

The Papakura Lions Club is helping our neighbours across the sea to see.

The club is supplying reading glasses to aid the people of Fiji.

Type two diabetes is common in the Pacific Islands and is the main cause of blindness.

This project is for the benefit of those who have failing sight and cannot afford the cost of spectacles.

Used eye glasses are received from all over the North Island by the Papakura Lions. They are sorted, sterilised, tested on a lens meter, and the power of each lens recorded. Any screws that are loose are tightened.

The Lions clubs in Fiji receive the tested glasses and distribute them to local optometrists who test patients and fit them with

the recycled glasses at no cost.

The Papakura Lions Club urgently needs willing volunteers to assist with

the recycling process for three hours a week.

You do not have to be a member of a Lions club or another organisation to

help, just someone willing to give of your time.

Volunteers are asked to contact Barry Thrupp on 09 299 7710.



Six of the best: This sextet turns out week after week to assist with the Papakura Lions Club recycled reading glasses project. Can you spare three hours each Tuesday to help out? The venue is the Selwyn Homestead, Youngs Road, Papakura. Pictured above are: Back row (from left) John Davies, Bish McWatt and Athol Craw. Front (from left) Wanda Holmes, Margaret Payen and Ray Lockwood.

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## APOLOGY

The Franklin Breast Cancer Support Group Inc regrets to

advise that its fashion show scheduled for Sunday, April 20 had to be cancelled due to lack of ticket sales. Refunds are available wherever the

tickets were purchased. Future fundraising will be advertised shortly.

*Franklin Breast Cancer Support Group Inc*

## 'Our Stories' - Look at the person, not the disability

'Our Stories' is a touching new project that has created an opportunity for CCS Disability Action and IHC to work with the arts community to create a new level of awareness for people with a disability.

An exhibition, titled *My name is...*, will be showing from May 10 to May 28

at the New Zealand Steel Gallery at Franklin: The Centre; 12 Massey Avenue in Pukekohe. It comprises 72 black and white photographs taken by Hanne Johnsen, whose brief was, 'follow lives and stories, and go wherever it leads you'.

Alongside the exhibition

is the absorbing book, *The Man With No Arms and Other Stories*, written by Glenn Busch, capturing the intimate stories of nine people who live daily with the reality of a disability.

The exhibition also features a number of educational workshops for young people to help them under-

stand disabilities and to get the message across that everybody has the right to be respected, regardless of who they are or what has happened in their lifetime.

The organisers are Pip O'Connell and Sally Thomas, with the local exhibition organiser being Bob Bettison.

Deb's Mate, one of the best gallopers ever to come out of the Franklin district, died last week aged 31. Trained at Pukekohe by Harvey Wadham, Deb's Mate won 21 races, was second 11 times and earned \$263,608 in stakes.

He was owned by Errol and Shirley Stockwell and ridden in most of his starts by their daughter, Debbie Healey.

The Stockwells bought him unraced from Trevor Payne, who had already named him after his own daughter.

Deb's Mate was among the best wet-weather gallopers of his time, winning three consecutive Cornwall Handicaps at Ellerslie from 1982, carrying 59.5kg to complete the hat-trick.

But he was also competitive on top of the ground, capturing the Moe and Geelong Cups in Victoria and running third in an Easter Handicap at Ellerslie when the winner posted a very quick 1:33.19 for the

1,600m. Wadham said last weekend that one of his major disappointments in racing was the placing by Melbourne Racing Club officials of Deb's Mate as second emergency for the 1983 Caulfield Cup.

"I believe the fact he would be ridden by a female rider [Healey] prejudiced his chances of inclusion in the field.

"It rained all day and the track was so heavy that Hayai's winning time was one of the slowest on record. Deb's Mate must have been hard to beat. He was fit - a few days later he won the Geelong Cup."

In his retirement, Deb's Mate spent time as a clerk of the course's mount at Alexandra Park, in the show-ring and, for his last 18 years, company for young horses cared for by Mrs Kim Jenkins, of Pukekawa.

His ripe old age tells us how well he was treated throughout his life. Jim Knight