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Jobhop helps build economic resilience at a local level by making it easy for businesses to find and pay staff by the hour. This creates local jobs for local people. For example, if a business needs someone to come in for a few hours to babysit, mow lawns or do accounts, they can simply post a job on Jobhop and select a candidate.

But Jobhop works in other ways to support communities. The collaboration between Ōākura School and Jobhop was formed as a way for Jobhop to give back to their community.

"We're a local company, and it's important to us to support our own people," says John, an Ōākura local. "It's good to get a bit of resilience and keep the money flowing in our own area, but we wanted to go a step further and make sure that some of it is going directly where it's needed."

Along with fellow Directors of Jobhop Marlies Butland-Delfos and Gordon Heggie, John approached Lynne Hepworth, Principal of Ōākura School with the idea for Jobhop to donate directly to the school.

"We saw the opportunity in it," says Lynne. "The system they've developed is community-focused, and for us it takes the work out of fundraising."

When people sign up to Jobhop using Ōākura school's special link, they're connected to Ōākura school's Jobhop account. Every time they use the platform to find a worker or do a job, Jobhop's system automatically makes a donation to Ōākura school. There's no extra costs to workers or businesses.

"We're all supporting each other," says Lynne. "We're working together to support families, businesses and the school."

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# Kaitake Community Board

This month's column brings tidings of significant changes to your Kaitake Community Board.

Doug Hislop has stepped down from the Board after almost two decades of dedicated and distinguished service to the Ōākura Community, and to the New Plymouth District as a whole.

There is never a good or an easy time for someone of Doug's calibre and community standing to resign from public office, but the time has come for him to redirect his time and energy to both his families and to his own well-being.

In true Doug Hislop style, the timing of when he tendered his resignation was done as part of a well thought out succession plan, to allow for a smooth transition of responsibilities and ensure there will be some experience remaining at the table after the Local Body Elections in October 2022. This will also ensure that the ratepayers will not be encumbered with the unnecessary expense of having to pay for a by-election to find a replacement for the vacant board position.

I take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone who has resided in the Kaitake area over the past twenty years, to pass on our thanks and appreciation to Doug for everything he has done for this community during his time in office, and to wish him well for some long overdue and much deserved 'him time'.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui e hoa

And now for some introductions;

I am Graham Chard, and I have the honour of being appointed the new Chair of the Kaitake Community Board.

I was born on the coast, raised in New Plymouth, left Taranaki to join and to serve in the military within New Zealand and at various locations around the world. I then returned home to settle back on the coast and set up

and run my own hospitality businesses. I am of Māori (Taranaki/Te Whānau-ā-Apanui) and European (Scottish/English) descent, and this is my second term on the KCB.

We also have a newly appointed KCB member - Renee Hohaia.

Renee and her husband are locals, born and bred. Renee is a wife, mum, local business owner/operator, and an active community supporter. The KCB is fortunate, given her full and busy lifestyle, that she is willing to offer her youth, enthusiasm and skills to this community board's table.

There are a number of things going on around this community at the moment that the KCB is involved with.

The review of the way the residents of the New Plymouth District will be represented at local body elections next year is progressing, and submissions relating to what the NPDC is proposing will have been presented to the Mayor and Councillors by the time you read this. Your Community Board has been lobbying hard in an effort to provide a better platform to allow your voices to be heard at the Council table, and it is our hope that you will be able to read, in the mainstream media, of the fruits of our labour.

Work is also progressing to resolve some of the traffic safety problems throughout the Kaitake area. Working with Waka Kotahi – the New Zealand Transport Agency – is proving to be something of a challenge due to their bureaucratic processes. However, key players in the Council Planning and Infrastructure Team are strongly on side with us, acknowledging the need to address many of the issues and demonstrating a commitment to continue to work toward satisfactory resolutions to those issues.

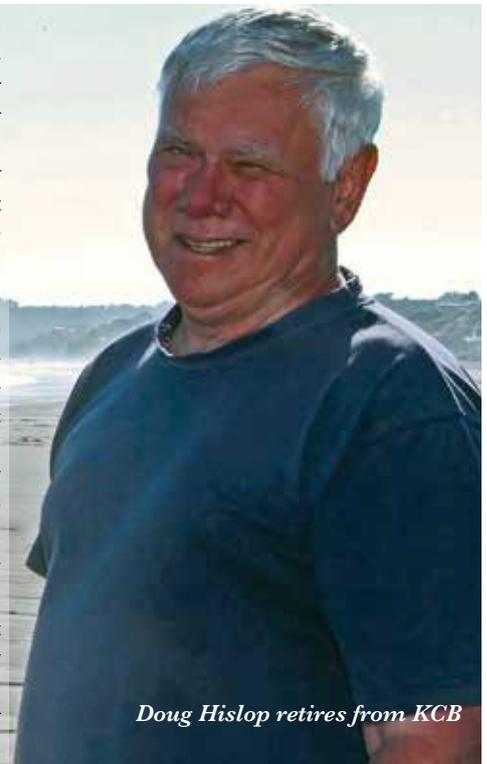
Finally, the KCB is formalising plans to commit some of the Community Board Discretionary Funding to initiate a variety of smaller projects that have been tabled by the KCB over

a number of years, but have not been able to gain enough traction or support to get over the funding line. It is our hope that we will be able to report more concrete progress in this space by the publication of the next edition of The Ōākura Post.

It sadly looks as though we will be subject to another COVID disrupted summer so I urge all of you to stay safe, look after one another, and take some solace in the fact that we reside in one of the safest (and most beautiful) places on the planet.

That's it for my first ever contribution to the Kaitake Community Board column of this esteemed publication.

Tangohia tiaki tātou katoa, ka kite anō au i a koutou – Take care all of you, see you all again



*Doug Hislop retires from KCB*

*The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held on Monday 29 November at the Hempton Hall, Ōkato at 5pm.*

*Graham Chard (027 220 4549, thechardz@gmail.com)*

*on behalf of Paul Coxhead, Paul Veric, Renee Hohaia and Amanda Clinton-Gohdes (the Councillor representative on the KCB)*

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The last couple of years have certainly thrown Taranaki business owners several large curve balls to deal with. As business advisors, we've been able to see and support our clients through a huge array of challenges.

Our HR team has been fielding a lot of calls about employment legislation and payroll; our Audit and Business Computing teams has been working with business owners to protect their businesses from internal theft or fraud or ensuring their IT systems are robust and secure while staff remote work; our Marketing team has been helping businesses understand how to communicate better or grow their brand;

our Information Systems team has been helping businesses streamline their activities with bespoke software and systems; and our Payroll, Tax and Accounting teams have been super busy making sure everyone is on top of all the covid payments, resurgence payments, payday filing, legislation changes and the unique tax issues that come with running or growing a business.

To say we've been busy is an understatement. But it's also been a privilege to support and guide so many Taranaki businesses through these challenging times. As a local business ourselves with almost 100 staff across our two offices in NP and Stratford, we've also had to learn to operate differently and suffice to say there's been lots of valuable lessons for us too

– lessons we're more than happy to share with our valued clients.

We're proudly local and looking forward to 2022 where we can continue to support, advise and build resilience and capability in to the Taranaki business community. If you're thinking about working on your business, or want to do some workshops (part-funded) to ensure you have a strong business future, we'd love to work with you.

Get in touch for a no-obligation chat and a coffee to find out more about what we can do for you and if we might be the right fit for your unique business. We're much more than just the numbers. Email: [taranaki@bakertillysr.nz](mailto:taranaki@bakertillysr.nz) or phone 06 757 3155 and let us know what areas of your business you might like help with.



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**W**aking up in a new country every month during a pandemic has been my life for the past 18 months.

My adventure started with a university exchange in Copenhagen that ended having unintended consequences that changed my lifestyle into a nomadic one for the past year and a half.

My original plan was to complete a six month science exchange at the University of Copenhagen. When I left for Denmark in January 2020 there were only whispers of COVID-19, neither my friends nor I expected it to turn out to be anything more than a random headline about an issue far away from us.

A couple of months into my exchange the whispers of COVID proceeded to get louder until everything turned crazy in March. My friends and I had taken a trip to Berlin when we saw our first warnings about the contagion and from then on talk of COVID-19 began to dominate our conversations.

By May, most exchange students from outside Europe were forced to return to their home countries. I made the decision to stay, based on my group of European friends who also elected to stay and finish their exchange.

While university was closed and classes online, my friends and I managed to have the best six months of our lives and became the closest of friends.

After the end of my exchange, I flew to Rome with one of my South African/NZ friends who had also stayed in Europe. It was surreal travelling around during a pandemic as there weren't any other tourists, so we had the Colosseum, the Pantheon and other sites all to ourselves.

I am not known for making plans, I let my impulsiveness drive me. This worked out well during a pandemic as plans were constantly evolving, so being impulsive worked out well.

When the manager at my hostel in Rome offered me a volunteer position I thought why not? But first I needed to fly to Paris and meet up with some of my Parisian friends who showed me around the city from a local's perspective. Then I caught a bus to Frankfurt, went on to Hamburg to visit an old friend of mine and then flew back to Rome to work at that hostel. I stayed in Rome for four months.

Month three in Rome I finally got the dreaded



# Covid Experience

By Lindsey Ellington

virus. I was very sick the first week and then an overall tiredness set in that only allowed me to stay awake for a few hours every day. I spent 23 days in quarantine in a hostel in Rome, being tested every week until I had two negative COVID tests.

Soon after I flew to Vienna to live with a friend I'd met in Rome. I stayed there for a few months, living mostly lockdown, then went to Budapest to stay with my best friend and her family. I was able to get into the country only by train with proof of already having had COVID. However, due to COVID restrictions I couldn't stay and decided to move to Kitzbuhel, which is a ski town in the Tyrolian Alps.

I stayed there for about a month working at another hostel, skiing only a few days as the country went into another lockdown so I decided to leave. I flew to Lisbon Portugal. Unfortunately they also were having a bad outbreak and the country locked down. Eventually I found a job opportunity in Spain in Gran Canary down by

Morocco. I lived and worked there doing various jobs, again for several months.

One benefit of Covid was that my classes were all offered online, so academically I did not get behind with my studies. I have been studying online through Victoria University while I was travelling and was able to finish my degree and graduate. My time spent in Europe was more affordable than living in Wellington as I have been living/eating in hostels in exchange for work.

I met an Italian boy in Gran Canary and after a few days of knowing each other, he got pneumonia from COVID. Though he was only 24, he had to spend a week in the hospital. We spent the summer living in the USA with my grandparents as my student visa expired and I had to leave the EU. We have stayed together and live in a flat in Groningen.

I am now working on my masters degree at the University of Groningen studying evolutionary ecology. I cannot get back into New Zealand, even though I am a citizen, had COVID and have been vaccinated. There's no room in the MIQ. I miss my family and would love to be able to come home for a visit.

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## Jimi and Wairangi Story

*Ōākura match Jimi and Wairangi enjoyed Taranaki's outdoor playground during their hangouts together. They spent time along the coastal walkway, exploring Ōākura beach and hanging at Jimi and Kim's house under the Kaitake ranges. Jimi would take Wairangi to his rugby matches, walk the dogs and help care for the farm animals. Simple, low-key activities that built their friendship over 12 months. This match closed recently as Wairangi's family moved out of the region but Jimi enjoyed his experience as a mentor and is keen to continue being part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters whānau in another match.*

**B**ig Brothers Big Sisters began in America over 100 years ago and has grown into the most widely established and reputable mentoring organisation in the world.

Each year more than 900 New Zealand children and young people aged between 6 and 18 years benefit from the support of a carefully screened and trained Big Brother or Big Sister mentor.

In Taranaki alone, Big Brothers Big Sisters has over 120 amazing volunteers matched with over 120 young people from the community. The Trust is a partnership with New Plymouth Police, Todd Energy & TOI Foundation.

The Taranaki programme includes two distinct mentoring options: community-based mentoring matches for members of the public; and school-based mentoring matches for the corporate sector.

This a win/win initiative ensuring young people build early and meaningful relationships based on respect and trust with their mentors and their community.

Research has highlighted the powerful, positive and lasting impact of volunteer mentors on children's lives. The Big Brothers Big Sisters



# Big Brothers Big Sisters of Taranaki

model of mentoring has been affirmed by rigorous and ongoing external evaluation.

Independent research has shown that positive relationships between youth and their Big Brothers and Big Sisters mentors has a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. Mentored boys are 2x less likely to develop negative conducts like bullying, fighting, lying, cheating or losing their temper.

Meanwhile, mentored girls are 4x less likely to

bully, fight, lie or express anger than girls without a mentor.

*If you are interested in learning more about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Taranaki check out our website <https://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz/taranaki> or find us on facebook*

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	5.30pm - 6.45pm Flow with Grace bookings essential	4.15pm - 5.15pm Resilient Teens with Julia 8 week commitment	4.40pm - 5.30pm Little Yogis (6-10 yrs) with Becky 8 week commitment		
5.30pm - 6.30pm Beginners Yoga with Kate 6 week commitment			6.00pm - 7.15pm Flow with Natasha bookings essential	5.30pm - 6.45pm Yin with Rosa bookings essential	
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# Kaitake Golf Club

## Mens Report:

The Men have just finished TOP DOG competition with the winners being Roger Clokey and Ian Johnson who played against Steve Rudlesden and Doug Mulholland.

The course is looking so good at the moment and we are lucky with all the volunteers we have and must point out that without the volunteers the course would be very difficult to be in top condition without their help. Big thanks go to our greenkeeper and his volunteers. If anyone out there is looking to fill in a couple of hours, you don't need to be a golfer to come help and meet up with an awesome bunch of people. Give Denise a call at the office 06 7527665.

## Ladies Report:

The 9 Hole Club Championships have now been completed. Raewyn Bishop, our 1st Division Champion played a very close match against Christine Alexander. 1 up after 8 holes, she then sealed the deal with a 2 on the 9th to take the match. The 2nd Division final was even all the way, with Yvonne Hildred taking the win over Kay Stachurski by going to an extra hole.

Raewyn Bishop and Lorraine Parthemore teamed up together to win the Taranaki Womens 18 Hole Strokeplay Foursomes, whilst the 18 Hole Division played 27 Holes at Manukorihi recently. This was the first year there has been a competition for 9 Holes. Well done to the Kaitake ladies winning this inaugural event. They carded a 1 under net 71. Kaitake were well represented at this tourna-

ment with Mary Pettigrew and Kim Woodward featuring in the 18-hole prize list.

About forty past women members attended a morning tea hosted by present members. Memories and old friendships were re-kindled. A drive around the course to see the changes made over the years was appreciated by several of these women. The occasion was prompted by the recent resignation of two of our long-term members.

Shirley Aspinall and Ann Murdock have both put their clubs away after many golfing years, playing 18 holes and more recently 9 Holes. Shirley is renowned for the ditties she composed and recited at various golfing occasions. A ditty she wrote for the club's 80-year jubilee was read out and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Sunday 7th November we are hosting the Taranaki Women's Golf "Bring a Birdie" day. This is a way to encourage new women to give golf a try. The format is Foursomes. A new or returning player (the Birdie) teams up with an existing player and they play 9 holes, alternate shots. If you would like to play, or know any women who may like to join in, we can arrange a partner or you can ask anyone you choose to partner you. Let Andrea know by 5th November if you want to join us.

Dates for upcoming events:

- Tue 2 Nov - Melbourne Cup 9 Hole Ambrose
- Sun 7 Nov - Taranaki Women's Golf 'Bring a Birdie'
- Sat 13 Nov - 18 Hole Club Champs Finals Day



*Shirley Aspinall (left) and Ann Murdock*

Sun 21 Nov - Kaitake Open Christmas Hamper (Men and Women)

Sun 28 Nov - Ladies 18 Hole Shootout Final

Fri 3 Dec - Club Dinner and Prizegiving

Sat 11 Dec - Club Christmas Hamper

Typical Taranaki we have had so much rain lately and also have had to have our septic tank replaced. Therefore so much earthmoving diggers and trucks made a mess of our car park, but thanks to Downers it is now back to looking like a car park again.

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Well that's a wrap for the 2021 season. Thanks to all the ladies who participated this year. A bit of an interrupted year due to COVID but it was still great to be back on court when we could.

We had some of the high school girls join in our competition which was great to share some court time with them. Kaitake has also entered a Spring League team - good luck girls for that.

If there are any high school girls who are interested in joining a Kaitake team for the 2022 Netball Taranaki Winter Season, please contact Bob Fleming (bob-fleming@xtra.co.nz).

On Sunday 14th Nov at 3pm we are holding our season wrap up drinks at the Surf Club. Hope to see those who played this year there.

For those who have never been along but are keen to join next year, we will be starting again Term 2 and 3 of next year. Keep an eye out for notifications on our facebook page (Kaitake Netball Club).

Until next year, ka kite anō.

**Toni Peacock**

# Toy Drive for Christmas Gifting

The Ōākura Makers' Market has been a village institution for the last five years. Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty around Covid restrictions, it has been cancelled this year.

The aim of the market was to be a day where the community comes together, supports local, catches up while having an ice cream in hand and walks away feeling connected with others. A beautiful spinoff was the support we were able to offer to those most vulnerable during the Christmas season. All stall fees and proceeds from a raffle went towards The Gift. The Gift was created by Tu Tama Wahine kaimahi Michelle Ramage and supports families in need over the festive season. Through the market we were able to support many families and buy gifts for newborns through to the elderly.

Unfortunately due to logistics we are unable to run the market online, but still wanting to support the community we are launching a TOY DRIVE. If you feel you'd like to share a bit of Christmas joy, please drop off a toy (new) for any age child to 59 Dixon street before the 1st of December. We will deliver it on behalf of the Makers' Market community to Michelle Ramage. Include your contact details to receive a raffle ticket and be in the running to win a basket of goodies as a thank you for your donation.

This year has been an especially difficult one for many families, so still being able to support families without running our market would be phenomenal. No child should be without a bit of Christmas magic.

Feel free to check out the Facebook page Oakura Makers' Market or contact Lizaan on Lizaan\_vn@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

**Lizaan, Suki and Tania**

*You can also support mums and dads through The Gift organisation. Rachael Hareb is taking donations now so she and her team of friends can create shoeboxes of goodies such as shampoo/conditioner, bodywash, moisturiser, hand cream, shavers, chocolate, deodorant, socks, nail polish, unwanted gifts (must be new), face creams, coffee mugs, coffee, chocolate, boxer shorts, hair brushes, sunblock, candles ... You can drop these to 37 Wairau Road by 21 November or contact Rachael 0212549511*

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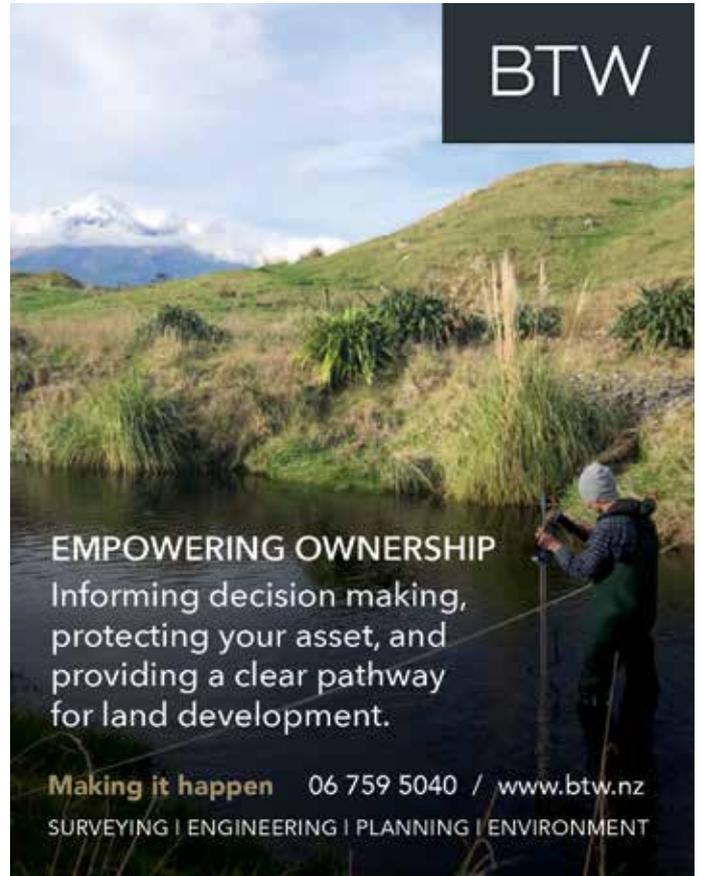
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GSNZ Head of School, Caroline Rennie, says these action-oriented projects are a great way for the students to relate to the real world and expand their learning, while keeping community wellbeing as a core focus.

"Our learners are connecting with and learning from local entrepreneurs, they're identifying community needs and addressing them, applying what they learn in the classroom and gaining so much confidence and pride along the way through leading something that has a wider environmental or social benefit."

Read on to hear how Rory and Harris explored their passions.



### Rory Coomey – Year 6

Rory collected plastic animal feed bags from around the community and filled them with organic compost to sell and raise money for charity. At the heart of Rory's project was a desire to limit the amount of plastic going to landfill. He also wanted to make Return 2 Earth bio compost more accessible to the community. Through his efforts, Rory raised a significant amount of money for his chosen charity, Parafed Taranaki.



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### Harris Krough – Year 11

With a love for mountain biking, Harris decided to build a mountain bike track on campus for the community to enjoy. Over four weeks, he designed the track, sourced materials, collaborated with community members, and organised working bees. He also formalised a health and safety plan, not only for those using the track, but to minimise track erosion and environmental impact. His project was a huge success and the track is used daily by the school and wider community.

### Upcoming Community Events

**Green School Open Day - Friday 26 November, 1.30pm - 3.30pm**  
Join us for a campus tour and hear from some of our current learners and teachers about the Green School curriculum. Please feel free to register your interest by emailing [admissions@greenschool.nz](mailto:admissions@greenschool.nz).

# Ōākura Bowling & Social Club

## Opening Day

A brisk and cool Taranaki afternoon welcomed in the opening day roll-up and the start of the Ōākura Bowling Club 2021/2022 season. It was terrific to see new faces alongside the usual suspects enjoying the friendly banter around the green and later in the club rooms. The club welcomes two new playing members, Aad Schrader and Pat Walklin. Pat and Aad are highly experienced bowlers and will be great additions to the club both socially and on the green. As per Club tradition, Roy Phillips (club patron) delivered the first jack of the day while Alan Bridgeman (life member) rolled down the opening bowl to begin the season.

## Tournaments

The midweek Wanderers along with the Saturday Shield and Pennants tournament are in full swing, with the Ōākura Bowling Club fielding strong teams in all competitions. Paul Coxhead is organising and selecting the teams for the mid-week competitions and thumbs up to all the players who compete each week, hail, rain or shine. Keep up the enthusiasm and dedication. November bowling action will see Ōākura field talented sides in both the Division 1 Bill Smee and Division 2 interclub competitions. The Bill Smee is Bowls Taranaki premier interclub event and it is great to see an Ōākura team take on the best bowlers in the province.

## Club Championships

The hotly contested Championship Fours are down to the final three teams. The quartet of Alan Bridgeman, Bob Anderson, Kevin Fleming and Paddy Mullin have secured a well-earned final berth and will play the winner between the Pat Walklin lead team of Peter Radich, Andy Shearer and Ray Haslip and the foursome of Aad Schrader, Wayne Robinson, Rod Smith and Norm Lofthouse. Good luck to all bowlers.

## Club News

Great news on the signage sponsorship with BTW, Smiths Sparky Services, Turners Cars, Summit Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, Central Turf, Jean Sandel, Z Petrol, Butlers Reef, Raceway Mowers and Cycles, Bayleys Taranaki, Craigs Investment Partners and the Ōākura Medical Centre/Skin on 45 all recommitting their support to the club in the upcoming season. It is fantastic to see the above organisations getting behind their local bowling club and we encourage not only members but the wider community to utilise their products/services wherever possible.

The club is running a bowls3five Melbourne Cup Day roll-up on Tuesday 2nd November. Play will start at 1.30pm with two games lasting approximately two hours total. The community is invited along to either enjoy a game of bowls or simply have a few drinks and view the running of the big race.

Building the playing membership base is an important and challenging issue for any sporting club. The Ōākura Bowling Club is offering all first-year bowlers a package deal of \$50 fees for the initial year, club polo shirt, a set of pre-loved bowls and coaching sessions. For more information about this great offer please call Steve Muller – Match Convenor 021 169 5863.

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1 cup soy TVP (optional)

1.5 blocks of Zenzo cheese grated

1½ Tbsp black pepper

1 Tbsp salt

3 Tbsp dried mixed herbs

2/3 cup tomato relish

Mix everything together in a very large bowl. Squeeze with your hands until it sticks together. This makes quite a lot. At this stage it can be chilled for a few days or frozen for later use.

Cut your good quality vegan flaky pastry into strips – about 13cm wide and as long as you want. Brush the top long edge with water.

Squeeze the filling into a long sausage shape on the pastry and roll up. Make sure the seam is on the bottom. Brush lightly with water on the top and sprinkle with seeds of your choice. Cut to size and bake on a greased tray for 30min at 200C

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# Ōākura Tennis Club

The warm weather and longer evenings are perfect to get back out on the tennis court. Anyone who watched the US Open will be inspired by the talented and professional performances of the two 18 year old finalist women.

Our AGM was held recently and sees Graeme, Jackie and Gavin retain the president, secretary and treasurer roles respectively. We are currently looking for a junior convenor, if anyone wants to help out. On the committee we have Anne Bridges, Toni Peacock, Tash Lewis, Lee Lash, Roseanne Donovan, Sue Oldfield and Chris Young.

Saturday competition starts on 30th of October so anyone wanting to play can get in touch, all are welcome. Ladies' midweek teams are also being organised for those that are free on a Monday for some doubles competition.

Juniors' tennis is thriving with lots of kids enrolled for coaching with Monica. Juniors' competition is on a Friday after school and is a great opportunity to put all that coaching into practise.

Our planned opening on 17th September was cancelled due to uncertainty with COVID lockdowns so you didn't miss it! Anyone wanting to get involved in tennis in some way can contact [www.blitztennis.nz](http://www.blitztennis.nz) for any coaching bookings or enquiries, Jackie for any other enquires.

Thursday nights practise night will get underway once competition starts at the end of October. Usually this is held at the clubhouse on Donnelly Street. There has been a slight change to the competition format this year, A2 and A3 Saturday competition teams now consist of 4 men and only 2 women so there will be two less games of mixed doubles played, which may help shorten the day. Soffe cup competition remains a team of 4 men and 4 women. Due to not having an opening session, anyone interested can either contact Jackie or head along to a Thursday practise night from 5.30pm beginning end of October.

Coaching enquires contact blitz tennis website.

Competition and membership enquires, contact Jackie Keenan 027 673 2900

## President Report 2021



2020-21 has been a year of disruptions with lockdowns and covid.

Luckily, we managed to run a few surf comps, Senior club champs, Mike Christensen memorial and twin fin event. We are looking to run young kids this summer in November.

With club support we saw a few of our older groms heading around NZ, competing in National events with some good results and fun times.

The club is looking to upgrade the outside area and deck in winter of 2022. The plans are done and the funding process has started.

A big thanks to Casey Stevens for all the great work with surf coaching she has done over the past few years and we wish her all the best for her teacher studies. Simon Deken will be taking up the surf coaching role this summer.

The club has extended its licence for Sunday arvos and Thursday nights. Paul Christophers will be keeping us up to date with future happenings on these days. Fridays are our club family nights.

Big thanks to all the New Sponsors that have signed up for three years and all the past and present members that have helped support OBC over the last year.

I would also like to thank all the committee members that work hard behind the scenes and keep the club running for all of us to enjoy.

Let's hope we have a great warm dry summer so we can enjoy the waves and beach with the family.

Thanks , Luke Florence



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# Upcoming Events/Tarnakai Carnival Dates

- Patrol Captain Course – Saturday 6 November @ The Red Shed
- Junior Surf starts – Sunday 7 Nov 10am
- NPOB Junior Carnival - Sunday 21st November, Ōākura Beach - Time TBC
- East End Long Distance Senior Event - Friday 26th November, East End, 5:15pm
- East End Stan Bridger Senior Carnival - Sunday 28th Nov, East End – Time TBC
- Ōpūnake Double Carnival - Sunday 19th December, Ōpūnake Beach
- Juniors start 10:00am
- IRBs start 1:30pm
- Fitzroy Junior Carnival – 23rd January, Fitzroy Beach – Time TBC
- Taranaki Senior Champs - 5th and 6th of February, Fitzroy Beach, Time TBC
- Taranaki IRB Champs – 6th February, Fitzroy Beach, Time TBC
- Taranaki Junior Champs -13th February, East End Beach, Time TBC
- Junior Champs Twilight - Friday 18th Feb at NPOB, 5:30pm
- Senior Twilight – 4th of March at NPOB - Time TBC
- Senior End of Season Carnival – March 20th, East End Beach - Time TBC

As always the best way to keep updated with what is happening at NPOB is to join the facebook page – NPOB Surf Club.



## NPOB Surf Life Saving Club

After a crazy COVID finish to the end of the 2020-21 season, the 2021-22 season is ready to kick off and, fingers crossed, kick COVID at the same time.

Please remember everyone must follow COVID rules at all times. If you are visiting the club at any point please ensure you scan the QR code displayed. During levels 3 and 4 the club is closed, this includes the changing rooms. If you are unwell please stay at home.

NPOB lifeguards will be back on the beach with volunteer patrol every weekend from Saturday 27 November, 1-5pm. If you are interested in helping in any way please get in contact; all help is appreciated. Regional/weekday patrol starts 13 December and goes through to 28 January; thereafter the regional guards will be on the beach after school (4pm to 7.30pm) until 25 February. It will be great having the guards around when the beach is typically busy with a hopefully hot and sunny February.

If you are wanting to join the club this season, below are links to register with NPOB for the 2021-22 season:

- New Members - <https://forms.gle/1kg5qQC27ZUPfmon7>
- Returning Members - <https://forms.gle/14ntbKVuvVHorcx67>

Junior Surf starts Sunday 7 November, 10am and thereafter every Sunday 10am to midday. Any changes or cancellations will be notified through the NPOB Surf Club Facebook page. Our sessions start at 10am sharp with a briefing in front of the surf club (beach side). Please ensure you arrive 15 minutes prior to get organised so you are ready to go by 10am. Remember, the NPOB surf cap and fluoro vest are compulsory. You will find them listed under essentials on the NPOB Tsunami store, <https://npob-surfclub.tsunami-sport.com/>

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Sarah Wilson's 'First, we make the beast beautiful' is one woman's journey of how to "live the better life with anxiety".

'The Good Life: What makes a life worth living' by Hugh Mackay, a question he explores and the distractions we face along the way.

Happy reading, Charlie & Vincenza



## Coming Up

### November

- 1-5 Y7/8 Camp to Wellington
- 3 Y1/2 Ball Skills at Ōākura 1pm
- 4 Y3/4 Ball Skills at Ōākura 1pm
- Y1-6 Folk Dance Display 5:30pm
- 8 Pet Week
- 17 Ukulele/Marimba Festival 6:30pm
- 25 Playgroup Christmas Party
- 26 Y5-8 Ōmata Idol 1:30pm

## The Second Lockdown

Mid-way through term 3, New Zealand was suddenly plunged back into Level 4 lockdown, and we were once again reminded of vocabulary that we had learnt in 2020.

Concepts such as zoom meetings, online learning, bubbles and physical distancing. There were a flurry of emotions felt and it was a shock to the system being sent back into lockdown, after not hearing about it for so long. We were provided with plenty of varied learning opportunities, and were encouraged to participate in whatever we could. Many of us sent through photos of our learning, both inside and outside of the house. Most of our extra curricular and sporting opportunities had to be cancelled or postponed, such as our cross country and sports exchanges.

It was a massive relief to return back to level 2 and some semblance of normality. I think that everyone was relieved to get back to a new type of normal.

By Louis Hickson

## Ōākura Fire Brigade

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Once again a safe and relatively quiet month here in the village for our brigade and as much as we love the action we also love that everyone is keeping safe.

Spring is in the air and there are a few things you can do to make your homes a little safer.

1. If you didn't check at daylight savings then please make sure you test your smoke alarms and change the batteries should you need to, even give them a little vacuum to keep the cobwebs out.
2. With the evenings getting longer some of you will be tempted to hone your BBQ skills before the summer season kicks off. Now there's nothing wrong at all with a little pre-season BBQ training but just be sure to check that fat drip tray isn't overflowing (gross) and ensure that your gas connections are nice and tight, also don't forget to stretch.
3. Keep an eye on the tree growth around your property particularly around any wires or electrical cables

That's enough homework for the month, oh, and next time you drive past the station check out our shiny new doors, it's great to have the place back to normal again.

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## Cross Country Events



The next major event in Oākura School during term 3 was the much anticipated (in a good way and bad way) cross country events. Just like the Oākura Idol, the cross country was a little different this year.

We split our cross country into two events, a competitive cross country on our school grounds for committed runners who wanted to compete in further events, and a Colour Run, which was a non-competitive fun run event.

During term 3, the year 7 and 8 students worked with a parent from our school, Hayden Shearman from TempoFit and were introduced to a 5 week official training programme called 'Run Revolution'. This was also made possible by funding from the Sport Taranaki Tu Manawa funding.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we did training in the form of timing ourselves and finding our own running pace, improving our running techniques and knowledge of how to run effectively, as well as playing fun games that tested and helped us to develop our fitness.

We built up to Friday 'Fun Runs' that got longer and longer each week. After 5 weeks (and a lockdown), the students' training finally led up to a 5km 'Colour Run' at the end of the term that was compulsory for all year 7 and 8s. This was also the same Colour Run that other non-competitive runners participated in.

There was a great party vibe, with students dressing up in bright colours and costumes, music, flags and balloons at the finishing chute. The FOOS (Friends of the School) also came and supported us by providing a sausage sizzle for all runners.

TempoFit overall was a really fun, inspiring take on running. Hayden even provided us with exercises to keep up our fitness over lockdown. It was a great experience and I think it completely changed senior students' views and attitudes towards running.

**Ella Kitson (age 12)**



**Phoebe Bennett**

## Oākura Idol

The end of term 3 has been busy for Oākura School. Luckily we have had our annual things like the Oākura Talent Show and the Cross Country go ahead.

This year, due to the unexpected lockdown, things have changed up a little, but these events have, fortunately, still gone ahead and our students have been very excited.

Oākura Idol is Oākura School's unique annual talent show. It was a competition started by the Head Pupils of 2015, and it is now an event that our Head Pupils organise and run every year. The first round of auditions just finished in the last week of term 3.

There were eight groups of performers that made it through to the semi-final round in term 4. There have been so many amazing talents revealed and endless creativity. It is always great to see a range of ages compete in the talent show, from year 2 students Highland dancing and singing, to year 7&8 comedy skits and comedic dancing.

The audience that attends has had to be limited this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Oākura Idol provides great lunch-time entertainment for lots of students, and also inspires others to be brave and participate and perform in the arts.



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### Dancing in the Dark

Glenys Farrant 027 753 0120

### Golf

Practice net. Non members welcome. Clubs and balls can be supplied. \$5.00 WEDNESDAYS. Casual competition for non-members. 8am to 1pm open to everyone. Denise 752 7665

### Inferno 45- 4 X Bootcamp fitness

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Jim Hoskin 752 7337

### Justice of the Peace. Lynn Murray.

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### Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust

Pete Morgan 027 372 5182 [morgpt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:morgpt@xtra.co.nz)

### Morning Talk - coffee group

Thursdays 10-11am at NPOB Surf Club. Free tea/coffee. Tracey Lusk 752 7875

### 'Move it or Lose it' Strength and Balance Fitness Classes

Ōākura Hall, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30am. Contact Gloria Zimmerman 027 284 9111

### Meditation Group

Kate Evans 027 203 7215

### Music Group, Mini Groovers

All parents welcome with babies/under 5's. Every Tues during term time 10-11am at the Church Hall. Gold coin donation.

### Ōākura Yoga

Kate Evans 027 203 7215

### Pickleball Ōākura

Ōākura Hall - Wed 7.30pm, Thurs 9.15am. All skill levels welcome and equipment is provided. Elayne Kessler 027 937 7173

### Playcentre

14 Donnelly St. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am - noon during school terms. Visitors welcome. [oakura@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:oakura@playcentre.org.nz)

### Pony Club

Tracey Mackenzie 027 319 0238 [traceymackkyle@gmail.com](mailto:traceymackkyle@gmail.com)

### Pool Club

Meets every Wednesday night 7pm over winter commencing April at Butlers Reef. All welcome. For more info call Margaret 027 232 1899

### Probus Club

Meets once a month at Ōākura Bowling club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month 10-11.30am. Contact Brenda Ryan 757 3537 or 027 748 9698

### Te Reo Māori Lessons

Toni Peacock 021 661 912 [thowison@hotmail.com](mailto:thowison@hotmail.com)

### St James Church

Sunday Worship every 2nd and 4th Sun 10am [okatocp@gmail.com](mailto:okatocp@gmail.com)

**Sunday School - St James Church** Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 10am. [stjamesoakura@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesoakura@gmail.com)

### Tennis Club Winter Coaching

Junior coaching Mon-Fri before or after school, check [www.blitztennis.nz](http://www.blitztennis.nz). Adults Wed 9-10.30am advanced, Fri 9-10am adult returner/improver, 10-11am adult beginner, contact Jackie 027 673 2900

### Tai Chi Classes

Every Monday 9-10am at Ōākura Hall. Judi 027 268 2601. Just come along or contact: [taranakitaichichuan@gmail.com](mailto:taranakitaichichuan@gmail.com)

### Val Deakin Dance School

Ōākura Hall Friday afternoon - Pre-school dance classes at 2:45, ballet for 5+ 3:15 to 4:15. [val@valdeakindance.org.nz](mailto:val@valdeakindance.org.nz) 752 7743 or text 027 694 0933

## Tataraimaka

### 5 Elements Fitness Bootcamps and Kickboxing Fitness classes

Monday to Thursday 5-6 pm, Tataraimaka Hall. Barney 027 752 7076 [barney@5efitness.com](mailto:barney@5efitness.com) or visit [www.5efitness.com](http://www.5efitness.com)

### Gymnastics Group for children age 5-7 years.

Tuesdays after school at the Tataraimaka Hall for basic level gymnastics sessions. Rose at [rosem@realfoodnutrition.co.nz](mailto:rosem@realfoodnutrition.co.nz)

## Okato

### Okato and District Historical Society

Meg Cardiff 752 4566

### Okato Lions Club

John Hislop 757 9696

### Okato Squash Club

Monday nights from 6.30pm. Everyone welcome. Ladies morning Friday 9.30 -11am. All levels welcome. Rachel 0204 092 5243

### St James Church

Sunday Worship every 1st and 3rd Sunday, 10am. Evensong, 2nd and 4th Tues each month, 5pm. [okatocp@gmail.com](mailto:okatocp@gmail.com)

## Ōmata

### Yoga Classes

For info - Annalisa 027 444 8345

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