Even the understated Touré himself was moved to describe his

swansong as "my best album ever. It has the most power."

Although *Savane* features Ali's traditional 'ngoni' band throughout, he is not afraid to add a touch of spice, with former James Brown and Van Morrison saxophonist Pee Wee Ellis, Little George Sueref (harmonica), bassists Yves Wernert, Oumar Diallo and Etienne Mbappé and Radio Tarifa's Fain Duenas on percussion stepping in as required. Essentially though, Ali Farka Touré's voice and electric or acoustic guitars are up-front, beautifully supported by up to a trio of the ngoni (a West African banjo-like instrument) plus njarka (violin), Peul flute and percussion and/or chorus vocals, according to the specific needs of each song.

And what songs they are. The title track, for example, is a homesick homage to the receding savannah that lends the album its name and is stunning in its simplicity and emotional gravity. Two circling ngoni underpin Touré's understated voice and guitar, resulting in a track that sounds like an African equivalent of a chance meeting between Robert Johnson and Sleepy John Estes' mandolin man Yank Rachell. Magic! While *Savane* is undoubtedly the emotional heart of the album, nothing here is even remotely disappointing. Like I said, magic!

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There have been some strange goings-on at Dave (Biggie) Smithers' Sirocco Boards workshop, behind Vertigo in recent months. The result of which is a huge glass fibre funnel which has finally been placed in position at the Ohakune Information Centre. Going right through the roof of the building the structure brings light down into the unusual architecture of the centre. The Ohakune commission was the result of Biggie's impressive work on New Plymouth's new bus depot in Ariki Street.



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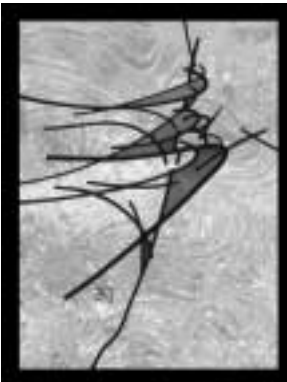
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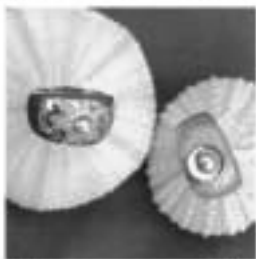
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Te Huringa / Turning Points – Pakeha Colonisation and Maori Empowerment

Paintings from some of New Zealand's best known modern and historical artists feature in the latest exhibition at Puke Ariki. *Te Huringa / Turning Points* charts a stunning visual history of this country's journey from early European contact, settlement and colonisation through to contemporary perspectives by 20th and 21st Century artists.

The exhibition includes work by Augustus Earle, Nicholas Chevalier, Francis Dillon Bell, Charles Goldie, Colin McCahon, Gordon Walters, Darcy Nicholas, Sandy Adsett, Robyn Kahukiwa, Emare Karaka, Shane Cotton and Peter Robinson.

Toured by the Sarjeant Gallery of Wanganui and supported by Te Puni Kokiri and the Fletcher Trust, *Te Huringa* features magnificent paintings from the Fletcher Trust Collection and also from the Sarjeant Gallery Permanent Collection. It has been co-curated by Peter Shaw, Curator of the Fletcher Trust Collection and Dr Jo Diamond, Nga Puhi-nui-tonu, Lecturer in Art History, University of Canterbury. Each painting in the exhibition has a dual interpretation by the two curators reflecting their culturally different viewpoints.

"This is a timely and thought provoking exhibition," explains Bill Macnaught, Manager Puke Ariki. "It explores issues of Maori portrayal and identity that are important for all New Zealanders."

The exhibition has been designed to appeal directly to people of all ages and backgrounds. It can be read on a number of levels: simply as an interesting range of paintings of New Zealand or, if viewers wish to engage with the issues presented in the accompanying labels, as a opportunity to consider the artists' intentions. There is often a contentious intersection between two cultures – one indigenous, the other post colonial.

"This is another dimension of the Puke Ariki temporary exhibition programme and the opportunity to view these important New Zealand art works is likely to appeal to a wide audience here in Taranaki," continues Bill Macnaught.

The exhibition runs from 17 September to 5 November and entry is free of charge.

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Puke Ariki launches *Taranaki Stories*

A quirky and distinctly Taranaki book with a difference was launched at the Inglewood Public Library last Wednesday.

Taranaki Stories, published with funding from the Taranaki Electricity Trust (TET), is not just another history book. It's a book about people – human tales of guts and glory, death and danger, peace and power.

The Puke Ariki produced book, co-authored by Sorrel Hoskin and Rhonda Bartle, contains 20 stories that bring some undiscovered spirits of Taranaki alive to tell little-known tales of the region.

Among the diverse stories are tales of rugby players, a man with a pyramid in his back yard, a bridegroom who was a woman and the truth about the Swanndri.

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Freddy and Hazel McGregor



Freddy McGregor is a stalwart of the Koru Road area. His Scottish grandfather had one of the first farms on Koru Road way back in 1880. The farm supported 12 cows and the main job of farming was clearing the land – at about two acres per year per person. Freddy's grandmother was one of the early Koru Road School pupils.

Freddy remembers going to church in the front room of Grannie McGregor's house. Grandfather McGregor built three houses in the area, all out of corrugated iron so they wouldn't burn down, and one of these corrugated "shed" houses was Hazel's first home when she married Freddy.

Freddy spent his first 22 years on Koru Road. His father Robert worked at the Kirihaui Sawmill. About 12 other families lived in the area and worked at the mill also. Freddy walked 2 kilometres to Koru Road School until it closed down in 1939. Freddy remembers there once being no teacher – she just didn't turn up! Another teacher was fond of dishing out the strap so Bernie Payne chopped it up into small pieces. Yet another teacher, Mrs Geddes, had no control of the children and one day when she sent them off on a paper chase (orienteering) exercise, the kids didn't come back until school was over. The local boys got up to the usual high jinks of the time – drinking wine (supposedly fruit) and smoking.

Koru Road School closed when he was 11 years old and Freddy went off to Oakura School, which he reckons it was a far better place to gain an education. It was at Oakura School that he met Hazel Riley. But the high jinks weren't left behind! Freddy remembers using his homemade shanghi to launch staples at other boys. He also fancied owning a model airplane and for the cost of one shilling John Meskallyn would make it for him. Unfortunately even a shilling was hard to come by so Freddy schemed to uplift the empty fizz bottles from the Koru Road Hall and redeem them at the hotel. Freddy got the bus driver to stop outside the Hall and then transported the bottles into Oakura on the bus, whereupon he got the money for his model airplane. But fate didn't want Freddy to have a plane because John's father sat on it and broke it before it could be delivered to him!

In those days education wasn't considered important so Freddy left school at age 14 and began work for the Benthams – first for brother Jim as a day worker doing fencing and farm jobs, then with brother Bill and then brother Frank. Freddy remembers his Uncle Will Taylor being killed when a log tipped over the tractor he was driving and he was crushed by it.

When Freddy and Hazel married they lived on the family farm in the corrugated iron-clad house, farming sheep (approximately

3,000 head) and bringing up their family of six children. In the early days there were only three main families living on Koru Road – the Greens, the Looneys and the McGregors, and for nearly 40 years the McGregors had the same neighbours! A true test of friendship, you could say.

In the 1970s the farm became a beef unit with Freddy raising bull calves. They put in an airstrip to fertilise the rough terrain of the farm. 100 inches of rain per year also made the ground very soggy.

Today son Robbie and wife Robyn live on the home farm, milking over 400 cows, and they have brought their three children up in the same area as four previous generations of McGregors.


Freddy and Hazel have retired to Oakura village and enjoy a life of travel, golf, garden, family and friends. Hazel is presently recovering from a hip replacement and Freddy is busy being chief cook and bottle washer, and preserver of the bounty from the garden.

By Kim Ferens

A happy picnic at the Kirihaui Sawmill when Freddie was a boy.



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Oakura Yoga

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We no longer have classes of quite that size, but we have expanded to include Thursday evenings as well and a dedicated number of people come every week. More recently I have begun to teach private classes to a group of committed and enthusiastic women from Omata.

Even with all this yoga going on around the area, I am sure there are still many who wonder just what yoga is. In brief, yoga is a 5,000 year-old science that balances body and mind, keeping both young, healthy and flexible.

I recently asked the lovely ladies from Omata what brought them to yoga and how they feel they are benefiting from it. Their reasons ranged from injuries that were bothering them to just wanting to increase their flexibility. They all reported that the benefits have been exactly what they hoped for and more. The most common benefit cited was a deeper understanding of how their bodies work. This has led to a decrease of pain in old injuries and a lower risk of new injuries occurring. A greater sense of well being was reported as well as considerable weight loss.

Yoga is an exercise that is for every age, size and ability. So if you have been thinking about coming to yoga for the first time or want to get back into it, here is your chance – there are two new Saturday morning classes starting!

7.00am to 8.30am will be a class for people with some yoga experience.

9.00am to 10.30am will be an all-welcome beginners' class. It will be at a slower pace designed specifically for new students. Pregnant woman and new mums will also find this one beneficial.

Saturday morning classes begin on 14 October. Tuesday evenings will continue, but Thursday night classes have now finished.

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The Three Ps . . . Price . . . Promotion . . . Presentation

So far we have looked at Price or Promotion as reasons a property may not sell. This month we consider the last **P . . . Presentation**.

We've all seen the popular home make-over TV shows of recent years with real life examples of vendors happily allowing a crew to come in and tidy up their home in the hope of gaining a premium sale price. In most cases it is successful and the vendor is delighted to gain another \$5- \$10- \$15- or \$20,000 and sometimes more for the sale than they would have previous to the make-over. It is a bit like when we go to sell a car – we finally fix up all the rattle and shakes we've put up with for the last two years and give it a clean for the first time in months, in the hope that we will get a better price for it.

Here are the top five pre-sale presentation to dos!

- Tidy up the garden – your front garden is usually the first thing people see when they pull up and as the old adage says, "We only get one chance to make a first impression." For very little outlay and a little bit of sweat, a tidy presentable garden can change the way your house presents itself.
- Detail the home – just like your car, get the windows sparkling, shampoo the carpet, water blast the exterior if necessary, get the mould off the ceilings and in general, make it spic and span.

- Touch up the paint-work – it's amazing what a difference a bit of paint can make, maybe lighten up that dingy old bathroom.
- Styling – maybe you struggle with this. It might be time to get in a professional at this point (it can save your marriage!) or a friend who has that ability to put this with that.
- De-cluttering – less is better. Clutter can make rooms seem smaller or even darker in some instances. Maybe it's time for some of that stuff to go.

These are just a few tips that might help you get the price you are looking for. I see it like this... If you manage to gain another \$20,000 for your property just by putting in a month of weekends sprucing it up (which is not unrealistic), how long would it take you to earn that amount in your regular job? And if it all seems too much, you can always do what one of my friends did – throw a party and bring out the overalls and paintbrushes without warning. (You'll probably have trouble getting people to your next party, but never mind!)

Give me a call if you would like more advice on how to maximise the sale of your property!

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Hayfever

While warmer weather and new buds herald springtime in Oakura, for many people it means the sneezing season has arrived. Not only are fresh flowers and grasses blooming but it is also the windy season, which means pollens being blown about everywhere. Allergies are a very common problem at this time of year. Symptoms of itchy eyes, runny nose, headache and coughing indicate hayfever.

Hayfever is caused by an allergic reaction to certain 'triggers'. The most common ones are pollens from flowers, grass, trees and weeds. "People who get hayfever at this time of year have what is known as seasonal allergic rhinitis", says Colleen. But, not everyone with hayfever reacts to pollen just at springtime. Many people suffer year-round with hayfever symptoms. They are sensitive to animal hair, moulds, and the ever-common house dust mite.

Trying to avoid the things that 'trigger' your hayfever is a great first step, but if this is not possible, Colleen recommends antihistamine medicines. These stop the chemical histamine from being released in your body. If taken early enough, they will prevent hayfever symptoms from occurring. Otherwise, it may be a few days before symptoms are relieved. There are several brands of antihistamines, and some can make you sleepy, so Colleen will be able to advise on the best one for you.

Antihistamines relieve runny noses, itchy eyes and sneezing symptoms. For blocked noses, nasal decongestants (for short-term use only), and nasal corticosteroid sprays are excellent products. People with moderate-to-severe hayfever, and those who have hayfever symptoms all year round, get good relief from using nasal corticosteroids like Flixonase. These act as preventers to stop the allergic reaction from developing, but have to be used regularly everyday, even when symptoms are not present.

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Anxiety can affect learning. It may be that the individual is so focused on what they are anxious about that they are unable to take in or process any new information. Their anxiety may also hinder them in recalling information they have previously learned.

Changes in routine, particularly unexpected changes that the individual has not been pre-warned about, can cause great anxiety. Some individuals with ASD ask questions repetitively just to make sure the answer is still the same as this makes them feel safe. Many have difficulty recognising and expressing emotions and this leads to anxiety.

How can we help? As far as practical, we can try to provide a consistent daily routine, which includes forewarning of any changes – sometimes both verbally and visually using pictures or icons. It may help also to use gradual de-sensitisation, which gives the individual the chance to encounter what they are afraid of, but in a controlled setting where they are in charge and their exposure to what makes them anxious is diluted. Teaching social skills can also help as this gives the individual tools and skills to be successful in the social encounters that usually make them anxious. Last, but not least, you can use strategies for relieving or controlling anxiety such as relaxation techniques, exercise or even stress balls.

Thanks for your time, next month I'll talk about the environment and how it can affect individuals with ASD.

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Kaitake Golf

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Silver winner – Robyn Robins; Runner up – Shona Burgess.

Bronze 1 winner – Maureen Nelson; Runner up – Jessie Seamark.

Bronze 2 winner – Julie Aitken; Runner up – Marlen Scott.

On Thursday, 14 September the Bronze 1 and the Nine-Hole women had a very successful open day, with forty nine-hole ladies and forty 18-hole ladies. Once again the weather was perfect.

The following are the results of our Men's and Weekend Ladies' Club Championships played on the 23rd September 2006.

Senior men	Robbie Sim	b	Ewin Richie	5/4
Intermediate men	Phil Larkin	b	Richard Sturmer	1 up
Junior men	Kerry Knuckey	b	Wayne Gray	
Limits	Mike Jans	b	Roger Gregory	

(Mike Jans our Patron has won his first championship competition at the age 81.)

Weekend Ladies

Silver	Jan Davies	b	Moyra Grey	4/3
Bronze 1	Janet Jupp	b	June Neale	5/4

Oakura Primary School team wins bronze

Defending champions Oakura Primary School managed a credible 3rd equal placing in the Senior Primary Schools Division of the North Island Ski Champs held at Whakapapa Skifield on 6 and 7 September.

The team was Meyer Neeson, Lucy Brankin, Tai Juneau, Jackson Braddock-Pajo and Tobais Looker.

Individual results in Giant Slalom, Junior Girls – 6th Meyer Neeson, Senior Girls – 32nd Lucy Brankin, Senior Boys – 15th Tai Juneau, 20th Jackson Braddock-Pajo, Did not finish Tobias Looker.

Francis Douglas Memorial College placed 19th in the Intermediate Division.



From left: Mark Braddock – Manager, Tai Juneau, Lucy Brankin, Jackson Braddock-Pajo, Meyer Neeson, Tobias Looker.

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Another young achiever

Talented alpine ski racer Finlay Neeson won this year's Sports Achievement award and will be profiled in the next issue of *TOM*. He was unavailable for comment this issue as he was away at Cardrona (South Island) competing in the K Cup.

The 10-category awards were started in 2000 to recognise the talents and contributions of the district's youngsters.



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Slow Food* Taranaki

Brussel sprouts and saving the world

Most people join the Slow Food movement because they are attracted by the conviviality of preparing and consuming foods with others. It's one of the real joys of life to share a good meal with family or friends. But once you join the movement you become exposed to a number of different themes. Like the need to maintain diversity in the foods available to us. Or to ensure those foods are fresh and toxin-free. Or, with concerns about global warming, to consider the energy that was used to produce and deliver the food to us. Is it in season and was it produced locally?

Which leads us nicely into the topic of Now I know that for many readers even the thought of brussel sprouts can bring on a bout of gastric discomfort. And I share the memories of many for whom mid-winter signalled the arrival of those foul-smelling, yellowing, gag-inducing spoilers of an evening meal. How many times was I told that if I tried them I would learn to like them? It never happened and I spent miserable evenings pushing them around my plate and wishing them away. I'm sure it had to do with the length of time they spent in the pot. Overcooking releases a noxious, sulphurous odour and turns the sprouts bitter.

Putting those miserable memories behind me and as part of my commitment to seasonal veggies, I bought some brussel sprouts last week, and actually became a convert!

So here it is . . .

A recipe for people who hate brussels sprouts:

Chop the sprouts up as you would their big brother, the cabbage. Sauté them in butter with a crushed clove of garlic and the juice of a lemon until the sprouts start to soften. Swirl in a dollop of cream and add a cup of minted peas. Six friends around our table ate every morsel. We served it with a shoulder of pork that had cooked in beer and cider vinegar for two hours. What a combination!

Future Taranaki Slow Food Convivium events

In early October we go macadamia nut picking and participants will have the opportunity to make their own chocolate coated nuts. Further details from: twags@xtra.co.nz

Slow Food Taranaki is holding a cheese making course. The response has been so positive to the idea and Katherine Mowbray's *Cheese Making At Home* course has been booked and will be held at the home of Johanne and Sandy Cuthbert, 13 Ronald Street, Strandon, New Plymouth, 10am - 3pm, on Sunday 3 December. We'll be sending out more details soon.

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Oakura Boardriders Update

The snow season is nearly over and what a great season it has been on Mt Taranaki. I have seen plenty of members making the most of it. "Taradise" we certainly have here if you are into the great outdoors. Those that don't enjoy the snow will be looking forward to things warming up as it has been a cold winter, although there has been some good surf for those keen.

The contest season heats up again with the last two Ripcurl Gromsearches, with Murawai on the weekend of the 30th of September and the Taranaki Gromsearch in early December. The National Primary School Surfing champs are mid-November in Gisborne. You can get more info on this from Peta Day at Oakura School.

A sadder note was the passing of Richard Parsons while out surfing at Weld Road. Our thoughts and heart felt condolences go out to his family – Kate, Jack, Megan and Liam – it is a great loss to all. A memorial service and paddle out was held at Weld Road in Richard's honour and remembrance, a moving experience for all involved.

On another note there is a move underway to form a local surfing body ("Surfing Taranaki", affiliated with Sport Taranaki) to support and progress surfing and foster our young talent. We have some great young surfers coming through and the feeling is a more formal and unified body may help them progress to a higher level and realise their goals. In the past Taranaki surfers in general have struggled on a national and international stage with a lack of support and direction. Parents and local clubs have been the guiding force to date and it is hoped that Surfing Taranaki can bring a unified front without the interclub, local rivalries that have been a part of surfing in Taranaki in times past. Anyone wanting more information can talk to a committee member.

Those of us brought up in the surf scene of the 1980s and early 1990s are familiar with the legendary surf photographer "Sarge" who was instrumental in Occy's early career. Sarge has been calling Taranaki home for the last few months and is one of the major forces behind the local surf paper, *The Daily Surf*. If you haven't got yourself a copy yet, do yourself a favour and get one. It is two issues old now and a great read.

Sarge has been lending his support and experience to the local Taranaki grommets and from what I gather gaining their respect too. He has been getting some good photos and along with New Plymouth stalwart, Wayne Arthur, is working hard to promote Taranaki surfing. Long may it continue.

Brent Anderson

Oakura Boardriders Club President's Report to the AGM – 30th August 2006

by Paul Christophers, Club President

"I am pleased to present my first report as President for the last 12 months.

Thank you to you all for coming along to the evening and supporting your Club. Pres's night, Friday night, ran through the daylight saving months to encourage clubroom usage, with varying numbers attending. I will start it again this spring and hopefully we'll gather a bit of momentum over the summer months.

We won the annual cricket test with the Townies, and the shield has been returned to its rightful place. It has been named the Mike Norris Memorial Shield, and will become a memorial to boardrider cricket players on both sides as they pass on.

Membership stands at approximately 150 members. Enquiries have been steady throughout the year and we have seen about 25 new members sign up.

Clubroom usage has been sporadic. There is always a drop-off in winter months, but enquires for hire have been steady. Just a reminder that the committee has to okay all potential bookings. We have had some bad experiences with under-age parties and crowds congregating on Messenger Terrace. To this end we do not accept bookings for under-age parties and 18th birthday parties. Examples of hire include Taranaki Surf School, birthday parties, school trips, family reunions, the clubbies for their National Champs held in March, and even a couple of weddings. The clubrooms are available for hire at \$150 for non-members or \$50 for members. Just call me on 752 7126 or 027 406 5654.

The Club held a dinner to celebrate its 15th year of existence on Saturday 15 July. Approximately 50 ready, willing and able came along to sample a lovely dinner provided by Kerry Vossler and to listen to our guest speakers, Garry Carnahan, Manager of the Hurricanes and surf photo journalist Sarge. It was deemed a success by all that attended, even if some of us didn't know when to go home.

Surf Competitions

Members of the Club have been featuring locally in the Black Sands Taranaki Champs, the Surf 'n' Snow comp, and the Easter Masters; nationally in the various events held throughout the country; and internationally in the Grom Fests and the like.

Club champs were held the weekend of 25th/26th March. Saturday we had great conditions on the beach for the juniors and on Sunday we scored great waves at Rocky Rights (first time for awhile we have had right handers) In between we had a blistering party night featuring those Townie rock stars, The Boardie Boys. In all it was a great Club weekend. The 2006 championship goes to Simon Deken.

This year saw the re-emergence of the Surf 'n' Snow comp, after a 3 or 4 year hiatus. This is due to the efforts of Mike Christiansen, whose passion for the event was instrumental in making it happen. The event was run over the weekend of 5th/6th August and attracted a good number of local entrants. Conditions on the mountain and at Back Beach were made the event a great success. We would like to see this become an annual event again.

Club Improvements

We have a new paint job, colour scheme decided by Fiona and applied by Mike Christiansen and some thirsty volunteers. I would like to thank Mike for driving these improvements.

To complement the paint job Simon Deken designed a logo to celebrate our 15th year and it is now gracing our North wall. May I say the Club is looking rather smart as we head into the summer of 2006.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee, secretary, treasurer, and all others that have been involved in the running of competitions and volunteering services over the last year.

I see plenty of issues the Club needs to involve itself in the future to allow us to continue with our core business – surfing and enjoying the coastal surrounds. For example Council Strategic plans for the area, beachfront development, any initiatives that affect Oakura Beach and reserves. As a lot of club members surf the coast we also need to take notice of what the South Taranaki District Council is up to in the way of coastal strategies. Things tend to be rather different south of the Stoney River.

Thank you all, and I would like to apologise to anybody and for anything I have omitted from this report.

OBC to host the Hyundai National Surfing Champs in January 2007.

The Oakura Boardriders Club has agreed to assist Surfing New Zealand in hosting of the Hyundai National Surfing Championships in Taranaki on 6-13 January 2007. This decision is as a result of two committee meetings and an emergency committee meeting held recently. The OBC has successfully held the National Surfing Championships previously in 2001, the

National Scholastics Surfing Championships in 2004 and the National Primary Schools Surfing Championships in 2005. We were voted 'Club of the Year' in 2001 after the hosting of the Nationals.

If anyone would like to assist, positions still available are: Contest Director; Judges; Food stalls; Club helpers.

For expressions of interest, please contact Paul Christophers on 7527126 or Mark Braddock on 7527035."



Tyler Anderson, Club Champs at Rocky Rights, 2006

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This is a Nelson wine from Seifried Estate, the oldest and biggest winery in New Zealand.

The delicate green sauvignon blanc grape grows in tight, compact bunches. It responds strongly to the environment in which it is planted, which explains why sauvignon blanc wines are quite diverse in flavour here.

When you drink the Seifried, it is like having spring blooming in your mouth. It is fresh and lively with lots of flavour. We could really taste the zing of citrus and passion-fruit with pineapple overlays. Just like having a fruit salad served in a bottle.

The Wine Advisor has become concerned that we are not serving our wines at the right temperature. As this is a light white it should be served quite cool, at about 6 – 8 degrees, to emphasise its crispness. The best way to achieve this is to



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Drink this wine now, it is absolutely delicious and enjoy the first glimpse of summer and at a very special price of \$14.99 (normally \$20.25) it is a real steal.

Yours in Corks and Screw Tops

Jillyho

OAKURA school news



Oakura School production

All of the 270 pupils from Oakura School recently took part in a musical production called *Imagine*. The theme of the performance was world peace and it was written by teachers Ray Priest and Phil Butt and choreographed by Raeleen Luckin. It tells the story of two children and "the Fool on the Hill", who are on a quest to find an answer to the question: "How can we make this world a peaceful place for all children to live in?"

The seekers travelled to many different countries and through different periods of time on Cat Stevens' Peace Train. On the way they picked up passengers who have demonstrated by the way they have lived their lives that peace can be achieved.

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Oakura Plunket

Change in start time for coffee mornings.

We realise how much of a mission it is sometimes to just get out the door in the morning with "littlies", so we are changing the start time of our Plunket coffee mornings on Fridays to 10 O'clock. So do come along and have a cuppa and a chat and meet some other local parents with small children. We have a great sheltered outdoor area for the children to play ball or have a slide, and puzzles and toys inside if the weather is not so agreeable. Children of all ages are welcome.

The new details are:

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✳ Lawns

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✳ Flowers

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Teacher: Ms Aylward.
Favourite. . .

Movies: Madagascar, Cats and
Dogs, and Ragtime.

Food: Apples.

Activities: Stitching and drawing,
and I love horses. ★

Sports: Soccer and indoor
netball.

Books: Read Sakura four times.

When I grow up I want to be . . .

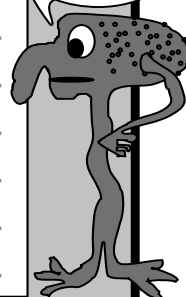
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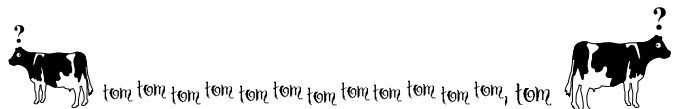
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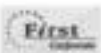


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