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Kaipara College Principal Appointment

The Kaipara College Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Cindy Sullivan as Principal.

Cindy joined the Kaipara College whānau as Deputy Principal in March last year, coming from Rosehill College in Papakura, and before that Hobsonville Point Secondary School.

She was promoted to Acting Principal for Term 3, after the departure of Steve McCracken to Whangaparaoa College.

Board Chair, Rochelle Gillespie, says "at the outset we knew how important this appointment was for our staff, our students and our community, so we sought feedback from all of those areas to help guide us in our selection process and we're confident Cindy will live up to the high expectations we have set for her as she steps into the leadership role permanently."

Cindy lives with her partner Dave, who runs a contracting business. She has three daughters all in their twenties and after many years as a science teacher, a head of faculty and a deputy principal she says she's excited to be taking the reins as Principal at Kaipara College.

She has also worked at the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and at Auckland University on a Ministry of Education contract to raise secondary school student achievement.

"I have a deep knowledge and understanding of the direction our school needs to head to ensure we're educating and growing bright, capable citizens who are ready for the future that awaits them," she says.

Ms Sullivan says while she's met many parents already, she welcomes the chance to represent the school and build strong relationships in the wider community that will go towards supporting our rangatahi and young people.

"I have grown to love this vibrant and welcoming school and community over the last year and a bit," she says, and "I'm really looking forward to growing with the school over the coming years."

One of her first public engagements as the College's new leader will be Thursday's Open Evening for prospective Year 8 students.



Cindy Sullivan pictured with her Year 9 whānau class

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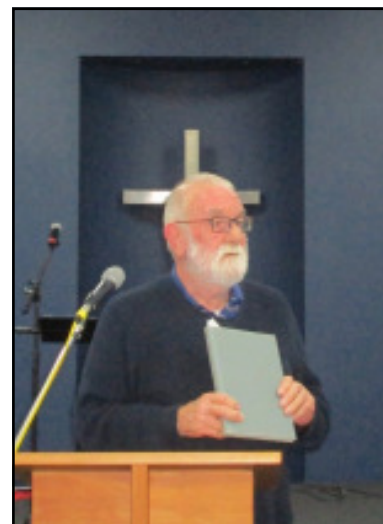
The building will be open from 9.30am, too. Regular hall / meeting hirers will still have access before then, through the use of keys or swipe cards. If you need to arrange this, please contact Auckland Council Venue Hire: Phone: 09 379 2030, Website: aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/community-venues/Pages/default.aspx.

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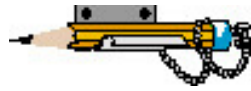
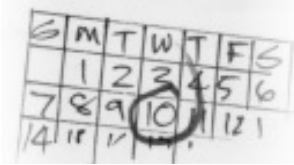
Anne Coppell, Senior Librarian / Poukokiri - Children & Youth Helensville Library

Poetry performance night

The next Poetry Performance Night, on Saturday 14th August, will be a fundraiser for the Helensville St. John Ambulance. This month the venue will be the Old BNZ Bank, 108 Commercial Road. Running 7-9pm and costing \$10, this will be an 'Open Mic' Night where anyone who wants to can read a poem, monologue or story, original or otherwise. Robert Jackson read from Vita Sackville-West's beautifully descriptive book 'Some Flowers', which, though written in the 1930's and illustrated in black and white, contained such poignant descriptions of the colours that they came alive to the listener. Vita was writing for gardening columns in newspapers and magazines, her descriptions of the flowers are stunning in their exact and beautiful delicacy. The tales and adventures of her travels fascinating. Her writing humours and breathtaking. For more information or to book a performance slot email Pauline.paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com



What's happening this month



Saturday 14 August, Poetry Performance Night, Running 7-9pm. It will be a fundraiser for the Helensville St. John Ambulance. This month the venue will be the Old BNZ Bank, 108 Commercial Road. Cost \$10, email Pauline paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com

Saturday 14 August, Waitoki Village Market Day. 8.30 till noon. **Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd. Problems with your Project?** Want to know how to knit, crochet, cast on or off, read a pattern, or solve a dilemma? Come and meet the happy bunch of crafters who are members of the Waitoki Evening Craft Group. They'll be the ones laughing and talking over needles, hooks and wheels at the next Waitoki Market.

Bring along your hitches, someone's always ready to help and discuss the possibilities of a project. Lots to see and you can pick up homemade and preloved bargains, baked goods, preserves, plants and more, while sampling a delicious BBQ brunch, or just catch up with the neighbours, it's good to know them before you need them! Support your community; all proceeds from the Market go to maintaining the Hall and to our local community. New stall holders welcome, contact Gill 420 3301 or email waitokihall@gmail.com Future Market days 9 October and 11 December.

Sunday 15 August, Kaukapakapa Village Market, 8:30am – 1:00pm, Kaukapakapa Hall, 947 Kaipara Coast Hwy SH16, Kaukapakapa, Auckland. Held on the 3rd Sunday of every month all year round, this lively village market is located in the Kaukapakapa Village a pleasant 45 minutes drive from Auckland City. There is always something fresh to experience with different musicians, entertainment and new stall holders joining the market each month—a great morning out for the family. With its friendly people, great atmosphere and a tempting selection of quality stalls there's something for everyone with everything from locally hand-made crafts, fresh fruit & veg to pre-loved treasures and collectibles. Enjoy a freshly made coffee while you check out the stalls or sit and relax with something tasty from the market cafe while you take in the live music and entertaining atmosphere. Live music from Ralphie plus we have free hair plaiting for the kids. For more information, stall-holder and music enquiries contact Sarah: Phone: 0274 831542 or Email - sarah1@maxnet.co.nz. Eftpos cash out available. Kaukapakapa is a pleasant 45 minute (approx.) drive from Auckland City and if you're calling in we can give you information on other things to see and do while you're in the area.

Sunday 15 August, Kaukapakapa Historic Library, 9am to 1pm, Since the historic Kaukapakapa library reopened the doors seven years ago, there has been a variety of events from authors through to photography, often with an underlying theme of the history of the area. The library began in 1865 when pioneer Morris Henley opened his home and his literary collection to other residents for their enjoyment. The present building came into being in 1911 and has moved around the village four times before coming to rest beside the Village Hall. Opening in 2014 in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market, the library has been the grateful recipient of much local history and also become a place for some of the newer residents to find out more about the past of the district. Recently received has been a collection of old Kaukapakapa photos courtesy of the late Ina Stevens of Waitoki. While many of these are already incorporated in the Jordan Collection, there are also many I haven't seen before. As always seems to be the way, a number of photos have no details with regard to

names or place. Come along to the library and see if you can help us solve some of these mysteries. For more info contact Megan Paterson 021 959017 or threehorses@xtra.co.no Kaukapakapa Library open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market.

Tuesday 17 August, Citizens Advice Bureau Helensville AGM, MaungaMai Room, 1 Rata Street, Helensville

Everyone is welcome to attend & morning tea is provided For more information email manager.helensville@cab.org.nz

Friday 20 August, Herbs - Kaipara Tavern, 8:00pm – 11:30pm, 26 Commercial Road, Helensville, Auckland

After a successful tour with Kiwi Grooves, Herbs are heading to the Kaipara to share some good reminiscent grooves and vibe to Helensville. Special Guests include Luke Whaanga (former singer of Tomorrow People) and local support from live band The Recipe and DJ D'oose playing all the tracks. You won't be disappointed in this show, covering all genres. So make sure you get your tickets before the night. Don't be that guy and moan when you get to the door. Door Sales: \$40.00 ea PreSales: \$30.00 ea

Sunday 29 August, Bee Keeping Workshop, 9:30am – 11:30am, Kaipara Coast Plants & Sculpture Gardens, 1481 Kaipara Coast Highway, Kaukapakapa, Auckland. If you are thinking of establishing hives on your property or would just like to know some more about these amazing little creatures then this is an ideal workshop for you to attend. Our guest presenter is Kim Kneijber who has worked with Bees for over 15 Years, is a life member of the Auckland Bee Keeping Club and has a long time association with APINZ. This event will give a great overview not only of the techniques employed to nurture bees but also costs and time associated with the activity as well as what you will achieve. Kim will also offer tips on how to make your garden more "Bee friendly". To Book: info@kaiparacoast.co.nz or 09 420 5655

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SEPTEMBER

Friday 3rd September, HELENSVILLE AGLOW 7.30pm. Our guest speaker at our September meeting will be Sandee Everett, from House of Re Ministries. The meeting will start at 7.30pm at Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Rd, Helensville. All welcome. Email Bridget Sundgren at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information

Thursday 23 September, Citizens Advice Bureau Helensville visit to Gibbs Farm along the Kaipara Harbour. The event costs \$60 and includes transport and lunch. Since New Zealand-born businessman and entrepreneur Alan Gibbs bought the property in 1991, he has developed his international art collection attracting gob-smacking interest from all visiting the rural retreat. The artworks with an abstract minimalism genre simply mould to the environment as the emu stride and the buffalo play. The day involves plenty of walking and spectacular views- so bring your walking shoes, clothes for any change of weather, a camera and a big smile! Registration forms are available from the bureau at 27 Commercial Rd from Monday to Friday, 10am to 1pm. Email helensville@cab.org.nz or phone 09 420 7162

Friday 24 September, CANCELED Helensville Tennis Club visit to Gibbs Farm Sculpture Park

OCTOBER

Term 3 ends 1st October

Friday, 1 October, HELENSVILLE AGLOW, 7.30pm at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road Helensville (behind the Hospice shop) 7.30pm. All welcome. Our guest speaker at the August meeting will be Len Buttner from Eagle Ascend Ministries. Contact Bridget at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information.

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Wonder of a walk

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Citizens Advice Bureau Helensville hosts its next trip there on Thursday, September 23- but you need to get in quick to book now.

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Two of the many sculptures which amaze and intrigue visitors

AGM

2021

Citizens Advice Bureau Helensville wishes to confirm the details for this year's AGM. Everyone is welcome to attend & morning tea is provided.

Date Tuesday 17 August

Time 10am

Venue MaungaMai Room

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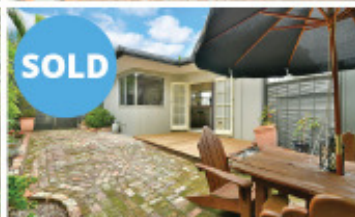
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From Penk's Pen

CHRIS PENK – MP

Traffic planning

I'd like to start by acknowledging with sadness the recent tragic accident at Brigham Creek Road, which I understand was a double fatality.

I am not a traffic investigator and nor would it be appropriate for me to comment on the details of the incident given that MPs are not supposed to comment on matters that have a realistic prospect of landing before a court.

I also do not wish to introduce any angle that would be disrespectful to the memory of the victims, by speaking out too soon. It is reasonable, however, for anyone to observe that the volume of traffic on our roads relative to the (slow) pace of infrastructure investment is out of all proportion.

This is a question of safety. It is also a question of productivity and lifestyle – when you consider the amount of time our people are forced to waste sitting in cars – but a safety must be a priority consideration.

Often safety improvements are planned and prioritised according to the number of accidents that have taken place, especially those involving death. While it's understandable that such serious measures should provoke quick action, it's tragic to think that safety improvements should effectively require that to happen.

Having said that, it sometimes feels as though we are simply waiting for deaths to occur in order for obvious improvements to be made.

Local and central government officials are often in a difficult position when asked to prioritise projects that are all worthy to some extent. This is why anyone who knows that safety improvements are needed must be empowered to speak out. Blowing the whistle on a lack of funding will always risk of offending those who hold the purse strings but the cost of staying silent is too high.

For residents of the northwest – including all who read *The Causeway* – let us hope and pray that there are no further similar accidents between now and the time it takes to rectify this situation. Work to widen the bridge at the dip in Brigham Creek Road must be an urgent priority for decision makers. Even in the immediate aftermath of the recent tragedy, that's something I can safely say.

Groundswell; Howl of protest

First, thanks to everyone who has been in touch with positive feedback on the "shovel ready" protest that we held last month. I was grateful to Kumeu Courier for its coverage of the event.

A few people told me that it was the first protest type of event they'd ever attended, as a measure of how upset they're feeling about the lack of action and investment here in the northwest.

I had a "déjà vu" feeling recently when I was told by another group of people that they're also not usually the protesting kind. These separate but similar conversations took place at the "Groundswell" protest events of last week.

I joined various farmers and their supporters in Helensville and we travelled together in convoy to Orewa. At that same site we were joined by others who had made the equivalent trip from Wellsford. Across the country similar movements were taking place.



Again, these are not in the category of person who relishes making placards, chanting slogans, tooting horns and generally making a fuss.

Most people are too busy most of the time living their lives to be highly engaged with politics, which is fair enough and in fact much more healthy than the alternative.

Farmers and friends turned out in numbers, however, to make clear their displeasure at a number of changes that affect their ability to provide for themselves and their fellow Kiwis. I should probably add "the world", as New Zealand primary producers feed many overseas. The fact that Kiwi farmers manage to produce in a more environmentally friendly way than their foreign counterparts shows clearly that we should support them for the sake of the planet, as well as patriotism.

Without getting into the detail of the particular policies, I think it's worth recalling that Wellington shouldn't bite the hand that literally feeds us all.

To be clear, I support our rural communities to keep producing the food and fibre that we need to sustain us, especially when so many are working hard to do that in an environmentally responsible way.

Ed. I happened to be in Helensville when the protest took off on its way to Orewa. It took over 15 minutes for the tractors, utes, cars with trailers, vans, trucks etc. to pass by. The streets were lined with waving, supportive public, with much hooting and cheering. It really was a sight to behold. Let's hope it brings about some sanity from Wellington

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Jewish Artist Lilach Cohen

Woman - Nature

25th July - 21st August 2021
Opening Sunday 25th at 12-2pm

The exhibition brings lively images perfumed with spices and layered with embedded found natural elements that stimulate all the senses.

Helensville Art Centre Gallery, 49 Commercial Rd
Parking behind the building from Porter Cres, by the playground

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An exhibition by Jewish artist Lilach Cohen

Lilach brings lively textured images perfumed with spices, layered with clay and other embedded found natural elements to stimulate all the senses, not just the visual.

'Woman-Nature' features at the Helensville Art Centre, focuses on the relationship between Cohen as a woman and her deep connection to Mother Earth.

Invitation 'Woman-Nature' An exhibition by Jewish artist Lilach Cohen. You are invited to the opening – 12-2pm Sunday 25 July Refreshments will be served. Helensville Art Centre 49 Commercial Rd, parking behind the building from Porter Cres, by the playground. Please RSVP to 022 60 789 23 by Wednesday 21st July. Gallery hours: 10.00 – 4.30 Thursdays, Fridays 10.00 – 2.00 Saturdays.

Artist's statement

'Woman-Nature' expresses my deep connection to Mother Earth. Recent works incorporate sand, clay and spices as I love the stimulus of all the senses, not just the visual.

Each material that comes from mother earth is one strand of

our femininity. For example, clay represents the sensual aspect of women. Shells represent our spirit or our soul. Different spices have the aroma of our childhood and can represent our past experiences. Charcoal or burnt wood represents my people who have suffered in the Holocaust.

Biography

Lilach Cohen was born in Israel, 1971, just before the Yom Kippur War. A child of French Jewish exiled family, who maintained their Jewish culture sacred. Warning sirens sounds, death and survivors were often counted on a daily basis. Cohen spent half of her childhood in shelters.

Cohen discovered her creativity while in shelters, at a very young age. While exposed to the danger she escaped into an imaginary world by using found objects. Burned matches became pencils, old bubble gum was shaped into animals and spices were her colours.

With time writing, drawing and painting were her safer place. She expressed her feelings, memories and life triumph by using found and natural resources.

Later on in life, Cohen was searching for a safe place to call home and immigrated to New Zealand, Aotearoa in 2003. She trained at Whitecliffe School of Art and exhibited at North Art Gallery and the Helensville Art Centre.

She was commissioned and collaborated in the design and detail for a number of significant ritual projects for Beth Shalom and Auckland Hebrew Congregation.

Recently moved to Helensville, from the North Shore, Cohen holds art therapy workshops at the Art Centre. She works with gifted youth and with women to express themselves through creativity. She encourages students to explore natural resources concerning them with their identity.

Lilach Cohen takes viewers through her memories, life triumph and passionate love of nature underpinned by her identity as a Jewish woman.

Recent works incorporate mixed media, sand and spices to express, portray, and stimulate the deep connection to Mother Earth, Papatuanuku and her deep heritage.

Lilach Cohen - Mixed media with natural resource series of classes.

Friday 30/7/2021 to 3/9/2021 from 10:30am-12:00pm.

As an artist Lilach uses natural resources such as spices to portray her feminine and masculine sides and express herself in diverse ways.

"I want to bring women together to explore their health and well-being using creativity."

"I would like to help women explore through the use of creative practice and express their life triumphs and challenges on a canvas. Each material that comes from mother earth is one strand of our femininity. For example, earth or mud represents the sensual aspect of women. Shells represent our spirit or our soul. Different spices have the aroma of our childhood and can represent our past experiences."

\$60 for the series thanks to a generous subsidy from Creative Communities.

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Helensville Museum opens

Ka Mua Ka Muri - Our Past is our Future

It's been a daunting task for the Helensville Museum to take back control from the pests - a couple of months turned into two years of hard work to get everything frozen, but the freezer container has finally been removed. No more visits into the -28 degrees freezer, no more struggling to open the door that had frozen shut, no more days of lifting, loading and shifting.

There's still plenty to do restaging rooms, unpacking, cataloguing and archiving items, but the Museum will now be partially open Monday to Wednesday, 10am to 12pm, and by appointment for groups. Entry is Koha until the museum is fully opened in the near future. Come along and find out what's been going on behind the scenes, you may feel inspired to volunteer! All helpers are welcome.

For more info please contact the Museum (09)4207881, or helensvillemuseum@xtra.co.nz



Pest Busters - Toni Walmsley (Vice-President) and Leigh Bosch (President) of the Helensville Museum, delighted to see the freezer container leaving the premises.



A huge step forward with the removal of the freezer container from the Helensville Museum.

St John Helensville.



St John
first to care

Locally St John has just the one ambulance station in Rata Street. There

is one ambulance, operated by paid two person crews. Recently a First Response Vehicle, used by volunteers, has come on station.

The station has a training room at the rear, used for First Aid courses and each Monday evening, in term time, by the Helensville Cadet division.

The money collected and local initiatives are administered by the Volunteer Helensville Area Committee (AC), under the Chairmanship of local GP, Dr John Elliott. John is third generation St John, with both his father and grandfather being Chancellors of the New Zealand Priory. The AC meet monthly to discuss local and national fund-raising ideas and how they can be actioned in our area.

The money raised goes towards supporting St John both locally and nationally. Recent local projects include the placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public locations: From Shelly Beach in the West to Waitoki in the North, as well as around Helensville and Parakai. St John is also grateful for the support of the Lions and Rotary in this venture.

Other funds have gone for upgrades and improvements at the station, to provide better facilities for the crews, whilst they are awaiting call out.

As mentioned above, we have an active Cadet division in Helensville, and in recent years this has been joined by one in Kaukapakapa. Cadets from both divisions have been very successful in regional and national first aid competitions, winning multiple cups and awards. *John Issott*

Level Up at Kaipara College

by Gemma Bayly, Head student, Kaipara College

Near the end of term 2, the Kaipara College performing arts department presented the 2021 school production, Level Up. This year's production was a bit different from other years.

Level Up was written by students, mainly Chris Rowe (year 12), with help from Ezra Moki (year 13) and Steve Lunt (drama teacher). Level Up also had four different sets, meaning that the audience moved during the evening. The production was originally supposed to be performed in 2020, but lockdowns and Covid-19 restrictions meant that they couldn't hold it then.

Level Up is a dystopian story about four tribes trapped in a video game. Earth is dying and the tribes are trying to win the game to reach the final water source. In the first act, the audience was split into 4 and led between the sets by Sherpa. Here, they watched the tribes preparing to take on the final level of the game. In the second act, all the tribes and audience met in the hall for the final showdown.

Level up was directed by Steve Lunt, the Kaipara College drama teacher. 29 students from years 9-13 were part of the cast, as well as other students who helped with the set and costume. Many students were able to gain NCEA credits from their work. The cast had been rehearsing hard for 8 weeks before the shows.

As an audience member, moving between the sets made the show more interesting. For the people involved with the production, the four sets were challenging to work with. The cast had to perform the same scene four times in each night to each different audience. This was tiring for them, but they managed to pull it off. Each member of the cast got to have plenty of stage time to showcase their talent.

Extra work had to be put in to design and build the sets. Most of the set design and construction was done by year 13 students Grace O'Brien, Ruby Williams, Sam Stenning and Ezra Moki. They had a sleepover at school the weekend before the production to finish building the sets in time for the show. This was well worth it because the sets were engaging and full of detail. One of the sets included a rotating circle as part of the stage. Another set was outside, with barrels full of fire surrounding it to keep the

audience warm. One had a chequered floor, and another was on a snakes and ladders mat.

The production was a huge success and the people who watched thoroughly enjoyed it. The show was very professional and well executed. It was excellent to see a production that had been created by Kaipara College students from writing right through to the final performance.



'The infinity tribe during Level Up.'



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Booking is advised as this event is very popular and numbers are limited



We also have our cute little coffee shop on site plus of course the Plant Centre for

you to browse through (including the new Bee friendly plant section).

Our knowledgeable and friendly staff will also be on hand to help with any garden related questions.



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Letter to the Editor

Your opinion matters



Community representatives fail to support Helensville Christmas Parade

The 2 organisations elected to represent community interests – Rodney Local Board and North West Country Business Improvement District (BID) – both collecting rates and levies from the community, are refusing to underwrite advance costs for organising the Helensville Christmas Parade.

The traffic management plan has to be completed by September to obtain the event permit. The cost of that is around \$1,000. If the event cannot proceed when the time comes, due to Covid, that is a 'lost' cost. Without that cost being covered, I am not willing to organise the event.

The Helensville parade is, perhaps uniquely, not under the umbrella of any organisation. It was originally, and until 2013, a function of Helensville Business Association, an Incorporated Society. However when the BID was formed that legal entity was taken to form the legal basis for the BID. Those who took roles of responsibility in the changed entity wanted nothing to do with the parade event.

Helensville lost its autonomy.

Kumeu parade is the responsibility of Kumeu Rotary.

The parade would have ceased. However I offered to keep it going. This has meant I have operated without the usual benefits of having the backing of a community organisation – no income/membership funding available and no public liability insurance cover as held by such organisations. For 5 years I personally have had to take out the public liability insurance, at a cost of hundreds of dollars, to meet event permit requirements and minimise risks. The parade has been organised at huge cost to me in terms of time and expense. I have done much of the printing, using \$1,000 worth of coloured ink one year alone.

Whilst I have readily done so, I am not willing to stand organisational cost risks due to Covid. Additionally, to date no one has shown any interest in helping with the organisation. I would need someone to place posters and entry forms in business windows throughout Helensville, Kaukapakapa, Parakai and Waimauku early November. Along side that, someone to distribute and collect colouring competition forms in schools. Advancing years and now having a 7 day a week business offering an information service to the town and our many visitors, at my time and expense, mean I simply cannot continue to carry out all the 'leg work' of organising the event.

Sadly, unless these needs are covered, I will not be continuing with organising a parade this year or ever again.



I do wish to acknowledge those who have faithfully carried out essential tasks year after year to make the event happen.

Holly Southernwood



I was really excited when I heard that a major sponsor had come forward to fund the Christmas Parade this year. So much so that I immediately put a notice on the back page of last month's Helensville Community News announcing that "Santa will be back". Sadly, it seems, I jumped the gun a little, as explained in the letter on the left. As I understand it the sponsorship is still in place, however ONLY if the parade takes place. If for whatever reason the parade does not take place, Covid, severe weather etc. then the costs incurred up to that point will not be reimbursed to the Organiser, who is currently Holly Southernwood. The chances of the Parade being cancelled are not great, however it is possible, so it would be wonderful if one or more businesses, families or individuals would come forward and agree to cover the up front costs if cancellation did in fact occur. Any money contributed would be held in trust and returned if the Parade did take place. Who out there thinks, like me, that this annual event is worthy of support? Editor

Anyone prepared to contribute should contact me at helensville@copyandprint.co.nz



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Al-Anon Family Groups can help. Free lunchtime meeting every Wednesday, 12 midday in small office at rear of carpark Magnify, 118 Main Road, www.al-anon.org.nz.

Circle of Friends: Meet every Wednesday morning 9.30am - 12.30pm River Valley Church, Fordyce Road, Parakai. Membership \$4 per week, \$10 membership annually. Please bring a plate for lunch. Occasional trips out which are paid for by the club. We also play friendly Bingo games. For more information contact Joan 021 029 51753.

Combustion Youth: Friday, 7.00-9pm, Meet at Magnify, 118 Commercial Rd, Helensville. For 13-18yrs. Ph 420-8911.

Community Dinner - Whether you are new to the area or have been here for a long time you are invited to the fortnightly community dinner at Magnify, 118 Commercial Rd, Helensville. Starts 6:30pm Contact Niki Greendale 0272-059-573.

Core Hit - Tuesday 5.30. Bonnie Casey, War Memorial Hall, Helensville. Deep core and pelvic floor strengthening, plus cardio workout for ladies of all ages.

Diabetes & Arthritis Group - First Monday in the month unless it's a public holiday. Held at the Council meeting room in the Council and library building on the corner of Porter Ave and Commercial Road, from 10am to 12pm. We have also amalgamated with the Arthritis Group. Morning tea provided. Speaker and fun times. Contact Shirley on 420-6501 or Glennis on 420-2801.

Fitness League - Friday 9.45am - War Memorial Hall, Helensville. Exercise to music (posture + balance). \$6 if you are a member, non members \$8. Membership \$20 per annum. Come and check us out. Christine Ph. 425-7108

Groovy Line Dancing Tuesday 9.30am - War Memorial Hall, Helensville. \$6 - Levia Aukino-Uruamo. Ph 022-626-7030

Helensville Aglow, First Friday of the Month at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road Helensville (behind Hospice Shop) All welcome. Contact yvonne@hello.net.nz for more information.

Helensville Floral Art Club, Third Thursday of the month at Helensville Masonic Lodge, 9 Kowhai Street. All welcome. Contact Cushla 420-8905 cushanddez80@gmail.com for more information.

Helensville Healing Rooms, Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road, Next to the Hospice Shop, Opposite Mitre 10, Every second and fourth Saturday, 11am-12 noon, Need healing in your body or a breakthrough in your life? Visit and experience God's love. ALL WELCOME Phone 0211-230-434 NO APPOINTMENT & NO CHARGE.

Helensville Lions Club, meet 2nd and 4th Mondays of the each month, in the Tennis Club building, 124/164 Rautawiri Road, 6.30pm for 7pm start. Just come along to any meeting to see what we are about - you will be made very welcome. Contact Pauline 420-6208.

Helensville River Valley Country Music Club Held 3rd Sunday of the month at Helensville War Memorial Hall. 1pm start. All Welcome Contact Marion 420-8867.

Hot Pool Stretching and Exercise Class: Every Tuesday 8-30-9.30am. Suitable for arthritis sufferers or those wanting to warm up these muscles and stay flexible. Lots of fun; pool noodles available and fully instructed. At Parakai Springs Hot Pools. For more information contact Chrissy on 027-258-2010

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Kaipara Memorial RSA. - Quiz night every Wednesday at 7.00pm. 20 easy questions, free to enter, different quizmaster each week. Meals available from 6.00pm. All welcome at the RSA, 49 Commercial Road, Helensville. Any queries, give me a call, Rex Keane, 027 293 2768

Kumeu Friendship Club. Friendship New Zealand Inc. is a welcoming social organisation for people living in New Zealand who are retired or semi-retired. Come along and join us on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am at St. Chad's Church, 7 Matua Rd, Huapai.

Noah's Ark Playgroup - Helping parents and caregivers enjoy the preschool years, every Wednesday of the school term, 9.30am-12pm at Magnify, 118 Commercial Road. Contact Kim Duncan 027-444-3492

Peggy squares knitting group, Wednesdays 10am - 11:30am Join us for a coffee and a chat while knitting your Peggy Squares and assist us in

creating community blankets for children in your community. Glenys 09-411-5151

Poems After Dark, bi-monthly in the Community Church, 40 Mill Rd. Story-telling and Poetry Performance 6-8pm on the second Saturday of the second month. Pauline Denton paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com
SeniorNet Kumeu Inc., Have you ever thought about joining SeniorNet? The Kumeu branch meets in St Chads Church, Huapai, with a Helensville outpost in a private home in Garfield Rd. The cost of entry is \$3. Why not come along and find out what we have to offer. Contact details: Brian Lacey brian@lacey.nz, 0221-831-811, Beverley Meredith, meredithpb@xtra.co.nz, 09-411-5201.

South Kaipara Rotary: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 - 8pm at Parakai School. All welcome, young or old.

Tai Chi - Thursday 9.30am - 10.30am. - War Memorial Hall, Helensville. Contact Brian 021-747-947

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Recently received has been a collection of old Kaukapakapa photos courtesy of the late Ina Stevens of Waitoki. While many of these are already incorporated in the Jordan Collection, there are also many I haven't seen before. As always seems to be the way, a number of photos have no details with regard to names or place. Come along to the library and see if you can help us solve some of these mysteries. For more info contact Megan Paterson 021 959017 or threehorses@xtra.co.no



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