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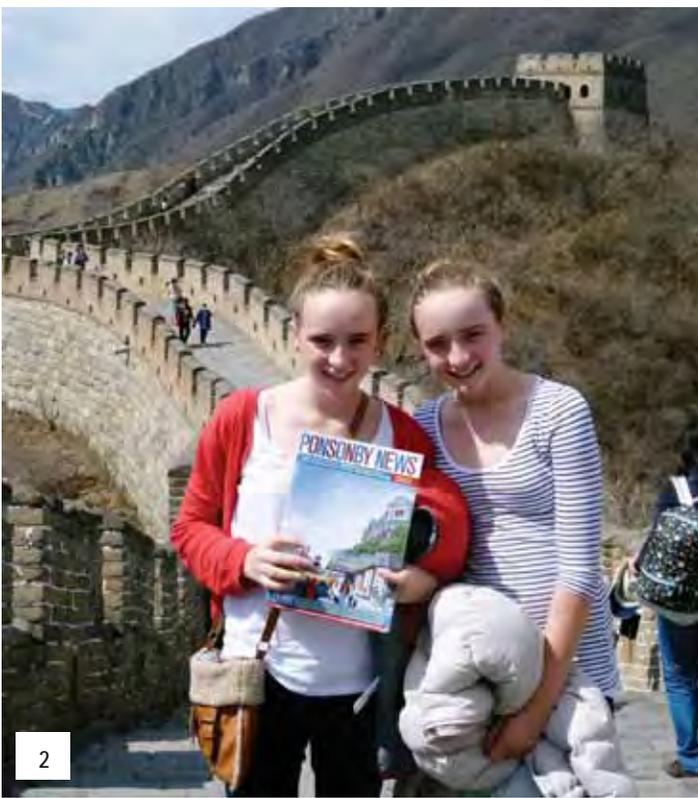
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1-2. Local resident **MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN** told us, "My daughters and I recently went to Beijing over Easter and took this shot on **THE GREAT WALL** - an amazing experience. The photos are of **RUBY** and **GRACE MELHUIH**, both aged 12, from Herne Bay and they go to St Marys College. They travelled with a friend **LUCY MCCABE** from California who we gave the Ponsonby News to us. Her Mum is a Kiwi living in the United States.

3. Ponsonby Gardener, **FIONNA HILL** enjoys some down time in Darlinghurst, **SYDNEY**.

4. **MYKE SUTHERLAND** (pictured left) just sent us his photo with **WARREN DOWSON**, telling us, "We took this wee shot in French Canada and thought you might like to promote your mag from the top of chilly Mont Royal in **MONTREAL!** Awesome time had by all! Thanks for your great mag!" **WE LIKE!** Thanks for sharing.

5-6. **ALISTAIR YOUNG** sent us several shots of **ISAAC** and **CAITLIN MOFFAT-YOUNG**, who travelled around Upolu, in **SAMOA** during the school holidays. The Malua turtle pond was awesome, he told us.



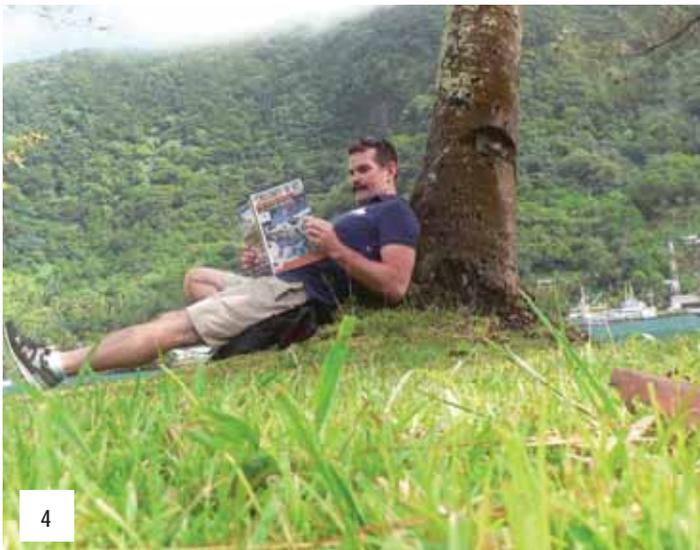
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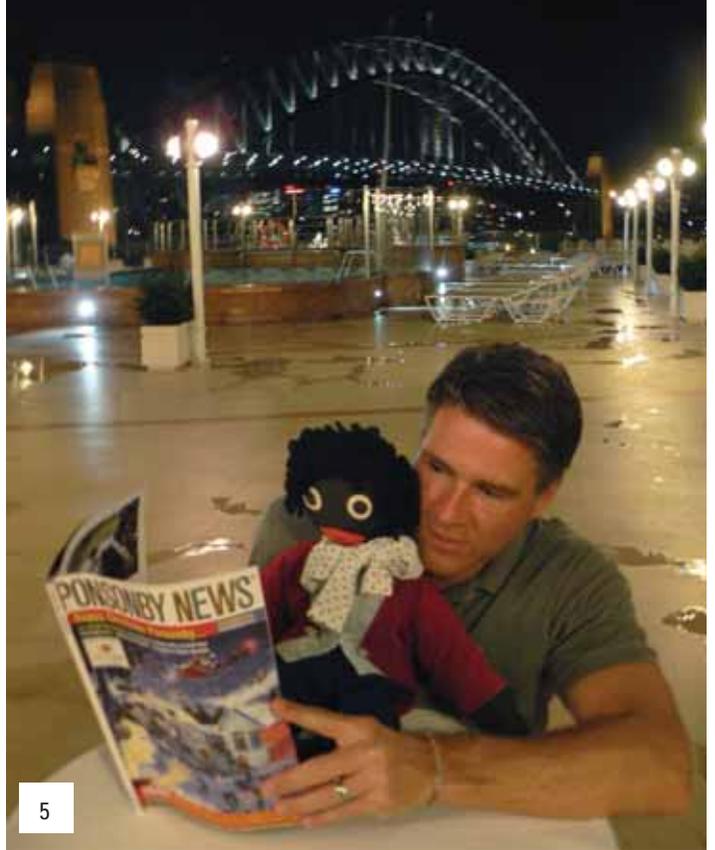
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1. **RACHAEL HARRISON** lived in Tutanekai Street, Grey Lynn and explained, “we get your fabulous mag delivered and I’m currently on my OE in London for two years, and stopped off in Koh Chang, **THAILAND** on the way over. I LOVE your mag, and it would be greatly appreciated if you were able to include my photo. I’ve checked and have seen that to date, no one has taken one with an elephant next to them in the water!”

2. In this shot we see **JEFF BUSBRIDGE**, **DANIEL BOULTON**, **DAVE CHISHOLM** and **MARTY MINEHAN** at the top of Blackcomb ski field in Whistler, BC, **CANADA**. Dan and Dave had just tied the knot back in NZ, they explained.

3. **SARAH RIVE** from French Country Collection in Grey Lynn sent us this shot of **JEAN-MARC** and **ESTELLE OUGIER**, taken in the gardens of Versailles, **FRANCE**.

4-5. **ROSS THORBY** sent us several shots from the Queen Elizabeth world cruise 2012. The first is Mr T himself in **SAMOA** leaning against a palm tree with a copy of Ponsonby News; the second is of our newest readers, Tony and Golly, taken while the ship was in **SYDNEY**.

6. Chef **GRANT ALLEN** emailed us this shot of himself with **FELICITY O’DRISCOLL**, co-owner of Cook the Books on Richmond Road. They’d travelled to **NOUMEA**, courtesy of New Caledonia Tourism to try out their Gourmet Tours and remembered to take a copy of Ponsonby News with them.



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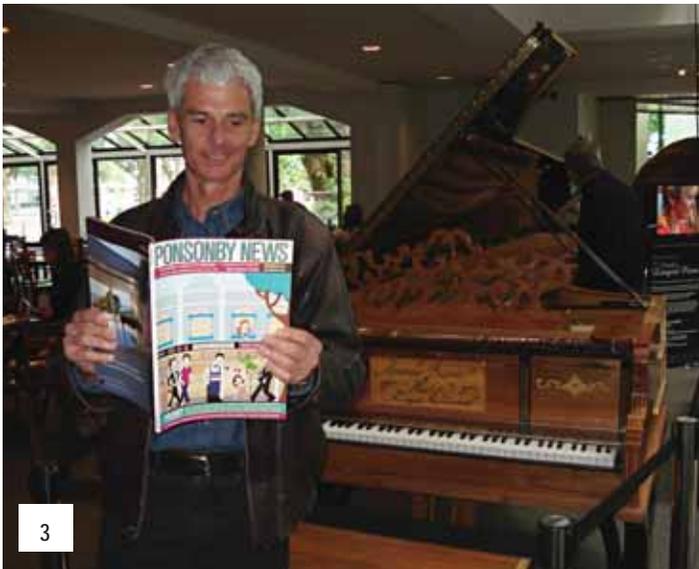
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1-2. JUDE LONG emailed us with this great shot and told us, "I really enjoy the Ponsonby News and late last year we were in SOUTHERN AFRICA and took these photos with your October edition. The first shot (right) is myself and DEB GLASGOW (left) with staff of Damaraland Camp, Namibia at a surprise sunrise breakfast before going off in search of desert elephants."

"The second is of COLIN GLASGOW, DEB GLASGOW and myself (left to right) at Etosha National Park, NAMIBIA with an elephant in the background at the watering hole."

3. St Mary's Bay resident ALLAN HORNER sent this, taken in the DUNEDIN Museum, showing the world's longest piano on display. "We went down for the Elton John concert at the new Forsyth Barr stadium. Wonderful stadium, and a great show," he told us.

4. CAY CASSINI made the team smile when she told us, "yes, I look like I could be anywhere, however, I'm in PERTH reading the Ponsonby News... another day in paradise."



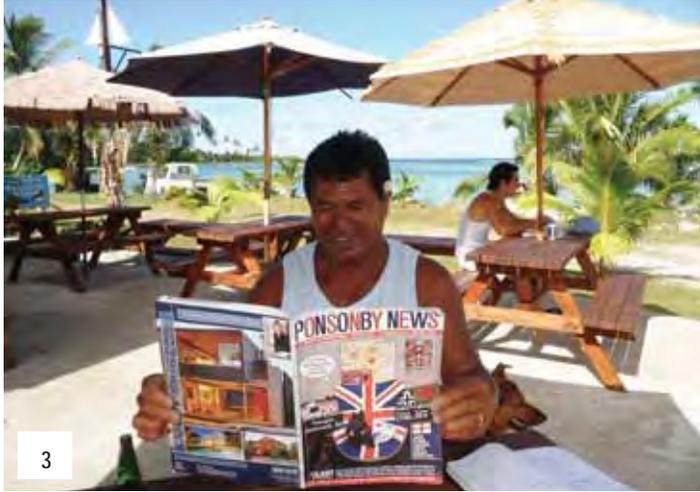
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1-2. St Mary's Bay resident **TIM PULE** emailed us before Christmas and explained, "Here are some snap shots of 'Sister' **TIFFANY CLARKE** and myself, Tim 'Nachoooooo' Pule enjoying the **GOLD COAST 7s**. Next Stop **Welly 7s**. Hope you enjoy the shots. Cheers PN."



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3. **STEVEN KAVANA**, Captain of Captain Moko's Fishing Charters was photographed with his copy of Ponsonby News at the Avana Fishing Club, Avana, Ngatangia in **RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS**.



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4. Herne Bay resident **BARBARA GORTON** sent us this photo of her husband **TONY** taken during their trip to the Falklands and **ANTARTICA** over Christmas and New Year. "It was snowing and extremely cold for both us and the penguins, as we landed on the Antarctic peninsula for the first time," they told us.



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1. JEAN LUC and ALLYSON GOFTON were photographed at the Bale Banjar Ubud Kelod at the Children's program of the Ubud Writers and Readers Festival, BALI last year.

2-3. A PROUD MUM SUE COPSEY EMAILED US TO TELL US HER DAUGHTER HELENA was involved in the Rugby World Cup opening ceremony at Eden Park, playing her ukulele! Sue sent us several shots of a recent visit to her hometown of RUGBY, UK, where her parents still live. She told us that the famous Rugby School where a certain game began always has a RWC floral display on the roundabout in front of it during the world cup. The other photo is taken in front of the school, showing the statue of William Webb Ellis.

4-5. St Mary's Bay resident ALLAN HORNER emailed us last month with several shots including one of ISTANBUL'S famous Spice Bazaar where he confesses to over-indulging in Turkish Delights. The second is of GERARD HALL at Pierre Loti Lookout. A wonderful place to get some excellent views of Istanbul.

Amotek tells us he was in **THAI** and recently and went on a day tour to Phi Phi Island on one of the ubiquitous speed boats. Jennifer, the 'woman' in the photo with the pink glasses was his tour guide and the highlight of the 'cattle tour', he told us "as we jockeyed for position at the famous 'Beach' stop where they filmed the movie with Leonardo DiCaprio."

He explains, "she delighted us with her antics such as trying to re-apply makeup while bouncing off waves in the boat at high speed and toying with the menfolk on board. And she was only too obliging to pose for me for this shot, then she reciprocated with a quick photo of me – just to show I really was there with the world-travelled Ponsonby News."



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3-4. **ROSS THORBY** has been making us envious with snippets from his travel diary on Cunard's Queen Victoria. This was taken in **ISRAEL** beside the Sea of Galilee, supposedly on the spot where Jesus feed the 5000. The second is reading Ponsonby News underwater.

5-6. Local resident **EVAN WOODRUFFE** sent us a shot taken at the Werkschau auf AEG art exhibition in Nuremberg; the second is of his partner **JEANNE CLAYTON** in **BERLIN** outside one of the many beer and food carts.

7. Westmere residents, **KAYLENE LAWRY-SMITH** and **ADRIENNE GOOCH** outside Château de l'Isle-Marie in Pontiac, **FRANCE**.



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1-2. Grey Lynn resident **LIZ WHEADON** wrote, "I've just returned from a great holiday away, there are two photos of us reading the Ponsonby News taken at the **DEAD SEA** in **ISRAEL**, the one out of the water – I'm with Katie Pearce (who works at Didas, Vic Park) and Jennifer Stott (who works at Glengarry, Parnell) and the second, we are floating in the Dead Sea – this is me with Katie, Jennifer and Leilani Van Dieren (who works at Glengarry Vic Park) – she's the one lying reading the paper."

3. Westmere resident **CHRISTY PETTIGREW** reading the Ponsonby News in **VALENCIA, SPAIN** outside the Arts and Science Museum.

4. **SUE MALONEY** in the cable car from Singapore over to Sentosa Island in January 2009.

5. **JULIAN MALONEY**, soaks up the snow in his mother-in-law's garden in Essex in early January!

6. **SUSAN STERNE** (from Grey Lynn) and David Williams (from Mt Albert) in Vancouver, Canada at Cleveland Dam March 2009.



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1-3: Westmere residents **NATT MCDADE**, **MONIQUE VAN DER KOLK** and son, **EZEKIEL MCDADE** recently returned from holiday and sent these shots in front of the Petronas Towers in **KUALA LUMPUR**. The second is Natt and Ezekiel in Kuala Lumpur at the Batu Caves. The final one is of Monique (and a monkey!) reading Ponsonby News in Monkey Bay, Phi Phi Island, **THAILAND**. "We have taken along Ponsonby News on our trip and had a fabulous time overseas."

4-5: **NOELENE CAREY** emailed us several shots from **ITALY**; the first between Porto Badisco and Paradiso on the Adriatic Coast, Puglia. The second is the Tower at the Northern End of Porto Caesareo, on the Ionian Sea.



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1. Nothing but the best in VENICE for Franklin Road resident **ROSS THORBY**, seen enjoying breakfast at the legendary Danieli five star luxury hotel located next to St. Mark's Square. He told us, "I haven't cracked reading Ponsonby News underwater yet...but I do have a plan!"

2-3. Local resident **LORETTA VERRY** sent us these shots of her brother **MADISON** about to enter Angkor Wat in CAMBODIA with her brother Mitchell behind her.

The second one shows **MITCHELL, DAVID, LORETTA** and **MADDIE VERRY** at Ta Prohm ruins. This is the temple where Angelina Jolie was filmed in the movie 'Tomb Raider', she explained, "It was abandoned for 400 years and the jungle literally grew over it. The trees are enormous. It was amazing and very hot 36 degrees.

4. **ALASTAIR GUNN** emailed us with a photo taken recently of himself in the **MIDDLE EAST** floating in the Dead Sea reading the Ponsonby News.



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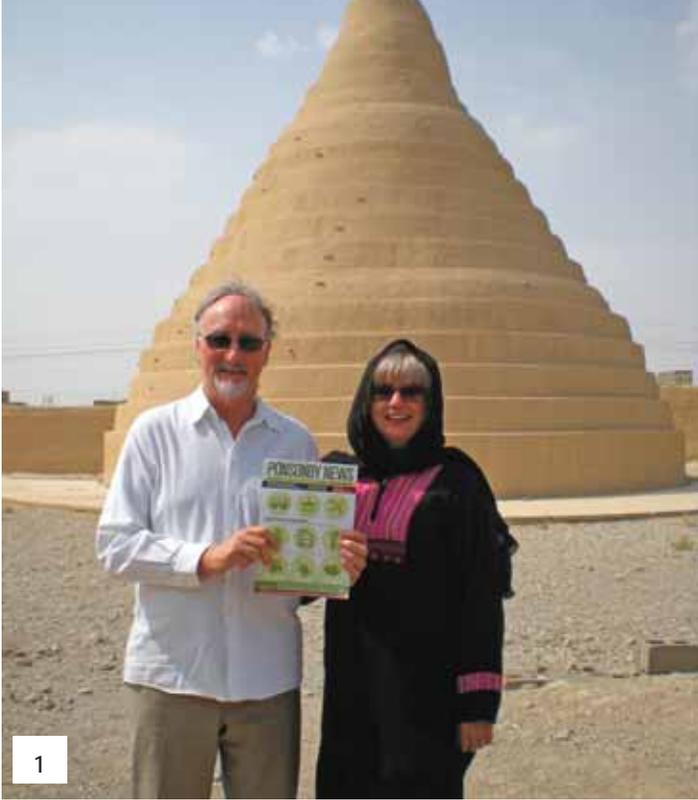


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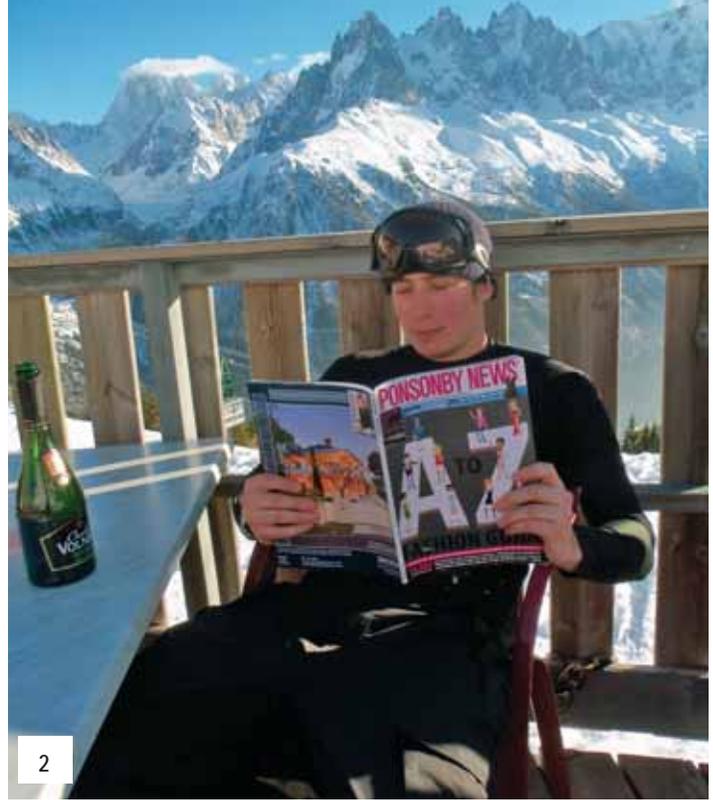
1. Ponsonby residents VIV and PJ BURROWES climbed to the top of the ancient fortress above the historical town of Kotor in MONTENEGRO while on a recent sailing holiday in the Adriatic. A really nice place and we had not originally planned to go there but popped in while we waited for wind to get us from Croatia to Corfu.

2. ANNA HOFFMANN, Napier resident and part time Grey Lynn resident in INDONESIA spreading the word of Ponsonby News. Anna uses our magazine to teach English she tells us..

3. GINNIE DENNY wrote, "Here is my chance at getting into the social pages! I was on holiday recently with my PN in NUSA DUA, BALI.



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1. Is this **IRAN'S** answer to the Beehive? No, it's an Ice House according to Ponsonby residents' **WENDY** and **GRAHAM DOBSON** who came across it whilst travelling from Yazd to Shiraz.

2. Ian Beaumont emailed us this photo of his friend, **BEN PIERCE**, pictured reading Ponsonby News in Chamonix, **FRANCE**. "Hopefully this will make it into the magazine?"

3. Westmere resident **John Cowlshaw** emailed us having returned from **ITALY** and made us all jealous with this great shot of the leaning tower and told us, "Cheesy I know, but there it is. Last month I was enjoying 37degC in Pisa."

4. **AIDAN BENNETT** is pictured at Suncorp Stadium in **BRISBANE** for the Blues versus Reds Super 15 Semi-Final with his two favourite publications, Ponsonby News and Channel Magazine from the sunny North Shore!

5. **SHARYN MATHIAS** emailed us and wrote, "We have a friend who always sends us Ponsonby News and as a group of Aucklanders now living in **WANAKA**, aka Team Tiara, we thought we would share our receipt of the latest issue. We are pictured at the gorgeous Federal Diner here in Wanaka."

6. Ponsonby resident **LOIS GREEN** on holiday in Phuket, **THAILAND** in front of a Thai spirit house with Ponsonby News.



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1-2. Local resident **KATIE FORSMAN** emailed us with a couple of photos from her recent trip with her family and explained, "it would be just adorable if these could be included in your next issue. Pictured are cousins **JACK SIMEON** from Ponsonby and **Mia Forsman** from Freemans Bay on their first ever family trip to **FIJI**".



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3. Westmere and Grey Lynn residents **HELEN WILCOCK** and **CONNIE MILLER** sent us photos of their holiday in **CHILE** with her copy of *Ponsonby News*! They told us how much they enjoyed a swim in the salt lakes in the **Atacama Desert**.

4-5. Grey Lynn resident **KIM ZANDERS** told us, "My husband and I have just returned from a very relaxing holiday in **SAMOA**. Here are a couple of photographs of me outside the 'Sliding Rocks' and also at David Tua's village - **Faleatiu**. Apart from driving around the entire island of **Upolo**, we enjoyed visiting the markets in **Apia**, the endless warm weather and swimming/snorkelling in the crystal clear beach waters of **Maninoa**. We also got to feed the turtles at **Malua**, which was an absolute delight."

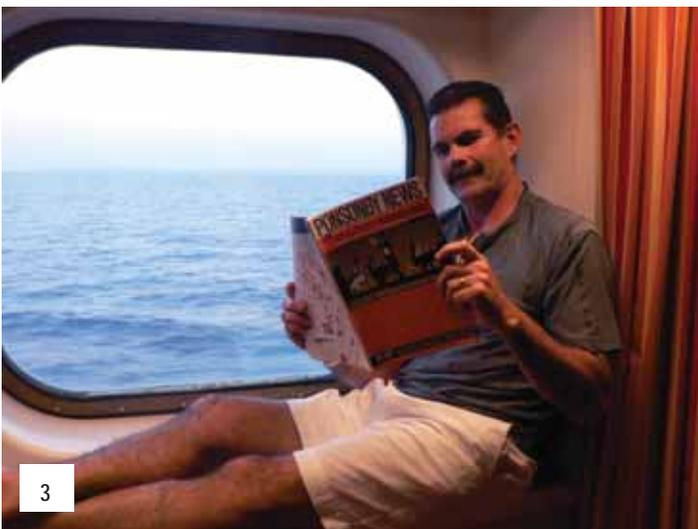


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1-2. ELLE MCKAY emailed to tell us, " I work at Auckland Girls' Grammar School as a PE teacher. Late last year I headed abroad to visit friends and family, taking with me my Ponsonby News mag! I'm at the top of SALZBERG CASTLE, AUSTRIA and in a BMW SHOWROOM, MUNICH. Unfortunately, i forgot to get other shots during my break. Ponsonby News is a great magazine, an easy read and colourful ...although I don't live locally, it would be nice to be closer to work and my fave patisserie - Robs."



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3. Freemans Bay resident **ROSS THORBY** told us "I went on a WINE AND FOOD CRUISE out of Auckland last week and this was just on the way back into the city when I suddenly remembered Ponsonby News! (I could recommend these cruises if you need a quick break!)"

4. **RICHARD DOUBTFIRE** emailed us this great shot and asked us if it could be included with the collection of people reading Ponsonby News whilst abroad. His photo shows pupils **JOSH** and **SEAN DOUBTFIRE** from Ponsonby Primary School having a relaxing holiday in FIJI.



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5. **HEATHER BUCHANAN**, owner of French, the antique shop in Parnell is catching up on her monthly dose of Ponsonby News while enjoying lunch at Cafe De Flore on a gloriously sunny day in Paris. Seen pictured with her friend Coral Ingle from Newmarket.



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1. Westmere residents **ERIC** and **MARGARET FLEMING** sent us a shot of themselves reading Ponsonby News, taken in PANAJACHEL on the shore of Lake Atitlán in the Guatemalan Highlands. "This was half way through our amazing 21 day Intrepid Journey to Mexico, Guatemala and Belize," they told us.

2. Vietnamese born and now Westmere resident **PHUONG PHAM** e-mailed to tell us, "I was in Vietnam last month and had Bruce, my husband take this photo of me at the

Ky Quang pagoda in HO CHI MINH CITY holding your February issue. I am forwarding it to you for consideration for use in your fine publication."

3. **CAROLYNE GEBBIE** of Herne Bay sent us this shot and wrote, "My best friend Hanky brought me to HAWAII for the HP Winners Summit. We just climbed Diamond Head and checked out my copy of Ponsonby News while up there. Hope you're fabulous - we're having a party!"



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1. The Borne Family emailed us to say, "We took our Ponsonby News magazine to Mexico in January, and had this photo taken in front of the Pyramid of the Sun at Teotihuacan, just north of MEXICO CITY. Our family (DOUG, HELEN, LIAM and GABRIELLE BORNE) are long time residents of Westmere.

2-3. Ponsonby resident MICHELLE BUCHANAN, our favourite numerologist made us sick with envy with her shots. "I've literally just returned from a cruise through the CARIBBEAN and remembered to take my Ponsonby News. Everyone here now knows all about the Ponsonby News... one American couple even had friends who live in Ponsonby and had me take 'their' photo with PN so they could send it to their friends.



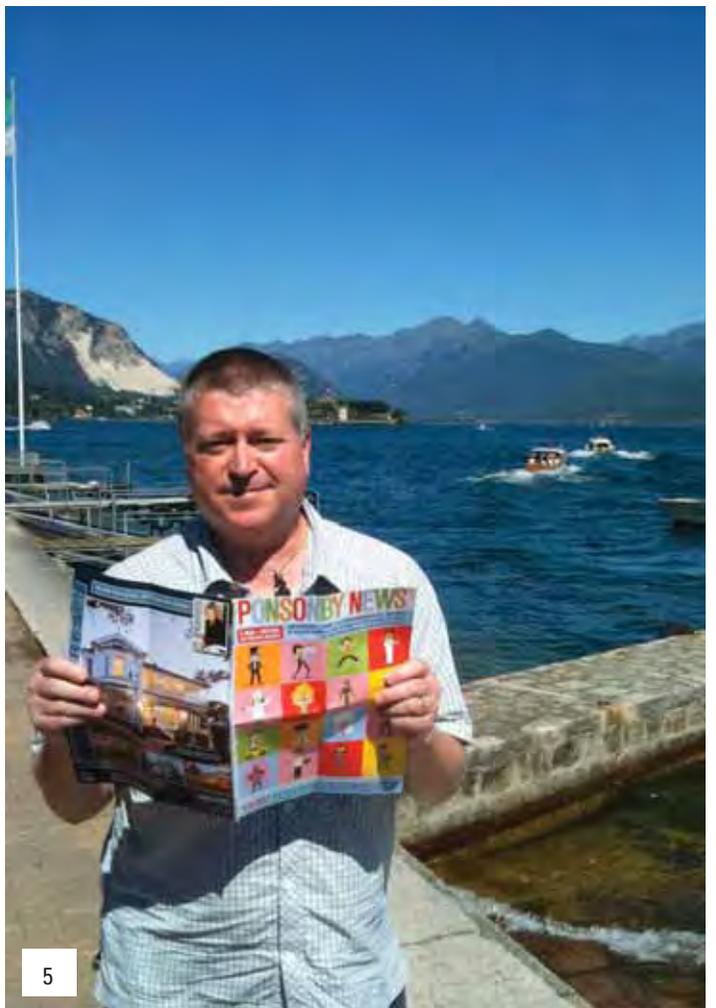
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1-2. "My name is **JONNY 4HIGHER** (with dark hair), I'm a Grey Lynn-based artist and Radio Ponsonby DJ. My blonde friend **ELLIOT STEWART** is a long time Grey Lynn resident and well-known local artist (an example of his work is on the side of Video Ezy on Ponsonby Road). We were both enjoying the mag in MIAMI late last year for the 'Art Basel' city-wide art event, we collaborated on a mural in the city.

We are seen here on Ocean Drive, South Beach and out on the sand on Miami Beach. We hope you like the pictures, keep up the great work with the publication."

3. **CLAUDIA (BOOPSIE) MARAN** of S.P.Q.R. dutifully lugged her Ponsonby News through Morocco, Czech Republic, Germany, Spain, and the United Kingdom but only

managed to snap two nearly identical photos in LAKE COMO, ITALY, and Korcula, Croatia.

4. While recently holidaying in RAROTONGA, Herne Bay residents **JAN** and **STEVE BREBNER** caught up with a friend, former Ponsonby resident Jill Stanton and her partner. Jill was with Barfoots Ponsonby until going to live in Rarotonga three years ago. Nowadays, the pair run Captain Moko's fishing charters out of Avana Harbour Rarotonga. "Great fishing was had," they assured us.

5. **IAN WATSON** is clearly a man of few words and wrote, "photo taken at Stresa on LAKE MAGGIORE, PIEDMONT, ITALY."



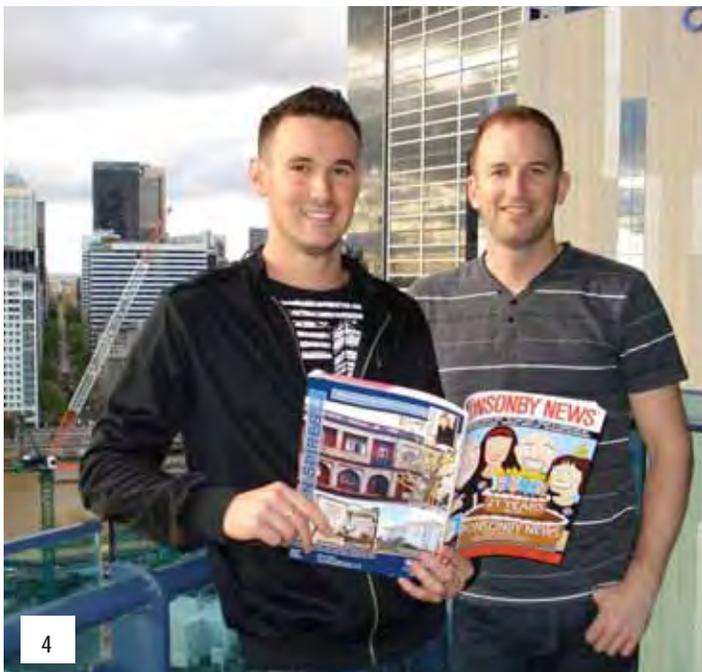
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1. ANNA QUINN sent us this photo of herself, and locals RACHEL, REBECCA and KATE with their guide JOHN GULLY from Everest Treks on their recent adventure to Everest Base Camp, NEPAL.

2. We've had some great location shots before but loved SIMON O'CONNOR'S of himself diving and snorkelling on the GREAT BARRIER REEF. "I think the fish were confused as to why I was distracted by PN and not them!" he wrote.

3. MARISA GREEN and partner JONO KLEIN spent time in THAILAND recently. "He's even wearing his Ponsonby Pool Hall hat and I couldn't get him to take it off!" she wrote. "We were in Meyer Bay on Phi Phi Island, where they filmed 'The Beach'".



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4. Ponsonby resident (Cowan St) and Ponsonby hairdresser RUTH BEDFORD (GROOM), sent us this of her son JOEL BEDFORD and partner JASON SHAW (both ex pats) on the balcony of their new apartment in MELBOURNE. A fabulous spot - so central to everything!

5. SUNNY, restaurant manager at La Porchetta, Ponsonby is pictured with her partner GOKUL. The pair had been enjoying travelling in SINGAPORE last month.



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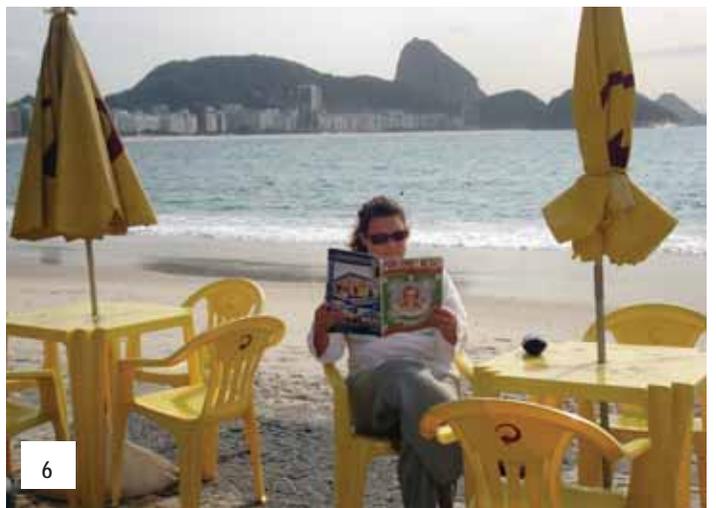
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1-3. Ponsonby locals, 12-year-old **NICK CHRISP** and his younger 10-year-old sister **ALICE** have lived in Herne Bay for all of their lives.

These photos are from their recent trip to the beautiful island of Fafa just off Nuku'alofa in **TONGA**.

4. Westmere residents **PHIL** and **ALEXIA DAY** enjoy receiving their Ponsonby News each month and sent us this shot taken at the Eumundi Markets on the Sunshine

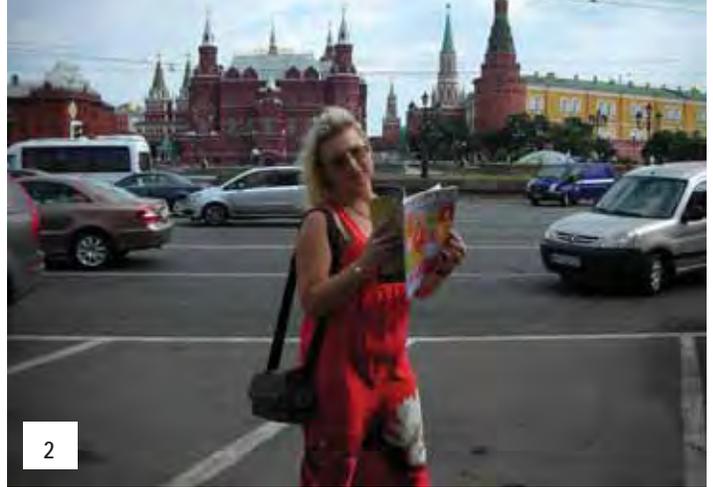
Coast, taken during the last school holidays while on a family holiday in **AUSTRALIA**.

5. **KYRA EYRE** sent us this photo of Tarnos and Deano Valento during their trip to **RAROTONGA**.

6. **ANGE PIRIE**, one of the Directors at World Journeys, enjoying a bit of R&R Rio style, on Copacabana Beach, **BRAZIL**.



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1-2. Ponsonby Immigration Lawyer **MARK MANHIRE** and **NATALIA DEYEVA** emailed informing us, "we took the opportunity to finally take our Ponsonby News overseas with us! Your magazine survived the long flight to **MOSCOW** last month (thankfully only days before the forest fires). We then left the magazine on a Moscow Metro train for other passengers to enjoy!"

3. Grey Lynn resident **JUNE SPARKLE** sent us a CD and a letter with this photo of her son **HOBYN SPARKLE** on NIUE standing outside the Niuean Government Building. "Perhaps we have a future politician in the whanau," she wrote. "I left several copies on the island for other travellers to enjoy news from Ponsonby."

3. "We're just back from a whirlwind 10 days in **LOS ANGELES** for the school holidays and couldn't leave home without a copy of the Ponsonby News...the family enjoyed the sunshine with the Hollywood sign as a backdrop," says local resident **ROBERT SCOTT** (from the Breeze), pictured left to right: **CARMEL, MOLLY, SAM** and **ROBERT SCOTT**;

4. "Here's a photo of **MELANIE MCKENZIE** on a seawall in Stanley Park with the **VANCOUVER** harbour in the background" taken last month by her mum Ann, "we took your magazine on vacation with us," she told us.



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FORCE BASE, GUAM, and told us, "camera use is restricted so this is as best as I could do."

2-3. A CD ROM arrived in the Ponsonby News offices with these photos which appear to have been taken in **PARIS**! There was no note/or letter attached. A photography expert believes they were taken using a Sony DSLR A330 camera but that's as much as we can tell you!

4-5. **SZABOLCS SZENTES** enjoys a picnic by **OMAMARE BEACH, NORTHLAND** and our graphic designer **ANYA VERYASKINA** enjoys a glass of wine in the **BAY OF ISLANDS** at Haruru Falls Resort over the Queens Birthday weekend.

6. **STUART WILSON** sent us this and explained, "We wanted to send you this photograph taken overlooking **LAGUNA BEACH, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA** of some of your fans on tour. Left to right (all of Wood Street) **JANE LEGGATT, CARLA WILSON, PRIYA WILSON** and **HALLE WILSON** (in stroller).



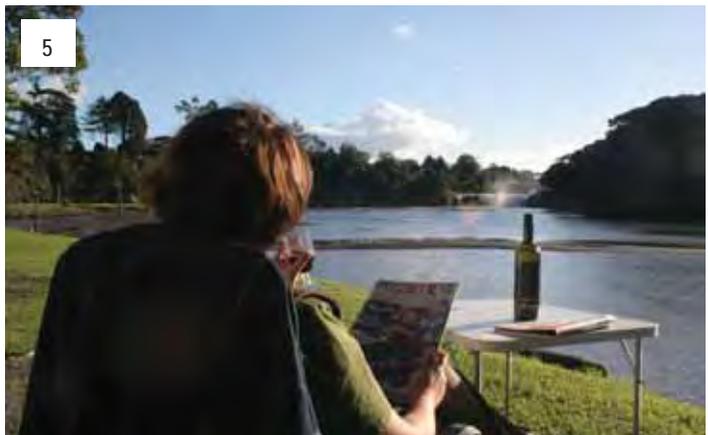
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1. Grey Lynn metal artist **ANDREW PALACE** meets up with his daughter **MESSINI** and friend **JAIME IZAZA** at his beach house at Santander Del La Cruz on the Caribbean coast of Colombia, Jaime, a Colombian has spent many years in New Zealand and is a NZ citizen - you can see he is very proud of his New Zealand background.

2. Point Chevalier resident **GRANT ALLEN** took Ponsonby News to Ethiopia with him last month and had this shot taken at Konso Village in the south of the country.

3. **VASANTHI BRADLEY** doesn't live in Ponsonby, however she tell us, "I come here weekly to babysit my grandson, as the family lives in Hepburn Street. I hope my snap from Mexico makes the pages so I can pass it on to the next traveller I meet desperate for news from home."

4. **JOHN MCINTOSH** was in China and sent us this photo of what he calls his 'essential reading'. He tells us he really enjoyed his boat trip from Gullin to Yang Shuo.

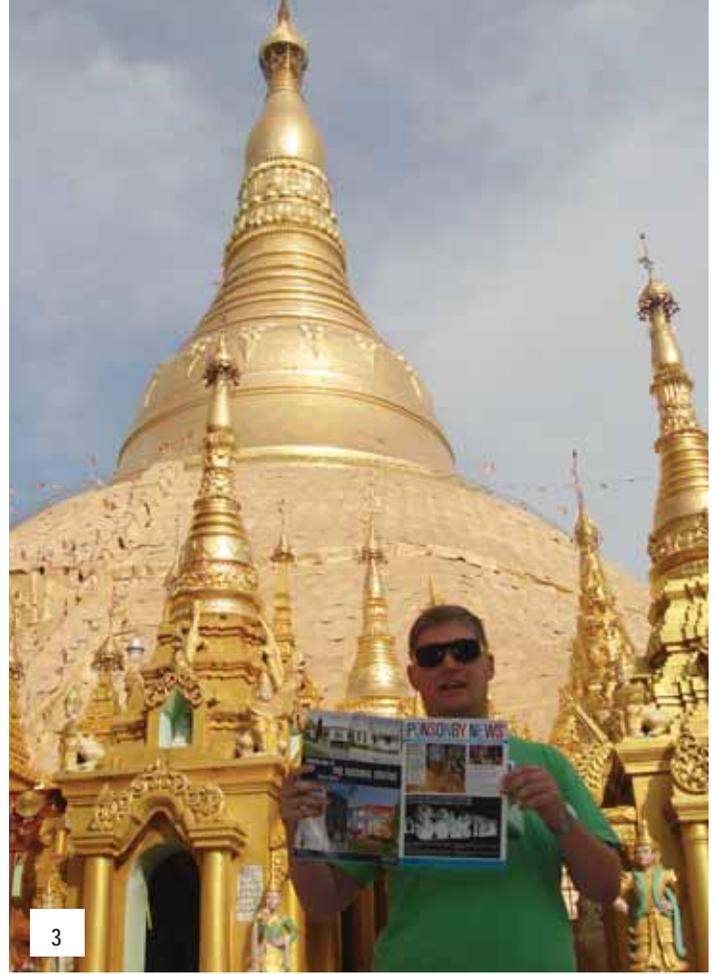
5. **BARBARA GORTON** sent us a snap of her daughter **ANNA PYNENBURG SMITH**, who is currently at university in Marbella, Spain. Her lovely mum sends copies of the Ponsonby News to her, so she can keep up with what happens in our area. We're a tad envious here as it looks to be a lovely sunny spring day in the Mediterranean.



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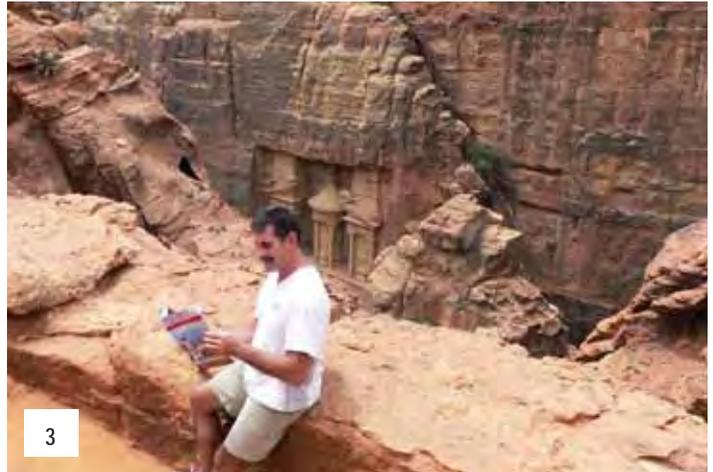
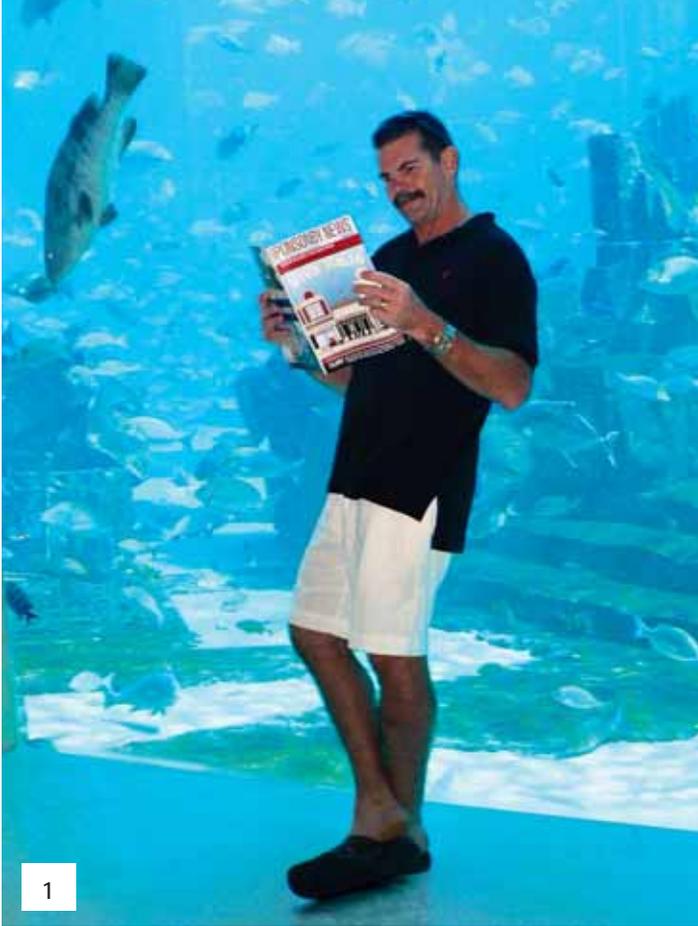
1. **BIANCA O'DEA** emailed us, "I've just returned from the Maldives! With the sexiest, clearest water I have ever swam in... warm with tropical fish everywhere and with only swimming, reading and diving to do there is plenty of time to work on your tan! Oh, and to send post cards! I thought I'd share my holiday with you, as I'd been reading your cool colourful local magazine and always wanted to be in it."

2. The photo is taken at the "world famous in Syria" Damascus Hostel (note the photo of the President of Syria). Long time Ponsonby local residents **SAM** and **RICHARD MACGILLICUDDY** (pictured with **RAYMOND**, manager of the Damascus Hostel) in Damascus, Syria last April.

3. Bayleys Marketing man **DAMIEN BULLICK** sent us this shot taken at the Shwedagon pagoda in Burma (Myanmar) reading his copy of Ponsonby News!

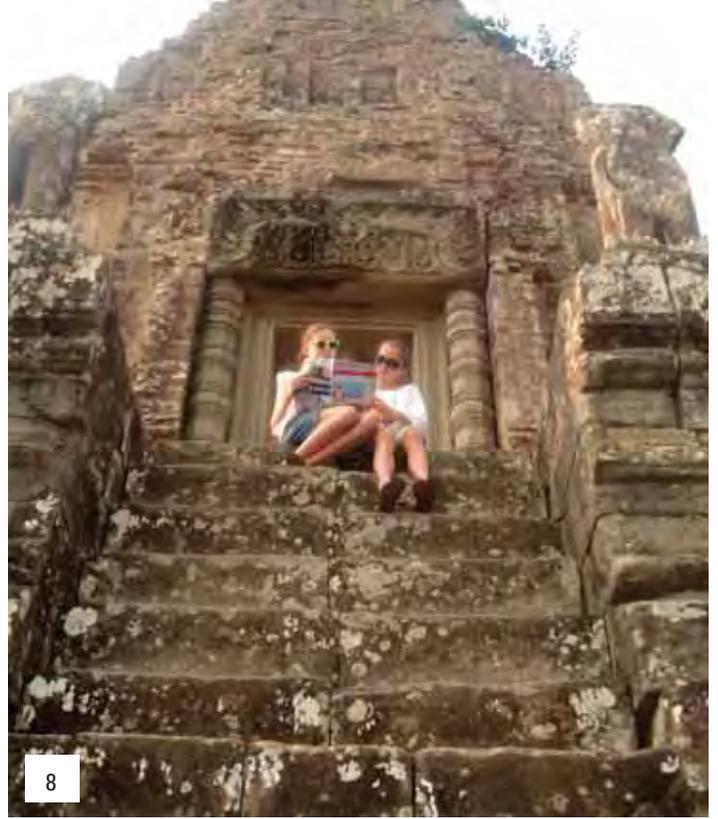
4. Stylist and beauty therapist **ANNIE RIDDIFORD** was Martin Leach's PA in London for many years, she is seen pictured in Yellow Bistro and Food Store, Macleay Street, Potts Point, Sydney last month.

5. Brand guru **ERIKA UFFINDELL** from London relaxes in Café Fellini, Victoria Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney last month. She wrote the 'Ponsonby is a Brand' editorial in the April issue of Ponsonby News.





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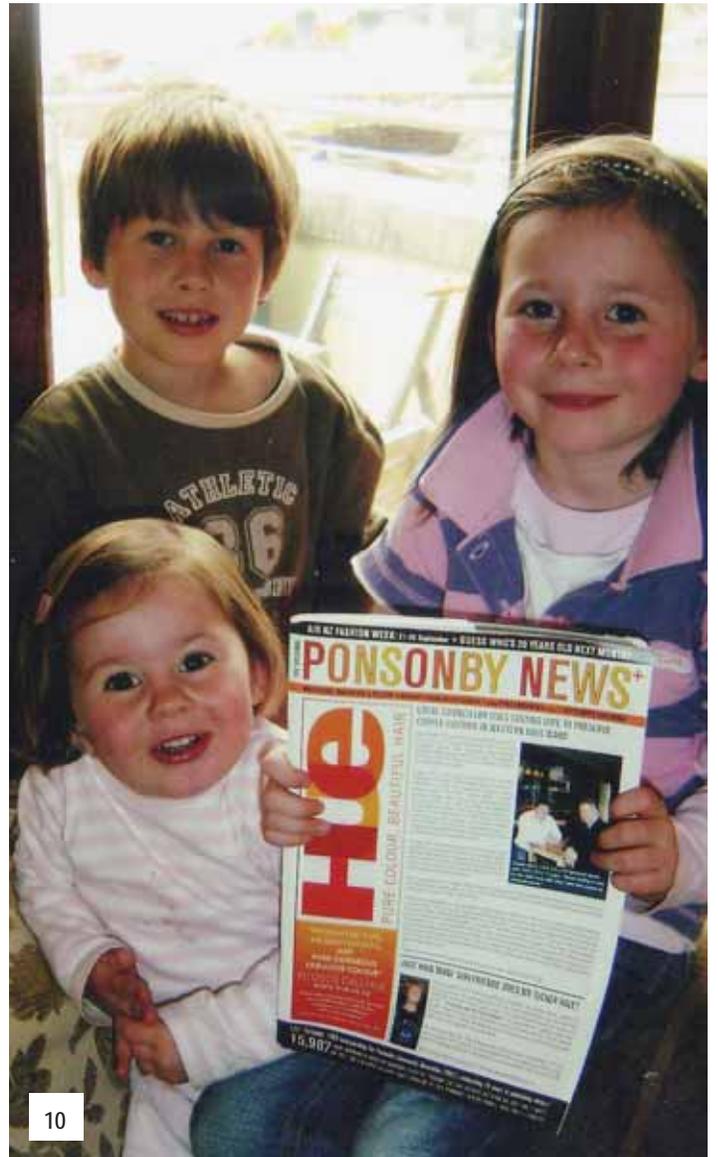
1-3; ROSS THORBY sailed off on a cruise last month finishing in Dubai. The Atlantis is the new hotel which is built around huge aquariums. He told us, "Everyone... of course has to have their photograph taken at the Treasury building in Petra, Jordan!"

4. MARK MILLER COOPER tell us, "As a long time reader and resident of Grey Lynn for 17 years I have tried to remember to take a copy of Ponsonby News to work with me and I finally did and was in Santo, Vanuatu. Next week I am in Fiji and Guam so will endeavor to do the same."

5. Custom Residential's SCOTT KITTELTY has just celebrated his father's 70th birthday with his family and sent us this shot of himself and his nieces and nephew taken at the pool bar at the Radisson in Denerau, Fiji. He tells us he left a few copies over there for people to read! Pictured with Scott are Westmere residents MILLIE DUNN, LILA DUNN and ADAM MCGRUTHER.

6-9. GRETA and CAMILLE STEWART are two locals from Westmere who help us hand deliver copies of Ponsonby News each month. They emailed us these four shots from Cambodia pictured at Angkor Wat-Siem Reap.

10. STACY HART (Mrs James Bond) sent us this snap of her hubby Gareth Wheeler's nephews and nieces GEORGE, GRACE and CHARLOTTE MULLER in GALWAY BAY, IRELAND catching up with Ponsonby News.



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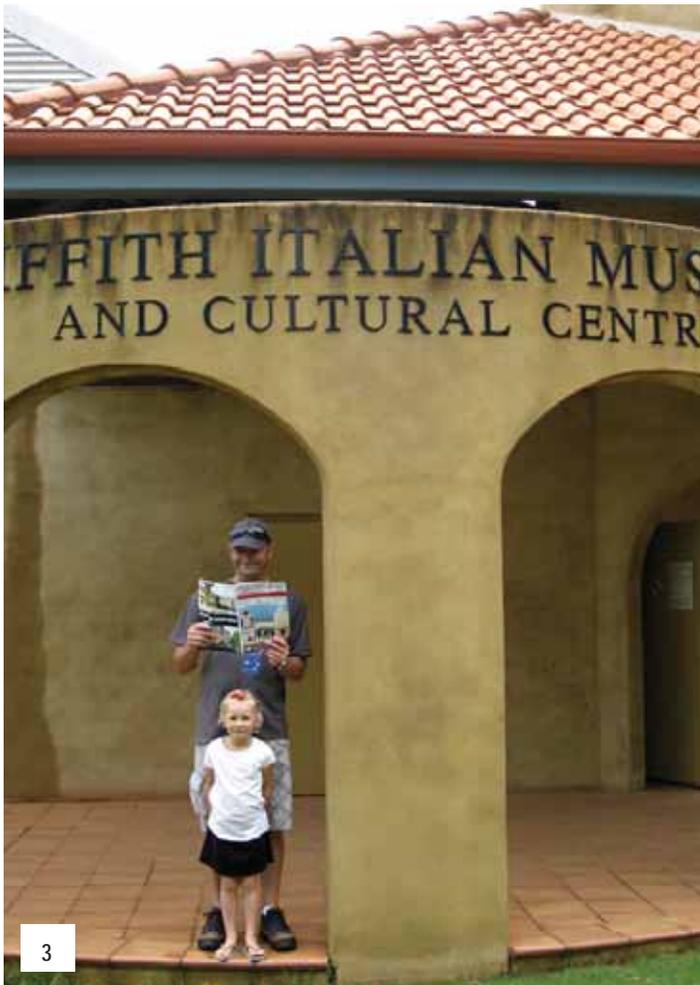
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1-2. **SUNNY** is working as restaurant manager at **LA PORCHETTA**, Ponsonby. He and his partner **GOKUL** had been travelling in **CHINA** during February and were reading Ponsonby News everywhere - proudly. Pictured at "The Great Wall" and at "The Bird's Nest" (Olympic 2008 Stadium).

3. Ponsonby resident **BRENT PARK** is just checking out the Ponsonby News, while **ISABELLA PARK** looks on at the Griffith Italian Museum and Cultural, New South Wales, **AUSTRALIA**.

4. **RICHARD BAGNALL** from the **LONGROOM**, Ponsonby, pictured in **TIMES SQUARE** recently during his honeymoon.

5. Regular readers will recognize **BENJAMIN CHOW** (He ran retro store **ZEITGEIST** in Grey Lynn before it closed last year). He is pictured with his friend **FRANK BISCHOFF**, a hotel director, enjoying a cruise in the **BAHAMAS** on Royal Caribbean's **Monarch of the Seas**.



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1-3. KAY WOOFF of Salvage Textiles sent us some photos from her holiday at Christmas. We had both a summer and a winter holiday. Firstly going to **DUBAI**; the photo is taken in front of The Burj Khalifa, the worlds tallest building on official opening day, as you can see it didn't all fit into the photo.

It stands 828 metres tall and cost US\$1.5 Billion to build. The photo in **MUSCAT, OMAN** is of The Grand Mosque, I am with John Loader an expat New Zealander who has lived in Oman for 20 years, he is the Sheiks Architect. I am covered head to toe as a sign of respect before entering The Mosque. It is a most spectacular building and is made from the worlds finest building materials ,it is definetely a must to visit. In **PARIS** I am standing at L'Opera where it was cold and snowing most days while I was there.

4-5. Grey Lynn resident, **DEAN MANEY**, "Have been travelling in **Southern China** and the Ponsonby News was a welcome read for a little bit of home. In **Shenzhen** not far from the Hong Kong border as per the train station shot. The other might have you thinking I am in Europe but no, they have it all here at Window of the World theme park."



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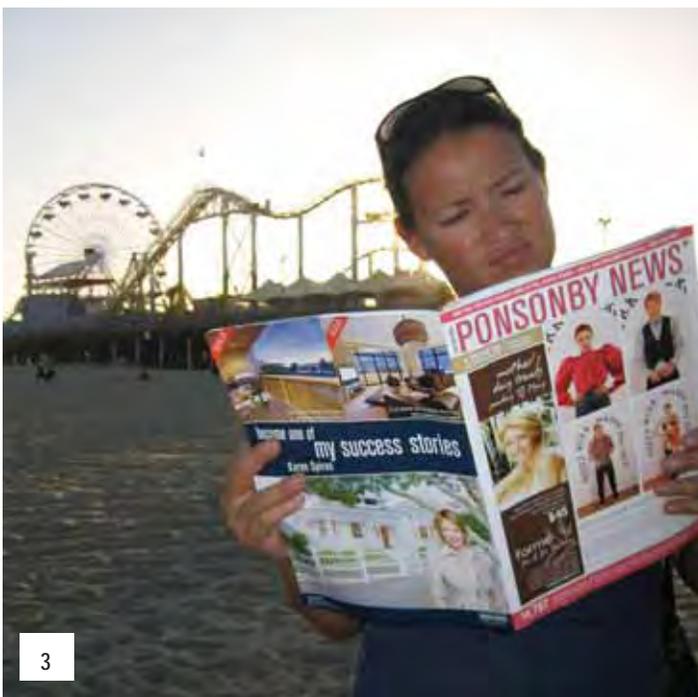
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1. **WORLD JOURNEYS**, Ponsonby sent us this photograph of a local in **Bhutan** with his copy of Ponsonby News - apparently he was quite fascinated, **Kate** assures us!

2. **ANAMARIA FRANCO** wrote and told us, "a Kiwi gathering in 40 degrees **Rio de Janeiro** (Santa Teresa) at Dj Bobby Brazuca's house. Always a good time for Ponsonby News! Merry Christmas!"

3-4. **HEIDI STOCKLI** from Ponsonby sent us two snaps, "thought of bringing a few exquisite pictures to the table. Taken just days before Christmas in **Helsinki, Finland** with one of the whitest Christmas ever (can't see from the pictures though as the pavement has underfloor heating!) In front of Stockmann, the largest department store in Scandinavia. Also central hub of Helsinki, and in front of Three Smiths Statue and as is normal in Finland, they are naked!"

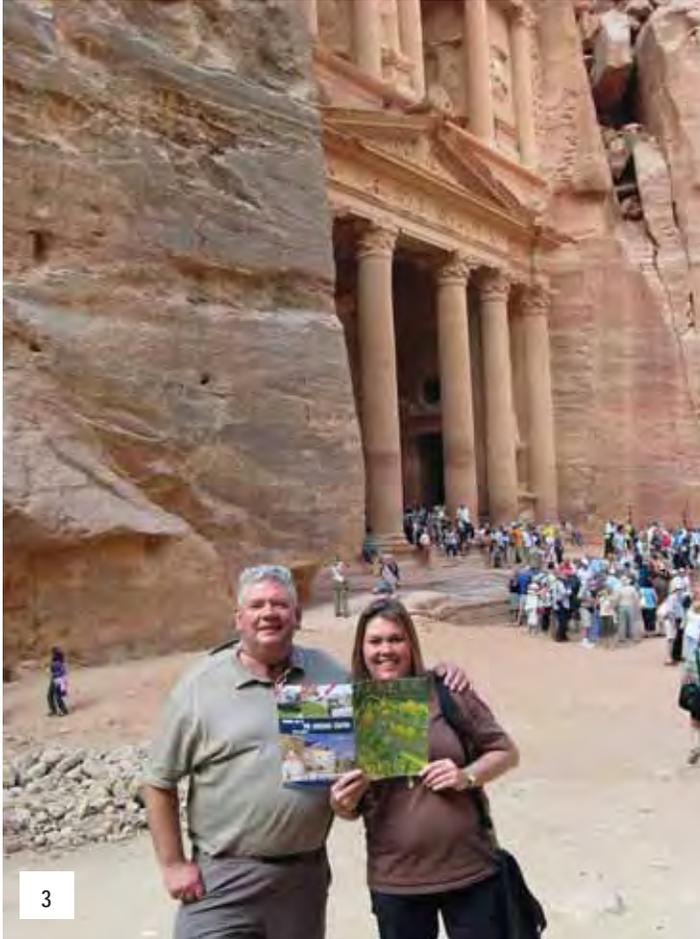
5-6. One of our designers' **MELISSA PAYNTER**, explained, "Justine Morgan from Westmere and my daughter **Jade**, pupils of Marist College enjoying the afternoon at **McGregors Bay, Northland**. It's the most magical place for snorkelling as we all found out. Whilst taking the snaps a lovely couple recognised the magazine and then said they were regular advertisers, small world! They said they dealt with Jo and how lovely she was. Didn't catch their name as I was waist high in water... Great feedback."



1-3. FREEMAN'S BAY RESIDENT SPQR SERVER **CLAUDIA (BOOPSIE) MARAN** and Ponsonby News fan tells us, "just got back from summer in California, and wanted to share photos of my favorite beachside reading at Santa Monica Pier and Venice Beach."

4. **KATHY REILLY** TELLS US, "AFTER SELLING THE GARNET BAR IN WESTMERE, I went over to the UK and Italy and I was photographed at Monterosso when we visited Cinque Terre."

5-6. GREY LYNN RESIDENT **FIONNA BELL** EXPLAINS, "WE TOOK THE EUROSTAR to Paris and are pictured in front of the Arc de Triomphe. We also stayed with our fabulous friends Daniel and Miles in Brighton, sharing several G+Ts before braving The Booster ride on the Pier. Daniel and Miles moved from Chelsea, London, because the Brighton community offers much of what we all enjoy about the Ponsonby area – a more relaxed pace to walk, smile and learn about each other's lives, to accept and celebrate the diversity of our families, neighbours and wider community."

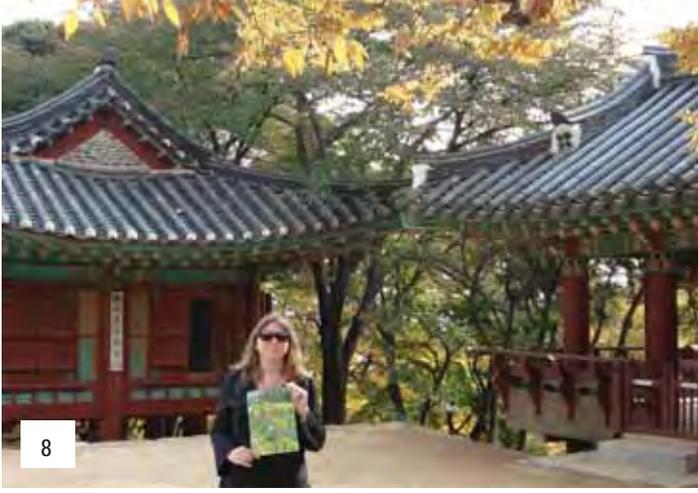




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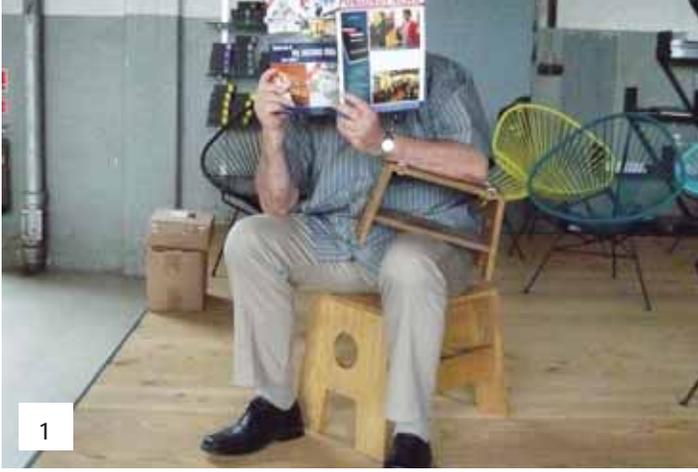


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1. EVAN WOODRUFFE seen reading the Ponsonby News in Long Island City, NYC, with Manhattan as a backdrop, visiting his brother there last month.
2. JEANNE CLAYTON (Custom Residential and partner Evan Woodruffe of Studio Art Supplies) reading Ponsonby News in Barcelona.
3. Herne Bay resident BRYCE & CARMEL BUCKINGHAM in Petra, Jordan.
4. KATE GOHAR, of World Journeys has a Ponsonby News moment – sitting atop ruins at Cyrene in Libya.
5. MIKE MALCOLM sent us this photo is of a long term Ponsonby resident KEVIN LING now living in Apia Samoa. Kevin flew for 28 years with Air NZ and pictured reading the Ponsonby News up Mt Vailima in Apia.
- 6-7. BEN DAVIES from Blue Fitness & LUCI HARRISON enjoyed catching up on the news while traveling to Chicago and Las Vegas last month.
8. PAULA WATSON, Asia Pacific product manager and Pt Chevalier resident is pictured at Jeondeungsa Temple on Ganghwa Island, Korea.
9. KARIN ATTWOOD sent us this photo of "My friend LYNDA from COSH Bar on Ponsonby Rd) and I travelled to Melbourne for Derby Day and The Melbourne Cup". Where the pair had a fabulous time.
10. Pt Chevalier resident ROGER HIINI photographed in Rome's Colosseum.



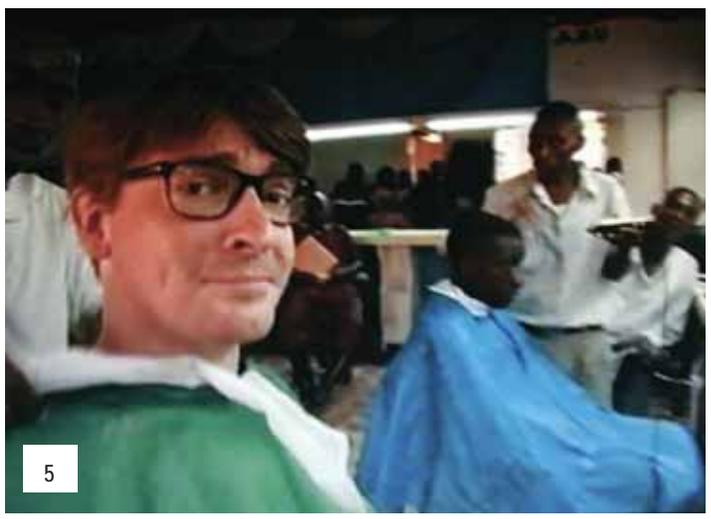
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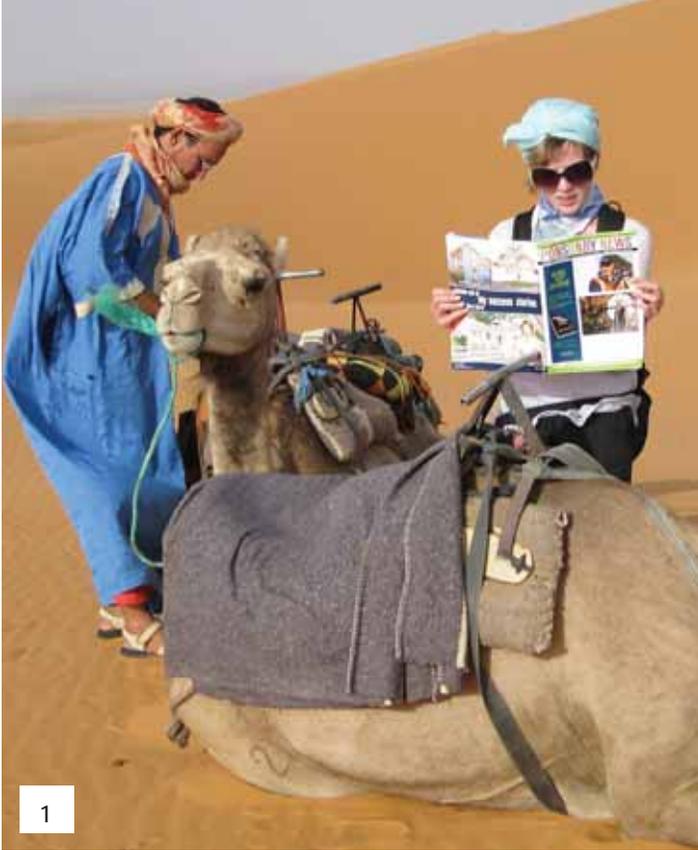
1. We know it's you Bill! We'd recognise his Danish shoes anywhere! Our friend **BILL** from **DESIGN DENMARK** in Ponsonby hiding behind our July issue!

2. **BULA! MADISON, MITCHELL, DAVID AND LORETTA VERRY, NATALIE** and **JAMES CASSIN** on Mystery Island in Fiji on June 16th celebrating a special birthday for James.

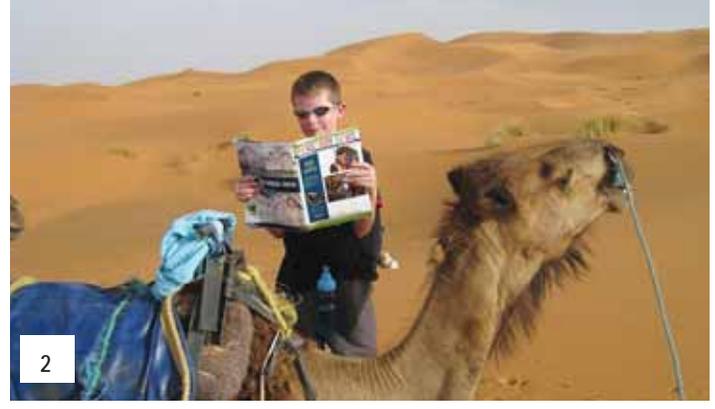
3. Chapel and Sale St's **STACEY HART**, "Thought you might like to see a shot of **GARETH** (aka James Bond) and me in Fiji, we just got back last night and we took this photograph reading our August issue of PN last week. We also got engaged on our trip so it was really fab and we're feeling extremely happy!"

4. Ponsonby resident **ELENA KEITH** told us, "I've just got back from Portland, Oregon to do a Hearing Loss Prevention Programme educator course for school children, which we're launching here shortly to try and bring down the rising rate of noise induced hearing loss and I took Ponsonby News with me. I'm riding the Portland Aerial Tram on Saturday morning."

5-7. We are big fans of **RHYS DARBY** and were delighted to see his reading material - the Fashion section - during his visit to the barbershop in Rwanda for last month's screening of 'Intrepid Journeys' on TV One.



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1-2. **KEZIA LYNCH** (and her brother **MATTHEW**) in the Sahara Desert, **Morocco**, reading the PN in front of a Berber tent camp and while waiting for Mohammed, her guide to adjust her camel's saddle.

3. **GERARD HALL**, GPH Technology told us, "I was having time out whilst at a Food Science Conference in **Christchurch** last month and needed some fresh air, and took time to catch up on some reading!".

4. Grey Lynn resident **JO WATSON** reading the PN on holiday in **Gozo** - an island off the coast of Malta. Behind is the Qawara Tower at Dwejra Bay which was used during

the period of the Knights to spot potential enemies in good time. The magazine was a hit with friends there who were originally from Auckland.

5-7. **KATY SMITH** told us, "I religiously read every issue of your magazine... so much so that I even took it to **Cambodia** with me. My friends and I are reading the Ponsonby News at the Angkor Wat temple (**JAMES, SARAH & KATY**), and another at Ta Phrom Temple (where tomb raider was filmed) - the group shot (left to right - **JAMES, TANIA, SARAH, VANESSA, PAULINE, ADAM, LUKE, ANDREA, KATY & LESA**). The final photo is again at the main entrance to Angkor Wat - (**VANESSA, KATY & TANIA**). We went to Cambodia to build houses through Tabitha foundation and also spent two days helping out at orphanages.





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1-2. ANGELA SAUNDERS and PAMELA GRANT of Ray White Ponsonby, in Peru on Machu Picchu after having walked four days up the challenging yet rewarding Inca Trail. Also pictured in Rio de Janeiro, mid way up to Sugar Loaf Mountain.

3. NICKY and JAMES OGILVIE told us, "we've just come back from a great holiday in Fiji and Ponsonby News was great reading beachside! We took a great photo of our nine month old... and thought we'd share it with you! Tessa, pictured on her first overseas holiday at Mana Island; enjoying everything on offer... including the Fiji Bitter... her Dad was happy to help out with the beers. Bula!

4. ALASTAIR GUNN, pictured soaking up the sunshine and enjoying the warm waters of Rarotonga last month.

5. LUCIEN OLLIVIER, until recently lived in Freemans Bay, although he now lives in nearby Kingsland. He sent us this shot taken during one of his layovers in Vancouver.

6. St Mary's Bay resident PAUL HALLETT and friend GARETH BROUGHTON, told us "we have just got back from a three month trip through south and eastern Africa, culminating in a climb of Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. Despite -20 degrees C temperatures at the summit, we took a few moments to peruse the pages of Ponsonby News - much to the surprise of the other climbers!"

7. KAREN SLAVIN told us, "My mum and I were in Tahiti two weeks ago onboard the cruise liner 'Paul Gauguin' and got a fellow Kiwi to take this snap. In the background is the island of Bora Bora with the over water bungalows. Bora Bora is truly a beautiful place, even more so in person. We left the Ponsonby News with the head security officer who also just happens to be a Kiwi."



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1. **KATE MANN**, from Ponsoby Intermediate School seen holding Ponsoby News in this picture. NZ cheerleaders team outside the entrance to Disney World of Sports where the World Cheerleading Championships 2009 were held. Three teams of flew to Florida to compete. After two years of practice they had some great results with two thirds, two fourths and a sixth placing.

2. **JAY SAYER** and **KARYN FOWLER** spent ten blissful days at Kata Beach in Phuket, Thailand last month. Karyn tells us, "It was a really tough holiday that involved many, many cocktails and beaches. It was a balmy 35 degrees every day and I am now seriously struggling to come to terms with this inclement weather and the concept that Pina Colodas are not a food group!"

3. **BERNARD LEUNG** catches up on reading Ponsoby News last month in Hong Kong while waiting for the 8am bus.



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1. Some local Ponsonby children reading the Ponsonby News, at a small Indian village - Sandubidi, on Isla Popa, in Bocas del Toro, Panama. (Bocas del Toro is in Panama, near Costa Rica, in the Caribbean Ocean.) They told us the locals enjoyed a flick through the mag as well! (Pictured left to right), **KATE MANN**, **JONO MANN** (Bayfield Primary) and **OLIVER MANN** (Ponsonby Intermediate School).
2. **SARAH RUMBOLD & RENEE BUCKINGHAM** in Machu Picchu, Peru!
3. **TOSHI IMURA** lets the morning rush hour pass him by while reading the Ponsonby News in Shinjuku, Tokyo.
4. Londoner **DEL BROWN** catches up with his monthly dose of PN while relaxing on Playa del Ingles beach, with the Maspalomas Dunes in the background, in Gran Canaria.



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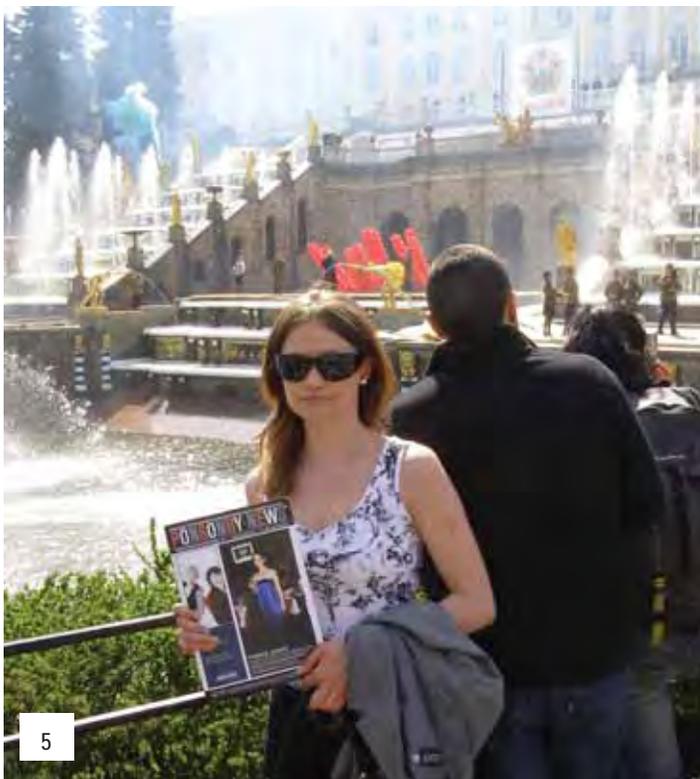
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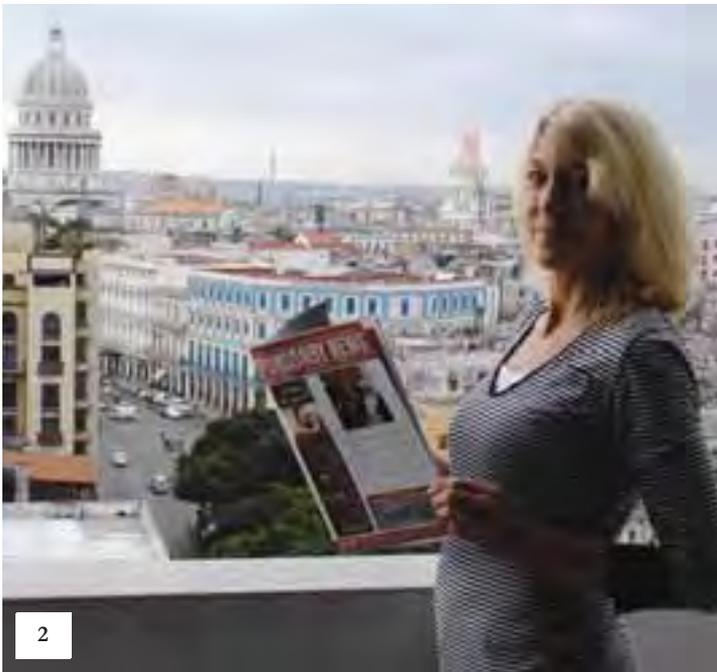


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- 1. Victoria Park resident **SUE COLLIS** reading Ponsonby News recently in Ware Ware surf camp, Nusa Lembongan, **Indonesia**.
- 2-5. Scientist **OLGA MEDNOVA**, worked in Auckland University's Science Department last year and shared a flat with Jo Barrett of Ponsonby News. She is pictured here back home in **St Petersburg** next to the doll called Matreshka. The other shot is of her work colleague Sergey.
- 6-7. **SALLY JAMES & GERRY HILL**, from the Great Ponsonby Art Hotel enjoy a quick catch up on the Ponsonby gossip at Stevensons Savai'I, **Samoa**. They inform us that this resort is both affordable and great for families, and told us this is the best of the bunch.
- 8. **PAULO MANIA** grew up in Grey Lynn and Mt Roskill and was keen to read Ponsonby News. He is pictured at Stevensons Savai'I, Samoa.
- 9. **TIM JOSEPHSON, GRADY BOWER, LUCY JOSEPHSON, EMMA BOWER**, all told us, "we were on holiday in **Rarotonga** last month and took our local Ponsonby News with us!".
- 10. **AIMEE BUCKINGHAM** and **JACOBUS SIMONS** reading the Ponsonby News at Kinderdijk in Holland - the famous group of 19 windmills which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Three Lamps residents' **RAE AND CHRIS COLLINS** enjoyed Christmas day in St Isaac's Square, St Petersburg (1) and the pair also spent time recently in Florence (2) including the first day of the Pitti Uomo Fashion season. They told us "our driver was particularly interested in the price and availability of vehicles in Auckland and our tour guide very much enjoyed reading your mag."

Local lad **ZACHARY GRAVATT** enjoyed a bit of everything over summer including sitting on Honolulu's Waikiki beach where CNN were broadcasting while Obama was on his Christmas holiday. Seen pictured outside the Duomo in Florence (3), and at one of Ponsonby News' favourite places on earth the

legendary Stonehenge (4). He told us, "luckily a copy of the Ponsonby News was delivered the day before we left so I had the latest copy to take."

We want to be reincarnated as local resident and foodie **MS JULIE LE CLERC!** With a new role as 'Gourmet Ambassador for New Caledonia' she is clearly enjoying the infinity pool at the Meridien Hotel on The Isle of Pines, New Caledonia (5). Also pictured in an amazing beach restaurant), (6) ie: "a rustic shack with a view to die for" and researching food experiences while tucking into lunch (with a copy of her favourite local rag at her side, naturally). She told PN, "I can confirm that the whole lobster grilled with garlic butter was tres délicieux!



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I loved my visit to New Caledonia and I love my new job.” Our girl must clock up squillions of Air Miles and is pictured in Cuba (7) over Christmas with a handmade Cuban cigar in hand, along with the PN, of course!

**MARINA KOSENKO** was a Russian student studying HR Management at Unitec and staying with PN colleague Jo Barrett last year. She returned to Moscow (8 & 9) last November to be with her family for Christmas. Her daughter (8) and Marina (9) about to read Ponsonby News in the deep Moscow snow.

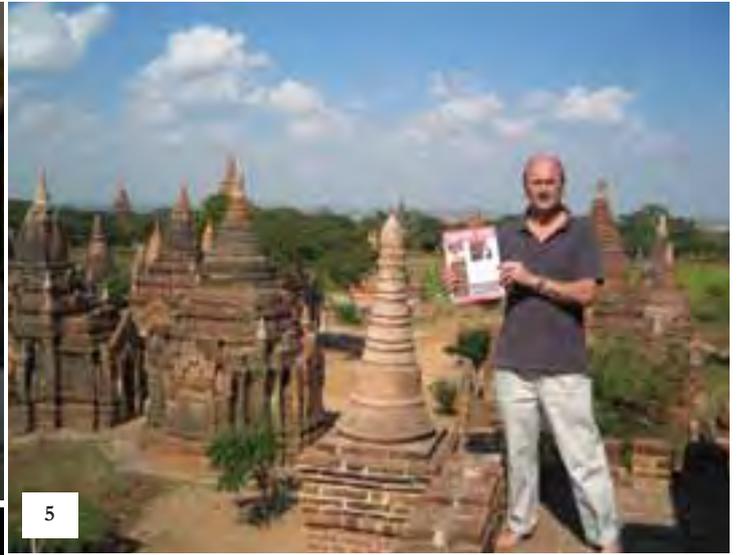
We hate our readers feeling disappointed. Local Grey Lynn resident **THERESA ANEMA** emailed to thank us for publishing her and partner Robert’s photos in China (10) in the February edition; however we had a senior moment and forgot to mention her name, mixing her up with Susan Warring! She emailed, “I understand you are busy and most probably get heaps of photos, and we do appreciate the photos being published but just a bit disappointed that the names were not included with our photos.” Sorry.



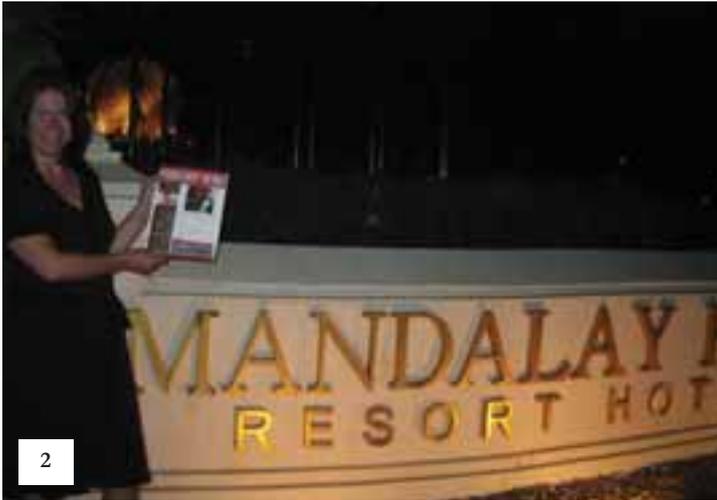
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Robert and Bronwyn Dick of Ponsonby (1-6) told Ponsonby News their visit to Myanmar (Formerly Burma) was fun travelling around with our magazine and watching the reactions of the locals/guides each time they produced it!

Susan Warring (7- 9) also of Ponsonby, sent us some good shots 'marketing' the Ponsonby News on the Great Wall of China. She went on to say, "as you can see, there are some very interested bystanders. I recently did some exchange teaching for our partner school in Lianyungang, Jingsu province, China and visited the Great Wall in Beijing on the way home."



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Herne Bay local **Byron Kingan, (10-12)** a pupil from **Bayfield School**, was out seeing his grandparents in **South Africa**. He told us that **Ponsonby News** made very good reading while he was taking in the sights.

**13.** Ponsonby locals (Tole St) **PJ and Viv Burrowes** almost missed seeing the Corinth Canal on a friend's yacht in **Greece** while engrossed in the latest **Ponsonby News**.





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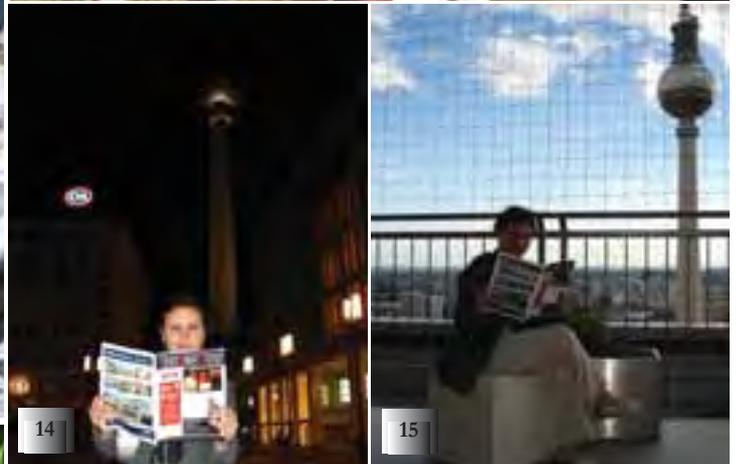
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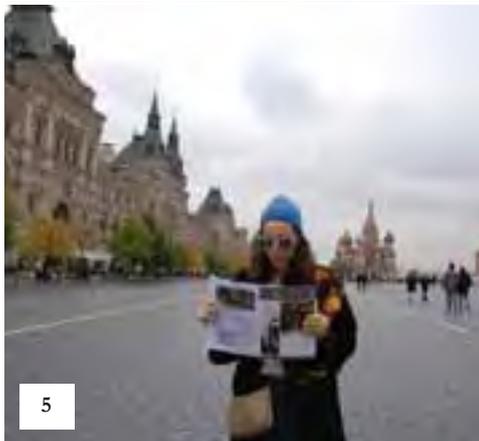
1-4 "I recently went on holiday to **Europe** and **UK**...armed with a 'strategically placed' copy of the Ponsonby News. Thanks for the great magazine, keep up the good work! Happy to be home again..." - **Tahnee Jubilee** (St Marys Bay)

5-6 "I was visiting my friends (who used to live in Ponsonby with us) in the UK for their wedding and we drove up to their bach near **Loch Ness** in **Scotland** where the pics were taken." - **Gabrielle Turner** (Ponsonby)

7-9. **Linda and David Forgie** from Number 18 Hair and Beauty on their trip to **Egypt**.

10-12. **Jodie Ackhurst and Tom** (5 months old) at the beautiful Trevi Fountain in **Rome**, on a rooftop in **Florence** overlooking the Ponte Vecchio and **Kevin Ackhurst** on a rooftop in **Florence** with the dome of the cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore (Duomo) in the background.

13-15. **Anya Veryaskina and Szabolcs Szentes** on a night out in the Sachsenhausen district in **Frankfurt, Germany** in a typical Äppelwoi (Apple Wein) pub called Atschel. **Irena Vinkovska** at Alexanderplatz in **Berlin** - Berlin's TV Tower in the background and at the viewing balcony of Park Inn at Alexanderplatz, Berlin.



1-2. **Annie Stephens** and **Josh Brown** (her American boyfriend) went over to the US for his best friend's wedding. Photographed at the Liberty Bell in **Philadelphia** and in NYC outside the Statue of Liberty. "I used to work in Rocket Kitchen and Benuku Lodge and Boliwood and I grew up in Grey Lynn's Murdoch Road."

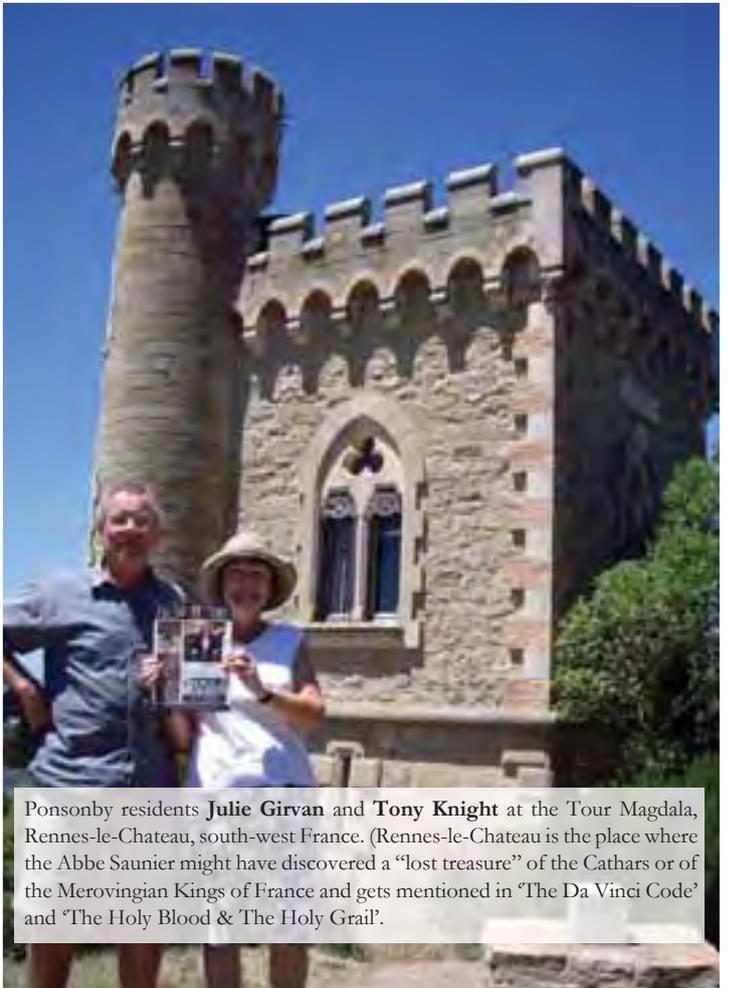
3. Nine-year-old **Savannah Palmer** by the May River in **Bluffton, South Carolina**. She and Mary Kiddie were visiting a friend who lived in Ponsonby before moving to the US in 1980 so took the magazine along to give her a taste of what Ponsonby is like now." Savannah loves the 'Ponsonby Pets' and the real estate pages!

4. **Jennifer Northover** at Peyrepertuse castle in the **South of France**, "Here are some photos of me reading your wonderful mag. Peyrepertuse is a Cathar castle located in the Fenouillèdes range, stretching to more than 770ft long and were constructed atop mountainous peaks. Construction of Peyrepertuse is thought to have begun in the 10th century. In places the castle is only a few metres across. Catharism is thought to have originated from Persian doctrines popular in the late Roman Empire. In the early 13th century the Roman Catholic Church under Pope Innocent II waged a crusade against the Cathars which eventually led to their decline."

5. **Louise Vidor**, "I couldn't resist taking my teddy and my fresh copy of Ponsonby News to **Russia**. I spread the word. I think I found a few subscribers. Yes, it's that good. Don't you know it?!"

6. **Londoner Del 'boy' Brown** in **Mojacar, Spain** with "his favourite reading material."

7. **Angie Scotson**, ex Clarence Street. "Just had the PN delivered by a friend visiting **Chongqing, (mid west China)** located on the banks of the Yangtze River...great reading as we cruised along the river to Shanghai, catching up with all the news from home."



Ponsonby residents **Julie Girvan** and **Tony Knight** at the Tour Magdala, Rennes-le-Chateau, south-west France. (Rennes-le-Chateau is the place where the Abbe Saunier might have discovered a “lost treasure” of the Cathars or of the Merovingian Kings of France and gets mentioned in ‘The Da Vinci Code’ and ‘The Holy Blood & The Holy Grail’.

Local resident **Cindy Beaudin** recently took these photos while visiting her homeland Ottawa, Ontario, Canada a few weeks back. She told us she and her daughter Ginevee had a lot of fun posing with Corporal Kennedy and co from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



**Ole Bjerg**, Sales Director at Fredericia in Denmark checking out the Ponsonby News while sitting in the Stingray chair which has just been awarded The Red Dot and the Interior Innovation Award Cologne 2008. The Stingray will shortly be available here in Ponsonby at Design Denmark.

Ponsonby locals **Penny Aitken** and **Matt Scott** take time out from their ski holiday in Wanaka to catch up on the latest in the Ponsonby News.

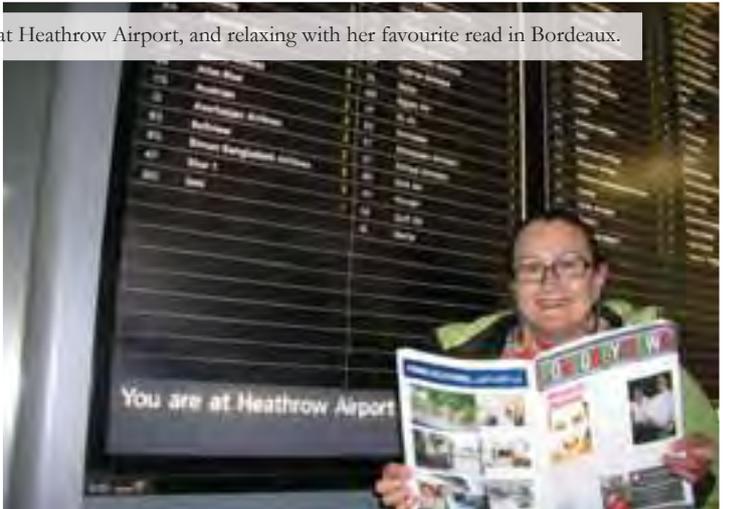




**Madison and Mitchell Verry** at The Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on Australia's Gold Coast.



**Fionna Hill**, Ponsonby floral designer on the London Underground, at Heathrow Airport, and relaxing with her favourite read in Bordeaux.



**Dr Bruce Foggo**, Medical Director at Mercy Hospice, College Hill relaxing on the Spanish Steps in Rome.



**Trudi Nelson** from 'Fresh In The Kitchen' enjoying the latest issue of PN beside the pool at The Hilton Denerau, Fiji. "We are here with the RadioWorks Networks team who I'm sure are being missed from their morning constitutional at Landreth & Co."



Lorne Weir, independent director at Johnston Associates, Ponsonby is pictured here at Lord's London, the 'Home of Cricket' and Marylebone Cricket Club. As his colleague Logan Granger told us, "Lorne sadly missed out on a private audience with the Queen's Corgi's so he looked a bit disappointed I think!"



"My mother recently sent me a copy of the Ponsonby News which I thoroughly enjoyed. Anyway I decided to run around and take a couple of photos of where I live and hopefully get into the next issue! I live in Yamba which is on the far north coast of NSW and Angourie is this great place just down the road on the edge of a National Park, with fantastic surf and great food. One photo is taken at the local store (Slow Food only) and the other at the famous surf break."  
Michele Fenton and Craig Roche.



Linz (Barista at the former Season and now at Shesh Besh, Ponsonby) pictured on the Duomo di Milano rooftop in Milan! It's a beautiful landmark with its Gothic architecture, and the fact you can go all the way up to the roof is magnificent!



"Here's the inevitable cheesy picture of me reading your fair publication at Victoria Falls, Zambia. Shame I was having a bad hair day!" says World Journeys Caroline Clegg.



'A' lister **David Hartnell** gets everywhere! Seen pictured here in Thailand (with Somboon Khansuk and Andrew Parker) at a temple in Hua Hin where the monkeys run free and are worshiped. "The monkey picked up the copy of Ponsonby News studied it before tearing it to pieces!" says David.

Also pictured is a young woman from a village in Chon Buri, Southern Thailand who wanted to learn and write English so Mr H gave her a copy of Ponsonby News! They wear the rings as a form of adornment. It is a myth that it makes their necks longer, in fact, it simply pushes their shoulder bones down giving the illusion of a longer neck David tell us.



Santa Cruz is the quintessential Californian beach town, "my wife Jan had her copy of Ponsonby News with her while I had a ride on the gondola," says Sean Carey.



**Julena Nola** tells us that the Galapagos islands are amazing! “You can get up so close to all the animals/birds/ sea life on the islands as they are not scared of humans. So well protected, very cool experience. Although I did get out of the water rather quickly once I spotted the sharks.”



**Buffy and Bimbo** relaxing on Amunuca Island Resort, Fiji, before their big performance at Ponsonby's Top 10 Entrepreneurs Awards dinner next Friday, July 11th.





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1. World Journey's **John Byrne** snapped a cutie reading Ponsonby News in Xi'an (home of the Terracotta Warriors.)
2. **James** (aged 8), **Sasha** (aged 10), and **Sophie McEwen** (aged 14) with their copy of Ponsonby News recently at the Fox Glacier on the West Coast of the South Island.
3. Londoner **Del Brown** NEVER leaves home without a copy of Ponsonby News and is seen here in sunny Gran Canaria in the dunes of Maspalomas.
4. Franklin Road 'Mayor' **Ross Thorby** at Tut Ankh Amun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings, Luxor, Egypt.
5. **Ross Thorby** went cruising down the Nile and that copy of Ponsonby News went EVERYWHERE with him!
- 6 - 7. World Bank executive **Peter Wrathall** washed up on the beach at Jayapura in Irian Jaya with his drip dry copy of Ponsonby News!
8. **Ross Thorby** in the engine room of Cunard's Queen Victoria on his world cruise. We thought it was a holiday!
9. **John Byrne** (that's his hand!) from World Journeys recently returned from China and went to see the Pandas at Chongqing (actually the world's most populated city with a staggering 32 million people!)
10. Our number one fan **Ross Thorby** at Kochi (colonial name Cochin) on the south-west coast of the Indian peninsula.
11. You can't get much further away from Ponsonby and still be in New Zealand! Pictured above is Freeman's Bay resident **Jonathan Brake** down at Rakiura National Park Gateway in Lee Bay, Stewart Island.
12. Although he now resides on Australia's Gold Coast **Joshua King's** mum Dianne has recently moved to Ponsonby from Nelson. This Picture was taken In Siam Square, Bangkok during his recent holiday to Thailand and he was clearly feeling 'new home' sick for his dose of Ponsonby News!



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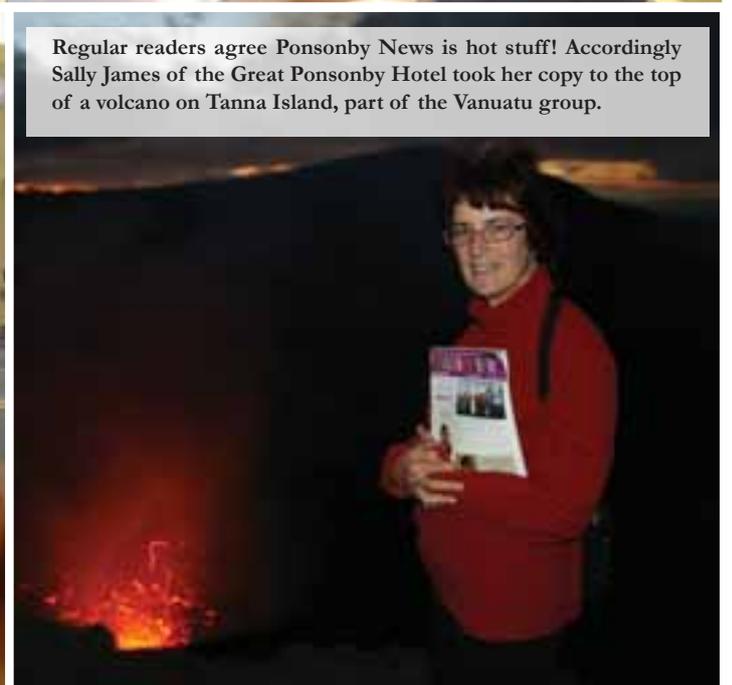
**Phyllis Wong** and husband **Shane Melton** from Pt Chevalier sailed on the Professor Molchanov, the photo was taken in the Lemaire Channel, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica, last January.



Herne Bay residents (from left) **Blair Salmon**, **Bob Bashford**, and **Anoulack Phengsavath** enjoyed seeing in the New Year 07/08 visiting Sayaboury, Laos.



**Anna Hoffmann** spotted at Napier's Art Deco Weekend reading her favourite magazine!



Regular readers agree Ponsonby News is hot stuff! Accordingly **Sally James** of the Great Ponsonby Hotel took her copy to the top of a volcano on Tanna Island, part of the Vanuatu group.



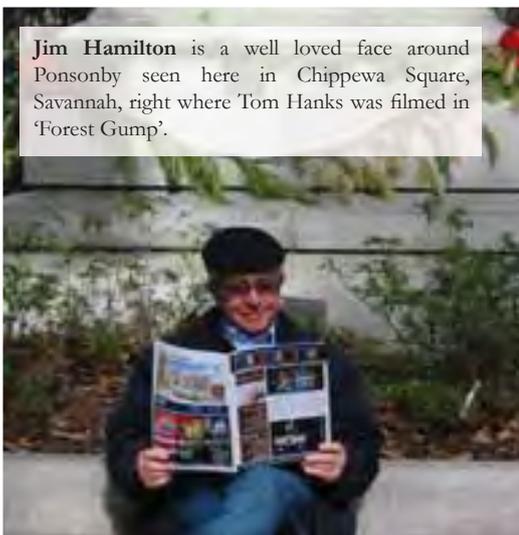
Ponsonby Buteyko practitioner **Glenn White** enjoys some skiing last month at Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.



Locals may remember **Jim Hamilton** from Mercy Hospice College Hill. Seen catching up on all the Ponsonby gossip while waiting for a tram in San Francisco.



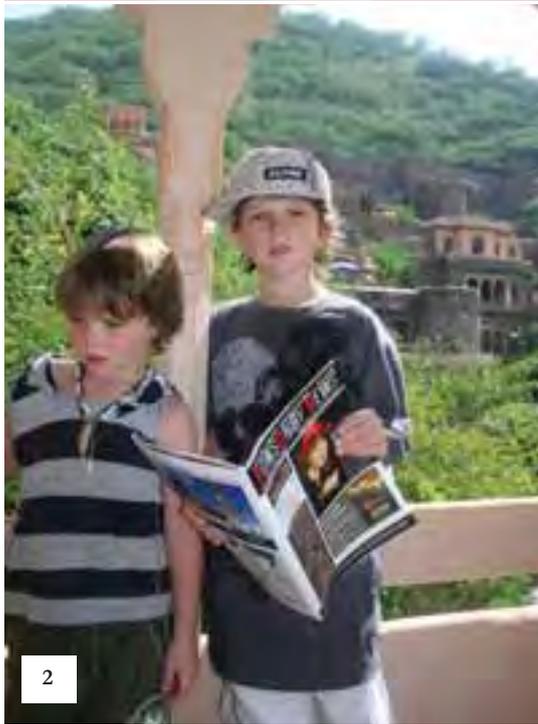
Our readers come in all disguises. **Glenn White** tells us that he put his copy of his favourite reading material down for a moment and it was snatched by Snooky Bear in Canada! Yeah right!



**Jim Hamilton** is a well loved face around Ponsonby seen here in Chippewa Square, Savannah, right where Tom Hanks was filmed in 'Forest Gump'.



Ponsonby resident **Shane Neal** enjoys a spot of cruising just off Tahiti. His trusty Ponsonby News in hand.

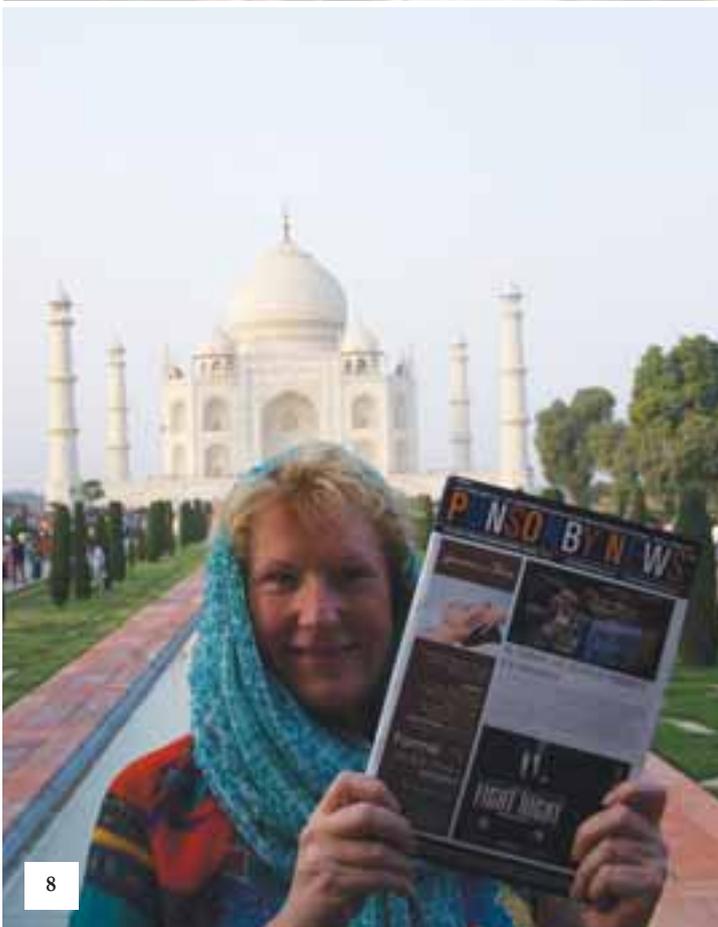




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1. Ponsonby resident **James Tomlinson** takes time out from winning, two gold medals and one bronze in 10 Pin Bowling at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in **Shanghai**.
2. **Claire Kingan-Jones** sons' **Byron** and **Oscar** on a recent family trip to **India**.
3. Local resident **Rebecca Walker** reading her Ponsonby News at **Emam Khomeini Square** (previously known as Maidan-e Shah and before that as Naqsh-e Jahan) in **Isfahan, Iran**.
4. Local Ponsonby resident **Laurel McLay** (nee Gillan) celebrated a delayed 40th birthday in Hawaii with her twin sister, pictured here with her son **Lucas** on **Waikiki Beach**.
5. **Jillian Bashford** in **Rajasthan** last month astride a Camel decorated for Davali!
6. Travel agents **Kay McKirdy** and **Sue Gartshore** in **Pt Vila, Vanuatu** recently on a business trip.
7. **Heather Ward**, Deputy High Commissioner with mascot 'Defense Attache' **Jillian Bashford** at the Delhi NZ High Commission.
8. **Jillian Bashford** remembers to take her Ponsonby News while visiting the Taj Mahal.
9. **Dorthe Kasper**, a light folder for Danish designers' **Le Klint** in **Odense, Denmark**.
10. **Pia Nielsen** of furniture designers **Skagerak** enjoys her Ponsonby News in **Hadsund, Denmark**.
11. **Dion Joblin** sent us his photo and explained, "I am an explosive technician, here conducting explosive ordnance disposal, this is done in order to safeguard the local population and get rid of these items all together. I can't give a location for security reasons except to say that it is at an 'Undisclosed location North'. Thanks for putting out a great publication!
12. **Sue Hatton**, an agent for **LJ Hooker**, Ponsonby takes a holiday at **Kasuga Shrine, Nara, Osaka, Japan**.



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- 1-3 Chapel Bar's Luke Dallow and Pals in Cardiff at the Rugby World Cup. Those boys took Ponsonby News everywhere!
4. Avok, our favourite ferry boat operator in Vanuatu, operating from Pt Vila to the most perfect hideaway on Iriki Island private Resort.
5. Mandy Black's honeymoon breakfast in the main foyer of Palazzo Versace Hotel, Gold Coast, Queensland.
6. SOCA Gallery owners' Ana Invanoic & Charles Tongue relaxing in Canada's Poet's Cove, Pender Island, British Columbia following a business trip to New York.
7. Garnet Bar's Kathy Reilly outside her daughter's house in Burano, Italia, just before the wedding.



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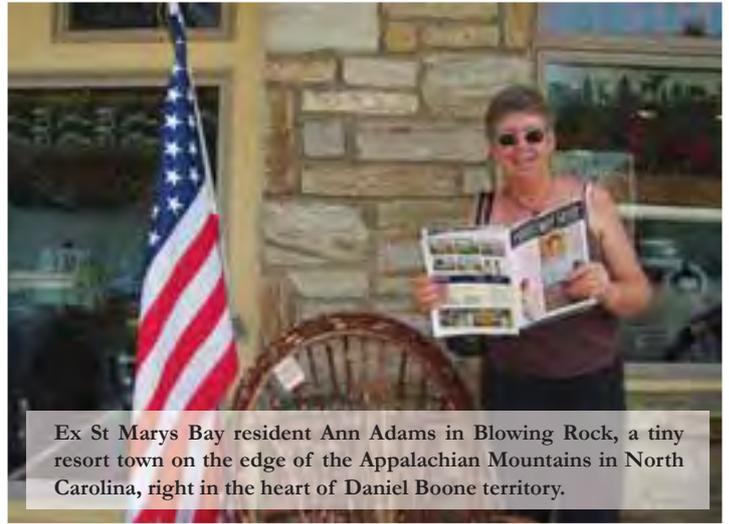


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1. Apt 86's **Linda Bosfield** catches up with her Ponsonby News in Manhattan's Bryant Park for Mercedes Benz Fashion Week.
2. Londoner **Del Brown** recently took a well earned break from the QVC Channel. Another Ponsonby News devotee he goes everywhere with his monthly copy and is shown here at the top of Volcano Mount Teide in Tenerife, Canary Islands.
3. Art dealer **Joy Tongue**, took some time out a few months back in the eternal city of Roma. Who could blame her! Great sunshine, Italian food and Rome would always be our first choice as well!
4. **David O'Shea** just loves his Ponsonby News. Well it makes good reading when you're bored with the museums.
5. Londoner **Keith Batten** is well trained and goes everywhere cultural, even Amsterdam for the festival of the Tulips. Ponsonby News always in his hands.
6. Antiques legend **Jillian Bashford's** luggage is ALWAYS over weight, but she always slips in her well thumbed copy of that months Ponsonby News.



Studio Italia's Valeria's hubby Greg and their daughter Bella at Rome's Piazza di Spagna



Ex St Marys Bay resident Ann Adams in Blowing Rock, a tiny resort town on the edge of the Appalachian Mountains in North Carolina, right in the heart of Daniel Boone territory.



Katalog's Ulf's girlfriend partner Debbie at Stromness camp ground in the Orkney Islands Scotland.



Gemma from Kingsland's KoKo Jewellery store believes in starting Ponsonby News readers at a very young age in Tokyo.



Londoner Del Brown and friend Martin Donaldson take a short break in gay Paris, but the pair never leave home without Ponsonby News!



David O'Shea from London on a weekend tulip spotting in Amsterdam!



1. Our lovely friend Meredith Lee of Grey Lynn based European Antiques and Furnishings on her last buying trip to France takes time out in the Loire valley.
2. **Danilo** and **Turet** returned from South America with great shots of Buenos Aires which is full of these Dog Walkers. But with 10-15 dogs at a time? Sounds like hard work! But our friend posed obligingly with the December/January issue in hand. [www.danilophoto.com](http://www.danilophoto.com)
3. Gemma from KoKo Jewellery in Kingsland catching up on Ponsonby News at the famous Shibuya intersection, central Tokyo
4. The queen of antiques Jillian Bashford in front of the State Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg.
5. Three locals all meet up for some Ponsonby gossip in Italia! Jillian Basford, Soca's Joy Tongue and Judy from Dear Reader take time out beside Rome's Trevi Fountain.



1. She's a typical baiana (from Bahia, North Brazil). But clearly a Ponsonby News aficionado! She now wants to move here! We need more markets along Ponsonby Road! Call Varig. www.danilophoto.com

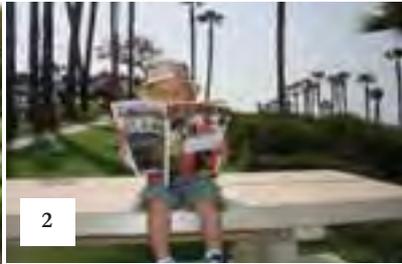
2. Now where is the Messe Essen Airport Express Bus? **Martin Cahnbley** friends, **Enri Morato** and **Gassan Diab** enjoy killing time reading their Ponsonby News!

3. **Planetwine's Martin Cahnbley** travels the world helping to spread the Ponsonby message. Here his friend **Milton Goldschmidt**, who lives in Cologne appreciates reading any issue of Martin's monthly dose of Ponsonby News! (March issue). It helps beat that home sickness feeling after all.

4. **World Journey's Ange Pirie** at the semi finals for the Blues v Sharks game Super 14 game in Durban took a well earned break and caught up with the news back in Ponsonby.

5. **Julie Le Clerc** had little time to spare on her recent trip to Europe with her mum, still remembered to take her copy of the latest Ponsonby News with her on the tube. Thanks Julie! xx



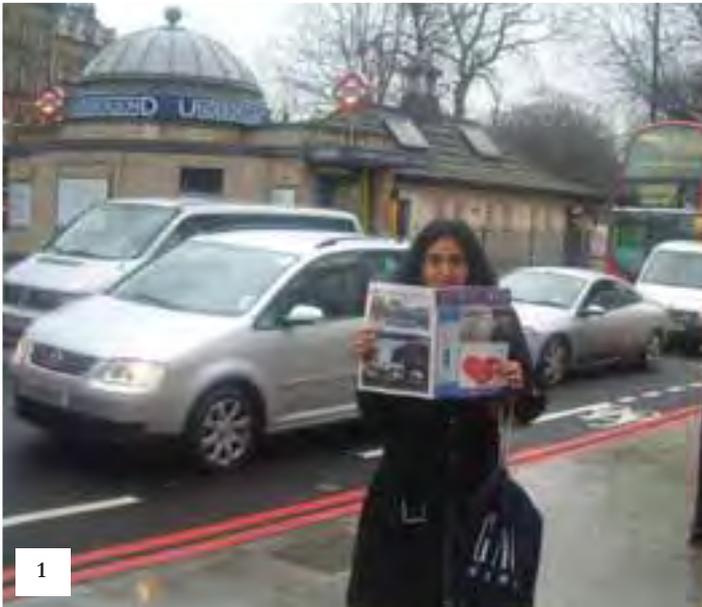


1. The Great Ponsonby's **Sally James** at Yakel Village on Tanna Island.
2. **Siena Malibu Smith** in LA reading about her **Auntie Shaz** of Styledirect in Ponsonby News!
3. **Matt & George** on the San Clemente coast in California.
4. Londoner **Del Brown** takes Ponsonby News with him wherever he goes. Even to Gran Canaria.
5. Londoner **Keith Batten** on the train between Eindhoven and Amsterdam.
6. WORLD's **Benny Castles** in Paddington, Sydney.
7. David Batten waiting for his Qantas flight at Heathrow.
8. David Batten finally arrives in Melbourne!
9. Alison Pain reading the Ponsonby News in Piazza San Marco, Venice.



1. Osteopaths' **Kate Handy** and **Alex Jones** and their baby **Sam** reading the Ponsonby News in Norfolk. They were thrilled to read the March issue and caught up with all kinds of goings on in New Zealand. Having left Raglan almost two years ago they love reading the magazine as they left behind several good friends in Ponsonby.
2. London based **Keith Batten**, a visitor in Hong Kong
3. London based **David**, a visitor in Melbourne.
4. **Pamela Geddes** in Jerez de La Frontera, Spain
5. **WORLD's Francis Hooper** in Paris.
6. **Pamela Geddes** and **Maeve Hurley** in Jerez de La Frontera, Spain.







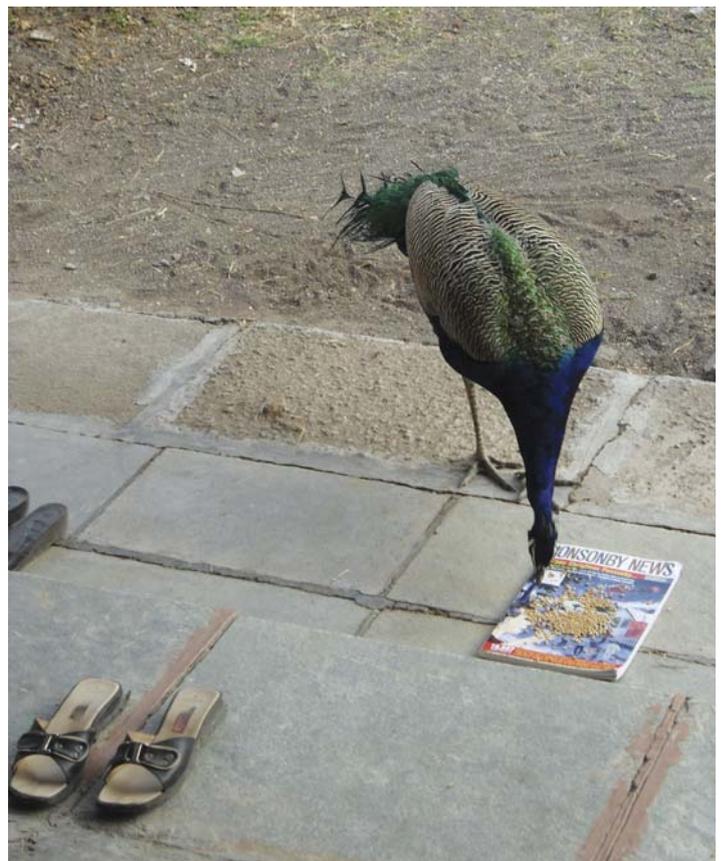
1. **Pepi Sappal**, Clapham North, London SW9
2. **Gregory Davidson**, Shanghai
3. **Richard Gravenor**, Wellington
4. **Aunty Joy**, Purley, UK,
5. **Martin Cahnbley**, Notting Hill, London W11.
6. **Del Brown**, Gravesend, UK
7. **Gregory Davidson** relaxing with his monthly copy of Ponsonby News in Shanghai.
8. **James Pain** enjoying his Ponsonby News in Venice.
9. **Nick Bogle** catches up with all the news in San Francisco



Grant and Kath Rutherford from Herne Bay sent in this shot. "Taken in Whistler Canada on our way to see our daughter and her family in Toronto. Took several of the past few months copies of Ponsonby News so she could have a good catch up. She was delighted." **PN**



Local resident MICHELLE BUCHANAN sent us this great shot of CHELSEA and BRAD WILSON at The White House ... that's the one in WASHINGTON, not the one on Queen Street, she informed us. **PN**



Pritesh Patel is a long-time reader, first time emailer to Ponsonby News and tells us, "having returned from a summer holiday in magical India, whilst in a busy market in rural India, I was catching up on the latest news in Ponsonby."

The second shot is of a wild, but friendly, peacock in the village of Karadi, Navsari. These birds just wander around at sunset like they own the place. The peacock was a bit shy in asking for a quick browse of our copy of the Ponsonby News but we encouraged him with a few wheat grains. We affectionately named the peacock 'Dinner' (a few weeks in the predominately vegetarian country may have had something to do with this). Needless to say we resisted barbecuing our new friend and he left with a full stomach and up to date on the latest news in Ponsonby. Now, surely, that's the first peacock to have ever read the Ponsonby News?" **PN**



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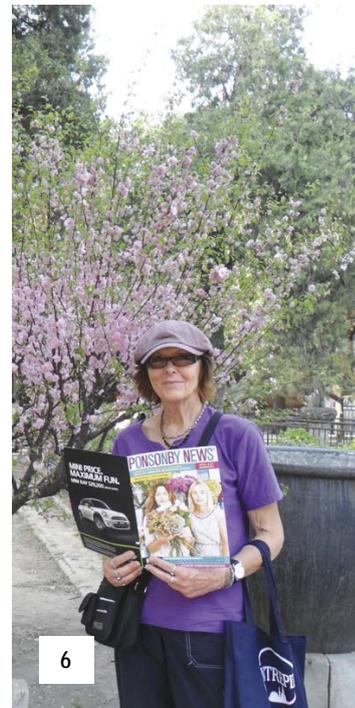
1. SIMON COLEY from All Good Bananas emailed to tell us he managed to smuggle a copy of Ponsonby News into a banana packing station at one of the small farms who grow their bananas in Ecuador.

2-3. Westhaven Rotary President ELAINE MEAD and colleague JILL KITCHEN attended a four day Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand recently. The first shot was taken in the House of Friendship, the second was on a day trip to visit The Bridge over the River Kwai, and the war museum and cemetery. The bridge, being part of the Death Railway linking Thailand and Burma was built by the Allied prisoners of war during World War II.

4. CAY CASSIE emailed this shot taken back in March and told us, "Here I am at Whisper Cove in Airlie Beach ....tough and missing Ponsonby (News!)".



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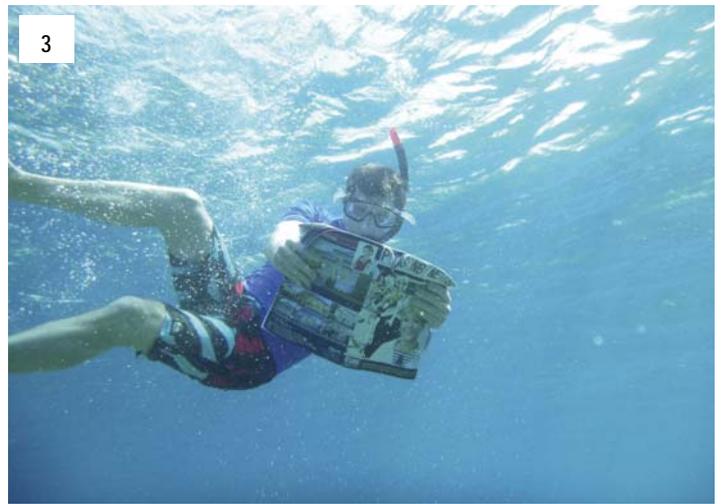
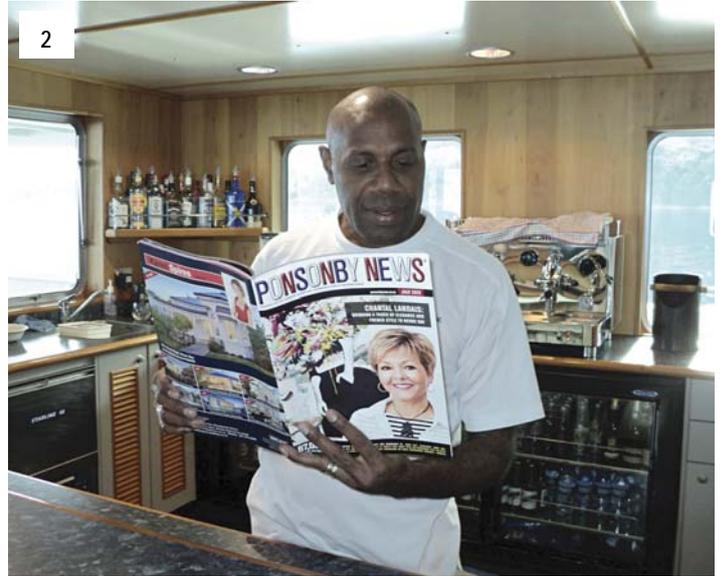
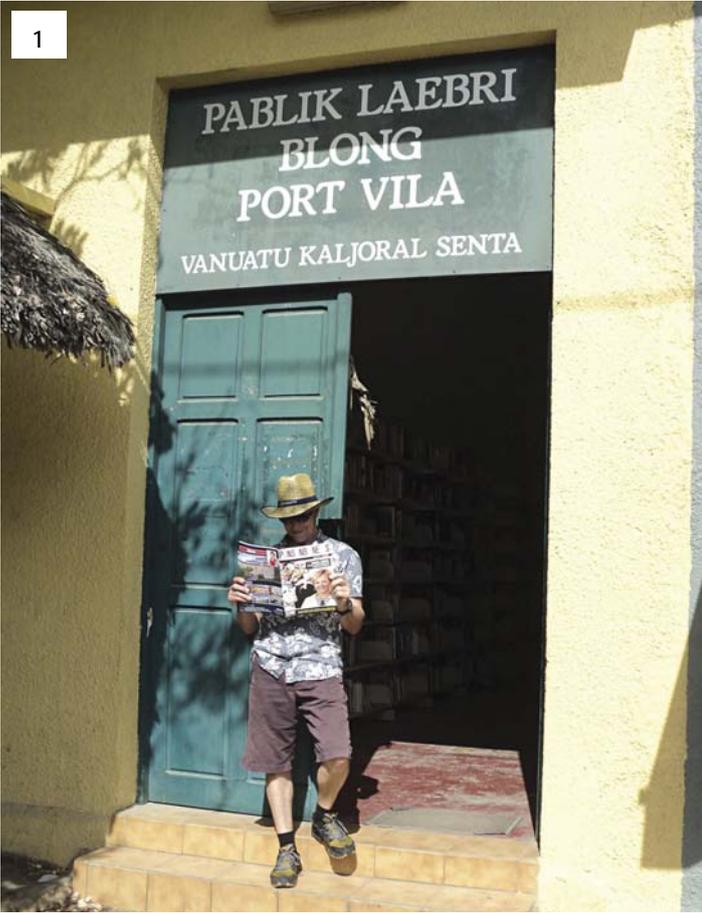
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5. Newly weds Grey Lynn residents ANDREW HOOPER and his wife JULENA decided to elope with some close friends to Vegas to get married in the Grand Canyon. "Elvis was our minister and sang all his classics during the service - 'Love Me Tender' etc - It was amazing!"

6-8. DIANNE HILL sent us three shots from her trip to China and explained, "I am in the Forbidden City in Beijing, enjoying blossom time in the Imperial Garden of the Forbidden City, and on the Great Wall in Beijing."

9. JOHN SAVAGE sent us his photo taken on the coast of Western Australia (Margaret River Region). "Great Wines, Great Holiday!"

10. Ponsonby resident ANAH BEWS emailed us her shot taken at the Bilo Bar, Shangri La's Fijian resort. "The same resort we got married in last year and also the photos that were used for Ponsonby Dentist in your April issue."



1-3: Freemans Bay resident GLENN WHITE recently returned from a six day cruise out of Port Vila, VANUATU on a New Zealand boat, the Island Passage.

"I was travelling with my youngest brother Andrew and mum; Carole. The weather was fab, the food was incredible and the snorkelling superb but the best thing about Vanuatu is the people, reputed to be the happiest on the planet. Happy, our aptly named barman on the boat took 20 minutes out to read the News. He was very keen to take it back to his family on the island of Espiritu Santo. Unfortunately the copy got ruined when we took the underwater shot.

"I took two copies of the News to Vanuatu and left one with the Publik Laebri after the attached photo was taken. This rates as one of the most relaxing holidays I have ever had."

4. St Mary's Bay resident GERARD HALL emailed to say, "Eight of us from Auckland recently enjoyed a steam train excursion from Christchurch to ARTHURS PASS." The four locals are from left to right: WARWICK HUTCHINSON, GERARD HALL, ALLAN HORNER, KAREN TURKETO.

"The steam engine is Ka942 owned by Mainline Steam. Its working weight is 145 tons. It was built at Hutt Workshops, and entered service in November 1940 and retired in July 1967 after clocking up 944,532 miles. Originally a coal burner, it was converted to oil at the Otahuhu Workshops in Nov 1948. It worked the North Island Main Trunk line, initially based at Taihape.

"And it's a movie star – playing the part of steam engine Ka949 in the feature film Tangiwai." Gerald concluded, "we couldn't find Ross Thorby on the train to include him in the photo shoot."

5. ROBYN LITTLEJOHN sent us a mobile PXT with this shot of Grey Lynn resident MARIE GIBSON taken up at CORONET PEAK. **[PN]**



1-2. ALLAN HORNER tells us he has recently returned from his holiday and has sent us two photos. The first one shows Allan on the circus flying trapeze at Club Med resort, PHUKET. "For the purpose of the photo, I did a simple knee-hand trick which is the first trick new participants do. Many Club Med resorts have the circus equipment and we love trying to perfect new tricks taught by the circus instructors at each Club Med. What a pity we didn't discover the joys of the circus flying trapeze when we had younger, more supple bodies! Special thanks to chief of circus in Phuket Hsien Ming for taking this picture from the catchers bar, and her friendly team of instructors. NICO (shown in background on the launch board) took the Ponsonby News away to read and insists we send her the next issue."

The second shot shows Allan with GERARD HALL on the Thailand side of the Golden Triangle. "We were heading to a jetty for a boat trip at the confluence of the Mekong and Ruak rivers where we took in the shores of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos and an island known as 'no mans land' where most of the opium trading was done."

3. NATASHA SHORT sent us this shot of local residents Victoria and Daniel Short in PHUKET, THAILAND.

4. VINOD SOLANKI emailed us to say, "During my last trip to INDIA and Singapore I had the pleasure of taking a copy of Ponsonby News with me. Traveling through the state of Gujarat on my way to Shirdi to visit Shirdi baba temple, I felt the heat of the high temperatures and stopped on the way at a roadside watermelon stall. With friendly local people around I enjoyed the sweet watermelon and managed to capture this shot."

5. SALLY JAMES, co owner of The Great Ponsonby Art Hotel sent us this shot of herself with her grand children at Cardrona Alpine Resort located between Wanaka and QUEENSTOWN. **PN**



6. St Mary's May resident SARAH CLARKE sent us this shot of herself and her brother NICHOLAS (formerly of John Street) on the Amalfi Coast, ITALY. "Ponsonby News provided the perfect excuse to stop and enjoy some goss from home during the five hour "Path of the Gods" trek to Positano! Keep up the good work."

7-8. ARUNA PO-CHING and BREEDA TAUA take a break to read Ponsonby News on the Big Island, Oahu in one of the volcano craters at the Volcano National Park in HAWAII.

9. "As former Freemans Bay residents we just felt we couldn't go on holiday and not take a copy of the ol' mag with us - so here's our submission for the roving pages. Hope it gets a laugh or two." Pictured are SAM WETHEY and DAN KELLY in Gaudi's Parc Guell in BARCELONA. "Such a beautiful city," they told us.

10. MARK DYE emailed us, "My old flatmate mate and I thought we'd send you a photo of us enjoying the Olympics in LONDON. TRACEY BURGESS and I lived in a flat together on Arnold Street in Grey Lynn for some four years prior to her leaving for her O.E.

Each month when we got your magazine we would joke about one day sending in a photo of us reading the PN somewhere in the world, so when we found out we were going to be in London at the same time, we thought why not do it. So here we are! Anyway, hope all is well back home."

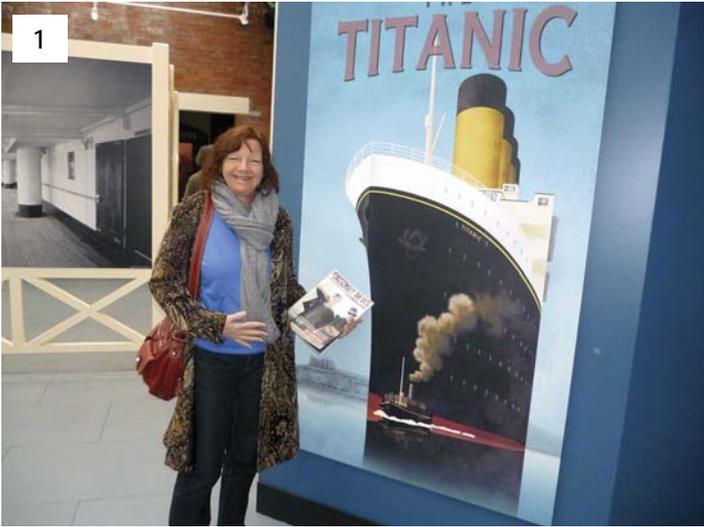
11. SUSAN SHOEBRIDGE sent this photo of her husband TREVOR reading a copy of the Ponsonby News at Genelard on the Canal du Centra in FRANCE on their recent trip there.



1-3. Last month JILLIAN BASFORD-EVERS and her cousin, LISA-MARIE RICHAN enjoyed a wonderful experience at the Waiora Lakeside Spa in ROTORUA, a trip to Mokoia Island and Hells Gate. "We felt truly rejuvenated and many thanks to Brian at the resort and Ponsonby News for making this all possible."

4. DAVID and JANE SIMCOCK sent in a great shot of themselves on a trip to SWALBARD, above the Arctic Circle last July. "We would be delighted to see it in print."

5. Local resident MICHELLE BUCHANAN emailed this photo and told us, "This is my sister-in-law, RUMI WILSON, in NEW YORK recently, just before Hurricane Sandy hit."



1. Grey Lynn resident HELEN LUCKIE has recently returned from Cork, IRELAND, and sent us this photo taken at the Cobh Heritage Centre.

2. BELINDA FREDERIKSENS emailed us this shot of her children Raiden and Toshiko (who both go to Ponsonby Intermediate) in COOLANGATTA. They were on their way to the airport to head home, leaving the stunning weather behind, so the kids weren't in the best mood, she told us.

3. WAYNE and DIANE WRIGHT have relocated from Christchurch to Ponsonby for very obvious reasons. They lost their home in Fendalton and business in Victoria Street. Wayne is pictured outside their French home in the Lot/Dordogne region in FRANCE and he tells us, "We love the Ponsonby News, it has helped us acclimatise enormously to our new surroundings. Keep up the good work."

4. YANGSI LIU emailed us with his photo. This was taken in Tianjin, CHINA, in front of Tianjin TV tower (415.2 m), which is a member (10th tallest) of the World Federation of Great Towers.

5. Westmere residents, KATHY CRISPIN and VIOLET CARTER in Death Valley, USA. Violet, aged 77 had just completed her first helicopter flight into the Grand Canyon from Las Vegas.

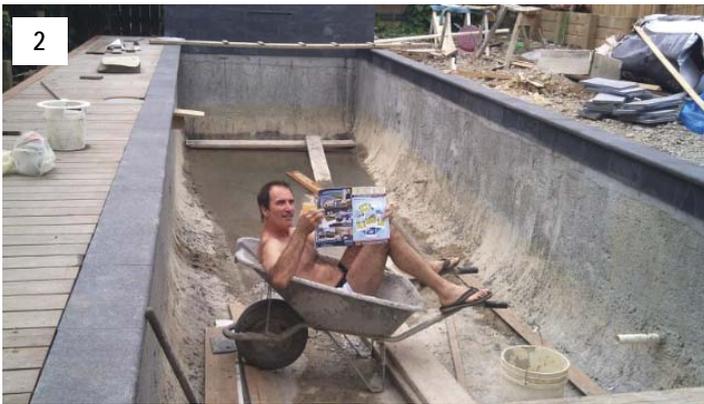


6-7. Ponsonby antique dealer JILLIAN BASHFORD-EVERS is pictured in a traditional French Restaurant in Toulouse. Her friend and colleague FAYE CHANDLER is seen relaxing in her salon in the south of FRANCE.

8. JULIE BROWN works in Gourmet Trader, a speciality food store in Gate Pa, TAURANGA and is seen pictured with her copy of last month's Ponsonby News.



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1. Ponsonby locals DON, DORRIE, ANTONIA FLETCHER, RAINY OLD and TIM SHAND, Top of the Rock, NEW YORK CITY - 6 September. "Rainy Old lives in London now but she used to be a local resident."

2. ANNA HILL emailed this shot, "It was a hot summer days day a couple of years back, and our dear friend David invited us over for a summer BBQ and a workout in the pool! Not quite the workout we expected, but we were happy to see that some of us could relax in the pool with their feet up whilst reading the Ponsonby News!"

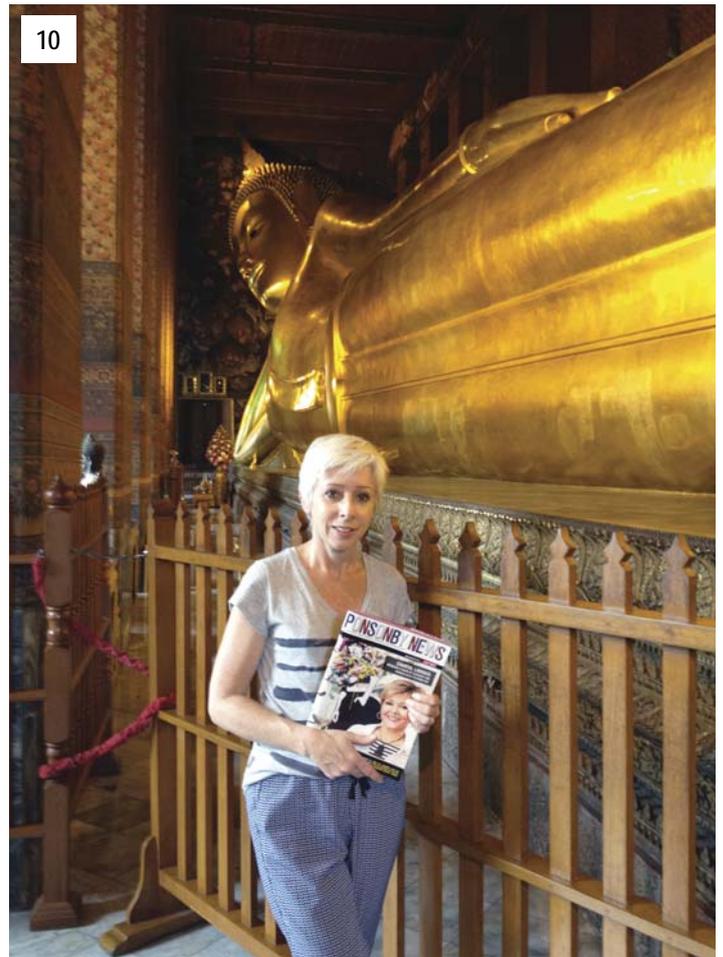
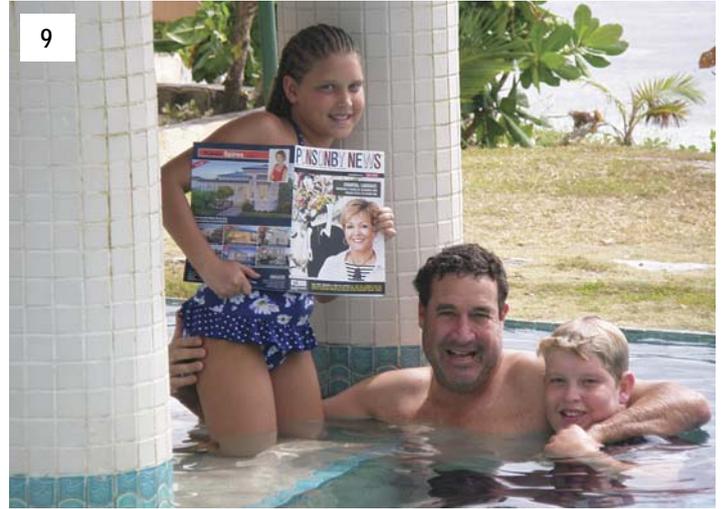
3. Our favourite Naturopath LANI LOPEZ and her cousin MELISSA DERBY in FIJI enjoying Ponsonby News everywhere they go.

4. HELEN and MIKE PEARCE explained, "We relocated to Auckland last year and just love the Ponsonby News. We forward copies to family in Wellington, so they can appreciate our new "hood".

My brother and sister-in-law (Ian and Dale) from Wellington are in the UNITED KINGDOM at the moment, and look what they packed! Far more organised than us, still haven't downloaded our Raro photos from January!"

5. MEGAN JARRETT told us, "This issue of Ponsonby News has just completed a trip to Kuching in Borneo, MELAKA (mainland Malaysia), and KUALA LUMPUR.

It also made a visit to see the rescued Orangutan and rare proboscis monkeys although they weren't very interested! I am standing across the Kuching river from the new local government building. The photo was taken by Craig Batty."



6. SCOTTY BAULCOMB wrote and attached his photo from CAMBODIA with JEREMY, SCOTTY and MAU MAU.

7. MAREE RUSSELL-PORTER emailed and told us, "I always enjoy reading Ponsonby News and always check the people who have taken a copy on their travels so I thought I would do the same. I am outside the famous Tiffany and Co, Fifth Avenue, NEW YORK."

8. This is YANGSI LIU, a student in Auckland Uni. This photo was taken at Onaruto Bridge, Tokushima, JAPAN, below which is one of the biggest whirlpools in the world.

9. Ponsonby Intermediate School pupil AARON CORDES, right, enjoyed a relaxing time in the horizon pool at FIJI'S Mana Island Resort along with sister JESSICA, and dad SCOTT, during their recent mid-winter break in the sun-drenched Pacific isles.

In between reading Ponsonby News, the family enjoyed scuba diving and snorkelling trips where they spotted a turtle, sharks, and numerous rays.

10. Westmere resident KYM AIKIN posing beside the reclining Buddah in BANGKOK.



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