

The Helensville Community News

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Ballance Farm Environment Awards success

by Helen Martin



Ross and Eleanore Webber, Supreme Winners

Big congratulations to South Head farmers Ross and Eleanore Webber and to South Head operation Ōtakanini Topū Inc. for their prestigious wins at the Auckland Balance Farm Environment Awards held on the 27 March.

Ross and Eleanore, who run a progressive 195ha beef farm with their son Matthew, were thrilled to come out Supreme Winners, and to also win the Predator Free Farm Award and the Water Force Integrated Management Award. On the podium with Eleanore to receive the Supreme Award, Ross concluded his speech with the heartfelt sentiment "New Zealand is the winner."

Ōtakanini Topū Inc, a 2860-hectare sheep, beef and forestry business owned by multiple stakeholders and masterfully led by Ray Monk, won the Beef and Lamb New Zealand Livestock Award and the Hill Laboratories Agri-Science Award.

On Awards night accolades were also given to Helensville's Gaylene Ashton for her sterling work organising the event.



Dr Stu Brown, Hill Laboratories, presenting an award to Ross and Eleanore Webber.

Council water consultation feedback, due April 19

by Helen Martin

In a significant initiative, Auckland Council Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau has produced the draft document Our Water Future Tātātouwai ahu akenei. It begins "Clean, healthy water is essential to our future. It gives us life, shapes our environment and adds to the beauty of our region. ... As our region continues to grow and change, we need to look after this most precious taonga."

Not all leadership prepares for the long term



Local Board member Brenda Steele is encouraging people to make a submission to the Council.

effects of water pollution, a case in point being President Trump in February 2017 signing a resolution reversing the Obama-era 'stream protection rule', which aimed at blocking coal-mining operations from dumping waste into nearby waterways, so we can be grateful that our civic leaders are thinking about – pardon the pun – the downstream effects of not caring for our precious water, and long term strategies for

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looking after it. Feedback sought in the discussion document is aimed at answering the questions "What are the big water issues we need to tackle?" and "What kind of water future could we create?"

To give locals here a chance to air their views, a meeting organised by the Council and Radio Waatea was held at Te Whare Oranga o Parakai in March. Rodney Board member Brenda Steele, who is keen to see locals have their say, was pleased with the turnout. "The nub of it is that communities all over Auckland are knowledgeable about local issues and they're taking note of their back yards," she says. "They're worried that they can't take their kids for a swim in the local stream and that there is sewerage in the harbours." Bearing in mind that installation of Helensville's sewerage and water supply system happened in 1913, one issue causing problems is that new infrastructure has been going in on top of old under roadways. "We need to work out how to build better infrastructure and manage growth, so everything isn't going down waterways," Brenda says.

Concerns at the March meeting, where "people were very vocal" included: the Council hides behind the Resource Management Act (RMA), resulting in environmental damage; there's potential for lead from Makarau gun club activities to leach into waterways; consents are given for clean fills but they are not then monitored by an independent body; Helensville's existing infrastructure is inadequate; the costs of water connection and waste water charges are too high; the rule forbidding town supply people from installing water tanks is unreasonable; storm water from new developments is going into the Kaipara River and the Kaipara Harbour; there's a lack of monitoring and legislation around protection of our waterways.

Brenda points out that both Helensville and Waimauku, in the practice of the day, have buried rubbish tips on the edge of their towns, which are not being monitored and could still contain toxins capable of leaching into the Kaipara River. "At the meeting it was emphasised that the unwellness of every waterway isn't just about farmers," she explains. "South Kaipara has a huge catchment area, and water going out into our harbour comes from the Waitakeres, to Taupaki, through Kumeu to Helensville. We're dealing with everyone else's paru, including new housing developments and new industrial businesses."

Feedback on Auckland's water future is being accepted through the website www.akhaveyoursay.nz until April 19, so it's not too late to make a submission.



RSA

Commemorating Anzac Day

Thursday April 25th 2019

The Kaipara Memorial RSA invites the people of the district to join us in Commemorating Anzac Day 2019

The format for the day will be as follows:

0550 Dawn Parade Parakai Cenotaph Fall in

0550 this will be followed by a short service at the Helensville Soldiers Cemetery.

0930 Kaukapakapa Service at the Kaukapakapa Memorial
1050 Fall in at Super Liquor for the main parade down Commercial Road followed by a short service outside the Helensville Memorial Hall.

Breakfast, lunch and refreshments will be available at the RSA.

If your organistaion would like to lay a wreath which may be purchased through the RSA please place your order with the RSA before April 20th. If you intend to lay your own wreath please contact the RSA in order to be added to the list.

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Thursday 11 April Gibbs Farm Open Day. PATHS (Parents and Teachers at Helensville School) are currently fundraising for a new senior playground at Helensville Primary School with a trip to Gibbs Farm. Tickets are \$45.00 for adults, 25.00 for a child (5 - 17yrs) and pre-schoolers 4 and under are free with a paying adult. Check out the following link for all information and tickets, through iTicket. <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2019/apr/gibbs-farm-with-paths>

Saturday, 13 April, Waitoki Village Market Day, 8.30am - 12pm Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Road. Relax, Heal and Rejuvenate at this month's market, Local masseuse Rachel is giving soothing massages in a secluded room at the Waitoki market. She proved very popular at the February market so come and see for yourself! Check out the great bargains to be had, pick up baked goods, plants, homemade and preloved bargains, Bric a Brac, preserves, and more. Support your community; proceeds from the Market go back to our local community. New stall holders welcome, contact Gill 420 3301 or email waitokihall@gmail.com, Next Market 8th June.

Saturday, 13 April, All Saints Open Day, 10am - 3pm, Cnr SH 16 & Peak Road, Kaukapakapa. All Welcome. Free handouts of local history, hear organ music of your choice, feel the spirit of our pioneer families, enjoy coffee and refreshments. All Saints Op Shop, sale on now, sorry no Eftpos. All Saints Cemetery, ask about burial & ashes plots held solely for the local families.

Monday, 15 April – Monday, 29 April, School Holidays

Sunday, 21 April, Kaukapakapa Village Market, Kaukapakapa Hall, 8.30am-1pm, Held on the 3rd Sunday of every month all year round. With its friendly people, great atmosphere and a wide 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 entertaining atmosphere and live music. 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. Live music from Foster on the tenor sax, Easter egg hunt, Free Face painting, Kids craft Table from 10am to 12pm. For more information, stall-holder, busker and music enquiries contact Sarah: Phone - 0274 831542 or Email - sarahl@maxnet.co.nz. Eftpos cash out available.

Sunday, 21 April, Kaukapakapa Library 10am to 1pm. Author of "Missing on Kawau", "When Hope went South" and "Unshakable", Christian writer Patricia Snelling pens inspirational romantic suspense and light mysteries. Her stories are based on faith, hope and love and in particular the ability to rise above circumstances and overcome setbacks. For emotional page turners of love, forgiveness and redemption, come along to the library, meet Patricia and feel inspired. For more info contact Megan Paterson 021 959017, threehorses@xtra.co.nz, Kaukapakapa Library Facebook page. Library open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market.

Friday, 19 April, Easter Friday

Monday, 22 April, Easter Monday

Thursday, 25 April, ANZAC Day, Dawn Parade at Parakai Domain 0550, Main Parade and Service 1050 from the corner of Rata Street and Commercial Road.

Saturday, 27 April, Arts and Crafts Day, 10am-3pm, Helensville Museum, 98 Mill Road, Helensville Museum presents an arts and crafts day, focusing on the kinds of crafts pioneers would have done. There will be demonstrations and hands on workshops for people of all ages, young and old, and every workshop creates something you can take away with you. Crafts include: ice candle making, bubble painting, rolled beeswax candles, bead looming, and more. Come down and have a go and see what you can make with simple household materials. There will be a small charge to cover materials on workshops. No bookings required.

Sunday, 28 April, Turning the Tide Fundraiser Walk, 8am – 1pm, Muriwai Surf Club. The Turning The Tide Fundraising Walk is an annual fundraising walk along a 17-kilometre stretch of Muriwai Beach. If you believe your community should and can be free of family violence, then join us and help us #TurnTheTide on family violence in northwest Auckland. Funds raised will help the local women's refuge to run support groups and programmes designed to help both women and men find a way to live without violence. The morning begins at Muriwai Surf Club with a powhiri to welcome all our participants. Buses will then transport walkers to either the Rimmer Road access to begin the 17-km walk, or to the creek for the start of the four-kilometre **Second Wave** walk. At the end of your walk, you will be rewarded with a free BBQ at the Surf Club. We'll also have other food and refreshments available for purchase. For entry go to Eventbrite.co.nz.

Friday, 3 May, Helensville Aglow, 7.30pm at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Rd, Helensville (behind the Hospice Shop). Guest speaker will be Denise Reid from 4 Corners Ministries. All welcome. Contact yvonne@hello.net.nz for more information.

Saturday, 4 May, The Gee Bees, at the Kaipara Memorial RSA. Come along to listen to all your favourite BEE GEE songs. Meals from 6pm Gee Bees play from 7:30 to 10:00.

Tickets from the RSA \$25 pp. This band is very well known and popular so get in quick. All Welcome. Contact the RSA 4208888. Leave a message if no one answers.

HELENSVILLE EASTER SERVICES

South Kaipara Anglican Methodist Churches:
All Saints, Peak Road, Kaukapakapa
and St Matthews, 60 Garfield Road, Helensville

14 April, Palm Sunday, All Saints, Kaukapakapa 9.00am and St Matthews, Helensville 9.30am

15 - 18 April, Holy Week, St Matthews, Helensville 9.30am each morning

18 April, Maundy Thursday, St Matthews, Helensville Evening Service 6.00pm Christian assover Seder Meal, Koha please, RSVP skangmeth@gmail.com with attendance, then 7.00pm Footwashing Service.

19 April, Good Friday, St Matthews, Helensville 9.30am

21 April, Easter Sunday, St Matthews, Helensville 9.30am

St Joseph's Catholic Church, 1 Puriri Street, Helensville

13 April, Saturday - Vigil, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, 6.00pm

18 April, Combined Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30pm

19 April, Good Friday, Passion of the Lord Jesus, 3.00pm

20 April, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 7.30pm

21 April, Easter Sunday, Easter Sunday Mass, 9.00am

St Patrick's Catholic Church, 380 Main Road, Huapai

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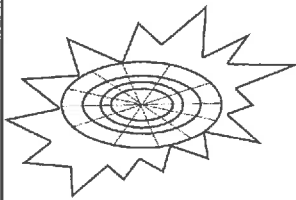
20 April, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 7.30pm

21 April, Easter Sunday, Easter Sunday Mass, 9.00am

Magnify Church, 118 Commercial Road, Helensville

21 April, Easter Family Service - All Welcome, 10.00am

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Terry and Gaye Somers

by Helen Martin

As the brains and the brawn behind popular Kaipara Cruises for over 40 years, owner/operators Terry and Gaye Somers are an integral part of Helensville's cultural landscape.

Water is in their blood. Terry moved with his family from their Motuihe Island farm to Helensville in the 1950s, when he was five, and his father soon established a fishing enterprise on the Kaipara, where catching school sharks was big business. Terry and Gaye met at Parakai hot pools while still at high school—Aucklander Gaye had come up from Westmere for the day - and they've been together ever since. Gaye was from a family that loved the outdoors and fishing off wharves, so throwing in her lot with boat-mad Terry was easy.



Their first version of a boating life was in the 70s, when their two boys, Andrew and Gavin, were babies. They'd go out on Kaipara Harbour, sleep on the boat overnight, and cruise up the

little creeks and rivers in the day, fishing. "We used to love going further a field and meeting up with people from the Dargaville boating club," says Gaye. "They were very interesting to talk to and they had a lot of knowledge of the Kaipara Harbour, which they passed on to us."

In the mid-eighties Terry, with help from novice boat builder Gaye, built the Tawhana in their back yard and the Somers began their career on the water, taking out fishing parties of 12. Four years on they sold Tawhana and, in 1987, bought the 40-foot Tawa and began running Kaipara Harbour and Kaipara River cruises. With large numbers of people signing up for a cruise it wasn't long before Tawa was too small, and in 1990 the Somers bought the Kewpie Too, a Fullers' cream boat working in the Bay of Islands. "We sailed it round Cape Reinga, down the west coast and through the bar," says Terry, "and we've been doing cruises in her ever since."

With Andrew and Gavin following in their parents' footsteps -



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both became Master skippers—the Somers set up a family business in Auckland, Abalone Cruises, which took harbour cruises to Waitemata Gulf islands, including Motuihe and Motutapu, and to Riverhead. For a time, Terry and Gaye worked in Auckland, doing such long hours they'd stay on board between trips.



Eventually, Andrew bought that business and continues to run it as The Red Boats, while Gavin is a former Master for the Sealink Waiheke car ferries and now owns a fishing charter boat in Auckland. Andrew's wife Danielle and their son Sam are also skippers.

With Kewpie Too cruises starting around September/October, there's a four-hour trip every Labour Weekend from Pahi, which goes around to the Ranginui rail bridge, a remote area with a lot of history. Their premium trip, which takes two days and covers 66 nautical miles, is one Terry and Gaye have done hundreds of times and still enjoy. Everyone gets off the boat at Pahi, goes by coach across to Dargaville, stays overnight, then goes back to Helensville on the Kewpie Too the next day.

Every Easter and in the following week there's a cruise down the Port Albert River, into the harbour, across to Tinopai, then around to Batley to look the site of an old mullet cannery and the historic Batley hotel, which was built in 1860s. Then there's 'old faithful', the three-and-a-half-hour river cruise that starts from Parakai, goes to the other side of the river mouth so the expanse of the harbour can be seen, then to the Kaukapakapa River, which is flanked by beautiful virgin native bush. "Just before you get to Punganui there's a very interesting area where a farm has been covenanted into reserve where students and others have been planting natives. It's becoming a very nice-looking wetland," says Terry. Another very popular trip is to Shelly Beach, where Terry takes the Kewpie Too up the Kaipara River then back to the beach, where people can spend a couple of relaxing hours at the café or go for a walk before being taken back to Parakai. They're basically set trips, but Terry and Gaye are happy to accommodate interest groups wanting to go somewhere special.










Maintenance is a big responsibility for Terry, and he's the one who gets to skipper the boat while giving a fact-filled live commentary telling the stories of the rivers. He's proud to know the history of the Kaipara by heart, most of which he's learned from knowledgeable people like Captain Alf Sellars, who used to run the steamers between Helensville and Dargaville in the late 1920s and 30s, and Pat Stanaway, who did many trips on the Kewpie Too in the 1990s. Gaye doesn't commentate, but loves the variety of her roles. As well as helping with boat maintenance jobs like painting, sanding and cleaning bilges, she does the bookings, the marketing and the accounts, and on the cruises is both the hostess and the person who ties and unties the boat at the wharves.

Both agree it's a great way of life, where they are constantly meeting interesting people and making friends from all over the world. Asked about their disaster stories - a boat running aground, say, or someone on board having a heart attack - they can only reply they've had a dream run. "Lots of elderly people and no dramas, with them or the boat." Gaye reminds Terry he's supposed to be semi-retired, but he says he can't imagine a time when he won't be doing cruises. It's in the blood.

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Responding to the Ides of March massacres



Springs Rd gathering. (Photo by Stellanova Photography).

by Helen Martin

Four days after 50 Muslims were murdered and many were injured in the horrific terrorist attack in Christchurch, around 100 Helensville and Parakai locals took part in a gathering at Springs Road wharf to honour the victims and to share our grief. Flowers were thrown into the Kaipara River and, after a song, a prayer and quiet conversation, we drifted away. We probably felt better for having 'done something', but I doubt any of us were better able to make any sense of what had happened. An act like that is beyond comprehension.

In the days that have followed the massacre there has been much talk of the evils of social media, the means by which the

alleged terrorist gained support for his plan from like-minded white supremacists, distributed it in a manifesto and broadcast himself acting on the plan in real time. But we need to remember that, in the hands of good people (no room here to debate that one, you know who you are), social media is a terrific communications tool, our local Facebook pages being a case in point.

It was through these pages that Helensville local Fiona MacBride rallied people for the Springs Road gathering because of "complete outrage", and was grateful for the practical support she found through Facebook - Esra Williams had the idea to use the wharf, Mark Dennis opened up the back paddock for extra parking, Pastor Tim Forlong stepped up and talked through some prayers.

Like the village well and the corner and community hall meetings in pre-internet times these pages also provided, and continue to provide, a local forum for people to share ideas. Our local library has posted some online sites to help people talk to their children about the incomprehensible. Much sorrow has been expressed - "I don't know why, but this hit me hard. And I write this through tears for people I did not know. But for people who should not have been hurt by evil" and "The hurt gets into your heart, your head and the very core of your being. Just so much sadness to process". There has been a lot of comment on the racism in our society—"This has also unfortunately brought out the ugly side in a lot of people. Time to have a good chat with any racist friends or family. There are plenty of casual or closet racists amongst us and it does no good to deny it" and "I want to be aware of the growing power of separatists, but I do not want to

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engage in their arguments.....so if I am quiet it's because I am watching and waiting". There has been encouragement to support others in general - "It's about manaakitanga, kotahitanga & aroha" and the Muslims in our community in particular - "If there are members of the Muslim community in our area who don't feel safe doing your groceries, walking home, waiting for the bus, anything like that, please let us know or PM me and we will organize someone to support you. Stand together."

In Census 2013 (taken before the boundary changes), 54.4% of the large Helensville electorate "stated they had no religion – the highest proportion of any general electorate" while 0.4% (213 people) recorded themselves as Islam/Muslim. Iranian-born Mohammed E Abbassian says there are 10 Iranians living in our small Helensville community. While he has been in New Zealand for 24 years, he and his family have been here for just three. After the Springs Road gathering, he thanked the community on Facebook. On the phone Mohammed tells me, "The people here are friendly and helpful. They are lovely people. I love my Helensville community."

Local man Mike McKeown's Facebook post calling for a united front on racism and religious intolerance - "Time to stand together people. Muslim, Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, agnostic, does not matter. This is not us. This is evil. Let's stay together and be strong. Let us not please let this evil divide us. Evil is evil. No matter what colour, race, creed" – must speak for all of us.



Arts in the Ville organiser Kura Geere-Watson has responded to the massacre with the yarn installation "We are one".

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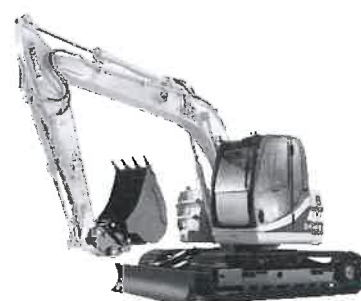
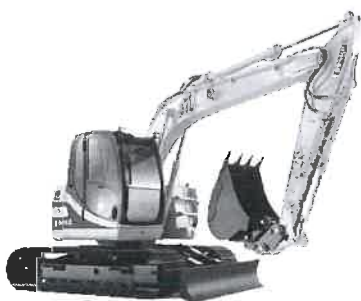
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Helensville Primary School

Swimming

Some photos of our swimming sports for Years 5-8. We had a great day, so many children challenging themselves to complete individual goals from completing a whole length, to make the finals and beating their personal bests. The students have taken part in the intensive GAAP swimming programme with instructors at Parakai Springs. (GAAP) Greater Auckland Aquatic Plan, provides funding towards swimming instructors for our students. Each team has lessons every day for 2 weeks. So the school has been participating for 4 weeks. An intensive programme which gets results quickly. The focus is not only on stroke technique but also survival skills. This is supplemented by teachers also in the pool, teaching more survival skills, water confidence and racing techniques. The students and staff wish to thank them for the amazing expertise and helping our students push themselves out of their comfort zones.



Have a Go Sailing Day

15 lucky Year 7 & 8 Helensville Primary School students took part in the Volvo "Have a Go Sailing Day", in March. The purpose of the day was to experience sailing an optimist yacht and gain water confidence in the ocean. The students learnt how to set up the yacht, sail in pairs, sail solo and even how to capsizes. It was such a popular experience that NZ Sailing is going to offer it again to HPS in Term 4.



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Helensville Art Centre

Two Workshops by the iconic John Perry



Local icon and encyclopedia of knowledge, John Perry, will be running two workshops on Wednesday evenings in April. The first, on April 10th, will be 'The Hand Cut Stencil – but not as you know it!' running 6.30-9.00pm. \$30, booking advised.

The second, on Wednesday 24th from 6.30-9pm is entitled 'Yesterday's Papers' and will be a collage workshop. Also \$30. Booking advised.



The Art Centre, Helensville, Basement to the rear of the War Memorial Hall, 49 Commercial Road.

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Helensville ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

Floral
Art
Club

Our first working club meeting for the year was Thursday 21st March with 16

members and two visitors, who are very keen to join us.

The day was a competition. We were lucky enough to book a judge (Liz Konig) from Floral Art New Zealand for the day. Our title was Over The Side which was deciphered very differently in everyone's minds and the results were amazing. Liz decided the winners and runners up from each category and then finished with a critique on every design, which we all benefited from and learnt what we could have done differently to have an even better result.



At our meeting it was discussed that we would join in with the Art In The Ville, in October of this year, to showcase what the Helensville Floral Art Club do. We will have an exhibition of flower designs and various other exciting displays around the town. Watch this space!!!

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Diversity in age, ability and media mark the Art Kaipara members Exhibitions

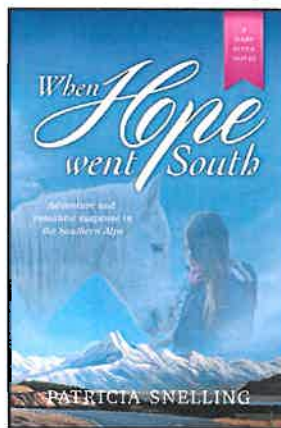
From 72-year-old Agnes Ward to 8-year-old Eli Scott and everyone in between, Art Kaipara membership is open to anyone of any age or ability who works in any media. Works on show in the April Art Kaipara members exhibition range from corrugated works by Jeff Thomson to exquisite resin works by Leda Daniel to incredible portraiture by Jayne Thomas. All members exhibit alongside each other in this truly community-led exhibition. Come and enjoy this diverse exhibition during April at the Helensville Art Centre.



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Avoiding "a trap for fools"

In times of present trouble it can help to reach for wisdom from ages past. I write in the aftermath of terrorist attacks on Christchurch mosques, so hopefully you'll excuse the philosophical tone of my column.

I've always loved Rudyard Kipling's immortal poem, "If":

*If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too"*

*"If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools*

Fellow fans will recall that the poem concludes with a promise that if you, the reader, can do all those things then all the world will be yours.

As I write, MPs are considering what changes could be made to try to ensure that the events of 15 March 2019 are never repeated. While this is perfectly proper, we should recall that events of tragic significance are often the catalyst for

opportunists (Kipling's "knaves") to enlist grief to their own cause.

As your local MP, please know that I'll be exercising my best version of common sense – rather than responding in a kneejerk reaction – when it comes to considering law changes in the realm of firearms, our security and intelligence services and so on. Our noble aims will only be realised if we all approach this task with cool heads. And, as Rudyard Kipling might say, that's a big "If".

Please contact me any time through my electorate office at 365 Main Road (SH16), Huapai, via chris.penkmp@parliament.govt.nz or 09 412 2496.

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Alison McKenzie House to stay

The Helensville District Health Trust has announced Alison McKenzie House, the distinctive art deco building on the corner of Commercial Road and Porter Crescent will not be demolished.

It has been closed since May 2016 when engineers deemed the foundations unsafe.

Since then the Trust has engaged expert advice on the state of the building and considered whether to demolish and build again, or to renovate the iconic building and give it a new lease of life for the next 30 or 50 years.

Health Trust Manager Nicola Keen-Biggelaar says the renovation of the building will require significant investment and the Trust is considering it as part of a bigger master-plan of the entire health campus which includes the Kaipara Medical

Cooking up a love for food

"Indian food is pretty fun to make, but this is my first time having some," said Helensville Primary's Year 6 student Dezyre Phillips-Foreman at her weekly cooking class.

10 students each from Helensville and Parakai Primary Schools have been enjoying lessons with an Around The World theme at the Health Trust's commercial kitchen at Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai.

Chef Keryn Reardon says, "we've been running these classes for a couple of years now and it's amazing seeing the kids' confidence grow and introducing

them to new flavours and ingredients they may not have had before."

This term's Helensville Primary classes have been sponsored by



Superb Herb, with the Parakai students receiving support from the Helensville Lions Club.

Jaimi Walters & Angel Clarke preparing a dough for roti

Centre and the Helensville Birthing Centre.

"We're well aware that this is a big decision, so we're taking our time to ensure whatever decision we make is the right one," says Nicola Keen-Biggelaar.


"While it may not look like much is happening, there is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes and we're grateful for the community's patience and interest in this project."



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Harcourts on the move

by Helen Martin

Helensvillians who've been here a while will remember the Harcourts building was over by the vet's before it was shifted to make way for the new supermarket carpark. Now, we're so used to seeing Harcourts tucked into the other side of the Countdown carpark it'll take a while to get used to seeing it gone. But that's how it's going to be as, with the land and buildings housing Countdown up for sale, the Harcourts building will be moved again, off the site and onto a new life, wherever that may be.

Nicky Horsbrough, The Difference owner/manager

Meanwhile, the real estate business, now under the sole ownership of former co-owner Nicky Horsbrough, has a new name, The Difference, and a new life on the other side of Commercial Road at number 92. Because the new premises, which currently house Mt Tabor Trust Helensville, are yet to be vacated and refurbished, The Difference will have a temporary home at 69D Mill Rd, next to Placemakers.

Nicky expects The Difference to have moved into the Commercial Rd site by June. She says that, while the news about the building's removal was at first disappointing and concerning, she's now excited about starting afresh in new premises with a new name and new sole ownership.

Helensville Still Needs More JP's



Grev Walker JP notes that his earlier plea for aspiring Justices of the Peace has secured firm applications from two Helensville residents, BUT at least three or four are required to meet the increased demands of an expanding community. He asks...."have you got what it takes?"

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On a more upbeat note, April means the school holidays. These holidays are Weird, Wild and Wonderful! Throughout the holiday period (Monday 15 April to Saturday 27

April) we will have a 'How do you measure up?' animal facts scavenger hunt, and activities to do in the library or take away.

We also have three events:

Tuesday 16 April, 3pm to 4pm: Weird Science. The return of our ever-popular kitchen science experiments

Thursday 18 April, 3pm to 4pm: Wild Wardrobes. Create some wacky looks in real life, or a fashion show online with apps

Tuesday 23 April, 3pm to 4pm: Wonderful Wildlife. Explore the world of animals and create your own creature.

Anne Coppel

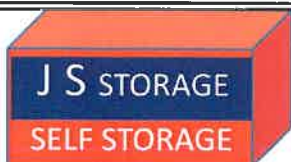
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If you want to come along in your bunny suit, or other seasonal dress, you won't be alone.

Apart from having access to the kids' playground, picnic and petanque areas, you will be able to stroll around the beautiful 1Km nature trail, which has on display over 40 marvellous new sculptures created by local and international artists for our 2019 exhibition. *

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Combustion Youth: Friday, 7.30-9pm, Magnify, 118 Commercial Rd, Helensville. For young people, 13-18yrs. Contact Armand Claassens 021-077-5312.

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Diabetics & 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.

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Mechanical Repairs	Helensville Mechanical Services	420-8177
Mechanical Repairs	McLeod Motors	420-8633
Motorcycle Repairs	Helensville Motorcycle Services	420-7754
Mower Repairs & Sales	Lifestyle Mowing Machinery	0274-955-948
MP-Elect	Chris Penk	021-0230-6106
Optometrists	Sally Houghton	420-8844/027-295-7702
Osteopath	Osteopathic Natural Health	420-7867
Painters	Stroke of Genius - Keri	021-701-061
Panel Beater	Helensville Automotive	420-6050
Pet Food	Te Pua Garden Place - Avon Aspden	420-8383
Picture Framing	The Picture Framing Company	0800-372-633
Plant Centre	Kaipara Coast Plant Centre	420-5655
Plumbers	KPL Ltd	420-9108
Podiatrist	Lynley McDonald	0274-828-683
Pumps	Mid West Pumps	420-7694
Real Estate	B&T - Doug & Kerry King	420-6090
Real Estate	B&T - Rene Vos	027-275-4321
Real Estate	B&T - Eveline Vos	021-353-009
Real Estate	Prestige - Jana Mills	021-509-990/420-9953
Reiki Healers	The Healing Heart of Helensville	420-9098
Shower Installation		
	Guaranteed Shower Installations Ltd	0800-466-5327/420-8777
Storage	JS Storage Helensville	420-9991
Takeaways	Kaipara Fresh Fish & Takeaway	420-7190
Takeaways	Shark n Tatties	420-5062
Typesetting/Photocopying	Huapai Copy & Print	09-412-8882
Tyre Specialists	Bridgestone Helensville	420-7385
Unwanted Vehicle	Get Cash	0800-505-099/021-293-342
Venue Hire	Kaipara Memorial RSA	420-8888
Windscreen Repairs	Bullseye Windscreen Repairs	027-605-4630
Your Local Business Book	yourlocalbusinessbook@gmail.com	



The Turning The Tide Fundraising Walk is an annual fundraising walk along a 17-kilometre stretch of Muriwai Beach. 2019 Fundraising walk will be held on Sunday 28 April, 8am - 1pm. If you believe your community should and can be free of family violence, then join us and help us #TurnTheTide on family violence in northwest Auckland. Funds raised will help the local women's refuge to run support groups and programmes designed to help both women and men find a way to live without violence. The morning begins at Muriwai Surf Club with a powhiri to



welcome all our participants. Buses will then transport walkers to either the Rimmer Road access to begin the 17-km walk, or to the creek for the start of the four-kilometre **Second Wave** walk. At the end of your walk, you will be rewarded with a free BBQ at the Surf Club. We'll also have other food and refreshments available for purchase. Entry at www.eventbrite.co.nz