

# The Helensville Community News

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## From home brewers to NZ champions

by Helen Martin

Joseph and Christina Wood's Mill Road company Liberty Brewing has been judged our country's best brewery after winning 14 medals at the prestigious October industry event, The Brewers Guild of New Zealand Beer Awards. With world class international judges, the awards are regarded globally as among the most prestigious accolades a brewer can win. Gold medals were awarded for their beers Halo Pilsner, Yakima Monster, Oh Brother, Hoptical Illusion and Knife Party and for their Prohibition Porter. Liberty's other medals included five silvers and three bronzes and the trophy for best packaging for a range rebrand. It's an amazing achievement, especially because this tiny company with only eight staff, including the Woods, has gone from boutique homebrew supplies business to national champion in just ten years.

Joseph and Christina both came to Helensville with their families as children and both attended Kaipara College. Christina remembers working at Fay's Takeaways on Commercial Road since she was ten, a business established by her grandmother Fay and later bought by her parents. Joseph had developed an early interest in home brewing and the couple, married and living in New Plymouth, bought the web-based Liberty Home Brew Supply Shop largely as a means of sourcing fresh ingredients for his home brew. "Joseph's created his own recipes from Day One and, because we had the home brewing supplies first, we got to learn a lot about the properties and the taste profiles of ingredients," says Christina. "We sold all the different hops so we got to see what they were all like, and because of that knowledge base he could create amazing recipes."

After they'd bought a house in New Plymouth, and with two children to wrangle, in 2010 the Woods set up a certified brewery in the garage, starting with a 100-litre batch and increasing the volume to the point where, the garage outgrown, they contracted Tuatara Brewery in Paraparaumu to brew their beer. "Our first batch was 4000 litres of Yakima



Monster and it was utterly terrifying, because before that we'd been hand bottling and hand labelling in the garage at home." From the first Tuatara batch they won their first gold medal at the New Zealand Beer Awards and began developing more beers they could mass produce. "That first award reassured us that we were good for a roof over our heads," says Christina.

Offers from people wanting to capitalise on Joseph's brewing and Christina's management skills led to their briefly teaming up with Kumeu's Hallertau Brewery to create The Beer Fountain, built by Joseph and responsible for brewing the Hallertau and Liberty beer brands. It was just two years before Liberty outgrew that space and, moving back to Helensville, Joseph and Christina established their brewery in the Mill Road lane they still occupy, and from where they currently turn out many litres of their sought-after beers.

As well as brewing beer for the general market and seasonal beer festivals, the Woods give locals a chance to socialise over a craft beer at their Liberty Taproom, just across the road from their plant, on Fridays

(2pm – 7pm), Saturdays (12pm – 6pm) and Sundays (2pm – 6pm). As anyone who frequents the Taproom will tell you, the place is humming, and the beer is brilliant. "We set it up because we wanted to make people aware of us and we wanted a beer education room to encourage safer drinking habits. The emphasis is on drinking quality rather than quantity, about appreciating the flavour and the effort put into it. It's also about supporting local - keeping your money onshore and in NZ," says Christina, who's listed on the Liberty website as 'CEO, CFO, CIO, Chairperson, Secretariat and all-round Superwoman.' "Our business is husband and wife owned, and I'm really stoked to have come from Fay's Takeaways to helping create this roaring beast. Being officially NZ's best brewery is something to be proud of."

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## Community Notices

### Christmas Day Lunches

Helensville is going to be blessed with two Christmas Lunches this year.

**The Helensville District Community Christmas Day Lunch** - will again be held at Helensville Primary School hall as it has for the last two years. It is again providing an opportunity for anyone to enjoy a festive meal with others in our community. No registration required. Just turn up from 11.30am. Gold coin donations appreciated. Gifts for all children under 13.

Funding is secured from Lions, Rotary and Magnify Church. The school is again allowing free use of their great facility. Donations of cash or food most welcome. Volunteers needed. [helchrisfest@gmail.com](mailto:helchrisfest@gmail.com) 021 488 427

**Helensville Christmas Day Lunch** - which will be held in the War Memorial Hall on Christmas Day, a gold coin on the day is all that is required. Lunch will be served at 11.30am. Everyone is Welcome.

Extra family for Christmas?...A recent bereavement or just the thought of Christmas triggers stress?... come and enjoy Christmas day with the LOCALS in Helensville. Fun, prizes, childrens activities...Special theme is the music of ABBA!...Prizes best dressed!.

Please register at the Citizens Advice Bureau C.A.B. before 3pm weekdays or Nga Maunga Whakahii before 4.30pm weekdays, noting any special diets and any transport requirements.

Elves will be needed please the evening of 24th December, Christmas Day, and the 26th December. A fun 'Children's Activities Co Ordinator' will also be a great help. Donations/Koha of fresh fruit, preserves, canned foods for the food box's is most appreciated. All elves help please ph or txt Raewyn T. Mercer 0272820470.

### Helensville Christmas Parade

Entries are coming in and plans are well under way for another great parade and family morning out. Volunteers are needed! Please register your availability at Helensville Library. Marshals 11am to 1.30pm. Parade start 9.30am to 1pm. Parade end midday to 2pm. Clowns and fairies 10am to 1.30pm. Creek Lane 9.30am to 1pm. Bouncy castle supervision 9.30am to 1pm.

Apart from marshal and costume roles, times may be split. Entry forms for parade and for competitions to decorate bikes, trikes, scooters, baby carriages and mobility scooters are available at Helensville Library or via contact email. [helchrisfest@gmail.com](mailto:helchrisfest@gmail.com) 021 488 427

Thanks to funding from Lions, Rotary, Harcourts, Unichem Pharmacy, Des Hawkes, Ted Phillips, Andy Cummings, North West Country and Rodney Local Board.

### (FIGG) Flowers, Information, Gallery & Gifts

Love Flowers, our wonderful local florist Mel, is moving to 44 Commercial Road (between Riah Hairdressers and The Café). The space will also include a visitor information centre and a gallery displaying and selling quality art on commission.

Aiming to be open by December, the vision for a comprehensive information centre open 7 days a week relies on volunteers. A half day fortnightly is ideal, but flexibility will be key. To be open through the holiday season is the goal.

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**Sunday, 17 November, Kaukapakapa Library 9am – 1pm,** Rodney Beekeeping Club, Swarming at the Kaukapakapa Library. Come along to the historic Kaukapakapa library and find out about your local beekeeping club - a friendly group of hobbyists keen to share their wealth of knowledge. Featuring a live display hive and lots of information to get you started. Find out what to plant for bees and the history of the bee in New Zealand. Saving the planet one bee at a time! For more info contact Megan 021 959017, threehorses@xtra.co.nz, Kaukapakapa Library Facebook page. Library open in conjunction with Kaukapakapa Village Market.

**Saturday, 23 November & Sunday, 24 November, Lions Christmas Book Fair,** Saturday 9-4 & Sunday 10-3, Helensville War Memorial Hall, All funds raised go into The Lions Club of Helensville Charitable Trust, and are used for the benefit of the local community. Small donations of books can be left at Burmester Realty, Helensville or larger lots, call Chris on 09 420 8527.

*Please note that the last date we are accepting books for this Book Fair is Friday 15th November.*

**Saturday, 23 November & Sunday, 24 November, Antique & Collectors Fair,** from 10am, Kumeu Community Hall, A Quality antique and collectibles fair (proudly supporting the community). All items for sale including quality antique furniture, vintage tools, quality china, linen, crystal, art, glass & silver, clocks, books, jewellery (vintage/modern), collectibles, sterling silver, and much more.

A quality antique fair not to be missed. All items are for sale. Admission ticket is valid for 2 days. Any inquiries please contact Diane 021609399 or Nick 0274430018. Eftpos is available. Gold coin donation. all donations for Alzheimer's Auckland. Accompanied children - free.

**Sunday, 1 December, Kaipara Coast 2020 Sculpture Exhibition GRAND OPENING,** 1pm - 4pm. Opening presentations, including comment by this years' curator Shea O'Neill, will be at 1.30pm with light finger food and soft drinks provided. Plus Ben Bradley, a very talented local musician, will be providing the music for the event. Tickets: Adults \$15, Children (5-13) \$7.50 (under 5's free) Families (2A & 3C) \$35 Groups (10+) \$10. to book 420 5655 or email info@kaiparacoast.co.nz

**Friday, 6 December, Helensville Aglow** 7.30pm at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Rd, Helensville (behind the Hospice Shop). Guest speaker will be Ps Tricia Webb from Inspire Church Albany. All welcome. Contact Bridget at babsundgren@outlook.com for more information

**Saturday, 14 December, Waitoki Village Market Day,** 8.30 till 1pm, Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd. The ever popular fire truck returns with Christmas trees for sale on the day, giving you a practical opportunity to support the local fire brigade. Not to mention a photo opportunity with you in fire fighters garb! There will also be a brief ceremony to recognise the involvement of the Stevens family to the local community, with the dedication of a seat in the hall carpark. **Gather and Gossip,** do some Christmas shopping (low carbon miles with locally made gifts), pick up baked goods, plants, homemade and preloved bargains, Bric a Brac, preserves and more. Support your community; proceeds from the Market go back to our local community. New stall holders welcome, contact Gill 420 3301 or email waitokihall@gmail.com Next Market 8 February, 11 April, 13 June.

## Get ready for Shine in d'Ville

Kaipara Classic Car Club, combining with Huapai Rodders and major sponsor Generation Homes, are holding their annual fundraising car show Shine in d'Ville in the grounds of Helensville Museum on Sunday 24 November. KCCC has held this fundraiser for the past eight years, with the idea initially to help the local community with the proceeds of the show going to the Museum.

We have all varieties of cars and bikes and this year is the first to include military vehicles. Auction and prize giving will be held at 1pm at the clubrooms directly opposite the museum (Swales Yard). Food and drink will be available, so come and make a day of it.

**Where:** Helensville Museum grounds, Mill Road, Helensville.

**When:** From 9am, Sunday 24 November.

**Entry:** vehicles and driver \$5.00. Gold coin donations for spectators. Under 12years free.

Last year's show was rained out, but this year we're going ahead rain or shine. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please come along and support our community.

## Te Awaroa Residents & Ratepayers Association AGM Change

The AGM is postponed from 30th October to 20th November, due to a clash of dates. 6.30pm at Helensville War memorial Hall meeting room. All welcome.

Helensville Police senior sergeant Damian Albert is guest speaker with the opportunity to meet Melissa Haven, Helensville's new community constable. Questions welcome.

## Waitoki Public Hall Society Inc. Annual General Meeting

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## New Owner for Kaipara Medical Centre

Kaipara Medical Centre has a new owner who is committed to supporting a thriving GP practice that best serves the needs of the growing South Kaipara population.

For the last five years Kaipara Medical Centre has been owned collectively by two local GPs, the Waitemata District Health Board and the Helensville District Health Trust who had a 50% shareholding. But after a change in circumstances for the two shareholding doctors, and a desire by the Health Trust to return to its core purpose of providing state-of-the-art health-related facilities, it was decided that selling the medical centre was in the best interests of all involved.

The new owner is ProCare, a co-operative network of 170 GP practices across Auckland. Health Trust Chairman Rory MacGillycuddy says "when we went looking for a new buyer, we weren't simply going to sell to the highest bidder, the new owner also had to prove a commitment to this community - to both our staff and our patients." Mr MacGillycuddy says ProCare was the preferred option because of its assurance to keep current staff employed and for agreeing to keep the medical centre as a Very Low Cost Access Practice, a designation based on the demographics of the population which means it must keep its fees low. ProCare officially takes over the running of the business on 29 November but says patients should notice very little change. "Our priority is to firstly listen to staff and patients to find out what is working well and what could work better so we can work out where the opportunities for growth and improvement are," says ProCare Network director Dr Francesco Lentini. Dr Lentini takes on the chair role at Kaipara Medical Centre once the new ownership takes effect. Dr Lentini has worked in rural GP practices before so has an understanding of the unique needs of working in such a location where patients can sometimes be isolated and have difficulty accessing healthcare, and where it can be harder to recruit and retain staff.

Kaipara Medical Centre has been a member of the ProCare network of GP clinics, so has had a long-standing relationship for many years, but this is the first time ProCare has ventured into the ownership of a practice. "This is an exciting new area of business for us and as such we're committed to making sure the Kaipara Medical Centre becomes a flagship for what can be achieved given the right support, governance and experience," says Dr Lentini. With Kaipara Medical Centre sold and the recent closure of its operations at Te Whare Oranga o Parakai, the Helensville District Health Trust will now focus on the redevelopment of its health campus on the corner of Commercial Road and Porter Crescent, including an expansion of the highly-successful Helensville Birthing Centre. Rory MacGillycuddy says the Health Trust wants the community to have confidence that by leaving the Kaipara Medical Centre in such good hands it can now put its energies and resources into creating facilities that will best meet the health needs of the growing population for the next 20-30 years. "We want our health facilities to be the envy of small towns right around New Zealand and this is the next step in allowing us to make that happen."



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Kumeu Village Rest Home work from the Eden Philosophy which recognises the importance of meaningful activities and inclusion so that no one feels lonely. Kumeu Village decided to jump on board and created an activity around gratitude, which was thoroughly enjoyed by residents and staff, adding more links to our gratitude chain. We have proved that you can be grateful from the time you can talk to 100 years old.



Kim McNamara

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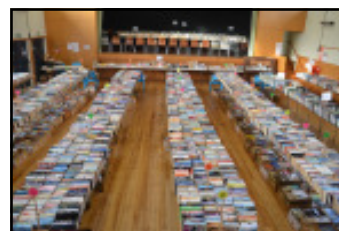
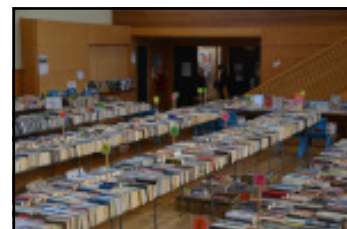
## CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR

### “The Best Book Fair in the West!”

**23rd/24th November 2019**  
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This year the Lions Christmas Book Fair is to be held again on the last weekend of November. The Autumn Book Fair in May raised \$8,670 for use in the local community, thanks to all book lovers, and we would love to better that.

The Book Fair will be held on Saturday 23rd, 9am to 4pm and Sunday 24th 10am to 3pm in the Helensville War Memorial Hall.



We have once again sorted all the books before the event, as the aim of the Helensville Lions is to make your weekend of browsing as effortless and pleasurable as possible.

Non-Fiction is split into twenty separate categories, from Animals & Pets to

Winemaking including one dedicated to New Zealand subjects and a large General Non-Fiction section to browse through.

Fiction is arranged alphabetically by authors from Atwood to Zusak with six special interest groups, the largest of which is the Fantasy/Science Fiction section. We also have a tremendous number of children's books for all ages.

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**Please note that the last date we are accepting books for this Book Fair is Friday 15th November.**





## Arts in the Ville 2019 a roaring success



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### Kaipara Carers Support Group - Support for Foster carers

We are proud to announce the set up of a Helensville based support group for Foster carers or those wanting to know more about fostering. We are a support group that runs under the umbrella of Fostering Kids New Zealand. We will be meeting monthly in Helensville library meeting room. Our aim with these get togethers is to provide practical support and a listening ear. We hope to be able to share strategies, learn new tools, do some craft work and generally provide a safe space to meet and have a chat a laugh and coffee. Fostering is very challenging and very rewarding and we want to share the journey with you.

Come and join in our Facebook page "Kaipara Carers Support Group" where details of next meetings and pearls of wisdom will be posted.

Hope to see you soon.

Kim McNamara, Karen Irving, Paula Dowling-Atherley.

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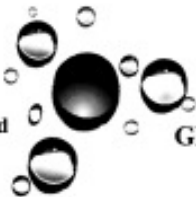
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## Arts in the Ville 2019 a roaring success

Over 2,000 people, locals and visitors, turned out to see what was on offer at Arts in the Ville over Labour Weekend, a very gratifying result for the organisers and artists who put so much effort into the festival. There was a real buzz around the town, which looked very colourful and festive and the new flags did a great job showing people the whereabouts of venues. Below are photos of just some of the artists and others who took part.



**2019 Treasure Hunt winner Daniel George, presented by Pauline Denton from Helensville Art Centre. Prize donated by Jeff Thomson**



**Jeff Thomson - Sculptor**



**Treena and Kylie - Helensville Recycling Centre**



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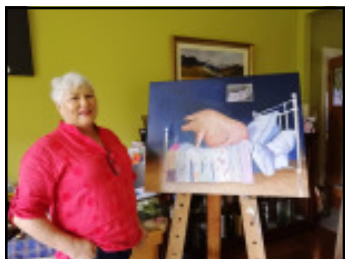
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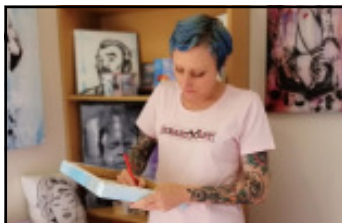
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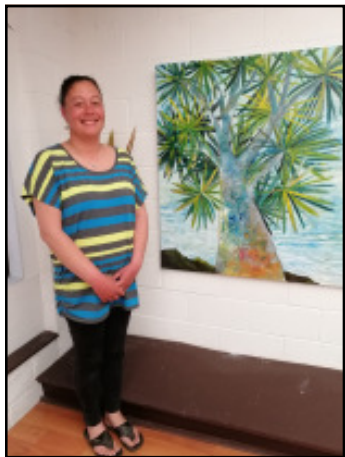
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# PROFILE

## Janice McMurdo

by Helen Martin

Known in Helensville as a caterer, Janice McMurdo is now also an author, having recently published a novella set partly in South Head. Growing up on a South Head dairy farm and with parents deeply connected to the local community - her father Clive was involved with the Kaipara Dairy Company, her mother Joyce with the Women's Division of Federated Farmers - Janice has a strong local pedigree. Clive McMurdo was raised



on a farm in Fordyce Road, her mother's parents Johanna and Malcolm Sheffield were Pokeno farmers before buying and living in Helen's Villa in Nelson St, later moving to a Garfield Rd villa. Like many of her generation, Janice was born at Malolo House. As a child she and three of her four siblings rode their horses to Waioneke school with two on each horse, no saddle, just a surcingle and a sheepskin. By the time brother Tom was born there was a bus to take them to school on the rough, gravelled road.

Janice loved life on the farm. For a time, her father was President of the A&P Show and she was always very proud when her calf won an award. "I always had a pet calf for Calf Club. Every night after milking I'd train my calf to walk on a lead. We had sacks for covers to make their coats shiny and one day I got into big trouble for mixing up about 10 eggs and covering my calf in the mixture," she says. She loved riding horses, and got into trouble there too when, after her father and others established the South Head Golf Club on the McMurdo farm, she did some damage to a green by riding a horse across it.

As a shy, gawky teenager she didn't enjoy her time at Helensville District High School and left when she was 15, opting to stay on the family farm for a year before moving in with her grandparents in Garfield Rd. "Helensville in the late 1950s was so quiet," Janice says. "There was nothing to do, nowhere to go. Mum got me a job at Screatons, but the moment I turned 18 I went psych nursing at Kingseat and lived in the nurses' home. I was only there for six months before I left and went waitressing."

Janet's life as a young adult included time spent as a solo parent in Mt Roskill and marked the beginning of her interest in catering. "As a kid I wasn't interested in food, I just saw it as fuel, but I started getting interested after I invited friends for dinner. There were no good recipes about, so I just used my imagination and the meal was delicious." Moving to Perth she bought and ran a lunch bar for five years then, worn down by long hours and frequent break-ins, and with her children now adults, she returned to New Zealand.

After a time, she moved back to Helensville as part owner, with John Perry, of the Regent Theatre. "At first, we lived in the cinema, then we built an apartment upstairs and I ran a café from the foyer. After equipping it and adding a kitchen and a cool room,



I added twenty cinema seats, a large screen and a DVD projector and held a popular series of dinner and movies every Saturday night. The Café Regent featured musicians, poets, parties and weddings, and was very popular with the local music scene. It was an interesting time and I learnt such a lot." After seven years Janice moved out, bought the shop in Commercial Road she later named Food for Thought and set up a catering business, Onion Jam Creative Foods. She acted on her interest in therapy, training in the techniques of hypnotherapy and Emotional Freedom Technique (E.F.T), which focus on personal empowerment through release from fears and phobias, addictions, stress-related illnesses and pain. She also studied the Hawaiian healing practice Ho'oponopono and now offers therapy.

Janice's lively story *The Bird's Nest*, which is about a man on-the-run in the South Head bush in the 1950s, started to form while she was at The Regent and, although modest about her writing talent, she persevered, first publishing a 30,000-word version, then re-writing and re-publishing it, adding 10,000 more words (cover design by local graphic artists Jacky Pieper and Georgia Black). "When I was young, I wanted to run away and live in the bush, so I suppose the idea came from there. I used to go deer stalking with my father and brother and I wanted to write an adventure story about the South Head of my childhood – the bush down Wilson Rd was so pretty and everyone knew it as *The Bird's Nest*." Driven by her father's work ethic, Janice has already begun writing her second book, which is again set locally and this time centres on a young girl and a Dalmatian man.

*The Bird's Nest* is available from Paper Plus, Helensville, and from Janice, who can be contacted on 420-7858, 021 131 7308 or [hypno.eft@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hypno.eft@xtra.co.nz)

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## Ganging Up on Kiwis

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While I'm firmly against governments interfering unduly in the lives of private citizens, I'm equally firmly in favour of the state helping to protect its communities by all reasonable means.

In twenty-first century New Zealand, a key threat to public safety is the operation of criminal gangs. Unfortunately, their influence and power is growing. In fact, the past two years have seen an increase of 25.9% in the number patched gang members around our nation.

In case there's any doubt about the sinister intent of such groups, gang leaders have been upfront about their intention not to comply with firearms laws as recently changed by Parliament. If it is good enough for law-abiding citizens to surrender their weapons – almost invariably held for innocent purposes such as competition and pest control – then it certainly should be good enough for those already underground.

As the Police Minister has admitted, the distribution of methamphetamine in our communities is an increasing problem because of gang members. Despite this acknowledgement from the Beehive, there is no apparent increase in the number of gang members being prosecuted.

A statement like this highlights a problem that demands an answer and desperately requires a solution. After all, how can a government reduce criminal gang numbers if it fails to prosecute the members breaking the law? It's worth noting that the Government's claim that the increase is in line with the 1,200 offenders deported to New Zealand from Australia has been proven false by the Police Minister himself, with his admission that only 22 patched gang members had been deported from across the Tasman to our fair shores.

We must do more to stop criminal drug dealers ganging up on New Zealand.



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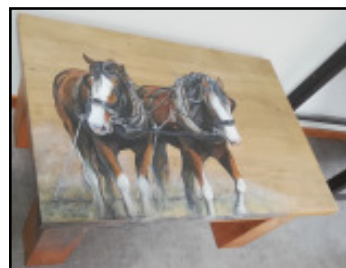


# Kristina Priest, emerging artist

by Helen Martin

At this year's Art Kaipara Members' Exhibition, held at Helensville Art Centre in September, painter Kristina Priest won the People's Choice award with her painted table featuring a beautiful white horse. Now, following the successful Making Music exhibition, held as part of Labour Weekend's Arts in the Ville, Kristina is one of three artists whose work comprises the Centre's new Emerging Artists exhibition. Kristina and fellow emerging artists Heidi Van Duyn and Jennie McGregor have each donated a painting, which can be viewed at Te Awaroa Café. Raffle tickets for the paintings are on sale at the café and the sale proceeds will go to riding school owner Sandi Rayner's dog rescue operation.

Coming from a family of painters, Kristina has always painted. Like the rest of her family she has also always been an animal lover and has taken her favourite subjects from nature – mostly flowers, animals, birds and landscapes - so it's no surprise that the first painting she sold was of two lovebirds. What is remarkable is that the venue was a Pumphouse art exhibition and that she was just 11 at the time.

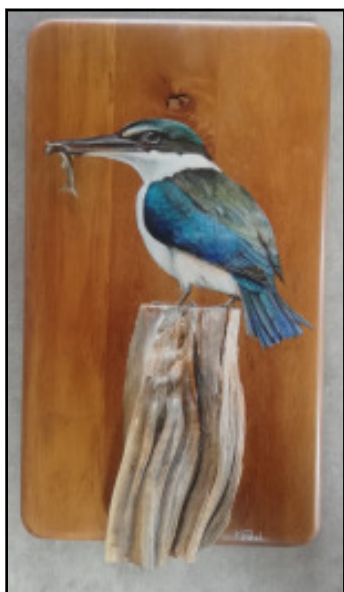


**Kristina enjoys repurposing objects like this table.**

last year gave her the impetus a few months ago to become a fulltime artist, painting a range of subjects but specialising in pet portraits. "My business is called Captured Animal Art, and people often commission a painting of a pet that has died. I like to capture the character in the animal's eyes, and most of my customers cry when they see them because they look so lifelike," she says. She is also finding her artwork painted onto repurposed objects like tables is popular.

The horse is a favourite subject, and when she's not painting them, Kristina is riding them. From pleasure-riding as a child, Kristina has progressed to owning land just out of Helensville for her horses and has just joined the New Zealand Cowboy Challenge Association, a club which holds events to "test horsemanship and communication from the rider to their horse through negotiating a series of obstacles".

As Captured Animal Art Kristina can be contacted on Facebook and on her website [www.capturedanimalart.wixsite.com/artist](http://www.capturedanimalart.wixsite.com/artist)



**Kingfisher, by Kristina Priest.**

The family lived for a short time at South Head when her father Selwyn Priest was Principal of Waioneke School. Kristina attended Rangitoto College, where she enjoyed her art to the extent that she still has her Form 5 art folder. On leaving school she worked for the North Shore Times, then other companies, as a graphic artist. Being made redundant

# The Lions Roar



October was a busy month for Helensville Lions. We helped with the collection for Pink Ribbon Day; supported Mitre 10 with their Spring Open Day and held our monthly BBQ and Book sales at Kaukapakapa Market.

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<b>Garage Doors</b>	Hibiscus Garage Doors	027-476-2741/09-426-0851
<b>Gasfitting</b>		
	Habitat Plumbing Heating Gas	027-HEAT-NOW/027-4328-669
<b>Gift Baskets</b>	Riverside Crafts - Sarah	0800-831-542
<b>Gifts &amp; Clothing</b>	Eleventh Hour - 83 Commercial Road	
<b>Gunsmith</b>	John Hall	420-2837
<b>Gym</b>	Forge Fitness - Open 24/7	420-6303
<b>Hypnotherapy</b>	Janice McMurdo	021-131-7308/420-7858
<b>Ink and Toner</b>	Huapai Copy and Print	09-412-8882
<b>Insurance</b>	Rodney District Insurance	022-363-2377

<b>JP's</b>	Greville Walker	02108-290-768/420-7173
<b>Landscaping</b>	Vision Landscapes	0274-817-478/420-8738
<b>Laundromat</b>	Helensville Laundromat	420-6050
<b>Lions Club of Helensville</b>	Pauline	420-6208, Chris 420-8527
<b>Markets</b>	Kaukapakapa Village Market	0274-831-542
<b>Markets</b>	Waitoki Village Market	Gill 420-3301
<b>Mechanical Repairs</b>	Helensville Mechanical Services	420-8177
<b>Mechanical Repairs</b>	McLeod Motors	420-8633
<b>Motorcycle Repairs</b>	Helensville Motorcycle Services	420-7754
<b>Mower Repairs &amp; Sales</b>	Lifestyle Mowing Machinery	0274-955-948
<b>MP-Elect</b>	Chris Penk	021-0230-6106
<b>Osteopath</b>	Osteopathic Natural Health	420-7867
<b>Paint Centre</b>	Dulux Paint Centre	09-947-4235/021-537-344
<b>Painters</b>	Robert Wright & Company	027-374-1105
<b>Painters</b>	Stroke of Genius - Keri	021-701-061
<b>Panel Beater</b>	Helensville Automotive	420-6050
<b>Pet Food</b>	Te Pua Garden Place - Avon Aspdon	420-8383
<b>Picture Framing</b>	The Picture Framing Company	0800-372-633
<b>Plant Centre</b>	Kaipara Coast Plant Centre	420-5655
<b>Plumbers</b>	ATL Plumbing Ltd	420-7868
<b>Plumbers</b>	KPL Ltd	420-9108
<b>Property Maintenance</b>	ADZE Value	0274-488-613/420-5521
<b>Pumps</b>	Mid West Pumps	420-7694
<b>Real Estate</b>	B&T - Doug & Kerry King	420-6090
<b>Real Estate</b>	B&T - Rene Vos	027-275-4321
<b>Real Estate</b>	B&T - Eveline Vos	021-353-009
<b>Real Estate</b>	Prestige - Jana Mills	021-509-990/420-9953
<b>Reiki Healers</b>	The Healing Heart of Helensville	420-9098
<b>Shower Installation</b>		
	Guaranteed Shower Installations Ltd	0800-466-5327/420-8777
<b>Storage</b>	JS Storage Helensville	420-9991
<b>Takeaways</b>	Kaipara Fresh Fish & Takeaway	420-7190
<b>Takeaways</b>	Shark n Tatties	420-5062
<b>Typesetting/Photocopying</b>	Huapai Copy & Print	09-412-8882
<b>Tyre Specialists</b>	Bridgestone Helensville	420-7385
<b>Venue Hire</b>	Kaipara Memorial RSA	420-8888
<b>Water Cartage</b>	A1 Water	0800-A1-WATER/0800-21-9283
<b>Water Cartage</b>	Waioneke Water	020-420-2132/420-2131
<b>Water Cartage</b>	Water Wagon 1	0800-KKK-H20
<b>Windscreen Repairs</b>	Bullseye Windscreen Repairs	027-605-4630
<b>Your Local Business Book</b>		yourlocalbusinessbook@gmail.com



## Helensville Primary School

In the lead up to Helensville School Primary's Ag Day this year, the students in Rimu Team (Year 7/8) planned, organised and ran all the stalls on the top field. The stalls ranged from baking and toffee apples, to games and raffles. Overall, they raised approximately \$3000 to go towards the Senior Playground (construction commences in February 2020).

