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## Preparation for Winter

As the cooler months roll in far too soon, Ōākura Volunteer Fire Brigade is reminding our community that a little preparation now can prevent a devastating house fire later. Every winter, Fire and Emergency see an increase in calls related to chimneys, heaters, electric blankets, and overloaded power boards. The good news? Most of these incidents are preventable.

### Clean Your Chimney Before You Light That First Fire

If you use a wood burner, now is the time to have your chimney professionally cleaned. Soot builds up over time and can ignite, causing dangerous chimney fires that can quickly spread into roof spaces. It's a small cost compared to the damage a chimney fire can cause.

Hot ashes - these can take days to cool completely so make sure they are left to cool in a metal bin, away from anything flammable, and use a lid or pour water over them to keep them contained.

### Check and Test Your Smoke Alarms

Working smoke alarms save lives. Test them by pressing the button and make sure everyone in your household knows what the alarm sounds

## Ōākura Bowling & Social Club

### Club Champs

Jackie Moeahu won the Women Singles Championship final with a hard-fought 21-18 victory over Taranaki Junior representative Alesha Quay. It was a high-quality match with Moeahu and Quay entertaining the admiring crowd with a great array of shots and play.



In the battle of the Junior Men Singles Championship, Geoff Farrant defeated last year's winner Wayne Gray. Farrant skipped away to an early lead and held off a gallant Gray to take the title 21-14.

Steve Muller and Syd Sharpe earned a hard-fought 19-13 victory over the duo of Allan Bridgeman and Rod Smith in the Men Championship Pairs. Sharpe claimed his 1st club pairs title with Muller taking his tally to 3.

Congratulations to all Club Champions and the club wishes them success as they represent Ōākura in the Champion of Champions series.

### Club News

The Oakura Club received a resounding 'thumbs up' from all the visiting Taranaki Open players lavishing high praise on the club for its magnificent green, picture perfect surrounds and friendly hospitality. Such lofty praise could not be reached without the volunteers who generously give their time throughout the two weeks of competition. Also, a big thanks to the Oakura Four Square for their support in providing superb lunches for the bowlers.

Oakura has won the mid-week Avery Shield tournament in convincing style. Oakura was the front runner throughout the year, and a solid final two rounds ensured the trophy will be heading back to the coast for another stint in the cabinet. In the Gilmour Cup, Oakura stormed home to finish a well-earned 2nd. Congratulations to the players in all competitions and to selector Paul Coxhead for orchestrating the excellent victory in the Avery competition.

Steve Muller, Pat Walklin and Jim Priest won the much-coveted West End open 2-day triples tournament played in early March. In cool and blustery conditions, the trio remained

undefeated throughout the 2-days, and played some inspiring bowls to emerge victorious.

Rod Smith paired up with Steve Muller to win the President Trophy with Jim Priest and Bruce Jackson running a close 2nd. The competition was played in a 2x4x2 format allowing some of the newer bowlers to experience a wider range of shot selection as both players take turns in skipping alternate ends.

Congratulations to Jackie Moeahu, Tina Atkinson-Watt, Sandra Zittersteijn and Denise Heaven in reaching the last 16 of BNZ Women Open 4s. A fantastic effort from the girls and Oakura is very proud of your achievement.

Oakura is honoured again to partner up with the Okato Bowling Club for their 2-day tournament played on 11th and 12th of April. Greens at both clubs will be used over the weekend with prize giving along with the "best feed" in town held at the Ōkato clubrooms at the finish of play on Sunday.

### The underarm bowler

like. We recommend testing smoke alarms monthly, not just with daylight saving!

### Inspect Electric Blankets

Before plugging in electric blankets, check for frayed cords or scorch marks. If in doubt, throw it out.

### Be Mindful of Power Boards

Winter often means more appliances running at once. Avoid overloading multi-boxes and power boards, and never plug a power board into another power board. High-wattage appliances like heaters should always be plugged directly into a wall socket.

### Keep Heaters Clear

Keep at least one metre of clear space around heaters and fireplaces. Drying clothes too close is a common cause of accidental fires.

Winter is a stunning time of year in our community — but it also brings added fire risks. A few simple checks now can protect you and your loved ones. From all of us at the Ōākura Volunteer Fire Brigade, stay warm, stay safe, and please don't hesitate to call 111 in an emergency.

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## Kia ora from the Kaitake Golf Club

A busy time for our local golf club these last few months – with lots of golf happening for our players and visitors.

Late last year we had a change of our executive with Clay Jordan stepping down from the president's role after 6 years. We have appreciated all of Clays hard work and dedication to the club over those years and welcome Denis Avison as our new president. One of Denis' first tasks was to hold a Special General Meeting to update and ratify the club constitution allowing us to continue as an Incorporated Society.

Despite all the rain we have had, the course, as is usual for all courses this time of year, is starting to show some dry patches. Luckily enough we have had approval from the Taranaki Regional Council to increase our water intake and this will go some way to getting our course lush and green again. To support golfers through this regrowth time, a club length placing has been put in place. Our greens are having some work done on them as well, so things will be looking tip top in no time.

Our main work project happening around the course involves the construction of a new implementation shed. Watch out on the south side of the course to see the progress as the shed is built.

If you know the course – you will know our 16th hole can be challenging at the best of times – if you let the two water hazards, the bush hazard, the out of bounds behind the green, the gardens, the trees and the elevation - get into your head! However it is obvious that Dave Kurth did not let this happen – Congratulations to Dave for getting a hole in one on this easy hole!

We have had a successful season of "twilight" golf this summer. Running Thursday evenings, we have some great numbers turning up and it has been great to have the locals come out to enjoy the round of golf and a hardy hamburger afterwards. The support we received from our sponsors has added to this success – with the

additional incentive of bonus prizes being a draw card to players. A huge thank you must go to those who volunteered their time each week to make it all come together.

Once again we are running a "Quick Six" programme for adults who want to give golf a go. The programme is well supported by Taranaki Golf with senior players supporting learners to experience a game of golf. If you want to know more about this call our office for details.

The club recently hosted fundraising events:

Taranaki Anniversary weekend we had the Taranaki Medical Foundation fundraiser - 60th Anniversary Ambrose – 60 Years in the Sun: Playing for Skins golf tournament. Such an important cause for golfers and all outdoors sports people – so we were happy to be a part of this, with several teams from the club entering.

On Friday 13th March the course held the Harry Blyde Ambrose Tournament – it was a fun day with lots of on-course happenings during the tournament.

In April the NZ Veterans Golf Association holds four week-long tournaments around Taranaki courses. These tournaments get maximum participation from local players and players from across the country. Kaitake will host one of the tournament days on Thursday 9th April. If you want to know anything more about these tournaments - visit the NZ Veteran Golfers Association website (<https://nzvga.co.nz/>)

The Ladies club days are in full swing on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, with good consistent numbers turning up to play. Ladies "Pennants" has also started for the year. This is a round-robin competition set up by Taranaki Golf for the clubs around Taranaki. We have four teams entered in this competition, 2 x 9hole teams and 2 x 18hole teams (made up of a weekend team and a midweek team). It is played in a matchplay format where it is win or lose per hole – once a player has won enough holes to have a winning margin (e.g. is 4 wins up with only 3 holes to play) then the game is over. Unfortunately to date we have only had one team win, with our 18 hole midweekers coming out on top over Te Ngutu. Still plenty of rounds left to catch up.

### Did You Know:

Dom Squatriti has been our resident green

keeper for approximately 28 years (1998 – still going!).

Since the club moved to its current location we have only had four green keepers and assistants:

Ron Hastie 1972 - 1979  
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Hoping you all have a safe and happy Easter and remember , keep your head down and follow through (only advice a golfer needs apparently!)



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## Green School Students to Represent Taranaki on the Global Stage

Green School New Zealand students are continuing to expand Taranaki's global footprint, with five high school learners recently selected to attend the prestigious Villars Institute Fellowship in Switzerland.

The achievement follows their recent participation in an international education conference in Shanghai earlier this year, signalling the school's growing presence within influential global forums.

Sophie Perrett, Samantha Perrett, Zac Schoonover, Siena Schoonover and August Nichols will travel to the Swiss Alps in June, as the first New Zealand students to attend the globally respected Villars Symposium. The event brings together emerging young leaders from schools around the world to engage directly with leading scientists, policymakers, entrepreneurs and educators. Together they'll discuss real-world solutions to complex world challenges, from sustainable economic systems to social and environmental change.

Head of Green School New Zealand, Nigel Barrett, says the selection achievement reflects both the calibre of students and the school's global outlook. "This is an outstanding achievement for these students and a powerful example of what happens when young people are encouraged to think beyond borders. At Green School, we believe education should prepare learners to engage meaningfully with the world's biggest challenges. Being invited into a forum like Villars places our students, and by extension Taranaki and Aotearoa, within an influential global conversation."

Following the multi-day symposium, students enter a mentorship programme and gain access to a global network that includes research collaboration, publication opportunities, and continued engagement with thought leaders focused on sustainable futures.

Head of Learner Experiences and Wellbeing at GSNZ, Di Hoskin, says the global trajectory of these learners is intentional. "We are so proud of these students. After attending the EiM WorldWide conference



Green School students from left: Sophie Perrett, Sam Perrett, Augustus Nichols-McCray, Zac Schoonover, Siena Schoonover have been selected to attend a global education symposium in the Swiss Alps.

in Shanghai, their acceptance into the Villars Fellowship further highlights their curiosity, courage and readiness to step confidently into international spaces. These opportunities allow our learners to represent New Zealand values on a global platform, connect with peers who care deeply about the future of our planet, and return home with ideas and networks that benefit our own community."

The selection reinforces Green School NZ's growing global footprint, positioning its students as contributors, not just observers, in international conversations about sustainability and leadership. As they prepare for Switzerland in 2026, Sophie, Samantha, Zac, Siena and August look forward to not only representing their school, but Taranaki and Aotearoa New Zealand on a respected international stage.

For more info about the fellowship symposium visit: [villarsinstitute.org](http://villarsinstitute.org)

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Left to right: Kurt Leuthart, Jono White and Teihorangi Walden



### Battle at the Beach - Friday 24 July 2026

A blockbuster Yarrows Taranaki Bulls NPC preseason match against the Wellington Lions, dubbed the "Battle at the Beach" will be played at Corbett Park on the afternoon of Friday 24 July.

The Bulls will don a Canterbury of New Zealand inspired blue and black Kaitake strip, with cotton replica jerseys available to pre order and playing jerseys auctioned off post-game.

The event will acknowledge Kaitake local David Jennings who passed away in September 2025, aged 90. David and his late wife Jennifer lived in the district for six decades. Jennings was a strong supporter of Amber & Black rugby and the recent KCSH upgrade. The clubrooms will be renamed the David Jennings Lounge for the match day to recognise David's contribution.

A limited number of tickets will be available and will go on sale in the coming weeks (GA Adult - \$20, GA Child - \$10). Limited corporate hospitality packages will also be available.

Don't miss out on a great afternoon out with food, refreshments and top rugby on display right here in Ōākura! See <https://trfu.co.nz/pages/battle-at-the-beach> for more information.

### Kaitake Netball Club

A burst of growth, a stack of new faces, and a calendar full of action sum up the start of the season for Kaitake Netball as we head into 2026. From zero teams to seven in just three years, the club's revival has been

nothing short of remarkable. This year brings even more momentum, with a new senior team and a junior team from Spotswood School joining the fold. Word is clearly spreading that Kaitake is a fun, welcoming club to be part of.

The season buildup is already underway, with an Open Day held in March giving players a chance to reconnect and brush off a few cobwebs. A fresh addition this year is preseason games at the NPGHS gym, offering teams valuable indoor court time before competition begins.

### The calendar ahead is packed:

- Uniform collection is set for Sunday 19 April, 4:30-6pm, with a fun game of volleyball at 3pm at KCSHub to kick things off.
- Sunday sessions return on 26 April at the Oakura School courts, a great chance for players to work on court fitness, and play social and mix up positions.
- The Opening Tournament hits the courts on Saturday 2 May.
- The winter competition season officially begins 9 May.

With all seven teams gearing up for preseason trainings, there's a real buzz around the club. Kaitake Netball continues to grow, connect, and bring the community together—proof that a good culture builds good netball.

### Kaitake Football

Senior trainings are well under way on Wednesday nights 6:30pm at Corbett Park including our Men's Masters (Over 35s) and Women's teams. New players are always welcome, so if you're keen to get back into football, come along and join the team.

The Men's First Team has made a strong start to the pre-season with two excellent matches against FDMC and Boys High, showing promising form.

We are still seeking players aged 15-18 interested in joining our Development Team. This is a great opportunity for young players to continue developing their skills in a supportive team environment.

The club was thrilled with the huge turnout at our Junior Masters, and it's fantastic to see so many young players ready for the season ahead.

Registrations for the 2026 season close on 30th March. Head to [kaitakefc.co.nz](http://kaitakefc.co.nz) and click "Join 2026 Season" to sign up.

As junior numbers grow, we are looking for parent volunteers who would like to help coach or support our junior teams. No experience is necessary — support and training will be available. To help new and existing coaches, John Gray from Central Football - Taranaki will be running coaching courses at Corbett Park: Intro to Coaching - Wednesday 1st April, NZ Football Junior Level 2 - Wednesday 22nd April. If you're interested in attending, please register your interest at [juniors@kaitakefc.co.nz](mailto:juniors@kaitakefc.co.nz).

The season kicks off for seniors mid April with first home games on 18/19th April at Corbett Park. Juniors games start the first weekend of May. We're looking forward to a fantastic 2026 season.

**Cheers from the team at the Rivermouth Hub - your team!**

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# Stories of the Past

## Picked up by the Police

by Glen Murphy

The last leg of a 690 kms tramp was not without challenges and great memories. This leg was to be a simple trip from Cape Egmont through the divide between the Pouakai Ranges and Mt. Taranaki, then across to Inglewood. From there, out to Tongaporutu.

I walked along roads including Wiremu and Carrington, inland from Ōākura. But Mother Nature intervened. Ahead were newly formed sheer cliffs and long detours. On the plus side I met some super friendly folk, city, town, country and that policeman.

My first day I met strong, cold Southerly winds. I could see clouds pushed up over Mt. Taranaki like an ominous cloak. 26 kms later, after leaving the Lighthouse, I reached the edge of the Taranaki National Park. Next day a simple hike up to Holly Hut and out to Inglewood in two days.

However there was a Department of Conservation warning the track was closed due to erosion. I backed my skills, honed over thousands of kilometres walking and hiking in Canada, USA, Australia and around New Zealand. I descended a wooden ladder to the Maero stream. Around the corner was a 30 m. bluff. The track had been completely washed away. Three hours later looking for an alternative way up to the Holly Track, I reluctantly backtracked to Carrington Road — a frustrating day that went from 10km to over 20. On arrival in New Plymouth at the Ducks and Drakes Lodge another challenge awaited. It was Waitangi Day, the Lodge was full. Ever resourceful, I was allowed to pitch my tent on their small back lawn. I really appreciated the opportunity to have a hot shower.

I dislike walking beside highways towards the oncoming traffic. I always wear hi-viz hat and clothes and most drivers are courteous, thoughtful and drive that little bit further away. There are always the few who don't see you walking towards them.

My overnight walk stretched to two days and 37 kms before I eventually reached Uruti. On the way a landowner was stopping all traffic going through his property, including trampers and horse riders. I overnighted at the Urenui Beach Camp. There I was entertained by a very sociable farmer (in his 80s and just retired, as some farmers do!) and his wife. Learning my wife had distant relations from Urenui it was not long before they joined our convivial group. It was also at Urenui I finished my nighttime last Kindle



Photo shows the top of inside of the tunnel. Note wire netting "nailed" to the top to stop rocks falling on vehicles passing below. Note the width of the road edge and it is not level. "Heart in your mouth" stuff if you meet a large truck. This is part of a Carrington Rd to Mt. Messenger walk undertaken by a 73 year old completing a 689 km hiking trip across the North Island to Cape Egmont.

book. Asking at the camp, no one had a book they no longer needed.

Next morning, the police! Out on the highway, alerted by a road gang, I was picked up by the police. He quietly but in a friendly manner explained he did not want me to cross a particular narrow bridge. He had dealt with an ugly accident there causing death a few weeks earlier. He didn't want to have to go through that again. My walk was cut short by a kilometre, but who can say "no" to a friendly, caring policeman. Along the way a farmer, his wife and their son on their quad bike stopped and offered to get water and food. I told them that all I wanted was a book! A few minutes later the farmer arrived back, with a book!

The next day, another challenge. The road climbed about four kms from farmland to native bush. In places, the road was cut into the sides of cliff faces. Below were the remains of huge slips down to the bottom of the valley. The road passed through the Moki Tunnel. In the hour walking to the tunnel only two cars had passed me. At the tunnel I could see the end about 80 metres distant and thus did not need my torch. Halfway through a car came from the opposite end. I don't know who had the biggest surprise. My Hi Viz reflective gear made it easy for him to see me. He slowly passed, each hugging their

side of the tunnel. Two hours past the tunnel, trudging up a steep hill on Kiwi Road, a pick-up pulled up beside me. "How's it going 'young' Glen?" It was the farmer I had met at Urenui! He was taking his dogs for a run, or so he said. It was 40 kms and I strongly suspect he was out to see how that 'young' Glen was getting on. I assured him I was doing well. The Moki and Kiwi Roads had little traffic, and I passed through some peaceful and pretty countryside — much more pleasant than highway walking. Fifteen minutes after lunch I arrived at the Kiwi Tunnel (photo).

Five km walking downhill I passed the junction of Okau and Kiwi Roads on my way out to Tongaporutu. I had finished the last leg of my Cape to Cape walk.

"Young Glen" is a very fit, 73 year old.

(This article from Glen's notes shared with Len Jury, Toastmaster mates from the 1980s. Dr. Glen Murphy is an Emeritus Professor at Oregon State University of USA. I first met Glen in his Toastmaster years in Rotorua. He became the third International Director from New Zealand in the 80 years to that time of that organisation. The walk, was a local Rotorua Rotary fundraising event for Hospice, Plunket and Salvation Army charities. Glen raised just over \$10,000 from his walk "Across the North Island" with this the last leg.



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## Morning Talk

New to the village? Looking for a chance to meet people? Feeling a bit lonely? Every Thursday from 10a.m. to 11a.m. a Morning Talk group gets together in the NPOB Surf Lifesaving Club.

I visited this group in early February and was made to feel very welcome and comfortable from the outset. A cup of tea was offered straight away and the current participants were quick to introduce themselves. Christine bikes down most weeks and enjoys the friendship of the group. Cam has been coming for about 3 years and was surprised at the connections he already had to the group. Jean recently moved to Tainui from Ōākura, but still comes along as she enjoys the companionship on offer. Janny and Neil also travel from town, Janny providing the "biscuits" which on this occasion were yummy fruit salad muffins. Many of them said they only came for the biscuits, and much laughter erupted. Maurice has been coming along for about a year, and Alan a bit longer, though they weren't about to tell tales on each other. Topics ranged from local family backgrounds to historical and current news and views, always with a touch of humour and light heartedness. As a group they are respectful of each others space, happy to provide a place for people to meet.

Tracey Lusk formed the group in 2018, seeing a need in the community for people to be able to come together with no expectations other than just a "morning talk". Past members are remembered fondly — cakes have been baked (courtesy of Tracey's mum, Janny) and birthdays celebrated over the years. They appreciate the Surf Club allowing them to use the space and acknowledge this with a small koha.

I left feeling warmed and just a little bit more familiar with our community. If this sounds like you, trust me you will be made very welcome. And the "biscuits" are great.

**Village Vibes**

## Wildlife!

The dotterels at Tapaue have raised their young successfully and have returned to the Waiongana area where the parents are originally from. Look out for a seal pup who has been hanging around the beachfront between Dixon Street and Corbett Park, it is quite an amazing sight playing in the shallow water.

## Three Year Plan

Since the last Kaitake Community Board (KCB) meeting the team has been focusing on the Kaitake Community Board Plan for the next three years. Our first priority was to review the 2023-2026 plan prescribed by our previous board and we were all impressed with how much has been completed.

The previous plan was extremely well presented and covered a huge number of projects identified by the Kaitake ward constituents and the KCB team, most of which meet the discretionary funds prerequisites.

Armed with last terms plan our task in presenting this term's plan has been made somewhat easier as, whilst much has been

completed there is still much to be done. The current KCB team are committed to following through with all the items still in progress as well as adding new tasks reflecting the community's shared discussion and direction.

Since being involved at this level of local government I have often heard that our constituents feel unheard by Council. This has led to a "what can I do, no one listens" type of apathy. We have to change this and the place to start is at the grass roots.

We live in a Social Welfare Liberal Democracy which is the kindest and most compassionate form of governing known globally. However for it to work it needs a minimum 80% of the population to be "participating good citizens." So let's try this tomorrow - do something kind

for your neighbour and expand this kindness over the next week or so to further afield.

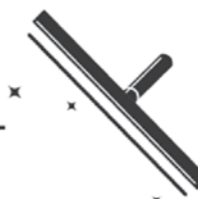
Then when we all have done that, let us know what you want the Council to complete over the next three years and as Community Board members you will have tasked us to present your arguments and proposals through the correct channels to get stuff done!

The next KCB meeting is Monday 13 April 11am. If you wish to talk or make a presentation please ask prior to the meeting and keep it to within 5 minutes. If you wish to attend and support us we would be thrilled — the more the better. Your input is valued, call, email or turn up to our next meeting and have your say.

**Mike Anderson — Kaitake Community Board.**

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# Ōmata Camp-Out: Fun, Fire, and Some Flooded Tents.



By Ramina Antill

Every two years Ōmata School has a very special day, a day full of school camp out fun! It's a night packed with excitement, smoke from campfires drifting across the field, and the buzz of Year 5-8 students settling in for an overnight adventure. With the year 7-8 cooking their own unique meal suited to their group over top of an exposed fire. Using bricks and wood with a bucket of water nearby, just in case!

The year 5-6 feasted on hamburgers and oven fried chips. A crowd winner every year, one of the campers commented that the burgers were yum and filled them up ready for the night ahead. We were excited to hear of a new activity; Tug of war! Everyone had a great heave at pulling the rope. With a few trip-ups but mostly fun. Next we headed over to the team building activity, in my group we did girls vs boys with the winner being... a tie.

Most people's favourite activity came next, the night line walk. It consisted of a rope leading down the bush and all you had to do was follow

it, but with a twist, you had to wear a blindfold. Let's just say there was a lot of screaming, and a lot of tripping! Now we talk about the bush walk in the dark, we saw multiple glow worms and a lot of spiders. But what most people were scared of was what you couldn't see, things that moved suddenly causing screams echoing for miles. People slipped down the bush having near falls but staying up only because of their friends' tight grips on their sleeves! We were also treated to spiders, wolf spiders to be exact. Boys and girls at Ōmata seem to really like spiders so they were all really keen to get a glimpse of the creepy crawlies. Me on the other hand, not so much. Not at all actually.

By now we were either really tired, or really awakened from the help of the lollies. We all parted, brushed our teeth and hopped into bed. Not knowing what was creeping up on us in the night...a soft drip drip dripping sound landed on the tent roof that soon expanded into heavy rainfall. We woke up in the morning and stepped into our classroom, stepping straight onto someone's bed. Turns out the rain had collapsed a few tents and flooded others. This was the first year the Ōmata School field camp-out got rained on. People had been taking refuge in one of the classrooms! Thankfully everyone was safe and we were all set to brace the day ahead.

We really couldn't have done a single thing without the help of our parent volunteers and our teachers. Year 7-8 probably would have set ourselves on fire if it wasn't for the supervision! We made memories we will never forget.

Thank you all.



Alex and Callum preparing chicken and bacon burgers for dinner. Photo credit: Sandra Antill @ Antill Photography

## Coming Up

### April

- 20 Term Two begins
- 23 ANZAC commemoration 2pm
- 27 ANZAC Day

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## Honouring our Volunteers and Athletes after a Standout Season

As Taranaki Anniversary rolled around this year, it marked more than just a regional celebration—it signalled the final day of our volunteer patrols at Ōākura Beach. It's been another incredible season in the sea and on the sand, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated volunteers who have given their time, energy, and expertise to keep our community safe. They're the heart of our club, and we're incredibly thankful for the time and energy they give.

We also want to acknowledge the amazing sponsors and partner organisations who stand behind us. Their support ensures we can continue providing a high-quality lifesaving service, develop our athletes, and nurture the next generation of surf lifesavers.

With patrols now wrapped up for the season, we encourage everyone heading to the beach to take a moment to assess the conditions before entering the water. The ocean can be unpredictable, and your best safety tool is good judgement. As always: if in doubt, stay out.

This time of year also gives us a chance to reflect on the energy and excitement of our Junior Surf programme. Week after week, our

youngest members have shown up with enthusiasm, resilience, and a willingness to learn—qualities that will serve them well both in and out of the water. Their progress has been inspiring, and the support from parents, coaches, and volunteers has made the programme stronger than ever.

On the competitive front, it's been a huge season for our Oceans, Masters, and Opens athletes. From regional events through to Nationals, our teams have represented the club with pride, determination, and sportsmanship. Their achievements reflect countless hours of training and a deep passion for the sport.

As we close the chapter on another busy summer, we're reminded of what makes our club special: community spirit, shared purpose, and a love for the ocean. Thank you to everyone who played a part—on the beach, behind the scenes, or cheering from the sidelines. You've helped make this season one to remember.



## Indoor Bowls is Back for 2026

We play Monday nights from March through to September in the Ōākura Hall. Be at the hall 7-15pm for a 7-30pm start.

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# A Busy and Exciting Term at our Kura...

It's been a fantastic, action packed few weeks at Oakura School with every year level getting involved in memorable learning experiences.

Our youngest took part in their Junior Triathlon where they showed determination when they biked (1), ran and swam towards the finish line. They did an amazing job competing with one another and having great times.

The year 4s recently visited Pukeiti gardens, exploring native bush and learning more about our natural environment. As always, they were outstanding representatives of our kura.

Our year 5 and 6 students headed to camp at Vertical Horizons. They challenged themselves with high ropes, climbing activities, and team building tasks, demonstrating our school values and showing kindness to one another throughout the experience. We were very lucky to be supported by amazing parents who came out and made the three days possible.

In year 7 & 8, we have continued our technology learning at Devon intermediate (3) and have been working on our swimming skills each week at Todd Energy Aquatic Centre. We also had a huge team represent our school at the



intermediate surfing competition, and we were proud of all the commitment, sportsmanship and talent on display.

Lastly, as a whole school, we came together for our beach cleanup day (2), showing kaitiakitanga in action caring for our local coastline and community.

It's been a term full of challenge, growth, and school pride and there's plenty more to come.

*Written by The Oakura school media leaders (Levi and Lola).*



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# Finals for Soffe had Everyone Sweating

It's been good to see people enjoying social night tennis on Tuesday's and making the most of the late summer evenings.

Semi finals was a close battle for A2 and Soffe. A2 played at Waiwaka. The score was 2-4 after singles with Gavin Stanley and Miller Ferguson winning their singles. With the doubles and combines being worth 2 points anything could happen! Gavin and Miller backed that up with a doubles win and Len Adamson and Toni Peacock got the combines to get the team to 6-6 draw. Sets countback went to Waiwaka 8-11. It was a good fight with Chris Davies and Ana Shlosburg joining in the battle.

Soffe played at Rotokare after qualifying fourth. It was a good start with Taylor Mitchell, Sue Oldfield, Jackie Keenan, Luke Barrett and Cooper Ferguson all taking a win in singles.

Graeme Mitchell went down against Blair Crowley. Coopers win was clutch after losing the first set 2-6 to Ollie Kerr he came back to win 6-2, 6-3. With the scoreboard 5-1 we still had to secure a win in the doubles. Sue and Taylor got us over the line for 7-5 win. Fielding a full strength team with Taylor travelling back from Auckland and Coopers MVP performance helped get us over the line to make the finals.

Finals day was 21st March at Waiwaka who had defeated Stratford/Okiawa in the other semi. It was a scorcher at Waiwaka. Graeme, Luke and Cooper kicked off with singles first with Luke taking the only win in a tight 2 sets 7-6, 7-5. Taylor had a convincing win 6-0, 6-0 while Sue and Jackie fought hard, both losing in 3 set tussles. Scoreboard Waiwaka 4, Oakura 2. It wasn't looking so great with time pushing on and Sue having a plane to catch at 3pm. Sue and Gavin got underway in combines before

running out of time so we had to default their match. With doubles and mixed being worth 2 points each we were down 6-2 with 2 doubles matches to go. In the first set Graeme and Luke were down a break but managed to recover to win 7-5, 6-1. That win brought the score to 6-4. Jackie and Taylor had to win in straight sets to tie the match. Spectators were made to sweat it out with the players. After winning the first set 6-4 we were down 1-3 in the second but managed to fight back to win the second set 6-3. Doing the maths had us all sweating as it was all tied up 6-6 on matches, 10-10 on sets, games countback 95-91 to Oakura! Our second ever win after taking the silverware 2 years ago. Wahoo what a day, it went right to the wire!

**Big thanks to our supporters, all the players over the season and our sponsors.**



## David Macleod MP for New Plymouth

Happy Easter Ōākura! Whether you celebrate it or not, a holiday never goes amiss. I'm looking forward to spending time with family, especially after a busy month.

In the first three weeks of March I read and heard thousands of submissions on the RMA replacement bills - the Planning and Natural Environment Bills - in my role on the Environment Select Committee. It was great to see that so many people care about these issues and take the time to let us know what they think.

People have also not been shy about letting me know what they think about the proposed move-on orders that Police will be able to issue to people behaving disruptively in our CBD. I've had some feedback and while many people are relieved that they will be able to walk around New Plymouth without potentially being harassed, others seem to have misunderstood the intent - which is to make the streets safer immediately, not solve the complex issue of homelessness.

Another street issue a bit closer to home for you has been bubbling away for some time. I've been talking to NZTA about potentially lowering the speed limit into and out of Ōākura. I've heard from a few of you who are concerned about the speed at which cars drive into your village, especially where children cross SH45 near Wairau Rd, and by Corbett Park. Ōākura is growing and changing as a community, and we need to make sure the infrastructure and how it works is appropriate as we go. While NZTA have warned there are technical complexities to this issue, it is still on my radar and I am working to find a way forward.

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Speaking of the way forward, it was great to see Ōākura will be hosting the Taranaki Yarrows Taranaki Bulls pre-season match against Wellington at the Kaitake Community Sports Hub in July. What an excellent way to celebrate the renovations and upgrades to the Hub. Can't wait to see you there!

*Cheers, David*

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# Rāhui - Protecting Our Coastline for Future Generations

Our moana and coastal environment are central to who we are as coastal communities, marae, pā, hapū and iwi. Over recent years, increasing pressure on kaimoana stocks and the visible decline of key species led to the establishment of a rāhui across the Western Taranaki coastline. This rāhui, now supported by a temporary legal closure under section 186A of the Fisheries Act, stretches from the Tapuae Stream in the north to the Taungātara Stream in the south, and remains in place from 16 December 2024 to 15 December 2026. This closure restricts the harvest of all shellfish (except rock lobster), all seaweed (except beachcast), anemones, stingrays, and conger eel species.

This action follows earlier customary rāhui placed by hapū and iwi in January 2022 after repeated concerns over the depletion of pāua and other taonga species, with monitoring showing that more time was needed for meaningful population recovery and longterm protection strategies.

## Why the Rāhui Was Put in Place

Coastal depletion was becoming unsustainable. Hapū and iwi noted significant declines in kaimoana beds, coupled with increasing pressure from large numbers of visitors harvesting along the coast. Some pāua beds were reported as being "stripped bare," prompting urgent calls for recovery time backed by both tikanga and science.

## The rāhui was enacted to:

- Allow depleted species time to rebuild.
- Protect the integrity and mauri of the coastline.
- Reduce clashes occurring between those trying to enforce tikanga and those breaching it.
- Ensure future generations can continue to gather kaimoana as their parents and grandparents did.

Government recognition of the rāhui also enables Fishery Officers to legally enforce

the temporary closure — an important step in supporting the tireless mahi of hapū, iwi and community volunteers who have monitored the coast day after day.

## Monitoring & Data Collection: What We've Learned So Far

Since the rāhui began, hapū, iwi, environmental partners and volunteers have been actively monitoring kaimoana recovery, beach activity, and ecological indicators. The iwi's applications for the ongoing closure highlighted the need for continued data collection over a sufficient time scale to understand population trends and develop sustainable protection strategies.

## Monitoring efforts along the coast include:

- Observing kaimoana beds and recording abundance and size changes.
- Assessing the health of inshore ecosystems such as seaweed beds and reef structures.
- Gathering community observations from locals, divers, whānau and kaitiaki.
- Planning longterm monitoring programmes for both seafood stocks and seabirds.

All of this information helps the Rāhui Steering Committee — made up of representatives from marae, pā, hapū, iwi and community members — to chart a longterm, community led vision for the protection of our coast.

A special acknowledgement goes to Te Kāhui o Taranaki for their significant financial contribution over the past three years, and for their continued support as we step confidently into the next phase.

## Where to From Here?

The rāhui has given our coast a chance to recover, but it is only temporary. Local hapū, iwi, and community representatives are now looking at the next steps for long-term protection of our moana.

The pathway being considered moves from short-term recovery to enduring local stewardship — beginning with the rāhui, moving to a rohe moana, and potentially leading to a mātaimai reserve in the future.

A rohe moana would recognise local hapū as customary guardians of this coastline and allow appointed kaitiaki to help manage customary fishing, informed by both local knowledge and ongoing monitoring.

If a rohe moana is established and working well, a mātaimai reserve could follow. This would provide stronger, community-endorsed protection while balancing customary, recreational, and community interests.

No decisions have been made yet. Over the coming months, community meetings will focus on what a rohe moana could look like for this coastline and whether a mātaimai reserve is the right long-term option.

Our coast belongs to all of us. By working together now, we can help ensure it remains healthy and thriving for future generations."

## Upcoming Rāhui Community Meetings

A series of ongoing community hui will be held across the rohe to provide opportunities for the wider community to engage in kōrero and be part of the discussion around the Section 186A temporary closure. These gatherings are intended to be accessible and responsive, allowing space for continued learning, dialogue, and shared understanding.

## These hui will provide opportunities to:

- Understand the reasons behind the 186A Temporary Closure
- Hear updates on monitoring and data collection
- Ask questions and share local knowledge
- Discuss potential pathways for longterm coastal protection

Details of all upcoming hui, including dates, times, and locations, will be shared through the Section 186A Temporary Closure Facebook page: Ki Tua – Beyond the Rāhui.

These hui are open to the entire community — residents, fishers, business owners, rangatahi, and anyone who loves and cares for our coast.

## He Karanga ki te Hapori – A Call to Our Coastal Whānau

Our coastline is precious. Its restoration and protection require kotahitanga — unity. Whether you are a lifelong local, a visitor, a fisher, a surfer, or someone who simply loves this unique stretch of moana, your voice matters.

We invite everyone to come together, learn, share perspectives, and help shape a sustainable future for our coast and for generations to come.

# TOP Activities

## Ōākura

### Ōākura Hall Bookings

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**Adult Ballet Class** - Friday 8:45am - 10 am. Register your interest for adult tap class. Jane 027 6940933 or janeroseman@xtra.co.nz.

**Bowling and Social Club** Bowling tournaments September through to April. Both mid-week and weekend games. Steve Muller 021 169 5863

**Oakura Bowling Club Mahjong Group** We meet each Monday from 1pm at the club. All welcome including beginners. Contact Heather 021617894

**Dancing in the Dark** Glenys Farrant 027 753 0120

**Gym Classes** - Fun & friendly community circuit training sessions at The Well Nest gym Tue 5:20pm & Fri 9:30am. Tempofit.org/gym Hayden - 0274835942

**Indoor Bowls** Enquiries to Marvin Clough 752 7531

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**Justice of the Peace** - Lynn, Anne, John, Krys. Ōākura Library Thurs 10am-12.30pm.

**Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust** Pete Morgan 027 372 5182 morgpt@xtra.co.nz

**Kaitake Social Netball** - Sundays 3pm during Term 2 & 3 Oakura School Netball Courts Contact Jenna 027 489 4929.

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

**Mini Groovers - Music Group** All parents welcome with babies/under 5's. Every Tues during term time 10-11am at the Ōākura Hall. Visit their Facebook page: Mini Groovers - Ōākura.

**Ōākura Maimoa Club - after school care** Monday to Thursday 3pm to 5.30pm Bookings essential through Facebook @oakuramaimoaclub or by text to 022 323 7210

**Ōākura Crop Swap** - 3rd Saturday 3-4pm

Ōākura Village Hall. Contact Adam Harris adam@frankandfearless.com

**Ōākura Walking Talking Group** Every Monday 10am. Meet in the carpark next to the skatepark on Messenger Tce. Phone Mae 027 314 2995 or just turn up.

**Pickleball Ōākura** - Ōākura Hall - Tues & Thurs 9-11am, Wed 7.30-9pm, 10am-12pm most Saturdays. All skill levels and equipment is provided. Elayne 027 937 7173 or Vincenza 027 739 6574

**Playcentre** 14 Donnelly St. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am - noon during school terms. oakura@playcentre.org.nz

**Pony Club** - Tracey Mackenzie 027 319 0238 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** - Ōākura Bowling club, 3rd Friday of the month 10-11.30am. Contact Brenda Ryan 757 3537 or 027 748 9698

**TempoFit Kids Run Club** - run club, Friday 8am at Ōākura Hall, 8-13yrs. Hayden Shearman 027 483 5942 tempofit.org

**St James Church** - Sunday Service 10am, Every week. Sunday School Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 9am Breakfast club & 10am Sunday School. stjamesoakura@gmail.com

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**The Coastal Dippers** - Mon-Fri 7.00am, Sat & Sun 8.00am. Turn up in front of the Surf Club for a quick sea dip. Facebook or Kama 027 769 1101

**Tai Chi Classes** Every Monday 9-10am at Ōākura Hall. Judi 027 268 2601. Just come along or contact: taranakitachichuan@gmail.com

**Val Deakin Dance School** - Children's ballet class. Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30pm. For ages 5 -9. Contact janeroseman@xtra.co.nz

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## Okato

### Okato Community Church meeting

At Hempton Hall on Sunday mornings 10.30am - all welcome. Contact Nicky 027 497 3764

**Okato Bowling Club** - Friday Twilight Bowls during Daylight Saving, all welcome. Club opens 5:30pm, starts 6pm. Supper \$6. Sandra 0274662129

**Okato and District Historical Society** Meg Cardiff 752 4566

**Okato Lions Club** - Contact Colin Tyler 027 5421853 - Meet at Hempton Hall first Wed of the month.

**Okato Squash Club** - Monday nights from 6.30pm. All welcome.

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church** - Saturday Vigil Mass @ 6pm. 36 Cumming Street.

**St. Paul's** - Sunday Service 10am 1st and 2nd Worship Service. 3rd Sunday 10am – Communion Service, 4th Sunday at 7.00pm. Open church for silent reflection – Pew for You, 3rd Wednesday of each month

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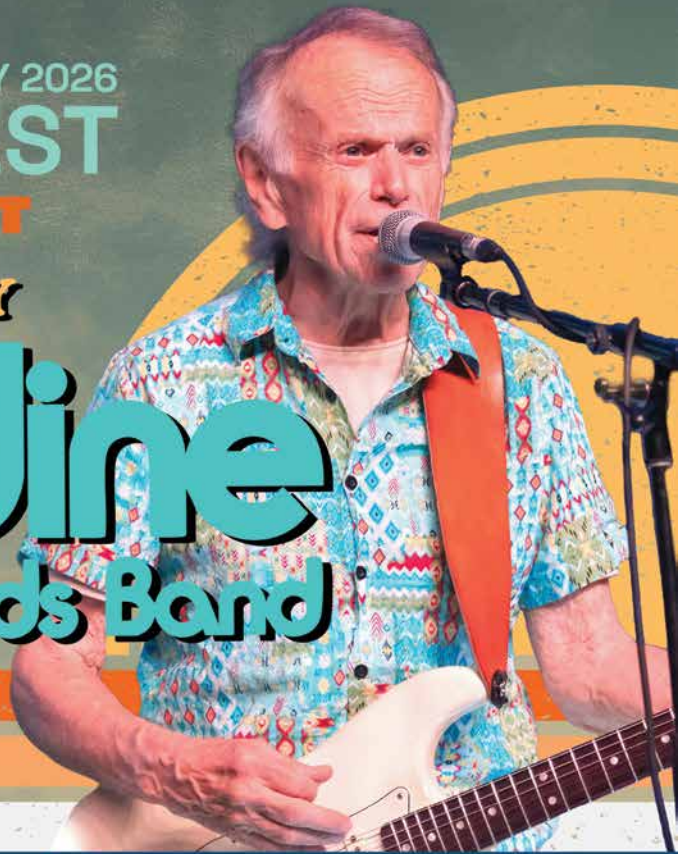
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For those who want to be more than just spectators, we have created a limited Kaitake Guardians package.

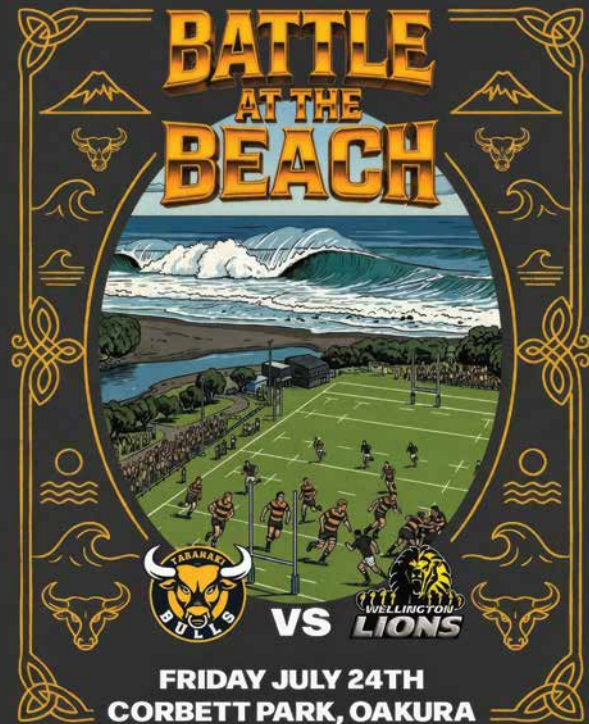
This is designed for couples or friends who want to get closer to the event and to Taranaki Rugby across the year. By becoming a Guardian, you are backing a community-led occasion and securing access to experiences reserved for a small group.

- 2x VIP Match Day Passes inside the Kaitake Community Sports Hub known as the David Jennings Lounge for the day (not publicly available)
- 4-hour package
- Inclusive food & beverage
- Pre-match chat with Bulls Coach/Players
- Reserved bleacher seating for the match or watch from inside the David Jennings Lounge
- 2x Limited Edition Kaitake x Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Replica Jerseys
- 2x Invitations to the Taranaki Rugby Invitational Golf Day at Ngāmotu Golf Club – November 20<sup>th</sup>– March
- 2x Premium Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Season Passes

NB: Individual Kaitake Guardian package available.

Numbers are strictly limited. Price: \$999.99 + GST.

If you would like to secure a Kaitake Guardians package or find out more, please contact [kurt@trfu.co.nz](mailto:kurt@trfu.co.nz) or 027 352 3742.

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