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Oakura Community What's On

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Fitness Training/Touch: Thursday nights on back field at Oakura School 5.30 pm to 6.45ish. For all age groups - gold coin donation. Contact Lara Churchill - 0275922320

Functional Crosstraining by Nakifit: Saturdays 7.40am. Ph 021 297 5465 or nakifit@gmail.com

Indoor Bowls: Mondays 7.30pm at Oakura Hall. Contact Marvin Clough ph 7527531.

JKA Karate: Tuesdays at Oakura Hall 5.30-6.30pm. Thursdays at Oakura Hall 6.00-7.00pm. Contact Jim Hoskin 752 7337.

Kaitake Athletics club: Meets at Corbett park at 5pm on a Tuesday evenings during term time To register - athletics nz website and search for Kaitake. Contact -Tash 0277755440.

Move It or Lose It - fitness classes: Oakura Hall, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9.30am, Contact Gloria 752 7442.

Oakura Bowling and Social Club: Bowling tournaments begin September through to April with both mid-week and weekend games. For information contact Steve Muller on 06 757 4399.

Oakura Meditation Group: - Mondays 7.40am 37a Donnelly St, ph 0272037215, email kate@shineyoga.co.nz

Oakura Playcentre: 14 Donnelly St, Oakura. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-noon during school terms. Visitors welcome. Ph Kate Garner on 021-254 4769.
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Oakura Pony Club: Contact Marlies Butland Delfos ph 0274595962.

Oakura Pool Club: Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm at Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Sheree 027 3444 723.

Oakura Yoga: - Shine Yoga Studio, 37a Donnelly St, www.shineyoga.co.nz for days and times, ph 0272037215.

Okato and District Historical Society: Houses a large collection of local family histories and photos in the Okato Community Trust Hall, Cumming Street, Okato. Open to public every Wednesday 10 am to mid day or by appointment. Phone Anne Bolton 7524499 or Meg Cardiff 7524566.

Okato Squash: Club nights on Mondays from 7pm, everyone welcome, phone Darryl Gibson, Ph 06 752 4804.

Omata Playgroup: Meets every Thursday, 9.00am at the Omata Community Hall. Ring 751 2308 for next session date. All parents and pre-schoolers welcome.

Omata Yoga: Wednesday evenings 5.15 - 6.45pm and 6.45 - 8.15pm. Omata Community Hall \$15 per class casual rate, \$80 for 6 class sessions. Contact Annalisa Facer 027 444 8345

Oakura Tennis Club: Thursday 9.15-10.15am Cardio Tennis with Blitz Tennis at Linda Street courts, members and non-members welcome. Contact Club Secretary Jackie Mitchell 027 673 2900.

Probus Club: Meets once month at Kaitake Golf Club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Mike Vickers ph 7527881 or Gwen Jury ph 7527783.

St James Church, Oakura: Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

St John's Church Omata: Morning worship 10.00am second Sunday of the month.

Val Deakin Dance School: Oakura Hall. Beginners' Ballet dance class Mondays 3.30pm- 4.15pm. Also classes for pre-schoolers to adults in ballet, jazz, tap, modern and ballroom (beginners to advanced) at the Dance Centre in New Plymouth with pre school ballet Weds 3pm. Phone 7527743 or email val@valdeakindance.org.nz

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From the Editor



I've had a few people contact me re beach users and what the rules/guidelines are so I thought I'd publish again what the Council bylaws/information state.

You can walk your dog at the Matekai Park loop track. This goes from the main road down to the coast and loops back, and includes the beach north of Wairau Rd. You can find doggy doo bins on

Messenger Tce and at the far end of the camp ground.

The area directly in front of the surf club between the motor camp entrance and Wairau Road is prohibited to dogs between 9am and 6pm during daylight saving time.

Dogs are banned at the Oakura River and bank including the grass area up to the main road bridge and down to the concrete amenities building.

You need to leash your dog at Tapuae between the Tapuae Stream and Herekawe Stream.

Horses may not be on Oakura beaches from 9am to 6pm during daylight saving.

No vehicles are allowed on parks, reserves, sportsgrounds and walkways unless they've been authorised by the Council – such as for contractors repairing damage caused by hooning.

As for beaches, vehicles may be on a beach only for launching or bringing in a boat, or if they're an emergency vehicle. No motorbikes/quads.

Anyone who sees a vehicle operating illegally in a public space should contact New Plymouth Police and the Council with the vehicle's description and registration number.

I hope that clarifies what you can and can't do with dogs and vehicles in our public spaces.

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The Oakura Beach New Years Day Carnival is back!

After missing a year, our favourite Taranaki New Years Day event is back, but this time as a collaboration with the Ngamotu Seaside Markets. Oakura Beach Carnival Trust chair Richie Shearer says "organising an event like the carnival from scratch every year on a volunteer basis is lots of work, and we were finding we couldn't produce a return to the local clubs and organisations we set out to support".

"Over the years the event has shifted from a fundraiser to more of a community New Years Day celebration, and we don't want to let this occasion that marks the start of a New Year in Taranaki just fade away. So we've partnered up with the Ngamotu Seaside Markets which is a well respected and well managed regular market event with dozens of local craft stores, food stalls, and combined it with the fun of the carnival with activities for kids including our famous waterslide and excellent entertainment from local musicians. Our local clubs are also encouraged to use the day for promotions and a fundraiser if they wish to participate. Local outlets like Vertigo and Black Sand are also involved, so all up, weather permitting, it will be a great family day out, a place to forget your New Years Eve hangover, get some tasty food, let the kids run around and celebrate New Years Day Taranaki style".

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Strong Connections to Oakura with The Most FM

The Most 100.4FM radio station has been on the local airwaves since 1993 and recently began broadcasting in Oakura on a new frequency - 107.4FM. The station has also upgraded their stream to 3X the quality for enhanced bass - all good news for listeners who like a 'richly' local content.

And Rich is no play on words. Local Oakura resident Richie Shearer has been instrumental in helping drive the station's success. With its roots back in student radio at WITT in the 90's the station has evolved into a registered charitable trust with funding coming from donations and grants. The trust is run by a board of eight trustees.

Richie says the content is strongly kiwi with almost 50% New Zealand content. The content is also as broad as the minds of the presenters with an emphasis on new alternative music. Rather than the music being a mix of about 300 songs as presented by many 'mainstream' stations, the mix numbers in the 1000's.

Local Oakura residents will recognise many of the presenters who are 'villagers':

Richie presents the business hour and the Friday Free For All. Allan Day presents the Drive Show every Wednesday and Thursday and provides cover for the Breakfast Show.

Paul Christophers joins Allan on the Voices Show roster. Rowan Oldfield and Mike Dunn presents the Weekender sessions.

Ross Bennett presents Pandoras Box - 100% retro.

Other well known music buffs who volunteer are Graham Donlon, Peter Bennett, Hilary Bennett, Virginia Winder and Andy Bassett among others.

Station manager and breakfast host is Jack Irving. Jack presents a daily surf and snow report - possibly the only radio station to do this daily. Jack also presents a weekly chat with the Mayor Neil Holdom, local MP Jonathan Young, and an employment lawyer, iwi leaders, Art Gallery news, youth views on news and films and the Chamber of Commerce.

The many genres of music are represented through these presenters with shows called Under the Mic and Kiwiana Show, the Latino Show, the Reggae Hour, Taranaki Sounds, Long Play Show, Jurassic Tracks, Waxing Lyrical, Worldwide Music and Jazz, Bell St Blues Show, Drum 'N Bass, Voices, 100% Retro, Music without Frontiers, Saints and Sinners, Old Cobblers Show, Kaleidoscope, Eclectique and Beats, Rhymes and Life.

Allan Day says he loves his time working as a volunteer at The Most. Retirement from full time employment as a school principal has freed him up to indulge his passion for music by presenting music shows on The Most. He says he would rather now listen to music than watch TV such is the dearth of good content on aforementioned visual medium.

The Most FM is more than just an alternative independent music radio station. The station is proactively community minded with strong links to TAFT, WOMAD and local gigs. The station promotes Sunday sessions at Butlers Hotel and recently hosted Big Daddy Wilson and his band at the hotel. The station also has a daily community notice section.

If you haven't tuned into The Most on their dedicated frequency for Oakura on 107.4FM or streamed live from The Most's website, it might be time to check out their web page and select a slot that suits your taste - you will probably be pleasantly surprised by how unlike any other radio show it sounds like. Perhaps another example of how unique we are here in second best region in the world!

By Kim Ferens



above Big Daddy Wilson and his band and below Matt Everest on the left and Aashan Khatri on vocals opening the Sunday session for Big Daddy Wilson at Butlers Hotel.



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Kaitake Community Board

Doesn't a few days of fine sunny weather do great things for one's soul? We have been enjoying better weather since last reporting. The beach is calling again, and there are many more folk out and about than has been the case over the last few months.

The Oakura Boardriders have recommenced their very popular Friday night get-togethers and their 'learn to surf' programme is getting underway. The programme is a great way for our village kids to learn about the intricacies of the waves and learn some very useful water-wise skills as well. The NPOB Surf Club also provides a junior surf programme that teaches children how to keep themselves and their friends safe at the beach. Both these fun-filled programmes enable kids to learn about being surf smart, and gives them a chance to pursue healthy life-long water activities from an early age. The beach has always been the magnet, attracting people to the community for well over a century so we urge you and your children to get involved and make the most of our wonderful seaside environment.

Now that the thirty year community plan has been completed the community board is about to embark on another equally important project. We intend to make the Oakura area a predator free community. Oakura is the closest urban area to the Egmont National Park and we will be developing strategies alongside the team running the Taranaki Mounga Project, which is now entering the ten year long phase two of the operation. This conservation project's objective is to eradicate the weeds and animal pests from the mountain and ranges and then to reintroduce those native species lost to the park over the years. It is a collaboration between the Department of Conservation, eight Taranaki iwi and philanthropic investor NEXT Foundation, supported by founding sponsors Shell New Zealand, Jasmine Social Investments, TSB Community Trust and Landcare Research.

At this point we are only at an initial 'talking' stage. For example we need to clearly establish what we want to achieve, ascertain the actual area involved, work out what equipment we will need, how we can recruit volunteers and so on. As soon as we are able, we will set up a local meeting to talk through all the issues with those in the community who are interested and want to learn more. This project fits like a glove with what the Oakura community told us during the intensive consultation carried out during the development of the KCB Community Plan. That was, 'To encourage ongoing community stewardship of the local environment and its biodiversity and to maintain natural habitats, ecosystems and viable populations of native species.' To achieve this worthy goal will certainly require a lot of planning and hard work but we do believe it will be well worth the effort.

Finally let's give a big shout out to all those special folk who have helped out in the community during the past year. The early childhood centres and schools, their staff, boards and volunteers who look after the interests of the younger members of our district. The various sporting organisations and their never-complaining volunteers who have kept their various organisations ticking over. The two fire brigades, all the businesses in Omata, Oakura and Okato, the beach camp, the hall committee and others in the community. All have helped keep our wonderful lifestyle intact. On behalf of the community we acknowledge your immeasurable assistance for the benefit of everyone and thank you sincerely for it.

The next (and final 2017) meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be at the NPOB surf club on Monday, November 20 at 4.30pm.

On behalf of Mike, Paul, Graham and our appointed councillor Roy I wish all TOM readers a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and hope you can spend lots of quality family time and enjoy our great local environment over the coming summer months. Ka kite ano. Doug Hislop (7527324)

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While post-election negotiations have been proceeding in Wellington, it's been business as usual in Taranaki – and that means there are plenty of exciting opportunities coming through.

In the last Parliamentary term, I was Parliamentary Private Secretary for Economic Development with a big emphasis on the regions. It's something I'm passionate about and as usual Taranaki is leading the country, with a number of innovative projects on the go.

In September we had a visit from former Commerce Minister Jacqui Dean. Among the discussions, we talked about plans for a rebrand of Coastal Taranaki. This is a great chance to take a look at all the things that make this place special for us and let the rest of the country - and the world – know how good it is here. When I was growing up, I'd go wading for paua; we've got surfcasting, art, outdoor activities - how many Aucklanders have all that in their back yard? We can justifiably feel good about the exciting opportunities here, so let's take a look at ourselves through the eyes of visitors and reflect on how we might want that communicated outside Taranaki.

At a regional level, keep an eye on the Tapuae Roa: Make Way

for Taranaki project (www.makeway.co.nz/). This is Team Taranaki at its best – a collaboration of local businesses and organisations, iwi and central and local government working towards sustainable success for the whole region. The idea is to build a comprehensive ten-year economic development strategy that is based on a range of opportunities that will benefit the whole of Taranaki. I've been lucky enough to be part of it from both sides, locally and with Economic Development Minister Simon Bridges, who launched the Strategy in August. I really like the mission: "Taranaki – where talent becomes enterprise Kia eke panuku". To me, this draws on the innovative, can-do nature of Taranaki people and how we can channel that into long-term success for everyone at both a business and community level.

The lead team has been working hard on the first part of the strategy, which isn't far off. A regional action plan is due to be released in December and that'll give us our first glimpse at the potential that could be unlocked.

I think it's really important to emphasise that it's a whole-of-region strategy that aims to include everyone. So there'll be tremendous opportunities for Coastal Taranaki, along with the rest of the province.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in the election and to say that I'm very much looking forward to representing the people of the New Plymouth electorate in the next parliament.

Jonathan Young



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Coming Events

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13-17 Y7/8 Camp in Wellington

16 Folk Dance Displays Y1-6 6:15pm
(if fine)

28 Parent Help morning tea 10:30am

30 Playgroup Christmas Party 9am

December

13 Cyber Safety Y5-8
Cyber Safety parent evening session
(details pending)

15 Reports Issued

18 Big Day Out

20 Prize Giving 10:45am

21 School finishes 12pm

Students from Omata School recently attended a book re-launch by New Zealand author Phyllis Johnston.

The students had studied the historical novels 'No One Went to Town' and 'Black Boots and Buttonhooks' with Mrs Madden last year. The books tell the true story of Phyllis' grandmother, May Tarrant, growing up in the high steep hills of the Taranaki back blocks in the early 1900's. The students wrote letters to Phyllis Johnston, now 82, telling her how much they learned from her books and enjoyed the stories.

The students were lucky enough to have a visit by Phyllis and her daughter earlier this year. Phyllis was thrilled to see that her books, written in the 1980's, were still loved and valued by students of today and were being used as a learning resource in the classroom.

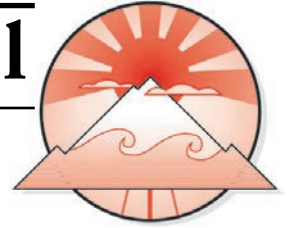
The visit inspired Phyllis and her family to re-launch the books so future generations can continue to enjoy these very special stories. Take a look at noonewenttotown.co.nz for more information.

Karen Brisco
Principal



Teacher Kelly Madden holding Phyllis Johnston's newly published books with students Lily Coutanche, Lucas Alfred, Brayden Duggan, Ella James, Millie Stonier and Melissa Killian.

Oakura School



Keeping Ourselves Safe

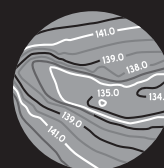
The focus for all students in term 4 is working together to keep ourselves safe, a unit developed by the New Zealand Police. Safety in the classroom is valued, encouraged and taught at Oakura School. This term, we will be exploring knowledge of safe zones around your community and safety strategies to help us out of uncomfortable situations. Community Police Officer, Anna Duncan, has been coming into our school to extend our education.

Year 7 & 8 Camp

The year 7 and 8 team are excited to go to Camp Leigh at the end of this term. We will be snorkelling in the Marine Reserve, under the guidance of Department of Conservation staff and staying overnight at Auckland Zoo, to name only two of the exciting opportunities offered to us.

We held a very successful Market Day fundraiser at the end of term 3 and the funds raised will go towards the cost of this camp. At the market day there was music, food, books and games. The day proved not only to be an excellent fundraiser and awesome fun for the school but a great learning experience for the senior team. Over the course of term 3 the year 7 and 8s worked hard on creating innovative stalls, marketing and selling their very own product and developed a great understanding of finances, accounting and businesses. A massive thank you to all staff, parents and children who helped make it such a success.

Lily Stoddart (age 13) and Holly Stoddart (age 13)



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Key Dates and Activities for Term IV

- Week 1 - Manfield Bike Races
- 2018 Prefect Interviews
- Year 9 Te Reo Students at Parihaka
- Komiti Maori
- Week 2 - Junior Literacy testing
- Vocational Pathways Luncheon & Graduation
- Sports Prizegiving
- Week 3 - Maori Graduation Ceremony
- Learning Support Centre visit for parents and students
- Week 4 - ERO Review begins
- Senior Prizegiving
- NCEA Examinations begin
- Week 6 - Junior Exam Week
- Learning Support Faculty Craft Fair & Dance Party

- Week 7 - Junior Tournament Week
- PTA Dinner
- Year 13 Graduation Dinner
- Week 8 - Activities Week
- Junior Prizegiving

This year is the fourth year that the Spotswood College engineering students went to Manfield to race their school-built 70cc mini motor bikes. Engineering teacher Mr Simon Houghton and parent helper, Mr Peter Huitema, took seven boys down for a three day race meet at the well-known raceway.

The students taking part were Nico O'Brien, Jakeb Price, Mark Huitema, Steven Weir, Connal Lander and Jake Courtneil who were racing and Liam Ransley-McIsaac was the pit crew - pictured below. The bikes had to go through a strict scrutinising process before they raced and all passed the test. Mark Huitema was the fastest Spotswood College racer and there was a very tight finish where Connal Lander just pipped Nico O'Brien by half a foot at the post!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience which was a huge learning experience for the students, from the start of the year when the bike-building commenced, through to attending the event at Manfield.

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Well we are inching closer to summer and the warmer water which we all wait for although not the blue bottles which come with it and have been plaguing our shores recently! Despite these notorious sea stingers there have been a few hearty sea salts frequenting the line up during the windows of swell. There have been a couple of fun banks on the beach and it is always good to share one of these banks. On that note subs are due. We welcome new members so get on board!!

The skate park development has seen a positive turn in the last month. The community orientated skate park plans are taking shape and we hope to know when building will begin by the time this issue is on the press. Acknowledgement needs to be made to John Shewry who has put a lot of time and effort in over the last couple of years to get this community project to where it is now and through to completion.

Surf coaching is changing for 2017/2018. We will be running some summer camp style lessons for kids during the holidays. The intent is that the camps will be all day participation over a weekend type with the potential for guest coaching and different locations. This will be for kids that can surf and swim. Friday night all in surf sessions are in full swing and we encourage all of you to take part in these. Coaches will be on the beach for advice but not in the water. These nights are community surf nights where we help and encourage each other and enjoy our beach for what it is. Vertigo will run the "learn to surf days" separate to the club and please contact them directly for enquires.

We have had several competitive surfers in the headlines. Paige Hareb is sitting 9th on the world qualifying series. Ariana Shewry has placed 9th in the Turtle Bay pro junior in Hawaii. Tommy Butland came 3rd in the secondary schools scholastics held in Gisbourne. They are all ripping and we are proud that they represent our club. Tommy was also part of the Taranaki team which placed 5th overall in a very competitive field so well done! At the time of press we will have had several members compete in the Maori titles. Also the "Onshore Golf Classic" between Oakura and New Plymouth would have been done and dusted. Hopefully this becomes an annual event along with other similar type events. We have the privilege in Taranaki to challenge other clubs and keep the competitive spirits alive. We are the holders of the Taranaki club championship (Taranaki surfing's version of the Ranfurly Shield - "Go the Bulls") and we intend to keep it as well!

If you have questions about anything to do with the club please contact: Luke Florence. President. Any questions. 0274930819
John Shewry. Skatepark and fundraising. 0272529190
Colin Webber. Bookings. webzy70@yahoo.com
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See you in the water or at the club!

Eli Smith. OBC



Tom Butland far right placed 3rd at the high school champs



Oakura Tennis Club

Winter is over and we are all sorted for a cracker season. Our AGM was held on 18th October with most of the committee staying on for another season - must be the cake and the wine at our meetings! Graeme Mitchell continues as president - he's learnt some good fencing skills if anyone needs any fencing done! Jackie continues as secretary and Chris Ferguson as treasurer. Tash Lewis and Anne Bridges are kept busy organising all the juniors. Sue Oldfield, Becs Scott and Craig Waite (great on the bbq, handy on court and for after tennis cool down in the pool) help keep things ticking along. Roseanne Donovan joins the committee this year lured in by wine and to help with social tennis activities.

Competition got underway on 28th October and this year we have three teams entered on Saturday with a Soffe cup, A2 and an A3 team. There are a couple of Monday ladies teams which are played between 9am and 12pm if you have some spare time. Junior numbers are also growing this season and Matt from Blitz Tennis is increasing coaching sessions to meet the demand. Our Friday night competition has three teams entered.

It is awesome to have so many parents willing to manage these teams and organise them each week and delay their Friday night weekly wind down for a few hours!

Tuesday nights are our social night with juniors welcome for some fun games from after school. Adults who want some fun doubles can come along at 5.30pm

We are looking forward to some sunshine and some activity on court. Membership renewal and Coaching bookings are now available online (visit our website at www.sporty.co.nz/oakuratennis for more information) or phone Jackie 0276732900





Club News:

Congratulations to our 2017 club champions!! The weather was kind and both the course and golf of fine standard. Thank you to all who supported our finalists and the volunteers who put the work in to make Finals Day special. Congratulations to the runners-up, there's always next year!

Men's Division:

Results for the Mens Club Championships:

Senior Men: Winner Dave Simpson Runner-up John Haylock

Intermediate: Winner Grant Hildred Runner-up Roger Cloke

Junior: Winner Colin Webby Runner-up Len Frost

Limit: Winner Martin Nield Runner-up Ralph Ellicock

Well done to all players and a huge thank you to the caddies and supporters, was good to see such a positive turnout. Thank you to all the men and women who contributed to a shared plate after the tournament. Was lovely to see so many of you all stay and celebrate and commiserate with our finalists.

Ladies One Club Division:

Results for the Women's Club Championships:

Silver: Winner Annie Frame Runner-up Jackie Koch

Bronze I: Winner Debra Johnson Runner-up Helen Beaurepaire

Bronze II: Winner Lorraine Julian Runner-up Lyn George.

Once again congratulations to all the finalists. The girls were most appreciative of all the support and thanks to the caddies and umpires.

Kaitake Ladies One Club:

Kaitake Women's Golf is making exciting changes to its organisation and is becoming One Club. Up to now weekday and weekend players have been distantly separate but the opportunity to play whenever it suits under 'One Club' umbrella makes it an attractive option for current and prospective members.

The One Club format provides unity, offers opportunities to play anytime during the week as well as increasing the competition.

For more information on women's golf at Kaitake, please contact Denise in the office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Course News:

Well it is still very wet out there. We have had to put up a notice regarding "NO Golf Carts" as it is too wet especially round the greens for the carts.

This year the magpies have been very aggressive and have been swooping down at the players on the course. We have had magpies before but not to the extent of attacking but they are just protecting their nests.

Chippers:

Children 5 – 12 years. Kaitake Golf Club has a Chippers group that meet every second Sunday between 10.00am and 12 noon for coaching and a few holes of golf. Dominic Barson comes out once a month to provide extra coaching.

Membership fee is \$40 for the year that includes access to play on the course with an adult. The club have sets of clubs the children can borrow. Come as you are – casual dress shoes and a hat. It is not too late to start as we have a special \$20 membership fee till the end of the year.

Summer Membership – Come And Give It A Go!

1st November 2017 – 28th February 2018

We are offering a special summer membership of \$200 for this period. Summer will soon be upon us and we are running our summer membership again so take the opportunity and join Kaitake Golf Club.

Should you want to become a full time member, \$100 will be deducted from 2018 membership.

Phone the office for more information on all categories of membership or contact the Club Captains

Follow us on Facebook for more information or phone Denise in the office, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Phone 7525667

Twilight Golf:

Will be starting on Friday the 10th November 2017 3pm – 6pm.

We are changing the day to Fridays to encourage people to come out after work and finish the week off with a good game of golf and great bunch of people and socialise afterwards with a couple of drinks and our new Caterers will be on board and hopefully have awesome snack food.

Call Denise in office for more information. Bring on Summer.



Congratulations to Rhys Donovan, Evette Albers, Jack Cleland, Yannika Harrop, Casey Feaver and Sonia Harrop – NPOB's newly qualified lifeguards! They spent the first week of the school holidays at the Taranaki Lifeguard Camp studying and training for the practical and theory exams at the end of the week, they were tested in very trying Taranaki conditions. Good work, the community appreciates it!!

With Christmas not too far away we are looking forward to the season ahead and hoping for a great summer. We are certainly overdue for some sunshine.

Our Oceans and Senior members have been keeping fit over the winter months with swimming sessions at the pool and toughing it in the ocean with board and ski training.

We had 18 attend National Pool Champs in Auckland early October. Swim racing involving rescues, obstacles, brick carries and relays. The team had a lot of fun and were very competitive amongst some very impressive swimmers throughout

New Zealand. Our top results came from Jack Cleland and Olly Spicer getting 4th in their debut in the line throw in their age group and Eva Martin 8th in the 50m swim with fins. A great effort from the NPOB team and a great bunch to be away with, again doing NPOB proud.

Don't forget club nights are the first Friday of the month. We will have the bar open more regularly over the summer months, keep an eye out for summer hours.

As always the club can't operate without our volunteers who come in all shapes, sizes and with different skills. There is a job for everyone, please don't be shy to shout out if you can help in any way.

Beach patrol will start every weekend from 25 November, 1-5pm and will carry through to Taranaki Anniversary Weekend. If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard contact the club and we can help you out. If you can't help with patrol but would like to thank the guys – they all love home baking!

The beach is a fantastic place for kids and we provide a junior surf programme for 5-13 year olds, focused on fun, skill development and water safety. Children are taught water confidence, general surf awareness and competition skills through instruction and fun on the beach. Surf Lifesaving is an excellent way to keep the kids outdoors, fit and healthy over the summer months.

Safety for the participants is a top priority, alongside having fun with friends. Qualified Surf Lifeguards are always present to ensure safety. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to help out with the programme. Training can be provided for those interested.

Junior surf is split into:
Nip Nips – 5 to 6 years.
Nippers – 7 to 11 years.
Rookies – 12 to 13 years

New Plymouth Old Boys Swimming and Surf Lifesaving Club holds junior surf sessions every Sunday from 10am-12pm from November until March. Several regional and national carnivals are available for those keen to compete.

If you or your children are interested in the Juniors/Rookies programmes, please contact our administrator Jaynie McSweeney on 027 3743762 for more information.



Lawn bowls is a great sport that the whole family can enjoy. It is easy to learn, social and most of all terrific fun.

The Oakura Bowling and Social Club is opening up the gates and inviting you a very social and neighbourly time to their "Have A Go" day on Sunday 10th December from 1.30pm to 5pm. The club is situated behind the Oakura Community Hall on South Road Oakura.

No previous experience is necessary as our friendly volunteers will be on hand to tell you all about the game and show you how to play. All equipment will be provided, attire is casual, so all you need is to turn up on the day with some flat shoes, jandals or joggers and a desire and willing to "Have A Go!"

Entrance is \$5 for adults and no charge for children under 16. A free sausage sizzle will be provided from 3pm and the bar will be open all afternoon to purchase your favourite refreshments. Contact Steve Muller on 0211695863 for more info.

Lawn Bowls... Let the good times roll!

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