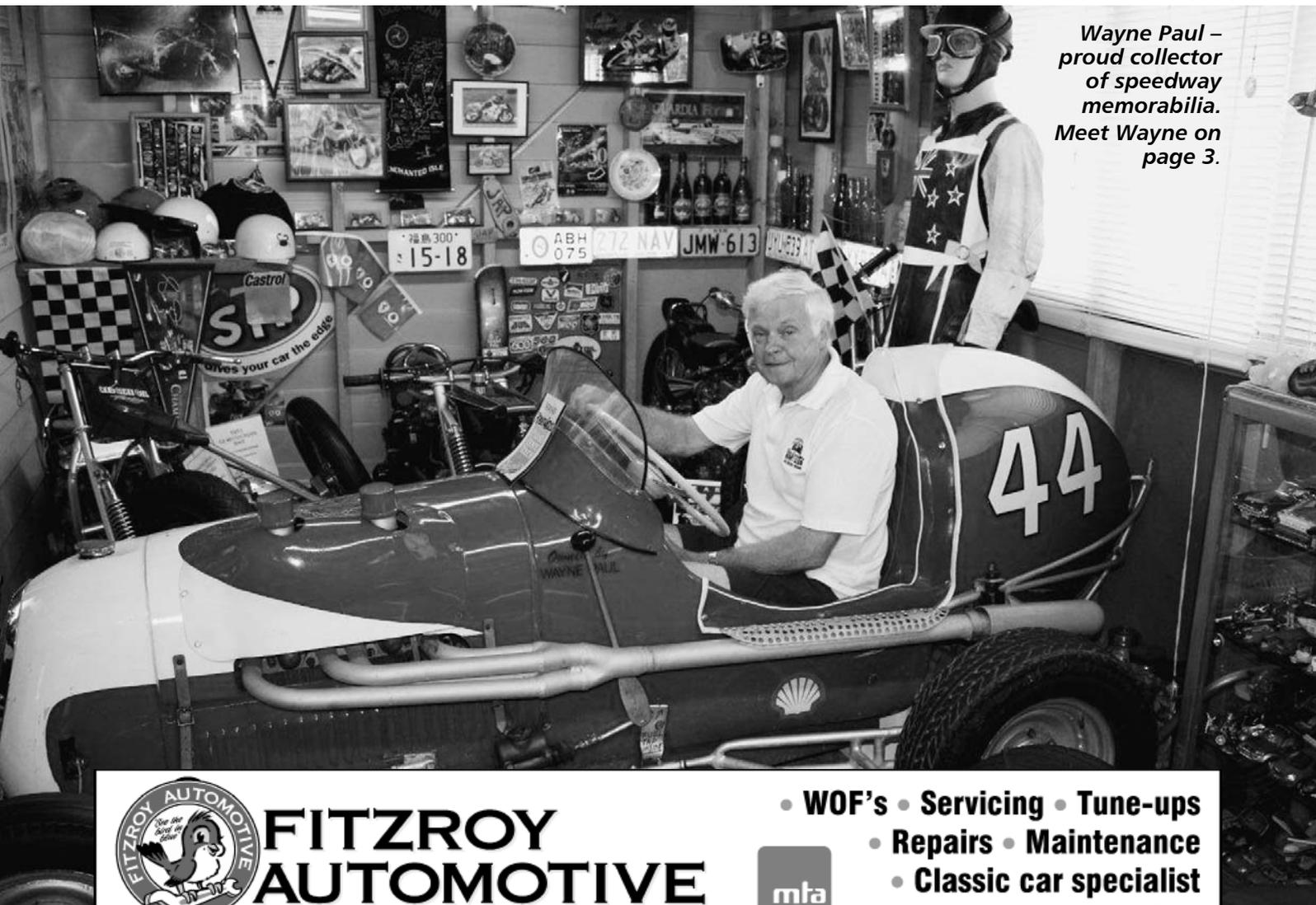


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editorial

This would have to be one of the hardest editorials I have written. As I try to write this less than a week after the Christchurch earthquake, it is hard to find words that aren't trite or insensitive but it would be fair to say surely that every New Zealander has been affected in some way and perhaps changed forever, even those not in the Christchurch area.



And I am reassured. We are bombarded endlessly these days by media reports from all over the world of catastrophic events whether it is war in Africa or the Far East or natural disasters. Yet I didn't find myself desensitised by the unfolding disaster in Christchurch, in fact I couldn't pull myself away from the live coverage, even when it reduced me to tears. I felt the need to be staunch and try and understand the enormity of what was occurring. Really I don't think I can but I want to try.

Mayor Bob Parker continues to astound me with his demeanour, courage and empathy for his people – he is my New Zealander of the Year.

I hope you all have been out enjoying the glorious summer as it continues to bless us with lovely days and nights for winter is just around the corner!

Kim

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cover story Speedway history

I recently had the opportunity to visit a small home museum established by a local resident to help preserve the history of speedway in Taranaki.

Wayne Paul, a member of the Taranaki Historic Speedway Club, has created in his home garage a wonderful display of all things speedway. From vehicles such as two vintage midget racing cars from the 1940's through to a more modern TQ racing car. There is also a selection of motorbikes including older style side car bikes, as well as racing uniforms and other memorabilia of interest. Wayne has amassed his collection from various sources such as Trade Me as well as having many pieces donated. He also has other collections of interest such as a vast array of car number plates from all over the globe.

Wayne's collection would be of interest to many people and not just speedway enthusiasts. He has a restored 'Mountain Goat' bike which was built by local John Callender. The bike was designed as a hard working farm vehicle in pre Japanese farm bike days. Wayne says it's a fantastic little bike with one of them being taken by Sir Edmund Hillary and Peter Mulgrew on an Everest expedition. As well as the interesting vehicles and other pieces in his museum Wayne is a veritable fountain of motor racing knowledge and even had books that he could show me about my own father, Johnny Mansel, who was a racing car driver in the 50's and 60's.

The two midget cars that Wayne has on display as well as all the other vehicles are all in immaculate and working condition. The cars are still taken for a run from time to time but Wayne explained that the bikes operate with a total loss oil system which means there is just too much labour involved cleaning them up to warrant taking them out on the track.

Wayne has been involved with Speedway all his life as both his parents were heavily involved in the sport and he also competed. He told me Taranaki Speedway was originally based in our local area at Waiwakaiho at a track where Fitzroy Engineering is now located. In 2002 Wayne and a group of six friends formed the Taranaki Historic Speedway Club. The club now has a membership of 170-180 members including some from overseas including racing icon Ivan Mauger. Meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at the Fitzroy Golf Club the club invites guest speakers such as ex



NZ Speedway Champion Michael Pickens. New members are always welcome to come along.

On Saturday 12th March the North Island Midget Car Championship was held at the Stratford raceway, followed by a club day on Sunday which offered a good opportunity for the public to see these older cars up close.

Anyone wanting to visit Wayne's museum of Speedway treasures can contact him directly Ph 758 0962 to arrange a suitable time.

By Jackie Tomlinson



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Local artist has March exhibition at Real Tart

Local artist Amanda Hewlett will be showing a small exhibition of her work at Real Tart gallery from the 1st of March through until the end of the month.

I spoke with Amanda about this current series of paintings that she has been working on and how the exhibition came about.

At Christmas Real Tart ran a competition where artists could submit a work on a 20cm x 20cm canvas and the winner would be given the opportunity to have a wall in the gallery to exhibit their work for a month. Amanda submitted a painting not realising it was a competition and so when she was told she was the winner it was a very pleasant surprise and one that has given her huge motivation to get out into her studio and paint over summer.

The resulting paintings are, she says, "Based around the thought that our life is impacted by significant people both in a positive and negative way. You may not realise at the time the significance but it evident over time." For her this influence is not about a particular person in her life but a generalisation.



Amanda with two of her completed works of art.

The paintings all have Amanda's familiar style stamped upon them; with her technique of using lots of paint layers she achieves beautiful results in her interpretation of the sky and water.

This will be a small exhibition with just four or five paintings in the collection but it is one well worth taking time to go and see.

Amanda Hewlett at Real Tart Gallery March 1st – 31st.

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Arthouse in March

What bounty we have for your viewing pleasure at Arthouse this month!
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Gainsbourg - In the 60's, singer Serge Gainsbourg mixed pop outlawry with lechery to blaze his own hipster manifesto, seducing Brigitte Bardot, Juliette Gréco and Jane Birkin in the process. His persistent iconoclasm and famous personal degeneracy made him a fixture in French public life until his death in 1991. His song *Je T'aime Moi Non Plus*, was widely blacklisted and condemned by the Vatican. In France Gainsbourg is now a national icon. At his funeral, which brought Paris to a standstill, the then French President François Mitterrand said, "He was our Baudelaire, our Apollinaire... He elevated the song to the level of art." Gainsbourg has several famous fans: Jarvis Cocker, REM's Michael Stipe, Portishead, Tricky, Placebo and Cat Power, to name a few.

(Music, Doco; French with English subtitles).

"The best movie of the year. Beautifully acted and emotionally honest - naturalistic, heartbreaking, real and rare." (New York Daily News)

Wagner and Me: Great British actor and writer, Stephen Fry, explores his passion for the world's most controversial German composer, Richard Wagner (1813-1883). But Fry is Jewish and lost family members in the Holocaust — can he salvage the music he loves from its dark association with anti-Semitism and the Nazis? Shot on location in Germany, Switzerland and Russia, the film includes unique behind the scenes access to the Bayreuth Festival, the annual extravaganza of Wagner's music held in the composer's own theatre.

(Music, Documentary; UK, Switzerland, Russia, Germany)

Fair Game: This action thriller is based on the autobiography of real life undercover CIA operative, Valerie Plame (Naomi Watts), whose career was destroyed and marriage strained to its limits when her covert identity was illegally exposed.

(True Story, Thriller; USA)

Get Low: Set in 1930's Tennessee, Get Low is a comedy spun from equal parts folktale and real life legend. A feared backwoods recluse, known as Felix Bush (a fantastically bearded Robert Duvall), wants to hold a funeral for himself while he is still alive. Sensing a big payday in the offing, fast talking funeral home owner, Frank (Bill Murray), enlists his gentlemanly young apprentice, Buddy (Lucas Black), to win over Felix's business. Buddy is no stranger to Felix's dark reputation, but he discovers that behind Felix's surreal plan lies a very real and long held secret that must get out.

Once again Robert Duvall proves why he is one of America's most beloved actors. He only gets better with age. This is among his best performances.

News

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Ten years ago George and Lyn Roberts bought a two hectare block of land along Mangorei Rd. They subdivided the land keeping a two acre 'T' shaped block for themselves on which they built their home and proceeded to create a beautiful park like garden.

The land is a sloping valley that is protected from south westerly winds, although northerlies and south easterlies still impact on this property which was once a sheep farm. Our region had just been buffeted for several days by strong winds from the remains of a cyclone but the property was in remarkably good shape with just the odd tree branch down. A fine misty rain persisted as George and I toured the property but it could not detract from the beauty of this wonderful garden. From the road you would never know what lay beyond the house but a neighbour of George and Lyn recommended the TOM take a peek and we are pleased she did.

From the home you get a breathtaking view down the valley and an appreciation of the size of the garden and the commitment of its owners. George showed me some before and after aerial photos of the property which show the huge transformation that has taken place. They have kept many of the large trees growing on the original farm and these include a huge golden weeping willow, a golden elm, some acers and a gliditsia. These all helped form a framework for future planting which has involved a huge amount of trees and shrubs. Whilst Lyn is the ideas person behind the garden, George does most of the actual gardening and it's obviously a passion which sees him spending 20-30 hours a week working on the property. He went on to say the really hard work has been done and it is now at a stage where it is easy to get it back in to order.

Over the years there has been many man hours invested in the property. The pond which is George's favourite part of the garden was a labour of love. Formerly just a small farm pond, it is now a large retained pond resplendent with beautiful water lilies in red, pink and creamy yellow. Home to families of ducks and with the enormous weeping willow hanging over one end, it is picture perfect and easy to see why he enjoys this area of the garden so much. There is a lovely walking path around the pond planted with a variety of plants including some very healthy hosta in flower. George has made sure all the property is accessi-

ble by digging out paths often by hand. Most of the paths have also needed retaining as the property is very steep in places but with the paths in place can be enjoyed by most. A real feature is the area directly below the house where a steep staircase leads up to a seat and sundial. From this point you have a spectacular view of the more formal garden below with its symmetrical planting, fountain surrounded by clipped pittosporum golf balls and one of the few areas of flower beds where the couple have a variety of roses. This area then flows onto lawns, groups of trees and down to the pond.



It is easy to see that trees, particularly flowering trees are favourites with Lyn and George. For Lyn, magnolias are her favourite and there are yellow, cream and burgundy specimens growing in the garden. For George it is rhododendrons and in particular the gorgeous red 'Kaponga'. Amongst the other flowering trees that are found in this garden wonderland are gardenias, Awanui cherries which line the driveway to the garage, camellias and a beautiful jacaranda covered in purple blooms. The large selection of trees includes many natives, which attracts bird life such as kereru, tui, wax eyes and yellow hammers.

George has used clipped buxus to great effect all over the garden, often as a neat edge to an area of mass planting of trees. He grows the buxus very successfully from clippings and has given heaps away to gardening friends.

On the retained wall below the house the couple have a small vegetable garden and they also have grapefruit, cape

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gooseberry, mandarins, walnuts, tangelos and passion fruit growing. There's also some sunflowers put in Lyn says for the grandchildren to enjoy.

George and Lyn's garden is a favourite with the little ones and there's plenty of room to kick a ball around on the grass at the rear of the property.

Although George says the hard work is done, you can see that with a property of this size there is always room for new plans to be implemented and that the garden will constantly be evolving as the trees mature. Currently George is planting out the rear bank behind the pond with camellias.

Its hard to believe that at only ten years old this garden is relatively 'young' but it is a wonderful testament to the couple's love of trees and nature to see what they have achieved in those ten years.

By Jackie Tomlinson

As the song says, "It's Different for Girls"

Within a single generation, women have increasingly been succeeding in the workplace and in positions of authority that were once male strongholds. This has meant that more women have had to become financially aware to an extent that their mothers and most certainly their grandmothers, never had to be. Of all the issues women face, perhaps the most important is saving for retirement.

The reality is that more than half of all NZ women will spend all or some of their retirement alone, simply because they tend to live longer. Combined with the fact that in most relationships the man is usually the older partner, that adds up to a lot more women on their own in retirement.

Thinking about how to generate enough income to last around 20 years is far from easy for many.

With increasing numbers of women spending much of their retirement alone, adequate provision must be made to ensure those years will be comfortable. Women also need to be just as aware as their partners of financial issues such as knowing what their household income is and where it all comes from and what it will be during retirement.

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Waiwaka Tennis Club

At the end of February, the club is showing good results and patronage, with a healthy influx of new members, both Junior and Senior at the free junior coaching sessions, at senior club evenings, and in interclub competition teams.

By the time this article goes to print, the TTA Senior interclub competition will be facing the semi finals. With a little luck and hard won effort, both the clubs' Soffe Cup and A grade Division 2 teams will hold their current ladder positions and retain entry to the semis. This will be an enviable and well earned record, as no other Taranaki club fielding a team in each of these grades would be having both sides in the final four. This displays the depth of talent and experience at the club and all players are to be commended. This fact should also provide a good degree of inspiration and motivation for the clubs' youthful A3 team and the junior sections of the club, who are benefiting from the coaching being provided by the Club.

The weather has certainly been conducive to tennis and we have welcomed a number of new members and their families to the club since the beginning of the year.

One of our members has recently had a very worthy achievement at the New Zealand Masters Games held in Wanganui in February. David Lace, a Soffe Cup player, gained a silver medal in both the A1 men's singles and doubles for his age group. Well done David.

Club players have also been represented in Junior and Senior Taranaki rep teams which have been swinging into action recently.

A reminder to anyone (adult or school-age) interested in taking up or playing tennis - its not too late, there is plenty of game time and good weather left this season, and the Club is offering discounted, mid-season membership fees that are very good value. Membership entitles players to club fixtures, interclub competition, free group coaching for school children, plenty of technical and social support, and free access to the club's courts at all times.

If this is of interest, come and visit us on one of our Club nights, or make contact with us. We also offer junior and adult coaching - so all experience levels are embraced. See below for details.

Junior coaching is very well attended, and the Club's coaches, Yvonne and John, are doing a great job at organising and teaching skills to the many club members being given the opportunity of the free group coaching.

The Club wishes to acknowledge the support of the following organisations that have enabled the delivery of quality coaching and equipment this season - New Zealand Community Trust, and the Lion Foundation. We also wish to acknowledge as our sponsors, the following local businesses, who make a valued contribution to the Club - Stumble Inn & Cafe, Merrilands New World, Van Beers Motors.

A reminder that Senior Club evenings are on Thursdays, from 6pm. These are a social event, run in a convivial atmosphere. They are a great way to meet and play against a variety of players, with games run informally on a rotat-

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Schnauzers swelter in the sun

In late February Schnauzer owners from all over New Plymouth got together for a 'schnauzer picnic' at the Glen Avon Dog Training Centre.

No one is quite sure how many dogs turned out for the picnic as they didn't sit still long enough to count but it was in the vicinity of 30 dogs!

Organiser Virginia Mills was delighted with the turnout and all the dogs seemed to have a great time. There was plenty of 'bum' sniffing, territorial marking and defecating going on but the sheer joy of being together made for a happy outing for the dogs. The owners on the other hand were happy to sit in the shade and watch indulgently on as their pets reacquainted themselves with siblings, parents and new friends.

There was no schnauzer that looked the same as another – a bit like humans really, they all had their own little characteristics that made them unique and the different personality types shone through. The funny thing is they all seemed to know they belonged to the same genetic group unlike a couple of other breeds who definitely found themselves on the outer.

I love hearing what all the dogs names are – it is such a hard decision coming up with a name and here is a sample of a few I heard on the day: Hunter, Jack, Kobe, Mozart, Oscar, Baxter, Sailor, Harley, Penny, Monie, Molly, Poppy, Meka.

Thank you to Jim the Dog Ranger who provided some prizes for a couple of doggie competitions and also to Virginia for organising the event.

If you would like to know more about schnauzers or be kept in the loop regarding future schnauzer events contact Virginia Mills ph 7588416 or email Virginia.mills@slingshot.co.nz

By Kim Ferens



Schnauzers running riot in the sun.



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Summer has been a busy time for the New Plymouth Surf Riders' Club with members taking the opportunity to enjoy some of the great surf available in Taranaki as well as the warm waters which encourage the exchange of wet suits for boardies and rashies making the experience much more enjoyable.

Two major events have been undertaken: our annual club championships and the fun 70's Single-Fin Retro evening as well as hosting the Taranaki Intermediate School Championships.

Over the weekend of February 5 and 6, the Club champs drew 130 entries and although the surf and the weather were not all-time great the enthusiasm and skills of the contestants made for an epic weekend. Members contested every division from the under 12's to the 60 plus including the specialist longboarding and knee-board events.

Results:

Open: 1 Keone Campbell, 2 Conan James, 3 Eli MacDonald, 4 Kane Rowsan.

Womens': 1 Jo Moore, 2 Emma Croton.

Under 12 Boys: Daniel Farr.

Under 13 Girls: Jana O' Connor 1, Megan Wheeler 2.

Junior Girls: 1 Emma Croton, 2 Megan Wheeler, 3 Jana O'Connor.

Under 14: 1 Isaac Kettle, 2 Daniel Farr, 3 Josh Farr.

Under 16: 1 Mahorahora McLeod, 2 Jordan Hart, 3 Sean Kettle, 4 Josh Farr.

Under 18: 1 Eli MacDonald, 2 Josh Kettle, 3 Mahorahora McLeod, 4 Chad Jones.

Kneeboard: 1 Jamie Andrews, 2 Maukino Skelton, 3 Steve Croton, 4 Tracy Skelton.

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There are just two judges (Arch and Pid) who surfed the single-fins and so are the only ones able to correctly score the rides while the competitors take part in an en-masse forty minute "expression-session".

Results: Surfing: 1 Jamie Andrews. *Best Dressed:* Dubstar - who squeezed into his 1970's wet suit and later paid the price for some highly compressed assets.



Cheech, The Donn and Chong!



Jordy Hart, 2nd in the under 16's. Photo by Daisy Day.



Mr Crimplene.



Peace, love and drop ins (or outs!).

Friday February 18 made the news for the number of waterspouts observed off the coast but of more importance to the Intermediate Schools were their annual surfing championships. While 32 boys competed the girls' entries have doubled to 16 which is great. This age-group are so enthusiastic and a pleasure to see enjoying their sport, and while the waterspouts provided an impromptu lesson in the weather the fun of testing themselves against their peers was very enjoyable. Thanks to Richard Thompson (Associate Principal at Devon Intermediate) for his superb organisation in bringing together entries from all Taranaki Intermediate Schools and we wish you well in your retirement later this year Richard.

Results from the Taranaki Intermediate Surfing Champs:

Girls: 1 Jana O'Connor (Sacred Heart), 2 Lani Moorehouse (Bell Block), 3 Bailey Bruckner (Devon), 4 Paige Burrows (Oakura).

Boys: 1 Isaac kettle (Devon), 2 Josh Farr (Home School), 3 Dean Vickers (Manukoriki), 4 Daniel Farr (Home School).

Plate Girls: 1 Atalya Fakavanoeanga (Oakura), 2 Sophie Willis (Oakura), 3 Kate McLean (Oakura).

Plate Boys: 1 Corbin Williams (Highlands), 2 William Luff, (Highlands), 3 Sonny Thomas (Highlands).

Allen Pidwell

East End SLSC - Oceans XI - 2011

The East End team has just returned from Mount Maunganui where it competed in the U14 National Surf Lifesaving Championships. It was a sombre start to the event as it began just two days after the catastrophic earthquake in Christchurch. A few of the Christchurch clubbies still travelled north to compete and we gladly supplied them with any gear they needed. Day one saw massive seas and spectacular action on the water. We toughed it out and made it through to a few semi finals before the arenas were put on hold. The action then moved to the Beach Flag arenas where Jessica Tarrant collected East End's first gold medal in the U12 Women's Beach Flags. Day two - the sea was starting to ease, however a solid drift had developed making it impossible to run the water events. The competition moved to Pilot Bay where the calm waters allowed the tube rescue and board rescue events to be completed. East End competed well but was unable to make it past the semi finals. Day three, we started with the Mixed Beach Relay where the U13 team (Javon McCallum, Zac Howarth, Sinead Malley, Jessica Tarrant) bought home another gold medal for East End. A lot of water events took place in order to make up time. This was extremely tough on the competitors and it bought home how fit and determined these young athletes are. The day ended with the 2km Beach Relay. This is an extremely tough event in the soft sand. It was even tougher for one of the East End teams, with two girls having competed in a Board Relay events only minutes before the start. This didn't seem to slow them down as they charged home to secure a well deserved silver medal. Well done to Chris Kelly, Isabella Kelly, Javon McCallum, and Jessica Tarrant. Day four - this is finals day where these young athletes got a chance to shine in the remaining events. East End quickly increased their medal tally with a gold in the U13 Men's Beach Sprint (Javon McCallum), a silver in the U11 Women's Beach Sprint (Isabella Kelly), and bronze in the U13 Women's Beach Sprint.

Overall, the 17 strong team made 22 finals; collected three gold medals; two silver medals and one bronze medal. We finished on 17 points, moving us into ninth position on the points table out of 43 teams.

The team spirit and courage these young athletes displayed over the duration of the event was simply outstanding. Huge thanks to all the parents and helpers who contributed to the success of the team.

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TOM Catch of the Month

Shaun Biesiek with the TOM Catch of the Month - a tuna caught 8 kilometres off the coast from the Tapuae Marine Reserve, weighing 7.3kg. We think Shaun also mumbled something about his . . . er, wife catching a 10kg'er.





New Plymouth Boys' High School

Outstanding recent achievements at school: Henry Boon who took 8 wickets for 16 runs and John Dickson who scored 117 runs for the 1stXI; Johnno

Brownjohn who gained an extraordinary five gold medals in the National Secondary School Athletic Championships; Matt Baxter who gained a Silver medal in the NZSS Athletics 3000m; Tom Spencer, Hamish Sturmer, Matt Furze, Orin Burmeister who came 2nd in the National Adventure Racing called Get-to-Go; Jay Rodger whose photograph of the Black Sticks Hockey was published nationally; Sam French who gained a Black Belt in Karate; Tim Craig and Michael Watts made the NZ U14 In-line Hockey team and Ben Bailey the U16 team.

Our 25 Scholarship Winners 2010

Jeremy Raynes	Biology, English, Maths with Statistics
Joshua Taylor	Biology
Matthew Phillips	Maths with Statistics
Michael Phillips,	Biology
Ben Coventry	Chemistry
Conor Oliver-Rose	Chemistry, Maths with Statistics
Ross Gavin	Physics, Maths with Statistics, Maths with Calculus
Lewis Walsh	Design
Oliver Gifford	English
Jong Shin	English, Maths with Statistics
Alan Ansell	Latin
Sam Mitchell	Maths with Statistics
Matthew Barnham	Maths with Statistics
Matthew Neville-Lamb	Maths with Statistics
Ben Caskey	Maths with Statistics
Dylan Hopkins	Maths with Statistics
Jamie Hatch	Maths with Statistics (Outstanding), Maths with Calculus
Thomas McIlroy	PE

One of NPBHS 25 Scholarships was attained in Latin by a 13 year old boy called Alan Ansell. The Latin scholarship is very difficult and Alan worked closely with his Latin teacher, Margaret Atkinson. Mrs Atkinson described Alan as "an amazing student who does everything I ask of him.... and more. He is just superb." This year Alan will be doing a special programme in Latin organised by Auckland and Victoria University. Alan is also outstanding in Mathematics (sitting Scholarship Statistics this year) and a brilliant Chess player.



Alan Ansell – 13 year old genius with a scholarship in Latin.



Jay Rodger and his nationally published photo of the Black Sticks.

For those of you interested in following the 1stXV, Home Games this year are:

- Papatoetoe* April 16
 - Wanganui HS* May 4
 - Wanganui Collegiate* May 18
 - St Pats Silverstream* May 25
 - Francis Douglas* June 8
 - Tauranga Boys* June 18
 - Gisborne Boys* July 2
 - Hastings Boys* July 6
 - Palmerston North Boys* August 10
- Away games this year are:
Sacred Heart, Scots College, St Kentigern, Auckland Grammar, Hamilton Boys, Napier Boys, Westlake Boys, Rotorua Boys.



Henry Boon who took 8 wickets for 16 runs in the 1st11.



Johnno Brownjohn - 5 gold medals at NZSSA.

Donnelly's 1934 Record Broken

Possibly New Zealand's best-ever batsman (double century at Lords 1939), Martin Donnelly, in 1934 as a schoolboy scored 187 runs. This record has stood in the school until November last year when Kane Robertson scored 220 runs. Kane was honoured at a special assembly and he is a name to watch in the future.



Matt Baxter – silver medal in the NZSSA 3000m.



Kane Robertson – 220 runs, a record held intact since 1934.



Orin Burmeister, Tom Spencer, Matt Furze and Hamish Sturmer, 2nd in the Get-to-Go adventure race.



Tim Craig and Michael Watts – U14 NZ reps in Inline Hockey.

The shake of the quake and the impact on Mangorei School

The Christchurch earthquake affected many people including the friends and family of some of the children at Mangorei School. Our fellow students here at Mangorei School have kindly given their time to talk to us about their connections and thoughts about the Christchurch earthquake.

Olivia (Y8) spoke of her teenage cousin Cameron who was stuck in the water closet when the earthquake struck. He was helped out of the building as it collapsed behind him. He was scared and worried for everyone else who was in the building, but his family and friends are glad he is not hurt or injured. Olivia is worried for the people of Christchurch and hopes they will be back in their homes as soon as possible.

Curt (Y8) told us of his 19 year old sister Anita who went to Te Papa in Wellington and experienced a fake earthquake in one of Te Papa's expositions. Curt feels sad about the earthquake and for the people of Christchurch because they got hit twice and to him that seems unfair.

Finn (Y8) spoke proudly of his dad who works for the urban search and rescue team and is helping down in Christchurch to remove some of the rubble and remains of the derelict and damaged buildings in the CBD. He has experienced many aftershocks. Finn's dad also helped in the last earthquake and on Wednesday night, with the rest of the urban search and rescue crew, they had pulled out nine bodies. As the search continues his dad worries about another earthquake or a large aftershock. If this happens

then rocks or rubble could be dangerous to all people nearby and untrustworthy buildings may fall or hurt many more than already.

Brett (Y8) feels sad that there isn't clean water in parts of Christchurch and that some people don't have homes to go to at night. Brett hopes all the people of Christchurch will be able to find their way back to a normal life soon.

Ellie (Y8) is very upset and feels concerned for those affected in the Christchurch earthquake. Ellie also hopes that they find more people and they are safe and well. Ellie sends her love and support to the people of Christchurch.

Jayne (Y8) is disappointed that there were not more people pulled alive from the wreckage.

Nick (Y8) hopes all this drama with the earthquake in Christchurch would be over soon so they can go back to living life. At the time this article was written he hopes they will find more people.

On Monday 28th February we held a 'Black and Red' day where students and staff wore Canterbury colours and brought along a gold coin to donate to the Red cross. Over \$500 was raised by our school. We are also investigating writing letters to a Christchurch school to show them our support and thoughts at this time. Here at Mangorei School we'd like to give our thanks to all the people who have helped save lives down in Christchurch. You are true heroes. We'd like to give all the Cantabrians of Christchurch our love and support from us here at Mangorei School - the City School with the Country heart.

By Rosie Coyle (Y8) and Emily Furr (Y8).



Kaitlyn Barnfather (Deputy Ambassador), Samuel Evans (Ambassador), Alice Horne (Ambassador) and Tylo Murphy (Deputy Ambassador) wearing their red and black on the day.

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Merrilands Kindergarten

Kia ora! There has been a strong interest in fishing this term. The children first expressed a desire to fish so we made fishing rods out of bamboo sticks. We tied string or wool to the ends of the sticks and tied a magnet on to the end of the string. The children drew and cut out fish from thick sheets of plastic. One child even drew a truck and a car for us to catch! We put several staples into each object to catch and put them on a table. Then we went fishing! It was very exciting and most children exclaimed, "I got one! I got one!" This interest led to one of the teachers bringing a snapper that had been in the freezer for a while. We observed it, touched it, and smelled it as the day wore on! The next day we dissected it and the children saw all of its innards and even a chewed up piece of another fish from inside the snapper's stomach! Another teacher then bought a whole squid at the supermarket for us to look at. We discovered that it has a beak that it eats through and it is hard just like a bird's beak. Very interesting! The next day we ate squid rings, but not from that squid. Very tasty with lemon and garlic. A parent brought a huge crayfish for us to look at too, which was very prickly and the biggest I have seen yet. So, we have been enjoying many experiences with sea creatures! This inspired us to book an excursion to the Kawaroa Rock Pools. We rode the bus and made our way down some steps made of rocks to enter the beauty and wonder of what was waiting to be discovered. We peeked under this rock or beside that piece of flowing seaweed. It was so exciting to see the variety of things scuttle and zip away as we uncovered them. We saw crabs, shrimp, shells with a living surprise inside, small fish, starfish, seaweed and many other glimpses of amazing and wondrous creatures. We took containers and nets to catch and observe things, but put all living creatures back in the rock pools before we left. What an adventure we all had! We hope you are all safe and well and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those closely affected by the Canterbury earthquake.

Libby, Brenda, Denise, Fortunate and Yvonne






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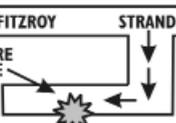




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FITZROY CLUBS & GROUPS

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. Cubs meet on Mondays 6.00 – 7.30pm and Keas meet on Tuesdays from 5pm-6.15pm 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

Fitzroy Men's Probus Club meets in the Beach Street Hall, Fitzroy, at 10am on the second Tuesday of every month (except January). New members welcome. Please phone Ian Raine 06 757 5825.

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. There will be Mahjong starting at the Beach Street Hall, lounge room, on Sat 12th March, 1pm-4pm then every Saturday. Everyone welcome, come along and enjoy Mahjong, cup of tea and biscuits. There will be a small prize for hand of the day, \$3.00 each. For details phone 758 1957 or 757 5913.

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.

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.

Tasman Club situated at 35 Octavius Place, New Plymouth. Tasman Clubrooms are available for hire. Further information phone 758 5186 clubrooms.

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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