

Local Skateboarders Keen for Skate Park Extension

Seven years ago a report by American Sports Data found there were approximately 18.5 million skate boarders in the world. 85% of those polled were under 18 and 74% were male. Today skate boarding continues to ride a huge wave of popularity world wide particularly with young males and for us here in New Plymouth it is no different. This is an important population demographic represented in the data. Too often this group of young males features disproportionately high in our negative statistics.

Spending an afternoon down at our local skate park, the American statistics about who is participating in the sport certainly look spot on but what was great to see happening down at the skate park on this gorgeous autumn afternoon was that this sport was anything but negative.

The day I visited the East End Skate Park it had its regular 'Thursday' afternoon invasion of thirty New Plymouth Boys High students. No they weren't skipping school but were here as part of their Utility Period option with teacher Catherine Beaton in attendance. Mrs Beaton commented that there were 56 boys wanting to take this option for Utility Period but it was restricted to 30 to keep it less crowded and manageable. Also the boys are in a class room back at school if it's a wet day.

With 30 people using the park it wasn't congested at all. But crowded conditions wouldn't be strange to those that skate board here regularly. As a local I walk



past here frequently and this place is extremely popular! As well as people skate boarding there are often bike riders and inline skaters all vying for space.

But today I wasn't viewing the park in transit. Instead I spent a really enjoyable hour watching this talented and enthusiastic group flying round the skate

NPBHS student, Denim Lellmann at the East End Skate Park.

park. While my Editor Kim Ferens snapped photos I listened to why a bowl is important to the park users and the development of their sport.

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What a busy month it has been! And here we are putting the second issue of TOM Fitzroy together. Thank you to all the people who have made contact with expressions of appreciation for the magazine – the calls make all the effort so much more worthwhile.



TOM Fitzroy is an evolving publication and we will develop it with your input and support. This support will give the magazine its own unique flavour.

Jackie has this month delved into a piece of history by profiling the Fitzroy Pole. She has given the story an interesting twist by asking Fitzroy School children what they thought about the pole and their answers are delightful. Aren't children always brutally honest?

Another group of youngsters to get exposure is the skateboarding fraternity with their desire to have an extended skate bowl. I say to anyone who is willing to risk life and especially limb in such a manner (skateboarding) that you are either an adrenalin junkie or silly – my bones hurt just watching young men skateboarding! But this sport keeps these young men happy, busy and challenged so good on them.

Kim

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Hi folks!

I am writing this column before the public hearings on the Draft 2009-2019 Community Plan, and before the Council's final deliberations on Monday 8 June.

By the time you read this, the Community Plan will be undergoing an audit by the Office of the Auditor General before it is adopted on 29 June.

It has been a long process to get to this stage as public consultation on the draft plan started around this time last year, with workshops and focus groups and later on the Touch Poll surveys where staff took to the streets to talk with residents directly.

Why did we put so much effort into consulting on this document?

The Community Plan is the most important document any council will create.

It states in detail what a council plans to do for the next three years and how it will pay for it, and also outlines the following 10 years.

Public involvement has been vital in the creation of our Community Plan, and I thank everyone who took the time to give their feedback to the Council over the last 12 months.

It is that public involvement that is so important in keeping our community strong – particularly at a time when we are starting to see the recession bite a bit harder.

To a certain extent Taranaki is insulated from the recession's worst knocks. Overall our local economy has been doing better than the national average, and we have strong industries that can carry us through uncertain times.

But while we are insulated, we are not immune, and we will rely on this community's innovation, passion and caring for others to see us come through this period in good shape.

We live in a fantastic part of New Zealand – one that the United Nations has recognised as one of the best communities in the world – and I'm proud to see local residents helping out their neighbours, community groups and workplaces where they can.

It's that can-do, positive attitude that will keep New Plymouth District pumping.

Don't forget: If you have an issue that you think the Council can help with, or you have any questions about the Community Plan, give me a call on 759 6060. I'd love to hear from you!

Peter Tennent

Mayor

Money matters

Last month I showed the outcome of a 35 year old saving \$20.00 per week into a KiwiSaver scheme over paying it off a mortgage. This month we are going to look at the pros and cons of saving money in the bank for a first home against putting the money into KiwiSaver.

A 21 year old client of mine earning \$39,000pa wanted to purchase his first home in 5 years time.

He planned to put \$100 per week into a high interest earning bank account over these 5 years to secure a reasonable home deposit.

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Preparing New Zealand for the Road to Recovery

Although New Zealand has clearly not escaped the global downturn, fortunately the impact here has been far less severe than we have seen in parts of the United States and Europe due largely to the stability of our banking and financial systems. Since the election it has become clear that the international economic downturn will be deeper and longer than commentators expected.

This Government came into office with a plan to lift New Zealand's economic performance after a decade of under performance and missed opportunities. The deepening global recession has reinforced the need for us to implement that plan with even more urgency and focus.

It goes without saying that the Budget was prepared against a backdrop of global and domestic economic conditions considered unthinkable – even by the most pessimistic forecasters – just one year ago. Just about every unlikely event has occurred and worst case scenario has become a reality as evidenced by the United States decision to subsidise their export dairy products and the EU also returning to export subsidies.

Despite the tide of global and domestic bad news of recent months, the Government remains optimistic about New Zealand's prospects. One of the reasons is the resilience it is seeing from New Zealanders in businesses and talking to ordinary Kiwis across the country.

The Government is not saying that the rest of 2009 and 2010 will be easy. Conditions will remain difficult. But the vast majority of New Zealanders, who have kept their jobs, have actually got a bit more cash in their pockets than they did six months ago.

They've seen the tax cuts introduced by the previous government last October, another round of tax cuts by this Government on April 1, and many people with a mortgage have already benefited from the sharp fall in interest rates triggered by the Reserve Bank's unprecedented monetary policy easing.

This month's Budget has set out the National led Government's plan for the future of New Zealand's economy and will put in place steps to take the sharp edges off this recession.

We have several goals in our sights:

- 1 We'll get our debt under control and turning down;
- 2 We'll help create new jobs to replace those being lost in the current market;
- 3 We'll improve New Zealand's international competitiveness;
- 4 We'll create an environment where businesses thrive and where people want to live and work;
- 5 We'll raise New Zealanders' living standards;
- 6 And we'll create a government sector that provides better services and delivers better value for taxpayers.

The Prime Minister has made clear this Government's aspirations for an economy that values enterprise, rewards people for effort and encourages them to get ahead under their own steam.

In the current environment, that will be challenging – there is a huge degree of uncertainty about how long the recession might continue. But we're up for the challenge.

We have a unique opportunity to improve New Zealand's standard of living and economic performance relative to other countries.

The National led Government intends to take that opportunity.

The Budget this month will provide the next steps in that plan and set out a credible road to recovery that New Zealand needs and deserves.

Jonathan Young, MP

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Submissions to council have now closed regarding the skate park extension and the NPDC confirmed it had received several submissions to do with the skate park.

So why a bowl? I pointed out that skate bowls were popular when I skateboarded in the seventies. I could see the disbelief apparent in their eyes that I had ever skateboarded! Were these bowls the same kind of thing they were wanting here? Indeed it was. The addition of a bowl they say will let them do completely different things with their boards and develop their sport. The boys I spoke with had all been skateboarding 2-3 years and were unanimous about the need for a bowl.

They say this is a really good park but with the addition of a skate bowl they would be able to take their sport to another level. It would also put the skate park right up there with the best parks. The bike riders that use the park all want the bowl addition too. For those of us that don't skateboard it would be easy to think this is just an "I want" attitude. But these young people are keen to be involved in any fund raising or initiatives to see the bowl come to fruition.

After spending time watching these guys you can't help but be impressed with their skill. At first glance it all seems a bit chaotic but after a while there is a definite order to what's going on, people are waiting their turn, and skills are being shared. Although skateboarding is not what most would deem a mainstream sport the personal qualities to excel at it are not so different from those required to excel at mainstream sports.

The guys that are doing it well, look fit. Determination and perseverance are evidently part of their make up too because the more complicated manoeuvres that are done obviously involve plenty of practice and falls before they are mastered. This is certainly not a sport for quitters or the faint hearted.

Denim Lellmann aged 14, has been skateboarding seriously for about 2 years and says it is by far the most exciting sport he has tried. Skate boarders that he admires are locals Amiel Day and Chad Hoskin. Chad aged 16 was definitely the stand out talent on the day I visited. I asked him why he felt the bowl was needed. He cited the bowl would enable the skate boarders to 'grind' and get 'air' and to do things that aren't possible on the current park. He's been skate boarding for 3 years and although the park at East End is good it no longer holds many challenges for him.

Fifteen year old Oliver Smith went on to say that local businesses are really supportive of the skateboarders and their quest for the skate park extension. Recently there has been a petition running in some shops regarding the skate board bowl issue. Velocity, Seasons Cheapskates, and local couple Jo and Pete Burke were all mentioned by the boys as being right behind supporting local skate boarders and the development of the park and the sport.

The East End Skate Park serves a large number of our predominately young male community members in the development of their sport but it is under increasing pressure as the popularity of this sport grows.


Spending time with this group rather than just walking past definitely gave me a better appreciation of what their sport is about and why a skate bowl is wanted and needed by them for the on-going success and development of their sport.


By Jackie Tomlinson




NPBHS boys at the East End Skate Park, Chad Hoskins, above, and below, Oliver Smith.









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Te Pou Tutake – The Fitzroy Pole

The arrival of the Valley shopping centre at Waiwhakaiho has undoubtedly caused many more of us to travel past a piece of Taranaki history.

Many of those turning into Smart Road from Devon Road would be aware of the carved pole on the corner outside Harvey Norman. But some perhaps do not know its significance to the Fitzroy area.

Back in 1847 Mr. Dillon Bell was sent from Nelson to New Plymouth by the New Zealand Company to negotiate land purchases from local Taranaki Maori.

The main area he was in charge of purchasing was the Omata Block which was 12,000 acres. He also purchased the Hua territory, an area of 1,500 acres, from the Puketapu tribe. This area was named "Bell Block".

Waitere Katatore a chief of the Te Atiawa hapu and many other members of the Iwi were strongly opposed to the speed of land sales by Chief Rawiri Waiau and consequent colonial settlement of the Bell Block area in 1848.

To mark his protest of the land sale, Katatore had a pole from a seven metre length of puriri carved and erected on the

right bank of the Waiwhakaiho River at the end of the Fitzroy block. The pole had carved into it two figures beneath a Maori warrior. The two figures represented pakeha and the warrior above represented the chief of Puketapu, Parata Te Huia.

Katatore intended the pole to mark the point from which no pakeha was to own land north of up to the Auckland district. This showed European settlers how far Maori would let them settle to the north of New Plymouth. No settlement beyond the pole was allowed and wasn't until 1853 that settlements were permitted on the Bell Block.

Known as Te Pou Tutake or the Fitzroy Pole to Europeans, it stood in its original position until 1885 when it was burnt in a scrub fire and later pulled down.

In 1940 Henare Toka from Hawera carved a new Pou from Totara. This was part of celebrations to mark the founding of New Plymouth. When completed the replica Pou was placed about 100 metres north of the original site. It remained there until 2001 when it needed to be moved again a couple of metres to make room for a car park. It was restored and increased in height, and then placed in its current site.

Several adults I spoke with were unaware of what the pole signified or why it was there. I decided to ask what some of our local Fitzroy children knew and found many were better informed. The students at Fitzroy Primary were asked the following questions. What is the Fitzroy Pole? Where is it and why is it there? The following is how they responded:

The Fitzroy Pole is at the Smart Road lights on the Harvey Norman corner. The pole is carved and looks a bit like a taniwha at the top with shining paua eyes and little bits encrusted on other parts of the pole. It has carved in parts, carved out parts and patterned parts with stripes, swirls and twists. The pole is a burgundy colour and is tall and round.

By Rewa Hazel Schofer Room 8 Fitzroy School

The Fitzroy Pole is for the Maori and the Europeans. So that they knew how far to build. The Fitzroy Pole is by Harvey Normans. It is brown with Maori carvings on it.

By Ashley Hope-McLachlan-Landon Aged 8

The Fitzroy Pole was put outside Harvey Normans and that's where it stands today. The Fitzroy Pole was put up to represent Fitzroy. The pole is a totem pole [well from my point of view] and totem poles usually tell stories, so the pole is probably telling the story of Fitzroy. The pole was put up in May 2001.

By Josh Adlam 10½

The Fitzroy Pole represents Fitzroy School. It's outside Harvey Normans by the car park. I think Fitzroy kids designed it. I think it was built a few years ago.

By Jed Kiu Aged 10

I think that the pole was carved to tell a story or was a warning to trespassers not to come past the pole. The Maori gave the warning to not take the land or their crops or their food.

By Sassafras Marshall-Johnson Room 8

The Fitzroy Pole is near Harvey Norman and it has Maori carvings on it. The Fitzroy Pole was built to show Europeans how far they could go to build.

By Dylan Scouller Aged 9

The Fitzroy Pole was put in by the Maori people of New Zealand. The Maori said the Europeans weren't allowed to go past the pole.

By Tamara Osborne Aged 9

They had fights and they built a victory pole and that got burned down so they built another one.

By Rebecca Low Aged 8

The first pole was built in 1800's

By Brooke Sorenson Aged 8

The Fitzroy Pole has carvings the Maori people made. The carvings are of Maori legends.

By Madeline Cram Aged 8

European's had to buy some land the rest they stole.

By Dee Burrell Aged 8

Te Pou Tutake or the Fitzroy Pole is a significant part of our local history and something that is worth taking a look at next time you wait at the lights or are perhaps caught in that modern day Fitzroy battle that locals face - the traffic jam.

by Jackie Tomlinson

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Bridge and Coastal Walkway- Extension on target for 2009 completion

The Coastal Walkway is still arguably the most popular project that the New Plymouth District Council has undertaken in recent times. Over the last month when speaking with locals and visitors to the region it seems opinion was unanimous that the proposed new walkway bridge at Waiwhakahiho with the extension of the walkway through to Bell Block was another welcome and eagerly anticipated development.

In fact many locals were like myself - curious to know what was happening and when.

Information from NPDC Project Manager Angela James outlines that the project was moving along on time. Consents and Archaeological Authority has been granted and the majority of steel for the project has been purchased.



An artist's impression of the proposed bridge.

The concept design has changed slightly from the image you see here: "since these drawings have been done the bridge has been transposed so that the wide end frames the mountain and the small end opens onto the Te Rewarewa Reserve. It has also been aligned with the mountain to capture the stunning mountain view. But generally it is the same bridge as shown in the image."

Construction is due to start on site in June with a completion date of November 2009 still being aimed for.

At this stage the walkway extension project plan is signed and a preliminary route is confirmed. It is still proposed that the walkway extension be completed by December 2009, with construction staged from October.

Certainly when viewing the image of the wave-like bridge it is spectacular and being able to walk or ride from the port to Bell Block will be fantastic. But what about the cost in these economically shaky times?

Again everyone I spoke to seemed unanimous in their support of the project in spite of the current economic situation. Many commented that it was good that as a region we are thinking ahead and providing a safe and scenic route for people to walk and cycle the length of our city. They saw the walkway as an area where the council was really getting things right.

Several people mentioned the proposal by the Prime Minister John Key to have a nation-long cycle track and saw New Plymouth as being way ahead of the rest of the country in providing such a good facility for its residents. This was an opinion shared by the visitors I spoke with also.

With the walkway set to run the length of New Plymouth by the end of the year one resident was hoping the owner of the immensely popular Big Wave Café was busy constructing a second caravan with accompanying comfy seating for the weary walkers and cyclists at the Bell Block end!

It certainly seems that most residents view our walkway as a very special asset and any plans to extend it for more people to enjoy now and in the future they believe can only be a good thing.

By Jackie Tomlinson

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The SPCA and the Cats Pyjamas

The SPCA has a new presence in town – thanks to the amazing support and hard work of New Plymouth local, Leonie Jarvis.

Leonie has always been a supporter of animal welfare and decided she could do more than making occasional financial donations to organisations such as the SPCA, WSPA and SAFE.

And she has done much more – she has opened a Treasure/Op shop in New Plymouth – the profits from the shop go directly to the SPCA and a regular donation from proceeds is made to WSPA (World Society for the Protection of Animals).

Leonie and a number of loyal supporters have worked like trojans to establish the shop and it is already bringing in a steady income – which is of huge benefit to the local North Taranaki SPCA, who care for over 1600 abandoned, ill treated and unwanted animals every year.

The Cats Pyjamas is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10am until 1pm.

Call in next time you head to town – it is a little tricky to find the first time – tucked in behind Portofino Restaurant on Hayton Lane (across the road from the Farmers in Centre City).

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Ravens Inline Hockey Club has been extremely busy over the Queens Birthday Weekend. At our New Plymouth rink, we held our annual Ravens Senior Tournament. Twenty two teams entered from all over the North Island. The tournament was as usual a great success with all the teams enjoying the awesome hockey. I would like to thank everybody who volunteered their help for the smooth running of the tournament.

Three Junior teams of the club went off to the Tauranga Ducks Junior Tournament. Twenty Junior teams entered the competition, again from all over the North Island. Our Under 10's team won Silver in a great game against the Mt Wellington Panthers. The final score was 3 - 5. The Under 12's won gold with an awesome and well earned win over the Mt Wellington Panthers 2 - nil. The combination U14/1 and U14/2's team were placed 6th in the U14 grade.

Congratulations to all the Ravens Teams that took part in the competitions. It was a fantastic effort.

Suzanne Toa, Ravens Chairperson

Ravens U12's Inline Hockey Team after winning gold at Queens Birthday Junior Tournament in Tauranga at the weekend.

Top Row: Keegan Thomson, Cam Sharrock, Alex Gray, Mitch Hurley, Joshua Gulliver.



Middle row:
Michael Watts
(assistant), Ella Toa
(captain), Pedro
Valentine-
Robertson
(assistant).
Bottom: Rodney
Cruden-Powell
(goalie).

Fitzroy Golf Club - Helping the Community



Over the last twelve months the Fitzroy Golf Club has continued to assist worthwhile causes by providing its course and clubhouse facilities free of charge and helping with running of charity tournaments.

Sunday 26th September saw the second Woolworths Charity Ambrose Tournament which raised funds for the Starship Children's Hospital.

On Waitangi Day the Club hosted a wildly successful Mellowpuff Tournament which raised \$13,000 for leukaemia sufferers. This was the biggest return the Mellowpuff Charitable Trust has had to date.

Bell Block School PTA held an Ambrose Tournament on Sunday 5th April. This helped with the purchase of new computers for the school. It was the first time that the PTA had tried a golf tournament as a fundraising venture.

Coming up on Friday 26th June is the Laurie Denton Memorial Ambrose Tournament. The Club supports this tournament every year and funds raised help with the annual grants made by the Laurie Denton Trust to promising young Taranaki sportspeople.

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Medal Tally Grows for Merrilands Teen

In April this year Merrilands teenager Amy Sulzberger was chosen to represent New Zealand at the Oceania Asian Pacific Inline Hockey Championships. This year the Championship was held in Perth, Australia and Amy, a Year 13 student at New Plymouth Girls High School, was selected for the NZ Senior Women's team. Playing alongside her were fellow New Plymouth Ravens club mates Anna Carrington and Rebecca Smith. Their New Zealand team coach was another Ravens member Willy Harvey.

This is the third time Amy has been selected to represent New Zealand at the Oceania Championship but the first time as a Senior Womens player. Amy who plays defense says the move from Junior Women to the Senior Womens team has been great. "The games are more competitive, the skill level higher and its more physical," says Amy. This elevated physicality in the games was very evident when playing the Australian Senior Womens team. When I asked what it was like playing the Aussies Amy summed it up in one word: "Aggressive." She went on to say, "They were aggressive on and off the rink, which was a bit different as usually the rivalry is left on the rink."

Apart from the aggressive style of play I asked Amy what it was like competing at Perth. She told me playing conditions were very hot and the rink at Perth was one of the few non air-conditioned rinks in Australia so keeping hydrated was a priority. But despite the heat and the physicality of the games the most satisfying aspect was that the NZ Senior Women's Team was completely dominant in their games which ultimately saw them bring home the Gold Medal.

This medal was another to add to Amy's growing collection. In 2008 she was selected for the New Zealand under 18 Women's Inline Hockey team that competed at the Junior Olympics in Philadelphia. Coached by her current team mate Anna Carrington, Amy's team came away with the Gold medal in the face of strong American competition.

Being involved in sport at this level makes for a busy life. Representing NZ at Oceania's equates to playing Inline Hockey year round as players go straight from their Regional League games and the National Championships to the Inter Regional Championships and then if selected to play for a NZ team straight into NZ team training.

Even with the busy schedule that comes with playing at this level and doing her Year 13 studies, Amy has played a key role in getting an Inline hockey team up and running to represent NPGHS. She has done this with the support of her Year 13 Dean Mrs Bennett, team's organizer Mrs Gillam-Green and Mrs Cleaver organizing uniforms. Amy and her team, which is a mixture of senior and junior students, competes in the School league games against other New Plymouth High schools. With the involvement of junior students Amy is hopeful that the future bodes well for Girls High being represented in Inline Hockey in the coming years.

In recognition of the success that Amy has had in her sport along with her work and attendance record she has recently been awarded the New Plymouth Girls High Honours Blazer.

With her last year at school half way over I asked her what the future holds for her and what her plans are for next year. Amy says she would like to work with children and is considering going to University to study Child Psychology.

The ingredients that have seen Amy succeed at her sport are similar to those seen in most successful young sportspeople. These are a combination of talent, hard work, and support from family, coaches and her teams. All of these factors have seen Amy competing and achieving great results, which I'm sure, will hold her in good stead for future success.

There's certainly some unfinished business with those Australians in 2010. Since 1996 New Zealand has won the Tasman Trophy eight times compared to Australia's four so although Amy's Senior Women's team and the Under 20 Men's team brought home the Gold medals it wasn't enough to secure the Tasman Trophy in 2009. I'm sure if selected to represent her country again Amy will be doing her best with her team to bring the trophy back to its rightful place across this side of the Tasman!!

By Jackie Tomlinson



Amy wearing her NPGHS Honours Blazer



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New Plymouth Surf Rider's Club

Hi again, and this month we will continue the introduction to our club, touching on some of our proud history which includes growing to be the largest surf rider's club in New Zealand with a current membership of some 429. Many of our members reside overseas and are either past residents of Taranaki or Australians, Americans etc who both keep in contact and travel here each Easter for the Easter Masters Championships.



Keone Campbell (Photo by Daisy Day).

We have a strong junior [Under 18] membership and conduct a series of competitions, sponsored by Port Taranaki, to help "The Groms" develop their competitive knowledge as well as pitting themselves against their peers. Groms is the sometimes less than flattering but mostly endearing term for a young or learner surfer. Some Groms may take many years to grow into a mature or Master Surfer and in our Easter Masters Championships the 40 – 44 years division is affectionately

termed "The Groms". You have to be in the 50 – 54 years division before you may call yourself a "Master". Naturally if you are in the 65 plus years division you then have graduated to the "Super Groms".

Our Juniors have recently completed the Port Taranaki Summer series of competition and the results are:

Results:

Open: K. Campbell 1, T. Anderson 2, C. James 3, S. Parker 4; U/18: T. Anderson 1, S. Parker 2;

U/16: S. Kettle 1, J. Hart 2, H. Porter 3, M. Smith 4;

U/14: T. McDonald 1, S. Kettle 2, B. Arbuckle 3;

U/12: T. Barbarich-Love 1, S. Beavis 2, I. Kettle 3, G. Pitano 4;

Girls Open: L. Walsh 1, A. Duynhoven 2, G. Taverner 3, E. Croton 4, C. Fleming 5;

And the late results of trophy winners of Port Taranaki Winter Series 2008:

Open: T. Anderson 1, K. Rowson 2, J. Grainger 3, C. James 4;

U/18s: T. Anderson 1, M. Mallalieu 2, M. Smith 3, S. Parker 4;

U/16s: M. Parthemore 1, J. Kettle 2, C. Anderson 3, S. Kettle 4;

U/14s: S. Kettle 1, S. Marshall 2, J. Kettle 3, M. McLeod 4;

U/12s: T. Barbarich-Love 1, M. McLeod 2, I. Kettle 3, T. McDonald 4;

Girls: L. Walsh 1, E. Croton 2, A. Duynhoven 3, C. Fleming 4

The Club wishes to acknowledge Port Taranaki in providing continued support for our Juniors and developing surfers. We also thank the dedicated band of parents and other club members who both provide coaching and mentoring to the Juniors as well as conducting the Port Taranaki Summer and Winter Series. And finally Daisy Day Surf Images for providing the wonderful photos.

Earlier in the year the club were again privileged to host the WOMAD performers for an informal barbeque and jam. This evening was the first time the groups had an opportunity to gather and meet and is always a fun and entertaining way for the New Plymouth Surf Rider's Club to give something back to the Community.

Finally after another summer where the "Taranaki Terror" again received some media attention we close with a photo from our historical library.

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Fitzroy Surf Life Saving Club

Winter has well and truly hit us with some very cold temperatures, but at least the sun is still shining. For those of you who visit Fitzroy Beach in the summer and are kept safe by our lifeguards, you may be wondering where they go during the winter. Many of our young athletes play a variety of other sports keeping them fit in preparation for another busy summer. However there is still a large amount of training that our surf lifeguards do during the winter, no rest for these guys.

Sessions that are being run by the club are listed below, if you have the urge to become a lifeguard, then now is the time to get amongst it and starting getting fit so you can pass the tests once summer comes. For anyone that is interested in becoming a lifeguard please contact Leigh Laurence our Club Co-ordinator on 06 758 6743 or fitzroyslsc@xtra.co.nz. Be great to hear from you!

Fitzroy Winter Trainings:

Friday nights:

6.30pm, we have club swimming night. At the moment we are getting around 20 club members along, everyone enjoys a few lengths warm-up and swimming before breaking out into relays and some "novel" events that Todd dreams up! We also have had a few younger members come along that are developing their swimming skills, so if you want to come along and be a part of this, be at the Bell Block Pool by 6.15pm Friday nights.

This would be a great session for new members to come along meet some of our members/coaches and to see what training we do in the pool.

Sunday afternoons

Leaving the clubrooms at 4pm is the club running crew. We have people at all stages of running fitness and even a few bikers, so come along and have a well deserved drink at the club bar afterwards.

Tuesday nights

At 5.20pm is the kettle bell sessions held at Boys High School Gym. These are great quick sessions to get your legs toned and strengthened.

Wednesday nights

Kayak sessions are also underway out at the Waitara River. Due to the amount of gear available to the club these numbers are limited, however if you are really keen or want to know if you would be suitable to train out there, call Leigh Laurence for more information.

Check out our website and read our monthly newsletter to see more about our great club www.fitzroysurfclub.org.nz.

East End Surf Life Saving Club

After a busy summer clocking up over 1280 volunteer hours of patrol, East End lifeguards finished the competitive season as National Champions, winning the BP IRB National Championships at Oakura. After a short break, most of our lifeguards are now well into their winter training and you can still expect to see them out and about in the colder months.

Those of you who walk past East End may have noticed the wonderful job the Community Probation Service has done painting the exterior of the building and general works around the club. Their assistance has been greatly appreciated. We are also working on the interior of the building with the upgrade of our changing facilities.

East End lifeguards have been involved in two incidents in the last two months. The recent rescue that took place at East End was a reminder to everyone that conditions change rapidly on our coast line and it is important to stay within your limits. It was heartening that the two girls who required assistance were well dressed with wetsuits and lifejackets. It was also great that there were a number of people who phoned for help when they realised that the girls were unable to make it back to shore. These factors were very important in ensuring that the incident had a positive outcome.

East End lifeguards also assisted a stranded fisherman and his boat back to port at the end of April. Two lifeguards were IRB training and about to return to shore when they noticed a flare shortly after sunset on the 22nd of April. They discovered a lone fisherman in a small aluminum runabout whose motor wouldn't start. Although he was wearing a lifejacket and had flares, it was a concern that he had no radio or other form of communication. It was fortunate that he was seen by the lifeguards as no other craft came to his assistance while he was being towed back to port.

It is important that any time you think someone is in distress in the water and there are no lifeguards on duty dial 111 and ask for the Police. Don't assume that someone else will.

We are currently calling for registrations of interest from anyone who wants to become a lifeguard. We offer lifeguard training for all ages and run a programme specifically for adults who are interested. No experience is necessary, just a positive attitude and the willingness to challenge yourself. To register, or for more info, email - coach@eastendslsc.org.nz For more news on what is happening at East End, including how to hire our facility, go to our website - www.eastendslsc.org.nz

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New Plymouth Potters

New Plymouth Potters Inc. and the Vicarage Pottery sit near the end of Courtenay Street. The club workroom was built by the club about 40 years ago and is a little younger than the historic Te Henui Vicarage which has been sitting above the Te Henui Stream for 166 years.

The Vicarage is used by the club as a gallery to display and sell pottery made by members and is open each weekend from 1pm until 4pm. Members are happy to open the vicarage if they are working in the club rooms or are contacted to arrange a convenient time for the public to inspect the great variety of unique hand crafted items and the lovely old stone building. Many of our customers are visitors to the area or locals wanting special gifts to take overseas.

As well as items to sell, the vicarage contains a collection of pottery by famous New Zealand and overseas potters.

The workrooms are very well resourced with kilns, potters wheels and everything else needed to have fun with clay and glazes. The potters run public classes each term. Participants can enrol through WITT.

Club members also get together for weekend workshops and demonstrations and weekly informal sessions during which ideas are shared and skills learned. We also welcome visits from rest homes, preschools and other community groups.

New Plymouth Potters holds an Annual Exhibition each year at Real TART Gallery in Egmont St as well as a regular display there. This month it will feature a combined club collection and in July will feature Bev Rea and Joan Lamprecht.

If you would like more information about New Plymouth Potters or the Vicarage Gallery please ring President Graham Mulvey 7544124 or Secretary Gail Wheeler 7536207.



Bev Rea creating alchemy on a Raku Pot hot from the Kiln.



Christina Rutherford and Jan Pidwell - Midwives ready for the delivery from the Raku Kiln.



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New Plymouth Boys' High School



Recently we had a Teacher Only day for staff to discuss the new New Zealand curriculum and future directions for New Plymouth Boys' High School. We believe we offer the best choice for boys – they certainly have a lot of choices with subjects to study and sporting / cultural opportunities.

At the core of any curriculum are the key competencies of literacy and numeracy, but of equal importance are other skills that boys need to acquire: learning to think, managing oneself well, relating with respect and full participation in school activities.

We were delighted to see our NCEA pass rates for all our seniors – Level 1, 85.8%; Level 2, 93.3% and Level 3, 65.8%. This year we are aiming to have 80% of our Year 11 students pass Level 1.

One great advantage for the school is that we are a 'Super 8' school, linking with seven other Boys' schools, and thus students have a lot of sporting and cultural exchanges. There are wonderful opportunities for the boys.

Michael McMenamin MA (Hons), Dip. Tch.
Headmaster



Geography trip to Mt Taranaki.

TOM Garden of the Month

Driving up Mangorei Road to visit the June TOM garden, the sky was turning from dark grey to black. On arrival at the Merrilands home I soon forgot about the stormy looking sky as I entered this welcoming garden.



Josie's garden displaying some fine Iceberg roses.

Josie, the owner, has lived here for ten years and she told me that the garden was well established by previous owners and this is evident with the many rhododendrons bordering most of the property. In fact there were once hundreds of roses planted here too by an owner who worked for Egmont Roses. This work was sadly undone by the owner who resided here before Josie and who removed the majority of the roses.

Over the time that she has lived here Josie has made the garden work for her by greatly reducing the size of the vegetable garden which previously covered the width of the entire property. She has also replanted roses in various spots on the property where they can best be enjoyed.

When entering the garden you are drawn in by a promise of more as the garden is partially hidden behind a white trellis fence. Passing the beds of pink and yellow carpet roses and past the trellis fence there is a long expanse of lawn leading to one of the focal points of the garden – a circle of Iceberg roses surrounded by clipped buxus and a lovely bird bath at the central point.

Josie tells me she is a fair weather gardener but she tries to get out in her garden most weeks. She has help with the large lawn and with the pruning of the roses and larger trees. Currently she has the company of four ducks who no doubt are seeking refuge while the duck shooting season is on.

It's obvious that roses are a favourite of this gardener and the rose garden along the south west wall of the house is her favourite part of the garden. Here there are roses of all different shades with a mass of colourful impatiens at their feet.

After mentioning I prefer roses with a scent she shows me a gorgeous deep red bloom she picked outside her bedroom just this morning. This beautiful smelling rose is called 'Loving Memory' and Josie planted it in memory of her husband Cyril when he passed away. It's features like this that makes a garden special.

When I asked Josie what garden 'style' she preferred, she replied, "I like a garden to look homely" and indeed she has achieved that by planting things she loves, with love and making it her special place.

By Jackie Tomlinson




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Lantern Parade

Thirty five of our senior students were very busy on Wednesday 3 June participating in a lantern making workshop as part of this year's Taranaki Arts Festival. Many thanks to Denise Newland and Jill White from the Arts Trust who worked with the children creating their beautiful lanterns.



Jill White and Denise Newland helping Merrilands students create their lanterns for this year's Arts Festival Lantern Parade.

Our students now have to be patient as they look forward to what will be a spectacular event - the Taranaki International Arts Festival Community Lantern Parade which will be held at Pukekura Park on Thursday evening 23rd July.

Interschool Winter Sports Competition

Like all schools we are fully involved in Interschool Winter Sports this term. All of us are enjoying hosting or visiting other schools in this great competition.

Following is a story written by one of our students about our latest round in the competition:

On the 28th May, Moturoa-Kura combined came to Merrilands to play interschool sport. They were fun games. Merrilands welcomed our visitors with a haka. The games played were rugby, netball, football and social football.

Merrilands would love to play them again because it was such a sunny day and Moturoa – Kura combined were very nice people.

After the game the leaders had to give a speech. At the end of the speeches we had afternoon tea which was very yum. We got the chance to talk with the Moturoa people. Moturoa-Kura combined were the best teams Merrilands has played against. I loved the afternoon tea.

Jarden Te Awa, Year 6



The Interschool winter sports exchange with Moturoa.

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