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Introducing tom

Actually, no introduction is necessary. Over the past two years you have all become familiar with The Oakura Messenger - now to be known as Tom. Not only is The Oakura Messenger beginning its third year of publication with a new logo but it also has a website. No matter where you are in the world, you needn't miss out on the local news from home. As from November, check out www.oakuramessenger.com to get the latest issue of Tom. Previous issues will also be available via the website, as will Tom merchandise. Tom merchandise includes a great range of fitted and loose Tom tees - you can be a Tom GIRL, a Tom BOY, a Tom BABY or just plain Tom!

From the team at Tom, have an enjoyable read!

Omata School visits Pukeiti

On Monday 21st of October, Omata Primary School pupils visited Pukeiti Gardens. Annually, the whole school is involved in a study based on the school's native bush area with its outdoor classroom and bush walk. It was felt that Pukeiti would support this study as it is an excellent example of preserved native bush.

The students saw the many sights that Pukeiti has to offer. One of the highlights was being able to walk through the eight hundred year old giant Rata that towers 30 metres above the ground. The moss-covered water wheel and the swing bridge were also popular. Students also discovered that Pukeiti is the world's premier rain forest garden and has one of the world's great collections of rhododendrons.

As part of the visit, Principal, Mr Mike Norris was invited to plant a Rimu tree, which our school will continue to look after in the future. The planting of Rimus helps replenish the native bush. Up until the 1930s all Rimus were logged from the area. At the gardens you can still see the trenches that were created for dragging the logs to a sawmill on Kirihaui road.

Mr Mike Norris was surprised at how under utilised Pukeiti is, as an educational resource. "Pukeiti should be used by schools for it has many great opportunities for learning experiences" From the students' point of view it was an awesome day with lots to see and do. We highly recommend a visit.



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From Mayor Pete

A week or two ago the council held a community meeting in Oakura Hall, to discuss the council's Annual Plan for 2002/03. This is just one meeting in a series being held across the district, because we want to find out what you, the residents, think the council should focus on when it comes to preparing the Annual Plan for the next financial year. We held these community meetings for the first time last year and they gave us a very strong direction on what the community wanted us to do for this current year and already we've received great feedback on what we should do in the year ahead. Thank you to everyone for getting involved! Hearing from the community before we begin our planning is important. It means that our draft Annual Plan 2002/03 - which will be released for public comment in April or May next year - will more accurately reflect the public's desires. Elected members really want to know that people think our next priorities should be, what things should be in the Annual Plan and budget, what people's concerns are, and what the council should do better or do more of.

If you weren't able to make it to the meeting in Oakura, you could send your suggestions to me at the council - Private Bag 2025, New Plymouth; Fax 759 6072; Phone 759 6060; or email enquiries@npdc.govt.nz. Another option is to stop me on the beach and let me know your views.

We'll be enjoying summer at Oakura again this year. I look forward to hearing from you!

Peter Tennent, Mayor

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Oakura Probus: recent highlights

SEPTEMBER meeting highlight was guest speaker Sandra CHESTERTON, who with her vet husband and two sons 13 and 11, had some 2 years in Afghanistan, eventually travelling by horses out over the very mountainous area into Pakistan. A very interesting speaker, Sandra recounted some of her many fascinating experiences with the local women who judged her warily when first they arrived. Sandra and her husband became very fond of these people and were greatly accepted and appreciated by them.

OCTOBER - Fifty members enjoyed a most interesting bus trip, first organised and tested by President Pam Denney and husband John who made excellent hosts. First stop Opunake Bowling Club, where an excellent morning tea had been organised and catered for by their lady members. Thence to Environmental Products Ltd Mahoe where a very enterprising couple have the natural possum process plant and shop. They showed magnificent accessories - dozens of hats, shoes, gloves and items - and they have patented the only natural curing method, developed anywhere and refined by them over several years. Members were very impressed with their process and persistence, in the face of difficulties encountered. The trip continued to Tawhiti Museum for lunch and we viewed the wonders created by Nigel Ogle. The 2 hours' viewing went so quickly and was greatly enjoyed by all.

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Exciting Times @ Oakura School

Oakura School presents Cinderella

Lately Oakura School has been working on a fun filled production (a modern version of Cinderella) written and produced by Mr Ray Priest and Ms Phil Butt, both teachers of Oakura School. It was performed on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of October.

It has been a great success and we have had a lot of fun working together as a team. It contained high standards of singing, dancing and acting which involved the whole school. It was a great experience for many of our pupils.

The modernised story was based on the royal garden party with a variety of celebrities.

Other changes to the traditional story involved Cinderella being a rock star, four princes looking for brides and Cinderella selecting her prince.

Everyone had a ball!

By Grace Power, Jessie Muggeridge & Sammy Everest



Senior Playground

Oakura School senior playground was opened on Friday 20 October. It was designed for children of 8-13 years. It took many volunteers and fundraisers to help us raise the money to build the playground, as well as a ton of sponsors.

The playground was designed by the school council and the head pupils with the assistance and approval of the PTA, the teachers, the Principal, the playground designer and the kids of Oakura School of course! It took a lot of hard work and lots of parental assistance to build. We would like to thank all the people who helped us achieve our goal.

The purpose of the playground is for kids to have fun and get fit. The children who are old enough to play on the playground think it is brilliant and those who are too young can't wait to turn eight.

By Simon Bennett, Dylan Hawkins, Skyler Jones.



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With JetStream now available, Oakura is part of the drive to make Taranaki one of the most wired provinces in the country.

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Subtropix Garden Centre Closed

The Oakura centre closed on November 7 as owners Linda and Ian McMillan have temporarily moved to the Coromandel where they are opening their third outlet. Subtropix in Oakura will reopen to the public again mid 2003.

A big thank you to the locals who have supported us in the last 12 months.

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Kaitake

Kindergarten

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Silence is Golden for Kindergarten

Kaitake Kindergarten is delighted to announce that we are holding a silent auction of work by Oakura artists that will close on Sunday December 1 at the Annual Christmas Craft Fair. Thank you so much to Sally Laing, Margaret Scott and Fay Looney who have already very generously donated work to this project. We welcome offers from other artists wishing to contribute to the auction (call Janis Neeson 7527149 or Michelle Powell 027 251 3013). All works will be displayed in November at Oakura Info Plus where you can bid for your favourite.

Kindergarten Celebration Week in October was a busy one at Kaitake. One of the special experiences we featured was an obstacle day where the whole playground was transformed into a giant course to challenge our physically active children. There were tunnels to crawl through, planks to balance on, ladders to climb and a moon hopper slalom course. On our open day the Mini Groovers early music group presented a fun music session with everyone joining in.

The children have now planted their new garden and are keeping a watchful eye on Ruby rabbit who thinks it's Mr MacGregor's garden! They love scrunching on the pebble pathways and spend a lot of time searching for "wishing stones" amongst the pebbles. We are making a mosaic with the children to add some sparkle and "a touch of art" to this delightful space created by local landscaper Jeremy Pritt.

We find ourselves in another busy term with so many special days planned for the children. The Beachies group have attended the wonderful Oakura Primary School production of Cinderella and both groups will enjoy the Teddy Bear's Picnic and End of Year Fancy Dress Party coming later in the term.

Kaitake Kindergarten's Annual Christmas Craft Fair

- ◆ Christmas Gifts
- ◆ Stocking Fillers
- ◆ Great Food

Come for lunch and enjoy the fun!

Sunday 1 December
10am - 4pm
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Councillor's comments

A year has passed since the elections and it has just occurred to me that this has been a very busy time, pretty much full on actually. I admit I won't mind having a small break over Christmas. It seems like we have only just finished with the 2002/2003 Annual Plan and the next round is already underway for 2003/2004, with our Kaitake meeting on October 29th. By the time this has been published, the meeting will have been, so I hope you all saw the notices and were there. In the next few months, work will begin on the CBD upgrade and after Christmas on the beach front. Oakura is really feeling the effects of the economic growth in Taranaki, with people looking for accommodation/ housing etc out this way. This month I sat on two Environmental Hearings. I find these very interesting. One was the Bell Block by pass. It is amazing the amount of preparation the applicant needs to do for these cases. Also I have attended 13 meetings at the Council, and in the community have met with community people about tidying up the bank on the Highway by Donnelly Street, talked to the press about our busy little village and talked with some locals who are concerned with the amount of vehicles using the beach. There is a bylaw with regard to vehicles and horses on the beach, so a bit of publicity and awareness won't go astray. Maybe in this annual plan we can ask for funding for some clear signage, and an awareness campaign with regard to these matters. Also this month I helped the Women's Refuge with their art auction and managed to attend the grandparents afternoon at Central school.

AS OF NEXT MONTH I WILL BE AT THE NEW INFORMATION CENTRE EVERY 2nd THURSDAY BETWEEN 10am AND MIDDAY. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS REGARDING COUNCIL BUSINESS OR WOULD JUST LIKE TO CHAT, DROP BY. MY FIRST DAY THERE WILL BE THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

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- * Side dress vegetables with Complete Garden Fertiliser.

Flowers:

- * Sow seeds of summer flowers: cosmos, marigold, petunia, portulaca, verbena and zinnia.
- * To ensure healthy blooms, continue spraying roses and other ornamentals with Super Shield combination fungicide insecticide to prevent attacks from pests and diseases.
- * Side dress roses with Gro Plus Rose fertiliser.
- * Mulch around llflower beds with compost to conserve moisture in the soil.

Fruit Trees:

- * Apply Complete Garden Fertiliser to all fruit and citrus.
- * Spray stone fruit with Greenguard for control of Brown rot.
- * From late November onwards make fortnightly sprayings of Carbaryl to control Codlin moth on apple and pear trees.

Lawns

- * Spray Onehunga Wee with Yates Prickle weekiller

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Hoon Day at the Barrett's



The Barretts and Hiestands invited friends & family to their annual Hoon Day, this year held at Hurford Road. The smashing derby is held on the turnip paddock prior to sowing. Rules are: drive in the same direction, wear seat belts & helmets, no hitting stationary cars, otherwise smash to your heart's content. Cars are unrecognisable by the end of the day.

Penpals for Turkey !

"I'm from New Plymouth but now teaching English in a small town in Turkey. My students (mostly university and young business people) would love to correspond with New Zealanders to learn about NZ and to practise their English. Please send a letter introducing yourself and a like-minded penpal will be found! Thanks very much. Shelley Prestney, email bolu_english@yahoo.com".

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Kaitake Community Board

First, on behalf of the KCB I would like to congratulate Tracey and Michelle on the opening of their information centre. Also congratulations on another very successful year for the Oakura Messenger. The Kaitake ward is very fortunate to have such a high quality publication.

It was good to have such a good turn out for the evening held with NPDC officers to view the final draft of Shearer Reserve before work commences.

Clean Up NZ has been and gone but lets all remember to pick up any litter we see and bin it. Lets keep our district tidy for all.

Sue Henchman 752 7815

Local art and craft people get together

A group of six art and craft establishments have got together and produced a brochure especially for their Oakura businesses. It was felt that by combining local talent with a varied selection of work they could provide an art and craft trail for visitors to Taranaki. They believe local businesses will also benefit from this initiative as it will bring more people into the village.

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Legally Speaking

THE CASE OF THE NUDISTS AND THE MISSING CLAUSE

In my last article I discussed the approach of the Courts to interpretation of contracts. There was also a brief mention of the implied terms that may sometimes be read into contracts. A recent case has given a graphic illustration of how implied terms work.

Mr and Mrs Elsey were members of the Nelson Sun Club. They designed and built a bach on grounds owned by the Nelson Sun Club and took a 19 year lease of the site.

At the same time, the Club adopted a new Constitution which provided in part that if members' conduct was likely to discredit the Club, then the Club may consider withdrawing the right to permanent residency.

Two years later, Mr Elsey's membership was terminated at a Special General Meeting of the Club and eight months later Mrs Elsey's membership was also terminated. They were both served with trespass notices and required to leave the Club property.

Mr and Mrs Elsey refused to go claiming that their lease allowed them to remain.

On its face, the lease gave Mr and Mrs Elsey every right to remain where they were. There was no term linking membership of the Club to the continued right to occupy the land.

The Club argued that it was necessary for the lease to be read subject to an implied term that the lessee must remain a current member of the Club and that if they were no longer a member the lease came to an end.

In this case the Court considered that the tests for implying terms had been met and that it was appropriate for the lease to be read subject to the implied terms sought by the Nelson Sun Club. As a result, even though the lease did not say so in express terms, the Elsseys had to vacate the premises as a result of their membership having been terminated.

This case is a wonderful illustration of the principle that what might seem at first glance to be the whole story, may not necessarily turn out to be a complete answer. The rights which the lease seemed to give to Mr and Mrs Elsey were subject to amendment in the manner that the Sun Club had argued with the result that Mr and Mrs Elsey had to leave.

The irony in the present case is that Mr Elsey in earlier times was the author of his own misfortune, literally, because he was responsible for the drafting of the leases and the revised Constitution adopted by the Club.

Paul Anderson
24 October 2002

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Oakura Junior Sports Club

SOCCER IN OAKURA

The Oakura Junior Sports Club's soccer division is the biggest sport played within the Oakura Junior Sports Club.

The season started off with 125 children showing an interest in playing! 25 of these were from surrounding districts.

It is very rewarding as a Sports Club to be catering to so many children from the wider community as this is one of the reasons the Oakura Junior Sports Club was formed. The players came from: Devon Intermediate, New Plymouth Boys High, Oakura, Okato, Newell, Rahotu, Warea and Omata Schools.

A subcommittee was set up within the Sports Club to streamline and assist the soccer teams.

Chairman Mike Hareb and Soccer Co-ordinator Dom Squatriti, both on the sports club committee, have enjoyed the benefits of the committee's support and shared workload.

There were 11 teams- Aces, Hawkes, Tigers, Marlins, Stingrays, Sharks, Dolphins, Rangers, Redbacks, Hotspurs and Stormers. The players ranged in age from 5-14 years. In most grades boys and girls played in mixed teams.

The wet weather caused a lot of games to be cancelled in the early part of the season. There were many disappointed children on these Saturdays!

All teams played well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the season. It was great to see the improvement of players as the season progressed. The Hotspurs 13th grade team were placed 2nd in their Saturday competition.

The Rangers came 2nd in a 5-a-side tournament earlier in the year. The Marlins 9th grade team did very well in the Kiwi division, earning them a display game against Waitara at the official opening of the new Taranaki Yarrows Sports Stadium.

We have some very talented players; many gained Taranaki representative honours:-

Under 14 Girls Taranaki Rep Team: Tess Novak and the Taranaki Development Team: Jared Naumann.

Also- Adam Collins, Mathew Dickey, Tomas Dobson, Paige Hareb, Calum Ross, William Schroeder, Jack Smithers and Josh Walden. The 12th grade rep team, including these players, competed in the Fred Burton Tournament in September and was placed 5th over all.

During the season Dominic Squatriti, our Soccer co-ordinator, organised a "Small Whites" campaign. This taught the children specific soccer skills. A bronze, silver or gold certificate was given to recognize the children's level of achievement. Next season they will have the opportunity to extend their skills.

Pat Coxhead 752 7559

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Omata School goes bush !

During the first four weeks of Term 4 all the classes at Omata School are involved in a science topic: The Bush Environment. Omata has it's own area of native bush with a special bush classroom. Over the last few years the children have been actively involved in regenerating the bush and during the study they are learning more about the food web and how this can be destroyed by the introduced alien invaders such as possums and old mans beard. They realise the importance of caring for our native bush and what they can do to help in conservation.

A special aspect of the study is that the children work in mixed age co-operative groups, changing teachers each day. Children seem to enjoy this form of working, and it gives the older children the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. The younger children also grow in confidence; the family approach is an important focus of the school.

Mike Norris
Principal



Children of Omata School in their wonderful 'bush classroom'.

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From the Fire Brigade

Congratulations to the team at the Oakura Messenger for their great effort over the last two years; keep it coming!!!!!!!!!!!!

On the fire brigade scene we have not had many call outs over the last few weeks which is great for the community but we have been out and about assisting the plunket with their annual collection.

MEMBERSHIP We have had a couple of new members join, but still require more support from the community. IF YOU'RE KEEN PLEASE PHONE BRIAN 752 7677.

Over the next few weeks we are reviewing our fire plans for the district, mainly for rural, commercial, and business, but if rural property owners have concerns we will visit them. Please phone 752 7677 or 752 7725 Oakura fire station.

Plunket News

Good news – the Oakura Plunket Committee is to continue in the short term – YES, NEW MEMBERS ARE STILL NEEDED if a local area presence is to continue in the long term. There is very little fundraising required by our committee, it is just a great social way to make new friends in our area. Thank you to the Oakura Community for your donations during our annual house to house appeal in October. Also thank you to the Oakura Fire Brigade members for generously helping us with the appeal collection. Our coffee mornings are a good source of contact for mums/dads/caregivers. Please join us for these sessions on Fridays 9am during school terms, at the Oakura Library.

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Home Work

The structure of employment has changed significantly in recent times with education lasting longer, more women in paid jobs for lengthy periods and a labour force which has increased mobility and flexibility. In addition, manual work is less common, the duration of the working week has decreased and there is greater variety in the pattern of working hours.

Most notable among these changes has been the steady rise of people choosing to work from home. Figures from the 2000 Census show a total of 166,731 New Zealanders operating their businesses from home, with women accounting for 49% of the total. Over 7,200 people in the Taranaki region and 3,222 in New Plymouth City work from home.

In line with national trends, Oakura also has a growing proportion of successful home-based businesses. In forthcoming issues, The Oakura Messenger will profile a burgeoning number of local people who have made the decision to work from home. It will examine the issues that people face when setting up a business and the advantages and disadvantages of being based at home.

Gone are the days when any business based at home was described in the quaint terms of 'cottage industry'. Nowadays, many professional services, design and architecture, healthcare, landscaping, artists, tourism and hospitality ventures are run from non-commercial premises, with computer and web related goods and services sectors ranking top in representation of home run enterprises.

The unprecedented growth in numbers of home-based businesses reflects how much more broad and exciting the variety of resources and people are that exist within a district. Oakura and its surrounding area has to be one of the most diverse communities in Taranaki. The positive investment in these enterprises by these entrepreneurs must only add financial and social benefit to all.

Hilary Bennett

Readers' Remarks

We wish to question the motives of Butlers Reef in their recent placement of a sign blocking the new sign for Café Wunderbar.

Just when the community is beginning to pull together for the beautification and beachfront project and just when Oakura is welcoming many overseas guests, the management of Butlers Reef sees fit to place a second-rate sign right in front of the new sign for Café Wunderbar. The size of the Butler frontage provides a fantastic opportunity for the pub to use signage that gives them far more publicity and exposure than the sign which has been erected, obviously and hastily, with the sole purpose of blocking the Café Wunderbar sign.

Why? One can only assume that Butlers is threatened by the skills, talent and enthusiasm of the new Café Wunderbar team. Danger and David and their team bring back the enthusiasm and talent originally generated by Roger and Burnt Toast.

Butlers – there is room for everyone in the village – you do not have a monopoly. How about acting like a good village citizen and move your sign to where it will do you far more good and not be seen to be a spiteful act of poor sportsmanship.

Andrea W Needham & Jane Collins

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NPOB Surf Club

NPOB Surf club is a voluntary organisation whose primary function is to make Oakura Beach a safer place to swim by providing patrolled areas. Our members train hard to maintain and improve their skills both on the beach and in the water. We regularly test our skill in a variety of events such as running, swimming, board, ski canoe and IRB in competition against other clubs. Surf Club is a great family activity catering for all ages from 5 to 105. There's a role for everyone who wants to become involved.

Club opening day and registration day was Sunday of Labour weekend, but registrations will continue over the next few weeks. We would love to see new members join the club – just come into the club-rooms any Sunday morning and make yourself known. The club youth (children aged 5 years to 14 years) meet at 10.00 a.m. every Sunday morning at the surf club. Ring Lisa at 757 5247 for further information about the youth section.

Juniors and Seniors, aged 14 years up, meet and train at various times. The club runs a van from New Plymouth twice a day throughout the season to facilitate training for city members and has a training programme continuing throughout the summer. It's a great way to keep fit and meet positive, motivated people. Contact Sue at phone 751 1816 if you want to know more about the junior and senior sections of the club.

Our New Years carnival is held every year on the 1st January and has been running now for over 30 years. It's our main fund raising event of the year and continues to attract a large and loyal crowd. This year will be a mix of everyone's favourite activities and events plus a few surprises. We'll have more information on this in the next edition.

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Good day to all folk in the Oakura Area. Some great figures came out last week, showing in the regional statistics a substantial drop in the registered unemployed in the Taranaki region by 35.6%. Every other region in New Zealand has also recorded a decrease in unemployment from November 1999 to August 2002; unemployment is now at its lowest in 14 years, at 5.1% nationally.

Alongside the regionalisation of the Ministry of Social Development as introduced by Government in 2000, we have many fine examples of innovative local employment initiatives. Some of these include:

- Operation Priority Plus – a creative programme aimed at eliminating long-term unemployment.
- Forming partnerships with Taranaki Federated Farmers to match job seekers with dairy farming trainee positions.
- First Jobs programme – Placing young people in non-elementary jobs with employers who are prepared to mentor them and encourage their progress towards careers.
- Youth Works, in which voluntary organisations provide youth with an introduction to paid employment

October brings one of Taranaki's best times of the year, and we are in the midst of another extremely successful rhododendron festival. I thank all of you who make visitors welcome in our community for the valuable contribution you make.

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, it is indeed heartening to see more prosperity in the region, and with many exciting happenings in the 'pipeline' (excuse the pun) for Taranaki, I am sure you will join me in acknowledging what a wonderful area we live in.

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The Club is running smoothly, although we haven't had as many fish weighed in as we would have hoped. We are all looking forward to the summer time.

The lack of fish is not due to members staying indoors. Members are going out and giving it a go which is great to see. The recent Club days have been fizzers, because of the weather; however, the recent "Ali Krutz Memorial Trophy" tournament between the N P Surfcasting Club & the Oakura Surfcasting Club saw the trophy stay with the locals. O S C member Larry Eaton caught a Kahawai, and was lucky enough to land it. There were a few other hook ups as well, with local member Doc Brown having incredible bad luck hooking up 4 Kahawai and losing them at his feet. Although the weather was again terrible, it was great to see the good turn out by both Clubs. We look forward to reporting on the "Big Labour Weekend 3 Day Fish Anywhere" next month.

We still would love to have a few more Juniors and Ladies join our Club.

Tight Lines

Debbie Edgecombe

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CFFD

Marian Salisbury is the Taranaki Co-ordinator for the Christin Fellowship for the Disabled (CFFD) - interdenominational. They hold monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month at 2pm, with different guest speakers offering a wealth of knowledge and entertainment. The meetings are generally held at the Disabled Resource Centre on Young St. For more information call Marian on 752 7732.


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Wearable Arts Awards

The "Coastal Community" was so well represented in the Wearable Arts Awards with many talented designers/artists and models. This is what some of them had to say about their experience.

Teena Bennett, Dynamite Bay Youth Leader

Three club members modelled on the night and the Dynamite Bay kids came away with two winners trophies and a great cash prize.

Teena said "I thought it would be a good team building exercise and an opportunity for them to be creative.....they blew me out of the water. Denise Howe, Pauline Shannon and Julie Martul came along and helped keep the kids on task. I was really proud of the kids. I thought, especially with the bridal outfit, I was surprised how original it looked, it was a stand out. It looked like a fabric and on the stage it just moved beautifully the way it swung and that was a real thrill. I was very nervous watching them, I was nervous Holly's gloves would fall off. I was absolutely mind-boggled when we won, I couldn't believe it because the other costumes in the group were so wonderful. The prize will be spent on an end of year celebration and will contribute to running costs for next year.

Jendi Coxhead, Dynamite Bay - model/artist

"It was really neat fun. It was really exciting and a good experience. The choreography was made to suit the costume. Thank you to all the Dynamite Bay Students."

Holly Eaton, Dynamite Bay - model/artist

"Excited". Choreographer, Richard "pretty nice" Lois Finder taught me at course modelling... different.....bring the costume to the character."

Alison Powell, Dynamite Bay - model/artist

"It was real fun. I was real excited. It was really exciting when our costume won because I had helped design it and create it".

Okato College's Year 11 Textiles Technology Class - artists "Living Force" - Winner - Living Art - Student Section

Teacher, Katy Power said "It was a challenge to come up with ideas and work....really exciting....the girls were absolutely delighted. It was lots of fun to be creative and everyone's keen to do more entries next year. The show was very professional and to be a part of that was awe inspiring. The choreography made the costumes come to life.

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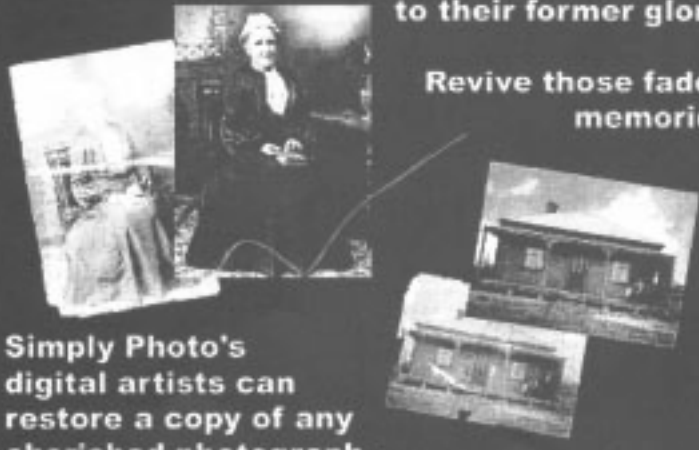
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Homework is to work out how to spend the prize."

Grace Power - artist "Flower Power"

"I think it was an exciting experience and I couldn't believe it and I really enjoyed making it. I was inspired going up Lucy's Gully one night....hydrangeas have a different texture.....probably the worst part would be sewing them on and the cat kept attacking them. When she went on stage to collect her award it felt like Mum had won a grammy."

Jillian Chitty - artist, Winner

"I was back-stage being a dresser. Because I wanted to do dry ice coming out of the pipes (of her design), while I was there I just got stuck in and helped where I could. It's crazy but exciting. I was on the side of the stage ... I wasn't ready for the whole winning thing when they said I'd won. My computer died so my prize will go to that. I am studying fashion design and entered as part of my course requirement. Anyone that's thinking about doing it, give it a go, it's a fun thing to do."

Viv Norris's Class - artists

Viv's class loved ripping up newspaper and getting knee-deep in shredded newspaper in the classroom. Viv said "It was a huge achievement, especially for 5 year olds as it's long process to get to the end result. With the prize money - they had a party and they had cheerios and drinks and healthy hedgehogs and they made party decorations.

Debbie Aston - artist

"There was quite a big improvement from last year...I enjoyed it. It's good for everyone to enter and I am impressed at the amount of young talent".

Debbie was accepted into the Oceania Section of Nelson's, World of Wearable Arts. Her garment has been kept there to exhibit.

Brigit Barleyman's Omata Primary School Students - artists

"They are all real characters", **Brittany McLean**

"Looks and feels real", **Bridget Allen**

"It ended up getting really messy", **Daniel O'Keefe**

"My favourite was "The Newsworthy Creature" because it looked like a hedgehog",

Julie Richardson

The cleaning lady was pleased when we had finished the construction.

Success for local photographer

Oakura landscape photographer Fay Looney has received accreditation for the America's cup. This entitles her to be on the water photographing the action. Congratulations Fay.

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Since opening day on Monday 14th October, we have been amazed and delighted by the number of visitors to the centre and the wonderful comments from tourists and locals alike. We have enjoyed all the publicity generated by our opening. This has been so good for Info+ and the village. Thank you TNL for the editorials and photos and thank you to Barnee at Classic Hits 90FM too.

Each month we will use this column to inform you of what is happening at the centre but this month we must use the space to thank some very special people who have helped to make Info+ what it is. Firstly, thank you to Peter MacDonald and the team at **TSB MacDonalds Realty**. Their contribution, as our major sponsor, has been enormous and not just financial - thanks Len and John for giving up your Sunday morning to paint the building (and Michelle's car!).



Janko Trading have provided a new computer and printer for our Internet users and **Telecom** have installed JetStream. Jan and Al at **Oakura Beach Camp and Store** have generously donated a computer for our office administration and **Egmont Ostriches** have loaned us a fabulous photocopier for our photocopying service. **Madgwick Graphics** have done a great job with our logo and signage; thanks Bruce. Thank you to the talented artists in our community for supplying their beautiful work to display. Thank you to the many businesses supplying brochures and promotional material to the centre - it is working - we've already booked accommodation in the village via email for "out-of-towners".

And thank you, thank you to the many visitors from the village, Taranaki and as far as Auckland and Waihi who have informed, quizzed and supported us and made us smile and value our initiative and contribution to the village.

What's On this month @ Info+

- **Art on the Wall** features **Sally Laing**, Oakura's enamel jeweller.
- Noel Belcher has a display of gourds for sale.
- Christine Tyson's "rock" work is available to view and purchase.
- Wearable Arts - a new exhibit each week.
- Items from The Kaitake Kindergarten Silent Art Auction may be viewed and bid for.
- Thursday 14th Councillor Pam Street will be available between 10am - 12 noon.
- Saturday 16th Meet Sally Laing at the centre 1pm - 3pm.

For villagers and visitors to make the most of the centre, Info+ needs volunteers to assist for two or three hours each week. Thank you to Sarsha Hood, Andrea Needham, Pauline Shannon and Jodie Temata for your recent contribution.

Hope to see you this month @ Info+, Michelle and Tracey

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The Decorating Guru' Tip of the month

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A Hall was built on Mr Clemow's land, opposite the Omata Stockade on South Road. The Omata Public Hall Society was set up in June 1917.

In 1956, South Rd was widened and the Omata Hall was demolished.

Now the closest available hall was the Hurford Rd hall. This hall was first opened in 1891 by Mr Richard Morgan and cost 146 pounds. This was on land donated by the Dawes and now owned by Trevor and Christine Robinson. It was destroyed by fire and was rebuilt in 1932 by volunteers; farmers donated bobby calves to purchase materials. Hurford Rd hall's fate was sealed in 1988 when cyclone Bola lifted it off its piles; it was beyond repair.

The new OMATA COMMUNITY HALL was opened in 1994. This hall has been used extensively within the community and at one stage doubled as an extra classroom. The school roll at around 100 students now means the hall is packed on every occasion.

Other interesting facts....

Alcohol was prohibited within a quarter of a mile of the hall. The local boys would hide their beer under a hedge just outside this boundary. Patrons parked their cars in Mr Penwarden's paddock.

World War two servicemen were welcomed home with a party in the hall. 21st birthdays, euchre, Omata School end of year concerts, fancy dress balls, bridal showers, WFFF, Farmers Union Meetings, Polling Booth, Annual meetings of the Royal Oak Factory, table tennis, weddings, bowls, home guard training were all held in the Omata Hall.

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