

## Shave for a Cure

by Olivia Simpson, Head Student, Kaipara College

The purpose of Shave for a Cure is not only to raise essential funds for Leukemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand, but to stand in solidarity with those who are suffering from these conditions.

In August 2019 Kaipara College students, Caitlin Kay and Olivia Simpson organised a Shave for a Cure with the students and teachers who agreed to shave their heads raised in excess of \$4000.00. On Friday the 5th of June this year Kaipara College again took part in Shave for a Cure. This year the event was organised by the College's Student Leaders with support from those at Shave for a Cure.

With the help of our community, our eight shavers were able to contribute over \$7200 to this fantastic cause. Nearly double last year's total. Our amazing team of eight included Tyrone Brown (year 13 student), Ian Cribbens (teacher), Kingston Dean (year 10 student), Stephanie Hale (teacher), Seth Lawes (year 13 student), Nikita Lyons (year 12 student), Ethan Payn (year 13 student), and Dylan Southern (year 13 student).

To add to the fun, a number of them dyed their hair a variety of colours from the rainbow. The atmosphere in our school hall was electric as each had their head shaved by either Ian Cribbens or Greg McClarin. On the way to being bald, our teachers put their hairdressing skills to the test. The hairstyles included mullets, rats tails, mohawks and more! They were eagerly cheered on and supported by their peers, teachers, and family who made for a wonderful audience.

To all of those who were a part of our event, we are beyond grateful, you were what made our event come alive.

Top right students Tyrone Brown left & Dylan Southern right getting the treatment & bottom teacher Stephanie Hale before and after.



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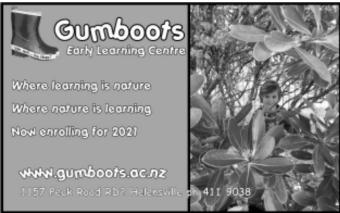
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# Saving The Past Fundraising For The Helensville Museum Sunday 19th July, 9am To 1pm Kaukapakapa Library

Things are happening behind the scenes at the Helensville Museum, but more work needs to be done to get it open again. YOU CAN HELP! We have awesome gifts for sale beautiful trays made from kauri reclaimed from the old courthouse, books 'Pioneering Women of the South Kaipara' and 'Men Came Voyaging', both offering a great insight into the local history, and more. WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO? Come and find out about volunteering, they need help with gardening, building, data entry, photocopying and filing, accounts, carpentry and machinery servicing and more. Help to maintain our past for our future and get the Helensville Museum open again for everyone!

Library open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market. Contact Megan Paterson 021 959017, threehorses@xtra.co.nz

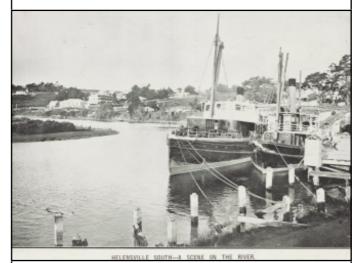


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**Friday, 6 July, Helensville Aglow,** 7.30pm at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Rd, Helensville (behind the Hospice Shop). At Aglow we have an inspirational speaker sharing life stories and how they overcame obstacles.

Contact Bridget at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information. All welcome.

Sunday, 19 July, 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. Free face painting, kids crafts et. 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, 19 July, Kaukapakapa Library, 9.30am to 1pm, Find out about the history of the Kaukapakapa area and take a look at the fantastic photos in the Jordan Collection. We have everything from old school photos to building the Makarau tunnel, settler's homes to sporting events, as well as family information on the early European settlers. Fundraising for the Helensville Museum – See details on page 2 Open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market, something for everyone! For more info contact Megan 021 959017, threehorses@xtra.co.nz or the Kaukapakapa library Facebook page.

Saturday, 25 July, Kaipara Coast Plant Centre workshop, 9.30am to 11.30am, All the information you need to manage the care required for you fruit trees.

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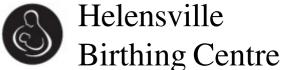
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# From Penk's Pen

### **Comings and Goings**

It's that time again! With an election now just around the corner, you'll be hearing from politicians of all stripes about why you should vote for them and their party!

Rather than get into predictable partisan politics, though, in this column I thought I'd take the chance to explain what's happening with the boundaries and name of the Helensville electorate.

The background is that following each national census, a review is conducted of electorate boundaries to ensure that each has a roughly equal number of eligible voters. Given the constant shifting of populations due to internal migration, overseas arrivals and new residential developments, considerable changes can occur.

We've been advised that the Helensville electorate will be changed in a few key ways, including that the area will no longer include the Waitakere Ranges, including various west coast beaches, and much of Coatesville, Dairy Flat and surrounding areas.

On the other hand, the electorate will gain territory in the vicinity of Massey at the West Auckland end and also large areas to the north, such as the townships of Wellsford, Warkworth and Matakana

Many of the issues of Auckland's rural north are similar to those currently on my radar, just with different projects needing to be completed (or started, in some cases!) in different areas.

It's also worth knowing that the name of this electorate will change, from Helensville to "Kaipara Ki Mahurangi". It's a long name, which I suspect will commonly be abbreviated to "Kaipara" or "KKM", but simply means the land mass between the Kaipara Harbour and Mahurangi coast.

All these changes will apply for the upcoming 2020 election and beyond (at least until they change again!) but for now I remain, with a mixture of pride and humility, your local Member of Parliament for this Helensville electorate.

## Remembering Fiona Whyte

Recently the HelensvilleArt Centre was the gathering place for the memorial of Fiona Whyte, held as a zoom meeting with folk from around the world including Fiona's children



in Australia. Fiona resided in Helensville from approximately 1999 to 2008 and, whilst here, she touched many lives.

The memorial was gentle and loving, and afterwards people stayed behind to share their stories of Fiona over a glass of wine

and nibbles. A renowned artist and incredibly creative woman, intelligent, humorous—there are so many words to describe her and, quite simply, the world is now a duller place without her.



Mural by Fiona Whyte on a Garfield Rd Transformer.

### New electoral boundaries explained at meet and greet

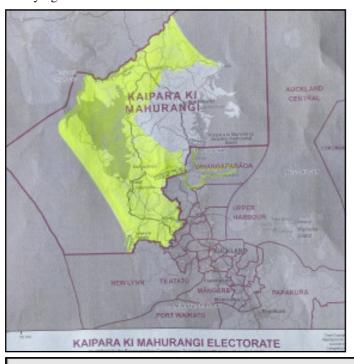
by Helen Martin



List MP Marja Lubeck's explanation of how the former Helensville and Rodney electorates have been re-zoned was of great interest to locals at a meet and greet gathering held at Te Awaroa Café in June. Helensville is now part of the new electorate Kaipara ki Mahurangi, which also includes the southern part of the Northland electorate (Te Arai, Tapora and Wellsford). This new electorate stretches south almost to Waitakere. Voters on the Hibiscus Coast and Dairy Flat from

Hatfields Beach south to around Paremoremo) are now zoned for the Whangaparaoa electorate; Waitakere has joined the New Lynn electorate.

Marja explained she was not a career politician, but Labour's success at the 2017 election saw her, as number 31 on the Party list, catapulted into the position of List Member of Parliament. With a law degree, at the time of the election she represented aviation workers in the E tû Union and had agreed to stand for Labour as a way of helping get the Party's ideas across. "The last three years have been a steep learning curve," she explained, "but to be in parliament where important decisions happen, such as the changes made to the Employment Relations Act, is hugely satisfying."



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### No phones here

by Gemma Bayly, Year 12 student, Kaipara College

At the start of the year we received an email to say that Kaipara College was placing a ban on mobile phones. Many students were horrified. Before this year, phones were everywhere at school. At lunchtime, students sat with their friends, but communicated silentlyon their phones. In class, some students played games on their phones instead of doing work.

At first, many students said that the ban was "stupid," "dumb," and "never going to work." Some complained that they couldn't use their phone to make themselves look less like loners when their friends weren't around. Some parents worried that they couldn't text their children throughout the day to see how they were going. But now, many students agree that the ban is making them more focused in class.

Students talk to their friends more at lunchtimes, instead of messaging friends they are not with. Some students who used to sit by themselves on their phones have found friends. In class, students are more focused on schoolwork, without the temptation to whip out a phone every few minutes to check if anyone has texted them, or to play a game.

Even with a ban, the habit of using a phone is hard to break for some. There are definitely fewer phones around the school, but if you look closely enough, you can see a few hidden behind a school bag or in someone's lap. Teachers walk around the school at break times, their eyes scanning furtively for phones. There are often frantic movements from students slipping phones into bags. Sometimes teachers quietly smile and pretend not to see, but not always.

We didn't realize for quite a while that there was a competition running between the teachers to see who could confiscate the most phones in a day. One teacher managed to confiscate a record breaking 20 phones in one day, and Mr McCracken gave us a disappointed speech in assembly.

When a teacher sees a student with a phone, they march over



Phones confiscated, one day's haul by just one teacher

to them with their hand outstretched. "Phone," they say. Adisappointed student often tries to protest, and then, realising they've been caught, reluctantly hands it over. They have no phone for the rest of the day.

I've found I don't need a phone at school most of the time. Some students are less like me, however, and need to have a smart watch that connects to their phone, showing them any texts they receive. Some students bring iPads to school, which they can use like phones but are big enough to evade the phone ban. Laptops can be used where a phone cannot. Chromebooks are compulsory for year nines and tens, and recommended for seniors. We use them all the time in class. Even if we don't have phones, we are still making the most of technology.

Even though many students are used to the phone ban now, as soon as the buses pull up at the end of the day, students have their phones out again.

### Papatuanukuis on her way

by Helen Martin

Local sculptor Joanne Sullivan has completed her seven-foot clay model of Papatûânuku, Maori mythology's Earth Mother. The model has been blessed by Ngati Awa and Tainui iwi and is now on her way to a foundry in China, where she will be cast in wax before being shipped back to New Zealand. Joanne will then work the detail of the sculpture into the wax and the sculpture will be shipped again to China, this time to be cast in bronze. Papatuanuku's final resting place will be the Kotuku Wellness Retreat, Mangawhai, where she will be unveiled on the March 2021 Equinox.





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## The way I see things



by Brian Hale

The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance has been waging a campaign against the Auckland Council's wish to increase rates rather than reduce them. Their stance is that, as so many ratepayers are currently in financial difficulty, the Council should do everything in their power to reduce the rates burden not increase it.

This is especially so because they have recently revealed the 86 Council employees being paid more than \$250,000 and that of the 12,000-odd Council staff, 2831 are paid salaries of more than \$100,000. However there seems to be a great reluctance on the part of the Council to do anything significant to curb any of these costs.

In our own back yard they are just making life more and more difficult for everyday members of our community.

Holly Southernwood, the organiser of the Helensville Christmas Parade says, "Almost a month ago I was advised that Council will likely reduce, at least, Christmas Parade funding, due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. Yet 'wellbeing'/(morale) is supposedly high priority."

"At the time of last year's parade I was advised that the event cannot create any waste that goes into Council street bins. The bins need to be covered for the event! What would be the cost of procuring covers and sending people and vehicles to install them then and who would pay for this then."

The dilemma of finding sufficient funding for community activities will be increasingly felt in many areas; museums, art centres; market days; hall hire for events. It was such a shame that the Lions

club had to cancel their May Book Fair and forego raising around \$8,000 because the Memorial Hall was unavailable. Community groups are desperate for funds and it is becoming harder and harder to raise them.

Businesses too get taken for a ride with no comeback. One commercial property owner has just found out that after years of paying hundreds of dollars a year for an annual Building WOF at the insistence of the council, the building does not actually require one. Another property owner with an unoccupied building was expected to pay \$926.90 a year for waste water and had to install a water meter to reduce the charge to \$225.00 a year even if there was no waste water being discharged at all.

It seems that in all aspects of life bureaucrats have no qualms about spoiling the simple things in life with no benefit whatsoever.

Our elected members, councillors and Local Board members, just like our national politicians, seem incapable of doing what their constituents want. To a man/woman they seem to adopt an attitude of 'we know what's best for you so keep quiet and let us get on with it.' 'We will send you the bill in due course.' I cannot believe they behave like this with their own personal budgets, so why do they do so with other people's money? It is all care and no responsibility.

A last word from The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance taken from an article that Jo Holmes wrote for publication "The council threatens in its emergency budget to cut more vital spending, such as road safety. The strategy is apparently to guilt-trip Aucklanders into supporting higher rates, regardless of current economic pains. And yet, the council has financial luxuries that crisis-hit Auckland households could only dream of."

If any of our readers have personal examples or a solution to this ever worsening issue please write to me. Let us see if together we can make a difference.





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A post COVID-19 property management update from Private Residence - Property Management Specialists.

As with many industries it's been a roller coaster few months. Back in March the rental market was affected by urgent legislative measures put in place by the Government to try and alleviate the financial impact due to Covid-19. Recently these measures were reviewed, and the Government announced changes to some of the legislation.

Current restrictions on tenancy terminations will end on 25 June 2020. From 26 June, landlords can give notice to terminate a tenancy under the standard Residential Tenancies Act 1986 provisions. Usual notice periods will apply from the day a notice is given.

This should be positive news for landlords wishing to move back into rental properties and for vendors and purchasers of rental properties with tenants in place.

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including 25 September 2020. Only then can notices be served notifying of rent increases, with the required notice period of no less than 60 days or residential properties. This freeze was implemented to help soften the blow for people facing potential financial hardship brought by the pandemic.

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### South Kaipara Landcare AGM, June 2020

by Helen Martin

South Kaipara Landcare is an enthusiastic group formed in 2001 by locals wanting to protect and improve the quality of the environment on the South Head peninsula. In her annual report, SKL Chair Tracy Tristram noted that despite a record-breaking drought and Covid-19 putting a dampener on planting days and the annual bird count, the SKL team has achieved much in the past year.

Activities included weeding (and as a result native vegetation is already growing in place of woolly nightshade and other pests), expanding SKL's wonderful nursery, run by Elon Bycroft and staffed by volunteers, to make room for manuka trials undertaken with Ngâ MaungaWhakahii, installing bittern signs along South Head road (with other groups from around the country seeking advice on this) and a clean-up day with a focus on recycling the roadside rubbish collected.

Night walks at Te Rau Puriri Regional Park and the Bird Atlas workshop were excellent community events and SKL provided input into other projects, such as the Te Rau Puriri concept plan and Auckland Council's efforts to manage pest fish at Lake Rototoa. Tracy Tristram and Ed Donald spoke to community groups South Kaipara Residents and Ratepayers and U3A about the work done by SKL.

Lake Rototoa continued to be a focus point for pest control. With a roster now in place traps are checked regularly, with good results. Support and advice from the Forest Bridge Trust continues to ensure the success of this project.

The pest control working group is also having a lot of success and there is now a range of productive trap lines across the peninsula, along with many individuals trapping on their own properties.

In closing, Tracy thanked SKL's invaluable supporters, including Auckland Council and DoC for their ongoing willingness to support SKL's work; Burmester Real Estate for printing flyers, and the rural delivery team for delivering them free of charge; Elon and his team of nursery volunteers; Phil Evans and the team at Te Rau Puriri; Placemakers for their ongoing support for all number of small projects.

Helen Frampton, who is stepping down as treasurer this year, was acknowledged for her good work managing the accounts. Tracy also thanked the small SKL committee and the awesome South Head community. "Together we continue to achieve huge amounts of benefit for the wonderful South Head environment that we live in."

She adds it is worth noting that Judy Bendall has retired as a nursery volunteer. Judy's husband Frank was one of the original Landcare committee members and Judy has been supporting the group since it began in 2001. "She will be missed at the nursery and we thank her hugely for all her support and efforts," says Tracy.



SKL planting day at Te Rau Puriri 10/19. (Photo lan Baker).





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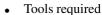




## Fruit tree pruning & care workshops Saturday 25th July (9.30am to 11.30am)

It's time to get the loppers out again folks!! However if you want to make the most of your fruit trees or maybe you're thinking of planting some new ones then this workshop will give you all the basics to assist in your success.

David Bayly, our in house tree care ninja, will be once again running this very popular workshop in his usual relaxed and interactive style; topics to be discussed will include:



- Pros & cons of various trees
- Site selection and preparation
- Planting methodologies/techniques
- General tree care
- Safety considerations

This event is so popular that we have run one at the end of June but a second one is planned for the end of July, but booking is still recommended as spaces on each are limited (see below for booking details).



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### The Lions Roar

The Helensville Lions Club is now meeting again after the Covid lockdown. At our 'end-of-lions-year meeting we celebrated with a change of officers partners/social



gathering. At this meeting we welcomed new member Les Haslam.

On 28th June you will have seen us doing more planting on the Riverside walkway.

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### Kaipara korero

by Steve McCracken



Principal Steve McCracken

Whaia te iti kahurangi. Ekea to tapuhipuhi. Pursue excellence. Follow your dreams. Reach your potential, be all that you can be.

As we rapidly approach the middle of the calendar year, our country begins to prepare for Matariki, the Maori New Year, a time when we can celebrate and spend time with our families. For many in our community, it is also a time to consider the next part of our young people's schooling future. Our Year 12 and 13 students are considering, very carefully, their futures in the wide world of post-secondary education or employment with a real desire to complete their school qualifications to the best of their abilities. The remainder of our secondary students are working on their continued pathways through our school, with a focus on their personal excellence and an eye to the future. Our local primary schools are following a similar pathway, I am sure, with the focus for their senior students being on the successful transition from Primary to Secondary school. I know that many parents will be considering this also.

Secondary school is very different to the primary school experience for both students and parents. Traditionally, students at this stage, desire a sense of independence and freedom to grow and develop further into being their own person. This is often challenging for parents, who have been integral in their child's development for the past eight school years. You might find that boys will change the most, often going from the beautiful, enthusiastic young person who has been carefully nurtured and developed for the past 12 to 13 years, to a thing that grunts and groans, emanates a strange new smell and eats everything in sight. After many years of experience, please believe when I say they will be ok. The next few years through teenage hood is a challenge, even for the most resilient, yet loving parents, but with firm values and attitudes, your young person will learn to control their hormones and will develop and flourish into a fine young person (although that might take longer than normal for some).

Kaipara College will develop your young person's sense of belonging. Our school prides itself on being unique to other schools, with the best staff, offering a complete, well-rounded and future focused education for our amazing students. It is so important that young people have a sense of their place in the world. Over the five years we are fortunate enough to educate our community's youth, they will be given many opportunities to find their sense of belonging, not only at Kaipara College but within the wider world. Our students, over their five years of secondary schooling, will also experience personal success. With the exciting and ongoing development of our flexible and innovative curriculum, we feel our young people are very lucky to be at Kaipara College at this time.

We would love to be able to accept all students who want to come to our school in 2021, but unfortunately there are restrictions we must abide by. We are currently over subscribed and at the start of this year the Ministry of Education placed an enrolment scheme into our school, to alleviate the rapid rate of growth. All the details can be found on our website, but if you are in zone, you are automatically entitled to enrol at our school. If you live outside the Kaipara College school zone, an enrolment place is unlikely, unless there is a sibling already at our school. For all enrolment queries, please visit our website, or feel free to contact us.

## A filmmaker/photographer in the making by Helen Martin

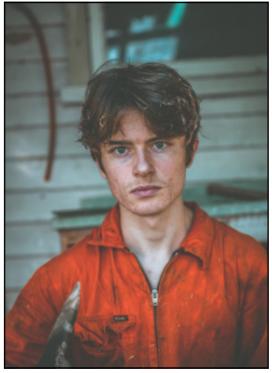
You may have seen some of Jeremy Houghton's work. He's the Year 13 student who's been making. some of the videos we're seeing posted our community Facebook pages and on the Kaipara College website. In April, there was the moving ANZAC Day piece, prompted by lockdown preventing student leaders participating in the traditional ceremony, where students emailed their individual contributions to Jeremy for him to edit into a video for the school's Facebook page. His excellent short film 'Day 382', made when lockdown prevented Jeremy from documenting the school production as planned and shared on Facebook, was one of his Year 13 Media Studies assignments.

Jeremy's interest in photography began about five years ago. "I picked up my mum's camera and started taking photos of random things. That turned into a love of both still photography and videography," he says. And he has all the gear. "I'm using my Canon mirrorless EOS R, which was a gift from my parents, who are very encouraging and supportive of my hobby, and I edit on my MacBook Pro laptop. I've been capturing sound with a microphone that clips onto the top of my camera, then I plug it in, and it plays the sound through the mic into the camera. If I need sound fx I hop onto Google, and for editing, I'm really lucky that, through school, we have access to all the Adobe applications. I prefer to shoot in a raw file as it keeps more of the photo's information and gives me more options when I put it into my editing software I have more leeway/options — it's not like developing, film but there is manipulation of the photo."

The first video Jeremy made was for a math mentor friend who wanted to publicise the mentoring programme to the students. He then made one for the PB4L (positive behaviour for learning) programme for his drama teacher Steve Lunt, who runs that group. Luckily, the fact that Media Studies clashed with other subjects he wanted to take was overcome by Jeremy's participation in lessons run through HarbourNet, which is part of the Virtual Learning Network Community in NZ. "My media teacher Mr Wallis is from Wairarapa, and I have online lessons with him and other students around the country."

Success Jeremy has already had with his hobby includes coming first in the Year 12 Photography class and winning eight prizes at the 2020 Helensville A&P Show. "At the moment it's all recreational, just me going out and having fun with it," he says. "But hopefully my hobby will turn into a career. I know whatever work I do in the future there has to be a camera involved. I'm most interested in the shooting part of it because, although I love making movies at the moment, I love photography more. It's great to take really cool photos that make me feel some kind of emotion. That's what I want to put out into the world for everyone else to see."





Jeremy Houghton self portrait

## Art Centre Helensville

We are pleased to welcome the community to the Art Centre for a day of fun for kids (of all ages) to take part in a creative project. We are also celebrating the opening of our Matariki Festival exhibition "Turangawaewae" including kid's art "Rising Stars" so there will be kai, korero, and whakawhanaungatanga so we can eat and chat and build relationships within our fabulous community.







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## Helensville Library news update

Thank-you to Victoria and Van, from Stellanova Photography, for your visit and our photo. We love it.

We're all getting back to normal after lockdown, but there are still a few changes for the next wee while.

Matariki and the school holidays are coming up. We will have activity sheets for children to take away and complete at home or in the library.

Our focus this month is on our fifth annual Soft Toy Sleepover. It has been delayed a couple of weeks and will be on Friday 17 July. From 4pm to 5.30pm on Friday, children (and those adults who want their toys to join in the fun) can drop off their toys to spend the night in the library.

Toy drop off will start at 4pm. Toys will be registered and get their name tags. Boxes will be available for children to decorate for their toy's beds for the night. From 5pm, there will be a special pyjama story time for children and toys. At 5.30pm, families will leave their toys behind to spend the night at the library, with library staff keeping watch overnight. From Saturday, children can pick their toys up and – technology playing nicely with us – collect an album of their toy's antics. (For this reason, we suggest that children do not choose a special toy that has to be home at bedtime.)

Our regular Kids Time sessions will return from Thursday 23 July, and continue each Thursday at 10am until 10.30am. Kids Time is designed to suit that day's audience, so some days there may be more books than others, some days we may sing more songs. Kids Time is aimed at under-6s and their grown-ups.

In August, we are planning on resuming our weekly visits to Craigweil Rest Home, with poetry reading and sing-a-longs.

We are currently working on a calendar of outreach visits to local schools and early childhood centres. The schedule may be different to what we offered in the past, as more centres open – we want to visit as many as possible. If you would like a visit from us, please email me at: anne.coppell@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Adult groups who would like a visit, please email Sally at: sally.hardwick@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Like and follow our page on Facebook to stay up-to-date with library happenings: www.facebook.com/HelensvilleLibrary.

Anne Coppell

Senior Librarian / Poukôkiri - Children & Youth, rodney West



Photos courtesy of Stellanova Photography



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

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

**Circle of Friends:** 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, 7.00-9pm, Meet at Magnify, 118 Commercial Rd, Helensville. For 13-18yrs. Ph 420-8911.

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

**Diabeties & 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.

**Helensville Healing Rooms**, Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road, Next to the Hospice Shop, Opposite Mitre 10, Every second and fourth Saturday, 11am-12 noon, Need healing in your body or a breakthrough in your life? Visit and experience God's love. ALL WELCOME Phone 0211-230-434 NO APPOINTMENT & NO CHARGE.

**Helensville Lions Club**, meet 2nd and 4th Mondays of the each month, in the Tennis Club building, 124/164 Rautawiri 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.

Hot Pool Stretching and Exercise Class: Every Tuesday 8-30-9.30am. Suitable for arthritis sufferers or those wanting to warm up these muscles and stay flexible. Lots of fun; pool noodles available and fully instructed. At Parakai Springs Hot Pools. For more information contact Chrissy on 027-258-2010

**Iconz 4 Boys 8-18 yrs,** Adventure, life skills, Leadership and Fun – every Tuesday of the school term, 6pm-7.45pm. Held at Magnify, 118 Commercial Road. Contact Adrian Low 021-999-449

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** - Helping parents and caregivers enjoy the preschool years, every Wednesday of the school term, 9.30am-12pm at Magnify, 118 Commercial Road. Contact Kim Duncan 027-444-3492

**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.

**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

**U3A**, University for the Third Age, Helensville. For more info call 021-131-7308 or 420-7858

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# Jeff's elephant on the move

by Helen Martin

People speculate on how to get four elephants into a fridge, how to eat an elephant and what to do about acknowledging the elephant in the room, but how do you get a 400 kg corrugated iron elephant from Helensville to its new home in the Wairarapa without damaging it?

Sculptor Jeff Thomson, no stranger to the conundrum of transporting large art works around the country, including corrugated iron beasts, reports that his elephant was loaded by forklift onto a truck by local company Eurovision Building Removals during peak traffic hour in Helensville (don't laugh, there is such a thing), secured into place with trucking straps then transported to Greytown by Masterton company, McAuley's Transport. Logistics.

Manager Daniel Maxwell says the job was all in a day's work, while the truck driver was very happy to move the elephant that day, he told Jeff's employee Alan, and took plenty of photos to record the event, evidence for his entry into a running competition at work to see who gets to transport the most unusual freight.

Jeff's elephant ready for its journey. (Photo Shona Cameron).