

KAITEMAKO EXPRESS

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Firstly I need to apologise for not getting a September issue out. A number of things interfered with this happening. I have changed internet provider and although that is going really well it interfered with my ability to print. Once I got that sorted I ended up with a large print job providing training manuals for a local institute, some 30,000 pages worth so that got me all behind in producing the express. Here we are in October and racing toward Christmas. The local

Pet Partners is much more than just a business...it's a family legacy; and one that we couldn't be more proud of! Pet Partners was originally founded 20 years ago in Detroit, USA by Lyn Rathwell. Lyn created a wonderful pet minding service, which was highly successful and widely respected for delivering outstanding customer care. Sadly, in the height of her success in 1996, Lyn became ill and within a few months passed away. Lyn was the late sister-in-law of Deborah Bodger, who established Pet Partners in New Zealand in 2007. A passionate pet owner herself, Deborah was looking for someone special to take care of her pets. She had 4 dogs and simply wanted a pet minder who would treat and love her dogs in the way she did. She searched around but couldn't find the right person and it was only when she tried to find someone else, that she recognised the shortage of professional pet care. So with a big cup of courage she decided to leave her successful career in retail management, to begin her own business and create a service that people and pets could count on. Since then, Pet Partners has grown organically through a very simple yet effective approach. A devotion to animals coupled with a dedication to outstanding service. In August 2009, Pet Partners entered the David Awards and we were delighted to receive the Runner up Award for Most Outstanding Fledgling Business in New Zealand. Our professionalism and focus on customer service was noted as being exceptional. So here we are, 3 years in and the Pet Partner family has grown significantly as new customers come to experience our unique and memorable way of taking care of them and their pets. Our vision is to provide a network of people who specialise in Pet Minding, Dog Walking, House Sitting, Home-Stays, and Doggy Day Care. We are dedicated to becoming a Company of Distinction, with a reputation for offering New Zealand pet owner's excellent service and quality pet care. (see over for our services)

elections are behind us with both Western Bay and Tauranga Mayors still in charge. Only time will tell how the new Councils will work out. Will we have two Council's at the next election or will we be super-sized like Auckland. My guess is we will stay as separate Council's but with some combined responsibilities where there is enough common ground to operate jointly.



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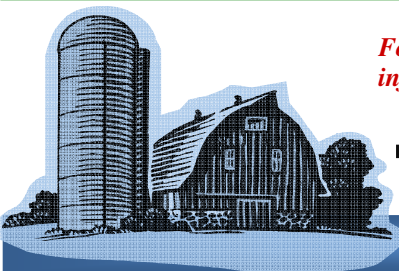
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As I have mentioned before we support a group called ARRC (Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Center). ARRC was started by Liza Schneider of Holistic Vets in Fraser Street. ARRC receive injured and sick animals from members of the public, SPCA, DOC and some vets. Liza applies the required veterinary skills and volunteers like ourselves then provide after care. Native birds are cared for by Chrissy Jefferson who has a special DOC permit for the purpose. We mainly get the water birds to rehabilitate but didn't have a decent pond to release them. Along came Colin Amrein of Colin Amrein Contracting Ltd, a contractor with a very large digger. When Colin heard why we wanted the pond he very generously donated the digger and driver for a day.



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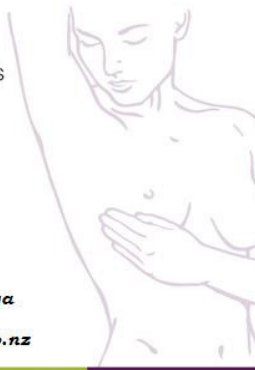
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Hence: a thresh hold. (Threshold)

We had a good response regarding internet access with many of you wanting an improved service. We are going to put a petition together and approach Telecom to see if we can put some pressure on them to extend that broadband service to the end of the road. Because of the geography of the land up here it is hard to get ten houses that can operate off one repeater so at this stage the EOL option is not viable. As I said earlier my Telecom XT card is working well. A lot faster and cheaper than satellite.

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