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## A Christmassy Snickerdoodle

How does our latest Oakura business – Snickerdoodles celebrate Christmas?

For the Kamp family, who hale from Hawaii, the Christmas season really begins at Thanksgiving on 24 November. Back home the Kamp family traditionally got together and had turkey and all the other lovely home-baked goodies like pumpkin pie. Ron (son-in-law) says his father's turkey is legendary. But here in New Zealand the family's Thanksgiving celebration is very low key – we New Zealanders don't do Thanksgiving, so it's just not the same.

The Kamps have had their creative bakers' hats on and have come up with some special Christmassy treats for their customers. If you are after gifts for someone with a sweet tooth, then available on request or special order, the walnut fudge, chocolate peppermint sticks and peanut brittle packaged in Christmas wrappers, would make the ideal gift. Also available in special Christmas boxes are an assortment of cookies: Christmas shaped (rolly-poly Santas, stars, etc) gingerbread cookies

**YUM!**

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**Tracey - Tribal Chief & Co-ordinator**

This has been a great year for me with TOM. Thanks for taking the time to share your stories with us, whether they are personal or from a club or group you belong to. I am excited that these events are becoming part of the history of Oakura and will be referred to in the future. Thanks for all the positive feedback, it really does keep us going. Have a great holiday break.



**Kim - Tribal Co-ordinator & Chief Scribe**

This year has been a full-on TOM year for me as feature writer and co-ordinating editor. Co-ordinating has been a new challenge for me, but it has been a lot of fun getting to know the contributors to TOM and I have appreciated everyone's dedication in sending their stories through. Highlights of the year for me have been finding out snippets of Oakura's history by talking to the locals. I feel it is a very important job to record the happenings of yesteryear and it is always so interesting.

I am looking forward to 2006 and putting together a TOM that everyone wants to read and is proud of. Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

**Tammy - Tribal Scribe (the one who can spell)**

This has been a great year for me, too. (they didn't give me very much space to say anything else!)



**Fiona - Token blonde & Tribal Scribe**  
Me, too!



**Marion - Another token blonde & Chief Advertiser Torturer**

. . . and me, don't forget me! I've had a good one, too!



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I'd like a good one! Where's the vodka??

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from **MAYOR PETE**



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## Hi folks!

Once again, New Plymouth is proving itself the place to be for big events.

We have shown the world that we can handle international-standard sports events, with the successful and hugely popular ITU World Cup Triathlon event going off without a hitch.

The three days of triathlons in mid-November have showcased the city's fantastic landscape and facilities, and also the superb organisational efforts of those behind the scenes. The athletes have been won over by the district's friendliness, professionalism and great lifestyle, and we now have hundreds of ambassadors throughout New Zealand and overseas singing our praises.

In March next year we hold another large sports event, with the 2006 New Zealand Community Trust Surf Life Saving Championships being held at Oakura Beach.

The district's great coastal environment will once again come to the fore as competitors from around New Zealand arrive in Oakura to compete in the three-day event, and athletes and media are introduced to the superb lifestyle we have in our corner of New Zealand.

The triathlon and the surf life saving champs bookend what will be an amazing summer for New Plymouth District.

The Summer of Sound is heading our way, with international acts converging on New Plymouth's TSB Bowl of Brooklands from December to March – starting with John Fogerty on 3 December, followed by The Doobie Brothers (21 January), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coast (11 February), UB40 (25 February), and John Farnham and Stevie Nicks (5 March).

For sports fans there's the Dutch Mill Taranaki Challenge cycle race on 28 January, and the Hurricanes taking on the Western Force on 18 February.

Then there's the winner of Creative New Zealand's Best Cultural Festivals and Arts Events award, the TSB Bank Festival of Lights starting on 18 December, as well as a myriad of opportunities to stretch our creative boundaries, including the ever popular stone symposium and exhibitions at Puke Ariki and the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery.

And the announcements aren't over yet! Keep your eyes out for more big acts coming our way as part of one of the biggest summers ever in New Plymouth District.

What is particularly impressive is that none of these events would have got off the ground if it weren't for the vision and dedication of many local residents. Our residents not only dream big, but they make these dreams become reality. I'm very proud to be heading a district that boasts such enthusiasm and visionary thinking from the general public.

And if you have an idea for an event or would like to comment on something happening in the district, feel free to give me a call on 759 6060. I'd love to hear from you!

Peter Tennent

Mayor





**HON. HARRY DUYNHOVEN**  
MP for New Plymouth

Greetings to TOM readers and "compliments of the season" to you all.

The first session of the new Parliament had an unusually sad beginning. The continued sense of loss felt by so many New Zealanders and Parliamentarians following the passing of David Lange was compounded by the sudden and unexpected death of Rod Donald, co-leader of the Green Party.

Like many of my parliamentary colleagues and the thousands of New Zealanders who expressed their sadness in the days following Rod's death, I was shocked and deeply saddened by his loss.

I have known Rod for close to thirty years, long before either of us became Members of Parliament. I was fortunate to work very closely with him on the development of Trade Aid, an organisation that has recently celebrated 30 years involvement in the New Plymouth community.

As the Prime Minister commented in her address at Rod's memorial service, he committed his life to environmental and community causes, initially becoming active in many of these issues in his teenage years. His interests spanned decent housing, urban recycling, fair trade and electoral reform.

A great deal has also been said about Rod's involvement with New Zealand's transition from a FPP electoral system to MMP. I know how very hard Rod worked on the MMP campaign, particularly with the Electoral Reform Coalition, which he saw as being a way for the future.

I was always impressed with his energy and commitment to the issues he was involved in and it has been a privilege and a pleasure to know and work with Rod. We will all miss him.

At times like this we are all reminded of the importance of family, friends, colleagues and our community. With that in mind, I once again thank all those who supported me throughout the election campaign. I am very honoured and proud to have been re-elected to represent the electorate of New Plymouth and I look forward to continuing to serve you all.

My family and I hope you all have a relaxed and enjoyable Christmas with your families, friends and loved ones, and wish you the very best for the New Year.



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## Christmassy Snickerdoodle

and biscotti (cardamom/almond and almond/vanilla). The Snickerdoodle fruit pies are also out for Christmas – pumpkin, triple-berry and apple. Hmmmm!

Another concept newly available at Snickerdoodles is the "happy meal lunch-boxes" for children, which include a Snickerdoodle sandwich, a Snicker-doodle cookie, juice and fruit. These would make great picnic/beach lunches or school lunch treats.

Lynnette says the family have had queries about why they aren't open on Sunday's when most of us Kiwis head to a bakery and the reason is that it would all be too much for Rick to get up at 4am, bake until 6am and then be the Pastor for his church.

Snickerdoodles will be open right up to Christmas Eve from 7am to 3pm. They are shut Christmas Day and Boxing Day and then reopen again until New Year's Eve.

By Kim Ferens



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# Kaitake Community Board

It's always great to come home to Oakura. Yesterday I took a drive down to Weld Road and around the beach before our last Community Board meeting for the year.

After doing more than 600 miles around the Atlantic Coast in Ireland, which I loved every second of, I felt a bit smug about the accessibility of our coast as I watched sunbathers, surfers, walkers and horse riders enjoying a beautiful stretch of Taranaki Coast.

Ireland too has fantastic beaches. I was surprised by places like Inch Beach – the surf break was incredible and they have wisely taken on board the Blue Flag beach protection on some of the wild coastal stretches.

The agenda for our final meeting of 2005 included the Coastal Strategy project and our members had some very good questions regarding the structure of the document, which is now being put forward for public consultation. You are served well by these people – please support them in the ongoing process, especially if you want our coast to return the same pleasure it has to people like me for a lifetime. I have always had easy access to a beach, been able to swim in clean water and ride my horses through the surf. Our children and grandchildren continue to enjoy its gifts. Sensible development will ensure this continues. What is sensible to some, however, is not always best for the environment, so let's make sure all parties are heard and, by some miracle, reach a consensus for a sustainable future for our coast.

Already there are cracks in this paradise. Rubbish bags adorn the main highways, sometimes just tossed at the collection points from passing cars. I don't know which part of the collection signs people can't read, but it clearly states that RUBBISH MUST ONLY BE LEFT BETWEEN 5PM TUESDAY AND PICK UP TIME ON WEDNESDAY. And who are the people who just put it across the road from their houses? I think I will start a photographic rubbish mission!

We no longer have a traditional camping ground – it's now a small housing estate. What happened to all the talk about keeping it for camping? Camping means tents and getting wet sometimes while dashing to the cookhouse.

It's clear consumer needs are changing but why don't we work towards keeping this Southern Hemisphere tradition and market accordingly? Judging by the array of tents now available somebody thinks it's commercially viable. Camper vans and caravans ensure a changing clientele, which also means the grass won't grow under unused derelict vans.

Tourism is clearly a very big part of our future, the Coast's future. Demographics show us that the interactive traveller should be our target market. I bet you have noticed the increase of camper vans in the community.

Tourism New Zealand clearly indicates that they know the main reason people choose New Zealand as a destination is primarily for the scenery, the natural wonders and the culture. Who wants to walk in bush full of rubbish? How attractive are split rubbish bags on main highways? Don't let others spoil our ability to deliver a clean environment to our domestic and international visitors and more importantly to ourselves. Barney

tells me that on his recent mower ride around Taranaki, the worst roadside rubbish was between New Plymouth and Oakura.

2006 is shaping up to be full of exciting events. Having just enjoyed a wonderful spectacle at the World triathlon series – those Weetbix kids showed how together this province is – let's keep the momentum up and understand that supporting the Council's role in this brings benefits that ripple down to many (especially campsites?).

Merry Christmas to all and thanks to my fellow Board members, Council staff and those who have supported our endeavours – may you grow in numbers in 2006. And may the rubbish disappear!

Fay

## FireLines

### Hi from the guys and girls in the Big Red Truck.

This is the last effort for the year and I can only say it has been a very quiet year, call-wise, but that is good. We would rather be educating than extinguishing – it's a lot cleaner and without the trauma and suffering that we see as we go about our job.

To carry on with the EDUCATION theme... I guess that by now most, if not all, of you have seen the fire-damaged house at Spotswood on the way into the city. This is another cruel and expensive reminder about leaving OIL or FAT on the stove. This young family, with school-age children in a rented house and with no insurance, lost everything. Not good with Christmas knocking at the door.

Once again this year we helped Plunket with their annual appeal and Plunket will be assisting the Brigade with the annual Food Bank appeal.

We also made an appearance at the Oakura School Gala Day. The kids enjoyed the rides on 63.5 (Flick) as well as the display by 631 and Brigade members. Recruiting was the theme but not a lot of response!

At our annual Honours night, Secretary Jo Scott received the award for the Most Valuable Team Member, the first time this trophy has been presented. Other awards went to Jim Priest (37 years) Mathew Crabtree (7 years), Al Rawlinson (3 year cert). Angela Weir won the "I'm Stupid" award for running over the Chief's new torch on the first day it was out of the box. OK, it was 2 o'clock in the morning, a bit sleepy – "Not my fault".

Hey, that's us for another year and we trust that you and yours have an extremely Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Do as we say: STAY COOL and slip - slop - slap (and the odd slurp!).

BRT

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# Neighbourhood Support

It is nearly the end of another year and like all years, its had its ups and downs. Tragedy and triumph featured in Taranaki a little more than usual, murders have a telling effect on a community and for a time it was a little grim.

Some excellent sporting happenings galvanised the population back into good humour – the triathlon was a success , we had some surprises in the All Blacks, the Black Caps did their best to spoil the atmosphere (Fleming's new deodorant did not work and the Boks ran over us like a bad smell).

We had an early pantomime with the election of a new-style Government. Winston packed his "anti" policies into the bottom drawer, used the teeth whitener and is off to Asia has Foreign Minister. "The reality is a man gotta do what a man's gotta do" was his only comment, delivered with a dazzling smile of course.

Neighbourhood Support is having a good year with increased support across the board. Summer time is a time for a little neighbourhood tolerance – things get more stressful around December and onwards, the kids are home, the parties start to happen, Christmas day arrives with usual family on tap to open up the presents. The day is a bit like the weather forecast: bright in the morning with possible storms in the afternoon and late evening.

Boxing Day arrives like a grey mist. The food, booze, kids and family have taken their toll and pairs of sunglasses are a vain attempt to keep the eyeballs in their sockets and the lids open.

Around midday as you lie in the hammock, the pain is easing ever so slightly when a Lion Red is thrust into your midriff and a "Happy Christmas" from the neighbour. It is the festive season, so tolerance is really needed.

In Oakura, New year is a big event with its festive activities. Sadly in the past it has left a trail of destruction for the community to clean up. Let's put the responsibility clearly where it lies: on the organisers, who clearly are not up to it. If you cannot control the events, do not have them.

Hopefully, they will put in place proper controls for these events this year and the residents of Oakura will have their property respected and their tolerance won't be sorely tried again.

Take care of yourself and family, be friends with your neighbours and have a look around your street at Christmas – see if there is anyone alone and say "Hi".

Cheers

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As we all know our local beach café, The Raw Tasman will be there for our every food and drink need this summer, and it's just a short walk from where you will be playing and walking on the beach. It's been a year now since the café/takeaway's has been opening all year round and what quality and service they have provided in that first year. We've been treated to the most amazing curries, roasts, pizzas, fish & chips and burgers throughout that time. This has, I'm sure established a good solid client base of locals for them, and serve well for the café's future.

Marie, with her husband Jon, who are the café's owners, have also invested heavily over the winter in additional equipment to cater for the crowds who will be here this summer. They now have a larger coffee machine, a double snow freeze machine with plain and yoghurt snow freeze, a new refrigerated juice machine, a large Bain Marie, for their ready to go chicken and chips, double slushy machine and now they can sell phone cards through their new eftpos machines.

All in all, it's looking like a bumper season this summer, so we'll see you at the local, café that is.



# **Slow Food - Slow Town**

While it may look like I'm trying to push my own ideals of Slow Food/Slow Town, this is not true. I am merely trying to put forward a concept that I feel represents quite clearly the ideals of many Oakura locals. The November TOM frontpage story that introduced the concept as a possible structure plan for Oakura elicited a huge response from readers. Thank you to all the people who have called and expressed their support and interest in the concept. I am happy to take more calls on the issue and I have set up a database of interested people.

I was especially glad to hear from Tony Waghorn, who invited me along to the launch of Maria Pia's *Real Italian Food* book on Wednesday 23 November at the Govett Brewster Art Gallery. Following the book launch, Maria Pia cooked a real Italian dinner for 20 guests at Etctera. For me it was an enchanting experience. Maria is an inspiration and her book is not just a cookbook – it is infused with love for real food and there is no doubt that Maria Pia loves cooking. For me that encapsulates slow food – love. Love to grow it, love to prepare it, love to cook it and love to eat it.

Maria Pia and her husband Richard Klein run Maria Pia's Trattoria in Wellington as well as running the local chapter of the Slow Food movement. In addition to the launch the couple were in New Plymouth to facilitate the setting up of or to help to get a slow food chapter underway if there was enough interest. There was a large turn-out to the book launch and I was not surprised to see many local Oakura residents there.

Obviously there is a need within the community to adopt a way of life that is wholesome and joining the Slow Food chapter is a great place to start. The Slow Food movement is part of the Slow Town movement and I feel that with the support of the community, we could make Oakura an even more unique place.

By Kim Ferens



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# Plans for the future . . .

## Oakura Structure Plan

On Monday 28 November locals were invited to the Oakura Hall to a community workshop held by the District Council. This was a consultation workshop where residents were invited to put forward their ideas for Oakura for the next 20 years. The NPDC has developed the concept of structure plans for Oakura and Urenui and is in the process of consulting with the communities.

A structure plan is a concept that addresses the protection, use and development of land and resources in a community. A structure plan will provide a physical map for land use; provide a mechanism for local advocacy for action on coastal values, issues and priorities. The plan is a non-statutory document that can be integrated into the NPDC plan and other Council plans and programmes. This means that none of the ideas put forward by residents and adopted in the structure plan are enforceable, but as Bruce Baker explained, "To have teeth the structure plan has to be part of the District Plan and it can be. There are also existing provisions in the District Plan that regulate Oakura, such as... no high-rise buildings. The height restriction is 9 metres and on Messenger Terrace some buildings cannot extend above the road level or be above 3 metres..."

From previous consultation with the community, the NPDC came up with a vision for Oakura that reflects the key challenges and opportunities: the demand for residential growth, the location of future infrastructure, the impact of recreational activities, the concern for cultural sites and the impacts of coastal erosion.

From this overview the 70 or so residents at the November meeting were asked to discuss in groups what the issues were for Oakura. At the end of the discussion each of the eight groups reported back to the gathering and unsurprisingly, there were some common themes. Coastal erosion is a priority, especially by the beach camp; the size of lifestyle blocks and sections needs to be reduced or kept the same; the commercial area needs to grow and possibly not just down the Main Road, but not on the beachfront either, and definitely no "Red Shed" or the like; the beach camp should be retained where it is; the cleanliness of Oakura and its water must be maintained; there should be more riparian planting and wildlife protection; links created from the mountain to the sea for walking; retention of the village atmosphere and recreational facilities and having access to the beach for recreational purposes. I personally introduced the idea of adopting the "Slow Town" structure plan for Oakura.

The meeting ended with Bruce Baker stressing the need for locals to send in their consultation forms with their views clearly expressed and a promise to look carefully into the ideas put forward, then come up with a draft to present to the community at the next meeting to be held in February 2006.

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# OAKURA School news

## Annual Fun Run or Walk

Yes, Oakura School is holding this fantastic annual event at Oakura Beach again, so mark 26 February 2006 in your diary now. More details on the 'Fun Run or Walk' in the next issue of *TOM* and watch for entry forms, due out at the end of January.

## School Disco

On 31 October, the school held a disco for both junior and senior pupils. With great music and lighting provided by "Good Vibes" disco, and the Gallery colourfully decorated by Friends of Oakura School committee members and pupils, everyone had a wonderful time. The sweets and drinks on sale were very popular and added to the excitement.

## Lunchtime Gala

Every two years, a gala day is held at Oakura School. This year, we were again lucky enough to have fine weather for the occasion, which meant everyone could enjoy the many outside fun activities, food stalls and crafts on display. It was fantastic to see hundreds of people enjoying themselves at this wonderful community event, with displays of dancing, karate and music by local children to entertain them while they enjoyed the delicious food, rides, games of chance and all the fun of the fair.

The money raised from this event is going towards the purchase of the most recently produced electronic equipment to promote cutting-edge learning opportunities for pupils in the senior rooms, which will be developed into digital learning classrooms.

## "The Travelling Tuataras"

For three days in Term 4, the whole school was involved in an art workshop run by a couple from Rotorua who travel around schools in New Zealand and who also ran Kidzone at WOMAD. The Gallery was a hive of activity with many wonderful and colourful windsocks, bunting and banners being painted by all of the students, which were then cut and sewn by a few fantastic parents helping the Tuataras. There were also workshops on drumming, with beat and rhythm being explored. On the final afternoon, a parade was held with the children displaying their finished works of art – a most impressive sight.

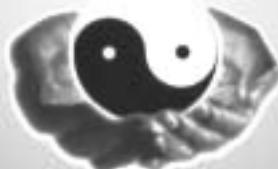
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# Oakura School Leavers 2005

TOM asked the each of the 33 Year 8 students leaving Oakura Primary School three questions:

1. What school will you attend next year?
2. What was the highlight of your final year?
3. What are your aspirations for the future?

Here are the answers they gave . . .



## Sam Askew

1. Spotswood College
2. Term 4 athletics
3. I'm going to be a pyrotechnic



## Jake Andrews

1. Spotswood
2. Camp Wellington was fun and a good experience
3. Professional soccer player, a zoologist and to travel the world



## Julian Bridgeman

1. Spotswood
2. There was no real highlight, it was a great year
3. I'd like to become an accountant



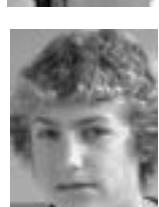
## Matthew Knudsen

1. Spotswood
2. Going on Camp Wellington, on the TV show
3. A rich guy



## Isaac Looker

1. Spotswood
2. All the activities at the Wellington camp and the rugby tournament
3. Rugby player



## Henry Saleman

1. Spotswood
2. All the Year 8 privileges and the sports
3. To keep doing my sports



## Anne-Marie Petty

1. Spotswood
2. The Viking study, sitting on the chairs during assembly and the responsibilities of being a Year 8
3. To get a good education and take on a job that would support me and that I would enjoy



## Harrison West

1. Spotswood
2. Being Year 8 – a senior and the oldest in the school
3. Be the third west in the Oakura Volunteer Fire Brigade. Maybe a fitter/welder



## Sophie Ardern

1. Spotswood or Girls High
2. Being the top class and going to Camp Wellington
3. Go to Uni



## Sasha Barleyman

1. Girls High
2. Going to Camp Wellington and doing the horse riding
3. To get a good education and find a job that I enjoy



## Zoe Laing-Aiken

1. Girls High
2. Camp Wellington, Room 9 and Room 10 sport games and winning them
3. To do well in what I do



## Aleesha Powell

1. Girls High School
2. Having all the different privileges as a Year 8 student
3. A photographer or a chef



## Casey Stevens

1. Sacred Heart
2. Camp Wellington was a good experience and it was fun
3. To become a professional surfer



## Dominica Wearne

1. Girls High School
2. Wasting Room 9 in sports challenges, going to camp and spending time with my friends
3. To be able to go to the Olympics as a horse rider



## Emma Wilson

1. Girls High
2. Definitely the camp and all the other opportunities we have been given throughout the year
3. I'm not sure just yet what I want to be, but I'd like to have fun, finish school, and do something that I'll enjoy

**Dylan Bennett**

1. Boys High School
2. The Year 8 privileges, having the privilege to be head boy and being in the Oakura A band for two years
3. Becoming a top director

**Olivia Thame**

1. New Plymouth Girls High
2. Camp Wellington and doing the Capital E filming
3. To get a good education and be successful in my future job

**Ben Boardman**

1. Spotswood College
2. Doing our own TV show on Camp Wellington
3. Professional soccer player

**Fabian Bracken**

1. Boys High School
2. Being able to have the Year 8 privileges... finally
3. Be able to be a filer for skating and get to the Nationals for skate boarding

**Luther Brown**

1. Spotswood
2. Year 8 privileges, camp concert and school rugby
3. To be a professional surfer

**Nick Howe**

1. Boys High School
2. All the advantages and privileges and band
3. To work in a music business and/or start a band

**Troy Jury**

1. NPBHS
2. Having a new teacher and also camp – it was fun with the Year 7/8. I had a good time going to senior sport
3. To be a professional sportsman

**Leo Pritt**

1. Spotswood
2. Camp Wellington, going to Capital E TV studio
3. To go to University and become an archeologist

**Jack Sutherland**

1. Spotswood
2. Playing with my friends at interval and lunchtime. Going on Camp Wellington
3. To be happy in whatever I do

**Abby Bridgeman**

1. Spotswood
2. It will be watching Mr Luckin cry at the end of year assembly
3. Co-founder of a la Bob and Frank catering, retail therapist, lawyer and to be a NZ rep

**Shannon Collins**

1. Spotswood
2. Camp Wellington – the go-carts
3. When I grow up I want to be a teacher

**Phoebe Davis**

1. NP Girls High
2. Going to Camp Wellington and doing the go-carts and spinning out
3. Chef

**Rhiannon Lambert**

1. Spotswood
2. Camp and all friends in class, nicest teacher
3. Fashion designer, marine biologist, zoo keeper

**Melissa Muggeridge**

1. Sacred Heart Girls College
2. Having a teacher as good as Mrs Reid
3. When I grow up I would like to be a cook or something to do with art

**Starlet Peebles**

1. Spotswood College
2. Camp when I was on the flying fox
3. Being a horse trainer

**Toni-Ann Plaizier Rielly**

1. NP Girls High School
2. Being respected as an elder
3. I would like to be a script writer for Shortland Street and graduate university

**Nicole Sturgess**

1. Spotswood
2. Being a role model and working with the other seniors and younger school members, and I also loved camp
3. Either a marine biologist or a zoo keeper

**Hineanna Todd**

1. Girls High
2. Being with all my friends
3. Co-founder of a la Bob and Frank catering, retail therapist, journalist, food tester and director

# **Tapuae Country Estate nears completion**



The region's first ever farm estate is in the final stages of development and is expected to be finished over the summer. A work in progress of more than four years, Tapuae is being developed by Taranaki dairy farmers John and Mary Washer. Formerly of Rahotu, the couple managed the 200-acre property as a dry stock unit, changing to breeding cows and dairy heifers.

No sites have been offered for sale as yet – the Washers prefer to finish the mammoth job before they begin marketing the property. "Things have been quite hectic recently, but we are getting there. We are trying to get everything finished before we come to market, but there is still work to be done," says Mary. They anticipate that sites will be for sale next year.

The Washers opted to develop the area into a residential farm estate after encountering escalating interest years ago from people wanting to buy a piece of the property. It was important to both John and Mary, being keen dairy farmers to retain the area as export producing farmland instead of it being divided into many small disjointed blocks. The "farm estate" concept that was subsequently adopted is based on the notion of enabling people a rare opportunity to enjoy a rural lifestyle without the hassles that come with managing a 10-acre lifestyle block. Tapuae Country Estate allows people to live in all the "prettiness" but without the hard work. The land surrounding each house lot is forever covenanted as farm and will continue to be grazed as a professionally run farm that residents own a part share in.

There are 26 one-acre freehold pre-designated house sites within the estate, all perfectly positioned to maximise sea, island and mountain views. It's a view from a pedestal on Tapuae's elevated hill, with some sites up high and others sheltered and hidden in the valley. The farm estate encompasses tennis courts, a central lakeside pavilion and more than four kilometres of lush native walkways that weave through the property and around the many lakes. More than 100,000 native plants have been planted over the property in recent years and are flourishing and doing well, says Mary Washer.

John and Mary welcome people to view the property but strongly recommend making an appointment first to ensure they can safely show you the estate without construction restricting access. They can be contacted on 0274 TAPUAE (0274 827 823).

**Shane Herbert - Lawyer**  
**Prudent Trust Administration**  
**7599119**

# **Taranaki Wine and Food Festival**

The Taranaki Wine and Food Festival will be held again this summer at the Okurukuru Winery on Saturday, 18 February 2006.

As Taranaki's premier wine and food event the day will feature 20 top wineries from around the country and food from Taranaki's finest chefs, with a focus on fresh local produce.

An outstanding entertainment line-up completes the day, including top Wellington band The Black Seeds and long-time favourites The Warratahs.

Fashion at the Festival is also expected to be a hit, with major prizes for the best dressed male and female.

Tickets cost \$30 and go on sale on 20 November and with limited ticket numbers and these two first-rate bands, they are expected to sell fast.

Tickets are available from the Okurukuru Winery Café, New Plymouth New World supermarket, from New Zealand Post Shops around the country or from the Ticketmaster website at [www.ticketmaster.co.nz](http://www.ticketmaster.co.nz)

The event supports a charity each year, chosen by members of the Egmont Lions Club, and this year's charity is the Hospice.

For more information, contact Kate Hayward at [kate@okurukuru.co.nz](mailto:kate@okurukuru.co.nz)

## **CLUBS AND GROUPS CALENDAR**

### **Plunket coffee Mornings:**

Friday mornings 9.00 -10.30am at St James Church hall.

### **Mini Groovers:**

Tuesday mornings 10.00am at Oakura Hall.  
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### **St John's Omata:**

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### **St James Church Oakura:**

Morning worship 10am 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

### **Kung Fu:**

Mondays & Thursdays 6-7.30pm, for 12 yrs and over.  
454 Plymouth Rd, phone Joanna Smith-Holley 752 1016.

### **JKA Karate**

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

### **Senior Citizens:**

Meet tuesdays in St James Church lounge for cards and bowls. All welcome, phone 752 7864 for enquiries.

### **Twilight Bowls:**

Thursdays 5pm at the Oakura Bowling and Social Club.  
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### **Kaitake Golf Club**

Twilight golf every Tuesday, 3pm-6pm, until March.

**St James Church, Oakura  
Christmas Day Service, 9.00am**

# Fishy business for new owners

New owners have swum into town and taken over the Oakura Fish Shop. The local take away favourite is now under the new management of proud owner Kelvin Wong, who bought the business in early November. Kelvin, who comes from a family who run takeaway stores in Bell Block and Fitzroy, was told of the Oakura Fish Shop when he was working overseas in Melbourne. Upon returning Kelvin investigated further and on his mother's advice, bought the premises. Kelvin is excited about the new business venture and can't wait to get to know the locals in Oakura.

"It's really cool being back here in the 'Naki and doing something like this. I'm a 'Naki boy through and through and I know the takeaway business well because I've grown up with it. And with my six years' experience working in the hospitality industry, this was, I guess, a natural progression and owning your own business is great!" says Kelvin, who is one of the village's youngest entrepreneurs at just 22 years old. Business will run as usual at the Fish Shop with Kelvin and his mother, Ping bringing their extensive knowledge of the industry with them to please hungry customers. The Country Fried Chicken and impressive seafood menu will continue, but contrary to claims, there will not be Chinese food for takeaway.

One of the first things Kelvin is tackling in his new role is a brand new look to spruce up the exterior of the shop. "It's going to be a deep bright red with charcoal trim but we are still keeping the name and logo the same and people can still contact us on the same phone number," says Kelvin, who invites people to come into the shop or call to make an order on 752 7614.

Fiona Washer

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## KAITAKE KINDERGARTEN

Kaitake Kindergarten's year is coming to a close once again. The annual group photograph has been taken and the Christmas fancy dress picnic for the last day of term has been arranged for 19 and 20 December. It will soon be time for Ruby the Rabbit to be fostered with a family over the summer months.

We would like to acknowledge all the families, extended families and businesses that have supported us in a number of ways this year.

- Parent volunteers helping with daily sessions or special outings and activities, such as trips to the Ahu Ahu Road rock pools or to the TSB showplace to see Capital E's show called *The Farm at the End of the Road*.
- Visitors to the Kindergarten, eg Mica the Clown, Guy from Surf Life Saving NZ, local craft people sharing their skills, grandparents and other relatives coming to visit with their special little people to see where they play and learn.
- Health educators, eg vision and hearing testing, dieticians (talking to parents about healthy eating), Sport Taranaki (educating parents about active movement and helping run our physical fitness day).
- Special education services working one-on-one with individuals.
- Supporters of our fundraising (consumers of our cake stall items and purchasers of raffle tickets).
- Donations of labour, time and money to help us continue to improve our wonderful facility, which has been operating for 12 years.
- Local new entrant school children from Oakura and Coastal Taranaki Schools, who came back to the Kindergarten on a school trip, helping make the transition to school an ongoing journey.

Thanks to each and every supporter who recognises the importance of early childhood education and embraces our efforts in the local community.

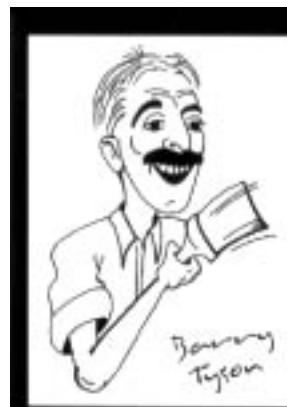
We have the summer ahead to continue to build the new friendships our children have made at Kindergarten, ready for the new year ahead.

We reopen on 7 February 2006.

Best wishes to you all for the forthcoming festive season.

Susan Henderson

On behalf of the Committee



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## The Adventures of KOREAN KELLY

When I first came to Korea, I have to admit it was with complete ignorance. I knew that it was the birthplace of taekwondo, that they had the Soccer World Cup there and that they had some type of fermented food called *gimchi*, which I had learned about while studying food microbiology at Otago University.

*Gimchi* (or *kimchi*) is revered here. It's the equivalent of the pavlova or fish and chips in New Zealand, but has a weird mystical quality in that it's served with every meal and enjoyed by all. What is *gimchi*, I hear you ask? Simply stated, it's a pickled, spicy vegetable dish that comes in many different varieties and is the perfect accompaniment to any type of Korean cuisine. The fermentation and flavour-building process involves washing and soaking vegetables in a salty brine, surrounding them with spicy hot red chili pepper flakes, salted dried fish or shrimps, adding some sliced radish or spring onions and slowly fermenting in cold temperatures in a large clay vessel.

The month of November is traditionally associated with *gimjang*, the annual *gimchi* production period. The supermarkets overflow with *paechu* (Korean cabbage) and *mu* (a type of giant white radish), staple ingredients in the process. The strong and sometimes mildly offensive odour, reminiscent of boiled cabbage and sulphur can be noticed as I walk through my local neighbourhood, reminding me that almost every household is busy preparing their favourite food before the cold winter months set in. For centuries, *gimchi* provided a source of vitamins over the winter months when the icy Korean winter halted the growth of vegetables and fruit. It is also a source of lactic acid bacteria, similar to those found in yoghurt, that aid the digestion system and promote a healthy gut.

Even my young students reflect their country's pride in this unique food. I recently had them write an essay on what Korea meant to them, and many of the students based their answers solely on *gimchi*. One of the first questions asked by Koreans is, "Do you like *gimchi*?" followed by "Is it too spicy for you?". Regardless of the Koreans belief that only Korean people can handle the heat of their national food, most foreigners here also develop cravings for this delicious condiment. Seoul even has a National Gimchi Museum. Now, that's commitment to a cause.

I happen to be one of those foreigners addicted to *gimchi*. On my brief visits back to Oakura over the last few years, I find myself craving a few pieces of fiery hot sour cabbage. So, I learnt how to make it. Hopefully, the chief gardener on Pitcairn Street can learn to grow large Korean cabbages, giant radishes and rows of red chili peppers. I just hope there's still room for the potatoes...

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# Wearable Arts

## Miss Marmalade

Our wearable art, Miss Marmalade, was constructed using wire as a base covered in yellow netting, which was used as the point of attachment for slices of dehydrated lemons and oranges.

Two months ago we entered our garment in the New Plymouth Girls High School Wearable Arts evening, where we were awarded the supreme award. More recently we took part in the Fashion Art Awards sponsored by the *Daily News*, and were named as finalists in the Natures Living Magic section.

The garment took roughly one month of planning and constructing (as dehydrating fruit is a tedious task). However, seeing our garment on stage on our gorgeous model Jennifer Slater was most definitely worth our hard work.

By Zara Brouwers and Louise Hill.

## Other Oakura Wearable Art entries

Kristy Barlow

Off the Wall Student Section

Name of piece: Mary Magdaline

Toni-Ann Plaizier- Rielly

Off the Wall Child Section

Name of piece: Holy Cow

Winner of category

Logan Holyoake

Glow Time Student Section

Name of piece: Peace Maker

Sandra Lewis

Bras Gone Bonkers Section

Name of piece: Bubbles 2 Go

Finalist in category



"Bubbles 2 Go" by Sandra Lewis



"Mary Magdalene" by Kirsty Barlow.



"Peace Maker" by Logan Holyoake

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# OMATA school news

## Room 2's wearable art

Our piece was called Music Master and was entered in the 'Glow Time' section. We were very proud that we got into the finals. Our inspiration was musical instruments. We first drew what we thought would look stunning on stage and then had a vote on the instruments we would use. The class split into six co-operative groups. Each group worked on one instrument and liked the ideas of having big hands as they would add impact. At first we were going to have all the instruments on one person but then thought it would be too busy. So we created the main piece who was the Music Master and the others were the students. The piano accordion was made out of a filing box; the drum was made from a hat box and the others were made from old foam and paper. The best things the class liked about the wearable art piece were: It showed our love of music; we loved making it; the fact that it glowed; the instruments; the notes that sprung around; we got to show how creative we can be. We were lucky to get in the finals and thought it looked stunning on stage. Room 2 is extremely proud of what we have achieved. Our wearable arts features in the Festival of the Lights Show at Pukekura Park.

## Room 3's wearable art

Our piece was called Sprung and was entered in the 'Off the Wall' section. Children from room 3 and parents Kim Fougere and Dianne Marshall worked together to construct our entry out of Venetian blinds. They were painstakingly spray painted and then crimped, bent and folded in many different ways. It was jazzed up with netting and glitter and was beautifully modelled by our room 7 student Kirstie Mclean.



Above: Omata School invited more than 100 year 1 and 2 students for Tabloid Sports recently. Schools from Oakura, Coastal and Omata participated in a range of various activities, such as obstacle courses, frisbee throwing and 'rob the nest'.



"Music Master" from Room 2.



Below:  
"Sprung" from  
Room 3.



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# Jewellery Skills Course – A Classy Experience with Sally Laing



Laurel Davis

Sally Laing



Christine Tyson



Tania McLeod

Lucy Gibberd



Phillipa Berry

## Jewellery skills classes

This is an introduction to traditional silver jewellery-making skills with a contemporary spin for the beginner or hobbyist. Sally runs the classes from her home and uses her skills as a professional artist, jeweler and enameller along with her UK and German Art and Design training to guide students in both technique and design. The studio offers a comfortable relaxed environment in which to enjoy being creative. Class numbers are limited; ensuring lots of help is always available.

### Week one

The first project is to work through the design and construction of a simple band ring made from silver sheet, which can be embellished with textural features if required. This project introduces the skills, tools and techniques to manipulate and construct a form using silver and familiarizes you with the studio.

### Subsequent weeks

You will be helped to design a piece of jewellery of your choice and guided through its construction to finish with a piece uniquely yours. Silver soldering opens up possibilities for hollow-form objects such as chunky rings, or brooches and pendants, while forging, piercing and forming techniques will add detail and unique form to your piece. Additional techniques

will be introduced as needed, the focus being on simple ways that could be replicated at home with a few basic tools.

### Class times and fees

Morning classes: 9.30am – 1pm (three-hour classes for four weeks): \$200 Evening classes: 6.30pm – 9pm (two-hour classes for eight weeks): \$285

Weekend classes: 9.30am – 4.30pm (seven-hour classes for days): \$200

Contact Sally on 067521277 or [sally.laing@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sally.laing@xtra.co.nz)

Recently I visited a jewellery-making class run by Sally to see what was involved. Student Laurel Davis was crafting a beaten silver pendant. Christine Tyson was making a 3-dimensional silver and copper ring. She was enjoying advancing her jewellery-making skills to the next level, having attended other classes. Tania McLeod was making a heart-shaped ring and was finding the class an enhancement to bead making, especially the soldering skills. Phillipa Berry was crafting a 3-dimensional ring out of sterling silver with a little hollowed out dish overlaid with gold leaf. Phillipa was enjoying the hands on experience and working with an artist. Lucy Gibberd was creating a 3-piece pendant out of copper and silver.

By Kim Ferens

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## Not just for Art's Sake

Whether you are a visitor to the Oakura area, or a local with time to spare during the holiday season, it's a good idea to go and have a look at some of the wonderful arts and crafts on display and for sale at our local studios.

There's Joyce Young in Wairau Road who's work is so popular that she always seems to be busy building up her stocks. One look at her brilliant garden pottery and you'll understand why. It is always a pleasure to visit Joyce in her Garden Shed Pottery and many of her fine paintings are on display in the studio, too.

If pottery is your thing, another must-see is Suzanne Bloch-Jorgensen's Alleycat Studio in Oakura village. Suzanne's walls and shelves are laden with exquisite pottery not only of her own design, but from several other local artists too. There are items to suit every taste and pocket from tasteful giftware to paintings.

Sally Laing is not one to keep her mysterious arts just to herself, she not only produces her own beautiful enamelled jewellery, she runs workshops where others can share the benefit of her vast experience and make their own unique pieces of jewellery (see article on opposite page). Phone to see her work.

Tucked away up Croydon Road is one of Oakura's best kept secrets, the studio of Richard Lander, a stained glass artist producing vibrant and exciting pieces which are a holiday for your eyes. Here you'll find treasures from something to sit on your table, to a huge stained glass panel for your door, or wall. Don't miss this.

More jewellery, but of a very different kind, can be seen at Ringcraft Moana Jewellery in Upper Wairau Road. Here you'll find the world's rarest pearls (abalone pearls) and paua shell being turned into tiny works of art just waiting to adorn your neck, fingers and ears. Perfect gifts for the fairer sex.

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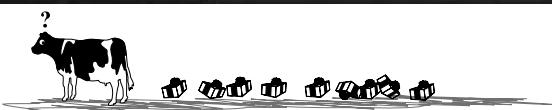


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- Fire Service fighting kitchen fires
- The Pak'n'Save Children's Play Park will host the usual kids rides along with some unique attractions. There will be great prizes drawn out of the bag at the completion of the day for some lucky winners
- We are close to confirming the V8 virtual simulator which is a full sized car that people sit in and race around the Bathurst track just like the actual V8 Super cars.
- Taranaki's top surf lifesavers will be racing against each other displaying their skills in specialty races.
- Additionally in the water there will be helicopter rescue displays along with people water skiing while being towed behind the helicopter.
- Midge Marsden proved to be a huge hit with the party atmosphere last year and we are continuing this with an excellent local band "Crossfire" playing at various times throughout the day.
- The carnival will also host the Harcourt's Pit Special
- Our famous BBQ tent will cater for a wide variety of taste buds, whether it be something to nurse a hang over or something light so you can enjoy our patrolled swimming area.
- Other attractions include the famous Big Dig, IRB rides, helicopter rides, and tandem surfing.

All proceeds fund surf lifesaving resources at Oakura Beach. Without this fundraising carnival our ability to adequately safeguard Oakura Beach would diminish. It is crucial for the long term survival of a valuable community asset.

Prices at the front gate for the Carnival are:  
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## Oakura's bylaws

Seasons greetings. Here's hoping for a beautiful sunny Christmas Day for all. This is just a friendly reminder of Oakura's bylaws for people living in or visiting the Oakura area.

As Christmas falls on Sunday this year, there will be no changes to your rubbish collection day, although Park-scape staff will be working double-time to keep our beachfront clean. Make sure you do your part and take your rubbish with you after a day of fun in the sun.

No water restrictions are currently in place, but this may change as, naturally, it depends on the weather. When there are water restrictions, people are required to use their sprinklers or hoses on alternate days, based on the street numbers. To ensure that you're informed when restrictions are imposed, keep reading the local paper or listening to your local radio station, like Classic Hits on 90fm.

Please note that fire restrictions are in place during the summer months. Before starting a fire, check the guidelines with your local fire brigade or the New Plymouth District Council – it's always better to be safe than sorry!

One of the biggest changes during Daylight Savings affects dog owners – from the Oakura Beach Camp to Wairau Road, dogs are prohibited during the hours of 9am to 6pm. Dogs are allowed at Corbett Park and along the main road (Highway 45) as long as they are on a lead.

Volunteers from the Oakura Lifesaving Club have already begun monitoring the beach during the weekends. They are on duty between 1pm and 5pm on Saturdays and Sunday. Although the hours are not yet confirmed, they will be around on Christmas Day as well as any other public holidays that fall between now and 13 March. From 26 December there will be lifeguards on duty through out the week as well. Remember that some of the lifeguards are volunteers, so make their job easier and swim between the flags to have a safer summer.

One last thing to remember as the New Year celebrations begin is the alcohol ban on Oakura Beach. This is in effect from 2pm on New Year's Eve through to 2pm on New Year's Day. The annual Beach Carnival will once again be happening on New Year's Day – this is a fun day out for all the family and an entry fee is charged.

Here's hoping for a wonderful Christmas and fabulous New Year's for all, best wishes, safe travel and have lots of fun.

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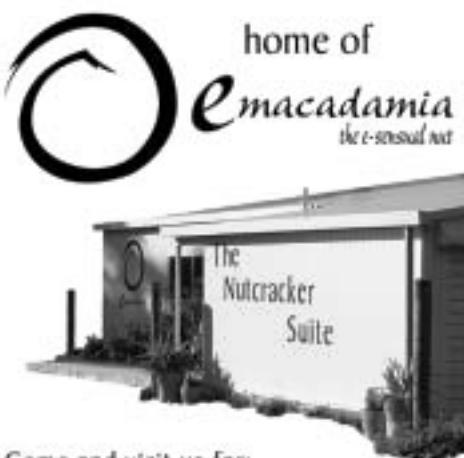
## More of our favourite secrets revealed-

If you hear talk of "The Nutcracker Suite" around Oakura, it doesn't mean ballet dancers at Butlers Bar on a Friday night. Christine and Bill Charteris have spent the past few years developing their macadamia nut farm and processing plant on Surrey Hill Road, a few kilometres from Oakura. Everyone loves macadamia nuts, but it is stunning to see other amazing products like soap and jewellery being produced from them too. The Nutcracker Suite is open to visitors on Sundays, 1.30 pm-4.30 pm. Great Christmas or anytime gifts!

There are several good reasons to travel south from Oakura along Surf Highway 45, but two of them are of very special interest. Almost opposite the Kaitake Golf Course is Lumiere, where Trish McDonald will introduce you to her wonderland of leadlight lamps and shades. Prepare to be dazzled.

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**A Time 2 Love****Stevie Wonder (Motown/Universal)**

While major artists in the jazz, blues and classical arenas often sustain lengthy, meaningful careers, genius in popular music seems to be far more self-limiting. When it does occur, it burns with a searing intensity, throwing everything else into shadow, then, inexplicably, splutters out. The good old "law of diminishing returns" kicks in!

This pattern could be applied to creative spurts by many popular music greats. Think of Bob Dylan (from *Another Side of Bob Dylan* through to *John Wesley Harding*), Prince (*Purple Rain* to *Sign o' the Times*), Santana (*Abraxas* to *Welcome*) and Isaac Hayes (*Hot Buttered Soul* to *Black Moses*). Each of these artists produced a run of masterful releases within a very short period of time, but then fizzled out! They delivered powerful albums outside of their most innovative period, but the creative muse was much harder to summon afterwards. Another obvious example of the "shooting star" syndrome is Stevie Wonder, whose golden years encompassed *Music Of My Mind* and *Talking Book* (both 1972), *Innervisions* (1973), *Fulfillingness' First Finale* (1974) and his 1976 magnum opus, *Songs In The Key of Life*. These era-defining albums not only spoke to the ghetto, but converted many a pasty-faced white boy as well! Throughout the seventies, genius and Stevie Wonder became almost synonyms, but then the inspiration disappeared.

If this was another ho-hum Stevie Wonder release, this review would not have been written! However, *A Time*

*2 Love* is a classic Stevie Wonder album. Rich and distinctive, Wonder's singing is the rightful focus of these fifteen tracks, but as ever, he also provided the musical foundation (overdubbing piano, organ, keyboards, synths, drums, percussion, harmonica and programmed sounds), before calling in guests to add some extra "spice". Some of these flavours come courtesy of Prince (chunky-funk guitar on "What the Fuss"), flute by Hubert Laws ("My Love is On Fire"), vocals by India Arie ("A Time 2 Love"), Bonnie Raitt's slinky slide ("Tell Your Heart I Love You"), bossa guitar by Oscar Castro-Neves ("Sweetest Somebody I Know") and Kirk Franklin's gospel choir ("If Your Love Cannot Be Moved" and "Shelter in the Rain"). Embracing gorgeous piano ballads ("How Will I Know"), taut funk ("Fuss") and modern anthems, "*A Time 2 Love*" is a Stevie Wonder album that can be safely held up beside his landmark recordings.

**Defunkt + Thermonuclear Sweat****Defunkt (Hannibal/Elite)**

Led by the hyperkinetic, trombone toting, blues shouting Joseph Bowie (brother of the Art Ensemble of Chicago's late trumpet master, Lester), Defunkt purveyed a particularly nasty brand of punk-jazz-funk that still sounds contemporary almost a quarter of a century later. This reissue contains both of the Defunkt albums plus some sizzling "live" tracks and the epochal 12" version of "Razor's Edge". If you can imagine an amalgam of Ornette Coleman's *Prime Time* and James Brown, then you know what to expect! Fierce funk, sir?

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# **Govett-Brewster Christmas holiday programme 2005/06**

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## **NZ Christmas**

Age: 6 – 9 years: *Wednesday 21 December*, 11am – 3pm

Age: 10 – 13 years: *Thursday 22 December*, 11am – 3pm

Cost: \$5 per session

Make Christmas decorations with a difference.

## **Sound sculpture**

*Tuesday 10 January*, 10am – 12pm or 1pm – 3pm

Age: 6 – 8 years

Cost: \$5

Create sculptural instruments to perform alongside Len Lye's art and at Friday's *Glow in the Park Parade* in Pukekura Park.

## **Sun on a stick**

*Wednesday 11 January*, 11am – 3pm

Age: 7 – 10 years

Cost: \$5

Create sun gods that catch the wind to parade at Friday's *Glow in the Park Parade* at Pukekura Park or at the *Peter Pan's Sky High Kite Flying* event at Sanders Park.

## **Light hanger**

*Thursday 12 January*, 11am – 12.30pm

Age: 9 – 13 years

Cost: \$5

Inspired by Len Lye's sculptures, combine electronics with mixed media to construct a lantern that really glows to bring to tomorrow's *Glow in the Park Parade*.

## **Slice of art**

*Tuesday 17 January*, 10am – 12pm or 1pm – 3pm

Age: 6 – 8 years

Cost: \$5

Use the inside view of foods as inspiration for a crazy painting of texture and pattern.

## **Cross cut**

*Wednesday 18 January*, 11am – 3pm

Age: 7 – 10 years

Cost: \$5

Mould a layered landscape then slice it and draw to reveal a strange interior world.

## **Chocolate trade**

*Thursday 19 January*, 11am – 12.30pm

Age: 9 – 13 years

Cost: \$5

Cast your own set of edible arty chocolates, decorate them and trade.

## **Puppet play (three-day workshop)**

*Tuesday to Thursday, 24 – 26 January*, 11am – 3pm

Age: 9 – 13 years

Cost: \$10

Construct an imaginative puppet. Together bring them to life by creating a theatre with sound and low-tech special effects.

## **Art in the park**

*Thursdays, 12 & 19 January*, 2pm – 3.30pm

Band Rotunda, Pukekura Park

Cost: Free

Capture the beauty of the park on paper.

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Want to discover art during school term Sundays? Join the Govett-Brewster's Young Visionaries art club for children. Call 759 6060 for details.

# **Puke Ariki summer programmes**

## **Get into racing with the Waitara Kart Club**

*Wednesday 11 January*, 7pm – 8pm

Education Room, North Wing, Puke Ariki

Come and find out how you can start racing and what the Waitara Kart Club is all about.

## **V8 racing**

*Wednesday 18 January*, 7pm – 8pm

Education Room, North Wing, Puke Ariki

John Rae will talk about his experiences with V8 Supercar Racing.

## **What is it like learning to drive?**

*Friday 20 January*, 10.30am – 11.30am

Oakura Library, Donnelly Street, Oakura

A session for teens to hear other teens talk about their experiences while learning to drive. We'll also have a guest speaker with tips and tricks and information on defensive driving.

## **Older Driver Test**

*Tuesday 24 January*, 10am – 11am

Education Room, North Wing, Puke Ariki

Meet with Elle Bray from AA Driver Education. A great chance for older drivers to discuss what is involved in the Older Driver Test, its structure and have questions answered.

## **Ivan Mauger, OBE, MBE (TBC)**

*Sunday 29 January*

Contact Puke Ariki for more information

Meet Ivan Mauger, nine times World Champion in speedway and longtrack racing. Hear about his experiences and what's involved in racing.

## **Teaching your child to drive**

*Wednesday 22 February*, 5.30pm – 6.30pm

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Elle Bray from AA Driver Education will provide parents with tips on teaching your child to drive – what to teach and how, areas to avoid and when to seek professional help! Great for parents and teens.

## **SPEED EXHIBITION FAMILY EVENTS**

### **Check out the Library's wheels!**

*Wednesday 11 January*

Visit the Mobile Library Bus at your local library.

Bell Block Library, Waitara Library, Inglewood Library, Oakura Library – contact your local library for the exact time.

### **Car Parade**

*Sunday 12 February*

## **The effects of speed**

*Saturday 18 February, 10am – 11am*

Puke Ariki Landing

Check out the NZ Police seat-belt simulator demonstrating the effects of speed and stopping suddenly.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

### **A festive morning**

*Thursday 22 December, 10.30am – 12pm*

All libraries – Discover it! Puke Ariki, Bell Block Library, Waitara Library, Inglewood Library, Oakura Library

Visit your local library for a morning of Christmas stories, activities and decoration making.

### **Speedy activity**

*Tuesday 24 January & Thursday 26 January,*

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### **Fast fun**

*Friday 27 January, 10.30am – 11.30am*

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## **Summer's ending**

*Tuesday 31 January & Thursday 2 February,*

*2pm – 3pm*

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### **Speedsters**

*Thursday 2 February, 10.30am – 11.30am*

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## **KID'S Discover It! REGULAR PROGRAMMES**

### **Crackerjacks**

*Every Wednesday during school term, 10.30 – 11am*

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Come along for stories, action songs and plenty of fun!

Ages 2 – 5 years.

## **ADULT'S REGULAR PROGRAMMES**

### **Book discussion group**

*Oakura Library, Donnelly Street, Oakura*

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## Race (Pom) Nash

### I remember when...

In the 80s and 90s Oakura had its one and only caretaker – Mr Race Nash. He bears the prestigious honour of being Oakura's first and only caretaker. Race still carries the mantle of caretaker as he pleads for the preservation of the Oakura foreshore that he helped look after. He wants Oakura to stay a friendly seaside village and is prepared to put his money where his mouth is. Race adamantly declares that the foreshore in front of the beach camp should be retained with boulders to stop the erosion and will help fund it. "It's an important part of Oakura and should be preserved. The Surf Club proves the point," he says. "The Surf Club was eroding away and they came up with the idea of putting big stones there on the beach front and they are still there today and they have their frontage intact."

Race was supplied with a Council bach opposite the Surf Club, where youngsters now enjoy playing basketball. He recalls the bach as being in a less than favourable condition and on nagging to the Council to fix it, was told to do so himself. He says he had to nag the Council for everything and on every issue, and thinks they must have dreaded hearing from or seeing him. But he feels immensely proud of his efforts in cleaning up Oakura and every nag was worth it.

Race had an old tractor and trailer, a fork, a spade, a rake and loppers as his tools of trade, and with these he began the huge task of cleaning up a very unkempt Oakura. On occasion when the job seemed particularly overwhelming, Race called in PD (periodic detention) workers to help him. One particular eyesore was the west end of Messenger Terrace, where the road has an island that was just a jungle of weeds. The Main Road was another problem area, as was Corbett Park. Corbett Park was covered in gorse, which Race dealt to with fire. Unfortunately the fire got out of control when the wind changed direction and a neighbour called the fire brigade, much to Race's embarrassment!

Another of his pet projects was to pick up the rubbish along the beach from the Oakura River to the waterfall – no doubt he was a familiar sight with his two corgis and his rubbish sack. Eventually after six years in the job, the Council built a big shed at the back of Shearer Drive to house all the tools and machinery that Race needed for his job.

The cemetery was another project that Race got busy on. People complained that the barbed wire fence surrounding the cemetery was a danger to the local children. So Race nagged the Council yet again for some posts and rails, and built a new fence. He cleaned up and repainted the front gate-posts and helped restore the headstones.

Race is a keen sportsman and the local teenagers back in the 70s regarded him as the granddad of surfing because, as a middle aged man, he seemed an old surfer to them. He also started the Oakura Cricket Club in 1971. He was the captain and the Club boasted about 15 members. Each of the members contributed towards the \$3000 artificial wicket that is still in use at Corbett Park today.

Race was made redundant when he had been in the job just under 10 years – a bit of a sore point with him as he thinks the Council just didn't want to pay him long service allowances. But having lived in Oakura for over 30 years, his loyalty to the village has never wavered and he wants to see the town look after its assets and is proud of his share in helping make Oakura a better place.

By Kim Ferens



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These are our results from the Waikato World Royal A&P Show:

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## Indigestion

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The signs are familiar to most of us. When you have indigestion, you feel sick, experience lots of gas or a bloated feeling in your stomach. You may feel less hungry than usual or require less food to feel full.

"Indigestion often causes discomfort and pain in the area between your ribs and your navel and usually occurs during or immediately after eating," says Colleen. One of the most common symptoms of indigestion is heartburn caused by acid reflux, adds Catherine.

"There is a range of medicines available that can help relieve the symptoms of heartburn or indigestion," says Colleen.

Antacids work by neutralising or "soaking up" the excess acid in the stomach, which may cause the indigestion. Alginates are another type of medicine that are very effective at relieving symptoms of heartburn and particularly acid reflux. Both antacids and alginates are available in tablets and liquid and in varying flavours at Oakura Pharmacy.

H2 antagonists, a new group of medicines that used to be prescription-only, are now also available from Oakura Pharmacy. They work by reducing the amount of acid produced in your stomach and can be used as prevention, if you know you are going to overindulge.

"Many of the causes of indigestion and heartburn can be prevented by a change in lifestyle," advise Colleen and Catherine. "Some medications can aggravate the problem, so do come and discuss your symptoms with us and we can either treat or refer, if we are concerned."

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## Claire White takes to the tarmac for triathlon



Oakura mother of three, Claire White, entered the recent ITU triathlon race on 12 November and finished in a very good time of 2 hours, 43 minutes. Claire was the 26th woman home and was 7th in her age group. The Olympic distance triathlon involved a 1500-metre swim at Ngamotu Beach, followed by a 40-kilometre bike ride from Ngamotu Beach to Timaru Road and back. The last leg was a 10-kilometre run from Ngamotu Beach along the walkway to Eastend and back.

According to Claire, the event was very well organised and the spectator support was

wonderful, especially from her three boys and plenty of friends who had made banners to cheer her on. She hopes the field will grow from the 200 entrants in this year's race.

Claire enjoyed the bike race more than the run, even with the minor setback of dropping a chain coming into Oakura. She also suffered from tummy cramps on the run as a result of drinking too much fluid on the bike. She considered it all part of a good learning experience.

Training for the event began months ago with an average of ten hours a week of biking, swimming and running. Claire entered her first mini-triathlon in January and enjoyed it so much the seed was sown to try a longer distance race. The World Cup race coming to New Plymouth was the perfect opportunity to race on a familiar course and of course very handy for training. Claire admitted to a lot of pre-race nerves, made even worse with a couple of minor injury scares the week of the race, all expertly managed by her physio Anita! But she feels justifiably proud of her achievement and is looking forward to the next opportunity to compete over this distance in Taupo in February.

By Kim Ferens

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## Hi fellow fishos

Yes indeed, we have had the best month ever as far as amount of fish being caught, in all we had 33 fish weighed during October: 3 snapper, 10 trevally, 17 kahawai and 2 eagle rays. This was great and has enthused everyone.

But first... We recently competed against the New Plymouth Surfcasting Club for the annual "Ali Krutz Memorial Trophy" and I am happy to say that our Club got the trophy back. NPSC caught nothing on the day, while our fishos caught one trevally, three kahawai and a gurnard. Quite a good day was had (by all those from our Club at least), with a good number of members attending.

The recent Club trip to Tongaporutu was excellent, with about 15 people attending. Everyone caught something and heaps of fish were caught overall. The heaviest snapper won \$100 – I won't say how heavy it was as it was "not very". New kayak member Jason Bond fed the crew on one he caught from his kayak. He was the only keen one to get out in the sloppy seas and unpleasant conditions. Go, go, go – a possessed man, I feel.

Heaps more fishing and good weather are coming up, so grab your gear and get out there. Don't forget we would love to get more women and kids interested and we welcome new kayak fishos as well. Any interested kayakers can phone one of our contacts below, as of the 1st of December the kayak section start scoring points.

Wishing all fishos the best for the festive season.

Tight lines

Debbie E

### Upcoming events

18 December – Tri Comp. Weigh in 5pm in the New Plymouth Club car park, Liardet Street, New Plymouth

3 January – The Wilson Cup. Komene and Kaihihi Roads. Registration from 7.30am at the Stoney River Hotel. Approximately eight Taranaki surfcasting clubs compete and the Oakura Surfcasting & Kayak Fishing Club are the hosts.

For any further info on the Oakura Surfcasting & Kayak Fishing Club, phone one of our committee people:

Gary Harrisson, 752 7055, Bruce Madgwick, 752 7712, Debbie Edgecombe, 752 7425, Bruce Howson, 758 8528, Merv & Glenda Krutz, 06 763 8869, David Politakis, 758 8528



## Oakura Pony Club

It's that time of the year again. No, not the tinsel and trappings of Christmas, but when ponies are inclined to put on loads of weight. Diet paddocks are the order of the day as the lush spring grass threatens to overcome us.

The Pony Club season is now well under way, with the early Club events testing rider and pony capabilities. The AMP shows are attracting our senior riders to the showjumping rings, with good performances by all. The business end of Taranaki club activities is fast approaching. Trials for the North Island Show jumping Championships have been held recently at the New Plymouth Pony Club grounds. The Taranaki Area Pony Club also has dressage trials for the North Island Dressage Teams Championships to be held at Taupo in January. Contact Denise Howe or me if you wish to trial for this competition.

The Club grounds are being readied for a further makeover – the arena sand is due to be topped up and a few cross country jumps will be constructed around the paddock. We are also scheduled to talk with the District Council in the new year about a landscape plan for the carpark and grounds. The Club has been pushing the Council for this improvement for some time so there is some excitement about this proposal finally coming to fruition.

The recent Club trek through the forests of upper Surrey Hill Road was a great success and a really enjoyable day, especially for our younger members. They don't often get the opportunity to experience open country riding, especially through such attractive tree-covered properties.

The Club has a non-mounted Christmas rally and BBQ at the Knudsen property on 21 December. I'm sure the swimming hole in the river will be well used – though perhaps only by the hardy if the water temperature remains a little on the chilly side.

Graham Rook



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## The Ocean and Earth New Zealand Primary Schools Surfing Champs

The Oakura Boardriders Club hosted the Primary School Surfing Champs along with Surfing New Zealand on the weekend of the 12th and 13th of November at Oakura Beach. The competition is open to Year 6, 7 & 8 children and involves an open division only, which sees all ages pitted against each other.

Oakura School once again entered a large team, showing that there are a lot of up-and-coming surfers out there. Well done to Pete Day for getting it all organised once again.

The surf was very testing for the kids, but we still had a strong showing from our surfers – Lucy Brankin came third in the girls' division and most of the other surfers got through three or four heats before being beaten by the conditions, getting valuable experience along the way and showing excellent team spirit with it.

Next year will no doubt see some improved performances for those that make the trip to the East Coast.

Thanks must go out to the event sponsors, Ocean and Earth, who once again showed their support and gave out great prizes. These are always appreciated by the kids and the spot prize format ensured that most got something, resulting in a lot of smiling faces. The "Breakers Bar and Café" VW Kombi also made an appearance, giving out stickers, T-shirts and activity packs to the frothing groms and all in all the kids had a great time. Thanks guys!

It was a great effort by the members of the Boardriders Club, who gave their time to erect the contest site, helped in the food tent and contributed to the organisation of the whole event. Thanks also to the members who donated home baking and catering for the judges.

The Oakura School kids who performed the welcoming Powhiri deserve a special mention. Under the guidance of Ray Priest, this was very well received and awesome to those who got up early and attended even though they weren't competing in the event. Great effort, showing the rest of the country that our small community has what it takes.

The Boardriders will soon be running some coaching for younger members, so contact a committee member and join up if you haven't and get those kids in the water.

Brent Anderson  
Oakura Boardriders



### Results

#### Boys' round 1

Heat 1: 1st – Johnny Hicks (Gisborne), 2nd – Thornton Davies (Oakura), 3rd – Ben Bennett (Dunedin), 4th – Finn Bar (New Plymouth)

Heat 2: 1st – Chad Jones (New Plymouth), 2nd – Ben Poulter (Waihi Beach), 3rd – Tyler Barry (Raglan), 4th – Max Lumb (Oakura)

Heat 3: 1st – Jess Trafford (Taranaki), 2nd – Fraser Chatham (WGM), 3rd – Tobias Looker (Oakura), 4th – Connor Anderson (Oakura)

Heat 4: 1st – Nat Hughes (Raglan), 2nd – Sam Curtain (Raglan), 3rd – Jackson Hine (Oakura), 4th – Jackson Braddock (Oakura)

Heat 5: 1st – Blake Myers (WGM), 2nd – Jordan Makatoa (New Plymouth), 3rd – Brad Pitcher (WGM), 4th – Mitch Walker (Oakura)

#### Boys' requalifying round 1

Heat 1: 1st – Ben Bennett (Dunedin), 2nd – Tyler Barry (Raglan), 3rd – Finn Bar (New Plymouth)

Heat 2: 1st – Connor Anderson (Oakura), 2nd – Max Lumb (Oakura), 3rd – Tobias Looker (Oakura)

Heat 3: 1st – Brad Pitcher (WGM), 2nd – Jackson Braddock (Oakura), 3rd – Jackson Hine (Oakura), 4th – Mitch Walker (Oakura)

#### Boys' quarter finals

Heat 1: 1st – Johnny Hicks (Gisborne), 2nd – Ben Bennett (Dunedin), 3rd – Thornton Davies (Oakura), 4th – Tyler Barry (Raglan)

Heat 2: 1st – Ben Poulter (Waihi Beach), 2nd – Chad Jones (New Plymouth), 3rd – Connor Anderson (Oakura), 4th – Max Lumb (Oakura)

Heat 3: 1st – Fraser Chatham (WGM), 2nd – Jess Trafford (Taranaki), 3rd – Nat Hughes (Raglan), 4th – Jackson Braddock (Oakura)

Heat 4: 1st – Blake Myers (WGM), 2nd – Brad Pitcher (WGM), 3rd – Jordan Makatoa (New Plymouth), 4th – Sam Curtain (Raglan)

#### Boys' semi-finals

Heat 1: 1st – Johnny Hicks (Gisborne), 2nd – Ben Poulter (Waihi Beach), 3rd – Chad Jones (New Plymouth), 4th – Ben Bennett (Dunedin), 4

Heat 2: 1st – Blake Myers (WGM), 2nd – Jess Trafford (Taranaki), 3rd – Fraser Chatham (WGM), 4th – Brad Pitcher (WGM)

#### Boys' final

1st – Johnny Hicks (Gisborne), 2nd – Ben Poulter (Waihi Beach), 3rd – Blake Myers (WGM), 4th – Jess Trafford (Taranaki)

#### Girls' round 1

Heat 1: 1st – Grace Spiers (WGM), 2nd – Casey Stevens (Oakura), 3rd – Kendra Hartley (New Plymouth)

Heat 2: 1st – Lucy Brankin (Oakura), 2nd – Alexis Poulter (Waihi Beach), 3rd – Eloise Stevens (Oakura)

#### Girls' round 2

1st – Grace Spiers (WGM), 2nd – Lucy Brankin (Oakura), 3rd – Alexis Poulter (Waihi Beach), 4th – Casey Stevens (Oakura)

#### Girls' semi-final

1st – Alexis Poulter (Waihi Beach), 2nd – Kendra Hartley (New Plymouth), 3rd – Eloise Stevens (Oakura), 4th – Casey Stevens (Oakura)

#### Girls' final

1st – Grace Spiers (WGM), 2nd – Alexis Poulter (Waihi Beach), 3rd – Lucy Brankin (Oakura), 4th – Kendra Hartley (New Plymouth)

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We hold our sessions on Monday nights from 5.45pm to 6.30pm at Corbett Park, Oakura. Each week the children begin with a warm up and then rotate around three stations. Each station deals with a skill, either running/relays, ball/discus/shotput/javelin or high jump and general cardiovascular activities. We then finish with a warm down and games.

The aim of mini athletics is to emphasise energetic activity using the elements of fun, variety, enjoyment, simplicity and involvement for all. The activities are designed to be appropriate to the age capabilities and developmental stages of the children. One of the reasons we have been successful in achieving these aims is because we have a great group of parents who help and participate with their children each week. Thanks and keep it up for the rest of the season!

Parents have also been rostered on to cook our barbecue each week. This year we have purchased our own as we have a lot of hungry participants at the end of the night! The sausages and bread are donated from The Oakura Four Square and Richmond Meats. The barbecue was supplied with a good discount from The Barbeque Factory. Many thanks to these businesses for their generous support.

We have a break over Christmas and return on Monday 9 February, continuing through to the beginning of March.

We welcome casual participants at \$2 per night, or \$10 per child or \$15 per family for the year. \$2 of this fee is for registration to the Oakura Junior Sports Club, while the rest goes into the leasing of the ground and purchasing of equipment.

In the event of rain, a cancellation notice will be broadcast on Classic Hits at 5pm on Monday.

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The children in the meantime have been playing and enjoying themselves, especially with the outdoor play equipment , numerous different modes of using paint and of course the food theme, including our abundant vegetable garden.

The parents have been continuing with the Playcentre courses, which have been running in Oakura for members. These are very useful for the ongoing theme... PLAY!

Oakura Playcentre, Donelly Street, is open Monday and Wednesday, 9am to 12pm. The first three sessions are free. After that, if you want to join, the focus is parent-lead education as a cooperative, so help is needed in the general running of the centre, as well as with the education of the children. Phone Melissa on 752 1056 for further information.

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Following Cyclone Bola and the closure of the local post office in 1988, Oakura seemed to be in decline. Ashley Heydon was looking for a new project to get involved in, so he got together with Denise Hutchings to see what they could do to promote Oakura and local businesses (although many locals resisted any form of development in the area, wishing to retain Oakura as a sleepy seaside village). A craft shop promoting New Zealand crafts and craftspeople was decided upon.

A suitable building was needed that was unique but appropriate to the area. Ash Heydon had the perfect spot beside his garage. The nearby Warea Church had been unused for 10 years, was derelict and had birds living inside but was the right scale, could have its charm restored and was part of the local history.

The St Marks Church of Warea/Puniho had been built in 1922 by Okato builder Wally Willis on land donated by Mr and Mrs Charles Wells as a memorial to their two sons Harry and Ken, who were killed at Gallipoli in World War 1. Prior to this the locals had held church services in the Warea Hall or at Puniho School. A public meeting was held and the locals banded together to build the church. The dedication was performed by the Right Reverend A W Averill, the Bishop of Auckland. A farming slump in the 1930s nearly closed the church but the community rallied around and fundraised to keep the church open. By 1978 the rural community had dwindled and a lack of finance forced its closure. The Warea Scouts bought the building and used it for several years before going into recess. It was then purchased by Ash Heydon in April 1989. The original stained glass windows of the church were shifted to the Oakura Combined Church.

Following the purchase of the building (which incidentally was prior to any consents being given), Paul Goldsmith drew up some architectural plans that included two stages. Approval was needed from town planners, the Council and local residents. The old church needed to be cut at window sill level and transported in two parts by Sandy Southcombe. Denise Hutchings remembers talking to Sandy about the negative response the project was getting from some locals and he said to her that "...knockers are non achievers..." The Crafty Fox went on to prove that it can be an achiever.

Upon arrival and reconstruction, the renovation began – a mammoth task of cleaning, painting and restoring the heart rimu interior and exterior, carried out by the Heydon and Hutchings families. A competition was held at Oakura School to

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By Kim Ferens



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## Properties for Sale by Anne



### 20 The Outlook, Oakura

Modern, near new home with unobstructed sea, bush and mountain views. Sunny and private with 3 bdrms, open-plan dining / kitchen / lounge and dbl garage.



### 64 Wallace Place, NP

Character family home, central 4 bdrms, 2 living areas, flat fenced sunny section.



### 15 Ridd St, NP

First home buyers / investors. Sunny 3 bdrm home with polished floors and a large section in a good location. (Off Doone Street).

### 3 Whakawhititi St, NP

First home buyers/investors 3 bdrm sunny home, polished floors, private sheltered section. offers over \$225,000.

**Oakura Sections - Preliminary Notice of Tender**, mostly flat with views of sea and Kaitake Ranges.



### 6D Donnelly St, Oakura

Large family home with 5 bdrms, 2 living areas, 2 bathrooms, very private and sheltered. 270m<sup>2</sup> floor space, plus 100m<sup>2</sup> approx decking.



### 204 Surrey Hill Rd, Oakura

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### 184D Seaview Rd, NP

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### 17 Kinross Drive, NP

Large modern executive home with 4+ bdrms, 2 living areas, lovely sunny private back yard and room to entertain.

## Properties Sold by Anne

15 Dixon St, Oakura. 59A Seaview Rd, NP.  
14 French St, NP. Flat 2/162 Tukapa St, NP. 3 Park View, NP. 15A Leatham Ave, NP - UNDER CONTRACT.

## Thought for the Month

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