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# Kaitake Community Board

With 2021 done and dusted, welcome to 2022. The New Year has been welcomed in with glorious weather, a brilliant LAB concert at the Bowl of Brooklands, and nothing overly untoward (thus far) having occurred in our region, so we of the Kaitake Community Board extend our best wishes and hope that you and your families have all had a bit of down time over the holiday period to recharge your batteries for the year to come.

For local things of note:

Having secured a long term lease for the land under their building, the **Ōākura Bowling Club** is now able to make plans into this year and beyond.

The hard work and meticulous planning on the part of the **Kaitake Community Sports Hub** (KCSH) has ensured the continuation of sport at Corbett Park for the tamariki, rangatahi and

pakeke of our area, following the signing of a lease for the land under the old Rugby Club building. The KCSH can now begin the task of renovating the building to bring it up to an earthquake safe standard so it can be used again for those involved in the variety of sports at the park.

There have been a few instances of freedom campers ignoring Council by-laws regarding overnight camping on our local reserve areas; however follow up with our Enforcement agencies and the issuing of infringement notices has managed to keep that under control.

Work will begin shortly in **Matekai Park** to replace two of the bridges on the walkway. This will cause a bit of inconvenience for a period of time, however a slow and steady approach to the work is essential in order to minimise any environmental impact to the area.

As you may have seen on the Kaitake Community Board Facebook page, the work is being conducted under the Build-a Bridge programme, which is part of the Talent Pipeline Partnership that the NPDC has in place with local contractors, Taranaki Futures and WITT to

give young people an introduction into the civil industry while still at school. It is a great initiative that will provide real benefit to Matekai Park and to our community as a whole.

While the fine and warm weather has been great for the holidays and for trips to the beach, the river or to the pools, it is starting to create a very real fire risk. I would urge everyone to be extra careful and vigilant with barbeques, sparks, butts, and the like when you are out and about. Stay Firewise, and to keep us and our community safe!! ([www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz))

Finally, if there are any areas of concern within your community that you think we may be able to assist with, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Kaitake Community Board, and let us know. I can't guarantee we can help in every case, but I can guarantee we will listen.

That's me for our first article of 2022 so,

Hari Tau Hau ki a koutou, a tangohia tiaki tātou katoa,

Happy New Year to you, and take care everyone.

Photo by Doug Hislop



*The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held on Monday 28 March at the Hempton Hall in Ōkato at 5pm*

*Graham Chard (027 220 4549, [thechardz@gmail.com](mailto: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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# Learning with our Children

When I dropped my 5 year old off at school for the first time I thought I would be emotional, well definitely a bit weepy. To my surprise my overwhelming emotion was excitement. This might have been helped by the fact that all parameters were lining up at Rocky Rights, my favourite surf spot.

The tide was pushing in, light offshore wind and swell not too big. There was definitely a tinge of nostalgia or some emotion that I wasn't going to be sharing all his new experiences, have intimate knowledge of everything he did or have control of it anymore.

My surf buddy whose boys started 9 months before said "don't expect to have any clue what he does or what happens at school, he won't tell you and neither will the teachers give you anything to satisfy your curiosity". Sure enough, daily I pulled out the "how was school today" and got the "good" reply.

I tried the open ended sentence, meant to work better. "What did you do at school today?" "Nothing" was mostly the reply or "played in the sandpit" or "played with Levi". This went on for weeks with me not letting up, determined I would crack this challenge one day.

You can imagine my excitement one after school

By Rosemary Law

drive home, I got a mumbled sentence that started Atschool#\$\$%\$%^&^%\$. I had to say "what" so many times I wanted to stop, pull over and watch his face carefully for the full sentence but didn't want to get the "don't worry" or the never to be repeated as I said it too many times before and you're not listening attitude.

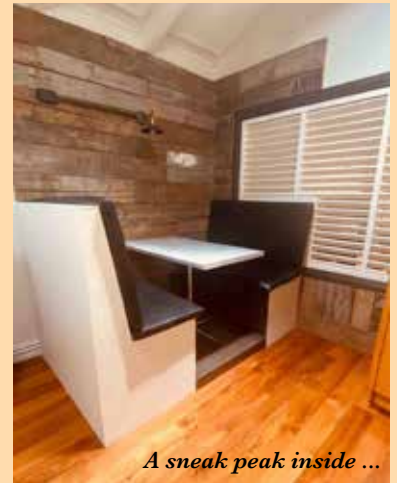
After about three repeats, I finally got "atchoolthey#\$\$%\$%^&^%\$\$. "At school they what Rory??" with bated breath. Another couple of requests for a repeat I get "at school they call\$#%\$%^&^%\$. I repeat "At school they call what".

Finally this slow brain gets "At school they call hats pōtae". I want to shout YAHOO at the top of my voice!

I am so stoked. I finally got a school story and the absolute delight knowing this little boy will learn Te Reo through his schooling so that it becomes natural to use Te Reo words every day.

It's small but so far learning about Te Reo seems to just happen for him with no questioning why that should be.

I hope we can all embrace Te Reo learning with our kids and look forward to more support for our schools to make this happen."



A sneak peak inside ...

## New Business Opening Soon

Tanya Farrant and her fiancé Mark Farley are very excited to announce a new cafe/restaurant will be opening up in the building next to Butlers Reef. They have been working in the background over Christmas to fit out the building with a fresh new look.

They will be opening for breakfast, cafe and lunch during the day flowing into a Tapas, Cocktail, Craft Beer relaxed restaurant dining in the evening. Tanya and Mark also own Deluxe Diner who are famous for their thick shakes and VIP Shakes, they will be bringing those to the cafe as well.

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# Belle Evans wins Scholarship

The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery was the first place Belle Evans (18) would take her grandparents every time they'd visit and holds a special place in her heart.

So she was delighted to receive a personal call from the gallery awarding her the George Mason Trust scholarship, worth \$3,000.

"I just broke down crying," said the recently-graduated New Plymouth Girls' High School student.

The prestigious annual scholarship, awarded by NPDC's gallery to those who show drive and

motivation towards a visual arts career, is paid in a lump sum.

Govett-Brewster Art Gallery director Zara Stanhope says it's fabulous to be able to help young artists through the scholarship, which it has administered since 2016.

"The gallery is excited to support future artists within the community – we congratulate Belle and look forward to seeing her achievements in the coming years."

Belle said the scholarship was just the push she needed. "It can be scary going into an arts degree and getting a student loan, but this scholarship shows you can go into the arts

and build a career."

Belle, who went to Sophia Preschool and Ōākura Primary School, will be studying for a Bachelor of Fine Arts with honours degree at Massey University in Wellington.

"I chose Massey as I took a programme at school called 'Shape your Future' for the past three years, which is essentially a very hands-on creative class and I'd heard a lot about Massey University and their hands-on learning.

I have chosen Wellington campus to study at because of the endless new ideas and people that will come with living in a new city," she said.



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# Ōākura Beach Campground

With summer soon coming to an end it seemed timely to ask the owners of the Ōākura Beach Campground, Al and Jan Rawlinson, to reflect on their summer. Here's what they had to say: It's been a really busy summer. Kiwis not going abroad this year were looking for places to go and many discovered Ōākura Beach Campground.

We also had those who come back year after year and have done so for many summers. People on holiday are usually happy so it's quite an easy group to deal with. This is our 20th year doing this!

We're a very seasonal business and there's nothing you can do about the weather. The weather this year has been stunning and Ōākura won most hours of sunshine in NZ in 2021. It

By Elayne Kessler

looks like we're off to a good start for the prize for 2022 also.

Over the years we have hired local teenagers for summer jobs to clean, do garden maintenance or work in the camp shop. They start their life skills here, learn rules and boundaries and actually earn a wage. Funny when you see them years later and they are lawyers, doctors, and other successful young adults, and this year we have a budding architect. Our local teenagers are good kids, it's really cool.

When summer nears the end and kids return to school, the Uni students will still work on the weekends. The families leave and are replaced by older people coming for their camp time or those who just want to spend the weekend.

Al wanted to acknowledge some of the long-

standing people who have impacted the campground over the years. Doug Hislop, recently retired from the Kaitake Community Board, has been helpful to us. He called in every week to chat and see that everything was going okay. He's been the go-between for us and the Council.

Old stalwarts like Ash Heydon and Don Harvey, both recently passed away, are missed. When we were staying at the campground and negotiating its purchase, Don and his wife Margaret invited us for dinner. Over the years Ash used to come by regularly when we lived above the camp store, have a glass of Pinot Gris while sitting on the deck with us and insisting on leaving the rest of the bottle (which we never ever drank).

This story wouldn't be complete if I didn't talk to a few campers today. The Withers have been coming for 49 years. Also a family from the Coromandel, three generations all wanting to come camping together. It started with the parents and children, and they grew up to have their own families and bring them along.

You're advised to book early for a camping spot for next summer. Many people book their next year holiday spot on their way out from this year.

We are so lucky to have the Ōākura Beach Camp in our community, and have Jan and Al proudly running it, making sure all the campers are well taken care of and enjoying their stay.

*Left: Jan and Al; Below: The Withers*



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*Chris, Seamus, Lizzie and Manaka with the Fire Truck*

# The Ōākura Fire Brigade

Kia Ora and Happy New Year.

After a busy start to January things have seemed to have settled down and, as we do every year, we kicked off training with our annual safety visit to Ōākura Beach Camp.

Leaving the big guns on the truck, we armed ourselves with squirty bottles to check the gas connections on campers' BBQ's for any leaks. Pleased to announce we had a 0% strike

rate on leaks. It's great to get out and meet our summer community and the kids had a blast climbing in and out of the appliance and checking out the equipment.

Huge congratulations to the Ōākura Fire Brigade team that took part in the recent Cancer Society 'Marathon in a Month' event. Karley, James, Lizzie, Seamus and Bex smashed their team goal of \$3000 raising \$3938, with special

mention going to Karley who raised over \$1600 from her sponsors - awesome work team!

One last reminder for the month, it's getting dry so if you are thinking of lighting a fire go to [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz) first to see if you need a permit.

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*Sue Oldfield and Jenny Ellington checking one of the many traps*

# Birds, birds and birds!

Anyone that has taken a walk in the Kaitake Ranges recently can't have failed to hear all the birds. On a recent weekday as I was checking traps up on the Wairau Track loop I was totally blown away by the birds.

I heard the normal forest birds like tui, grey warblers, tomtits, and kereru. On top of that I also heard some shining cuckoo (always a sign that summer is here), and a couple of bellbirds. The bush seems to be pulsing with the calls of birds, although the cicadas are coming to life and it's hard to hear anything over their racket!

Volunteers with the Trust have been checking traps for about three and a half years now and it sure seems all that work, along with the incredible mahi (work-Ed.) of the Taranaki Mouna Project, is starting to make a serious difference.

Be sure to stop and listen to all the sounds the next time you are out exploring the Kaitake

## By The Kaitake Wanderer

Ranges and you will likely be surprised at the abundant bird life.

Our crew of 80 some volunteers have now caught just over 4,400 pests over the past three and a half years! During 2021 alone there were 1,907 pests caught! Most of those were rats (1,851), but there were 21 stoats, 10 hedgehogs, 9 weasels, 5 ferrets and a few others.

Volunteers are now checking traps in all parts of the Kaitake Ranges, from Lucy's Gully to the primo kiwi territory on the backside of the Kaitake Ranges near Pukeiti. A small team that includes Keith Coughtrey, Ian Ives, Faye and Kora Crawford, Rachel Law and Jackie Keenan continues to monitor kiwi and were among the first ones to know that some eggs had hatched!

Plans are in the works to increase the kiwi population by releasing another 10 birds in the first part of 2022. Those birds will also be monitored and will need more volunteers to do so.

At the recent AGM, long time member Rob McGregor gave a short presentation on the history of the Trust.

The Trust started as a small group that wanted to keep the track in Lucy's Gully open and has grown a lot in a short time. Rob led everyone in celebrating the tremendous achievement the Trust has helped to bring about, namely successfully reintroducing kiwi in the Kaitake Ranges.

In addition to the small crew monitoring kiwi, the Trust has teams of volunteers checking 14 lines throughout the Kaitake Ranges. Those include the main public trails, but also many trapping tracks that access less visited parts of the Kaitake Ranges, including some that require access across private property.

Big thanks to those landowners allowing our access and welcome to some of the new people that have joined us: Sue Oldfield, Jenny Ellington, Grant Lilburn, Ian Swans, Tom Ryder, Dave Jardine, Jeremy Wilkinson, John Velvin, Lisa Mingrino, David Johnston and Spencer Lister.

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# NPOB Surf Life Saving Club

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Our volunteer weekend guards will be on the beach every weekend through to Taranaki Anniversary Weekend 1-5pm.

As always a big thanks to all of our lifeguards, giving up their time and helping out over the weekends.

We have had another seven 'mature' lifeguards complete their lifeguard award in December. Great to have parents actively getting involved.

Remember - swim between the flags, check conditions before going in, never swim alone and if in doubt, stay out. Parents, always keep an eye on your kids and be within arm's reach. The beach continually changes as with the conditions.

Junior Surf on Sunday mornings is in full swing. A change around with times to accommodate COVID hasn't stopped our keen little nip nips getting in the water.

Our 2022 Oceans Camp was again another great success, with a record number of 54

kids attending (9 to 14 years old), a record we seem to break every year. Three and half days of full on activities including beach and water sessions, team building, the Good Home Fun Run, an Amazing Race and finishing off with the famous (or infamous) Dylan Dunlop-Barrett Eliminator. Congratulations to Kohen Hareb-Hine (1st) and Maia Dinnison (2nd) for taking out the top spots. A special mention to the kids who did the Eliminator for the first time.

It is a super hard event and they should be proud of themselves. Overall a massive effort was put in by all the kids. Confidence and skill levels of everyone improved. A great couple of days with a bunch of fun, fit, healthy and general all round good kids. The effort they all put in is amazing.

End of January and February are looking pretty busy with a lot of carnivals. Next up for the Juniors is Taranaki Champs at Fitzroy Beach, Seniors have Eastern Regionals at the Mount at the end of January and IRBs have Taranaki Champs over Waitangi Weekend. With a lot of carnivals and events in between we finish up with Oceans at the Mount at the end of February, Seniors in Christchurch mid-March and IRB's in Gisborne mid-April. Good luck to everyone competing.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

## Te Reo Māori Lessons

Do you want to know or learn how to pronounce Māori words properly. Don't be shy, give it a go. Here are some tips to help you get it right.

Let's start with the Māori alphabet. It contains:

5 vowels

a e i o u  
ā ē ī ō ū

8 consonants

h k m n p r t w

and 2 diagraphs.

ng wh

Each vowel sound can be either short or long. Short vowels are written as normal, whereas long vowels are written with a macron over the top of the vowel (ā) to indicate the lengthened sound.

The difference between short and long vowels can change the meaning of the word so it is important that we say it correctly.

Māori vowel sounds are pronounced as the vowel sounds in the English words below.

The short vowels are:

a – as in but  
e – as in vet  
i – as in beat  
o – as in orphan  
u – as in to

The long vowels are:

ā – as in bar  
ē – as in dairy  
ī – as in peel  
ō – as in bore  
ū – as in too.

Most of the consonants are pronounced the same as they are in English, with the exception of:

ng – as in singer (not finger) • wh – as in film • r – which is slightly rolled

Try these words and see if you can pronounce them. Karawhiua!

Ōākura • Ngāmotu = New Plymouth

Tataraimaka • aroha = love / compassion • maranga = get up  
whakarongo = to listen

## Ōākura Library

### Writers group

Don't be shy. If you ever thought of writing now is your chance to chat with like-minded adults in a supportive environment. They meet here Tuesday 8th February 10am-12pm.

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Thursday 24th February 7:30 -9:30pm. Join other book lovers in a friendly and relaxed environment. Books provided.

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### Book Recommendations

If you're looking for your next great read check out the new fiction and non-fiction titles for this month on the library catalogue. New Zealanders Charlotte Grimshaw and Toni Street have both written memoirs. In crime fiction, New Zealander Jacqueline Bublitz's '*Before You knew My name*' is a popular novel.

From around the globe other literary giants have recently published new books: Anthony Doerr's '*Cloud Cuckoo Land*', Elif Shafak's '*Island of Missing Trees*' and Sarah Winman's '*Still Life*' are novels to be savoured.



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# Boardriders

Wow what a week.... The New Zealand National Surfing Championships, Westport, South Island and the Oakura Bowl Jam 2022.

Big congrats to all of the competitors and big thanks to all the club members that traveled down and supported the juniors at the Nats.

Paige Hareb taking out the Over 30 Womans and the Open Womans.

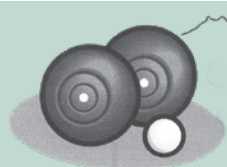
Skylar McFetridge 2nd place in the under 16.

Jordie Luke 4th in the under 14.

Daniel Farr, New Plymouth Boardriders won the Open Mens. Great to see both clubs sharing the spoils!

Big congrats to Niwa Shewry taking out the Open Mens at the Bowl Jam 2022.

*Photo left: Paige Hareb and Daniel Farr*



# Ōākura Bowling & Social Club

## Summerset Nationals Fours & Mixed Pairs

"Destination Ōākura" is the catch cry for some of the best lawn bowlers in New Zealand as they contest the 2022 Summerset National Fours and Mixed Pairs tournaments in Taranaki late February. The Ōākura Bowling and Social Club has been selected as one of the host venues, including the well-earned privilege of hosting post-sectional play in both events.

Ōākura greenkeeper, Wayne Robinson, has prepared one of the finest greens in Taranaki and the club is looking forward to not only treating the contestants to a world class playing surface but also showing the players and spectators some great coastal hospitality.

All members of the community are welcome to come on down and enjoy watching some of New Zealand's finest bowlers in action. The club is situated behind the Ōākura hall. Please note that all bowling clubs in Taranaki are currently operating under the My Vaccine Pass requirements.

Playing dates are as follows:

- Thursday 24th and Friday 25th February 2022 - Qualifying – Men's / Women's Fours
- Saturday 26th February 2022 - Post Section – Men's / Women's Fours
- Monday 28th February and Tuesday 1st March 2022 Qualifying – Mixed Pairs
- Wednesday 2nd March 2022 - Post Section – Mixed Pairs

## Club Championships

The club singles Senior Championships will come to an end on Sunday 6th March with 8 players - Wayne Robinson, Steve Muller, Kerry McGovern, Kevin Fleming, Allan Bridgeman, Pat Walklin, Peter Radich and Jim Priest making it through qualifying, with the winner crowned later in the day. The club Junior Championship will also be played, with last year's winner Craig Murray the bookies' choice.

The Pairs Championship is down to the last 4 with Bruce Jackson and Murray Crombie playing Peter Radich and Andy Shearer in the first semi, while Allan Bridgeman and Craig Murray will take on Jim Priest and Syd Sharpe in 2nd semi. Good luck to all bowlers.

## Interclub

Ōākura is well positioned to challenge for both the Gilmour and Avery mid-week Cups. The club is second in both competitions and thanks go to selector Paul Coxhead for orchestrating such excellent results.

A tough last two rounds saw the Ōākura Orcas finish 4th in the highly competitive Barry Agnew 1st Div pennants competition. A great club effort and well done to all the participating bowlers.

## Club News

The club hosted two tournaments over the summer break, the Summit Refrigeration Bowl3five tournament and the Morgan B Dance Trust fundraiser bowls evening. Both events were a tremendous success with full rinks on both occasions and it was especially great to see the social and new bowlers enjoying this great game.

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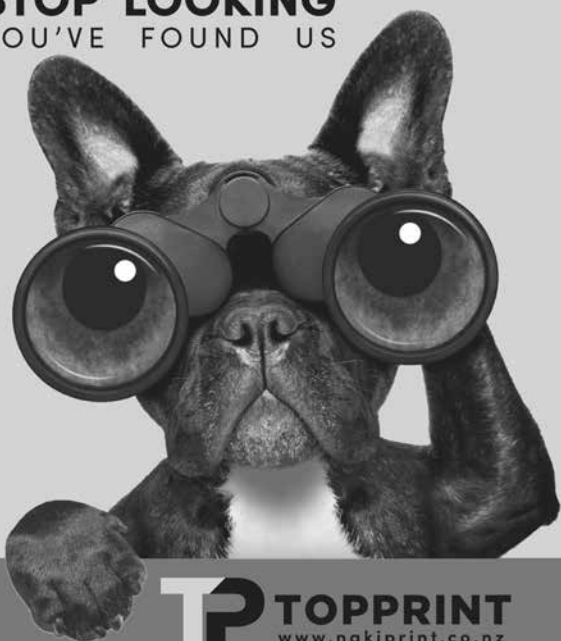
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## Ōākura Tennis Club

A big congratulations to Soffe cup team member Grace Kelly for tying the knot. We wish her and her partner Daniel Crowley (her number 1 tennis supporter!) all the best.

After a nice Christmas break, tennis restarted on the 22nd January. Round one has been completed and we are into the second game of round two with semi finals on the 26th of March and finals on the 2nd of April.

The Ferguson family (Black Sand Ōākura) leads the way on the Fours scoreboard with 24 points, followed by Waiwaka on 20 points and BP Ōākura close behind on 19 points. Team Ferguson has been bolstered by the return of Fletcher for the uni holidays and have options with Brodie and his height dominating the net, Cooper and Miller knocking on the rest of the family's door and the cunning of Chris and Leanne. They needed all of that to edge out Pukekura Green before Christmas on a countback 65-63 to continue their unbeaten record!

BP Ōākura is also doing well with the young lads Ryan Waite, Jack Husband, Charlie Bridges and Noah Lash, and will be keen for a few more matches after two rain offs and a default.

Insure Ōākura (A2) are down the table at 6th position and are looking at playoffs in the bottom half of the table for the second round.

Healthspace Ōākura (Soffe) are also down the table in 5th on 52 points ahead of Pukekura on 40 points with Rotokare dominating on 79.5 points. With a rain off and a default to Stratford due to Covid the leader board has Ōkaiawa in second followed by Huatoki and Stratford. Healthspace will be hoping to make top four but have some work to do!

The midweek ladies teams will be hoping for a few more wins with section one team sitting at 4th equal and section 3 team 6th.

Monika is busy with a school holiday programme running at the end of January.

The beach has been our practise court over the break so hoping the bodies cope being back in the action. We will have some Australian Open viewing to help inspire us!

Jackie Keenan contact 027 673 2900



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# Kaitake Golf Club

**W**elcome back to Kaitake Golf Club news for 2022. We have a new Mens club captain with Roger Cloke taking on the role and Raymond Lewis as vice club captain.

Thank you Geoff Farrant for putting your hand up for this in 2021. Kim Woodward remains our ladies club Captain, thank you Kim.

Thank you to Mike Van Prehn who has volunteered to be our course convenor. A big thanks to James Young who filled this role in 2021 and devoted countless hours to this as well as manning the office on numerous occasions.

You will all be pleased to hear we have kept the subs for 2022 unchanged and have also introduced a new sub which covers from the start to end of twilight savings 25th September 2022 to 3rd April 2023.

Kaitake's popularity continues to rise with rounds played by visitors up 62% from the previous year. The club has been very full recently and golf carts continue to prove popular. Most pleasing is also the number of younger (school age) and intermediate (20s and 30s) making use of our facilities, its awesome to see that.

The course is in great shape, credit to Dom and his team so hope you all can get out and enjoy it while we're having mostly fine, settled weather.

Please be aware of the COVID19 restrictions. All members must be double vaccinated to enter the Clubrooms. You need to have a valid Vaccine Passport. If you do not please be considerate and do not enter.

## MENS REPORT:

The following are the results of this year's Mens Prizegiving Trophys:

Alban Reid All Irons Trophy - J. Clement

Top Dog - Ian Johnson & Roger Cloke

Strokeplay - Limit M. Nield

Junior B. McLean

Intermediate R. Cloke

Senior J. Doyle

Matchplay Limit B. Upson

Junior A. Bennett

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Intermediate         | R. Lewis    |
| Senior               | L. Harvey   |
| Foreman Trophy Limit | R. Ellicock |
| Junior               | B. McLean   |
| Intermediate         | R. Cloke    |
| Senior               | J. Haylock  |
| Keenan Dick Trophy   | G. Farrant  |
| Club Captains Cup    | L. Harvey   |

## LADIES REPORT:

Our 2022 Committee voted in at the Ladies AGM is

Ladies Club Captain ..... Kim Woodward  
Vice Club Captain.....Joan Gerrard  
Secretary..... Janice Farrant  
Treasurer.....Joy Greenlees  
Division Convenors

Midweek..... Diane Jones  
Weekend .....Mary Pettigrew  
9 Hole.....Jo Wilson-West

Match Convenors

Midweek..... Debra Johnson  
Weekend ..... Andrea Jarrold

## Congratulations to our 2021 Matchplay Champions

9 Hole Division 1 – Raewyn Bishop,  
who went on to win the Taranaki 9 Hole  
Champion of Champions.

9 Hole Division 2 – Yvonne Hildred  
18 Hole Silver – Denise Howe  
18 Hole Bronze 1 – Kim Woodward  
18 Hole Bronze 2 – Janet Dingle

The Raceway Cycles and Mowers 18 Hole  
Shootout final was won by Kaye Cavey who  
beat Pauline Gray on the last hole. A big thanks  
to Debra and Ian Johnson for their sponsorship  
over the past few years.

A particularly special day for us recently was  
the inaugural Dianne Meagher Memorial  
Trophy Day. This was won by Jenny Ross and  
Bronny Gower and was presented to them by  
Dianne's husband Mike and their daughter,  
son-in-law and twin grandsons.

For anyone wanting to play golf over this summer,  
just meet 8.30am Tuesday and Thursday  
mornings for a casual round with whoever  
chooses to turn up.

## The New Board:

Clay Jordan - *President*

Alan Crawford - *Board Secretary*

Roger Cloke - *Club Captain*

Chris Sole - *Board Financial Advisor*

Andrea Jarrold - *Board Member*

Domenico Squatriti (Greenkeeper) -  
*Board Member*

Kim Woodward - *Board Member*

Neil Farrant - *Board Member*

Tubs - *Vice Club Captain*

The same applies on Saturdays, although the  
meeting time will be 9am.

## TARANAKI VETS GOLF:

All golfers, the ripe old age of 50 and over may  
join the Taranaki Vets Golf. The sub for the year  
is \$10. Once a month a game is held at a golf  
club in Taranaki with an entry of \$10. The Host  
club gets \$7 and the rest is for prizes for the  
day. Ladies and Men are both welcome. Tee  
times are 9am daylight saving, 9.30am other  
times, which is over the winter, so come and  
enjoy a very good cheap day out.

**FIREWOOD:** We still have dry pine firewood  
for sale at the golf club so if anyone is still  
interested in firewood please call Denise at the  
office 06 7527665.

**CHIPPERS:** Chippers Day will be once again  
every fortnight starting 23rd January 2022 and  
onwards.

New players are always very welcome. Chip-  
pers ages range from 5 – 12 years. Just bring  
them along with flat soled footwear, a hat and  
perhaps a drink. Clubs, balls and coaching are  
provided. It costs \$40 to join as a member for  
the year, allowing the children access to the  
course at any time as long as they are under  
supervision.

If any adults have young chippers thinking of  
playing golf please be aware that they can  
come along FREE of charge with any FEE PAY-  
ING ADULT. We have chippers clubs here that  
they are more than welcome to borrow and  
have a go at playing golf.



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# Sea Spurge alert at Ōākura Beach

Taranaki beachgoers are asked to keep their eyes peeled for the invasive plant sea spurge this summer, after it was discovered among sand dunes at Ōākura Beach.

It's the first-time sea spurge has been found in Taranaki, although a single plant was discovered in Mōkau in 2019.

Sea spurge invades the shores just above the high tide mark and can pose a threat to plants and birds that are native to New Zealand's dunes. It can also cause skin and eye irritation for humans and other animals. First spotted in New Zealand in 2012, it's believed the seeds travel on ocean currents from Australia.

Taranaki Regional Council Environment Services Manager Steve Ellis says a single plant was recently identified at Ōākura Beach.

It was removed by the Council, which has been working closely with Biosecurity New Zealand (the Biosecurity arm of the Ministry for Primary Industries) and the Department of Conservation to identify and control any potential spread.

"Council officers inspected the site, and Biosecurity New Zealand is planning an extensive survey of the coast 15km north and south from where the original plant was spotted," says Mr Ellis.

"While no further plants have yet been found, we know this weed spreads quickly and could cause significant damage if it became estab-



lished. So, we're asking beach users in Ōākura and along the coast to keep an eye out and report any possible sightings."

Sea spurge (*Euphorbia paralias*) looks like a small shrub and can grow up to about half a metre in height. It has multiple stems that are often reddish at the base with slender, tightly packed bluey-green leaves and greenish flowers on the end of the stems.

Sea spurge sap can cause skin and eye irritation, and there is a native plant species that looks very similar, so people should not try and

remove it.

Instead, they should take a photo of the location and a close-up of the plant, note its exact location, and then call Biosecurity New Zealand's pest and disease hotline on 0800 80 99 66.

Biosecurity New Zealand and the Council will monitor the site over the coming months and years to ensure any further spread is detected and controlled.

For more information see [www.trc.govt.nz/shore-spurge-and-sea-spurge/#sea](http://www.trc.govt.nz/shore-spurge-and-sea-spurge/#sea)

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## Year 8 Cup Winners

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Community Cup for Arts and Culture.....                        | Natalie Withers             |
| Principal's Cup for Leadership .....                           | Louis Hickson               |
| Board of Trustees' Cup for Academic Excellence.....            | Louis Hickson               |
| Home and School Cup for Sporting Excellence.....               | Ella James and Luke Haldane |
| Staff Cup for Responsibility .....                             | Noah Glasgow                |
| Ōmāta School Cup for Environmental Action Kaitiaki Taiao ..... | Mason Timanus               |

## One more Ōākura School



### Darcy O'Sullivan

is going to attend New Plymouth Girls' High School in 2022. She has been one of our Head Pupils this year. Darcy really loved Camp Wellington as she enjoyed spending the week with her friends and people that she doesn't usually spend time with, as well as enjoying the activities



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# TOP Activities

## Ōākura

### Ōākura Hall Bookings

Vicky Jury 027 215 2465

### Bowling and Social Club

Bowling tournaments September through to April. Both mid-week and weekend games. Steve Muller 757 4399

### 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

Mon and Wed 6am, Fri 9am. BoxFit Friday 6am. All 1 hour sessions. Ōākura Hall. Graeme 021 536 990

### Indoor Bowls

Enquiries to Marvin Clough 752 7531

### Silver and Enamel Jewellery Making Classes with Sally Laing

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### JKA Karate

Jim Hoskin 752 7337

### Justice of the Peace. Lynn Murray.

Ōākura Library Thursdays 10am-12.30pm.

### 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

### Mini Groovers - Music Group

All parents welcome with babies/under 5's. Every Tues during term time 10-11am at the Church Hall. Visit their Facebook page: Mini Groovers - Ōākura. Fe Scott: 027 228 9113

### 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 [traceymackyle@gmail.com](mailto:traceymackyle@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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