

Club Email News 18th February 2019

It was great to see some of our former club members at the Romanes Park event. Some were no doubt home before heading off to university again. While I must have missed a few, Jenna, Natalie, Caitlin, Nathan, Thomas, Laurence and a couple of Mitchells all put in an appearance and Coast-to-Coaster Scott McDonald ran the event as a warm-down.

On the Coast to Coast theme, after my previous mention of Scott McDonald running the Longest Day elite race people have mentioned Thomas Christison, who orienteered for Napier Boys High, finishing fourth in open mens two-day, international orienteer Georgia Whitla, and our local Liam Hurst who is now teaching at Taradale High.

And back to Romanes. Club Captain Bayley was busy helping the girls from Napier Girls High, he had a few beginners there and it looks as though that school which has been such a success winning NZ School titles and competing at World Schools may stage a revival as an orienteering force. And we also expect to see Napier Boys in numbers at our next event.

Bayley wasn't the only helper on show at Romanes Park. A huge "thank you" and "well done" to the small army of people we needed to run the double-header of O for Kids and the Summer Series event doing everything from setting up, running the starts, doing registration, even bridge-building.

I see that the One Giant Chance appeal to purchase the Jacks land adjacent to the Te Mata Park Trust land is now one very large probability. Hawke's Bay Today reports that \$920,000 has been raised so far of the \$1.25m needed by 30 April. Those who competed in the club Sneak Peak Fundraiser in late November last year will have had a look at the land which will provide an excellent extension to one of our favourite and most used maps.

Nothing to do with orienteering, but is anyone out there a collector of old bottles. While burying the dog recently I unearthed a few (bottles, that is) which I'd like to pass on to anyone who has an interest.

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