

The Helensville Community News

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Arts in the Ville treasures

by Helen Martin

Arts in the Ville has grown from 22 artists in the first year to 76 this year, with 26 venues booked. The festival continues to have excellent support from North West District Business Association and the local Rodney Board. A generous donation from Burmester Realty has allowed organisers to pay for advertising for the first time.

In excellent news, this Labour Weekend arts festival is the setting for another treasure hunt. You'll remember the excitement of last year's, when the prospect of the prize of a beautiful Jeff Thomson sculpture spurred so many to take part. In that competition, punters found red painted corrugated iron alphabet letters around town. The event is the Art Centre's contribution to Arts in the Ville, and this year the theme is art-inspired-by-music. The prize will again be a Jeff Thomson artwork.

Jeff has two Art Centre hats, as an Art Kaipara Board member and as a contributing artist. Wearing the second hat he ran a hands-on workshop for Art Kaipara members, helped by his worker Alan and others, the result of which produced a range of work from paintings to relief work to 3D sculpture.

These pieces are scheduled to appear, along with other music-themed works, in an Art Centre exhibition open for three weeks before the Arts in the Ville festival. This exhibition is open to anyone with a \$5.00 entry for each artwork. A3 images of these works will form the basis of the treasure hunt. "There will be around 26 pieces. Some will be printed on aluminium, some will be nailed to trees or the sides of buildings, or tied to lampposts, whatever," says Jeff. "They will survive beautifully outside."

In other Arts in the Ville treasures, flash new flags will point the way to exhibition sites, Helensville Community Recycling Centre is co-ordinating another of its popular upcycling exhibitions, which this year will be at the Men's Centre beside Jeff Thomson's studio in Awaroa Road, and there will be face painting, sure to be a favourite with the kids.

Check out Arts in the Ville's Facebook site, web page and blog for more on this much-anticipated event.

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This year's treasure hunt prize is a Jeff Thomson kete.

Christmas Parade Survives

Helensville's Christmas Parade was in danger of cancellation, but thanks to the efforts of a few, funds have been raised to see it through this year. But ongoing – future years?

The real issue is lack of a local Helensville business association. The first parade was in 1959, when a business association was formed. Across all the years the business community oversaw the organising and funding of the event.

In 2013 the association was absorbed into what is now North West Country Business Improvement District (BID). This includes all commercially zoned properties (owners and tenants) through Riverhead, Kumeu, Huapai, Waimauku, Helensville,

Parakai and Kaukapakapa. It does not include Woodhill or Muriwai and many of the wineries/hospitality providers, yet the tourism promotional spend favours those operators. Also excluded from full membership benefits are home based businesses and any businesses located on non-commercially zoned property.

Under the BID, properties are subject to a targeted rate – BID levy – minimum \$250, with some properties charged \$1,000's. This is compulsory, yet membership is only formalised by completing paperwork which many 'members' are not aware of.

Around \$60,000 is extracted from Helensville (including Parakai and

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Kaukapakapa) in BID levies. Some of this in fact goes straight into Auckland Council coffers. The BID is 'controlled' by Auckland Council, with Rodney Local Board having an integral role. Yet the deputy chair of the local board is also the BID manager, paid \$85,000 annually. Conflict of interest? Almost half of the \$180,000 in levies passed to the BID annually goes on management/administration.

What does Helensville get out of this? \$60,000 worth? If we were able to return to having our own locally focussed business association, we could do so much. 100 members at \$100 membership each would provide for the Christmas Parade, light pole flags?, Christmas lights?, etc. And businesses would have the current compulsory levy to spend as they choose to improve their business.

Helensville business — we need our own local voice.

Bee Box Auction Creates a Buzz



On Wednesday 14th August the annual Bee Box Auction was held between PATHS (Parents and Teachers at Helensville Primary School) and the Rodney Beekeepers Club. It was held at the Kaipara Cruising Club in Helensville on Bee Club night. An incredible \$1272.00 was raised on the evening with all proceeds going towards building a new senior playground at the school.

The Rodney Beekeepers Club donated the bee boxes and a colouring competition was held at the school. The four winning designs across the school were then painted by the students to auction off. The creative artists were Georgie Collinge-Coker, Lachlan Vesey, Dorothy Pinnell and Lilee Allen.



The student artists and families, Rodney Beekeeper Club members and local beekeepers attended the auction night. All had a fun night. This is the second year we have run this fundraiser and PATHS

would like to say a big thank you to Rodney Beekeepers Club for their continued support.

What's happening this month



Friday, 4 October, WOF Health Check day, Countdown Helensville 10.30 – 12.30, Come and have a free 'WOF Health Check' on 4 October from 10.30 - 2.30 at the Countdown car park. Health agencies will be there to share information about the health and wellbeing supports available to you. Up to 10 trucks, vans and caravans will be present and there'll on-the-spot tests available, such as blood-pressure and a non-fasting blood sugar test for diabetes. No appointments needed. Nau mai Haere mai!

Friday, 4 October, Helensville Aglow 7.30pm at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Rd, Helensville (behind the Hospice Shop). Guest speaker will be Ali Leasuasu from Superfire Ministries. All welcome. Contact Bridget at bibsundgren@outlook.com for more information

Sunday, 5 October, Pet Blessing, 9.30am St Matthews Church, All pets will have the opportunity to receive a Blessing from our Minister. Pets must be brought in carriers or on leashes or leads. Service is Rain or Shine. Donations on the day of pet food and money will be given to Gutter Kitties and the Saving Hope Foundation.

Saturday, 12 October, Helensville Lions Club Community Spring Fair 9am - 2pm, held in War Memorial Hall. Lions are selling table space (\$12) at this one-off Market for any family or community group who have goods or produce to sell. So, if you're planning to de-clutter, or have produce or craft items ... or know someone who does ... get in touch (phone: 027 2054044) or contact Helensville Lions at helensvillebooks@gmail.com for full details! Put the date in your diary (its the last Saturday of the school holidays) and come along, there will be music, raffles and sausage sizzle, too, for your entertainment! Please spread the word.

Saturday, 12 October, Waitoki Village Market Day, 8.30 till noon, Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd. Want to know more about how to Felt come and talk to Lisa at the next Waitoki Market. She'll have wool for sale and felted accessories on display, and can tell you about the wool qualities of different sheep breeds and the difference they make to your felt project.

Come and meet her and other locals at the next Waitoki Market, chat, catch up with neighbours, find out what is going on in your community, get involved in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, have a massage, pick up baked goods, plants, essential oils, locally crafted gifts, 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 14 December, 8 February, 11 April, 13 June.

Wednesday, 20 October, Helensville Women & Family Centre AGM, 104 Commercial Road, Helensville, Morning Tea will be provided, RSAP to nelene@hwfc.co.nz

Sunday, 20 October, 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 Mike Lee, Free Face painting, Halloween craft Table from 10am to 12pm. For more information, stall-holder, busker and music enquiries contact Sarah: Phone - 0274 831542 or Email - sarah1@maxnet.co.nz. Eftpos cash out available.

Sunday, 20 October, Kaukapakapa Library 10am – 1pm, Tuatara Encounters See you there! For more info contact Megan 021 959017 or threehorses@xtra.co.nz

Thursday, 24 to Sunday, 27 October 2019, Kaipara College 60th year Reunion, For more information or to register go to www.kaipara.school.nz/about-us/kaipara-college-alumni

Saturday, Labour Weekend 26 to Monday 28 October 2019, 5th Annual Arts in the Ville, Helensville Township 10am – 4pm, Open Studios & Pop up shops, Treasure Hunt All weekend! Closes 4pm Monday, Entry forms available from Art Centre & Meeting room, Hat Walk Sunday 27th Helensville War Memorial Hall at 4.30pm.

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Saturday, 23 November & Sunday, 24 November, Antique & Collectors Fair, from 10am, Kumeu Community Hall, A Quality antique and collectibles fair (proudly supporting the community). All items for sale including quality antique furniture, vintage tools, quality china, linen, crystal, art, glass & silver, clocks, books, jewellery (vintage/modern), collectibles, sterling silver, and much more. A quality antique fair not to be missed. All items are for sale. Admission ticket is valid for 2 days. Any inquiries please contact Diane 021609399 or Nick 0274430018. Eftpos is available. Gold coin donation. all donations for Alzheimer's Auckland. Accompanied children - free.

Sunday, 24 November, Generation Homes Shine n D'Ville, at the Helensville Museum, 98 Mill Road, Helensville. Gates open at 9.30, Judging starts at 11.00, Prize giving at 1pm Classic Cars, Hot-rods, etc. Proceeds go to the Helensville Museum. \$5 per car & driver. Gold coin entry for spectators.Prizes / trophies. There will also be a small auction of donated goods just before prize giving at 1pm.



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Melody sings with Don

by Helen Martin

In September, Year 13 Kaipara College singer/songwriter Melody Gray-Hohepa (Ngāti Whatua, Ngāti Kahungunu) joined over 200 high school-aged singers and well-known local musicians performing in a concert at Vodafone Events Centre, Mangere. Held to raise money for Play It Strange, a trust providing pathways for young songwriters to record and perform their songs, the concert was attended by rock music legends Sir Bob Geldof and Mick Fleetwood, who selected the songs performed from among their favourites.



Melody's selection to perform two pieces with acclaimed NZ musician Don McGlashan came on the back of her winning the Junior Maioha Award for Best Song in Te Reo Māori at this year's Play It Strange Lion Foundation Songwriting Competition. The concert experience began with rehearsals in the previous week, where Melody, Don and the band brought together for the gig spent time practising The Rolling Stones' 'Wild Horses' and The Kinks' 'Waterloo Sunset'. Melody, who normally finds the harmony herself when she's learning a song, says it was great being guided by a professional. "At first I was quite nervous, but when Don started breaking the song down, I thought, Oh, it's just another person who likes music."

The day of the concert began with a Q&A, held at Neil Finn's Roundhead Studios and organised by former Split Enz member and Play it Strange CEO Mike Chunn, where NZ artists Anna Coddington and Kings, followed by Geldof and Fleetwood, talked candidly with 15 invited student songwriters. Melody was particularly impressed by Geldof's strong presence and by the fact that he wanted to know about the students. "I was too scared to ask Bob Geldof a question, but most of the time he was asking us questions – Why are you doing music? Who do you write for? What do you write for? If you want it, why aren't you going after it? - and it gave me a lot to think about as a musician."

Melody has always been a singer and has taken a leading role at Kaipara College in many concerts and national competitions. Always interested in Te Ao Māori (the Māori world view) and Te Reo Māori, she began writing songs when she joined the music option at Kaipara College in Year 10. "Pamamae, the song that won the Junior Maioha Award, is about suicide, and trying to prevent it. I don't like writing songs about love or generic pop songs, almost all my songs are written as observations about social issues and life struggles," she says.

Before the concert, McGlashan had Melody and the rest of the band play a clapping game to focus them on the task ahead. "It was really cool. Mostly I sing by myself, so being part of all that, and performing with Don, was amazing. The audience loved it too. When we finished, people screamed out for an encore."

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Kaipara College reunion: there will be stories

by Helen Martin

School reunions are all about people getting together and sharing memories and no doubt when people gather for the Kaipara College reunion this Labour Weekend many reminiscences will be about the school's role as a crucible for life partnerships.

Judith and Norm Greenall



Judith (third along, 2nd row) and Norm (right end of 2nd row in 3A at Helensville District High, 1954.

Norm Greenall's grandparents William and Jane arrived in Kaukapakapa from Scotland in 1922 and took over Drinnan's Store, which later became Norm's family home. Norm was born at Malolo House in 1941, Judith was born there 17 days later (her father, Arnold Kessell White, was also born there). She lived in a two storied villa in Captain Street, Helensville. As a child her best friend was Jaqueline Keane, whose parents owned the popular boarding establishment, Hinemoa House.

From 1954 to 1957, Judith and Norm were classmates at Helensville District High, which had opened in 1924. By 1954 there were around 200 pupils, remembered by Judith as 'rather like an over-large family'. Mr Russell was Headmaster of both Helensville Primary and District High. They both loved going to school, where Judith studied Commercial subjects and Norm studied what was then known as 'Academic' and enjoyed the sport. Norm's memories of school include getting the strap from the art teacher every Friday 'in case I upset him the following week' and moving teachers' cars onto the tennis court. "I got six of the best for that," he says.

After leaving school Judith became a shorthand typist, married and had two daughters. Norm 'ran away and joined the Navy' where, among other adventures, he was sent to the Antarctic to help rebuild Scott's hut, married and had two sons. The pair came together when, both now 71 and single, they met again at a class reunion Judith had organised. She tells the story of a speech she gave at the next reunion. "There is a rumour going around that Judith White and Norman Greenall have been seen getting up to mischief in the shelter sheds at school. Well, it's true." Having later become engaged at a 3rd form class reunion, they married two years ago, when they were 76. Now living in Orewa, Judith and Norm keep in touch with their roots volunteering at Helensville Museum. With such long association with the area they're looking forward to catching up with old friends at the Kaipara College reunion.

Janet and Graeme McLeod



Janet and Graeme McLeod.

Reunion organising committee members and former Kaipara College students Janet and Graeme McLeod are also looking forward to the Labour Weekend event. Graeme McLeod, who was born in Malolo House in 1951, has solid connections with Helensville as a great-great-great grandson of Isaac and Janet McLeod who, with Isaac's brother John and his wife Helen, emigrated from Nova Scotia in 1861 and later were the first Europeans to settle in Te Awaroa, which John later renamed 'Helensville' after his wife.

Janet Hawley, who came with her family to live in Helensville when she was eight, went to Helensville Primary, where Graeme McLeod's family was her first teacher. In the 3rd form at Kaipara College in 1969, her friendship with Graeme's sister Raewyn resulted in her staying at the South Head McLeod home, which had been built by Graeme's grandfather Vivian McLeod. Janet recalls it wasn't until she was in the 5th form and after Graeme's return from a year as an American Field Scholar that they first went out together. Their first date was at Hinemoa House, where Janet waitressed before and after school.

Graeme and Janet remember hanging out in Commercial Rd milk bars and the rugby club in the weekend. Often there would be rugby club dances with live bands at the War Memorial Hall. At school they both enjoyed the academic work and the sport. Janet has strong memories of school uniform hassles – in the days of the miniskirt the regulation gym frock length was hard to take – and they both remember many of their teachers, particularly physics teacher Brian Dunphy, who would invite students home to socialise with him and his family, and Head of English Joan Ruzich, who took Graeme and Janet (who was underage) to see Clockwork Orange, and later asked Graeme and his cousin Helen to be her son David's godparents.

After marrying when Graeme was 24 and Janet was 20, the couple, after returning from a two-year OE, moved to the South Head McLeod family home, running the farm and raising three daughters. For the last 23 years Graeme has been working in real estate. Janet, after pursuing a career in finance, is now an arts therapist working from the Helensville Women and Family Centre.

They're both looking forward to catching up with people they haven't seen for a long time and hoping to see a lot of people from their year groups, particularly at the big party on the Saturday night.

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Helensville Art Centre

Making Music

Enjoy the Music Inspired Exhibition tying in with New Zealand's Music Therapy Week at the Helensville Art Centre, opening Friday 4th October 6-8pm, all welcome! Exhibition runs until October 28th and is open all Labour Weekend during 'Arts in the 'Ville'. There will be a wide selection of media and materials within this exhibition including several works created at a workshop with Jeff Thomson run for Art Kaipara Members on Saturday 14th September at Jeff's Helensville Studio.

Bronwyn Conlogue created a Drum, Angie Bickerstaff created a piece based on a musical stave. Helene Blomfield created a piece based on a treble clef, Julie Buswell created this piece based around the bass clef, Jeff Thomson & Peter Borthwick worked on Peter's Gasoline Alley Blues, which Peter hopes will even be playable!



Pauline Denton, with heaps of input from husband Andrew, created this 'Treble Bass', based on a treble clef crossed with a double bass

Opportunity to drum at a percussion & drumming Workshop, held over Labour Weekend with Retts Van Dam. Just \$5 Saturday 26th October 11am-12. Booking preferred but some drop-in spaces may be available on the day.

Movie Premiere



The culmination of a 3-day film making workshop with international short film-maker Hank Snell at 3.30pm Friday 11th. All are welcome to attend and see what a group of 8-14 year olds have created during the three day workshop where they will have learnt all the skills

needed to create a short film. This workshop will run Wednesday-Friday October 9th-11th and cost is just \$110.



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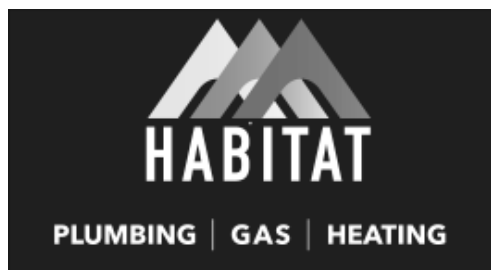
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Both clients were overwhelmingly relieved in having the debt removed so that the extra money could pay for other family needs.

Other clients have also been helped by our CAB in communicating with creditors to refinance over a longer period or reduce the amount owing to a win-win for both parties.

In some cases it can take several weeks to achieve a satisfactory outcome but our CAB's budget advisers can assist right through the process.

For one client the CAB worked for 8 months to reach a burden-lifting conclusion.

The free and confidential service is available for those needing to manage their debt or understand their finances and repayments.

Our budget advisers can also help with employment issues. This ranges from assisting employers who do not know what to put into an employment contract or employees who don't understand their contract or the pitfalls of not having a contract.

Our Citizens Advice Bureau has achieved another major success- gaining a highly commended accolade in the prestigious North West Business awards.

Our coverage area includes Kumeu to Wellsford and we are always looking for volunteers to make a difference in helping people with confidential, independent information and advice.

If you have financial worries or employment concerns, book for an appointment on 09 420 7162 or email: cab.helnv@xtra.co.nz or go to <https://www.cab.org.nz/> for our national website.

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Kaipara Deer Farmers anniversary

by Helen Martin

In the first week of September, many of those associated with Kaipara Deer Farmers over the years gathered at South Head Golf Club to celebrate the association's 40th anniversary. The evening began as it meant to continue, with Chair Ian Bristow opening proceedings by encouraging anyone with a story to share it, "and if you haven't got a tale to tell, make one up."

It was an evening of celebration, as the history of deer farming in the area was recalled and members who have now passed away were remembered.

The first Chair, Colin Wilson, whose life as a deer farmer on Inland Road began when he bought 10 deer as a tax write-off, told of how the initial meeting, which was held at South Head Golf Club in October 1978, attracted 50 interested farmers.

Founding member Dave Chisholm and Les Comer talked about the early days and Roy Monk was remembered as the first South Head deer farmer. In amongst the hilarity and the tall tales there were a few tears as speakers talked about the challenges and triumphs of pioneering a new industry and the colourful people who had made it happen.



Founding Chair Colin Wilson (left) and current Chair Ian Bristow at the Kaipara Deer Farmers 40th anniversary reunion.

Rugby tournament to be held in Helensville



On November 2nd the annual North Harbour 7s tournament will be hosted by Helensville Rugby Club, where teams will play for the title of North Harbour 7s champions. Team numbers are not yet confirmed, but last year there were 4-5 women's teams and around 10 men's teams.

The Helensville women's 7's team won in 2018, after not having a team in the competition for nearly 20 years. This year, Helensville will field a women's team, a men's team and an under 21 side at the tournament. The women's team will have many of last year's champions with a few new local faces. The men's team will have players from our local premier men's team and under-21s will be players from Kaipara College.

It will be an awesome day, with Helensville teams playing at home and a chance for the community to come down and support their local rugby teams.

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From Penk's Pen

Let's Not Bank on Good Times Forever

I always say that New Zealand is the best little country in the word and the Helensville electorate is the best within it. And I hope you feel the same!

If we're going to maintain a high standard of living, though, none of us can afford to be complacent.

I love a good "conversation" about wellbeing as much as the next person (unless the next person is Jacinda Ardern, because no one loves talking about it as much as she does) but there's more to public policy than that.

First and foremost, ensuring a strong economy means good jobs and the societal benefits brought by Kiwis who are able to work doing just that. It's well established that contributing to the community through employment is good for individuals' sense of self-worth, as well as the wider good.

Of course a strong economy also means an ability to provide better infrastructure, lower the cost of daily living and enables us to buy the kind of healthcare and education that we rightly expect. Our hospitals and schools are built on the backs of the hardworking Kiwis like you.

When writing a local column I usually focus on local issues but this time around thought I'd venture a slightly more political perspective.

If you've seen the latest statistics for GDP growth then you'll know that things have been slowing considerably. And the picture is the same for manufacturing, with stuttering stats in that sector too. An area of particular concern for Auckland's northwest can be found in the challenges of a squeezed seasonal migration market: this makes life very hard for our horticulture businesses, including strawberry growers and various orchards.

The country isn't quite in recession just yet but the downward trend on many fronts is ominous. Based on the anecdotal data of my many chats with locals, along with the official numbers, I'm calling it a "precession". I'd love to be proven wrong about where it's all headed but we shall see.

Please call my office (09 412 2496) or email (chris.penkmp@parliament.govt.nz) to discuss any matters of local or national interest.

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Joe Donohue

August 1948 - September 2019

Local identity Thomas John Naughton Donohue, known to everyone as Joe, was born in a little house behind the Power Board building in Helensville. When Joe's father won a ballot farm at South Head the family, including Joe, his sister Helen and their parents Paddy and Heather, moved there to a dairy farm. At the funeral Helen recalled an amazing childhood, with plenty of parties, dances, dress-up balls and card nights in community-spirited South Head. Summers were spent swimming in Lake Ototoa (now called Rototoa) and water skiing at Honeymoon Bay.




When he was 10 Joe began playing badminton and he and Helen became a formidable mixed doubles combination. Helen remembered that every week Bully and Edna Menzies would pile all the kids into their car and take them to play at Kumeu. Joe was a very good sportsman, also excelling at snooker, cricket and golf. At Waioneke school Joe and Helen were lucky to have Mr and Mrs Shanks as their teachers. On leaving school he moved to Auckland, then returned to his birthplace.

In 1975 he met Kath and her sons and together they had daughter Kim. He later married Marlene and was stepfather to her 9 children. His stepson spoke at the funeral, remembering him fondly as a good stepfather. He has two grandchildren, Alex and Aria.

Joe was generous and a hard worker, but not good with money. Helen said "In those days Mother bought him a fish and chip shop in Helensville and a boat, which was never used as he didn't have his skipper's licence. The mind boggles to think of Joe in charge of a fishing boat. He then bought a farm in Kaukapakapa – the less said about that, the better."

Stories told at Joe's funeral included that, as a curious child he would hop into the backseat of cars in the carpark and, on at least one occasion, had been driven to Orewa before he woke up and made his presence known. Helen remembered the numerous occasions she and Joe would hide calves in the back paddock in the hope that they wouldn't be found and taken to the works in the morning. "You can just imagine the war that occurred when the truck arrived," she said. "I wish there had been no smacking law in those days."

Helen also noted "How either of us survived our teenage years was a miracle, as Joe's driving left a lot to be desired." This was borne out by stories from Joe's long-time friend and co-conspirator Ted Phillips and others, like the time, worse for wear, he drove a VW up a tree, and the time he parked his car on a bowling green. Ted was very good to him when he became incapacitated and had to go into care. Locals will remember seeing Joe about town on his mobility scooter. Helen noted that for the past few years, as a result of not managing his diabetes, he lived in Craigweil House and that, because of his deteriorating health, his death was a happy release for him.



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In support of the opening of our new "Veggie" section our resident specialist David Bayly will be available to answer any questions you may have concerning all aspects of planning, planting and maintaining a successful vegetable garden.

David will be available in the new vegetable plant area between 0930 and 1030 on Saturday 26th October and access to his words of wisdom will be free of charge (other staff will be available over the weekend too).

On Labour weekend we are also part of the Helensville "Arts in the Ville" event. Consequently we are offering a half price admission charge to our beautiful Sculpture Gardens. The 2020 Sculpture Garden exhibition opens in December 2019, so make use of this final opportunity to have a look at the 2019 exhibition.

"Arts in the Ville" is a celebration of local artists from around the Helensville area.

This event is spread across a number of venues and will give you the opportunity to not only view various works of art but also meet the artists responsible for them. For more information please go to:

<https://ouraukland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/articles/events/2019/10/arts-in-the-ville/>

The Kaipara Coast Sculpture Gardens 2019 Exhibition consists of over 40 marvellous sculptures created by both local and International artists and is spread along a superb 1Km nature trail which meanders through the idyllic Kaipara countryside.*

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

Circle of Friends: Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm River Valley Church, Fordyce Road, Parakai. \$4 includes a raffle, membership \$10 (covers the cost of trips) Play Bingo, Trips in warmer weather, shared lunch, Contact Joan 021 029 51753.

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

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

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.

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.

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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 420-8246.

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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.

Noah's Ark Playgroup - Playgroup for caregivers and for toddlers under 5. Meets every Wednesday during school term from 9:30-12pm at Magnify, 118 Commercial Rd, Helensville. Contact Kim Duncan 420-8911

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The Lions Roar

Here, in "The Lions Roar", we will keep you up to date with activities of The Lions Club of Helensville.

We hope you are enjoying the Exercise Trail and Walkway at Rautawhiri Park and the Riverside Walkway, where we have recently planted hundreds of trees and shrubs.

Our International Lions Foundation are sending aid to the stricken people following Hurricane Dorian - we contribute to that Fund.

We have paid for a Defibrillator to be installed outside the Tennis Club, Rautiwhiri Park.

We hope you visited our table at the recent Tennis Club Open Day and on October 12th you can also learn more about Lions at our Spring Fair in the Community Hall. Look out for the posters to see the many activities you can enjoy.

We continue to attend the monthly Kaukapakapa Market, with our BBQ Trailer and Book sales.

We look forward to meeting you all.



October happenings at Helensville Library

October is book-ended with activities for the library.

The beginning of the month is the school holidays – with the theme 'Top Secret'.

Throughout the holidays we will have an I-Spy Shadow Box hunt.

Our holiday events are:

Tuesday 1 October, 3pm to 3.30pm: It's a puzzle

Thursday 3 October, 3pm to 3.30pm: Bee-friendly seed-bombs

Tuesday 8 October, 3pm to 3.30pm: Message in a bracelet

Thursday 10 October, 3pm to 3.30pm: History of Helensville Library

More details are available from the library, and from our Facebook page: facebook.com/HelensvilleLibrary

At the end of the month, Helensville Library will be supporting Arts in the Ville and will be open throughout the entirety of the event – including Sunday and Monday of Labour Weekend. We will have art and craft from staff on display. Some customers are providing their own work for us to display.