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Up and coming star

Tairua has another sporting star in the making! Young Andy Rogers is making quite a name for himself as a cricketer!

Getting a flying start at Tairua Rugby & Sports Club when cricket was first introduced and promoted, Andy is grateful for the encouragement and support given by local cricket aficionado Glenn Crowe. Practice became a regular thing for Andy and the youngsters involved, and their effort certainly has paid dividends with several of those players going on to shine in the game as young adults.

In his short cricket career, Andy has made representative age-level teams for Tairua, Hauraki Plains College, Waikato Valley Cricket,

Thames Valley Cricket, Northern Maori, Seddon Cricket Club and is currently playing for Morrinsville Men's! He is noted already as a proficient all-rounder – a batsman and bowler!

The exciting news is that Andy has come to the notice of a Waikato Under 17s coach and has been selected to take part in a training tour to Sri Lanka next month. The team leaves on April 14 for a 10 day tour of the country, where they will be coached in various aspects of the game, particularly learning how to play in vastly different conditions, against players who have perfected different skill sets.

Chatting with Andy about the upcoming trip, he was



Photo supplied

Andy Rogers (middle), up and coming star, has been selected to take part in a training tour to Sri Lanka.

very excited. "Dreaming big," he said when asked about his cricketing future, his ambition is to represent the country as a Black Cap, and the Sri Lanka trip will give him a clearer understanding of the international game. Joking about the traditional spicy food he will likely encounter, he was "definitely hoping it will be mild!"

The players selected for the trip have to raise their own funds and Andy has to find \$7,000. If you would like to support Andy to realise his dream, contact him on 0204 037 8446.

To help out, Nana Andrea Johnson, is organising a special fundraising event, an INXS tribute show at Tairua Hall on Friday 11 April. See ad. on page 3 for details.

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Pauanui's Half Marathon takes place this Saturday 15 March. Three courses are on offer for runners and walkers and it is not too late to enter! Registrations remain open online at www.pauanuihalfmarathon.co.nz, and in person until Friday night in the Village or at the event start on Saturday morning at the Pauanui Surf Club.

Congratulations to local MP Scott Simpson on his recent appointment to Cabinet as Minister for Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and ACC. "It was an honour to formally accept my new ministerial roles at a swearing-in ceremony alongside my National Party colleagues and the Governor-General," Scott said. "Becoming a Minister comes with greater responsibility and I'm looking forward to continuing the work programme that is currently underway."

Pauanui's South End Reserve Parkrun is a free weekly 5km walk, jog, or run community event, starting at 8am each Saturday at the Reserve. If you would like to participate, register at www.parkrun.co.nz, and you will get a scannable barcode which enables your event times to be processed. For more information email: southendreserve@parkrun.com.

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