

## Hyundai National Surf Champs come to town

**The Hyundai Surfing Nationals are over and we were lucky with a week of good weather and surf.**

Taranaki came through once again. Seven days of competition is hard to get through, but we did it and very successfully too, if feedback from the many visitors is anything to go by.

From the Powhiri and welcome by Mayor Peter Tennant, to the final prize-giving at Butler's Bar and Café, it was a full-on week for the local organizers. A big thanks to all the local businesses, farmers and club members who helped behind the scenes, did baking and supported the event – without your support these events would be all the harder to host.

Taranaki surfers featured well, with a number making semi-finals and finals. Local legend Jason Mathews finished with the Hyundai Masters' 35+ and 40+ titles and Paige Hareb won the Breakers Café and Bar Under-18 Girls' title. Other local club members to give strong showings were Simon Deken, who was in great form and unlucky to finish his run in the semi finals, as was Tyler Anderson in the Under-16 Boys'. Greg Page, Chris Davies and John Lovell all did well in their respective divisions. Motu Mataa, in his come back to competitive surfing, made his way all the way to the men's open final. Wini Paul (whom many will remember from when she lived here a few years ago) took out the Women's Open by 0.5 from Paige Hareb.

### Boardriders update

The regional cup for points amassed by surfers with finals berths, donated by the Oakura Boardriders, was won by Auckland with Taranaki second and Gisborne third.



*Above: Daniel Keriopa and Manu Akioka.*



*Above right: Keone Campbell.*

*Right: Chris Davies scores some goodies.*

The summer contest season is in full swing with contests every weekend for the next few months. Tyler Anderson has made a strong start, making the finals in both the Volcom contests in Wellington and Raglan, then the finals of both divisions in the Opunake Classic at New Year in tiny surf. This contest was hotly contested, with just 1 point splitting 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Under 18 final. The results were:

Open – Batchelor Tipene 1st, Tyler Anderson 2nd, Jamie Andrews 3rd, Jason Mathews 4th.

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from **MAYOR PETE**

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## Hi folks

It's at this time of year that we're all reminded what a truly fabulous place we live in. With blue skies above, the stunning red of the Pohutukawa and the glorious greens of our parks and gardens, we are truly blessed to call Taranaki our home. A few weeks into the New Year and it looks like the great weather is starting to kick in, bringing even more colour to our wonderful lifestyle. Summer is the time for relaxation and fun, and it's great to see so many of us out and about – walking, running, cycling or watching one of the numerous events taking place around the district.

Oakura is looking great and the beach has been magnificent – whether it's been sunny or not! It's so good to see so many out enjoying the facilities and showing them off to our visitors. The top festival in New Zealand last year was the TSB Bank Festival of Lights. And this year's festival is bigger and better than ever before with a packed programme of Daytime Delights and Tonight's Highlights events.

There have been some fun events held around Oakura, from pre-Christmas crafts at Oakura Library to an exploration of an old gold mine at the top of Weld Road.

One of the last in a series of Vector Guided Walks around the district was the Patuha Trig tramp, going from Lucy's Gully to the top of the Kaitake Range and down to Surrey Hill Road on Saturday 10 February.

The final walk of the Vector series was held on Sunday 11 February – taking in the entire length of the Coastal Walkway. It was followed by a BBQ and prize draw for everyone who had participated in any of the Vector walks.

For those of you with bikes, I hope to see you taking part in the 2007 Mayoral Cycling Challenge on 18 February. We won the national title last year with more than 2,000 participants, and we're working on bettering that number this year. Keep an eye on the media for details about the event!

Literally every day over the summer, there's something special to see and do. New Plymouth District is a summertime paradise, so get out there and enjoy it!

And if while walking, running, swimming, cycling or just relaxing, you have an idea for something that would help make this great place any better and you think the Council could help, give me a call on 759 6060.

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## KAITAKE COMMUNITY BOARD

Happy New Year to all!

Despite the lack of summer, it seemed many campers enjoyed a Christmas break at the beach among the best looking Pohutukawas I have seen in years. Concerts, carnivals, art and great eating places have brought many to the village, adding vibrancy to the community.

There has been concern over the noise level of some recent concerts. Given the close proximity of houses this is not surprising and it's difficult to know how to balance the two. Council officers are working on this and future events will be under some new controls.

At the Board's last meeting in early February, the next steps in the sewerage saga were discussed, along with future budget wish-lists. Library opening hours were on the agenda and information on the options, including a form for your feedback, are included in this issue of *TOM*.

WOMAD is looming and with it great anticipation of another special event for us to enjoy.

Perhaps like me you've read about developers having Oakura in their sights and you worry? Just how well is the structure plan going to protect our community and environment? Well, it's up to all to worry with me and ensure our beach and rivers remain pristine along with a unique landscape unscarred by bad planning, although it's obvious that it is already too late for parts of the community where houses have been built within the bare minimum distance from one another. Have we learnt nothing from the Mt Maunganui and Pauanui?

This summer, beaches we all thought clean and wonderful have been closed due to sewerage pollution. Heavy rain has found cracks in many in-fill housing areas along coasts and in cities – let it be a warning to those promoting smaller section sizes.

Kaitake Community Board welcomes all to our meetings in the Surf Club every six weeks. If we can help with any community concern, that's what we are here for. You can easily find out meeting times by calling the Council on 759 6060. Speaking time at the meeting is welcomed and deputations can be presented. We don't debate issues at the meetings, but we can discuss and question deputations.

Look forward to seeing you in 2007, which is an election year for Council so all of you who are waiting to become Board members or Councillors, let's hear from you.

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MP for New Plymouth

Happy New Year! I hope you all began 2007 happy, healthy and optimistic after an enjoyable Christmas spent with family and friends.

New Year is a marvellous opportunity to look back at the highlights of the previous year and look forward to the challenges of the year ahead.

With fond memories of our recent holiday still in our minds, it is worth noting that from 1 April this year the Holidays Act 2003 will increase the minimum annual holiday entitlement from three to four weeks. Employees will become eligible for their extra week's holiday on their first anniversary date after 1 April 2007.

Employees already receiving four weeks' annual holidays will not automatically get five weeks – it will depend on whether their employment agreement makes it clear that the entitlement increases. Employers and employees can agree on a greater number of annual holidays than the minimum.

Workers earning the minimum wage will also receive a 9.8% pay rise from 1 April. The minimum wage, which applies to people 18 years and over, will increase from \$10.25 to \$11.25 an hour, the largest increase since the Labour-led government came into office in 1999.

Recently there has been publicity encouraging New Zealanders to increase their activity and improve their diets in 2007. Two recent health studies published in *the New Zealand Medical Journal* endorse the direction we have taken so far to reverse the rising epidemic of obesity and inactivity among us. However, studies show that children who eat from the school canteen are more likely to be consuming high sugar, high fat foods, while another study shows the cost of healthy food is the same, or only slightly more, than less healthy alternatives. Last year 27,000 primary school children took part in the *Fruit for Schools* programme and as a result students are showing a more positive attitude to healthy food and are being more physically active.

So, two months into the New Year, we look forward to a healthy positive start to 2007 and perhaps an extra week's holiday later in the year!

Thank you for reading my column.

Harry Duynhoven



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# Thank you Oakura

*Thanks to all Oakura residents for your patience during our recent summer concert season. It has been great to receive so much positive feedback regarding these events.*

*Please Note... We did not and do not endorse the comments made by the lead singer of Blindspot at their concert.*

*Also, thank you to all those who took the time to attend the residents meeting we called in August last year. We wish to foster positive relations with our neighbours.*

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear TOM

Now is a good time to remind all Oakura residents and visitors that their actions on the road affect what happens on the beach. Soap suds from cars washed on the road soon find their way straight onto the beach. Likewise the run-off from hosing off lawn mowers. These actions should be done on a grassy area to absorb the water and pollutants.

Would you want your children to play in contaminated water?

Also, a reminder that it is illegal to drive vehicles on the beach – motorbikes, quad bikes, trail bikes, etc. These are dangerous to pedestrians – especially when driven at speed – and also pollute the beach and destroy the marine life. Not to mention being noisy!

Thanks – use the beach wisely and safely, remembering that the only thing you should ever leave on the beach is a footprint!

Jane Roseman and Val Deakin



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## Shearer Drive Christmas Party

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*Enjoying the balmy evening are  
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## Pony Club has Blue Flag issues

Is one to assume that the Taranaki News report 31.1.07 of the District Councils move to Blue Flag Oakura Beach is a forgone conclusion. Is it another example of a unilateral decision by Council bureaucrats that this plan would be in the best interests of Oakura residents, and visitors.

There is much said by Council of the "uniqueness" of the Oakura community, with its close association with the beach, ranges and the strong equestrian and village lifestyle. This "uniqueness" includes the ability of our children (and adults) to access the beach to ride the open expanse, unfettered by traffic and boundaries. To deny the community this freedom and uniqueness would be unjustified and would destroy the very aspect of the village that the council expounds and the residents enjoy.

Perhaps council officers should look at the reasons that so many European beaches have been flagged. Perhaps their burgeoning populations, over industrialization and pollution have forced their hand to clean up what they have destroyed. Tourists to this country are in awe of our clean, open, expansive beaches and the freedom our children have to ride uninhibited along them. That is what they appreciate about our communities and our country.

Council's concerns regarding animal deposits fouling the beach may be a little misdirected, as the deposits left by horses would be extremely minimal and is usually on the hard sands at low tide. If pollution is their primary concern, perhaps they would be better to address the high E.coli count (from agricultural run-off) in the streams that children and visitors bathe in, and the massive volumes of stormwater that discharge from eyesore well-up chambers and open stormwater sewers, that scour and foul the beach and streams.

The equestrian community about the village is already controlled by, and generally respects, the restrictions and bylaws controlling the use of the beach for riding. There is no conflict of interest with other users. The beach is not used excessively by riders and in fact is only used to access areas further up and down the coast. There is no need to impose the blue flag restrictions suggested.

The blue flagging plan will have a significant impact on the local equestrian community, in particular our pony club members, and on future generations. It would be appropriate for the council to discuss with the community the likely implications of such a plan and in particular give consideration to the New Zealand way.

*Graham Rook*

Oakura Pony Club

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# Okurukuru vines produce wine

You may have noticed our local winery and restaurant is "under new management" so I went along to find out what is "new" at Okurukuru.

Christina Schadt is the new restaurant manager and she is very excited about running the restaurant. Christina is implementing a level of service not previously seen at Okurukuru and she believes good service is a lot more than just putting good food in front of people. She is "up" training her staff to match this.

Christine Bulmer is a new face and she is the functions manager. Christine has been working in Sydney's demanding restaurant and hotel scene so brings a wealth of international experience with her. Christine (not to be confused with Christina or Christine Hayward- owner) has a myriad of exciting ideas for Okurukuru and is having a baptism of fire with the upcoming Wine and Food Festival. Christine will organize and co-ordinate any event for her client whether it be wedding, helicopter ride, conference or a special dinner. She loves seeing her guests going away satisfied.



The most exciting development at Okurukuru is their own, home grown wine. Yes, those poor wind swept grapes have finally produced wine. Kate Hayward is the wine maker and she has made a beautiful Rose from her first yield. I sampled it with some seafood fritters and it was lovely, light and refreshing. The yield from the grapes was about 1 ton but will increase each year, it is exciting to have 100% Taranaki grown wine that is more than drinkable. Kate says tastings are available at the winery and wine sales are only available from Okurukuru. This June will see nine different wines on offer under the Sugar Loaf and Okurukuru labels. Wine sales are increasing every year, by this March 2½ thousand cases will be sold around the country and next year looks to double this figure.

Simon Houghton the head chef popped out of the kitchen to talk to me about his new dinner and lunch menu. Simon has been with Okurukuru since it opened and takes great pride in providing quality locally sourced produce for his menus. Seafood from Egmont Seafoods, venison from Egmont Venison, Bacon from the Bacon Station, macadamias from Emacadamia, paua from Paradise Abalone etc etc etc. Simon makes all his own breads, sauces and spreads. He also smokes his own products and cures the gravalax himself. Simon inspired me to come and dine with my friends and I had the most awesome venison that melted in my mouth and I overdid the evening with the Kumara and Chocolate Fudge Pudding.

Coming up soon is the Taranaki Wine and Food Festival which promises to be better than last years event. The layout of the day has been improved and additional shade areas are going up ready for the 3rd of March event. The music will be a major draw card with Rhombus, Tommy and the Smiles. On Friday 16th of February Bic Runga visits Okurukuru as part of her winery tour and I can only imagine that with the backdrop of the Tasman Sea and the winery, she will rollick the neighbourhood!

By Kim Ferens

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OKURUKURU?

**Bic Runga** Friday 16th February. Ask about the "Early Bird Dinner" and the "Pre-Bic Bash".

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## New bands and charity announced for Wine and Food Festival

Wellington band TOMMY joins Rhombus and local boy Dan Fitzsimons's band "The Smiles" in the line-up for this year's Wine and Food Festival, to be held on Saturday 3 March at Okurukuru Winery.

TOMMY released their debut album late 2005 to rave reviews and high rotation on the b-net stations, C4 and Juice TV. Their album was nominated for best downbeat album at the annual b-net awards alongside Trinity Roots, Cornerstone Roots and The Black Seeds.

Tommy have been regular headliners at festivals all over the country and are excited to be coming to New Plymouth for the first time. Previously they've played alongside the John Butler Trio, Trinity Roots, Fat Freddy's Drop, The Black Seeds, Donovanon Frankinreitter, Kora, Diva Mahal, Rhombus, Hollie Smith, Cornerstone Roots, The Phoenix Foundation and more.

In the tradition of previous festivals, a large portion of the proceeds raised will be donated to a local charity. The Egmont Lion's Club have chosen the Red Cross as this year's charity, supporting their initiative to place playground equipment for disabled children in playgrounds across Taranaki.

Ticket sales for this year's festival have been strong, far outstripping the number of pre-sold tickets from 2005. The strong demand for ticket sales has been put down to the great entertainment line-up and the fantastic reports from last year's festival.

For further information please contact Kate on 021 558 558 or email [kate@okurukuru.co.nz](mailto:kate@okurukuru.co.nz)



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## Artful craftsman in pop-up book exhibition

Book reading is taken to a whole new level when a page is turned and up pops a cleverly engineered 3-dimensional model. In the Lane Gallery at Puke Ariki from 3 February until 29 April, a quirky yet artful exhibition of pop-up books will be on display. Collected by local enthusiast Charles Duke, the books cover many topics and form part of his collection of over 1,000 books, accumulated over almost 30 years.

"I started collecting pop-up books by mistake after I was given *The Ultimate Cocktail Pop-Up Book* as a birthday present," says Mr Duke. "I was intrigued with the intricacy, attention to detail and moving aspects of the book, to say nothing of the drinks! It was so different to the crude pop-up books of my childhood."

Pop-up books cover almost every topic imaginable and appeal to all age groups. There are some startling examples including architecture, zoos, humorous books about phobias and Murphy's Law! Nursery rhymes, religion, science, space, transportation, animals, geography, education and art are all to be found in the pop-up genre.

Mr Duke explains there are three types of editions for some books: general release editions available in book shops, special release editions available from the people who commissioned the book, and the much rarer, individually numbered and signed limited editions, usually in a hard slipcase, released by the paper engineers themselves. "I am fortunate that my collection contains a number of limited edition books," he says.

"As to my favourite book, I don't have one, but I do have a favourite engineer - Robert Sabuda. He has really led the way recently in both the type of material tackled and the complexity of the engineering. There are a number of his works in the exhibition."

*Pop-Up Books*, Lane Gallery, Level 2, South Wing, Puke Ariki, 3 February - 29 April 2007.



*Creatures of the Desert World.*


Illustrations: *Barbara Gibson.*


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## OAKURA LIBRARY OPENING HOURS REVIEW

As a result of community submissions to the Long Term Community Plan in June 2006, we are required to review the opening hours at Oakura Library to include more evening and weekend hours, without an increase in the overall budget.

We need your feedback! We've created two different draft options for new opening hours. Which of the following models do you prefer? Do you have any other suggestions for opening options?

We will listen to local comments and reach a decision within a few weeks.

### CURRENT OPENING HOURS

<b>L</b>	No weekend hours
<b>L</b>	Early afternoon closure most days
<b>M</b>	10.00 - 12.30, 1.00 - 4.00pm
<b>T</b>	10.00 - 12.30, 1.00 - 4.00pm
<b>W</b>	10.00 - 12.30, 1.00 - 4.00, 5.00 - 7.00pm
<b>T</b>	10.00 - 12.30, 1.00 - 4.00pm
<b>F</b>	10.00 - 12.30, 1.00 - 4.00pm
<b>S</b>	Closed

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MUSIC REVIEW by DON JUAN

## World Circuit presents...

Various

(World Circuit/Elite)

The highly influential and knowledgeable British music writer and radio host Charlie Gillett has compared World Circuit to such seminal labels as Motown, Blue Note and Stax in terms of its sheer impact and dependability! This is high praise indeed and an accurate, rather than hyperbolic assessment of the British company's stature, which remains one of the few labels that fans can buy unheard and never feel disappointed with the music.

Compiled by World Circuit mainstays, producer Nick Gold and engineer Jerry Boys to mark the twentieth anniversary of the label, *World Circuit presents...* is far more than a greatest hits package for the uninitiated, with rarities and several scorching "live" tracks to tempt the connoisseur. Although World Circuit has released several fine jazz albums, this 29-track "twofer" has wisely limited itself to the many forms of music that huddle under the "world music" umbrella.

Sensibly, this selection includes representative tracks from its two bestsellers, Grammy award winners Ali Farka Touré and the Buena Vista Social Club (as well as its offshoot members vocalists Omara Portuondo and Ibrahim Ferrer, bassist Orlando "Cachaito" López, piano virtuoso Rubén González, master conguero "Angá" Díaz and trumpeter "Guajiro" Mirabal). Other acclaimed World Circuit acts on offer here include the great West African band Orchestra Baobab, kora magician Toumani Diabaté, the exciting, multi-talented Senegalese artist Cheikh Lô, Hispanic/Arab fusion band Radio Tarifa, Cuban "son" stars Sierra Maestra, the aptly-titled Afro Cuban All Stars and Mali's *moussoulou* queen Oumou Sangaré.

So far, so good, but choice pieces by far less well-known artists such as veteran *rai* artist Bellemou Messaoud, rural Cuban *sonero* Níco Saquito, Zimbabwean harmony group Black Umfolosi, Sudanese *oud* virtuoso Abdel Gadir Salim and Mauritania's legendary diva Dimi Mint Abba are the real icing on this musical cake. Throw in some *gnaoua* "trance" music by Morocco's Mustapha Baqbou and some vibrant Kenyan *benga* courtesy of Shirati Jazz and you already have a superior selection. However, if you were looking for one reason to part with your "readies", then look no further than "Amandrai", an unreleased "live" performance from the recently deceased Malian master guitarist Ali Farka Touré with his *ngoni* band, a track that simply crackles with excitement. That or "Candela", another "in-concert" gem by the Buena Vista Social Club, with superb work by Barbarito Torres (laoud), Eliades Ochoa (guitar) and vocalist Ibrahim Ferrer.

This label sets a high standard in every way possible – even the packaging of World Circuit albums is superior – but as the old sages used to say, "It's what's in the groove that counts!" And, yes, you can count on these grooves!

## The Rough Guide To Planet Rock

Various

(World Music Network/Elite)

A sixteen-track disc that showcases rockier aspects of world music, this is a fun selection that features Albert Kuvezin & Yat-Kha delivering a marvellous Tuvan throat-singing version of Iron Butterfly's "In A Gadda Da Vida," the Ukrainian sound of Gogol Bordello on "I Would Never Want To Be Young Again," Cambodian glam revival band Dengue Fever with "We Were Gonna" and wah-wah electric kora band Ba Cissoko (Guinea) on "Sabolan."

Other album highlights come from Desert blues band Tinariwen, Les Boukakes from North Africa and Indian fusion act Alms For Shanti. With titles like "Kike On The Mike" (US rappers Hip Hop Hoodies) and "The Grandma With A Limp" (Palestinian artist Rim Banna), how can you resist?

# The Vinaigrettes

By the time you read this column, summer in Taranaki should have arrived, along with the need to quench your thirst. Forget bottled water – go for bottled wine!

Researchers from Sweden have found that low and regular doses of alcohol may halt the onset of rheumatoid arthritis. What more is there to be said? We have known for years that a good wine can make you feel all warm and fuzzy on the inside!

This month we are heading south again for another look at what the vineyards are producing down in Nelson. Remember we tasted a Seifried (can't remember what variety it was but it tasted great) some time last year? This time we are going to sample their Old Coach Road Sauvignon Blanc 2006. Sipping, guzzling, sculling any wine from Nelson is truly one of life's pleasures.

I have been enjoying the freshness and fragrance of the 2006 Sauvignon Blanc and if you are a curious wine drinker and like new taste sensations, I recommend you give this one a go.

The Old Coach Road wines were introduced in the Nineties as a second tier label for Seifried. The emphasis is on wines for earlier consumption and fruit-driven styles. This Sauvignon has a lovely passion fruit flavour, leaving a nice lingering finish in the mouth.

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I hope that some of my efforts in helping you understand and appreciate wine are sinking in. Serve wine at the right temperature, for Sauvignon Blanc between 6–8 degrees and hold it by the stem, not the bowl. I have watched some of you over the holidays and some of you are slow learners. Now take a look at your buying strategy. Don't just buy the prettiest label. Trust your own taste, what are your needs? One bottle for dinner or a case for those unexpected visitors? And don't be afraid to make mistakes. I make plenty and they usually give me a headache the next day.

So the Four Square has again reached deep into their wine shelf and come up with a fairly hot price on this one. RRP normally \$18.30, but for the *TOM* special, going out the door at \$13.99.

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★★★★☆  
Feb 8th

### An Inconvenient Truth

An Inconvenient Truth offers a passionate and inspirational look at Al Gore's fervent crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it. (TBC)



★★★★☆  
Feb 15th

### Children of Men



Set in a chaotic future when humans can no longer procreate. A reluctant activist becomes an unlikely hero as he agrees to protect the earth's last hope - a miraculously pregnant woman that may hold the key to the future of humankind. (R16)

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Feb 29th

### Little Miss Sunshine

A hilarious satire following a dysfunctional American family on a road trip to a pre-pubescent beauty pageant. The road trip results not only in comic mayhem but death, transformation and a moving look at the surprising rewards of being losers in a winning-crazed culture. (R13)



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# Out and about in Oakura



Enjoying the fare at Snickerdoodles is the Ehrler family from Wellington.



The beach was closed this day, but it didn't put these brave hearts off. Left, Stan Brough from Southland, and David Brough from Inglewood. Above, Hayden Megaw from Tikorangi.



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# In Tune with Doug

Aiello's Piano Services is a locally owned business run by Doug and Jan Aiello. Doug has been tuning and restoring pianos for 26 years and has been trained by one of the best according to Doug. Doug hails from Canada and comes from a family of musicians and along with a cousin Doug began studying at the Hal Lyne piano tuning school. Hal Lyne was a very experienced and highly thought of piano tuner who had gained world wide recognition for his skills. Doug gained a wealth of knowledge from Hal and after completing the piano tuning course Doug moved out to Auckland, New Zealand. A New Zealander had gone over to Canada to study at the Hal Lyne School and through that contact Doug became a workshop technician for the McElroy family. He worked in the "Atwaters" Music shop in Auckland for 3 1/2 years before coming to New Plymouth to work at Colliers Music Shop. After 5 years tuning, restoring and rebuilding pianos for Colliers Doug and Jan went into business by themselves. They have now been in business for 16 years.

Aiello's Piano Services offer more than just a piano tuning service; they supply second hand reconditioned pianos for sale through "Musicworks" in Devon St West. They also provide a "hire to buy" piano renting service where clients can rent a piano for a minimum of 6 months at \$65 per month then have the option to buy the piano less the hireage. This is a wonderful option for parents of children beginning to learn to play and they are not sure what piano to buy or whether their child will enjoy playing the instrument. A reasonable piano to begin playing on will cost around \$2000. Cheap or old out of tune pianos are likely to be hard to play and most certainly will hinder a budding piano player's progress. Doug's advice is to get a nice relatively new second hand piano to begin playing on and the piano should be situated in an even temperature controlled environment. Big fluctuations in temperature and humidity can change the pitch of a piano.



Every piano should be tuned yearly to maintain its condition – just like a car. Tuning involves taking the piano apart and adjusting the 100 or so tuning pins harmonically to concert pitch so it can be played with other instruments. Other adjustments are also made when and where wear and tear has occurred. In some circumstances full reconditioning of the action/mechanism maybe necessary and this is carried out in Dougs workshop. Doug has a kit full of gear that looks like it could easily fix your teeth.

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Aiello's Piano Services cover the entire Taranaki region from Patea to Tongaporutu and Doug has even traveled as far as Rarotonga to recondition a 6 foot grand piano.

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By Kim Ferens

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# A Japanese snapshot from Jane Perry

You know it's always a mixed bag when you live overseas... and it's a mixed bag when you come back. It's great to travel and experience different things. It's "so brave". It's fascinating, fun, demanding, a mind-bender. Some of us just have to do it, for whatever reason – experience, money, adventure, boredom even. So off we go, enduring the hideous long-haul plane trips – still, it's got to be better than by boat doesn't it? I chose Japan this time. Nothing like extremes to broaden the mind! Fabulous. Stimulating. Challenging. Isolating. You learn to operate in different ways, to be quiet and polite, to rephrase everything a) so people can understand, and b) so as not to offend. And you learn what it is to be the minority – at times "blanked", at others the star attraction. If you're sensible it never goes to your head because you are always the outsider and must respect where you are.

When you eventually return home after two years, it wasn't long enough to understand the culture there, but long enough to feel displaced here. You have been craving being with people you can relate to and who know and understand you. You've longed for familiarity – of surroundings, day-to-day life, humour.

So you come back. Everyone is pleased to see you. (Nice!) But no-one *really* cares about what you have lived. No-one is *really* interested in:

- the surprisingly beautiful scenery of rice paddies in valleys of steep misty mountains
- the hospitality of people who don't understand you at all
- the gorgeous temples and shrines *everywhere*
- the stoicism of people who work long hours and are separated from their families
- and so relieve stress at great restaurants and karaoke
- the crazy food you've eaten – raw everything, and yes, even whale
- the wonderful, bent old people who have lived through everything and are still very active.

And that here:

- the dogs are real dogs, not walking cuddly toys dressed in t-shirts
- the cats have long tails
- the cars are big and don't look like toasters
- girls show plump midriffs and don't wear mini-skirts with high heels and boys would drop dead before doing their hair in public or plucking their eyebrows
- fashion is casual and not Eighties style
- cellphones are not yet a fashion accessory and don't do everything but wash the dishes
- the houses are beautiful and open with big leafy gardens and flowers
- there are wonderful cafes everywhere and not small noodle shops
- there are no vending machines (so where do you buy a quick drink?)
- in small towns the train will wait for you and not leave ON THE DOT
- you don't wash together and soak in glorious hot springs
- people will sit next to you on public transport.

So quickly you take for granted:

- that you can talk to people, chat to shop staff (who are almost too friendly!)
- that you can go to the bank and sort everything out in ten minutes
- that you can make enquiries on the phone without breaking into a cold sweat about speaking a foreign language, being understood and *then* understanding the reply
- the space and comfort of homes and not having to roll your bed away every morning
- that you can read signs, phone books, menus, know what food you are buying, and get clothes that fit.

So quickly you forget the wondrous things you saw and the awesome people who showed you a different life and culture.

Japan is probably everything you have heard. It is a fasci-crazy place, full of extremes – open and closed, conservative and bizarre. The food is fantastic. Geisha are stunning. The women are tiny. A lot of people are suspicious of foreigners and it's bloody difficult to be accepted. But there are many surprising things you don't expect. People are so very polite rather than friendly, but you do make good friends. People seem very serious but are equally as fun and crazy. And many people are sooooo kind. You will be fed like royalty and often receive small presents that show your host/boss/friend has LISTENED to something you said. These are people who have lost a war and rebuilt themselves, better, faster, stronger – gentler perhaps?

There is too much American influence there now, eroding the allure of Japan... But that famous "oriental" mystique and charm are still there waiting to be found by those prepared to endure some discomfort, commit the inevitable faux pas, delight in the differences and quietly, patiently observe.

Jane Perry



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# Ahu Ahu villas

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The latest addition to the Ahu Ahu Villas on Ahu Ahu Road has been completed recently and is an aesthetic feast. The new villa blends so well into the landscape that you can't see it from Oakura Beach and in fact you can be almost standing on the roof and not realise it's there.

Work began on the villa just over a year ago. Local builder Ray Haslip and David Marshall of the Villas have been the ones doing the hard yards. Another local, Russell Nagle, designed the villa along with Boon Goldsmith Architects. The design brief was to make the villa unobtrusive and in harmony with the surroundings.

Materials used in the building are concrete, whitewashed plywood, cedar double-glazed bi-fold doors and recycled interior doors. A magnificent glass pyramid lets light into the roomy foyer. There are two double bedrooms with ensuites, a bar facility and restaurant-style kitchen. The living-come-function area is a large North facing space that looks out over a sheltered patio to the horizon of the Tasman Sea. Other features include a projection screen, barbecue and rock fall. The rock fall looks awesome. The rocks are arranged to look like a waterfall and cascade down from the upper level. The rocks were handpicked from a coastal farm by David and strategically placed by digger driver Steve Adlam. Soft plantings of grasses and natives complete the effect. The roof of the villa is at the ground level of the other two villas and features fist-sized rocks and a mixture of grasses, so while being part of the villas it is quite apart too.

This latest villa is quite different from the other two in design and takes the usefulness of the villas

beyond mere accommodation. It is difficult to limit how many ways the new villa could be used – from conference-type functions to weddings, small parties or family gatherings, board meetings or any sort of meeting, cooking classes, film evenings or concerts to just a fabulous place for an evening's escape.

Hosts David and Nuala Marshall have enjoyed extending their venture and it is plain to see the villas are a labour of love for the family. It is their own grown-up playground that has evolved over seven years ago when David began bringing home strays and waifs from the Ahu Ahu surf break. Today most of the business comes from visitors from out of town and overseas. Wellingtonians seem especially keen on the weekend escape to tropical Oakura.

Guests are treated to some wonderful hospitality that oozes from the heart of the Marshalls, whether it be a gourmet hangi, a sing-song, a surf or an evening around the firepit. Now the Marshalls have friends all over the world and their hospitality is returned wherever they or their children travel.

Ahu Ahu Villas feature on the cover of the Te Papa calendar *Matariki 2007-2008*. The photo is a night shot taken by Rob Tucker and features a sing-song around the firepit with the Tasman Sea in the background.

Ahu Ahu Villas are a wonderful complement to Oakura and thanks to the Marshalls, Oakura is becoming more world renowned.


By Kim Ferens



David and Nuala Marshall soak up the ambience inside the new villa.



below: the unusual architecture and landscaping of the latest villa blend serenely into the peaceful surroundings.



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# Junior Miss Teen – Anneke Brouwers

Omata's talented Anneke Brouwers was crowned Junior Miss Teen at the NPOB Beach Carnival in Oakura on New Year's Day.

To win the crown was a delight to the 14-year-old, who also entered the competition last year.

Junior Miss Teen involved a range of different events that ran from 27 December to 1 January. First the contestants were invited to a cocktail party where they presented speeches that promoted their sponsors – the Celtic Jazz Company in Anneke's case. Next was a day at the races, but unfortunately this year the races were cancelled due to weather. On 30 December the contestants attended a day-long workshop where they learned a dance routine for the NPOB Carnival. At the end of the day they were interviewed and judged.

Next the girls scrubbed cars at Butlers Bottleshop, with former Miss Taranaki in charge of the activity. Everyone had lots of fun and got really wet.

New Year's Day turned out fine and mostly sunny. The contestants had to give a speech at the Carnival and dance on the big stage. And then the winner was announced.

"Everyone was so excited," says Anneke. She recommends the



competition and is definitely going to do it again herself. "It's a great experience and I guarantee you will have a lot of fun, and it's definitely not about being a beauty queen!"

Anneke aspires to go to Hollywood and her talents have seen her involved in two Operatic Society productions – *Annie* and *Oliver*. Anneke attends New Plymouth Girls High School and is passionate about performing arts, music, dance and drama. Watch this space in the future as Anneke takes on the world!

By Sarah-Jane Ferens



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Despite the weather the tennis courts have seen a lot of use so far this season.

All our junior teams have been competitive in their grades, with some good matches despite having rained-off and interrupted games. There have been an equal amount of wins, losses and draws, showing they are playing really well and evenly matched with their opponents.

Congratulations to both A2 and A3 teams, who both won their sections in the first round. A3 gains promotion into the A2 grade, setting up an interesting "local" match up.

A2 are now looking forward to the next round, wanting to repeat the win and progress into Soffe Cup for the next season.

The Midweek Ladies teams have also gone really well. Two teams will be competing in Section 1, and one team each in Sections 2 and 6.

Joshua and Miaana Walden have had some great results so far this season. Josh won both the Taranaki Open Under-16 singles and doubles titles. He also won the Manawatu Under-18 singles and Under-16 doubles titles, and was runner-up in the Under-18 doubles and Under-16 singles. Miaana was runner-up in the Taranaki open Under-16 doubles.

## Oakura Bowling Club in favour of provincial tournaments

For some years now the Oakura Bowling Club has held its own against most opponents in most disciplines of the game.

We have traditionally played our inter-club games in the Western division (clubs from Oakura to Otakeho around the coast), but a decision made at the last AGM saw the Club transfer these games to the Northern division (New Plymouth City clubs and Urenui to Inglewood). We feel this move has provided tougher competition for our players, which is something we have all benefited from.

We are just a small club with only one green (eight rinks), but it is the green that is a major topic of conversation.

During the TSB Taranaki Open Fours in January numerous people with a lot of experience all around the country were heard making statements like, "This is the best green we've played on," "This is good enough for the Nationals or even the World champs," "We have nothing this good at home," (Wellington), and so on.

To reinforce this, Bowls Taranaki used Oakura for the qualifying rounds of the Taranaki Open Singles. This is a real compliment of which we are all very proud. On the provincial scene, this is like New Plymouth being awarded the Commonwealth games!

All the top clubs have paid green keepers maintaining their greens. We in Oakura have two dedicated members in Alan Bridgman and Ted Barrett. Whether it be early morning or late evening one or both of these guys can be seen at the Club watering, mowing, rolling, weeding and spraying, and in their spare time they actually play the game (very well I might add)! They get considerable help from most of the other members if they need it, which is important in a small club.

The new Name for the Club is the OAKURA BOWLING AND SOCIAL CLUB. The social aspect of a club like this is very important and should you read this and think, "I would like to have a look at this sometime", just pop on down. We are behind the hall on the main road and Friday evening 4.30pm till 6pm is a good time to come and say hi. You are more than welcome!

## KAITAKE NETBALL 2007

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*If you answered yes to any of the above, we'd like to hear from you.*

The Kaitake Netball Club is keen on entering a team in the Coastal Netball Competition on Wednesday nights in the Sandford Event Centre in Opunake. The season runs from about May to July (to be confirmed) and games are between 6 and 9pm. We're looking for a squad of 10+ committed players to allow flexibility throughout the season.

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**Greetings all**

It's all started happening now that the weather's improved. We didn't have a great deal of fish in December but when this went to print we'd had about 60 fish weighed in during January and the snapper are turning up in numbers around

Mokau. Most of the fish caught were between 1–3kg, many of them caught on the Club Day we had on Sunday 14 January. The kayakers got a mixed bag and surfcaster David Hunter got two Snapper off the rocks down by Back Beach. Kayaker Garry McCracken is also in the pic'.

The Wilson Cup, in which all Taranaki surfcasting clubs compete, was held on 13 January and our Club came about fourth or fifth. Chris Whitaker caught five Kahawai and Bruce Howson nailed a small Snapper. Bruce Madgwick got one too but it was 5mm too short – bummer. In all we had seven turn up from our club, out of the 60 or so people in the comp', so we didn't do too bad. Opunake took the Cup out with 97 points, Kaponga came second.

The Fish Together we'd scheduled for Tuesday 22 January was a total wash out, and was flagged away. The Fish Together at Mangati Road in Bell Block on 28 January was really windy. Although a few kayakers got out in the morning, not a great deal was caught. Some surfcasters also turned up for the high tide later on in the afternoon, but nothing was caught.

February is normally one of the best months to catch fish. In the next TOM we'll update you on the "catch" from the Club trip to Tongaporutu on the first weekend in February. We also have a really strong team entered in the NZ Angling & Casting Association Nationals to be held in March. New Plymouth Surfcasting Club are the hosts, so we have a good advantage as we know the local spots! We have four of our top casters in the casting section, 13 in the surfcasting section and five in the boat section.

**Weighmaster's report for December**

*Surfcaster*s: 3 Snapper, 2 Gurnard, 4 Spotty Sharks.

*Kayaker*s: 8 Snapper, 3 Gurnard, 4 Kahawai, 1 Blue Cod, 1 Trevally

December fish of the month:

*Surfcaster*s: Shane Dunlop – 2.3kg Snapper

*Kayaker*s: Peter Florence – 2.97kg Snapper

Tight lines

Debbie E



*Dave and Garry (the merrier looking ones with no tails).*



## Mini-Athletics 2006/7

The second half of the season has started where the first half ended – with lots of children, lots of parent participation and lots of positive attitudes to physical activity and health being developed.

Our season will end on Monday 5 March with certificates being handed out to all registered participants.

We hope to again run a competition evening on 26 February, similar to last year but with modifications to deal with the increase in numbers.

Remember to bring your money for the ever popular sausage sizzle.

Any queries phone us

Jo – 752 7899

Melissa – 752 7907



## Milo-Have-A-Go-Cricket

We have five sessions left of the programme for this year. Initially we started with seven children registered and we are now up to 30.

So far the children have received a Milo cap, a portfolio and cricket cards with pictures and information about the NZ Black and White Caps. Judging by the form the Black Caps have been displaying in the Tri-Series against England and Australia, some of our local children might well give them a run for their money!

We have some big hitters and some strong arms who can really get some good distance and direction with their throwing. The footwork and skill required for bowling is quite complicated and some of children are really doing a fine job of mastering this. Perhaps Whiskey could have a look at our local talent and start doing some scouting work for the Kaitake Cricket Club!

Don't forget Thursday 5.30pm-6.30pm at Oakura School. The season will finish on 8 March.



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# GETTING WET!



## Oakura boardriders update

*(Continued from page 1)*

Under-18 – Nick Moses 1st, Paige Hareb 2nd, Tyler Anderson 3rd, Kahu 4th.

Local surfer Paige Hareb is spending the summer in Australia competing in the Pro contests over there. At the time of print she had put in a strong showing in the WQS contest at Phillip Island, getting through the trials and to the quarter-finals in the main event and was still progressing in the Pro Junior and Under-18 divisions. This follows a quarter-final placing in the previous Pro Junior at Bells Beach just prior to the Nationals. So good luck to Paige and the other Kiwi competitors, who are New Zealand's future hope on the world stage.

Get out there and enjoy the rest of summer.

*Brent Anderson,*  
Oakura Boardriders



*Above: Keone Campbell.*



*Left: Nick Moses.*

*Below: Hyundai Open Champion Daniel Keriopa at the prizegiving.*



*Left: Hyundai Surf Nationals 35+ mens finalists, Jason Mathews, Seth Mathews, Erin Saunders, Chris Blain.*



*Hyundai Open Womens Champion, Wini Paul.*

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# OMATA school news

## What's up in February

- 22nd – Senior Syndicate camp out
- 28th – Swimming Display Day

## New developments

We begin 2007 with a hive of activity around the grounds and buildings. The new library is well under construction and looking really interesting as it reaches out into the native bush area with expansive windows. This is going to be a wonderful environment for reading and studying. A keenly awaited larger staffroom is tantalisingly close to being completed and our staff of 14 is keen to be able to move from our very cramped area which comfortably seats 8. The upgrading and remodelling of the old administration and classroom block is underway and while it will be a bit messy for the first term, we are sure the inconvenience will be worth the wait.

## Womata – World Of Music And The Arts

On the evening of 14 December our students treated us to an amazing night of dance, music and arts from around the globe. Each class was involved in a rich topic for the term and studied a country or region of the world in depth. India, Italy, Japan, Pacific Islands, Africa and South America were the chosen places and our parents, community and teachers made these cultures come alive with stunning musical and dance items and colourful costumes. The hall was adorned with beautiful artworks and projects and during the evening the aroma of foods from the regions wafted around. We feasted on ethnic food prepared by local restaurants and guest cooks. It was a treat for all the senses and we are very grateful to Jan Aiello our musical director, whose inspiration and creativity made our WOMATA festival possible and to all the ex-Omata students who dressed in kimono to serve the meals.

*Our special thanks to:*

Jan Aiello – Musical Director

Brooke Drummond, Logan Squire, Zara and Anneke Brouwers, Sophie Norris, Louis, Claire and Maree Aiello, Bradie Niederberger, Alex and Sarah-Jane Ferens, and Louise Hill – ex-Omata student waiters

Puketapu School – stage platforms

Setsuko, Fumihiro and Emiko Akioka, Ingrid Van Amsterdam, Jim Hoskin – kimono, karate and sushi (Room 3)

Joanne Watson, Justine Crawshaw and Catherine Jones – scarves (Room 5)

Paul Goodsell – guitar (Room 6)

Juricz Blackman and Diane Marshall – props and costumes (Room 2)

Jackie Tomlinson and Joanne Watson – props and costumes (Room 4)

New Plymouth Operatic Society – for costumes

India Today, El Condor, Espresso, Asuka Sushi, Juricz Blackman – ethnic dinner



Room 5.



Breydon Farmer - Room 3.

Omata celebrated it's first year 8 school leavers with a prizegiving at the end of term last year. Five cups were given out to very worthy recipients. The cups recognise academic, sporting and artistic excellence.



Holly McLeod



Aden Lowe



Ben Taylor

Community Cup for Arts and Culture: *Holly McLeod.*

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Staff Cup for Responsibility: *Ben Taylor.*

Principal's Cup for Leadership: *Holly McLeod.*

Board of Trustees Cup for Academic Excellence: *Jacob Tomlinson.*



Jacob Tomlinson

School leaders were also chosen to be head ambassadors for the coming year and they were:

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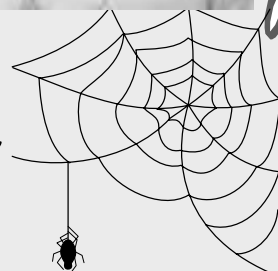


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