

inbrief

Group's email hacked

Constable Peter Reed is reminding people to be vigilant of cyber crime after a local group's email was hacked last week.

The Wanaka Sun was just one of the recipients of a fake email sent to all of the contacts in Kahu Youth's email address book. Staff at the newspaper received the message, supposedly from the youth group, which began "I'm writing this with tears in my eyes..." It went on to report they had been "mugged and robbed", before the email writer asked for money.

Kahu Youth responded on their facebook page: "hackers got into our email, sent everybody a poorly written sob story and then asked for money. Not only that, they deleted all of our contacts so we can't email anyone to tell them it wasn't us!"

The youth group managed to regain control of its account on the day and had begun to restore its contacts.

Builders bring gold



Wanaka-based builders have been well represented in the southern region Master Builder's house of the year awards. Turnkey Homes, Mike Greer Homes, Dunlop Builders and Stonewood Homes shared three gold and five silver awards with Turnkey Homes and Stonewood Homes both also winning category awards.

Turnkey Homes won the Department of Building and Housing new homes under \$250,000 with their Albert Town house pictured here, and Stonewood Homes won the show home category.



Climbing high for charity

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A desire by his mother to climb Mount Aspiring following her treatment for breast cancer has prompted Allen Brent to attempt its height in stairs with her accompanying him. Prior to her diagnosis, Anna Brent, 55, had climbed Mount Aspiring and following extensive chemotherapy realised she is not yet strong enough to pursue her goal of summiting again with her son which they had promised they would do. Brent, 24, has been working as a law clerk in Auckland and one afternoon spotted the Skytower and came up with a plan to raise funds for

Breast Cancer research. "It's big - Let's climb that thing instead," he said in a blog outlining the idea.

first ascent and depending on her fitness levels, Anna hopes to attempt several more climbs during the day. Anna, pictured

67 flights which is the height of the Skytower," Anna said.

She has been overwhelmed by the amount of local help from the gym, medical staff and the community in general in her recovery. "I couldn't have done it without the support," she said. Joining her and Brent in the fundraiser will be former Warriors hard man and boxer, Monty Betham and Breast Cancer Research Trust ambassadors Shane Cortese, Jaquie Brown, and Geeling Ng.

Fundraising has reached \$3,700.

See sunspots for details.

“When I first started, I could just manage one flight, today I completed 67 flights which is the height of the Skytower.”

The plan is to ascend the tower stairs 15.5 times, or 3000 metres of vertical steps, to reach the same height as Mount Aspiring. He will be joined by Anna, his father, family members and friends for the

with Sue Richard on the left, has been exercising regularly using, appropriately, a stair-climber as well as climbing the gym stairs. "When I first started, I could just manage one flight, today I completed

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