

## 1 Mill Road by Helen Martin

Te Awaroa/Helensville is a historic town, and we're lucky to have such a good record of the history in books like C.M. Sheffield's 'Men Came Voyaging, and Wayne Ryburn's 'Tall Spars, Steamers and Gum', and in the plethora of information gathered and stored at the local museum. It's a body of work that enables us to keep our local stories alive.

The historic kauri villa at 1 Mill Road, on the right just before the bridge on the way into Helensville township from the south, is on the market and starting a new chapter in its life. The story of this house begins in the late 1860s, when the land it sits on, known then as Te Horo, was bought from the Maori in 1869 by Isaac McLeod Snr. Along with other land, the property had earlier served as a fortified village (pa) "protecting Kawerau interests against speculative Ngati Whatua."

Isaac McLeod Snr, his wife Janet and his brother John and wife Helen had arrived in Aotearoa/New Zealand from Nova Scotia in 1862 and settled in kauririch Te Awaroa. In 1864 John built a large house, and the home and the town were both then named after his wife Helen. But while he and his family moved to Auckland in 1867, Isaac Snr and his family stayed on, living at Te Pua and grazing working bullocks and beef cattle and growing wheat and oats on their Te Horo land.

A house was then built on this land by Isaac McLeod's son Isaac Jnr. and his wife Emma Little in the 1870s. They were the site's first European inhabitants. Isaac McLeod Jnr is regarded as



a central figure in business developments in Te Awaroa/ Helensville's early settler days, with interests in retail stores, a bullock wagon service, a horse bus, several cutters, a flour mill, a church and the local timber company, to name just some of his dealings. He also took a very active part in local body affairs.

Since those days, the house at 1 Mill Road has changed hands several times and has had many renovations. The land has undergone many changes too, including frontage taken to allow for building the main road and, more recently, the sale of some of it to make way for a pending subdivision. It currently sits on 5,438 square metres.

Isaac McLeod Snr's descendants, now fifth generation, still have connections to 1 Mill Road. Janette McLeod was married there in 1985, and her brother Graeme McLeod has been the real estate agent in charge of selling the house through Harcourts. A new chapter in a long and interesting history.

## St John Op Shop's thoughtful window dressing



Pages from Helensville's St John Op Shop.

Based on the theme 'recycle/upcycle/repurpose' and titled 'Industrial', the window display was designed by Eve Issott, with input from Assistant Shop ManagerJean Lee and, on window dressing day, John Issott.

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# Natalie Carroll (née Pengelly)1947 – 2020

Goodbyes can be difficult, even more so when there will never be another hello

We were saddened recently by the passing of our friend Natalie Carroll. Natalie was born and grew up in Helensville, where her parents Cyril and Eileen Pengelly were very well known, including for their work running the "Why Not? Tea Rooms".

Natalie was involved with the Helensville Museum for many years in a number of roles. She was part of a small teamtranscribing the Helensville cemetery records, ensuring that the



museum could help people find family plots even where there was no headstone. She was also instrumental in setting up the original displays in Hec's Barn at the museum. She was not entirely happy about its current crowded state and was pleased to hear we intended to store some items, allowing for rotation of some of the displays. Many people spent a great deal of time reading the short stories and looking at the photographs displayed in a recent World War One exhibit at the museum. This too was Natalie's work

Natalie liked displays to have a meaning and some sort of sequence and wasn't slow to point out if a newly positioned artefact didn't have either. She also saw the need to retain and preserve things that people didn't often see and so was a great supporter of the newly created storage area, especially the area set aside for textiles – often forgotten items in the museum's collection. She was incredibly valuable for her knowledge of the whys and wherefores inthe museum displays.

She was on the Helensville Museum committee several years ago and we were delighted when she offered to come back in support of the current one. She was a much-valued member of our committee and her presence will be greatly missed. We will miss her support, her advice, her humour and her lengthy phone calls. Moe mai ra whaea. You will have a permanent place in our hearts. Helensville Museum Committee.



## What's happening this month





Saturday, 8 August, Waitoki Village Market Day, 8.30 till noon, Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd. Murder and Mayhem in our Hood. Important Meeting. Waitoki Village Hall on Market Day Saturday Aug 8th. The mob is active if unseen in our neighbourhood! Stealing by stealth, rats and possums flourished in the previous fruitful season. Let's do our bit towards Control in the Community. Phil Waddington is coming... inventor of the Doc 200 trap one of the gurus of trapping in NZ. He is excited about the opportunity to share his knowledge and in collaboration with Elizabeth Grainger, is writing a booklet 'how to trap in NZ' which will be available on the day.

Over lock down two Phils in Waitoki were making boxes, setting traps and catching rats, mice, possum and mustelids. They are going to demonstrate and share tips on making cheap boxes and setting traps. Info and give-aways on; composting systems, making kombucha, seeds and anything else you wish to share. Come, share and exchange. Bring your surplus garden produce to swap. Want to help plant/ trap locally, put your name down. Need help, come and let it be known. Pick up homemade and preloved bargains, baked goods, preserves, plants and more while you're there.

Community resilience starts with you, get involved at the Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd. 8.30 till noon. Support your community hall; all proceeds go back to our local community. New stall holders welcome, contact Gill 420 3301 or email waitokihall@gmail.com Future market dates: October 10th, December 12th

Saturday 8 August 2020 8:00pm – 11:00pm Landslide - Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks Tribute Show Helensville Rugby Club, 162 Awaroa Road, Helensville, Auckland Landslide is an Auckland based, live 5 piece band, who have been celebrating the music of Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks all over the North Island for the past 7 years. Covering well-known classics from Fleetwood Mac and also Stevie's solo hits. Dreams, Sara, Rhiannon, The Chain,

Go Your Own Way, Seven Wonders, Don't Stop, Edge of 17, Tusk, Gypsy, Black Magic Woman, Rooms On Fire, Little Lies etc... to name just a few! These amazing, classic songs are played with the greatest of love and respect for the incredibly talented people who created them! Please check us out at www.facebook.com/landslideshow

Sunday, 9 August, 12:30pm, The Long Italian Lunch Kumeu Valley Estate, 972 Old North Road, Waimauku, Auckland Featuring guest chef Ernesto Bruni Zani, from the Italian region of Abruzzo specialising in the spiedini fare (skewered meats cooked over charcoal) served with Polenta as the main meal. This will be a 4 course shared meal service. Our wine list will feature some Italian classics and music will have an Italian flare. \$85.00 per adult \$40 per child under 12

Sunday, 16 August, 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 preloved 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 Ralph Engle. Free face painting, kids crafts. 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, 16 August, 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. Meet Jools Topp – See details on page 4. and annual Photo Comp details on page 14. 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, 23 August, Kaipara Coast Plant Centre workshop, 9.30am to 11.30am, Pest control workshop







#### Sunday 16th August Kaukapakapa Hall 8.30am – 1pm

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From Penk's Pen

## All Aboard!

Like the rest of Auckland, the west and northwest are suffering from a disconnect between population and infrastructure. It's a long-standing problem and not due to any single factor, tempting as it may be for some to point the finger at particular current or past players.

Our resident numbers have grown steadily over time due to internal and external net migration, which is no bad thing in itself. The problem, however, is that our infrastructure has not kept pace. That's sadly true whether we're talking public or private transport, the cramming of teachers and kids into crowded classrooms or even something as vital to human existence as water.

In my first term as a local MP I've made it a priority to lobby central and local government decision makers to get something better than what we have. Truth be told, it's been a frustrating and often fruitless exercise. I've also been lobbying "my side" of the political aisle. I simply want what's best for this area when it comes to networks that allow our families to live, work and play safely. Party politics don't come into the equation when I'm asking that the west and northwest get our fair share, in other words.

Can I strongly but respectfully recommend one thing ahead of this year's election: all voters must assess the parties' and candidates' respective plans when it comes to key infrastructure such as roads, rail and schools. And I'd also urge that everyone consider just realistic such plans might be, lest we have any more "light rail" or Kiwibuild false starts.

I've been delighted to announce recently that my team's infrastructure plan for the west and northwest includes an express busway and passenger rail to Kumeu/Huapai on the existing line. We also remain committed to completing projects already in the pipeline, such as four-laning key stretches of SH16 and getting roundabouts at both ends of Coatesville-Riverhead Highway. I'm most excited about using the train line again, though! All aboard! *Cheers* 

Chris Penk MP

## JOOLS TOPP, HORSE WHISPERER

Sunday 16th August 2020 ~ 9am To 1pm.

From pony club to yahooing at the back of the farm, horses have always been a central thread in Jool's life. She has found her happy place in the equestrian world, using the Vaquero training method, which dates from the 1700's. A way of life more than a discipline, the vaqueros took great pride in taking the time to develop intimate communication with their horses, using a long-term approach. Keen to emphasise the importance of



taking time to build a foundation of trust, Jool's is happy to talk through any horse and rider concerns with you. Come along, swap horse tales and find out more! Open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market,

Something for everyone!

## Focus on ...

### Guaranteed Electrical by Helen Martin



Guaranteed Electrical's Danelle and Phillip. (Photo Stellanova Photography).

Phillip Steedman was born and bred in the family home he now owns. Son of John and Maryann Steedman, Phill is proud to live in his childhood home with his partner Danelle and their four children, including the newest addition, baby Luxford, born the night before lockdown.

Since 2014, Phillip and Danelle have run Guaranteed Electrical from a purpose-built shed on the property. Setting up the business was a natural move for Phillip, who has a lot of experience and drive. On leaving school he did a few months' labouring then moved to Kumeu Tyres, where he became a certified tyre fitter. He really enjoyed that, because he'd always wanted to be a mechanic, but his stepfather Barry, who was a co-owner at McLeod Motors, wouldn't let him. "He thought it was a hard, dirty job."

Phillip begun his electrical career as an apprentice with Coyote Electrical in Waitoki, where he worked for eight years. "I was lucky to be with Peter Chapman in that company and I also worked with Victor Buckle, both were great tradesmen. We did so many different jobs and the level of experience I got out of it was huge. We worked long hours, but I enjoyed the hard work. We did a lot of domestic houses, multiple town houses, high rises, office buildings, you name it and I probably did it. I wired the Albany Tennis Stadium when it was first built, the Dressmart Centre, the ASB building – big commercial jobs."

Phillip worked for several different companies over the years before setting up Guaranteed Electrical with Danelle. "When we started it was all domestic work, now we're also working on renovations and new builds. We try and communicate with the client and figure out what they really want, because I like to finish a job with a happy client."

Phillip loves the job. "It's very physical, hard, hot work. You need to be able to support your body weight on your fingertips all day, every day. You can spend days crawling through rooves and under houses. But the trade has been good to us. Once you are qualified and have your "ticket" you always have work."

Phillip and Danelle want to keep their workers employed and to keep everyone safe. "Our whole industry is built around not getting electrocuted. When I train someone, I remind them the importance of slowing down and concentrating on getting the little things right. The company must work as a cohesive machine because everyone in it is crucial. It is important to have a happy work environment for all involved in Guaranteed Electrical. Things only get confusing when you start confusing needs with wants," says Phillip.

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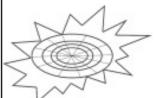
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# Winding up for Arts in the Ville 2020 by Helen Martin

Glass sculptures, pen and ink sketches, the art of scrapbooking, pots, paintings and so much more will feature in Helensville's 2020 Labour Weekend Arts in the Ville, which has programmed some great new additions to enhance the popular festival, now in its 6th year.

Held in the last weekend in October (Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th, Monday 26th), the event will feature the ever-popular treasure hunt and eclectic art displays in a variety of venues, where much of the work will be for sale. Four local gardens will be open to the public, Helensville Lions will hold a sausage sizzle and there will be music throughout the weekend.

Providing travel between venues, two motorised, weather proofed vehicles from the Kiwi Tuk Tuk company will use the Memorial Hall forecourt on Commercial road as the pick-up point for paying customers – a great way for festival-goers to sit back and relax, without having to climb Helensville's hills or find a park.

Other newcomers to the festival include a Twilight Market, with food trucks and music, from Saturday 4pm, an Antiques and Art Show and Tell, curated by John Perry, with a fashion interlude, an Out of Towners pop-up featuring artists from elsewhere and a gallery showcasing samples of works from our local artists.



Karo Creek garden will feature in Arts in the Ville 2020.

# Dome Valley landfill protests by Helen Martin



Protestors fight the tip

Around 100 people attended a meeting in the local hall held in Helensville in July to protest private company Waste Management's plan to establish a large landfill site on 1020ha of farm and forestry land in Dome Valley, north of Warkworth, with the intention of burying half of Auckland's household and commercial waste there. It is proposed that the new landfill would replace the Redvale Landfill and Energy Park in Dairy Flat, which is predicted to reach capacity between 2026 and 2028. The meeting was followed by a large protest hikoi in Auckland city on Friday 17 July.

The issue has attracted a lot of media interest, including from TNNZ's Breakfast, TV3's The Project and TV1's Te Karere. Objections to the proposal focus on contamination of waterways like the Hoteo River and the Kaipara Harbour, the threat to many endangered species (native) including the unique and very rare Hochstetters frog, and predicted traffic hazards - the proposal includes up to 300 truck/ trailers per day transporting waste to Dome Valley on SH 1.

The deadline for making a submission on the tip proposal has been extended. Information can be found online at: https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ResourceConsentDocuments/02BUN60339589FAQ.pdf

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## Art Centre Helensville

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In July the AGM, which had been delayed by the COVID-19 lockdown, was held at the Art Centre. All members of the Board standing for the next financial year were elected unopposed: Leda Daniel (Chair); Helen Martin (Secretary): Sharon Hennessy (Treasurer); Jeff Thomson, Myra Lloyd, Raywin Cruikshank, Joanne Ogilvie (Committee). Lockdown has had a detrimental effect on funding and financial issues facing the Centre are ongoing.

On the bright side, an exhibition showing some of the great work made locally during lockdown opened on Friday 31st July and will run until Saturday 29th August, and art journaling classes, designed to create wellbeing and run by Janet McLeod, will begin on Thursday 13th August 10.30am - 12.30pm.

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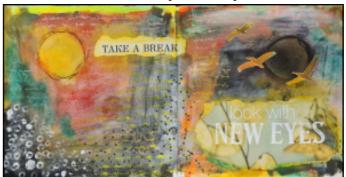
drawing. Bring your own pencils and pens; paper provided. Cost: \$5 per person.

Jeff Thomson will supervise the first evening and from there it's a group effort to support each other along the way. Bring your own materials, pencil and paper (some paper available) and your willingness to experiment, learn and have fun. Just \$5 per class, no need to register just come along.



Thursdays 13th August - 10th September 10.30am - 12.30pm and just \$10 per class due to a generous subsidy from Creative Communities NZ, you can do all five or select days.

Positive psychology and mindfulness are the themes, materials are supplied, just bring a journal or one can be purchased for \$6 on the day. Email manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz for more information, including Janet's bio, and to register or pop into the Art Centre Thurs/Fri 10am -4.30pm, Sat 10-2pm.



Art journal image, by Janet McLeod.



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Karen Rutherford the bureau's Manager says "We receive funding from the Lottery Grants Board each year and it is greatly appreciated. This funding will help us continue to deliver a high quality service to the people of Helensville.

"Our trained volunteer interviewers can help people with information on almost any issue including consumer rights, employment issues, finance and tax, benefit entitlements, housing and tenancy, and much more. No problem is too big or too small."

The Lottery Grants Board benefits the community by distributing the profits from state lotteries such as Lotto, Instant Kiwi, and Daily Keno. They are a major ongoing supporter of Citizens Advice Bureaux New Zealand Inc (CABNZ) and its 82 member bureau / branches.

CABNZ Chief Executive, Kerry Dalton, says, "We are grateful that with Lottery support we can continue providing free, confidential

and impartial information, advice, advocacy and support which helps over half a million people nationally every year."

Citizens Advice Bureau Helensville is located at 27 Commercial Road. You can also phone us on 420 7162 or toll free on 0800 367 222. Or you can email us at helensville@cab.org.nz. We're open Monday – Friday 10am – 3pm. You can also find information on a range of issues on our website www.cab.org.nz."

## The Lions Roar

Things are slowly returning to a different normality. If we all remember to keep our distances and cover our coughs and sneezes, we should all remain safe.



Helensville Lions have donated firewood to 4 families and are now working on two renovating projects.

Operations Christmas Child boxes are now being distributed and Lions will once again participate in this worthwhile cause. If you would like to fill a box, shoe box size, with little gifts, these go to a child living in the Islands; some of whom have never had a Christmas present. For Information contact Pauline 09 420 6208.

The new section of our Lions Club, "Friends of Lions", is now well under way with many volunteers. If you would like to help "with no strings attached" with any of our projects, do contact us or ring Hiltie on 420 8122. *Stay safe*.

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If you're having problems keeping pests under control, would like to do your bit towards pest eradication or simply like to know more about the interesting topic; then this is an ideal workshop for you.



Our presenter for the event is Cam

Rathe, owner of Rural Pest Control. Cam is a local expert in this field with nearly 18 years' experience gained across the region within many areas including clearing pests from some of DOCs most sensitive locations. Topics to be discussed will include:

- Various types of pests (animal and vegetable)
- Problems caused by various pests
- Eradication/control techniques



These relaxed and interactive events are very popular so booking is recommended, though not essential, as spaces are limited (see below for booking details).

Afterwards you will also be able to stroll around the beautiful 1Km nature trail which has over 40 marvellous sculptures created for our 2020 exhibition by local and international artists on display.\*

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## Kaukapakapa headstones restored

Spending far too much time looking at her phone while the country was in lockdown, self-confessed busybody Megan Paterson of Kaukapakapa saw a photo on Facebook showing a beautifully restored headstone which had been posted by the NZ Remembrance Army. Formed in January 2019, the Army's mission is for every service grave in the country to be cleaned and restored to the same standard as the graves of their comrades overseas.

Never one to let an opportunity slide, Megan contacted Dan Walters, the Auckland co-ordinator for NZRA, to talk through the possibility of getting help with the old Kaukapakapa cemetery attached to the historic Peak Road church. Armed with an understanding of the processes involved, she then contacted Maureen and Greville Walker, who gave the go-ahead on behalf of the church cemetery committee.

After cross referencing the names on the Kaukapakapa WW1 and WW11 memorials with the Find A Grave website and Auckland museum's Online Cenotaph, Megan was able to come up with the graves of 29 local war veterans. Some of these only need to be cleaned, but many will have the lettering restored as per the photos. Grev, Maureen, Athol McLachlan and Megan have contacted the known families. They are still looking for descendants of Walter Deans Cochran, Norman Anthony Follett, and William McKay. If you have contact with any of these families, please let Megan know. (Contacts are 021 959017 and three horses@xtra.co.nz).

This is a work-in-progress, with obvious weather constraints, and Megan is excited to see the results when the project is completed. She says the heroes of the story are the NZ Remembrance Army, a group of volunteers who have taken on this awesome task of respect. Sponsored by Bio-Shield and Resene, you can find out more about them on their Facebook page or on the RSA National website.





The Helensville cemetery headstone of returned Boer War and WW1 soldier William Smith, before and after restoration.



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## Kaipara korero

by Steve McCracken



Principal Steve McCracken

In the depths of winter there is a shining light within our community, and I am so proud to say that it is our school, Kaipara College. Whilst we never rest on our laurels, the levels of achievement of our young people are surpassing expectations. This, we put down to both our students' and staff's resilience through the global pandemic, and their ability to be flexible, adapt and create in an unusual situation. The challenge for us is to maintain this current trend beyond the darkness of winter and shine the light at the end of this year.

To continue to support the success of our students, both now and in the future, our school is continuing to enhance how we teach and how our students learn. We have high aspirations of becoming the true centre of our community where our students and the wider community can experience learning, within their interests and passions, first-hand. We want to develop our school to engage with local community members to offer learning experiences to all. We want to work with you, our community, to improve the long-term outcomes for the young people of South Kaipara. We know that everyone needs that one big chance. Now is our chance to work with you all, to give our young people that chance.

Alongside our community working with us, whanau are integral to the success of young people. As educators we know any support a young person receives is beneficial. We also know that, during teenage years, it can be hard to engage with them, in any form. Be reassured that they get through this. The challenge for all of us, is to work together, embracing, looking after, and most of all, loving our young people during this time. It can be challenging but know there is an end. They do get through this. Just be there for them. Applaud their successes. Talk to them, and love them, for all their faults.

Success can be, and is, measured in many different ways. For schools, success is often measured by pure academic results of their students. There is no doubt though, this is a team effort. To support our community, critical members of the team, we are hosting Nathan Wallis, neuroscience educator and all-round good guy early in September to talk with our staff and the community. This will be a fantastic opportunity to listen to an internationally recognised leader of brain development and hear how the science can help everyone's support of teenagers. Tickets for the Nathan Wallis presentation on Thursday, 3 September are available through www.eventfinda.co.nz.

The young people of our community have huge potential. If they are not already, they will be the guiding lights that radiate from the South Kaipara in the future and go out and change the world. With the right support and engagement, now is a perfect time to work together and grow through the upcoming months of spring and into summer, when our students will be getting their best ever results.

#### A win at the Sheilah Winn

#### It's Romeo and Juliet. In a courtroom. With puppets.

by Gemma Bayly, Year 12 student, Kaipara College

When a group of senior drama students from Kaipara College entered a video of their performance into the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition earlier this year, they weren't expecting to do very well. They entered the competition last year and didn't have much success, so expected this year to be the same. Then they received an email to say, 'Congratulations! Your scene has been chosen as the 15-minute scene from the Auckland West Festival to progress to the National Shakespeare Festival. "We were very surprised with our victory," says year 12 actor Kelly-Jean Moki.

Their piece was a court scene set after the end of Romeo and Juliet, with Montague and Capulet on trial for the deaths of their children. The actors also used hand puppets to show the events of the play. Red ribbons became the blood spurting out of the puppet's mouths. The examiners said the piece was a "fantastic fresh interpretation of Romeo and Juliet," and "utterly joyful from start to finish!" Instead of performing the whole piece at once as they usually would, the students were able to film it in several parts and edit it together for effect. The piece was written by Kaipara College drama teacher, Stephen Lunt, and filmed and edited by Jeremy Houghton (Year 13). Six Year 12 students, Kelly-Jean Moki, Emily Gunston, Ruby Williams, Grace O'Brien, Josh Masterton and Sam Stenning were the performers. The students are all experienced actors, having performed in a number of college productions over the last four years.

Every year, secondary school students across New Zealand perform sections of Shakespeare's plays as part of the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. They perform in their region and the winners progress to the national competition. Due to COVID-19, this year's competition was through video submission.

The Kaipara College students' scene will now be judged against all the other regional finalists by top industry judges. If they win, they will be part of the National Shakespeare Production in Wellington and might be able to perform at the Globe Theatre in London.

Good luck to all the students awaiting results.





## Helensville Primary School



This is a joint collaboration between Helensville Primary School PATHS (PTA) and Kaipara College PTSA





## Teen Brain

Thurs 3 Sept 2020: 7:30pm - 9:00pm Kaipara College - Helensville/Auckland

Helensville Primary and Kaipara College are proud to announce that the host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls", Nathan Wallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - Teen Brain.

There are 6000-year-old hieroglyphics carved into the pyramids depicting the teenagers of the time as being self-obsessed, defiant and unmotivated - that's sounding pretty familiar don't you think?

During adolescence, part of your teenage brain "shuts for renovations". This is the part of the brain responsible for controlling your teenager's moods, for understanding consequences and for thinking about the well-being of others. So whilst you can't expect teens to be able to display these behaviours consistently during adolescence, there are ways that you can enhance and maximise the times when they can. Understanding the changes that are taking place for your teen will help you to navigate successfully these important and formative

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## A month in the life of Kaukapakapa

The annual Kaukapakapa Library photo competition got bumped due to COVID-19, but it's back. The Jordan Collection of photos of old time Kaukapakapa has many photos of settlers with their homes, so for this year's competition we're asking entrants to take a photo of their whanau with their home -don't forget the pets. This will give the library a record of the types and styles of housing in Kaukapakapa and who was around in 2020.

The competition will run between 10th September and 10th October, timed to take in the school holidays, and the boundaries are from Glorit to Waitoki to Mt. Rex. More rules and conditions will be on the Kaukapakapa library Facebook page. Judging will

on the based photographic quality, not based on the best house or most attractive family. Help us create a snapshot in time for the Kaukapakapa of the future. Contact details Megan Paterson threehorses@xtra.co.nz, 021 959017.



Photo is Elizabeth and Andrew Bonar, first European settlers in Kaukapakapa, 1858. Photo taken 1863 by Daniel Manders Beere.

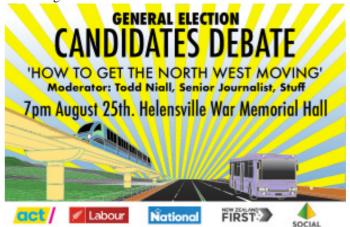
## Marja goes to market

Along with many other local places, Helensville Labour List



Marja talks with a local seller at the KKK Market. MP Marja Lubeck visited Kaukapakapa Market in July to meet and answer questions from people who live in the area. In her first term of office Marja is proud to have successfully lobbied and secured funding for restoration of the Mahurangi River, the four lane Matakana Link and the Penlink Project. Current projects she is working on include the save the Dome campaign and advocating for solutions to the North-West traffic issues.

A Meet the Candidates meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25 August, where locals will have the opportunity to meet and question the candidates standing for the newly formed Kaipara ki Mahurangi electorate.





**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.

**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.

**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

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Thousands of New Zealanders fought in the Pacific War in the 1940's. The Pacific war is an irony for an ocean named for peace, but became an arena of battle between Japan on one side and the USA, Australia, New Zealand and



their allies on the other. It was a war fought on a vast scale, from Darwin to Midway, the Solomon's to Iwo Jima, starting with the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbour on 7th December 1941 and Britain, USA, Australia and NZ declaring war on Japan the next day. It would be a long four years, costing tens of thousands lives on both sides, before Japan surrendered on the 15th August 1945, bringing World War Two to an end.

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