



Arts in the Ville is a highlight on the local calendar and this year's, the sixth, has plenty of fabulous art and wonderful events in art studios, pop up galleries and other venues, including several new things to pique our interest. Adding to the atmosphere there will be music at the hall forecourt all weekend. Food will also be available at venues in the village.

The organisers say this vibrant festival offers a great opportunity for people to get out, enjoy the art and experience the many family friendly, free opportunities. Artists will be on hand in their own creative environment and you are encouraged to engage with them and perhaps take the opportunity to try a new skill yourself. You can also buy direct.

While the festival proper begins on Saturday 24 October, Hannah Rose and Pauline Denton are holding a poetry evening on Friday 23rd, where you are invited to perform your original or favourite poems, stories and monologues 6pm-8pm, Te Awaroa Cafe, 54 Commercial Road. "Creative interpretations of poetry welcome. Performances under 10 minutes encouraged. Come and dine or just grab a drink and listen. There will also be acoustic music played in the interims."

John Perry's 'ABC Show and Tell' is new to the festival and promises to be popular. People are invited to take their items of

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interest – books, bric a brac, family heirlooms - to The Lighthouse (120 Commercial Rd) on Sunday 25 October at 4pm, where their value will be assessed. In an interlude organised by Myra from Marmalade Hats and designer Amy Howatt, local students will model especially created gowns and hats. Be early to make sure you don't miss out.

For the past two years the treasure hunt has been a big success, creating a lot of interest as people scramble to find all the clues and go in the draw to win one of Jeff Thomson's art works. This year Jeff is ringing the changes, with large, screen printed birds forming the clues. Some of the birds will be treasure hunt prizes.

The event will be COVID-19 aware, with all venues showing QR Code and will have sign hand sanitizer available.

Keep up with festival news and make email contact with your questions on the ARTS IN THE VILLE Facebook page. Detailed information about all the artists, venues etc. can be found on the website www.artsintheville.weebly.com

Cableleigh Drive clean-up

by Helen Martin

Since Joe Oliver created the Facebook group page 'Cableleigh Drive and surrounding roads community' on 13 September, 49 people have joined. Joe's intention, "to prioritise making Helensville a better place to live" has gained a lot of support and was boosted by community sponsorship for the tidy up, including use of a waste disposal vehicle.

To begin with, the group will hold a working bee in October to beautify their street. "I got sick of seeing rubbish lying around and the walkway overgrown with weeds and junk. We have a new playground being built and new LED lighting has been put in, which is a big improvement, so now the place just needs a general tidy up," says Joe. "People are telling me they're hoping to get their teenagers to join in."

The first working bee cleaning up the public spaces will be a morning or afternoon weekend event, where participants will be given gloves and rubbish bags and split into two groups, so they can start at different ends of the street. The clean-up will be followed by an informal get-together in the street.

While Joe and his partner Julia have only lived in Helensville for three years, they are both keen to make a difference to their patch. They are busy people – Joe is operations manager for a Warkworth trucking business, Julia works for Plunket and they have a two-year-old daughter Naiomi – but they see value in making time for this. "We could write letters to the Council and wait for them to do it, but that seems like the long way round. We can make a difference doing it ourselves, it just seems the right thing to do."

(In the last weekend of September, the roadside cleanup Operation Springclean, organised annually by South Kaipara Landcare, was held at South Head, followed by a BBQ at Waioneke School).

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ARTS in the VILLE will again dazzle with more than 75 artists in over 30 venues. This Labour Weekend (24/25/ 26 October) from 10am - 4pm on each day, you will have the opportunity to view artists work, meet and discuss the art with the artists, and buy at studio prices.

This is a family friendly, free event, with many new and exciting artists and extra events. A feature is our version of Antiques Road Show, on Sunday 25th at 4pm, and the ever favourite Visual Treasure Hunt with many hand made clues by Jeff Thomson hidden throughout the town. The winner of the treasure hunt will gain a special Jeff Thomson piece, when the draw is made Helensville Arts Centre at 4.00 pm on Monday. All COVID-19 compliance will be visible. We hope it will be a great weekend in Helensville.

All information, plus map and artists details are on our website artsintheville.weebly.com

Follow us on facebook https://www.facebook.com/ artsintheville.co.nz and instagram.

Sponsors are Creative New Zealand, Auckland Council and Northwest Country.

Kaipara Memorial RSA Quiz Nights

The Kaipara Memorial RSA's events calendar has been badly affected by the COVID-19 lockdowns and future events like the Melbourne Cup afternoon and even Santa in the RSA Grotto, will both need a re-jig.

One event that is not affected is the quiz every Wednesday at 7.00pm, 20 easy questions from a different quizmaster each week, no entry fee or minimum or maximum team numbers and you could win big time. Enjoy a meal from 6.00pm, non-members RETURNED AND SERVICES welcome, but you need to sign in at the bar. (No hats worn inside the clubrooms,



otherwise casual dress). There is a meat raffle and the "\$2 board" is drawn when full. A "snowball" cash prize is drawn on your membership number every Wednesday at 7.00pm, if you are not there, the cash prize, sponsored by Burmester Realty, snowballs by \$10 each week until struck, after which it starts again at \$100. The club is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays for meals, darts and pool on Thursdays. The RSA is located at 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, beside the War Memorial Hall.



What's happening this month





Term 3 Ended, Friday 25 September Term 4 Starts, Monday, 12 October

Friday, 2 October, 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. Guest speaker at the October meeting will be Kaylene Subritzky, Dove Ministries. All welcome. Contact Bridget at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information.

Saturday, 10th of October & Sunday the 11th of October, Love Tennis Weekend - 1pm to 4pm both days: Both Helensville Tennis Club located at 164 Rauatawhiri Road and Tennis Waimauku located main Highway opposite the Caltex Station are hosting this free community event and the whole family is invited! Check out the club near you or both clubs on either days. Whether you are new to tennis or rusty and want to brush up your game again! BBQ, prizes, giveaways and free Hell pizza vouchers on offer. Everybody welcome – young and old! Contact Alicia Baker (Tennis Waimauku)

Saturday, October 10, Waitoki Village Market Day, 8.30 till noon, Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd. There is no market in September at Waitoki, but am working on the October A planned promotion which will be focussing on the spread of weeds. Targeting privet, tobacco weed, wandering willie, pampas plus a couple of others. **Stop the spread.**

A few species are starting to dominate our roadsides and more, creeping at an accelerating rate under the power lines and into the bush. Initially planted to attract birds, birds are now spreading them further and further across the countryside and into our native bush areas.

Those with sinus trouble will be well familiar with the cloying scent of privet, but there are others also. Come along to the next Waitoki market October 10th and find out what you can do to help stop the spread. 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 pre-loved 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: December 12th

Sunday 11 October 2020 2:30pm – 4:30pm, Helensville War Memorial Hall. The Auckland Youth Orchestra, conducted by Antun Poljanich, presents: Bernstein: Candide Overture Arnold: Clarinet Concerto No.2 (soloist: Kiara Kong) Tchaikovsky: Symphony No.5

Experience the thrill of 75 talented young musicians (ages 16-26) performing together with energy, precision and passion! On the programme is Bernstein's lively Candide Overture, Malcolm Arnold's jazzy 2nd clarinet concerto and Tchaikovsky's flamboyant 5th Symphony!

Sunday, 18 October, Kaukapakapa Village Market, Kaukapakapa Hall, 8.30am-1pm, Held on the 3rd Sunday of every month all year round. With its friendly people, great atmosphere and a wide selection

of quality stalls there's something for everyone with everything from locally hand-made crafts, fresh fruit & veg to pre-loved treasures and collectibles. Enjoy a freshly made coffee while you check out the stalls or sit and relax with something tasty from the market cafe while you take in the entertaining atmosphere and live music. There is always something fresh to experience with different musicians, entertainment and new stall holders joining the market each month—a great morning out for the family. Live music from Ralph "This Flight Tonight". 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, 18 October, Kaukapakapa Library, 9.30am to 1pm, A month in the life of Kaukapakapa Photo Competition

The Kaukapakapa Library's photo competition runs between 10th September and 10th October and this year you need to take a photo of your whanau with your home - don't forget your pets! This will give the library a record of the types and styles of housing in Kaukapakapa and who was around in 2020. Timed to run over the school holidays, the boundaries are from Glorit to Waitoki to Mt. Rex, and the rules and conditions are on the Kaukapakapa Library Facebook Page. If you're looking for some inspiration, come along to the library, we'll have on display photos of Kaukapakapa's early settlers and their homes from the beautiful Henley House to bushman's shacks. Help us create a snapshot in time for the Kaukapakapa of the future! Contact details Megan Paterson, threehorses@xtra.co.nz, 021 959017. Library open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market.

Friday, 23rd October 6-8pm. Te Awaroa Cafe, 54 Commercial Road. Poetry & Spoken Word Night launches 'Arts in the 'Ville'

Great performance opportunity! All levels welcome. Perform original or favourite works, poetry, stories and monologues. Creative interpretations of poetry welcome. Performances under 10 minutes encouraged. To book in advance contact Pauline

paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com or just turn up on the night. Come and dine or just grab a drink and listen. Acoustic interim music.

Upcoming events



Saturday, 14 November, Waitoki School will be hosting a garden tour around 10 beautiful Waitoki Gardens.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased for \$50 via the Waitoki School Website www.waitoki.school.nz.

The ticket price includes transport from Waitoki School to the nearby gardens and also includes tea or coffee and a sweet treat.

There will be small stalls with plants and boutique items to purchase so attendees are encouraged to bring cash with them.



Sunday 20th September Kaukapakapa Hall 8.30am – 1pm

> 10am - 12pm, live music from duo Take Two, free face painting, kids craft table.



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Research on children's use of media in the pandemic

by Helen Martin

During lockdown, with television coming into its own as a teaching tool and with increased emphasis on watching News bulletins, there was some anxiety from parents that their children would be negatively influenced by the increase in screen time.

As a result of being asked to facilitate a New Zealand contribution to an international survey on media use by children aged 9-13 during lockdown, academic Dr. Geoff Lealand says that, while the results only tell a partial story and there is much more to explore, it was interesting to get a glimpse into the significant role media played in children's lives during these weeks as a source of education, information and entertainment.

It is heartening that, with 42 countries contributing, Lealand says, "a majority of children were able to identify misinformation (fake news) to varying degrees, were aware of vulnerable groups likely to be exposed to the virus and were aware of what personal health measures were necessary to minimise risk. In one example, 79% of the children expressed disbelief in the pervasive rumour that the virus had been spread by a foreign government as a weapon."

Globally, the research found there was an increase in the use of certain media forms, especially television, children reported turning to media when they were feeling sad and/or lonely and many said they used social media to contact friends and relatives.

The survey concluded that, while nearly one half of those answering the questionnaire expressed dissatisfaction with media news about COVID-19 and reported they were unwilling to read, watch or listen to any more coverage, for the majority of participating children, the media (children's media in particular) played an important role for children living through a global crisis.

A fuller report can be found at Parenting for a Digital Future at blogs.lse.ac.uk



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Helensville Library news update

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Helensville Library news for October 2020

Helensville Library is open!

We will re-schedule our Book Tasting evening as soon as we can.

Helensville Library will be open during Arts in the Ville – all three days. We look forward to all our visitors.

Did you take up a new craft or project during lockdown? We welcome photographs and small items to display for the weekend. Please contact us.

Keep up-to-date with library happenings on our Facebook page: facebook.com/HelensvilleLibrary.

In Alert Level 2, some of our services may be different to what you are used to.

While we recommend signing-in it is not compulsory.

Like all Auckland Council community facilities, we have a paper-based sign-in sheet inside the library to ensure we have processes in place for tracing visitors to our facilities.

If you aren't using the COVID Tracer App, please complete the sheet. Please note: The details on the sign-in sheet will only be used for COVID-19 contact tracing by the Ministry of Health. Information will be securely stored for 60 days, then destroyed.

If you are unwell, and want to collect or return an item, please ask a friend or family member to do this for you.

Our staff may be wearing face masks as an additional precaution. Wear a mask if you wish to.

There are limits to the number of people allowed in our libraries at any one time during Alert Level 2. We ask that you limit your library visit to 30 minutes or less.

We ask all customers to observe the Ministry of Health's physical distancing guidelines: a minimum of 1 metre distance inside public places.

Hand sanitiser is available for customers on entry, as well as next to our self-check machines, public computing areas and EFTPOS terminal. We encourage you to use hand sanitiser when visiting a library.

Ready-to-Go Reads – pre-packaged selections of 5 books (genre and age-based) are now available! Fill out our Ready-to-Go Reads form to request a book pack. We'll let you know when they're ready to pick up from your chosen library.

www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/ready-to-goreads.aspx#Start.

The library is thoroughly cleaned each night and additional cleaning will be done throughout the day, including wiping down surfaces, handrails and computers with anti-viral spray.

Free WiFi is available at all libraries.

Public computers and printing access are available, with physical distancing and hygiene measures in place. We are limiting customers to two 30-minute sessions a day.

Staff assistance at computers will be minimal during Alert Level 2 and a minimum of 1 metre physical distance will be maintained.

All physical events in libraries are on hold, including Kids Time. Jigsaw puzzles, and heat kits have been temporarily removed from our libraries and the catalogue.

And don't forget if you need help with enrolling to vote we can provide it.

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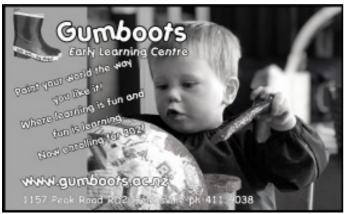
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Indian Cultural Day at The Henrikwest Care Group

The Henrikwest Care Group facilities Craigweil House, The Beachfront Home and Hospital, and Catherine Lodge each recently had "India Day," a day celebrating Indian culture. Complete with Indian cuisine, costume, music and choreographed dance performances, each home competed to win awards and prizes.

"Our residents were amazed with shows, music and all the colourful costumes reflecting different regions of India. Some residents wore saris and learned steps of Indian dances!"

At Craigweil House, over six staff collaborated on a group dance in the Bhangra style, a popular type of dance and music originating from the Punjab area of northern India. Even facility Manager David Halewood got in there with a surprise performance front and centre of a trio dance, delighting the residents of Craigweil House.

The India Day celebrations were held around the date of the Indian Day of Independence. The Henrikwest Care Group facilities celebrate various cultural days throughout the year for the enjoyment of residents and staff. In the past we have been transported all around the world from Egypt to the Philippines. However, this year's India Day was different introducing the fierce competition between the facilities.

The award for the best solo performance had to go to Dipika (Health Care Assistant) at The Beachfront Home and Hospital. Her dance was described as "splendid" and "captivating." Dipika said, "On Independence Day, dancing for my country was an immensely proud moment. The Indian song 'Desh mera Rangeel' indicates that is a colourful country in which every state has their own costumes, culture, languages and religion [...] Unity in diversity is the strength of India."

The team at Catherine Lodge were recognised for their extravagant decor which brought the grandeur of India right into the rest home. Colourful mandala art, stylised elephants and rich fabrics were draped on the walls creating a festive atmosphere.

Although, with such passionate efforts, it was difficult to pick an overall winner, this year the team at Craigweil House were the champions. The participation on the day made staff and residents feel involved, have fun, and share a laugh – truly great efforts all around.



Dipika, winner of the Best Solo Dance, speaking about the significance of celebrating India's Independence Day at The Beachfront Home and Hospital.



Group performance at Craigweil House in the Bhangra style Of Indian dance



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I hope you and your family are keeping well in these unpredicted times. The "new normal" is still unfolding so we must "back our future" for all New Zealanders.

Always happy to chat over a cuppa, or the supermarket trolly, txt 0273063541 or Brenda.steele@nzfirst.nz if you wish to discuss anything?



"A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money." This was the famous caution attributed to US Senator Everett Dirkson back in the 1960s. It could equally apply today.

Vast amounts of well intentioned spending of Kiwis' money has taken place recently and this will surely continue. It's important to acknowledge that a certain amount of this debt we're incurring is directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic and so is inevitable. Any political party in government would have been borrowing in the short term to keep us afloat through sensible measures such as the wage subsidy. Credit where it's due.

It will all need to be paid back, though, of course. The timeframe of the debt repayment varies according to political parties' promises, so to some extent we'll know the answer after the general election that is nearly upon us. But to a large extent it also depends on what other external winds may blow across this land in the coming years.

We know all too well that rebuilding after major quakes is earthshatteringly expensive. We also know that global financial crises leave few economies unscathed, as the "global" bit would suggest.

Given that some debt is inevitable, therefore, but also given that another rainy day of some kind will surely come soon, there should be two broad priorities for the incoming government: keeping the debt as low as reasonably possible and ensuring that the borrowing that does take place will have a positive effect in terms of economic growth, including (but not limited to) short-term economic growth.

The first bit – keeping debt low – should mostly focus on allowing Kiwi small and large businesses to get on with producing goods and services with as little government interference as possible. The RMA, "health and safety" zealotry, the burden of high taxation and discouraging labour laws come to mind.

The second bit – borrowing to create growth – revolves around the need for investment in young people (which my Party calls "social investment") and also building the infrastructure needed to actually get us moving. We desperately need this, as a matter of reality and not merely rhetoric.

Please vote, whoever you choose to vote for. It's our right and our responsibility.

Cheers, Chris Penk (MP, Helensville)

Chris Penk MP

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We are offering half price admittance to all holders of Arts in the Ville concessionary passes for the holiday weekend.

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

* Trail is not suitable for wheelchairs or walking frames.

COVID-19 - This is a wholly outdoors event so maintaining appropriate social distancing is relatively easy and all appropriate safety requirements will be in place.

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by Steve McCracken



Principal Steve McCracken

The last three years have been an interesting time for education. We have seen a huge piece of work, on a national level, drafted as the 'Education Conversation'. A conversation that went up and down the country gathering voice from all New Zealanders on the state of our education system and asking for opinions on how to progress forward, both short and long term. With the global pandemic, there has been little traction on an operational level in the last twelve months, however, this month coming, the whole country gets to have their say once again, and much wider than just education, as we head to the polling booths.

Education should not be used as a political ball game, but history indicates that is so often is. I have no doubt that educational policy needs to be revised, refreshed and be forward thinking, but it is wrong to use education as a lever for political gain. The end outcome of political handball is a system that is detrimental to those that have no say, the young people all educators face on a daily basis.

One of New Zealand's leading neuroscience educators, Nathan Wallis, takes a very clear stance on education. Front load it! Increase the amount and quality of education our very youngest receive. Put resource into early childhood, and in particular the first thousand days of a young person's life. There are definite benefits to this, even from a secondary school perspective. It does however, mean a long term game plan for education. The question is though, when will we see education stop being used as a political game to actually make use of sound and valid research in order to benefit the young people of today and the future.

If we look ahead, well beyond the now, the challenge for any government is to foresee the need beyond their term. The Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) have undertaken significant research into just this, specifically around teaching and learning for the future of education and skills in 2030. The research is compelling, and the findings are clear. Never before have young people been so empowered and inspired to be leaders. Never before have young people been so globally aware, or planet concerned. Never before have we had the chance to empower our young people and make a significant difference to everyone future.

Given the appropriatesettings, our young people can be amazing. Now is this is a time to embrace them. It is a time to ensure that we hear their voices, and things in place for their development, well beyond 2030. If we want our young people to be future global leaders, future way farers, and people who will make significant contributions to society, now is our time to empower them. Now is the time for our politicians to listen. The government elect must ensure they protect education for now and the future. If we truly believe in the importance of education, our government will listen to the experts, look beyond the now, and place significant resource into education. This is more than a conversation. We have the power to act.

What do you want to do?

Gemma Bayly, Year 12, Kaipara College.

"What do you want to do when you leave school?"

It is the most annoying, and commonly asked question. But as I've gotten older, I'm asked it more and more frequently. I dread big family gatherings, because I'm asked over and over and over again what my plans are for when I leave Kaipara College. I watch as my relatives' faces process whatever I felt like telling them that day. Some are excited by the prospect of my possible career, but others give a concerned 'Oh..." But if I say I don't know what I might do, I can be greeted by a, "It's a bit late, isn't it?" I'm only sixteen!

Most teenagers just don't know what they want to do. Some change their future plans weekly, and some just go through school aimlessly. I have to say, I envy the lucky kids who have known what they want to do since primary school.

I think for many teens, the real world is too far away to think about. It is only at Year 12 reality begins to hit. Some of my classmates have started to venture out into the world to take on new jobs, apprenticeships, or just do nothing. After the lockdowns, students who were staying at school just for sport or friends left, seeing no reason to stay longer. For the students who stay at Kaipara College, there are interviews with the careers advisor. We go into the careers room and return with stacks of prospectuses about universities. There are trips to the careers expo and universities visiting the school. It's all a bit daunting choosing what to do for the rest of our lives. There are so many courses at universities and so many jobs that we don't even know about. Then there are jobs that we thought were needed, but not at the moment, like pilots and air hostesses.

A few weeks ago, we had to choose our subjects for next year. Choosing subjects is difficult if you have no idea what you want to do. Even if you know what course you want to take at university, it is hard to know what subjects are actually necessary. Many people drop maths or physics after Year 11 because they don't like them, only to find they need them after all to get into university. Then there are those who choose the easiest subjects they can, with no thought about their future. But will the subjects we take in secondary school matter all that much a few years after we leave?

With all this pressure put on teenagers to choose a job, I wonder how many adults are actually still doing the career they chose when they were younger. Will most of us end up changing our minds in a few years anyway? I'm interested to see what will happen.



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Art Centre Helensville

Staffing

This has been a trying year for everyone, including the Art Centre Helensville (TAC), where financial uncertainty has forced the Board to reduce its staff by disestablishing the position of coordinator and retaining just one member of staff, Manager Heather Steadman. This was an extremely difficult decision, as Pauline Denton made such an important contribution to the Art Centre in her time as coordinator.

Pauline began her part time role holding workshops and art exhibitions to show off the work of the community when the Centre was based in the brick building behind the Art Stop café, situated at the southern end of Commercial Road. She also worked part time co-ordinating arts and activities for Mt. Tabor Trust from the building. When the Art Centre was moved to the basement of the War Memorial Hall, where it is today, Pauline's coordinator hours were increased from 10 to 15 per week. She also used the new venue as her Mt. Tabor base.

She was popular with the community and dedicated to the centre's kaupapa of "enhancing the artistic talent and art appreciation of the Kaipara Region through exhibitions, workshops and artist talks." She instigated most of the workshops TAC has held and has developed many interesting exhibitions. Some of her ideas became annual events, such as Children's Art and the 3-For-All. She established TAC as an annual satellite space for the Auckland Festival of Photography. Her work for the disabled has seen her curate the visual art exhibition for the InterACT Disability Festival for a number of years, after which each year she has brought a selection of works back to TAC for inclusion on a local level.

She has contributed to and been a huge supporter of TAC as a participating artist, regularly contributing artworks for display in the members' and other exhibitions. Using a wide variety of media in differing disciplines such as painting, photography, drawing and sculpture, her imagination and creativity seem to



Pauline Denton, 2nd from right, at a Nemseh oil painting class.



know no bounds. As a poet, she has held regular open mic live performance events, both in the original art centre building and at other sites. She has been, and we hope will continue to be, an inspiration to us all in the local and wider art community. The TAC Board wishes Pauline all the best for her future and would like to warmly thank her for her dedication to her job over the

Board members in the limelight

Art Centre Board Chairperson Leda Daniel has been an artist for 35 years and has sold in many countries. Now, membership of the Choice website has brought an explosion of interest in her work. The site, run by Monty Betham and Sarah Colcord, sells only pieces made in NZ. A recent in-depth half-hour online interview, where Leda talks about her work, can be accessed on https://www.facebook.com/sarahcolcordd/videos/ 4398798063493696

In the recent Spring issue of Art New Zealand, renowned local sculptor and Art Kaipara Board member Jeff Thomson appears on the cover, and inside the journal is a fascinating 9page interview, including photographs.

Jeff and Board Secretary Helen Martin are working on a book, 'Ripples on the Water', with photographer Ian Baker and designer Bev Goodwin. The book is a chronicle of the making of Rebecca, the corrugated iron yacht Jeff entered in Sculpture on the Gulf, 2019.

Arts in the Ville

Heather, the TAC Manager and most Board members are participating in the festival. Jeff Thomson will again organise the treasure hunt and will be creating up to twenty larger than life screen printed birds to be found perching throughout the town. A few of these will be used as prizes, with the remainder being for sale to raise funds for the Art Centre.

Workshops and other events

The way TAC organises workshops has been re-vamped. They are subsidised by Creative Communities and cost \$10 per class.

Next workshops - Art Journaling, with Janet McLeod, 10.30am -12.30pm, 15 Oct – 12 November (5 weeks); Get the Whole Story, Writing Children's books, with Irene Potter, 10.30am – 12.30pm, 23rd October -27 November (6 weeks).

In addition to workshops, a Board subcommittee is now dedicated to creating events in the community, like the successful Chalkathons held in August and October. A couple of further events are in the pipeline to happen before the end of the year. The concept is to take art out into the community as an extension to the Art Centre.

Members' exhibition

The current exhibition is the Art Kaipara Members' Show, which consists of artworks submitted by Art Kaipara members. The show opened on Friday 17 September and will run until 31 October. This is a wonderful exhibition with a total of 72 two pieces on display. The variety of media, subject matter and skill shown in these works exemplifies the wonderful talent we have in our art community. Whilst we are in lockdown 2, the gallery will adhere to all rules as set out by the government such as social distancing and limiting large group events. Come and support your local arts organisation and local artists exhibiting with us. We also have a retail space with local artists work for sale.

Business Award nomination

In exciting news, the Art Centre has made it to the finals of the NorthWest Business Awards 2020 in the Not for Profit category. You can vote online until 16 October

https://www.northwestcountry.co.nz/business-awards/ There will also be paper voting forms available at the Art Centre Thurs/Fri 10am - 4.30pm and Sat 10am - 2pm.

The Art Centre site

Complex drainage work outside TAC has finally been completed and a couple of our Board members have been working hard to establish garden beds. Within these beds we will have rotating works of art on plinths and will be seeking suitable works for this in the coming months. Watch this space.



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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