

The Helensville Community News

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Get Our Kids to School Safely! *by Louise Clunie*

Due to an expanding population in our area, the school roles have increased dramatically. As a direct result, there is no longer room on the school buses for hundreds of local pupils who rely on this service.

The Ministry of Education's criteria state that to be eligible, students from years 1-8 must live at least 3.2km from the school, and year 9-13 must live at least 4.8km away from the school. Until now, students have been picked up regardless of eligibility if their safety has been threatened. They can no longer do this due to the legal capacity of the buses being reached.

The Ministry does not distinguish between rural and urban roads; as a result many students are now expected to walk along the main highway. There are no footpaths or grass verges and traffic travels up to 100km per hour.

There are some students who have access to public transport. However, with the increase of students trying to catch these



buses, there is no longer room and children are being left behind on the roadside.

This comes at a time when the government is trying to discourage the use

of cars due to pollution and global warming. It seems odd that the Ministry of Education is so out of step with the rest of Government.

When contacted, the Ministry of Education state that "the school transport system was established to help families overcome barriers to education". They then go on to say that "At this time, the Government and the Ministry are not looking to amend the distance criteria for school transport assistance". They will not even look at the safety issues these families are facing.

Extra funding needs to be provided to help these students arrive at school safely, otherwise it won't be long before there is an accident and a child will be killed on our highways.

I have set up a Facebook Group for concerned local parents so we can all work together to find a solution to this issue. Please join up so you can keep updated. Louise Clunie: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2722682851133295/>

Love local, get vocal and shape your local board plan

Aucklanders are invited to shape the future of their communities, as local boards kick off engagement for their three year plans.

The first round of engagement on the plans is a chance to submit ideas for the areas you live, work and visit, and will run until the end of March.

People can do that via a new online tool, which is now live.

"In June, we will be calling for people's formal feedback on draft local board plans, but first we want the community's input so our teams will be out and about across the region over the next few months doing just that," says Louise Mason, General Manager Local Board Services at Auckland Council.

She says communities have told us they want to be engaged earlier in the process.

Love local, get vocal

You can show your love for your local community by getting vocal and going to akhaveyoursay.co.nz/lovelocal to post an idea, or details about local opportunities to talk with your local board, the current local board plan and other background information.

About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic, three-year plans. The consultation enables local boards to identify and prioritise the key outcomes, initiatives and projects that are of most value to their communities.

This information will be considered as each of the 21 local boards draft their plans for the 2020-2023 period, for publication at the end of this year.

They will include focus areas or

outcomes for the local boards to concentrate on, such as transport, the environment, diversity, working with mana whenua, local economic development, climate issues and ensuring local community facilities, parks etc meet the needs of their communities.

About local boards

Local boards provide governance at the local level within Auckland Council. They enable democratic decision-making by, and on behalf of communities within the local board area.

There are 21 local boards with between five and nine members elected to each board (149 local board members in total).

Local boards are charged with decision-making on local issues, activities and services, and provide input into regional strategies, policies, plans and decisions.

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The Big Dry

by Helen Martin

While people are dealing with devastating floods down south, Niwa recorded the longest dry spell in the north on record - 40 days without rain - on Saturday 15 February. Those living in Helensville's township are on town supply, which uses bore water pumped into reservoirs, and are so far affected only in that they need to be mindful of how much water they use.

According to a report by Rodney Boar Chair Phelan Pirrie there is currently "no shortage of water for the main Auckland urban

supply ... and Watercare has not had to impose the bans seen in the past because it has ensured a robust storage network." Bore water are also the main water source for cattle farmers but, without rain for feed, many are having to buy in extra feed and, in some cases, sell some of their animals.

For those of us who live further out and rely on tank water things can get pretty dire during what's being called this 'severe meteorological drought' - I know of one woman who's spent the last six weeks staying in town because her tanks are dry and the water carriers haven't been able to get to her yet. Phelan explains "There is an issue with how quickly carriers have been able to deliver because the demand suddenly spiked for filling station supply as water carriers started working later and later. It affected the aquifers' ability to fill the reservoirs quickly enough to maintain water pressure for fire hydrants. Because there is normally negligible use overnight the steady flow of the bore supply topped the reservoirs off, however with tankers drawing off water until late at night this wasn't able to happen. In response to the drop in pressure on water mains Watercare limited or shut off flow to these to filling stations which slowed down the speed that carriers could deliver water." While people have been saying that Watercare should be more directly involved in rural water supply, Phelan advises that this needs to be considered carefully. "This will come at a cost and currently, rural ratepayers do not pay anything towards Watercare's infrastructure (apart from the \$15 per 10,000 litres water carriers pay if you use their service). Any move to guarantee supply will involve us all paying a contribution towards Watercare's infrastructure just like households paying \$20,000 to hook up to the supply in urban areas."

Thankfully, Auckland Council opened on-tap contingency water supplies in Helensville, and for many days we've seen Council employees and Māori Warden volunteers, whose participation is part of their Emergency Response work, stationed outside the library to assist people in filling water containers (with an allowance of 20L per person). Individuals living in town have also helped with offers of showers, clothes washing and container filling via Facebook and water has also been made available at Helensville Museum and the scout hall.



Volunteer Maori Warden Matorora Smith helping distribute water through the Council scheme.



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Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 March, Kumeu Show 2020, 98th Annual Kumeu Show: International Timber Sports (the world Champion Axemen); Highland Dancing Competition; Working Vintage Tractors; Shearing Competition (Saturday); Giant Pumpkin Competition. The Kumeu Band; World Archery demo; our Local Fire Brigade with live demonstrations; Plus Amusement rides, side shows and a huge array of Trade Sites and Food Galore. Animal Competitions: Cattle, horses, sheep, alpacas, goats, and pigs. Indoor Displays - Cake icing, flowers, vegetables, baking, photography and handcraft. Our entertainment stage is a must see! Make sure you do not miss this local event!

Saturday, 14 March, Guided Night Walk – Te Rau Puriri Regional Park, 8.00pm – 9.45pm Come and join Park Ranger Phil and South Kaipara Land Care to discover some of South Head's native creepy crawlies that are best found at night. Please bring a parent/guardian, good walking boots/shoes, a torch with red cellophane over the lens, warm clothes (we will be out after dark) and insect repellent. The walks will only go ahead in good weather. Group size is limited so please book by calling or emailing the Arataki Visitor Centre on: 09 892 4777

arataki centre@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz This event is supported by South Kaipara Landcare.

Sunday, 15 March, 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 duo Barry & Maryanne, Free Face painting. 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, 15 March, Kaukapakapa Library, 10am – 1pm, Meet Louisa Vevers, scrapbooking, stamping and papercrafting enthusiast. Having always created scrapbooks, Louisa for the past five years has been the NZ Consultant for international company "Close to My Heart", and can offer advice on their product range whether you're a novice or a whizz. People regularly employ her to create scrapbooks for them, and her weekly get together helps to draw out the creativity in a social and relaxed environment. Come along to the library and find out more, you may unleash a whole new addiction! Library open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market, contact Megan 021 959017, threehorses@xtra.co.nz

Friday, 3 April, Helensville Aglow, 7.30pm at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Rd, Helensville (behind the Hospice Shop). Guest speaker will be the director of Streams Pacific, Cherie Trent. All welcome. Contact Bridget at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information.

Term 1 Ends, Thursday, 9 April

Thursday 9 – Monday 13 April, National Skydiving Competition, 73 Greens Road, Parakai 7am, Skydive Auckland are hosting the New Zealand Parachute Federation and Australian Parachute Federation Canopy Championships 2020! Come and watch skydivers swooping at high speeds of over 100km/hr on the worlds smallest parachutes. Our spectator area ensures that you will be able to get up close to the swooping pond and see the action! Skydive Auckland has the largest swooping pond in the Southern Hemisphere.

We'll have plenty of tasty food options available to purchase, which will be sourced from local providers. For more information www.skydiveauckland.com or on Facebook @SkydiveAuckland

Friday, 10 April, Good Friday

Saturday, 11 April, 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 13 June.

Saturday, 11 April, Crusty Demons – Rise of the Demons NZ Tour, 6pm, Kumeu Showgrounds, Extreme freestyle motocross legends the Crusty Demons will be coming to New Zealand as part of their Rise of the Demons World Tour, their first Australasian shows for more than a decade. For tickets www.crusty.com/newzealand

Term 2 Starts, Tuesday 28 April

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Vehicle access changes to Muriwai Beach during hot months



Vehicle access to Muriwai Beach will be limited from the beginning of February until after Easter 2020 to reduce fire risk.

A gate has been installed on Coast Road and will be closed in the evenings from Wednesday 5 February to Tuesday 14 April 2020 between the hours of 10pm and 5am.

Stephen Bell, Principal Ranger of Auckland Council's western regional parks, says limiting overnight vehicle access to the beach between those hours is a safety precaution.

"Muriwai Beach borders a large pine forest so due to the dry conditions this summer and a prevailing onshore wind, we need to be proactive in reducing any fire risk to the area."

Vehicle access to Muriwai Beach is managed by a permit process.

Last year's limited vehicle access during the Guy Fawkes period was well supported, says Stephen. With only one recorded instance of a group of people wanting to access the beach to trail ride at 3.45am.

There were no reports of illegal camping and one unauthorised fire was recorded in the regional park in that time.

"During the Christmas and New Year period, access was not restricted and unfortunately the difference showed.

"At least eight fires were recorded in the back-dune area of the regional park and further north along the beach on New Year's Eve alone.

"People do not seem to realise the risk they are creating to the sensitive dune environment, the forest, themselves and the emergency personnel who have to respond," says Stephen.

Drivers on the beach are also asked to take care when driving and are reminded that vehicles are prohibited in the dunes and back-dunes.

Stephen says the back-dune area is a pretty special place with some unique and nationally threatened species.

"We don't want rare or threatened species to suffer habitat loss or be injured through driver's actions.

"We know people also enjoy fishing along the beach before or after work, so we have timed the after-hours closures to allow them to continue to take advantage of those key times around dusk and dawn.

"Ultimately, we want people to enjoy using the beach safely, so the vehicle closure period is designed to allow people to fish and then get off the beach in time," says Stephen.

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Good news about birds

by Helen Martin

One of the joys of living out this way is the privilege of sharing our patch with some of nature's beautiful creatures.

The secretive Australasian bittern/matuku, whose conservation status is 'threatened – nationally critical', is a valued resident in South Head's wetlands. It is also occasionally spotted on Helensville farms, and Mike Daniel reports that for the past 20 years he has occasionally



Bittern photo Mike Daniel

seen amatukuon the dairy farm he owns with wife Leda. The time frame indicates they are breeding there, but because they're so well camouflaged, they're mostly hidden. Recently Mike managed to get a photo of one in its classic, frozen pose.



Ruru photo Richard Kidd

Richard and Dianne Kidd, who have only ever seen one matukuon their Whenuanui Farm, and that was about ten years ago, enjoyed a recent adventure when Richard found a young morepork/ruru with an injured clavicle sitting on the woolshed track. He shifted it into the shade in a spot away from predators, but it was unable to fly. When it was still there after 24 hours they took it

to Vets North in Helensville, who did a fantastic job giving the bird first aid, free of charge, before sending it off to Auckland Zoo. There it was assessed and passed on to Massey University's veterinary teaching WildbaseHospital in Palmerston North, where it is being cared for and learning to fly again.



Kiwi Mataia photo Keith Knewstubb

Locals are familiar with the sterling work of Gill and Kevin Adshead and their large team of supporters and volunteers, whose work restoring the ecology of Mataia, Glorit (just up the road from Helensville) includes populating the area with the North Island Brown Kiwi. Two of the 80-odd kiwi now on the property are fitted with transmitters which provide information about how they are doing, especially regarding

losses through predators and breeding news. Monitoring the nests with cameras also provides valuable information. When new transmitters are fitted the kiwi are also weighed. A recent fitting has shown they are significantly lighter than usual due to the exceptionally dry weather.



Helensville Floral Art Club

Our first Club Day for the year on Thursday 20th February started with our AGM and we had 19 members present.

We had a workshop arranged for the day, we made a technique we learnt a

few years ago from Marie Francoise Deprez, an international demonstrator.

We picked reeds (the longer the better) from the side of the road and gave each member approx. 20/30 each. It is important to pick reeds that bend and do not break!

They then secured them side by side on double sided tape and bound the first two with decorative wire, and introduced the next reed, with a slight bend in the first main two reeds, then the next until all the reeds were bound together and made a shape. It's an easy technique and the finished item looks amazing and enhances any floral design.

They start off green of course, but they dry beautifully and last for many designs. They also can be spray painted many times for different occasions.

New Members welcome. We meet on the third Thursday of the month. There are Ten more months of interesting Floral work this year including a trip in November.

Our March Meeting is Thursday 19th

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Helensville Art Centre

Young at Art

Why not sign up and exhibit your artwork? Just \$20, \$10 if 16 or under, and you could be among the exhibitors in the upcoming Art Kaipara Members Exhibition, running March 28th-April 25th. Works to arrive between 10am and 2pm Saturday March 21st or between 10am and 4.30pm Tuesday 24th. Works must be strung and ready to display and labelled on the back. Just pop in and fill out a simple form. Basement of War Memorial Hall, 49 Commercial Road. More info? Heather 021 153 3593 manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz



Young Art Kaipara Members Eli - 8, Bodhi - 2 and Tasman - 6 point to their works in last Aprils Exhibition.

Following disruptions to the Art Centre due to the storm water drainage works we will be exhibiting the paintings of Bernard Hartwell until 21st March. His widow wants to see them going to a new home so they'll be affordably priced, come and buy an original artwork to save them from returning to her garage.

We will be revitalizing our workshop space over the next few weeks so please get in touch if you would like to teach a class or reserve space for an interest group, or just need a larger space for your latest creative project. Manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz or 0211533593.



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Helensville Primary School



After years of planning and fundraising, senior students at Helensville Primary School have finally had their dreams realised with the opening of a new senior playground.

Phase one of the new senior playground opened officially on Wednesday, 19 February. The year 7 and 8, Rimu Team, students who previously did not have a dedicated play area can now be found swinging, climbing, hanging, laughing and leaping during their break times on the newly installed equipment.

PATHS - Parents and Teachers at Helensville School - the school's PTA, have been fundraising for the senior playground project for the past 5 years. The objective of the playground is to provide an area where the older children can be physically challenged, socialize with their friends, use up their natural stores of energy and, ultimately, have fun.



The playground design and location were decided by a collaboration between the Rimu Team students, teachers and school principal Deborah Heasman with professional advice provided by Playground People Ltd. Playground People Ltd proved invaluable by offering ideas to compliment the children's suggestions and also supplied evidence of the benefits each piece of equipment offered children of their age.

The final design was chosen because it was unique, it challenges the senior age group and the senior school can be proud to call their own. It also offers the wider community an opportunity to visit and enjoy this dynamic, physical, playground structure.



The playground has been a labour of love over the years for the PATHS team. In total, their efforts have raised a staggering \$116,000. The team has organised many school events such as Ag Day, discos, High Tea, a Gibbs Farm visit, The Great

Donate, beehive auctions, quizzes, raffles and cupcake sales, just to name a few.

The fundraising has been a success thanks to continued support from a strong school community. Assistance was also gratefully received through grants from Grassroots Trust, Sir John Logan Campbell Residuary Estate and the Helensville Lions Club.

PATHS plan to fundraise to complete Phase Two of the playground this year. Phase two is one last piece of equipment called 'The Supernova'. It is a circular rotating apparatus and is sure to be a favourite with the kids at Helensville Primary School. Playground People Ltd have fortunately offered to install the Supernova as soon as possible. No doubt having the final design complete will make the kids smile.

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Lifejacket Hub Launched

In an effort to end preventable drownings on the Kaipara Harbour and the region's lakes, a Life Jacket Hub has been established at Coastguard Kaipara. The life jackets have been donated by Drowning Prevention Auckland with funding from Maritime New Zealand. The life jackets come in a range of children's and adults' sizes and are available to be borrowed for a maximum of two weeks for a gold donation. They're also available for schools and other community groups to use for teaching water safety skills such as how to fit life jackets correctly, how they can work as a floatation device and how to practice being water safe in different environments - from rivers, to seas and lakes. Inquiries about using the Life Jacket Hub can contact Coastguard Kaipara on life@coastguardkaipara.org.nz.



Representatives from Drowning Prevention Auckland presenting the volunteers at Coastguard Kaipara with 70 life jackets for the new community initiative.

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Active Explorers turns one

by Helen Martin

On March 4, staff and contributing families from the Commercial Road early childhood education centre Active Explorers celebrate their first birthday. Run as a franchise of Evolve Education Group, the second largest NZ provider of early childhood education, the centre has been going from strength to strength since it opened in March 2019.



Active Explorers is fully staffed, with six teachers and a Manager, Maria Golding, who also teaches. She has over 30 years' experience in early childhood education and loves working with the local community. As she explains, their philosophy is child-led and based on building on children's strengths. Every effort is made to provide natural resources, with plastic finding a place there only if it's an important learning tool, such as Lego. "We've had a really good response from families here about what we're doing," says Maria. "We don't like to see it as formal learning, but we encourage the children to be independent, problem solve their difficulties and play well together. We teach them to tidy up and take responsibility for the resources." The older children are given basic skills to prepare them for school and when they leave are given the portfolio where their progress has been recorded while at the centre.

Morning and afternoon tea and lunch are provided – all made from scratch, with no processed food – and there is plenty of provision for the children to sleep. The three main rooms in this purpose-built facility - Nursery, Young Tamariki and Pre-school – are fresh and spacious, while the building itself is in a great spot, with the outdoor area afforded a beautiful view of the river and the chance to watch the waka ama training and see the trains go by.

All-in-all it's been a very successful first year for Active Explorers. Here's to the next one.

Movies in Parks 28 Feb - 18 Apr 2020

Movies in Parks are returning for another summer.

Auckland Council is bringing 26 free screenings to local parks, with a screening every Friday and Saturday from late January, throughout February and March.

From some of 2019's most acclaimed family films to cinema classics, there's something for everyone.

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PROFILE

Kim McNamara

by Helen Martin

Kim met her husband Kevin 32 years ago working in Avondale, where she grew up. Now with four children and enjoying life in the home they built at Shelly Beach, he still works as operations manager at the furniture company where they met, a job he loves, while she has established herself as a life coach and tireless community volunteer.

Her journey working with people needing a hand up began with studying through the Life Coaching Academy in Australia in 2004. Becoming a mentor coach for the academy affirmed her choice of career and since then she has been kept busy with individual clients and workshops. "I work with people at crossroads - they might be wanting to change jobs, or to find a new direction after coming out of a relationship. I also have clients



who feel stuck in trauma and grief," she says. "I use Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP) techniques, helping people bring an unconscious faulty belief to the conscious mind to help them move on." She also helps people with parenting, which involves sessions in their homes on things like budgeting, cooking and parenting, and links them to resources in the community. Kim is continually training, and has added hypnotherapy to her skills, has completed a diploma in psychology through the Open Polytech and is working towards a degree. But she says she also does a lot on intuition "When I'm coaching someone my plan is to have them leave in a better frame of mind with some new strategies they can use immediately."

Since she was 16 and going to the Wilson Home in Takapuna to visit a friend's brother with muscular dystrophy, Kim wanted to do something to help children. "It was a whole world I didn't realise existed, children and parents less fortunate than us with big problems." With three children still living at home, three years

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ago Kim and Kevin joined the fostering programme. Kim had been doing some work in the special needs unit at Kaipara College and decided it was time to open their house to a foster child. "Like all foster parents we take it really seriously. It's a hard journey, because you're picking up the pieces of a child's life and you don't know everything that's happened to them," Kim says. "It's like having a 100-piece jigsaw puzzle and being given 15 pieces and some are broken. Sometimes it's the first time those kids have been able to sleep in a safe house and relax, rather than living on high alert. We foster through an agency where the kids have quite high behaviour problems, but they thrive when they're given love, acceptance and boundaries. You're not alone. Social workers and other professional organisations put the best team around the child to give them the best chance and put in major supports for you and your family, so it doesn't impact the family negatively. Sometimes you do think 'this is hard, why have we taken it on', but you also know that, if you give up, you're one more adult who has. You learn to be a tough advocate for someone else's child."

Wearing yet another hat, Kim has worked for NIWA for the past three years, firstly in fishing research and now in biosecurity, educating people about marine pests in the harbour, warning them about transporting them from coast to coast. "It's about cleaning your boat and your gear," she says. "In summer I spend a lot of time at the beach talking to people and giving them written information. People are very receptive, because they want to protect the harbour, so they're keen to do what's needed."

There's also a lot of voluntary work in Kim's CV. If boaties mess up Shelly Beach Road with discarded rubbish, she'll organise a clean-up with a few locals. She spends a lot of time relaxing with her family, fishing off the wharf and hanging out at Shelly Beach, and after assisting in a rescue began running raffles to fundraise for the Kaipara Coastguard – in the past 6 months, she says, the raffles have raised almost \$1000. "We're very lucky to have local cafe's supporting them and wonderful people donating and contributing." With two of her daughters she is a volunteer medical responder in the Shelly Breach Fire Brigade, and with her son Sam, a Helensville Primary student, she volunteers for Westpac Helicopter, helping sell merchandise and raise awareness about the service at public events.

Kim says she loves helping people and that, while juggling all her commitments is a challenge, it's one she relishes. "I'm programmed to get the most out of a situation. I love talking to people and I'm passionate about it so, whatever role I'm in, I give it 100%. Although life is busy, we have a good work/life balance."

The Lions Roar

What a lovely day we had at the A&P Show. We enjoyed meeting you and catering for your snacks and lunches and talking to you in our display tent. We hope you are interested in finding out more of who we are and would like to join us as a Lion or if your time is limited, as a Friend of Lions. Do come along to one of our meetings you will be made very welcome.

We still collect old and foreign monies and unwanted spectacles, which go out to the Islands.

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Flower Arranging – Easter Theme

Sunday 29th March 9.30am – 11.30am

After a really successful flower arranging workshop last Christmas, we've invited Bea Stumple back to present an Easter theme version. So if you would like to create your own Easter table settings or flower arrangements to celebrate the festival (and impress your friends and family!) this is a not to be missed event.



Bea Stumple is an expert local florist.

She qualified as the top student in NZ when she completed her NZ Professional Floristry examinations 26 years ago and is one of only 16 people to have received the Ethel Black Award (a top accolade in the floristry world). She is also a registered examiner and accomplished tutor – so Bea knows her stuff (she's also a great presenter).



She plans to stroll around the gardens with attendees selecting appropriate plants and flowers and then show how to arrange them to

best effect.

Within this interactive presentation Bea will be explaining:

- Appropriate plants and flowers that work well together
- Various arrangement techniques and concepts
- How to make your creations last longer
- Tools and materials required

After the workshop maybe spend more time in the Gardens which has a beautiful 1Km nature trail meandering through the idyllic Kaipara countryside.*

There is also a kid's play area as well as our cute little coffee shop on site plus of course the Plant Centre for you to browse through.

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

* Trail not suitable for wheelchairs or walking frames.

The Christmas event was extremely popular so booking is definitely advised as spaces are limited. See below for contact details.

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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.

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.

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

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

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

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

Iconz 4 Girls 8-13yrs Awesome programme filled with games, activities and skills - every Tuesday of the school term 6.15pm-7.45pm. Held at Magnify, 118 Commercial Road. Contact Sonja Binks 021-202-4792.

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

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 09-411-8546

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, Alwynne Wedgwood, alwynneoh35@gmail.com, 420-9984

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

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

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	7 Sat	0935	3.8	2202	0711	1951
	8 Sun	1032	4.1	2258	0712	1949
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	16 Mon	0422	3.8	1648	0720	1938
	17 Tue	0521	3.6	1752	0721	1936
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Aucklanders urged to have their say on regional and local priorities

“Investments of more than \$700 million in water and environmental projects, decarbonising the council’s vehicle fleet and cutting our carbon emissions by almost 20 per cent over the next five years will prepare us for more substantive changes in the next 10-year Budget once we agree the Climate Action Framework.”

Councillor Desley Simpson, Chair of Auckland Council’s Finance and Performance Committee, continued:

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Alongside the annual budget consultation, Aucklanders are being invited to have their say on the independent review into council-controlled organisations.

Auckland Council has appointed an independent panel to review how well its council-controlled organisations are working. The review covers Auckland Transport (AT), Auckland Tourism,

Events and Economic Development (ATEED), Panuku Development Auckland, Regional Facilities Auckland (RFA), and Watercare.

A consultation and engagement period is open between 21 February 2020 and 22 March 2020 and feedback can be given online at akhaveyoursay.nz, by emailing akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or at one of the many events being run across the region. Details of all events can be found at akhaveyoursay.nz or call us on 09 301 0101.

Feedback forms and supporting information will also be available at libraries, local board offices and service centres or can be requested by emailing akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Following consultation, all feedback will be considered and the 2020/2021 Annual Budget will be adopted in June. Our decisions will be widely communicated, and a summary report will be available online.

The consultation closes on 22 March 2020.