Proposal for Council to give Waipa tourism push

By Grant Johnston

Tourism is a major contribu-
tor to the Waipa economy, and it should be promoted through regional collaboration and co-ordination.

That was the consensus of last week’s public meeting in Te Awamutu promoted by Tourism Ahead.

Spokesperson, Ian Parlane (a former board member of the now defunct Tourism Waikato) says the meeting demonstrated that there is desire for a tourism development organisation for Waipa.

Mr Parlane says the group appreciated Council facilitating the meeting and paying for a convener to run it.

“Council is also to be congratulated for its foresight and planning as far as tourism in our district is concerned.”

Mr Parlane says Council staff have been supportive of Tourism Ahead’s efforts, including district development officer, Phyllis Hu-tea and manager policy and strategy, Ross McNiel.

“The demise of Tourism Waikato has left a void in regional tourism and tourism is so important to our district that there was no way we were going to let it languish,” Mr Parlane told the Courier.

At the same time, Hamilton-based economic development group, Katoloyst is promoting greater financial contribution from tourism operators and district councils to tourism in the Waikato region.

Waipa was one of just six councils funding Tourism Waikato - contributing an annual grant of $15,000 towards promotion of tourism in the region.

Tourism Waikato went out of business’ earlier this year after Hamilton City Council withdrew its annual grant of $250,000 - frustrated that some councils were being propped up by the city’s ratepayers.

Waipa Mayor Alan Livingston said Council would carefully consider any proposal put to it, but warned it would be looking to ensure ratepayers were getting value for money before committing to any financial support.

Mr Parlane says Tourism Ahead will formally approach WDC with a proposal for Council to establish a new tourism authority.

Tourism Ahead wants Council to adopt a leading role in developing a tourism strategy, defining and shaping the future role of tourism in the district and region and acting as a tourism facilitator and advocate.

Hydroslide closed for maintenance

Te Awamutu Events Centre’s hydroslide was closed for maintenance on Monday and through to next Tuesday to ensure it is in top shape for summer.

The work will be done by Opus Consultants on behalf of Waipa District Council.

The works include repainting the stair support tower using a special kind of paint to improve corrosion protection and the stair’s appearance, checking and repairing some leaking joints, buffing the inside of the hydroslide tube (to improve water flow down the slide), and sealing the decorative rockery at the slide splash pool area (to overcome seepage and improve slide performance).

Some work will also be done on the hydroslide pump to reduce friction and improve performance and energy efficiency (to generate higher water flows).

Council says inconvenience will be kept to a minimum while this maintenance is completed, and once work is complete the hydroslide will be “better than ever”.

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YOUR LETTERS

Urban ‘garden’ an eyesore

A little winge and the reason for having it through your pages is, I do not know to whom to winge - Waipa District Council or Benchmark Building Supplies.

I refer to raised area of trees and shrubs immediately adjacent to the timber yard, directly opposite the Information Centre in Arawata Street.

On one side is a nice planting of roses, however the raised plot leaves a lot to be desired.

When it was originally conceived and constructed it was well designed and was a credit to the originators.

But, alas, those who followed have neither the desire nor the will to return it to its original glory. I walk past the spot frequently and I am very disappointed with the sight it presents.

Surrounded as the area is with so much beauty and the fine information facility, it is very disappointing to see such neglect.

Come on whoever is responsible, be it WDC or Benchmark, how about a little tender loving care. It can hardly break the bank.

And while I am at it, could the Council not insist that the developers of the new shopping centre in Cambridge Road tidy up that eyesore. It’s like a bomb site - downtown Baghdad.

These two sites are on prime entrance to our town - not a nice welcome for visitors.

TERRY BROADBRIDGE

Editor’s note: the situation which is the main part of your letter was the subject of a Letter to the Editor several years ago, from the Te Awamutu manager of Benchmark Building Supplies, expressing frustration of the process.

Sad primary principal is leaving

Mr McLauchlan is a special principal. He has been principal at Te Awamutu Primary School for 13 years.

It is two weeks until he leaves our school.

He is going to have a break and maybe travel around in his caravan with Mrs McLauchlan.

It’s so sad.

The primary principal who is going to take over from Mr McLauchlan is Mr Duncan.

The deputy principal who is going to take over from Mr Milne who is retiring too, is Mrs Gibbs - not my teacher.

My teacher’s name is Mrs Gibbes with an e.

He is going to miss the children I think. I hope he thinks we’re sensible.

MCKENZIE CLAYDON (7)

Deputy will be missed too!

Every one at our school is going to miss him and Mr McLauchlan. He is going to retire too. A new teacher is going to be Mrs Gibbs. That means two Mrs Gibbs at my school - funny eh!

TANGAROA KATIPA (7)

Room 5, Te Awamutu Primary

Visitor Centre volunteers provide great service

As Tuesday the 5th of December was National Volunteer Day this week it is only appropriate that a huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who give their time, dedication and support to the Te Awamutu i-SITE Visitor Centre.

Over 20 volunteers work a roster at the centre assisting Claire, Jacq and I and we would not be able to manage the workload without them.

Happy to be involved in promotion

Te Awamutu Trade Aid enjoyed being involved in the Kiwihiki Kindergarten shop hop - so many happy mums and teachers having a night out.

Generously supporting the kindergarten, the ‘northern boutiques’ collectively helped make a wonderful evening.

Comments received through our visitor book rate Te Awamutu Visitor Centre as one of the best they have visited in New Zealand, a true reflection of the service and presentation of our Centre.

Wishing all the ladies a very special Christmas and Happy New Year!

ROZ UDDELL

Manager Te Awamutu i-SITE Visitor Centre

Congratulations to Voyle, who won our spot prize and thanks to all who visited Trade Aid.

It was super night and we will most willingly support another evening next year.

LOIS TITCHENER

Manager Te Awamutu Trade Aid

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Mr Milne has been the deputy principal at Te Awamutu Primary for a long time.

My teacher says it is longer than I have been alive.

He looks after the classes from Room 12 to Room 20.

He is cool. He is going to retire very soon.

Comments

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TERRY BROADBRIDGE
A dream has come true for a dedicated group of local families as their own school officially opened last week on Te Wananga O Aotea’s Apakuru Campus.

Kura Kainga Ki Te Awamutu aims to provide a full immersion Kura Kaupapa education for primary aged children.

Opening the school is a step on the journey for the parents and children - not the final destination - but it is a huge step.

Parents Thomas Maniapoto and Phillipa Tapu have been involved in the process for two years. Mr Maniapoto says while six months seemed like an age, by comparison it has been a speedy conclusion.

This is due to hard work, determination and lots of goodwill and assistance.

The Ministry of Education allowed Kura Kainga Ki Te Awamutu to establish as a satellite of the Te Kuiti based Te Kura Kaupapa Moari O Oparure - which provides governance.

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The school is a natural progression for youngsters who started their education in the Kohanga Roo system.

Mr Maniapoto says now that the primary school is open it is time to gather the forces for a new beginning.

This includes working towards a independent Kura Kaupapa with its own facilities, then logically working towards a fully immersed Whare Kura secondary option, as part of a full education strategy which will ideally see students continue on to Wananga tertiary studies.

He says that is why parents are regarding this as phase three of five for their children's educational needs.

These behind the new school say the timing was right for the project to be successful, with the right group of parents to see it through.

Mr Maniapoto says parents were prepared to take a huge risk and work hard to succeed - and they have to continue that effort.

He says the community needs to buy in to the value of what is planned, which he believes they will once they see how this system is designed to value the children in this community and focuses on their needs.

Top: SCHOOL’S IN - Kura Kainga Ki Te Awamutu students and (back from left) Te Kura Kaupapa Moari O Oparure principal Whaea Haree Moana, teacher aide Whaea Chloe Hensleigh and teacher Whaea Anissa Gotty in one of their new teaching spaces.

Left: KURA Kainga Ki Te Awamutu students, parents and supporters head into the powhiri at Te Wananga O Aotea marking the official opening of their new school.
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Invaluable riding experience

Eleven-year-old Kerry-Ann Hedley proved that age was no barrier to success when competing in the Waikato Dressage Festival at Waipa Equestrian Park, Kihikihi.

The hometown club rider posted a creditable score of 60% in one of her preliminary level tests.

Young Hedley, riding her pony Greenlee Aristocrat, is competing on equal footing, at preliminary level, with senior riders including Christane Weal.

The competition is based on the level of training the horse has attained rather than the rider.

There were nine local riders in all competing last weekend.

Weal and Trisha Lee both achieved a first placing in one of their classes. Weal at open medium on Under discussion and Lee on her pony Volleyball SL, won their classes.

Scott McKenna of Kormatua placed sixth in the advanced championship, while Libby Baron of Wharepopa Pony Club was eighth in the elementary championship.

Dressage spokesperson, Trisha Lee says it was good to see Wendy Hunt on the other side of the ring, riding her young horse Rose Du Roi for its first outing.

"Too often now she sacrifices her riding to take up the responsibility of judging instead."

This year’s event was particularly well supported by riders from Auckland, Northland and the Hawkes Bay. Around 140 horses competed.

Event organisers would particularly like to thank local sponsor Strathfield Farm, who stand the stallion Landro L, for their sponsorship of the elementary 3.3 class.

PICTURED: Kerry-Ann Hedley and Greenlee Aristocrat at Waipa Equestrian Park competing in one of her preliminary tests.

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Do we know the cost of everything, and the value of nothing?

By Grant Johnston

Imagine if when you were lit-
tle your dad had said to you the
family couldn’t afford vital med-
cal treatment for you.

You would have been disapp-
pointed, but imagine just how
you would have felt when you
found out that there was money
to send your brother away to a
sports academy for the whole of
the summer (costing a lot more
than your medicine).

I imagine that’s how women
with breast cancer and women
in general, feel right now about
the refusal of the Government
agency Pharmac to fund the
drug Herceptin - when they see
Cabinet Minister Trevor Mallard
demonstrate that plenty of mon-
ey can be found for a stadium to
host the 2011 Rugby World Cup
final (as long as it’s built in the
right place).

I would say the biggest
debate I have seen in my
nearly 48 years growing up in
New Zealand have been the
ever widening gap between the
‘haves’ and the ‘have nots’,
the willingness of our society
to tolerate the non treatment or
partial treatment of people with
critical and terminal illnesses
and to continue to pay people
for doing nothing.

I think that in a tangled
way these things are related.
Because we have so much
compassion for people who do
not have the skill, or the will, to
work, our budget forces us to
draw a line under compassion
for people with life threatening
illnesses and conditions.

And because we no longer
live in an equitarian New Zea-
land, where the owner of the
company’s largest firm hol-
dayed in the same style of bach
and next door to the workers in
his factories, we have learned
to accept as a society that ‘get-
ting ahead’ means sometimes
being happy to leave others ‘be-
hind’. We’ve learned to be thick
skinned when it comes to the
problems of others, including
at times our friends, neighbours
and families.

The Te Awamutu BPW arti-
cle in today’s issue, and Dean
Taylor’s articles published in
the Courier recently about local
woman Ginny Bisset fundraising
for Herceptin, moved me to
write this editorial.

Herceptin is funded in 22
countries for its beneficial ef-
fects in treating the early stages
of breast cancer - New Zealand
procrastinates over approving
funding while women die.

I am as big a rugby fan as the
next person and I hope we do
have a great stadium to host
the 2011 World Cup final - but
more importantly I hope we do
everything we can to ensure that
fellow New Zealanders who
already have breast cancer, or
who contract it in the meantime,
are alive to watch the game.

**Skycity grants see nearly half a million distributed to Waikato organisations**

A new defibrillator for the Search & Rescue air ambulance and a boost
towards Parentline’s programme
pro-

ting for education and counselling to chil-
dren are two of the funding highlights
recently announced by Skycity Hamilton Community Trust.

Christmas comes early this year for
120 community and charitable groups
who will receive over $490,000 in the
largest ever funding round, bringing the

total amount of funds distributed by the
Trust to over $1.6 million.

Successful recipients come from vari-
ous sectors including arts, culture and

entertainment, community, education,
health, welfare and medical, rescue and
emergency, family, group and individual
support and tourism.

Locally, Pokuru School received $1,000
towards setting up a Perceptual Motor
Programme (PMP). This is a move-
ment-based programme designed for
young children and concentrates on de-
velopment of perceptions and language
through a series of planned physical
activities. Through PMP many children
are better able to cope with their school-
work.

Te Awamutu Competitions Society of
the Performing Arts received $2,000 to-
wards the annual competitions festival.

Margaret Evans, chairperson of the
Trust says she is delighted at the wide
range of organisations that will benefit.

The grants range in amount from
$25,000 for the Pohlen Foundation Trust
to purchase a new endoscope - providing
lifesaving preventative screening - to
$488 for the Healing and Rape Crisis
Centre for a new vacuum cleaner, “she
says.

For more information about the Sky-
city Hamilton Community Trust visit
www.skycityhamilton.co.nz.
Pirongia teacher farewelled

Guest of honour at Pirongia School’s ‘Flax Café’ last Friday was deputy principal Jan Cullen, who was farewelled after 16 years at the school. The ‘one day café’ was run by food technology teacher, Leanne Doull and 15 students chosen from Year 8 who had displayed promise in this subject. They presented an application for $322 funding from principal, Kevin Cronin which was approved. With good support from parents, staff and fellow students they recouped $405 from their efforts. Above, Mrs Cullen receives first class service from (left to right): Melanie Allen, Briar Johnston, Shantll Edwards and Paige Allen.

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Rosetown Lions provide park seat

*PLEASE BE SEATED*: Rosetown Lions' former president, Ces Heron (left) and committee member, Marie Martin alongside a seat in Victoria Park recently donated by Rosetown Lions. The park, which encompasses Te Awamutu Bowling Club, Te Awamutu Croquet Club and Te Awamutu Tennis Club facilities, is well utilised by the public.

By Maureen Calman, Te Awamutu Methodist Church

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Then there’s fear because they may think we’re after something or they may laugh at us.

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As I thought about this advice I couldn’t help comparing it with affirming and giving praise to God. Why don’t we praise God more? Is it familiarity, where we’ve become so used to the goodness of God that we no longer notice it?

Maybe we make the false assumption that God does not need our praise and affirmation or that someone else will do it.

Maybe it’s fear! How dare I presume to say something complimentary to God? And besides, God may think I want something! Maybe it’s embarrassment! What will others think of me? What will God think of me?

And how can we praise and affirm God anyway? The psalms in the Bible give us plenty of words if we cannot think of our own.

But I suspect God delights in hearing words from our own hearts and minds to express how God has made us feel: (Wow, God that was a magnificent sunset), or how well God has done something (That is a spectacular sunset, Creator God). And we can always give God the gift of our love.

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**CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE**

Giving praise doesn’t come easy at first - but it’s worth it

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Failure to fund Herceptin hard to fathom, BPW told

It was certainly a case of last not least when National MP Dr Jackie Blue, the first breast physician in New Zealand, served as final guest speaker for the year for Te Awamutu BPW.

Dr Blue is critical of the medicines purchasing entity Pharmac, who have decided not to fund the breast cancer treatment drug for early stage breast cancer.

Members were told that Pharmac is waiting for more data, but Dr Blue said that that was a cop out and “women’s lives were ticking away” while they waited.

She believed that it was time for Pharmac’s mandate to be re-visited as its spending on drugs had not grown in the last five years.

She said that it was all very well to save money but “real people needed real drugs” especially when 22 countries already fund Herceptin for early stage breast cancer.

Dr Blue can speak with knowledge of this field as she is one of 10 breast physicians in New Zealand.

A Fellow of the Australasian Society of Breast Physicians, she continues her campaign for recognition of this fairly new field.

She said that, because some people can afford to buy it, it creates a double standard of healthcare – those who can afford it and those who can’t.

She didn’t think that was fair at all.

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Dr Blue was appointed spokesperson for Women’s Affairs and Associate Health in the recent reshuffle of the National Party.

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Radio operator’s service echoes in Kawhia

Isaac Amos passed away in hospital at Raglan recently - but it is at a nearby seaside community that he will be remembered for many years.

Known as Ike, Mr Amos contributed legendary service to Kawhia Sea-Crest volunteer coastguard radio service - working up to 115 hours a week as a volunteer radio operator over a period of 15 years.

A comment in the latest Kawhia Boating and Angling Club’s newsletter summed up how locals felt about the service - “Ike’s dedication to his work helped many a fisherman and boater, having peace of mind knowing that someone was listening at the other end of the radio whilst crossing the bar or maybe just out fishing in the harbour.”

Over the years Mr Amos co-ordinated many rescues of people and boats. He ‘signed off’ each call to boaties with the same message: “You take care, good fishing, good luck and all the best” - the same to you Ike.
Gower ~ Simmonds  Ford ~ Petersen

Boensma ~ Nichols

Top Left: Melissa Simmonds and Lance Gower were married at Rosenvale, Te Awamutu. Melissa is the youngest daughter of David and Olivia Simmonds of London, England. She was attended by her sister Tabitha Simmonds. Lance is the second son of Lloyd Gower (Te Awamutu) and Janice Gower (Taihape). He was attended by his brother Simeon.

Lydia Ann photo

Top Right: Melissa Petersen and Daniel Ford were married at Ngaroma. Melissa is the eldest daughter of Trevor and Sandra Petersen of Hamilton. She was attended by Monique Roberts and Kelly Petersen. Daniel is the youngest son of Bob and Judy Ford of Ngaroma. He was attended by Ross Graham and Matt Taylor.

Cheryl Cook photo

Left: Jennifer-lee Nichols and Martin Boensma were married at Willow Glenn, Gordonton. Jennifer-lee is the eldest daughter of Karyn and Brett Read of Foxton. She was attended by Veronique Read, Dearna Read and Mikayla Read. Martin is the youngest son of former Te Awamutu residents Henk and Wieteke Boensma (now of Waihi). He was attended by Phillip Read.

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Hairdresser Rachel Donaghy welcomes people to her new salon, 'Room 4' based at her home.

She had thought about building a studio alongside her new home, but she had plenty of space inside the house, so has converted a 'spare' bedroom instead (hence the business name).

She provides a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere in the well set out salon and clients can enjoy the rural views while visiting.

As she works from home she is able to provide flexible appointment times, which are ideal for people who work during the day.

### Changes to InterCity Bus Timetable

InterCity Coachlines has announced changes to its daily service connecting Taranaki (via Te Awamutu) to Auckland.

There are two services each day that leave from New Plymouth:

- The morning service from New Plymouth will now depart The Travel Centre at 7.40am every day and makes a refreshment stop in Te Kuiti at 10.00am and in Hamilton at 11.45am, before continuing north to arrive in Auckland at 1.50pm.
- The afternoon service departs New Plymouth at 2.20pm daily, except Friday, and makes a refreshment stop in Mokau at 3.20pm and in Hamilton at 6.10pm arriving in Auckland at 8.20pm.

On Fridays, the service departs New Plymouth at 3.20pm and makes refreshment stops in Mokau at 4.30pm and in Hamilton at 7.15pm arriving in Auckland at 9.10pm.


For booking information see www.intercity.co.nz.
Veen claims classic

By Colin Thorsen

Ngahinapouri teenage golfer Matthew Veen is finishing the year with a bang and a roar.

The 18-year-old retained his title winning the second annual 27-hole Ngahinapouri Junior Classic under-23 tournament with 107 gross. The runner-up Peter Sin was one shot off the pace.

Boysed by his success, Veen went close to winning the Whangamata Classic at the weekend - finishing just two shots shy of the gross.

He was a model of consistency with rounds of 70, 71, 72 for a 54-hole total of 213 on the par 70 course - outstanding scoring in the testing, windy conditions. He claimed the third net prize.

Veen’s mentor, Kam Sanders says he has tons of potential, enjoys his golf and plays his games accordingly.

“He has a good attitude and a pleasant personality, all the attributes to become a top player,” says Sanders.

The three handicapper has been a club member at Ngahinapouri since 2003. He has a personal best 67 off-the-stick on his home course.

Veen made his debut for Ngahinapouri’s senior championship pennant team this year after being reserve in 2005.

He was a member of the top 2005 Hamilton Boys’ High School team, winners of the Waikato area final.

Robert Western took out the division one net with 59 in the 27-hole Ngahinapouri Junior Classic, with Matt Smith (100) the runner-up.

Thomas Cupit won the stableford with 62 points, from Andrew Kingdom (58).


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Hustlers in full swing

Te Awamutu Hustlers are doing plenty of hassling in the Melville Cup interclub tennis competition. The competition leaders served up another 15-14 in round six, this time to bottom-of-the-table Ngāiāngāpouri.

Korokoriki and Roto-O-Rangi are second equal, two points off the pace. Both these teamschalked up their fourth wins – Korokoriki beating Te Awamutu Raiders 13-3 and Roto-O-Rangi downing Wharepa South 11-5.

Otorohanga and Te Rahu Stripes battled out an 8-all draw, with each securing one cup point.

There were five tie-break sets – four going to Te Rahu Stripes and one to Otorohanga.

Round five was washed out on Oc-tober 13. Only one catch-up match has been played, resulting in a 15-1 win to Te Awamutu Hustlers over Kihikihi.

**Cup points to date:**
- Te Awamutu Hustlers 18
- Roto-O-Rangi 9
- Te Rahu Stripes 6, Otorohanga 5, Te Rahu Stripes 5, Wharepa South 4, Harris 2, Te Awamutu Raiders 1, Kihikihi 1, Ngāiāngāpouri 0.

Lane, Dixon top pair

The tried and true combination of Marlene Lane and Margaret Dixon won the women's championship pairs at Kihikihi Bowling Club.

They defeated finalists Noeline Cotterell and Betty Campbell 21-13 in the semi-finals.

They also skipped the four champions winning team, with Cotterell (3), Campbell (2) and Dixon (lead). They beat Noeline Stivers (a), Joan Collins, Irene Armstrong and Margareen O'Lassay 24-10 in the final.

It was sweet revenge for Lane after losing a life to the same opposition (18-15) in the semi-finals.

Les Ashley and Tony Hart took out the men's championship pairs the hard way, having to beat two-lifers Dave Barnes and Terry Bennett twice.

They did so winning their semi-final 19-9 and final 18-11.

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HERD OF COWS?

Jan Yarndley won four of the last five ends to beat Ruth Holden 21-17 in the women’s singles championship final at Te Awamutu Bowling Club. It was a close run thing, with Yarndley requiring 23 ends to get the better of her tenacious opponent. Holden kept in the game winning 11 of the ends. Noel Ballinger skipped his team of John Byett, Doug Barraux and Ron Wilcox to victory in the men’s championship fours.

They beat Robbie Howatson’s team of Jack Robinson, Morris Thorley and John Apedrao 18-16 in the final. In the semi-finals, Ballinger ousted Gordon Blackstock’s team, while Howatson eliminated the Trevor Wright-Simon quartet.

Wright and Keith Johnson won the men’s handicap drawn pairs, beating Red Kilgour and Jim Baird 20-15 after Kilgour had a two handicap start.

In the semi-finals, Wright eliminated Laurie Greenaway and Alan Oliver, while Kilgour ended Tom Nadim and Ron Wilcox’s hopes.

Doris Macky (s), Joan Wilcox and Helen Ander-son won the Tailby Buttons competition with two wins and three draws.

Joan Pollard’s team of Gay Bastion and Rhonda Bates were the runners-up with a win and three draws.

A countback was necessary after three teams emerged with four wins in the Te Awamutu Fu-neral Services sponsored tournament.

Honours went to the host club team of Ken Garrett, Eric Wuesting and Ted Sriramote with a dif-ferential of 24 points.

Merle Wyllie (s), Dawn Small and Nevenka Drau-sin retained both their lives winning the women’s triples championship at Porangahau Bowling Club.

Joan Oates (s), Kaye Barclee and Jessie Young took them to an extra end in their first encounter but could not match them in the second game.

The men’s triples was won convincingly by Rob Goodhew (s), Peter Kewish and Kevin Apar; from the runners-up Neville Northcott (s), Alie Muir and Stuart Branch.

Hines Cup: Dawn Small, joint r-up: Nevenka Drausin, Don Norham-shaw.

Scottsdale Tours sponsored tournament: Mur-ray Pratt (s), Doug Rankin, Christina Rankin (Otorohanga); r-up: J. Ommeren (s), B. Langlands, W. Muir (Claudelands).

Monthly tournament, sponsored by Fairview Motors; D. Small (s), M. Wyllie, N. Drausin; r-up: Joan Pollard (s), Brain Dobbin, Doris Mackay.

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**Family**

Loved and missed by Greg, Grateful thanks and loving nana o late Stephen. Loved and Shirley, and the mother-in-law of John and Ingrid Maxted. Proud to announce the passing of Isabella Watson.

**A message for all**

A special service for those who knew her will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2006, at 2:00 pm at the Te Awamutu Christian Centre. All are welcome to attend.

**A Note for the family**

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- 10:00am
- Oparuree Marae, Oparowakawa, Opunake, Te Kuiti

Nau mai haere mai tatou katoa

All enquiries to:
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Eskimo Joe heading to BDO

Te Awamutu Courier and CDs 4 mix (formerly Trace) give readers the chance to celebrate Eskimo Joe playing the Big Day Out at Mount Smart Stadium, Auckland on Friday, January 19, 2007 by winning a copy of their new CD Black Fingernails, Red Wine.

Eskimo Joe formed in 1997 in Fremantle, Western Australia. Kavyen (Kav) Temperly (bass/vocals), Joel Quartermain (drums) and Stuart MacLeod (guitar) formed a band to compete in the Australian National Campus Band Competition. Despite the fact that the first heat was one of their first gigs in the Australian National Band Competition, Eskimo Joe won the competition with prizes of a slot on the Livelit Festival and a session in a recording studio.

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