



Two roles for new head

By SARAH CODDINGTON

Little Kaitlin has only been in this world for 12 weeks but she's already inspired her father to take on a new job.

Brad Clark is the new Starship Foundation chief executive. He saw the job advertised and knew he had to apply for it.

And his first child with his wife Nicky was one of the major factors in applying.

"You walk through the Paediatric Intensive Care unit and your heart just melts, seeing these little babies hooked up to every tube imaginable.

"Your heart goes out to the parents.

"If anything happened to little Kaitlin I would know she had the best care," he says..

He hopes he can help keep New Zealand's biggest children's hospital moving forward in the right direction to provide top care for its patients.

One of his biggest projects will be fundraising for the level six ward for neurosurgery and neurological disorders.

More than 2000 young patients are admitted to the ward each year.

While the medical care of these patient is being met, overall care is at a basic level and the full needs of the children in this ward are not being met.

This is due to poor configuration of the beds and services within the ward. Hospitals around the world are moving towards a new era of medical treatment which looks to

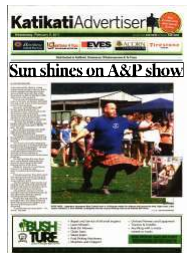


My girl: Brad Clark, the new chief executive at Starship Foundation, is also settling into his role as father to Kaitlin. **Photo: BEN WATSON**

address both medical, social and emotional needs of the patients.

Mr Clark comes from a marketing and promotions background and until recently he was the general manager at CanTeen, an organisation that supports young people living with cancer. He has also worked for the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind.

■ Go to www.starship.org.nz/donation to donate to the level six rebuild project.



Sun shines on A&P show

by VICKI WATERHOUSE

A shaved head for charity, young women doing daring tricks on a horse and strongmen tossing giant stones across a field were just a few of the attractions on offer at Katikati's 89th A&P show at the weekend.

The sun was shining and people were out in force on Sunday, with 2500 turning out for a day of entertainment at the Uretara Domain.

Secretary of the Katikati A&P Society Anne Howard said "a wonderful crowd" had turned out for the occasion and several new attractions made up for the loss of the Axemen's Carnival which had previously always been a massive hit.

"We miss the choppers, some people come just for the chopping, but I think we have managed to fill the gap," she said.

She said they had been very lucky with the weather and the turnout reflected the beautiful day.

The lineup of several community group displays, including cricket and wrestling, was a positive addition too, she said.

"It's nice to see all the community groups turning out, showing what they can do for the young people," she said.

Unfortunately the highly

anticipated new attraction of the mechanical bull could not go operational on the day due to electrical problems.

For the first time this year there were young female pipers playing music for performers in the Irish dancing section of the show.

Kimberly Amrein, 16, and Nicola Dunnery, 14, piped for each other's events as they both dance as well.

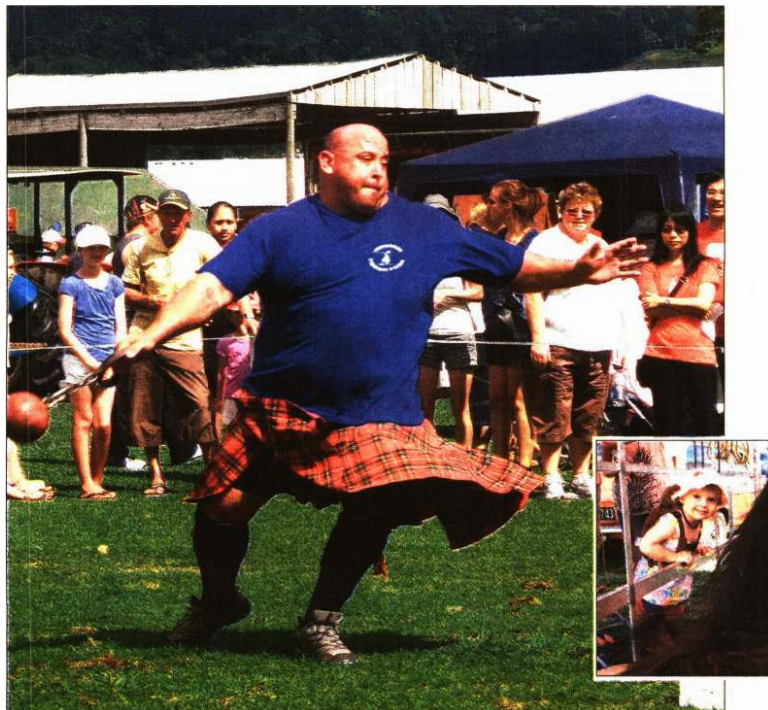
Irish dance teacher Tina Peet said it was a great achievement for the girls who, though nervous, pulled off their songs without a hitch.

Another popular event was the cow milking event, with both experienced milkers and amateurs giving it a go in the hope of winning a cash prize.

Also pulling a curious crowd of onlookers was brave Beth Scarrow, 16, who shaved her head for charity CanTeen just after midday.

Despite her apprehension, she went through with it, her father doing the deed with scissors and clippers, and she was still feeling positive afterward.

"I can feel the sun on my head — it's weird," she said.



HUGE HURL: Legendary strongman Mick Cottrell hurls a 14 kilogram weight for distance ball across the field. Right inset: Little Jazmin Cameron, 2, from Katikati, is delighted with the unusual-looking cows at the Katikati A&P Show.

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TEN colourful quilts crafted from Canteen bandannas, now on display in the Whakatane High School library, will be donated to the cancer support organisation for teenagers.

Staff member Anne-Marie Denny, left, began making the quilts late last year from bandannas collected from her colleagues and students.

People can check out the result of her labour before they are packed up and given to Canteen to sell or auction.

Whakatane High School makes a big effort to support Canteen every year.

The school raised \$2500 in 2010 through sponsored cross-country participation, shaving of heads and a mufti day.

Student Johanna Brebner, right, organised the collection of bandannas for the quilts, which was their final fundraising activity for the year.

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