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Inline Hockey Nationals –

Ravens cover the spectrum



Three Ravens Inline Hockey teams made it to the podium for medals at this year's National competition held in New Plymouth. The U12 team won gold, the U14 team won silver and the U10 team won bronze. These were very exciting results for players, coaches, managers and parents.

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Above right: U14 Silver medal winners.

Left: U10 Bronze medal winners.

Above left: U12 Gold medal winners. Left:



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I could feel the buzz of community when I had a recent shopping trip to the Merrilands New World supermarket. People took their time in the car park waiting for cars to come and go. The shoppers in the centre gave off an air of relaxation and the customers inside the supermarket were quietly going about their business. Once at the check out the staff were friendly and pleasant.



I am certain these feelings and situations are particular to close communities. It is heartening to know that with the city centre right on the doorstep of Merrilands, Fitzroy and Strandon the community spirit lives on.

This is my last editorial for TOM as at the end of October I will lay down my pencil and pad. I have a busy young family that is growing up and requiring more of my spare (TOM) time. I reluctantly but without regret have decided that it is now one job at a time.

Thank you readers and communities of TOM Fitzroy for embracing TOM as part of your lives and it has been my pleasure to meet the business community without whom this magazine would not be possible. I have enjoyed reading the stories of the interesting people that make up this area.

Kim will continue to provide you with a TOM magazine that you have made your own.

Kind regards

Tracey

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The competition was well run with the hundreds of participants and hundreds of spectators and organisers all enjoying great sportsmanship and comradeship. The weather let New Plymouth down with cold torrential rain most of the week but hey! At least it isn't turf hockey!

Julian Beardman, coach of the U12's said his awesome little band of players pulled through the season unbeaten and then won the major prize. What more could a coach wish for. He was often heard saying to his team "if you want to win the game you have to control the game." And they certainly did. The grand final saw some very tense faces on the bench as the team battled it out for gold but then when they won you've never seen such a proud group of kids and adults. Captain of the team Ella Toa said it was an awesome tournament and the whole team played so well.

Abel Robertson, co-coach of the U14's managed to get his team through the National competition and to the grand final without dropping a game. The final result was a five to four loss and the silver medal placing but every single player seemed chuffed with the result as they gave it their best. Abel would cajole his team along with the words that each team member was in control of their rink destiny – it was all up to them out on the rink. He'd laugh and say the mothers do all the hard work!

A highlight of the tournament was having the Brazil team participate and everyone enjoyed having the team socialising around the rink. Younger club members were kept busy getting autographs and photos and at prize giving on the final day, the Brazil team was there to shake the medal winner's hands.

Check out NZ Inline Hockey website www.nziha.com for a full run down of placings.

By Kim Ferens

Ravens U14 players acknowledging the Brazil team at prizegiving.



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Young environmentalists continue involvement with Peringa Park Wetlands

The first weekend in spring saw more activity down at our local wetland. In picture perfect weather around 50 people volunteered their time and manpower to plant the 2,500 trees generously donated by Taranaki Tree Trust and Honda with the latter funding the planting of 10 native trees for every new Honda car sold in Taranaki.

I spoke with Tina Christmas from NPDC who said, "It was wonderful to have so many trees donated and to see the community come out and support the planting." Of interest she showed me where the wetlands had 'trapped' a number of plastic bottles washed down in the storm water stopping them from entering our waterways. Even though the wetland has successfully captured the bottles, with the soon to be installed gross pollutant trap this type of rubbish will be stopped before it enters the wetland.

Two days later it was the turn of local St John Bosco school students to do their share of the planting assisted by Pakeke Lions members. This work by the school continues their close relationship with the Wetland project. NPDC project manager Angela James says, "St John Bosco declared its interest in being involved with the wetlands from day one."

Principal Marie Barrett went onto say this was just too good an opportunity to let pass by and it would appear that the students are given every encouragement to make use of this 'living science lab.' A core group is involved to a greater degree but the information is used by the wider school as the basis of their science curriculum studies.

Some of the very young students at the school will have the benefit of being involved over their six years at the school as they study the wetland and will be able to see this wonderful environment develop and get established over time.

Awareness of their natural environment and caring for it is fostered in a variety of ways. On the day I caught up with them at the wetland the students had been out earlier in the day cleaning up our local area. With the help of the Pakeke Lions who were also planting trees with them they had been out in the morning collecting rubbish from the local beach area. I spoke with Mavis Bridgeman from the Pakeke Lions who told me twenty nine students did the Fitzroy beach clean up and a total of 35 bags of rubbish were collected in an area from Hobson St through to Waiwhakaiho.

It's great to see that these local young people with the support of their school and senior members of the community are being encouraged to make a difference to their environment and ultimately benefit us all.

By Jackie Tomlinson



Some of the 50 or so volunteers who turned out to plant the 2,500 donated trees.

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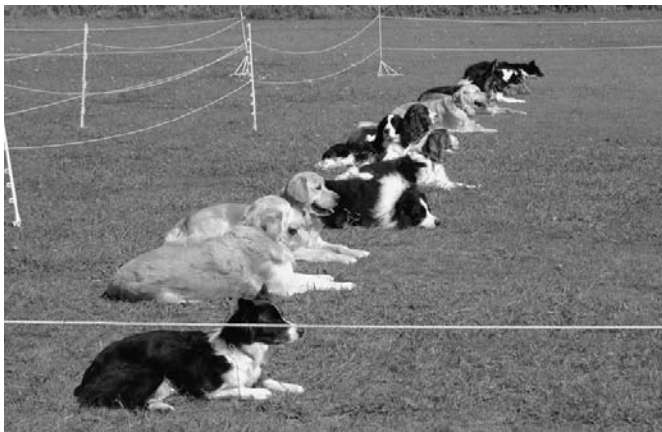
In last month's TOM I wrote about my visit to the pre school puppy classes at our local vets and how useful they were for puppy owners. I was interested to see that in our local area we also have what is probably the next step after the puppy classes and these too are popular with dog owners.

At the North Taranaki Dog Training Club on Alberta Road, Glen Avon, dog obedience lessons are run each term by the club. I went along to check out the class and as it happened for the puppy classes, I was visiting on their 'Graduation Night'.

Driving down to the club on a fine spring night I was greeted to the awesome sight of a line of about 12 dogs under flood lights in the 'down stay' position watching their owners standing across the other side of the field. Even from a distance you could feel the anticipation of the dogs waiting for their next command.

As part of the graduation night the terms' four 'top dogs' from the obedience class were here to show off their skills. There were four dogs as each terms' class is divided into groups according to size. Displaying their new found skills on the night I visited were a German shepherd, Dalmatian, Border Collie and a Terrier. The other class participants were there without their dogs to cheer their classmates on. I chatted to some of them about their experience over the last term. Kelly and Alex Harvey had attended classes with their dog Mason, a Lab Ridgeback cross who Alex described as disobedient and totally hyperactive before obedience classes. They are really happy with the improvement in their management of him and his behaviour after attending the classes and were keen to see how the top dog of their class, Noodle, a Border collie and his owner Bo got on in tonight's competition.

It was an impressive display by the four 'top dogs' as they were directed by their owners to walk, turn, sit, stay and lie down. It was hard to believe that these dogs were new recruits so to speak, particularly in the case of the winner which was a German shepherd. As well as the 'top dog' competition, club members put on a short display of other disciplines that the dogs can compete in. It was amazing to see the dogs do the 'fly' course where they retrieve a ball at the end of a course that involves the dog running through a tunnel and going over several jumps to a board that they push to release a ball which they then take back to their owner. Fly is certainly what these dogs do and it was incredible to watch, one dog's feet literally barely touched the ground! We were also treated to a display of dog retrieving which involved the dog being sent to retrieve a cloth with a particular person's scent on it; the dog had to collect the right cloth out of six to eight choices.



Obedient dogs in the down stay position (photo supplied by North Taranaki Dog Obedience Club).



Bo aged 12 and Noodle, participants in the 'top dog' event.

As a dog owner the whole evening was an inspiring display of what is possible to teach our animals. The best part was that the dogs were obviously having so much fun.

One stand out moment for me was when club member Greg Banks was busy setting up the fly course and he got his dog Reece to sit and stay amongst lots of people and barking dogs. Reece's eyes never left Greg as he moved around setting up the course and he didn't budge an inch with the chaos around him. It was very impressive.

Once the displays were completed we went back to the clubroom where certificates were awarded and it was very apparent that some course participants had come a long way in terms of gaining confidence in controlling their dogs and therefore enjoying their canine friends more. What was also evident was the friendly and encouraging atmosphere of the club members present on the night I attended.

As this issue of the TOM is delivered the last course for 2009 will be underway but I would certainly recommend that any readers wanting to attend dog obedience make enquiries with the club and register their interest for 2010 classes which begin on 1st February. The cost is \$60 per term for 10 sessions. The classes this year were Mondays from 7.30-8.30 pm. Dogs need to have had all their vaccinations before attending. Dog owners wanting to get their dog involved in other disciplines such as agility can also contact the club.

Enquiries phone the clubs Enrolment Officer Patricia Martin 7513027

By Jackie Tomlinson



The Crew in Blue – a proud tradition

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The Booth's bought the business from previous owner Don who continues to work in the workshop when he isn't at home enjoying his retirement.

Both Kerrie and Warrick are fully qualified mechanics but these days Warrick keeps his hands clean in the office, taking care of administration and customer relations. Warrick has previously worked in Australia for Rolls Royce and along with Kerrie has a passion for old English motors.

Kerrie says her passion for cars began when she was a child and as an eight year old she knew she wanted to be a mechanic. And it is all thanks to her big brother Rob who is also a mechanic presently working in the business. Rob never discouraged Kerrie's tinkering and pottering around in his shed or under the bonnet.

Kerrie spent some time overseas working on Rolls Royce and Bentleys in Australia and it was here that she began her love affair with the classics. She says each classic car has its own personality and character whether it be a Jaguar or a

Triumph or an MG and she loves getting them all purring again. It is plain to see that Kerrie enjoys her work and it is important to her that she loves her work and that her staff enjoy their work – after all you spend a lot of time at work.

Besides Kerrie, Warrick, Don and Rob, other staff members includes Brendon who has been a mechanic for 10 years and Kelli who has just finished her apprenticeship in record time and was placed third in the NZ MTA Apprentice competition.

So you can see this is not your usual grease pit. The female factor makes it different and Kerrie says this point of difference is good for lady drivers. In fact Fitzroy Automotive have special



The Crew in Blue: back row, left to right: Rob, Don, Warrick and front, left to right: Kelli, Kerrie and Brendon.

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TOM garden of the month

Isn't it fantastic to see all the spring growth around and the pretty softness that this season brings to our gardens? Blossoms abound and as I write this my lawn is covered in white as the usual October windy weather blows them off our cherry trees and onto the lawn. I don't know how the various festival gardeners handle the stress that October's weather must bring. With only a short period of time before their gardens will be open to the public I'm sure many will be cleaning up the mess that the recent blast of icy weather inflicted. Fortunately I took my photo of this month's garden before the weather did its damage to the lovely wisteria I am featuring!

A neighbour of mine has a gorgeous Blue Sapphire Wisteria in bloom which provoked a friend to comment as we drove past it that she had never seen her wisteria in flower. This is the second person I know that has experienced this problem so I thought I'd try to find out why that was as I want to plant one in my garden.

Both my friends had wisteria with lush foliage and although the plants are healthy and have been in several years they have never flowered. This problem is apparently not uncommon and can occur when the plant is established and has too much fertilizer and water. This encourages excessive growth at the expense of flower production.

When first planting wisterias you need to remember they require soil that is rich in organic matter to hold moisture in summer. The roots can be in a shady spot but the top growth needs the full sun for at least half the day.

After they are established an annual top dress with organic matter and a little lime is sufficient.

Pruning is also important for wisteria. Structural shape pruning should be done straight after flowering and any further pruning should be kept to cutting unwanted shoots back to three leaves and not removing completely.

This lovely plant is a real 'show off' when it's in bloom so I'm looking forward to seeing if I can have some success in getting mine to flower like my neighbour's when I plant it my garden.

By Jackie Tomlinson

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Blue Sapphire Wisteria in bloom.





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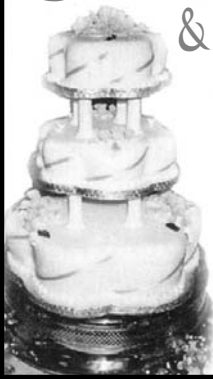
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Bowls Fitzroy

Fitzroy originally had four bowling clubs being "Fitzroy, East End, Fitzroy Ladies and Waiwaka Ladies and over the years with amalgamations Fitzroy became the club covering the eastern end of New Plymouth.

A membership in excess of 170 members covers all categories, making Fitzroy Bowling Club amongst the strongest clubs in New Plymouth.

The month of September means the start of another bowling season and although the opening day of September 12 was completely rained out 50 plus members turned out to attend our official start to a very full season.

Our regular pre-season morning tea was held on September 9 and what a great success this turned out to be with many of our returning bowlers attending as well as most of our new members.

To offset our rained out opening day we held a mini tournament on the Sunday with a very pleasing forty six members attending. Prizes were sponsored by "The Kiwi Butcher".

Winners on the day were Janice Ropitini (skip) Bert Clark, Rae Wells and Pat Cadman.

The first club day was held on Wednesday 16th September and if the turnout of the 72 members is a sign of things to come then we are in for a wonderful season.

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September saw our first Club Championship of the season with the Mixed Fours being played. The winning team of Norm French (skip) Faye Meuli, Derek Moles and Trevor Hill well deserved their win by playing as a team all weekend.

The Women's "Egmont Shield" interclub competition commenced on Tuesday 22nd September, and will continue for 10 more rounds with the final being held on Tuesday 5th January 2010.

The men's Smees, Premier, Satellite and Hugh Moss interclub competition commenced on Saturday 3rd October and the club has entered teams in all divisions. The results of the first three rounds will be published in the next issue of the "TOM".

Last season Fitzroy held a 10 week "Mates in Bowls" social summer league for non bowlers and as the success was overwhelming we are going ahead with it again this season. We will be holding four games prior to Christmas with the final four in the New Year. All previous teams have been contacted but if your firm or club wishes to join in the activities please contact our secretary Sharon Fowles for more details. Please phone the office on 758 9062.

The Game of "Lawn Bowls" is a wonderful game and caters for all ages. The saying that it is an older person's game is well and truly in the past and we at Fitzroy welcome members of all ages.

Enquires can be made to our Secretary, Sharon Fowles at the clubhouse at 1a Baring Terrace or by phoning the office on 06-758 9062.

Good bowling to you all

Neville Goldsworthy

President



Fitzroy Bowls Club members enjoying a sunny day and great competition.

Waiwaka Tennis Club

Waiwaka Tennis Club is a local entity with courts and clubhouse in Chilman Street (off Rimu St), in Lower Merrilands. It was founded pre-1930, has over 120 current members ranging in ages from six years to 60 plus, and caters for both competition and social players, individuals and families. Last season the Club fielded three Junior teams, four Youth age teams, and two Senior teams. The Club offers six artificial grass surface courts, accessible at all times to members. The Club's top Senior team is this season playing in the Soffe Cup division of the Taranaki Tennis Association, which is Taranaki's top competitive grade. This follows promotion from the Wilson Trophy (Division 2) after winning the final and also finishing as minor premiers. The Club has over the years fielded competitive teams in the Soffe Cup competition, other A grade Divisions, Presidents grade, B grade, Youth and Junior grades and is set to start the 2009/10 season with a strong serving of both Senior and Youth/Junior teams. A Business House tennis competition has been running at Waiwaka for a number of years and is set to continue this season. The Club provides free group coaching to all Junior and Youth members and has recently acquired some coaching aids due to the generosity of the Lion Foundation which will enhance its coaching programmes and member facilities.

Tennis is a game for all ages and it's never too late or too early to start playing, irrespective of your ability. Group tennis options available with Waiwaka are:

Senior A Grade Competition, Taranaki Interclub, Saturdays.

Contact: Bob Momich, ph 758 4044 (ah), 021-1400 151.

Senior Premier Grade Competition, Thursdays 6 pm, 2 person team, mens & womens divisions. Contact: Bob Momich.

Senior Presidents Grade Competition – over 35's, Saturdays. Contact: John Bernet, ph 758 2422 (ah).

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Senior Social Club Night: Thursdays at 6pm. Just Turn Up!

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Family Friendly Midweek Social: Wednesday mornings. Ladies & men. Pre-schoolers welcome.

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Enquiries and registrations to: Ann 06 7550115

Email: fitzroyscoutgroup@xtra.co.nz

The Scouts Taranaki Baden Powell Guild is celebrating it's 21st birthday on Saturday 14th November from 1pm at the Fitzroy Scout and Club Den, Clemow Road, Fitzroy, New Plymouth. The celebrations are open to all past and present leaders, committee members and interested parties.

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Correction

In last months issue TOM had a photo of 9 hole golf ladies. Pauline Tunks was incorrectly named – apologies to Pauline.

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New Plymouth Surf Rider's Club

We are relieved to hear that our club members both in Samoa and Indonesia are safe following the tsunami and earthquake. There were some close calls in Samoa and some interesting stories to be related on their return. At this time of year many surfers take the opportunity to escape to places with not only warmer climes but also consistent surf and Fiji, Samoa and Indonesia are the favoured spots. We are grateful that the recent tragedies have not affected our travellers.

The last few weeks have not been particularly kind to surfers but that is the norm at this time of year. However there have been a few good days that were enjoyed by those able to make it out.

Winter does not deter the club from holding our regular competitions and the Port Taranaki Winter Series ended on August 19th. This is a series of three events held over the winter with points from each event going to find the overall champion. Results from the final event and overall winners are:

Final day -19 September 09.

Open: B. Tipene 1, T. Anderson 2, S. Parker 3, C. James 4.

U18s: T. Anderson 1, H. Porter 2, J. Kettle 3, S. Parker 4.

U16s: J. Kettle 1, E. McDonald 2, H. Porter 3, M. Smith 4.

U14s: T. Barbarich-Love 1, M. McLeod 2, J. Hart 3, B. Arbuckle 4.

U12s: I. Kettle 1, T. Barbarich-Love 2, J. Farr 3, D. Farr 4.

Girls: E. Croton 1, L. Walsh 2, A. Duynhoven 3, G. Taverner 4.

Port Taranaki/New Plymouth Surfriders' Club Winter Series 2009 Winners

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Girls: E. Croton 1, L. Walsh 2, A. Duynhoven 3, G. Taverner 4.

Congratulations to Sean Kettle who has been selected for the New Zealand Junior Squad from which will be chosen the New Zealand Junior team to contest the World Juniors in February 2010 at Piha.

Our next event is the Del Festival of Longboarding to be held over Labour Weekend. This is a lifestyle event featuring traditional longboarding as it was in the "Golden Age" of surfing back in the 1960's coupled with great bands supplying entertainment on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Our thanks to Nigel Dwyer for his generous sponsorship through Del and Taranaki Hardcore.

Allen Pidwell

Fitzroy Surf Lifesaving Club Opening Day

Sunday the 25th of October @ 4pm at the Fitzroy Surf Club.

All families and people of all ages are welcome!

Come down and see what goes on at the surf club – get orientated, have a BBQ and relax with a drink by the sea.



Junior Surf Sundays

Begins November the 1st at 10am at the Fitzroy Surf Club.

This is an introduction day for all new and previous junior surf members

There will be IRB rides and games for the kids with coffee and muffins for sale for the parents!

Junior Surf Sundays run from 10am through to 12pm every Sunday during summer except for a break over the Christmas period.

Get involved with a family orientated club and learn about beach safety.

Any questions phone the Club Captain: Emma Crofskey 021314400, 7532561

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East End Surf Life Saving Club

The surf life saving season is almost upon us. For Junior Surf the registration day is Sunday 1st of November from 10.30. All new and old members are welcome to come along and join for the season. Last season we had approximately 100 children that were members of East End Surf Club.

Junior Surf is about fostering friendships, confidence and safety through water skills and beach activities. Family involvement is welcomed for children aged between 7 to 13 years. East End offers beach education, water confidence, general surf awareness and competition through a fun and friendly atmosphere. East End Junior Surf club sessions are held on Sunday mornings at 10.30am to 12.00 noon from about mid November to March with local and national carnivals being held throughout the summer season.

For the senior side of the club which is from 14 years up, training has already started. Running/fitness training is on Monday & Wednesday nights at 5:30pm. Board or Ski training Tuesday & Thursday nights at 5:30pm. There is also a beginner Ski session available on Saturday mornings at 10:00am for anyone wanting to learn to paddle ski. Fun sports night Friday at 5:30pm, BBQ afterwards. Open to all club members.

Surf Sport is about fun, competition, keeping fit and being confident in the surf. Surf Sport competition was originally designed to test and perfect the skills that a Lifeguard needs to keep our beaches safe. Now the competitive aspect of surf lifesaving has grown and developed and taken on a life of its own and culminates each season with National Championships attended by thousands of super fit surf athletes seeking national glory and recognition as the best of the best.

Competition puts lifeguards under pressure in the environment that they are required to perform in: the beach and surf.

The main Surf Sport disciplines are Board, Ski, Swim, Canoe, Beach (sprints & flags), IRB and Patrol. Within each discipline there are a number of both individual and team events that allow lifeguards to put their skills to the test. East End offers a range of coaching and competitive opportunities across all disciplines and has a number of national title holders involved in our Surf Sport programme.

For anyone that is interested in becoming a member of East End for more details please check out our website www.eastendslsc.org.nz, or email us at eastendslsc@yahoo.com or alternatively come down to the clubrooms on any weeknight around 5.30pm.



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New Plymouth Revival Fellowship hosting international convention at Labour Weekend

New Plymouth Revival Fellowship regularly meets at the Revival Fellowship hall on the corner of Bayly and Breakwater roads Moturoa. However this Labour Weekend they are hosting the bi-annual New Zealand convention and the venue is the East End Surf Life Saving Clubrooms.

Along with visitors from around New Zealand the weekend will feature International Pastors from around the world.

The International Pastors will be bringing ministry talks at all the sessions. As well as this they will be sharing their experiences and involvement in being part of an international organisation, taking the gospel message to all corners of the earth.

Of particular note is the amazing revival happening in third world countries such as Africa, Bali, Vanuatu, Brazil and Papua New Guinea. In these countries literally thousands of lives are being transformed by the power of the Holy Ghost experience.

The focus of the Labour weekend convention is not only what

is happening around the world and how you can be involved with the mission work supported by the New Plymouth Revival Fellowship, but that the Bible has the answers to all the questions about life and God that you may have here in New Plymouth but perhaps don't know who to ask.

You are invited to take the opportunity this Labour Weekend to come along and hear the way God is moving in these last days and more importantly get the answers to those questions that could be hindering you in reaching the full potential of God's love and blessing in your life today.

Roller Hockey

Nationals Come to East End Skate Rink

Roller Hockey is a fast, exciting and technical sport. Players wear little in the way of pads. The Nationals commence on Fri 23th and finish on Sun 25th October.

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Beryl Watson, Secretary, New Plymouth Floral Art Club.



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Local teen has work launched at New Zealand Storylines Festival

On the 30th August the Storylines Festival of New Zealand Children's Writers and illustrators held their final family day in Auckland at the Aotea Centre. This huge event featured an impressive list of well known NZ names such as author Margaret Mahy and Richard Taylor from Weta Workshop. Also on the list of names this year was 14 year old illustrator and NPBHS student Brendan Osment. Brendan was at the festival with his mother, children's author Michelle Osment, launching her new children's book 'Ten Tuatara'. Brendan has both illustrations and photographs featured in the book. Ten Tuatara was published by Little Friends Publishing Ltd who are also publishers of the popular Perky the Pukeko series. At the festival there are a myriad of workshops and activities in which the public can participate. Brendan as an illustrator spent the day drawing with children who came along to the festival. With three younger siblings Brendan would have been comfortable in this role sharing his skills and he said that this was a really enjoyable part of the festival.

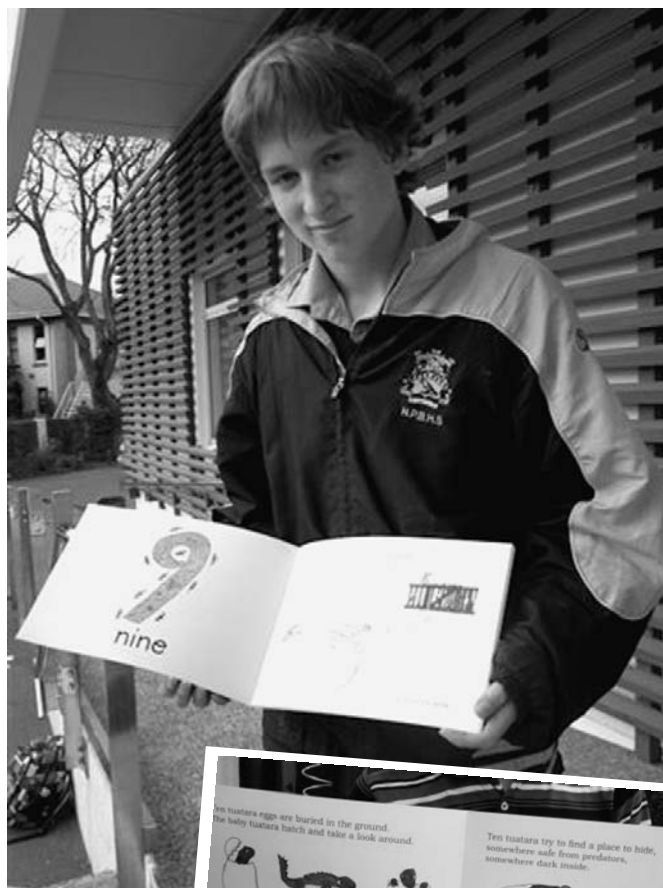
Ten Tuatara truly is a family project with all four Osment children contributing in some way to the book. There are little details such as tiny koru on beetles backs drawn by preschooler Emilie and the numbers done by Brendan's younger brother Jarrod. It is however the cute tuataras drawn by Brendan that steal the show and that are indeed the focus of the book. Michelle explained that the drawings weren't included simply because they were done by her son. They were included because they were well done. She went on to say that Brendan is extremely patient with his work and will happily repeat drawings until he achieves the right result.

Ten Tuatara is a counting book, with there initially being 10 Tuatara who disappear one by one to find a safe place to hide. On the left page there is a large number and this is filled with a photograph taken by either Brendan or Michelle. Each number has a photo of a different natural environment and part of this photo fills the tuatara outline on the opposite page. This has been put together cleverly by local graphic designer Kim Hills.

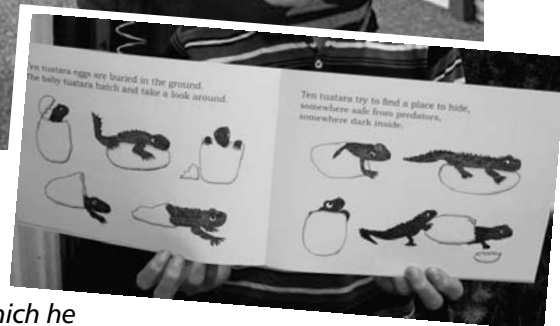
One of Brendan's favourite pages features a photo he took of dead pine needles. The photo was taken out of the family car window when they stopped on a road trip. When put into the tuatara outline the effect is very subtle and the pine needles are almost unrecognisable as to what they are. They look in fact like fine scratching on the Tuataras 'skin'. Whilst this is a young children's book this subtlety in illustration makes it visually interesting to all.

Brendan like most 14 year olds leads a busy life and as well as drawing, photography and writing he plays piano and enjoys golf and tennis. Computer animation is another interest that has been fuelled by a course he has taken in the school holidays.

When I asked Brendan what he sees himself doing in the future career wise he and Michelle shared a laugh as they had anticipated the question and suggested my job was most at risk! As well as strength in art which is being wonderfully encouraged by NPBHS art teacher Ces Hill, Brendan really enjoys and has talent in English. A career as an author illustrator is certainly a possibility and as he heads into his first NCEA year at school next year he is already getting good advice on his subject choice.



Brendan Osment aged 14, with the childrens book Ten Tuataras, in which he has both illustrations and photographs featured.



Whatever the future may hold for this talented young man, having his art work published at fourteen sees him achieve what many would only hope would occur in their career as an illustrator.

By Jackie Tomlinson

We have a copy of Ten Tuataras to give to one lucky TOM reader, if you would like to go in the draw for this please email your name to kim@thetom.co.nz by 5th November

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