

The Helensville Community News

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Sayers Welcomes Election Race Based On Integrity And Principle

by Cr Greg Sayers, Councillor for the Rodney ward



Greg Sayers, Rodney's current Auckland city Councillor, says it is positive Rodney has a contested local election. It's a great way to raise issues and keep the local politicians accountable, he adds.

His statement comes after it was announced that Sayers is being challenged by Rodney Local Board deputy chair Beth Houlbrooke in the upcoming October Auckland Council elections.

Councillor Sayers says he enthusiastically welcomes an election race based on integrity, community representation and principles.

Sayers successfully ousted ex-Rodney District Council Mayor Penny Webster for the Rodney seat on Auckland Council in 2016 and was returned unopposed in 2019.

Going into the campaign race, Sayers says he is deeply heartened from community feedback with people repeatedly telling him they appreciate the way he steps forward and fights for a fair deal for Rodney.

"I realised early on I was either going to have to be a 'yes-man' to Goff in order to receive a few crumbs, or be a strong advocate for Rodney, fighting for a full and fair deal for the ratepayers who elected me. I chose the latter," says Sayers.

"It has been myself working with a focused group of highly principled councillors who collaboratively have had the backbone to consistently call Council to account exposing the troublesome trends about the organisation.

"Council should be identifying all the wasteful overspending, and channelling that money back into core services – which would include money to help fund Rodney's future infrastructure and to lift the standards of general maintenance to acceptable levels.

"By being a persistent voice for Rodney I have gained many wins including over \$1.3 billion of approved funding voted through to build the infrastructure Rodney so desperately needs to catch up with the rest of Auckland. These improvements are currently underway with Rodney being far better off now than when I started.

"Building on this momentum the next goal is to get a further \$1.2 billion. This will include investment for the unsealed roading networks' maintenance and sealing, storm water and sewage upgrades, SH16 traffic improvements, more parks and sports-fields, a bypass road for Kumeu, financing the Hill Street fix, money for environmental protection and enforcement of noncompliance, building new infrastructure in advance of building new housing, as well as lifting the maintenance standards for Rodney.

"Having worked cooperatively with many Local Board members I believe it is essential local boards receive greater financial resources to allow them to use local contractors, local community volunteers and community groups to deliver community projects in a far more affordable way.

"The money Rodney needs will be found from within Auckland Council, by it simply being far more prudent with its financial management. It is not necessary to keep digging deeper and deeper into ratepayers' pockets.

"Most rural ratepayers are outraged that the challenger – Ms Houlbrooke designed and voted in a Rodney specific additional 7.1 per cent annual rates increase on top of Goff's 3.5 per cent annual general rate increases.

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Local Body Elections will be with us in October

Most of us complain about the Council and councillors, but if you don't vote because you cannot be bothered whose fault is it if you don't like the result.

Do your research; find out what each candidate stands for; find out what their plans are; decide if you can trust them, as many say one thing and once elected do the opposite; and lastly make sure you 'GET OUT AND CAST YOUR VOTE'.

Editor

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Sayers Welcomes Election Race

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"Rural communities, who pay around \$23 million towards her additional tax, are furious that they do not receive a cent for any roading improvements from it. It was, and remains, outrageous.

"Like Phil Goff, Ms Houlbrooke is a tax, borrow and spend politician who has not challenged Council's spending priorities.

"Her voting to introduce a compulsory new tax, only to be paid by Rodney's ratepayers, completely let Phil Goff off the hook to re-direct more money back into Rodney.

Just answer this simple question for yourself; why would a Mayor even need to consider my requests for re-directing more funding into Rodney if the candidate is happy to raise more money via syphoning new taxes out of her own ratepayers' pockets?

"Beth Houlbrooke will need to stand on her record as a local board member who has been complicit in enabling Phil Goff's political agendas.

"I struggle to see how this challenger can be proud of her voting record. I cannot understand her convictions, as exemplified by voting in favour of all Goff's rate increases, including the fuel tax, the illegal bed taxes, Goff's many targeted rates, as well as initiating a Rodney specific targeted tax when families are struggling in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis.

"It's easy to spend other people's money. It is not as easy to fight for what is right.

"Rodney voters now have a choice - between someone who will spend and borrow more by creating new taxes and rates, versus a councillor who has a proven track record of fighting to get Rodney's rates spent back locally.

"No matter how tough, I have never faltered in representing what the majority of the people of Rodney, and Auckland, have overwhelmingly told me they expect.

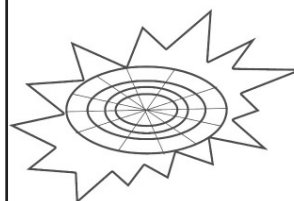
When the new Mayor wants to get Council back to delivering core business, wants to put a stop to all the nice-to-have spending, and will focus fairly on all communities including Rodney, I will support them 100 per cent.

"Needless to say I have already proactively met with the five top polling mayoral candidates - meeting each at a Rodney township - getting in early to further the cause for Rodney and convince them why additional investment is needed.

TROUBLESOME TRENDS: AUCKLAND COUNCIL

	L Brown: 2010/11	P Goff: 2015/16	P Goff: 2021/22
Rates & fees collected	\$1.9 billion	\$3.7 billion	\$5.3 billion
Total staff payroll	\$443 million	\$803 million	\$963 million
Total liabilities	\$5 billion	\$11 billion	\$16 billion
Debt per household	\$11,111	\$23,404	\$29,611
Interest payments	\$730,000/day	\$1.1 million/day	\$1.2 million/day
Staff numbers	10,157	11,591	12,328
Staff earning \$100K+	1,165 (11.5% of staff)	2,048 (17.7%)	3,157 (25.6%)

Source: Auckland Council Annual Reports 2011, 2016, 2021. Supplied by: Cr G Sayers

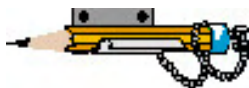


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An awesome community flea market/ garage sale right in the heart of Helensville! There are sellers of bric a brac, second hand clothing, vintage tools, vinyl records, books, baby clothes, toys and games, retro and collectibles, good used second hand household goods- come and grab a bargain! The Helensville Lions will be there, selling quality second hand books, DVDs and puzzles/ games. We may have spaces for sellers, email us on remu@xtra.co.nz. Preference for local sellers, we welcome community groups who want to run a garage sale from this market, or collectors downsizing! Charities and community groups will be given free space to sell, please send photos and /or descriptions of what you are selling when enquiring.

Saturday 13th August, Waitoki Village market day. The guests are Colin and Bronwen Cambier, Pekepeke-Kiore? What? Find out at the Waitoki Village Market Day. The market now has a new email markets4waitoki@gmail.com.

Saturday, 13 August, Helensville Market at the Helensville Hall. The Helensville Market is an awesome community market right in the heart of Helensville! It is held on the second Saturday of the month, 9 a.m to 1 p.m at the Helensville War Memorial Hall. (Behind the Library on the main street of Helensville)

Sunday, 21 August, Kaukapakapa Village Market Kaukapakapa Hall, 8:30am – 1:00pm 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 collectibles. Live music from Foster and we have free hair plaiting for the kids from 10am to 12pm. For more information, stall-holder and music enquiries contact Sarah: Phone: 0274831542 or Email - sarah1@maxnet.co.nz Eftpos cash out available.

Sunday, 21 August, Kaukapakapa Historic Library, 9am to 1pm, Here Lies . . . This month we will celebrate 25 years with the Kaukapakapa Kourier. Witness to all that happens in Kaukapakapa, the Kourier has been part of our lives for the last 25 years, reporting the story of our changing community. We've gone from a small rural village

to a dormitory suburb for North Auckland with all that entails, and now editor Deborah Stites is relinquishing the role. A part of local events with her ever ready camera and quick smile, it's always been a pleasure to see Deborah out and about sharing in all things Kaukapakapa. Come along to the library and join us in celebrating the last twenty five years and look back over the past Kourier issues.

Find out more of Kaukapakapa's local history from the photographic collection created by the late Alan Jordan and the amazing research completed by Bruce Shanks. Learn about who lies in the historic All Saints Kaukapakapa cemetery dating from 1864, and discover the details of the seventy unmarked graves. We know who they are, we know where they lie, but they remain forgotten. Are you their whanau? For more details contact Megan, threehorses@xtra.co.nz or 021 959017. Library open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market.

Sunday, 21 August, 10:00am – 4:00pm 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).

All of these artists have spent years honing their skills in an extensive variety of genres. Enjoy meeting them in person and being given an insight into the processes involved in creating each piece of art. Works range from lost wax casting of bronze and crystal glass, figurative and abstract paintings and prints, to shaping of corrugated iron into incredible forms; fine wool lace handcrafted into delicate shawls, elegantly crafted creative hats for every occasion and the carving of stone into fine jewellery. We hope that some visitors enjoy lasting memories of purchasing a treasure, however large or small, directly from the artists themselves. Toilets: Please use the toilet facility in Helensville township created by our own Jeff Thomson Covid 19 protocols apply to all studios.

Monday, 22 August, Annual General Meeting of the Citizens Advice Bureau 10am to 11am, at the Kaipara Memorial RSA. Guest speaker is Gemma Donaldson (SKGF). RSVP to 4207162 or email manager.helensville@cab.org.nz

Tuesday, 6 September, U3A Monthly meeting, 10.00-12.00. St Johns Hall behind the ambulance station, Rata St, Helensville. Guest speaker Raven Stevens, Green Prescription Lifestyle Advisor. 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, Shared Reading, NZ History, Out n About and TED Talks. Costs are minimal.

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One such is local artist Thomas Hogan. Thomas is a prolific creative for whom painting has a real therapeutic value, taking him into a beautifully meditative state.

Thomas has a real intuitive artistic ability according to Pauline Denton, who has the privilege of working alongside him as coordinator of the Helensville Arts & Activities Programme run by L'Arche Mount Tabor.

Pauline has been employed in her role since 2008 and loves to see people reaching their artistic potential.

Thomas is having his first solo exhibition in the Helensville Art Centre from August 6th-27th. This will be a 'cash & Carry' exhibition, so be in early to put in your claim on your favourite works. These works make an amazing feature in any household.

The programme, which includes drama, skittles, music and sing-a-long, choir, hand bells, card making, painting, educational table games and a weekly dance, is open to all and costs are very reasonable.

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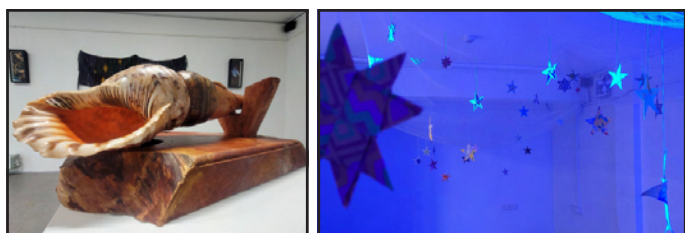


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Art Centre Helensville

What's been happening and things to come at Art Centre Helensville.

Yet again we had another great opening night at the art centre for our Matariki exhibition. We warmly encourage the community to come to our opening nights, they are a great way to connect, meet our local artists and be involved in what's happening at the art centre.



Our next exhibition and opportunity to attend an opening is in August for Cindy Vida's exhibition. Opening night is Friday 5th August 6-8pm. Cindy will also be running a 3 part series workshop on abstract landscape painting using acrylic. Spaces are very limited so please contact Yvonne on 0211268041,

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Alongside Cindy will be artist Thomas Hogan's exhibition in the media room gallery.

We had our first school holiday programme run by Creative Matters in July. The kids had a blast and each class was fully booked with a waiting list for next term. We are happy to announce we will continue Creative Matters holiday programs which will also include the Christmas holiday period.



Keep an eye out on our facebook page and website for upcoming details on booking into the next school holiday and Christmas programs with Creative Matters.

We will be having our member's exhibition 'Storyboard' running from September 2nd 1st October. Call for entries! Details and entry form can be found on our website, or email me for details manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz.



Free chairs to a good home! Authentic 'Radio New Zealand Broadcasting Service' retro chairs. We have over 10 and are now letting them go, first in first served. Pick up only. Please email at above email address if you are interested or just pop into the art centre to collect.

We are taking bookings for exhibitions in 2023. If you are an artist and interested in a solo show, pop down to the Art Centre and talk to the manager, or email for more details.

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The flourishing work by South Kaipara Good Food will be highlighted at the Citizen's Advice Bureau Helensville's AGM. The event is on August 22 at Kaipara Memorial RSA from 10am.

Gemma Donaldson, chief executive of the non-profit organisation, will talk about how they provide the community with access to good food. They also empower people with skills, confidence, connections and resources to be self-sustainable food-wise. "We're about building up mana, getting people back on their feet, encouraging community connection and proving this is a community that cares," she says.

The kai packs with recipes make a difference for people who are going through the stresses and strains of life. The organisation provides services through programmes like Kai Collective Te Awaroa and the Food Secure Plan. It is dependent on generous donations from funding grants and local donors.

So far, the collective's team of volunteers has made and delivered over 7,800 kai packs and 430 Covid isolation packs.

The food secure team rescues kai all over South Kaipara, co-ordinating cooking classes and planting community gardens through the initiative Kai Grow.

Come and hear Gemma talk about SKFG's inspirational mahi. If you can make it to the AGM please call 09 420 7162 or email: manager.helensville@cab.org.nz for your RSVP.

Sharing and caring: Regular volunteer Meke Unasa from Ryman Healthcare, Keith Park Village helps sort out kai packs for South Kaipara Good Food.

You are all invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Citizens Advice Bureau on Monday 22 August, 10am to 11am at the Kaipara Memorial RSA. RSVP to 4207162 or email manager.helensville@cab.org.nz



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Kaipara korero

Principal Cindy Sullivan

Recently Kaipara College held a very successful open night for prospective students for 2023. We were delighted to host more than 400 guests throughout the night. The guests were treated to snippets of the amazing learning activities that occur everyday at Kaipara College. We had 150 current students volunteer to be school ambassadors for the night and each and every one did themselves and the school proud.



The feedback from our guests was overwhelmingly positive with much excitement shown by our prospective students and their whanau. Much of the feedback I received was about how marvelous our student ambassadors were and that they were obviously very proud to show their school off.

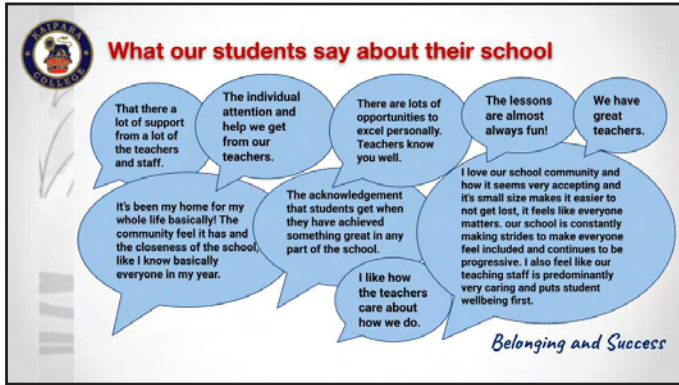
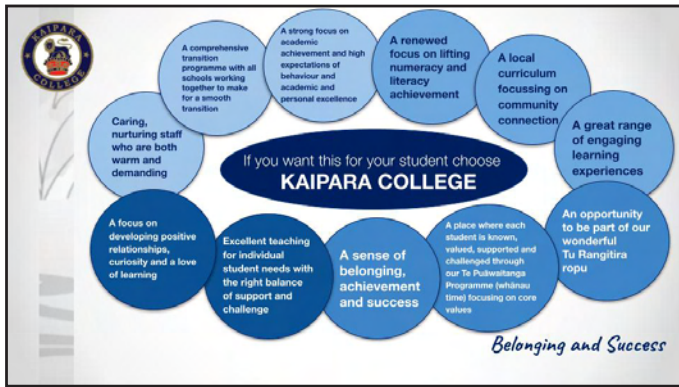
On the night some of our Y9 students explained to the guests what life and learning was like at Kaipara College in their first year of college, how much Kaipara College had to offer, how they had managed the change from primary school and the many things to look forward to. One of our Head Students, Billie Stroobent reflected on her five years at Kaipara College, all the wonderful opportunities she had taken up and how school has prepared her for the big, wide world beyond.

I spoke about our mission and purpose as a school and our two cornerstones of **belonging** and **success**.

"At Kaipara College we work with our students and their whanau to support them to be resilient in the face of challenges, discover who they are, cultivate the abilities needed for them to shape their own lives and learn how to engage with and contribute to the world around them."

We strive for our Kaipara College students to have mana, purpose, opportunities and choices in life."

I also outlined some of the many reasons why someone would choose Kaipara College for their child and highlighted what our current students say about their school.



I am very proud to be the Principal of such a vibrant, community minded school, one that the students enjoy coming to, feel they belong to and where they are supported and challenged to be the very best version of themselves they can be.

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Dracula: A Kaipara College production

by Georgia Shivan, Year 13 Student

Kaipara College

Dracula's final scream echoes through the silent hall as a wooden stake is driven through his heart, and his lifeless body falls to the ground. Holy wafers litter the surrounding floor, forming an impenetrable barrier between the monster and his killers. Cloaks billow, sets move about the stage, and the sunrise is projected over Seward's asylum. It is the final act of Kaipara College's Dracula: a two-hour show written by Steven Dietz – based on Bram Stoker's classic novel – performed and (largely) produced by students. The show – set in 1897 and performed in 2022 – is a visual showcase of the innumerable hours invested by students, teachers, and community members in the drama, music, and performing arts technology (PAT) departments.

This year's production has been a long time in the making. Auditions were held during Term 1, and cast members received their scripts for the show in mid-April. PAT students have also been working on producing the sound and lighting for Dracula since returning to school in February. Students involved in the show (whether as a cast or crew member) received credits for their work from relevant NCEA standards. Rehearsals for Dracula started after the school holidays in May and in the following eight weeks, students and teachers worked tirelessly during and outside school hours to fine-tune the performance and its logistics. In the final



Dracula's cast and crew at dress rehearsal

weeks before the performances, students spent both Saturday and Sunday rehearsing the show for upwards of eight hours each day, in addition to their existing practice schedule.

Dracula's cast – an ensemble of 22 students – was split in two for this year's production to ease pressure caused by illness-related absences. The Coven Cast performed on Tuesday and Thursday evening of Term 3's Week 9, while the Clan Cast performed on Wednesday and Friday. Many cast members also took up roles in the production's crew, where a further 33 students, teachers, and community members were involved. Everything from Dracula's set, lighting, sound, special effects, costuming, and props were designed and produced within Kaipara College. The school's productions are held annually. Previous shows include *Jack and the Beanstalk* (another take on a classic story), *Level Up*, *Avenue Q*, and *Rock of Ages*, which have seen their audiences immersed into worlds of futuristic video games, musicals, and puppets.

As Dracula's final act finishes and the actors take a sweeping bow, the hushed audience breaks into applause. The actors' faces dissolve from a maddened Renfield, a malicious Dracula, and a bubbly Mina – to a collection of broad smiles: those we sit next to in classes and see around campus. A group of undeniably talented and driven young actors doing what they love. Once the applause dwindles, Renfield delivers his final line, "A fear once rooted in your mind is yours forever."

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The effect of the RMA

Traveling between Napier and Auckland a few weeks ago I met a machinery parts supplier who has plans to expand warehouse capacity to meet customer demand.

When I asked about plans to build, he told me there is no land available at a reasonable price in Auckland, and even if there was, the resource consents could take years.

As a result, their business is going to relocate the main distribution centre from Auckland to Christchurch where land is cheaper, and consenting is less restrictive.

But it is not just warehouses in Auckland. Every region has a story about a road, a port, or a dam held up by the RMA.

The East West Link in Auckland is still working through RMA appeals five years after the project was meant to start. The Ports of Tauranga have recently been kicked out of the fast-track consenting process by the Environment Minister David Parker who told them that more people might want to object, so go to court and try your luck there.

Infrastructure providers spend almost \$1.3 billion every year on consenting. That's just for the consents, without building anything. For the average smaller project, like fixing a dangerous road, consenting costs account for almost 16 per cent of the total budget.

And the problem is getting worse: The cost of consenting infrastructure has increased by 70 per cent since 2014, while authorities now take 50 per cent longer to make a decision than in 2014/15.

The length of the RMA itself has increased by 31 per cent since 2014.

It makes no sense to use the same law that protects Fiordland's natural wonders to decide whether a paddock in Henderson can become a subdivision. It is a burdensome and costly piece of legislation that makes consenting a nightmare and has led to infrastructure that is outdated and not fit for purpose.

Fundamental changes to our planning rules are long overdue. The 900-page RMA is the single biggest obstacle to building the infrastructure for a better New Zealand.

Last year in 2021 I sat on the Environment Committee through hearings on the Labour Government's RMA replacement, the Natural and Built Environments Bill. That's the first of three new laws proposed by Minister David Parker.

The feedback from industry was it is way too complicated, has too many new terms and definitions that will take years to litigate, and conflicting objectives which will make it even harder for developers to navigate.

ACT believes New Zealand needs to build its way out of the cost of living crisis, but in order to do that we need to scrap the Resource Management Act (RMA) and replace it with a fit-for-purpose set of environmental and urban development laws.

The Government's reforms to the RMA repeat many of the mistakes of the past. They are not clear about who has the right to do what on their land and who has the right to object. That means projects will still be held up by years of hearings, appeals, consultants' reports, and iwi consultations.

ACT's replacement for the RMA would make it much easier to get building. We would:

- Restrict the right to object to neighbours who are directly affected by the project
- Allow neighbourhoods to vote to exempt themselves from some planning rules
- Create a new Planning Tribunal to determine compensation for affected neighbours who hold out from negotiations to loosen planning rules
- Reduce the need for consents when infrastructure projects use a Code of Practice to manage environmental effects, saving billions of dollars and reducing years of delay.

This would work alongside ACT's policy to incentivise and resource councils to provide infrastructure for new homes by sharing half of the GST levied on new housing construction in their regions with them.

Our economic potential will only be realised by reducing government interference in our lives. ACT would enable New Zealanders to build and develop without being bound by the shackles of bureaucracy.

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From Penk's Pen

CHRIS PENK – MP

I recently held a public Education meeting with National MP Erica Stanford, Spokesperson for Education. We talked about the immense pressure that our teachers are facing right now and how they feel they are at breaking point – due to Covid-19, the stress of managing children who haven't been at school on a regular basis as well as trying to manage students who are undertaking at-home learning. On top of this, our teachers believe the curriculum is too vague and say they need more concrete detail and direction on what they're what they're actually supposed to be delivering.

Literacy and numeracy rates are dropping every year, not to mention our truancy rates which are now at an appalling 40%. The consistent messaging we're hearing from school visits is that the single biggest factor of success is ensuring children are present at school. A high number of Principals across the country believe there needs to be an expectation that children are at school, and if not, students should expect to receive a knock on the door asking why they aren't there.

It's clear that the Labour government are failing our children. National says we need to be more prescriptive with our school curriculum, providing better resources for teachers that builds their confidence to teach, including implementation of weekly teaching plans to support their development. We also need higher ambitions for attendance. We believe that the government's target to improve regular attendance to 70 per cent by 2024 is not ambitious enough. National believes that every day counts and so we should aspire to every child being present at school, which means we need higher expectations for when they are absent. We also need better teacher training, which includes attracting the best and brightest teachers, but this is challenging when the pay is currently so low. We need better incentives for teachers by remunerating them higher salaries as well as covering the costs of their training.

You can expect to see a strong feature on education in National's election manifesto, which will outline what we want to do and how we want to set our children up for their futures. We will also ensure that we have competent ministers who take accountability instead of making excuses. We need a relentless focus on attendance throughout the education system because we know that education is the strongest tool we have to ensure every child has an equal chance in life to be successful.

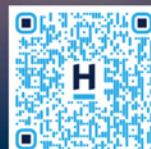
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This event will give a great overview not only of the techniques employed to nurture bees but also costs and time associated with the activity as well as what you will achieve. You will also be offered tips on how to make your garden more "bee friendly".

Our guest presenter is Kim Kneijber who has worked with Bees for over 16 Years, is a member of the Rodney Bee Keeping Club and has a long time association with APINZ.

Kim will cover many facets associated with this fascinating subject including:



- Challenges facing the bee population
- Hive maintenance & positioning
- Equipment required
- Pros & cons of bee keeping
- Rules & compliance issues
- Safety considerations

There will also be a working hive on site plus the centre has now established a "Bee friendly" plant section. You will also be able to explore our 1km Sculpture Garden as well as the 2.5km extended Nature Trail.

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 our Bee friendly plant section).

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Helensville Library and Service Centre news

After last month's happenings, a more-relaxed August will be welcome.

First of all: thank you to all in the community for your support this past month. We know you missed us, on those occasions when we couldn't open. I think 200 books is the most I've checked in after a weekend, and that includes long weekends.

The highlight of my year – and, I hope, the highlight for others! – is the annual Soft Toy Sleepover.



Thank you to all the toy's people, who signed the permission to travel forms, as we had an out-of-area road trip planned – to Auckland War Memorial Museum TāmakiPaenga Hira.

It was hard, dragging ourselves away from Haumanu, an art installation in the Imaginarium – but the wonders of Weird and Wonderful awaited! The toys enjoyed exploring, but we managed to keep track of them all.

We laid a wreath at Pou hi Te Whatu-ā-mahara, carved by Bernard Makaore, who also carved Rei Puta Waewae Tupuna, who lives beside the library door; and at the Bomber Command Memorial. As we are based in the Helensville War Memorial Hall, we felt it important to pay our respects at the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

Then it was a chance to meet Peter the T Rex. He is VERY large! (Almost) all of the toys had their photos taken with Peter (one was a bit too scared). After dinner, we all went back to the library to stay the night.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers – driver Ellen,



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photographer Richard, Nana Kate, and Nora the Tall – everything went swimmingly, and all the toys had a wonderful time.

The next day was nearly as exciting, as the Library was a location for the school holiday rock hunt, organised by local Police. The toys helped me hide the rocks in the library. One of the rocks really made itself scarce and took nearly three hours to find! Well done that family, for their persistence.

Photos from the event are available on our Facebook page: facebook.com/HelensvilleLibraryAndServiceCentre.

We are now advance planning our participation in October's Arts in the Ville Festival.

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.

Anne Coppel

Senior Librarian / Poukōkiri - Children & Youth

Helensville Library and Service Centre



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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 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, meets on the first Friday of the month at Magnify Church, 118 Commercial Road Helensville (around the back of the building, downstairs) All welcome. Contact Bridget at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com 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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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.

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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 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 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

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