

Rotary South Kaipara

Off-Leash Dog Exercise and Agility Park

South Kaipara Rotary Club recently invited the local community to submit project ideas for community benefit that the club could help initiate and lead.

Ideas consideration factors were focused on scope of community benefit, potential for active involvement in the project design and implementation by the community and local businesses, ongoing maintenance requirements and high levels of community usage post completion.

One idea that received a positive response from club members was the creation of a safe and secure fenced area to allow for the exercise of off-leash dogs, including the option of installing dog agility equipment. Nearest similar ones are in place at Corban Reserve Henderson Valley (https://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/western-leader/74211361/dog-agility-course-to-open-in-henderson) and further afield in Whangarei(https://rwwhangarei.co.nz/news/dog-agility-park-whangarei)

The creation of the park would require fencing with gated access for dog owners and enough space for the addition of small wooden structures, concrete tubes etc. to enable agility type training/fun for our four-legged friends. Some location options are already on the table and depending on the community response to this idea will be pursued with more diligence.

South Kaipara Rotary Club are keen to lead this project and engage with the Rodney Local Board, community and businesses for input, fundraising and sponsorship opportunities through to completion of the park.

Initial feedback from the Rodney Local Board has been





Students at Helensville Primary using the dictionaries recently donated by South Kaipara Rotary. This was part of the programme they have run for the last 4 years providing year 3 and 4 students with their own dictionaries. As so many students now use online dictionaries they propose to provide only classroom dictionaries next year so students can be taught how to use dictionaries at the discretion of their teacher.

encouraging, however their sound advice before we get too carried away is to first gauge the level of community support for the idea.

The club is now reaching out through community publications and social media for feedback on the idea and inviting people to email any feedback to southkaipararotary@gmail.com.













The Dog Agility Park at Whangarei, situated on Dave Culham Drive in central Whangarei. Owners and their dogs enter through secure gates into a fully fenced secure enclosure with six different "dog structures" to entertain and exercise their dog. A place where owners meet new owners, and dogs meet new dogs!

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What's happening this month





Tuesday, 7 June, U3A Monthly meeting, 10.00-12.00. St Johns Hall behind the ambulance station, Rata St, Helensville.

Professor Julian Paton director of Manaaki Manawa – Centre for Heart Research University of Auckland. Guests are very welcome. Wear masks please. U3A is a unique organisation of retired and semi retired people who enjoy learning from each other and sharing their skills and expertise through meetings and interest groups. Members have a general meeting on the first Tuesday of the month and choose special interest groups to join. Groups at present include: Book Club, Food and Wine Appreciation, Mah Jong, Gardening, Critical Thinking and TED Talks. More groups are planned as we move out of Covid restrictions. New ideas are welcome. Costs are minimal. For more information contact Gloria Middleditch jandgmiddleditch@outlook.com 094203007/0211658428 or Bev Silvester-Clark bev.s-c@outlook.com phone 0274316205. Next meeting 5 July.

Sunday 12 June 2022 9.30am – 11.30pm. Property Value Optimisation. Kaipara Coast Plants & Sculpture Gardens, 1481 Kaipara Coast Highway, Kaukapakapa, Auckland. Family: \$20.00 per person. Booking essential: kaiparacoastplantcentre.com/events.

Friday, 13 June Dog owners early bird reminders to register dogs will be coming out to dog owners. See Library / Council update page 4. Friday, 13 June, Helensville Aglow, 7.30pm at the Magnify Church, 118 Commercial Road, Helensville (Around the back of the building, downstairs). All welcome. Contact Bridget at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information. Next meeting Friday 1 July.

Sunday, 19 June, Kaukapakapa Village Market Kaukapakapa Hall, 8:30am – 4:00pm 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

collectables. The regular Kaukapakapa Village Market will be held in conjunction with the Matariki whanau festival – starting at 8.30am as usual we will have entertainment inside the hall from Foster on the tenor sax our regular selection of quality stalls inside and outside, plus food, doughnuts, cakes, pies and coffee. From 12pm there will be kids entertainment, live music from the Blue Horizons Blues Band and food trucks outside in the carpark plus the inside and outside market stalls will continue until 4pm. For more information contact Sarah 0274 831542 or email sarah@riversidecrafts.co.nz

Sunday, 19 June, Kaukapakapa Historic Library, 9am to 1pm, Star Attraction - Wetu Harakeke Matariki is both the name of the Pleiades star cluster and the celebration of its first rising in late June or early July. Of the nine stars of Matariki visible to us, each of the Whetû are associated with an aspect of wellbeing and the environment in te ao Mâori. 2022 marks the first year that Matariki has been celebrated as a national holiday. To mark the occasion join us in the historic Kaukapakapa Library to learn about the ways of working with Harakeke (flax) to create a Whetû (star) for Matariki. The Kaukapakapa Library is open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market, something for everyone. For more Information email Megan at threehorses@xtra.co.nz or ph 021 959017

Sunday, 19 June, Helensville Art Trail. On the third Sunday of each month from May to October many of Helensville's accomplished artists open their personal studios for the Helensville Art Trail.

Studios are all conveniently situated within two kilometres of central Helensville. Follow the signs leading to each studio (see map)

Saturday, 25 June, Star Making workshop with Jo Dixey, 10-1 to mark Matariki Festival. See Art Centre page 14 for details.

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Helensville Library and **Service Centre news**

Dog owners: your Early Bird Reminders should be coming out to you from 13 June.

Remember, the reduced fee is available until the end of July. You can register and pay online at: aucklandcouncil.govt.nz. You can pay in person at the service centre desk.

All Responsible Dog Owner Licence (RDOL) holders are eligible for reduced fees. If you haven't applied for an RDOL before, now is a good time to look into it.

If you would like to set up a myAUCKLAND online account – to manage all your Auckland Council services and requests – but need help, ask library and service centre staff.

Your myAUCKLAND account will help you:

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Children's events:

Kids Time is now on Wednesday mornings, from 10 -10.30am.

These sessions are aimed at under-6s and their grown-ups. Each session is different, as we adapt to our audience. One week, we'll have a lot of babies. The next, a heap of four-year-



Storytime with Library

Covid-19 adaptations:

- Adults are required to wear masks
- The shelves are moved to make more space
- Family bubbles are asked to maintain their bubbles, and keep physical distance from other bubbles

If you are concerned about bringing your children in for a group session, please let us know. We may be able to arrange a one-off session, just for your bubble, at a time that suits you, and us.

Email us at: helenlib@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Soft Toy Sleepover: advanced notice: Tuesday 12 July: more details next month, flyers at the library, and on our Facebook page.

The Helensville library and service centre is open: Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 5pm. Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm (yes, council services are available on Saturdays).

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. Keep up-to-date with library and service centre happenings via our Facebook page: facebook.com/ HelensvilleLibraryAndServiceCentre.

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Brain drain budget

The Government's 2022 Budget delivered an expensive reminder to Kiwis that Labour has no idea how to make New Zealand an attractive place to live, work and raise a family.

Budget 2022 reveals Labour's plans to hire battalions of staff and consultants to produce hundreds of climate strategy papers, a new set of national planning rules to replace the RMA, and plan for a light rail project announced by the Prime Minister in 2017.

The first light rail stage to Mount Roskill was supposed to open in 2021. Labour Ministers don't even have a photo with a shovel, although \$100 million has been spent already.

The 2022 Budget made it clear, that for a Kiwi on the average wage around \$70,000 per annum, if you work hard and save hard, the best you can hope for is a \$350 welfare payment. And if you happen to be earning more than \$70,000 you get diddly squat.

With annual consumer price inflation now at 6.9 percent according to Statistics NZ, inflation would gobble up an extra

average wage earner has effectively had a massive pay cut under Labour. Households facing a cost of living crisis will economise, cut back on luxuries and try to make ends meet. Businesses will look for any way to make their operations more efficient to stay competitive and profitable.

> In contrast, the Labour Government had added another \$6 billion to their baseline spending in the 2022 Budget. Having already added 14,000 additional public servants since 2017 to deliver their policies, now they are going for broke, literally.

> \$4,830 of that average wage on increased living costs. That means the

What does this Budget mean for the average wage and salary earner, someone with skills and experience? New Zealand may not be the best place for you and your family right now. That is why ACT calls this the Brain Drain Budget.

Compared to our closest neighbour Australia where wages have increased \$6,600 over the past four years, Kiwi workers are getting poorer. House prices are on average more than \$200,000 higher and rents have gone up \$50 per week since when Labour was elected to govern alone in 2020.

The RMA is no closer to being fixed. Over 800 land use and subdivision consent applications were sitting unopened in Auckland Councils inbox in February 2022. Now ports, quarries and even sand for concrete are having consents declined. It has gotten much harder and more expensive to build.

Kiwis already pay for their carbon emissions through the Emissions Trading Scheme, around 20 cents per litre on petrol and diesel. Yet Labour want to save Kiwis from the climate by spending \$569 million on paying cash to scrap used cars. The scheme will cost taxpayers \$12,800 to scrap a car, when a simple google search will show you that it could cost as little as \$100 per car right now.

ACT has one question about this Budget - what is the strategy to overcome our declining living standards? Labour has no answer.

ACT would start by cutting the number of civil servants by 14,000 back to 2017 levels, without cutting frontline health, education or police service. ACT would cut the demographic Ministries which deliver nothing for the communities they are meant to serve, only photo ops for Ministers.

The savings set out in the ACT Alternative Budget would deliver a worker on 70,000 per annum a tax cut of \$2,300 per year.

ACT would scrap the expensive and totally unnecessary greenwashing climate schemes which won't reduce emissions any more than the existing cap under Emissions Trading Scheme allows for. ACT would instead give Kiwis a \$250 per person per year carbon tax refund from the billions raised by the ETS, around \$1000 for a family of four. Giving Kiwis the option to spend that money on transport or energy seems much fairer than handing it out to select businesses in exchange for a photo op with a Labour or Green Minister.

ACT believes we can reverse the brain drain that is coming, but only by delivering a healthy economy and thriving communities. The ACT Alternative Budget shows how we can get there.

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'Hope Project'

by Pauline Denton

Something we all need in the midst of war and pandemic. But where can hope be found? Over Easter 1,500 leaflets were delivered in Helensville and Parakai with a message of 'Hope For All'. These little booklets have stories of people who have found hope through the message of good news bought through Jesus Christ.



Helensville's new Maori Anglican Jacynthia Murphy

minister, Jacynthia Murphy, was amongst those delivering leaflets. Jacynth

amongst those delivering leaflets. Jacynthia lives out her kaupapa in serving the community and points to the principles of faith, whakapono, hope, tûmanako and love, aroha which are embedded in the Maori culture.

She says: "When we talk about hope tûmanako we have a holistic view of wellness, hope and faith. Hope at a grassroots level, some people don't want to hear about God, but that doesn't mean the God isn't at work.

People will seek a minister to do a blessing when they need a power beyond themselves. So people are always looking for hope and some people have more faith in finding hope in the midst of turmoil than others. There is always a hope that someone will get well if they're ill or if there is a family rift.

Hope comes in many forms, not just a booklet. We must all be involved in encouraging people to have hope."

If you want to know more about this message of hope then please contact any of the following:

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BOT Student Representative election

by Georgia Shivnan, Year 13 Student, Kaipara College

Harrison McCarthy, a Year 12 student, has been elected as Kaipara College's student representative on the Board of Trustees (BOT) for the 2022 school year. The Board of Trustees composed of community members, staff, and parents – establishes a vision for Kaipara College, is accountable for student achievement, and ensures the school complies with legal and policy requirements. Harrison's role as the student representative is to listen to, collate, and communicate the views of the Kaipara College student body to Harrison McCarthy the Board.



(Year 12)

This representation allows the school to be guided in a direction that benefits its students.

Typically, annual elections for the student representative take place in September, and the student takes office shortly after. However, due to lockdown and school closure in late 2021, voting did not begin until April. Candidates had the opportunity to selfnominate and present their intentions for the role at online school assemblies and in a short blurb. Students received voting forms to complete during the subsequent weeks, and the election result was declared at the beginning of Term 2. Because of this delay, Harrison will be in office for a shortened period of six months.

Harrison's primary focus as the acting student representative is to amply represent his peers and maintain transparency with students about the Board's role in the school and what they achieve. He states that he has a "bottom-up rather than top-down" approach to his role – valuing student collaboration and feedback in decision-making processes rather than stipulating outcomes that will filter down to students.

Currently, Harrison is developing a system where students can anonymously submit concerns they have encountered around the school and any potential solutions to be put forward to the Board.

Harrison also plans to work with other student-led groups in the school – such as the student leaders and Peer Sexuality Support Program (PSSP) – to help identify and resolve concerns in the school. The reach of such groups often extends to a broad and diverse community of students and can, therefore, involve more pupils in the active improvement of their school.

Harrison attended his first Board meeting in early May and will join subsequent monthly meetings – and quarterly curriculum meetings – until the election of a new student representative in September. Harrison's passion for making positive change in communities also extends to his career path, where he plans to pursue law after finishing high school next year.

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recognised the need for support for parents with babies and children under 5 years of age.

As you can imagine, the scope of Parent Aid North West service has broadened and evolved over this time, but essentially we are still delivering a similar service. We estimate we have helped more than 2000 families over the past 20 years.

To celebrate this milestone birthday, Parent Aid North West are launching our \$20 for 20 years campaign and asking people to donate \$20 through their Givealittle Page. While the amount is reflective of \$1 for each year in service, we are also mindful that over the past 2 years both individuals and businesses have seen reduced incomes and increased financial costs.

Parent Aid North West provides free practical home help to whanau with babies and children under 5 years old within the North West Rodney region. Our focus is addressing the needs of parents that are experiencing postnatal depression, anxiety and stress, sleep deprivation, accident, illness, rural isolation or general hardship.

We assist with household duties, meal preparation, child care, food parcel delivery and can help with transport so that parents can attend medical and well-being appointments.

Parent Aid North West is a Not for Profit Charitable organisation that operates by way of grants, funding and donations. Currently, we do not receive any direct government funding.

We have 8 paid part-time employees who are all mothers themselves and hale from various backgrounds involved around childcare.

All our Home Support Workers understand that each client's needs will be different and are incredibly passionate about helping families in our community.

When you are able to assist parents at times of need, ultimately it is to the children's benefit. It is so important for us as an organisation to be equally just as proactive as we are reactive.

We hope by having 500 people donate just \$20 each we will raise \$10,000 which will go towards our team being available to assist more families in our community over the next year and for many years to come.

Contact for more information: Suzanne McCracken (Manager) suzanne@parentaidnorthwest.org.nz MOB 027 5441450 Ali Seakens (Chairperson) parentaidchaireperson@gmail.com MOB 021 2481620



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Kaipara korero

Principal Cindy Sullivan

Just when you thought we have things on an even keel and teaching and learning can progress as we would expect at school, along comes the uptick in COViD-19 community cases. This has hit us hard here at Kaipara College with many of our staff contracting the virus over a short period of time and about 25% of our student body also affected. We were left no alternative but to move the whole school into learning from home mode. To their great credit our wonderful students were able to move relatively quickly and seamlessly into learning from home with the support of their whânau. Each time we do this it seems to get a little bit easier and our students settle into their new routine more quickly. There is no doubt however that learning from home is more difficult for many of our students as motivation wanes more easily, distractions become more enticing and even doing work around the house can become an attractive option! It is heartening to see our online attendance increase everyday however, which may or may not have been influenced by a message from our Head Students reminding our seniors that attendance at the School Ball is dependent on having good attendance at school (including online school)! I would like to thank our community for their continued patience and support as we navigate these tricky times. Thank you also to those who give us feedback on what we do. We value feedback because it helps us in our quest for continual improvement.

I am happy to say that sports and other events have continued while we have been learning from home. Even though I have been unable to attend any recent games (due to, you guessed it, COVID) I have been impressed by the continued reports of the outstanding sportspersonship our students continue to show on the field, court and arena. The result of a game or event is important but so too are the teamwork, communication, commitment, collaboration, effort, perseverance, being open to learning, listening, striving for improvement, effort and fitness required to participate well. I am proud of the way our students conduct themselves both on and off the field or court or arena, and watching them play is a great pleasure. These days, as our parents and caregivers would attest to, sport is not just a weekend endeavour however, with many practices, games and events occurring throughout the week. This would not happen without the great commitment from families, coaches and teachers who give freely of their time, energy and expertise to allow our students the opportunity of the thrill of playing a sport. Thank you to those people, from all of us at Kaipara College.

We have many exciting events coming up at school over the next little while including our annual **Open Evening on Monday, 20**

June commencing at 6:30pm, where we showcase the great learning experiences that happen at school, to the community and in particular intermediate age students and their families. We are open for enrollments for 2023 from that time. I am also looking forward to attending our So despite the challenges the gift of COVID keeps on giving, Kaipara College is in great shape and is looking forward to continuing to celebrate and share our learning journey and successes with our community.

I look forward to meeting many of you out and about in the community supporting Kaipara College sporting and cultural events.

If you would like more frequent information about the great things happening at Kaipara College, please follow our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Search 'Kaipara College' for our official pages on both platforms.

These photographs show an example of tuakana teina during whânau time. Our Tu Rangitira students are hosting students from our Faculty of Special Education to share some learning. *Until next time...*











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Councillor claims rate distribution "unfair"

by Cr Greg Sayers, Councillor for the Rodney ward



Rodney's rural communities, such as Helensville, continue to be discriminated against when it comes to equitably allocating infrastructure budgets across Auckland.

Rural residential households pay a comparable amount in overall rates, but rural households are not receiving their fair proportion of infrastructure investment.

The Helensville township is a rural township receiving water, storm water and sewage services. However, it often feels like the "poor cousin" with the footpaths and other public facilities not being up to the same standards as Auckland's other urban centres, although it was encouraging to see some recent roading upgrades from Auckland Transport.

The rural community makes up half of the population in Rodney and pays half of the rates, yet receives zero council services in terms of fresh water supply, sewage treatment services, footpaths or bus services on the unsealed roading network.

The primary council investment back into the rural communities is through Auckland Transport via maintaining the unsealed roading network.

A sum of \$5.6 million a year is spent on maintaining the unsealed roading network.

This is inadequate.

Due to population growth and increased traffic volumes, a number of roads are now unsafe to remain gravel roads.

I have called for \$12.4 million a year to be allocated to sealing and permanently upgrading the rural roads.

Not all of Rodney's roads need sealing. However, many meet the criteria to be sealed and are only being deferred due to a lack of budget.

The day-to-day maintenance budgets, dealing with problems such as potholes and grading, also needs to be increased as these were last reviewed more than three years ago.

There is adequate money being collected from rural households, nevertheless an unfair proportion is being directed away from rural community needs and into urban-focused footpaths, cycleways and bus services. There needs to be a fair balance between urban and rural infrastructure investment.

Auckland Council was unable to provide me a breakdown of the amount of Regional Fuel Taxes or Development Contributions collected from the Rodney ward. Watercare collects separate water fees for investment into fresh water and waste water infrastructure.

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General Rates	\$36,503,579	\$8,484,931	\$32,870,324	\$77,858,834
Waste Management Rates	\$1,763,864	\$259,337	\$2,426,265	\$4,449,466
Natural Environment Targeted Rate	\$964,352	\$127,351	\$757,811	\$1,849,514
Water Quality Targeted Rate	\$1,422,230	\$187,787	\$1,177,623	\$2,787,640
Rodney Local Board Targeted Rate	\$2,195,100	\$291,975	\$2,784,225	\$5,271,300
Other Targeted Rates & Charges	\$195,118	\$9,286	\$785,999	\$990,403
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Source: Auckland Council





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It's likely that many of you reading this column fall into what we call the "squeezed middle" of New Zealand. This essentially represents a total household income of around \$110,000, made up of middle income earners with a family of two-and-a-bit children(!) on average.

At a time when we're seeing record high rents, escalating petrol prices and eye-watering costs at the supermarket, Kiwis are now being told to brace ourselves for more pain to come with the average household expected to be \$150 per week worse off by the end of the year. Inflation is also pushing everyone into higher tax brackets. Despite this, at time of writing we're expecting a big Beehive splash out with a record new spend of \$6 billion in this year's Budget.

Unfortunately, there isn't any much relief for the squeezed middle in prospect. Recent increases to the minimum wage and benefit payments don't generally apply to this group, so changes like these tend not to make life much better for them. The uberwealthy are still smooth-sailing, of course, typically being able to structure their affairs in the most tax-efficient way. They possibly won't even have noticed that we have a cost of living crisis. But for those of you in the squeezed middle it's all too real and the message from Wellington seems to be that you'll simply have to struggle on.

On my side of the aisle, we're saying that's not good enough. National would adjust the tax brackets for inflation so that Kiwis can keep more of what they earn and receive some desperately needed relief in their pockets. Our initial tax response would put \$1,600 back into the average household budget per year and superannuitants would benefit too, with a retired couple receiving around an additional \$520. In case you're wondering, we wouldn't cut essential services like health, education or the police to deliver these tax cuts, but rather ensure the funding we do invest actually delivers real outcomes for New Zealanders, including the longsuffering and oft-forgotten squeezed middle.



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However to ensure as rapid a growth as possible as well as the ongoing health of these wonderful plants it's



important to understand best locations and soil types for each variant as well as how to plant and care for them.

David Bayly, our resident expert, will be presenting a "walking" workshop where he will guide you along our nature trail highlighting recent and older plantings of various species. Thus giving a "real world" indication of what can be achieved plus offering tips to help ensure success as well as answer any questions you have.



Please note that sturdy footwear and a suitable jacket are definitely recommended. Also places are limited so booking via our email address (info@kaiparacoast.co.nz) is also definitely recommended.

After the workshop you can stroll through our beautiful, recently extended 3.5Km nature trail which contains over 40 marvelloussculptures created for our 2022 exhibition by local and international artists on display.*

We also have our cute little coffee shop on site plus of course the Plant Centre for you to browse through.

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

* The trail is unfortunately not suitable for wheelchairs or walking frames; additional entry charge applies.

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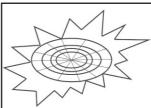
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Art Centre Helensville

June Newsletter

As a part of Auckland Festival of Photography (who have themed this annual event 'Disruption'), Helensville Art Centre is holding a group show of local photography artists titled 'Disruption Through an Internal Lens'. This will be our first Awards exhibition with the winner receiving \$250 cash prize. A guest judge will be selecting the winner which will be announced at the opening.

The term 'Disruption' embodies various associations, physical, environmental, political and mental.



Our exhibition for this year's Festival Photography 'Disruption, Through the Internal Lens' implies the affects disruption has on our mental state. The internal world of the human condition is expansive and undisclosed.

disruptions can perturb our inner selves altering our subsequent physical demeanour.

Imagery in this exhibition connote to a psychological variation of the theme Disruption.

All were welcome to the opening and awards event on 3rd June. It featured image 'Secret Life of the Easter Bunny,' by Victoria Logan, Stellanova Photography.

Matariki follows Festival of Photography with an exhibition in July. We invite all local artists to participate in this important cultural event. Artists can either enter to exhibit in our main gallery with artwork representing Matariki, or in our media room gallery which will be an installation of stars. For those of you who delve in crafts this is an ideal way to display your artistic talent. Stars

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We will be running a Star Making workshop with Jo Dixey on Saturday 25th of June 10-1 to mark Matariki Festival. Jo will be using quilting methods to make Matariki stars. These will be included in the media room installation for the exhibition in July. Please email if you would like to book this workshop or if you would like an entry form for the Matariki exhibition open to all artists.

'A time for communities to come together and celebrate'

Exhibition dates are 1st -30th July.

Nau Mai Haere Mai

In August we have two separate exhibitions, Cindy Vida who will be occupying the Main Gallery, and Thomas Hogan in the Media Room. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for details and opening dates.



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Regular Events

60 Plus, Held the last Thursday of each month, 10am morning tea provided, a great opportunity to meet others in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. Held at Magnify, 118 Commercial Rd, around the back, downstairs. (There is a ramp) Jocelyn Read 0211-726-547.

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: Invite you to a game of Bingo (No cost involved) and a friendly chat. Every Wednesday morning 9.30am - 12.30pm. Please bring a plate for lunch plus \$4 each week. For more information and location please phone Joan 021 029 51753.

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

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.

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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.

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

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 Wednesday of the month, 7 - 8pm at Parakai School. All welcome, young or old.

Te Awaroa Residents & Ratepayers Assoc (TARRA). Visitors welcome. Enquiries 021-488-427 or email tarrassoc@gmail.com

U3A South Kaipara: 1st Tuesday of the month for general meeting. See What's happening this month column for more information or contact Gloria Middleditch. jandgmiddleditch@outlook.com 094203007/ 0211658428

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