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Gorgeous Gardens and Jazz

- A winning mix for local Singer

At the recent Taranaki Rhododendron garden festival, garden attendees were treated to some wonderful jazz music at some of the region's most beautiful gardens when local sing-

er Juliet McLean along with guitarist Ross Halliday performed jazz over five evenings during the festival. I chatted to Juliet at her Fitzroy home that she shares with husband Peter and their

sons Sam and Jake. We spoke about her recent experience singing at the garden festival as well as her many other interests and accomplishments. Regular theatre goers in Taranaki will

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*Juliet and Ross performing at the Goodin garden near Okato.
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editorial

This end-of-year farewell is infused with much emotion as I try to comprehend the devastating loss of the Pike River miners. For many families 2010 is going to be the worst year of their lives and as I have sat each day and night glued to press conference after press conference, hoping for good news, the conclusion has been heart wrenching. May there be some brightness to lighten the darkness.



On the TOM front, 2010 has been a busy year and one where the recession has had a very real effect. I have seen many businesses struggling to stay afloat and many succumb to the pressure of trying. I thank all the TOM advertisers for their continuing support — without these supporters TOM could not bring the many and varied fascinating stories that develop in our community.

There is a very successful couple I would like to acknowledge because they are moving on - Nancy and Robert Mong of The Woolshed Shop. They are closing their doors after Christmas and I would like to say what an absolute pleasure it has been dealing with this couple. All the best to you both as you move in another direction.

I would like to take a moment to thank those on the TOM team who have worked so hard this year. Behind the scenes and entirely essential has been my nomadic graphic artist, Ron, who continues to pump out his creations monthly, and also Mary who reads, collates and corrects any imperfections that crop up. Any inconsistencies are usually all my own work! Jackie is the public face of TOM-Fitzroy and it is always a joy to read her stories. New on the TOM scene is Rachel – the interface between our TOM advertisers and me. In a few short months Rachel has become an invaluable team member. So thank you, thank you! Without all of you on the TOM team, and our advertisers and contributors, the community would be a poorer place.

Kim

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be used to seeing Juliet on stage. Her most recent performance at the Cue Theatre Inglewood was "The Cemetery Club," a play about three Jewish widows. It was directed by Peter Meikle who Juliet said was someone she would walk over hot coals to work with again. We discussed the fact that theatre in Taranaki is very strong with many talented people involved at all levels, and what is special about theatre in Taranaki is it's accessibility to all. For example, Juliet went on to talk about how fantastic it was that the New Plymouth Operatic Society had offered free tap classes to those auditioning for the upcoming "42nd Street." This sort of opportunity is much less likely to occur in a big city. Coming from a background in drama she has also had many musical theatre parts in New Plymouth Operatic productions including Chess, Oliver, Les Miserables, Blood Brothers, Joseph, Cats and Buddy. Her involvement with local theatre began with Chess in 1995 which was directed by the legendary late Dorne Arthur. Dorne subsequently tutored Juliet in preparation for her ATCL exam in speech and drama. She was, says Juliet, "a formidable and amazing mentor and teacher and she taught me how to deliver a song, a poem or a line in a play with integrity."

This latest venture delivering sultry jazz vocals has come about through collaboration with local musicians Don Boyd (piano and vocals) and Ross Halliday (guitar), and follows a passion for this genre. Her most recent performances were with Ross at the Jazz in the Garden at the Rhododendron Festival, which were well received and favoured with splendid weather. A good number of locals and visi-

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Juliet at her Fitzroy home,

tors got to enjoy our beautiful gardens as well as the voice of this local 'songbird'. "The garden festival was a lovely environment in which to perform, with a very relaxed feel", said Juliet.

I asked Juliet who were the singers that inspired her most and she answered, "I listen to a lot of jazz, all the divas like Ella Fitzgerald, Julie London and Nina Simone, as well contemporary artists like Karrin Allyson and Melody Gardot. But I enjoy a wide variety of music - I guess you could say my taste is eclectic."

Talking with Juliet it's clear that music and performing arts are an important aspect of her life, and always have been. These passions are balanced with the busy demands of a teenage family and her other loves of surfing and yoga. Currently, she is undergoing her third year of yoga teacher training, and takes regular beginner classes at Tria Peters Yoga School in New Plymouth. "The path of yoga is one that will benefit you at any stage in life, and for me it complements all aspect of the performing arts that I enjoy."

Surfing has more recently become a part of Juliet's life. She started body boarding when her children were preschoolers and nine years ago when both boys were at school she got to stand up. Although she doesn't get out in the water as often as she'd like, it's still something she loves and continues to enjoy with the rest of the family. "How great is it here in Fitzroy, with the beach and the walkway?" she says with a grin.

Now that its summertime, Juliet and fellow musicians are looking forward to singing the old favourites and jazzing up the evenings.

Juliet can be contacted for bookings at juliet.mclean@gmail.com

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Local company captures international market

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Max Rutherford set up QP Sport in 1981 and Richard and his wife Rebecca purchased the company in 2005. After some research they realised that they had a special niche market and even though they were often requested to produce other body protection they have decided to stay solely in the breast protection market.

This decision has paid off for them and they have continued to put a large amount of work into research and development of their products. With a large portion of their exports being sent to Europe they have invested in keeping their CE certification and making sure that their products meet the stringent European quality standards for personal protection equipment. Richard went on to explain, "When you make protective gear it is important to get it right. It's not guesswork and we have done a lot of work researching impact forces as well as biomechanics so our products perform more holistically."

The Fitzroy factory is where the range of products are carefully assembled, labelled and packaged for export. Only a small amount of the low density polyethylene is moulded to shape here. Most of this work is done at other factories in Bell Block and Wanganui where they use QP dies to mould the product to shape and send it to the Fitzroy site. The fabric and sewing is done in China, simply because, says Richard, New Zealand has a shortage of skilled machinists and the quality of the product produced in China is very good.

Once ready the products are sent to 120 destinations around the world. Travel is a very important part of running this business and Richard has been to Europe four times this year as well as the US, China and Japan. There are 'rip offs' of their products produced in China and Pakistan but these are poor quality and because QP Sport has been providing quality products for 30 years they have a very good reputation and have a high level of trust worldwide so inferior products are easy to spot. Richard has close involvement with Sports Federations worldwide. Many sports-women use the products including those participating in football, boxing and baseball but the sports that are the biggest users of the QP line of products are fencing and karate. Karate has a huge following in Europe and is sponsored in many French, German and Dutch schools. Richard and Rebecca attended the World Karate Championships in Serbia this year and he says, "I got quite a buzz knowing that the 600 or so female competitors were all wearing chest protection from our business in back in Fitzroy."

It's great to see and hear about a relatively small local company like Quality Performers Ltd competing so successfully in the huge global market place, Richard and his staff should be justifiably proud of this achievement.

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With the run of beautiful weather we have been having lots of people are making use of the coastal walkway and our local area for walking. A group of friends who walk once a week to have a catch up have changed to their summer venue, 'The Big Wave' café to meet up and are pictured here enjoying the afternoon sun.



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Owners, Shane and Sharon Devlin, have uplifted their business from the Devon St West premises they have occupied for the past seven years and relocated into the former Whopping Big Carrot building, which they have looked at for all that time.

Now Shane says, "Look for us in the old Carrot building." The 100 year old Carrot building has been substantially refurbished for the change. From the outside, Imagine Design's Tony Biesiek has given it a radical renewal with fresh imagery and new joinery, and inside there's been a reworking of the space to create an attractive and efficient working environment.

It's also an environment that's home to the latest colour printing equipment from Fuji Xerox — a Colour 1000 digital press, the only one of its kind in Taranaki and fresh off the boat from Sydney. "We have always had two machines, so we can have a back-up if one breaks down," Shane says. "That way we can ensure our 'Right first time and on time' guarantee."

There's a touch of irony in Shane's business being at the cutting edge of print technology — he began his printing career as one of the last apprentices to be trained in turn-of-the-century linotype processes.

That's turn of last century, not this century. Linotypes were first invented in the 1880s and used molten lead to form slugs of lettering that were then cramped together to create a page of type for printing. They lasted into the 1970s when they were gradually phased out in favour of newer and more efficient methods of printing.

Shane started his apprenticeship on the Taihape Times twice-weekly newspaper, moved to Taranaki Newspapers' commercial printing division in the 1980s to develop his trade, and then left in November 1995 to set up his own printing business. So this month marks 15 years in business — a happy coincidence with the move into the new premises.

In that time, Shane has experienced and embraced the rapid and continuing development of digital printing processes. The older processes were a benefit, however, he says. "I loved it ... it was a mechanical process that you had to think through. It required a logical train of thought."

Shane appreciated the "really good grounding" in the basics of the printing industry and when the computer industry eventually gained ascendancy in printing, he was in the right frame of mind to run with it.

Sharon and Shane could see opportunities and these prompted the couple to make the move into business for themselves, and consequently into hundreds more businesses and business people through a focus on business cards. They became specialists in that area and built up a loyal clientele.

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"Most offices have copiers that can do something that is of passable quality. But we can take it to another level. The difference is great design and the print finishing — we are trained and skilled in doing what we do, and that counts in terms of the final product."

The new Xerox equipment helps provide that superior finish — in more ways than one. As well as the countless colours it can create, the Xerox can add a clear varnish to the surface of the printed product. "That's truly unique," Shane says. "It can achieve a 3D effect by running it through multiple times and building up the layer of clear lacquer. It has a tactile effect for a greater impact."

A good business doesn't just depend on a Xerox machine, it is the people who make the difference and Shane pays kudos to his team for making it possible. They are:

Mark Laurence, Manager; Christine Wilson, who you will find at their new front counter; Matt McDonald, Head Designer; Giles Scott, Sales and Marketing Manager; Pat Coxhead, Bindery; and Bob Burdoff, Digital Press Operator.

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Freeze dried penguin helps out his mates

Linda Paterson with Little Blue, DOC's freeze dried little blue penguin.

Little blue penguins head inland at times, perhaps for a kilometre or more. This little one was standing on the centre line near the Rapanui Stream, Tongaporutu, trying to cross State Highway 3 when Linda Paterson and her son were returning to New Plymouth.

"We passed the penguin on the hill," said Linda, "where he was dodging cars and waiting for a chance to nip across. We turned around, went back and ushered him across the road and into a paddock." Linda moved to a safe spot further down the road and phoned the Department of Conservation's hotline to check if she could help the penguin further but that's when the little explorer's luck ran out. He stepped out on the highway again and was hit and killed by a car." "I was so upset," said Linda "and I cried when I phoned DOC back. We lifted him up off the road, took him home and a ranger picked up the penguin the next morning."

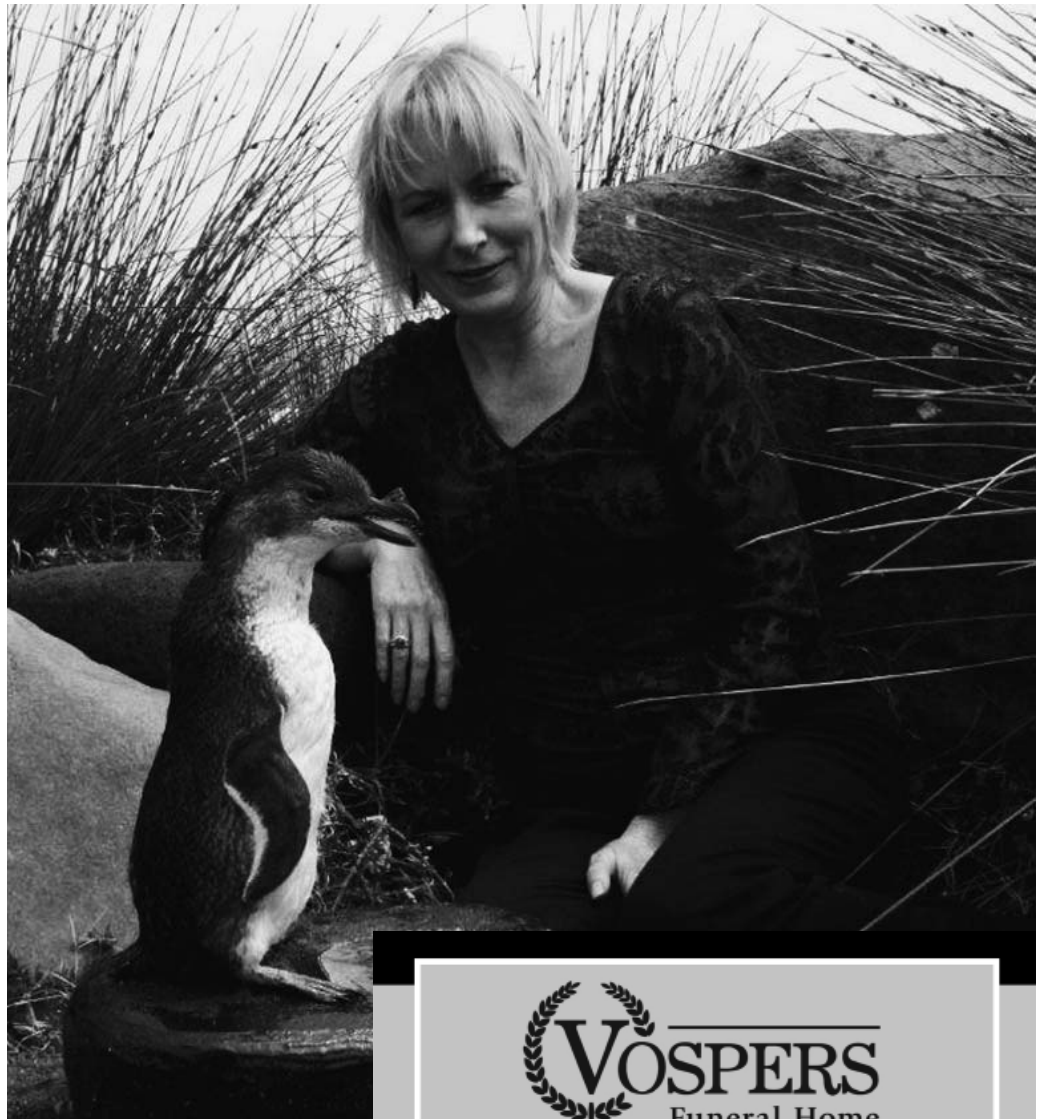
The little blue went into DOC's freezer and every so often he was popped into a chilly bin and taken to a school or kindy where children learnt more about the world's smallest penguins and the dangers they face.

"He did a good job for a frozen penguin," said Mike Tapp, a community relations ranger at DOC Taranaki. "During Seaweeek he travelled right around the mountain visiting children at libraries and pre schools along the way. He smelled like a penguin later in the day."

Linda next saw her penguin in a DOC newsletter where a photo showed him visiting the Manaia pre-school with Anne Scott from the Ngamotu Marine Society. She phoned DOC and offered to pay to have the little bird freeze dried so it could be used for education purposes for years to come. Freeze drying is a method of taxidermy where the animal goes through a dehydration process which achieves a very lifelike result. Lepperton's Richard Lee did the job. "The little penguin is already proving useful," said Mike Tapp. "He's even had a photo shoot for a DVD focusing on good dog ownership and control so we're very grateful to Linda. He'll do a lot for his mates in his afterlife."

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The TOM garden this month is down a long driveway off busy Mangorei road. On arrival the contrast between the traffic noise and busyness of the street and the quietness of this property was very noticeable. It certainly wasn't silent though, Linda, the gardens owner and I were treated to the beautiful sound of a very busy Tui singing loudly throughout the entire hour I was there.

Linda and her husband Anton have lived at the property for over 20 years and have developed the garden over that time. The property is certainly not your average suburban block. As I mentioned before you go down a long sloping driveway and then the house and surrounding gardens sit on a flat platform but this too slopes away on three sides and rises steeply at the rear. At the very bottom boundary there is a council swamp. Because the property is so big and there are a lot of large trees Linda has a man help with the heavier garden work every 2-3 weeks

This mix of topography has created an interesting base for the garden.

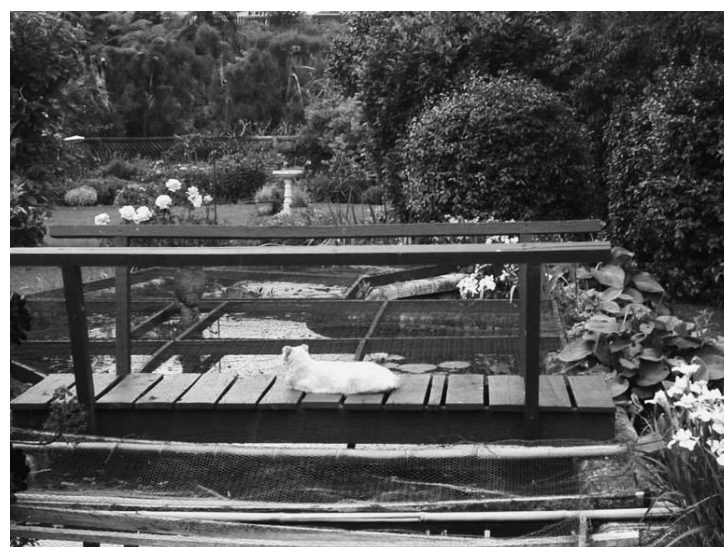
At the front of the house, an expanse of lawn is surrounded by gardens and on one side there is a very large pond full of gold fish and covered in water lilies. Linda's lovely elderly and completely deaf white cat 'Persil' was enjoying the sun on the bridge over the (covered!) ponds when I visited. A large grey spreading conifer was here when the couple first came but that has been removed along with some other conifers and banksias. One flower that Linda has everywhere in the garden are roses of every colour and variety. I asked her if she has a favourite one and she said she loves lots of them but the red Papa Meilland is one she loves. Another favourite flower is the iris and Linda is a member of the Iris Society. Lots of the iris she has growing have come from friends sharing their plants, this type of sharing cuttings and plants with friends is something Linda enjoys doing. At the Iris society meetings each month the group have a competition and members bring along plants. A beautiful one that Linda has growing is an Iris Sibirica called 'Swank' with its delicate dark blue flower.

All the slopes at the front are covered in large trees with a mix of natives and exotics. This area has a 'bush like' feel, there is also a large stand of black bamboo that is very striking but does require a little work to keep under control. There are various paths through the bush so even though this area is sloped most of the property can be accessed easily. Wandering through this part of the property there are camellias of every colour, magnolias and a gorgeous Chinese lantern tree. One really pretty camellia was the pink 'Hawaii' which almost resembles a double hibiscus. Down here tucked away Linda is growing potatoes in stacked tyres; an advantage of a property of this size is there is room to put less attractive garden things out of sight. Linda has her vegetables growing in various spots over the garden and she put things where they will grow well, she has peas, beans broccoli, cauliflower, rhubarb growing as well as tomatoes in some new raised beds as well as in a hot spot at the very top of the property. She had great success with her tomatoes last year when many didn't and she says she followed the advice of putting a spoonful of canned dog food and a spoonful of milk powder into the hole where she planted her tomato plants; she's done the same again this year so is hopeful of another bumper crop.

Variety and contrast are two words that best describe this large garden, there's just so many different areas of interest and they all have their special flavour. One part that Linda is particularly fond of is the garden that borders a lime chip path on the northern side of the house. Her late mother helped create that area so it always reminds Linda of her. Along here a healthy Forsythia tree is growing, at the moment it's covered in lush green foliage but when it has its beautiful yellow flowers Linda says it's just stunning. Also along here are two lovely perfumed roses Souvenir de la Maison and Souvenir Mme Leonie Viennot which apparently Napoleons', Josephine had growing in her garden.

Colour is evident everywhere in this garden and Linda plants any shade of flowers, its all balanced with beautiful greenery and in the shady spots, shade lovers like hostas look really healthy. At the bottom of the driveway Linda has some interesting ferns such as a stag horn fern on the side of a large tree. She feeds this a banana skin every now and then by popping it at the back of the plant, also here are a horseshoe fern and some bromeliads. The last area of the garden we walked through was to the south of the property a path leads to a beautiful out look over more bush. Amongst the bush stands a huge cabbage tree covered in flower, there's a banksia along with pongas, puka and many other trees making this an interesting outlook as well as a favourite area with the tui who was still singing as I said my good byes and thanks to Linda for sharing her peaceful and beautiful garden with me.

By Jackie Tomlinson





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pet of the month

TOM Pet of the Month

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Taranaki Training Squad - Hockey Academy

Come New Year and some of Taranaki's aspiring turf hockey players will get the opportunity to enhance their skills so they have a better chance to play top level New Zealand hockey.

Two young Taranaki players and coaches, Scott Lilly and Fitzroy resident James Fastier are starting an academy for 13 to 18 year old hockey players as they are passionate about bringing Taranaki hockey back to being the "hockey power house it once was." Taranaki has produced three recent 'Black Sticks' - Scott and James are keen to see a higher percentage of current province players achieve this level. "We want more of our talented players from Under 13 representative level go on to achieve Central Districts selection at Under 21 level and ultimately become Black Sticks."



Scott Lilly on the left and James Fastier on the right.

Scott and James feel it is time for representative players to be training at a higher level consistently so they gain the confidence to play in a competitive and successful team. "We are aiming to create a mobile, intelligent resourceful player that doesn't accept average as good enough, one who constantly strives to get better."

The first 10 week training programme starts mid January at The Devon Hotel Park turf in New Plymouth. Forty four keen players have been selected to train in two separate groups of similar talent. The 16 member Elite group consists mainly of proven high performance players who are aiming for regional selection at U21 level and the 28 member Development squad has players at U13 to U18 age group levels.

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local coaches Paul Williams, Marion Webby, David Stones and national level players Steven Davison and Jamie Stones have been enlisted to help Scott and James throughout the summer programme. Two coaches will be on hand at the hour and half sessions focusing on specific hockey skills and offering modern strategies and drills.

Scott has represented Taranaki in all age group representative teams and was a 2009 Central U21 representative player. He has coached the U13 Boys Hatch Cup team for three years from the age of 17 and coached the 2010 New Plymouth Boys High School Development team. James has represented Taranaki in the U13, U15 and U18 age group levels and currently plays in the Taranaki-Whanganui Men's team. He coached a 2010 FDMC Intermediate team and was assistant coach for the 2010 Hatch cup team.

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Ravens Inline 2010 Prize Giving

The 2010 club awards were handed out recently to celebrate individual achievements within the club for the 2010 season. Thirteen teams participated in the Central region league and prizes were awarded for Most Valuable Player, Most Improved Player and Most Valuable Team Player in each team. Four overall club prizes were also awarded for Most Valuable Goalie, Most Valuable Forward and Most Valuable Defenseman.

Under 10's: MVP Hayden Luckin; MIP Owen Smith; MVTM Carlos Wilson.

Under 12/1's: MVP Josh Gulliver; MIP Jordan Williams; MVTM Rodney Cruden-Powell.

Under 12/2's: MVP Joseph Bernet; MIP Lachlin Barrett; MVTM Anne-Marie Harris.

Under 14/1's: MVP Michael Watts; MIP Joel Scott; MVTM Ella Toa.

Under 14/2's: MVP Cody Luckin; MIP Andrew Langslow; MVTM Louis Ferens.

Under 16/1's: MVP Rachel Neville-Lamb; MIP Hamish Franklin; MVTM Jordan Lampe.

Under 16/2's: MVP Josh Gibson; MIP Ethan Nickson; MVTM Christopher Neville-Lamb.

Under 18/1's: MVP Kayden Gibson; MIP Edward Konijn; MVTM Ant Taylor.

Under 18/2's: MVP Hayden Whyte; MIP Matt Barham; MVTM Paul Phillips.

Premiers: MVP Trent Kemsley; MIP Courtney Smith; MVTM Andre Robichaud.

Junior Women Development Team: MVP Alysha Gulliver; MIP Tia Drysdale; MVTM Ryana Scown.

Senior Men: MVP Thomas Konijn; MIP Simon Spiers; MVTM Dwayne Strachan.

Social Team: MVP Peter Lind; MIP Dean Gibbons; MVTM Jackie Watene.

Most Social Team Player: Amara Gibson.

Most Valuable Club Forward: Julian Beardman.

Most Valuable Club Defenseman: Rachel Neville-Lamb.

Most Valuable Club Goalie: Joseph McLay.

Most Valuable Club Player: Julian Beardman and Andrew Isbister - joint winners.



Jordon Lampe, U16/1's most valuable team player, Robbie Isbister and Abel Robertson – coaches and Anthony Neville-Lamb, team manager.



Rachael Neville-Lamb, Most valuable club defenseman, William Isbister, Ravens Club President.



Julian Beardman and Andy Isbister, Most valuable club forwards and William Isbister



Joseph McLay, Most valuable club goalie and William Isbister.



Willy Harvey, coach of Ravens Premiers, Trent Kemsley, Most valuable player and Maurice Kemsley, manager.

New Plymouth Surf Riders' Club

As our club is a family-based organisation the Surfing Mums, who tend to miss out on their surfing, have under the initiative of Kate Giles formed a surfing mums group which meet each Tuesday at the club and take turns to mind the crèche and go surfing. (See feature on next page) With the warmer and more settled weather returning the group may well be seen at other beaches such as Backs and Weld Road. If interested contact Kate at kategiles4@hotmail.com

Our Groms (Junior Surfers) have been very busy. Eight of our groms were selected for the Taranaki Scholastics Surfing Team which competed at the National Scholastics in Gisborne. Winning their respective divisions, Sean Kettle and Te Rapai Barbarich-Love almost guided the team to winning the national title but missed out and came second. This was the team's best result and up five places on 2009. Sean and Te Rapi are the first Taranaki Groms to win a Scholastics title since 1994 which demonstrates the value of the High Performance Coaching they had recently received. Isaac Kettle also surfed to a 3rd place in the National Primary School Champs also held in Gisborne. Well done guys.

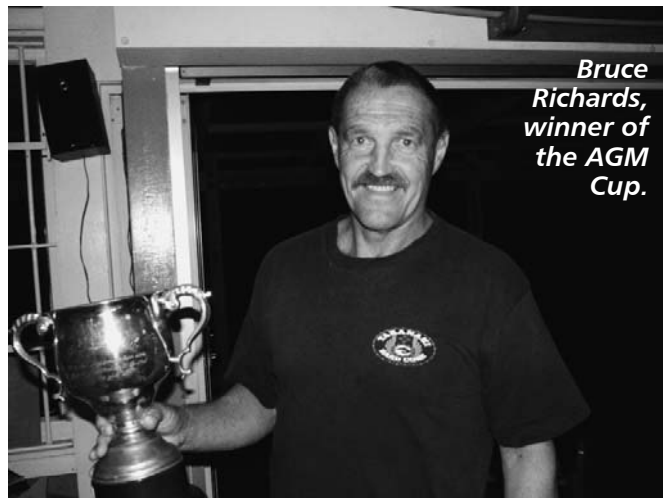
The seniors are also performing with Jeremy Grainger taking out the 30 plus title at the Maori nationals.

At the end of October we held our AGM which was well attended and our long-serving Auditor, Bruce Richards, was awarded the AGM Cup for the member who has done most for the club. Besides the normal proceedings, the big news imparted to members was the Minister of Conservation's release of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010. This section of the Resource Management Act dictates to all Local Authorities on how the coastal environment is to be managed. A new and significant section of the policy is Policy 16 –Surfbreaks of National Significance; which states "protect the surfbreaks of national significance for surfing as listed in Schedule 1 by: (a) ensuring that coastal activities in the coastal environment do not adversely affect the surfbreaks and: (b) avoiding adverse effects of other activities on access to, and use and enjoyment of the surfbreaks." Listed in Schedule 1 are four Taranaki breaks, Stent, Farmhouse Stent, Backdoor Stent (all in South Taranaki) and Fitzroy's Waiwakaiho. The protection also extends to protecting the swell corridors which are further defined in the Glossary. This is a major development in recognising the intrinsic value of surfbreaks not only for recreation but their economic value to the community and reinforces the Taranaki Regional Council's decision to protect 83 surfbreaks on the Taranaki coast from "inappropriate deployment". The NZCPS 2010 comes into force on December 3rd 2010. Representatives from this club and other clubs met with the Taranaki Regional Council to discuss how to implement the new policy, and will in the New Year meet with District Councils to discuss their involvement.

With the advent of an "early summer" surfers have been enjoying some great waves at Fitzroy as a small but consistent ground swell provided great "logging" waves mid November and also drew many swimmers and sun-bathers

to enjoy "our" beach. Summer is looking at being long and warm, so the water is likely to be crowded by swimmers, surfers, stand-up paddle-boarders, kite-surfers and other users. So please take care out there and share our beautiful beaches with others so all may enjoy it.

Allen Pidwell



Bruce Richards,
winner of
the AGM
Cup.



Summer time zoo at Fitzroy.



Surfing Mums enjoy the
early summer.



The Taranaki Scholastics Team 2010.

Local surfing mums group

A group started by a local mum has seen a group of mothers of young children be able to continue with their sport of surfing without having to juggle trying to find childcare solutions to do so.

Local surfer and mum Kate Giles got together with a few friends and started a 'Surfing Mums' group. I asked Kate how she got the idea and she said "There are 'Surfing Mums' groups at Mount Maunganui, Piha and Raglan and I thought it would be good to have one happening here."

Now through word of mouth there are about nine mothers with babies and young children taking part. At the moment the group meets Tuesday mornings at the New Plymouth Board Riders club which Kate is a member of and everyone takes turns child minding while the rest of the group gets to surf.



The surfing mums relaxing outside the clubrooms.

The day I met up with them there were mums, babies and preschoolers all enjoying a gorgeous day at Fitzroy. Kate had already been out in the water for a surf and was on baby sitting duty along with Reta Scott, Cat Blain and Soraya Ruakere-Forbes, while out in the water were Anthea Douds, Marjolein Reynolds, and Chrissy Egarr.

When Anthea Douds came in from the surf she told me she didn't learn to surf until she was thirty five and chatting to the group it's obvious that it's a very encouraging environment for any mums wanting to get back into their surfing or those new to the sport with the added advantage that your little one is getting looked after close by.

The idea has obviously struck a chord with many women as the group continues to grow and it's nice to see that local lady surfers can carry on with their surfing even when they have a wee one in tow!

Anyone interested in joining can contact Kate by email: kategiles4@hotmail.com

By Jackie Tomlinson

Surf's up!

Wednesday afternoons in term time you will find a group of young surfers meeting at the New Plymouth Board.



*Left: Jana O'Connor, Hunter May, Alina Grant, Maddy Dale, Phoebe Tomlinson, Tui Wright-Membrey, Tessa Wilkie, Katja Ehler, Rueben King, Connor McLay, Summer Henderson, Nicole Kayzer
Front: Mayer Henderson, Nam Northcott, Daisy, Emma Croton, Lydia Walsh and Annie Duynhoven.*

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Teague Harvey - medallist NZ Judo National Tournament

Logan Shaw is an outdoors man who loves hunting and fishing. His biggest deer was an 8 pointer and he's captured countless pigs up Toko way. Logan's biggest fish is a 32lb snapper.

Ryan Peters was Head Librarian this year and performed his duties admirably. He will study Spanish and Classical Studies next year at University and found his trip to Chile certainly helped his Spanish. He described Chile as "unforgettable" and appreciated the chance to travel that the school offers.



Jamie Hatch – Dux 2010.



Isaac Robinson – Head Boy 2011.



Logan Shaw hunter gatherer supreme.



Jordon Young welcomes Richie McCaw to Boys High.



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Beautiful wooden spinning tops made by local home hobbyist

Local home hobbyist Doug Johnson has been crafting beautiful wooden spinning tops "off and on for the last 30 years." The old fashioned tops are made by Doug who is a retired prison officer in his home workshop, each one a little work of art and taking several hours to create. Doug uses a lathe to shape the tops which he makes out of recycled native timbers such as rimu and matai as well as some Australian hardwoods.



Doug Johnson hard at work on one of his wonderful spinning tops.

The finished tops are beautiful to look at as well as very hard wearing and with all of Doug's children and grandchildren having owned and used one over the years they have proven themselves to last the test of time.

The spinning tops would make a lovely Christmas stocking filler or gift for someone young or young at heart. Doug sells the tops for \$20 each and can be contacted by phone on 7582140.

By Jackie Tomlinson



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To obtain a registration form or for further information contact:

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Arthouse News

Arthouse will be one year old in January! Watch out for fireworks... from hired guns to our own community cinema in 12 months is not bad so we will have a shindig!

It won't be hotter than a beach holiday in the cinema this summer; the heat pump is also a cold blessing and you need not wear muslin or singlets out to the theatre.

The final instalment of the Swedish smash hit Millennium Trilogy, *The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest*, opens on Boxing Day. This final 2½ hour, dark-as-aortal-blood thriller is the best of the bunch. The milieu is authentic and the characters completely in sync with their literary counterparts as the tension ratchets up with each passing minute. *Hornet's Nest*, which begins only moments after the second film (*The Girl Who Played With Fire*) ended, immediately plunges the viewer into the nightmarish and ominous twilight world so brilliantly established by the late crime author. Bottom line: a smashing conclusion. Arthouse is playing all three of Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomkvist's foreign language thrillers in our Millennium Trilogy Marathon days (26 Dec and 8 Jan) — your chance to see these excellent actors before Daniel Craig and a pretty American actress take over with the Hollywood remake due out 2012.

Julianne Moore, Mark Ruffalo and Annette Bening appear in the outrageous, uproariously funny *The Kids Are Alright*. Two kids bring their sperm donor father into their lesbian parent's lives. "Funny, smart and sexy", "It charms audiences into a state of enlightenment".

Five-star drama, *Winters Bone*, has had reviewers on the edge of their seats around the globe. "A blend of low-budget realism and crime thriller, it is an absolute knockout," declares Salon. "Young Jennifer Lawrence is sensational as Ree, fierce teenage scion of an Ozark family of bootleggers, outlaws and meth-cookers. When she finds out that her dad has put up her family house and 300 acres of virgin timber on bond and then jumped bail, Ree has a week to track him down or be evicted, along with her younger sister and brother and her near-catatonic, pharmaceutical-addled mother. Problem is, the only people who might know where Pa is are the meanest and scariest members of her extended family, and what they know might not be stuff Ree wants to learn." A noir film set in hillbilly country, already in Oscar contention.

Just plain comedy is *City Island*, where a New York family is doing everything but tell the truth to one another — a Bronx Dad, hot-tempered wife, jailbird son and pole-dancing daughter all keep secrets from one another. The white lies start to pile up with hilarious results.

Les Misérables The 25th Anniversary Concert at The O2 will host a company of over 500 actors and musicians, including Alfie Boe as "Jean Valjean", Nick Jonas as "Marius", Norm Lewis as "Javert", Matt Lucas as "Thénardier". The New 25th Anniversary production is filmed live in HD at the Barbican, London, and will feature "I Dreamed a Dream", "On My Own", "Stars", "Bring Him Home", "Do You Hear the People Sing?", "One Day More", "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables", "Master of the House", and the magnificent score. Limited sessions at Arthouse for the Christmas holidays.

From the NY Metropolitan Opera HD live series, Don Pasquale will play Sunday, 19 December at 10am and an extra session on Tuesday, 22 December at 5.30pm. Don Carlo will play on Sunday, 30 January and as well as an-

other session. If you haven't caught a Met Opera live yet they are every bit as stunning as traveling to New York; no expense has been spared to capture these performances.

New Zealand films *Home by Christmas* and *Predicament* come back for the holidays. Finally *Last Paradise* features every Monday at 5.30pm for friends and family. This film of unparalleled beauty is an adrenalin festival and a celebration of the Taranaki we want to preserve.



Annette Bening and Julianne Moore play a lesbian couple whose sperm donor children suddenly locate and bring their donor dad (a foxy Mark Ruffalo) into their lives.

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Mangorei School Leavers 2010

The TOM asked the Year 8 students at Mangorei School the following questions:

1. *What school will you be attending next year?*
2. *What have been the highlights for you in your final year at Mangorei?*
3. *What are your aspirations for the future?*



Georgia Taylor:

1. NPGHS;
2. I really liked all the camps - Te Wera in Year 6, Wellington in Year 7 and Rotorua this year;
3. I'm thinking about becoming a teacher.



Isabel Robinson:

1. NPGHS;
2. The Leadership Camp and Pet Day;
3. Lawyer



Katherine Spencer:

1. NPGHS;
2. Being an Ambassador;
3. Either a vet or singing.



Breeanon Murdoch:

1. NPGHS;
2. Leadership Camp;
3. A job with something to do with horses.



Conrad Hall:

1. NPBHS;
2. The end of year activities;
3. Mechanic.



Ryan Corrigan:

1. NPBHS;
2. All the different activities in Year 8;
3. Motorsport.



Henry Smith:

1. NPBHS;
2. All the privileges that you get in Year 8;
3. Architect.



Matthew Prevett:

1. NPBHS;
2. All the new friends I've made;
3. Motorcross.



Cameron Jackson:

1. NPBHS;
2. All the Year 8 privileges. The lunchtime games;
3. Architect.



Ethan Brooke:

1. NPBHS;
2. All the Year 8 activities;
3. Architect.



Izzmel Raziff:

1. NPBHS;
2. Being an Ambassador;
3. Lawyer.



Hamish Grant:

1. NPBHS;
2. Having special Year 8 duties;
3. Motorbike rider.



Sonia Breach:

1. NPGHS;
2. All the sports and the Wearable Arts;
3. Kindergarten Teacher



Jack Burr:

1. NPBHS;
2. Sports and all the Arts;
3. Motorcross.



Harrison Fraser:

1. Francis Douglas;
2. Coming first in the Year 8 basketball tournament;
3. Fisherman.



Dayna Tawa:

1. NPGHS;
2. The Leadership Camp at Rotorua;
3. Working with people in some way.



Emma Hopkinson:

1. NPGHS;
2. Leadership Camp and all the sports events;
3. Accountant.



Chloe Hobbs:

1. NPGHS;
2. Technology and being a Tech Wizard;
3. Kindergarten teacher.



Rachel Hopkinson:

1. NPGHS;
2. Leadership Camp and technology;
3. Paediatrician.

**Gemma Busby:**

1. NPGHS;
2. Meeting new people;
3. Work in a Children's Day Care.

**Chenae Longstaff:**

1. NPGHS;
2. Being an Ambassador;
3. Teacher or an Actress

**Sebastian Molloy:**

1. NPBHS;
2. Being an Ambassador;
3. Something to do with music or writing

**Madison Priest:**

1. NPGHS;
2. Being involved in everything and having fun;
3. Clothing designer or a kindergarten teacher.

**James Park:**

1. NPBHS;
2. Winning the Basketball and the Leadership Camp;
3. Pianist or Violinist.

**Matthew O'Neill:**

1. NPBHS;
2. Leadership Camp;
3. Undecided.

**Jareb Milner:**

1. NPBHS;
2. All the sporting opportunities;
3. Work somewhere like Weta Workshop.

**Daniel Lundt:**

1. NPBHS;
2. All the leadership opportunities and sporting opportunities;
3. Possibly a lawyer.

**Rupert Jones:**

1. NPBHS;
2. Leadership camp and the BP Technology Challenge;
3. Computer Graphics.

**Finn McKenzie:**

1. NPBHS;
2. Leadership Camp and Athletics;
3. Work in the film industry.

**Luke Etheridge:**

1. NPBHS;
2. BP technology Challenge, Leadership Camp, Athletics and being House Captain;
3. Architect or a Chef.

Unavailable for interview:

Kate Valentine and Samuel Thompson.



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Merrilands Kindergarten

There have been many changes this term regarding session times and staff. We have two new staff members, Denise Graham who is our part-time teacher, and Libby Barron who is another full-time teacher. Yvonne, Brenda and Fortunate are still here too. Welcome!

We have been doing an 'All About Me' programme, learning about our feelings and our families. We also tried to brush up on our Te Reo such as, "Kei te pehea koe?" (How are you feeling?) and responses such as, "Kei te pai(good); harikoa(happy); pouri(sad); whakama(shy)." Some of our activities included singing songs like, "If You're Happy and You Know It" and making sock puppets. There were some fabulous creations with button eyes, pompom noses and material/ribbon/wool hair. The children told us how their puppets were feeling and had a grand time bringing them to life.

On Wednesday 17th November, we visited the New Plymouth Fire Station. The firefighters showed us the clothing they wear to protect themselves from smoke and fires. The firefighters told us that they don't walk straight into a building that is on fire. They crawl to keep themselves away from the smoke and heat as much as possible. The children were also shown the fire engines with their numerous gauges and equipment and were even allowed to sit high up on the seats in one of them! Another highlight of the visit was shooting the water out of the huge fire hoses and turning them on and off with the big lever. What a treat!

Out of the mouths of babes: In the sandpit with buckets of sand and water: "I'm making pumpkin soup for Halloweeny."



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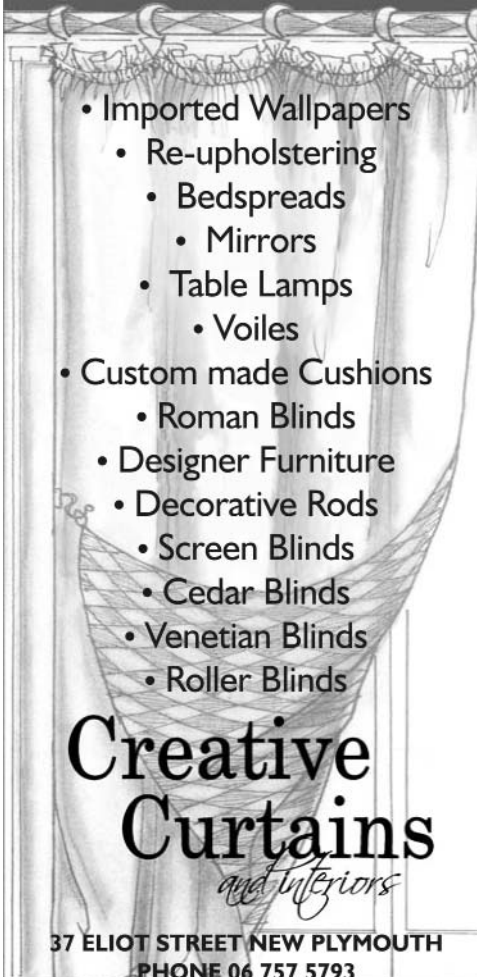
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FITZROY CLUBS & GROUPS

East End Indoor Bowling Club meets in the Community Hall Sackville St Fitzroy at 7.30 pm every Monday evening. New members are very welcome. Please phone Betty Death 757 9968.

Fitzroy Outdoor Bowling Club. Season now open and new members welcome – both men and women. Join our friendly members who play on two greens with an upmarket clubroom and fine facilities. Contact President Neville Goldsworthy 758 8846 or Secretary Sherylle Watkins 755 0125.

Fitzroy Scout Group. For boys and girls from age 6. We meet on Mondays 6.00 – 7.30pm at The Scout Den, Clemow Road, Fitzroy (near Lake Rotomanu). Visit us to see what we do. The first term/part term is free! For further details if your child is under 10 years: ph Cory 06 759 9312 / 027 291 7334 or 10 years + Craig 06 755 2013. fitzroyscoutgroup@xtra.co.nz

Freemasons Worldwide are ordinary men in the community, 21 years and over, of all religions and backgrounds, who share a concern for human values, moral standards, and the rights of individuals. Meeting monthly in Fitzroy. Phone Roger Marshall, 06 7591755.

Mahjong. 2010 Summer Season - alternate Sundays 1pm-4pm at NP Croquet Club Rooms, East End Reserve. \$3.00 per day includes tea & biscuits. Small prize for hand of the day. Phone 757 5913 or 7581957 for more details.

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

New Plymouth Pakeke Lions meet on the last Monday of the month at the Fitzroy Golf Club, 11.30am. Contact President David May 758 4427.

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

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

Santa Rosa Country Music Club meets every Friday night at the Fitzroy Hall, Sackville Street Fitzroy, at 7.30pm till 10.30pm. Information regarding club please ph 021 265 9230 or email lancasters@xtra.co.nz. Entry \$3 non-members, \$2 members. Supper provided.

The New Plymouth Croquet Club. New season of Twilight Golf Croquet starting on Wednesday November 10th, at 5pm through to 7pm. Games are \$5.00 for the evening, balls and mallets supplied. Please wear soft soled shoes. This is a fun game and great for team building. Enquiries to: Barbara Anderson, 758 2710 or Barbara Johnston 757 9938.

The Taranaki Jazz Club. Five top local musicians to play at club day, Sunday October 17th, 4pm at the New Plymouth Club, Gill Street. Performing as Mood Indigo will be Don Boyd (keyboard/vocals), Juliet McLean (vocals) Ross Halliday (guitar), Simon James (bass) and Phil Cook (drums). Adults \$15, Jazz Club/New Plymouth Club members \$10, Students \$4.

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


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

TSB NP Contract Bridge Club plays Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs at 7.20pm and Friday afternoons from 12.45pm at 70 Hobson St. Ph the President 758 8985 or the Secretary 759 0258.

U3A New Plymouth. Monthly meetings are held at the Trinity Church Hall, 8 Henui Street, Fitzroy at 2pm on the second Thursday of each month (except January). Contact the Secretary, 752 3801, for more details - never too old to learn.

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

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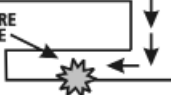
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