

The Helensville Community News

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Art Centre Helensville

It's been a difficult year, so winning the Not for Profit category in the 2020 North West Country Business Awards was a real boost to our morale. Thanks especially to manager Heather Steadman for winning over the 'mystery shopper' with her professional customer service. Thanks also to BID for hosting the Awards. Those attending at the Riverhead Hotel event had a great night.

The current exhibitions, which are up until Saturday 19th December, are the cash and carry Something to Celebrate for Xmas gifting and the Kids' Exhibition, featuring art from local children and Parakai Kindergarten. Our After School Art and Craft classes in November were popular and the kids created some nice work. Following on from the sell-out success of Janet McLeod's gnomes in the current exhibition, a make-your-own gnome workshop, guaranteed to help preserve the declining gnome population, was held in early December.

The exhibition programme for 2021 is almost finalised and we're looking forward to creating a lot of community interest. The first exhibition in 2021, Wood and Wool, will feature the beautiful work of Ray Scott, wood artist, and Fiona McBride, wool artist. Other events, including workshops and interactive community happenings, are also in the pipeline for next year.

The first of three plinths, with appropriate security, has been

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Condolences

Helensville Community News joins with the rest of the community in expressing our deep condolences and sorrow to the family of Fiona Howden-Larsen, who died tragically on Mill Road in late November as the result of an accident.

installed on the bank outside Art Centre for members and others to showcase 3D works. Contact the Art Centre if you have a piece you wish to exhibit.

A lot of interest was shown in the Art Centre during Arts in the Ville. Board member and local artist Jeff Thomson's treasure hunt was again popular and was won by nine-year-old Yoshi Abraham, who attends Timatanga Community School. Yoshi's completed and



Jeff Thomson with treasure hunt winner Yoshi Abraham.

correct form was drawn from a large number of entries in the bird treasure hunt. The prize was a white corrugated iron hen made by Jeff. Second, third and fourth prizes of plywood birds as viewed in the hunt went to John Scott, Eli Scott and Anita George.

Art Centre closes at 2pm on Saturday 19th December and reopens at 10am on Saturday 23rd January 2021.

Contact: manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz

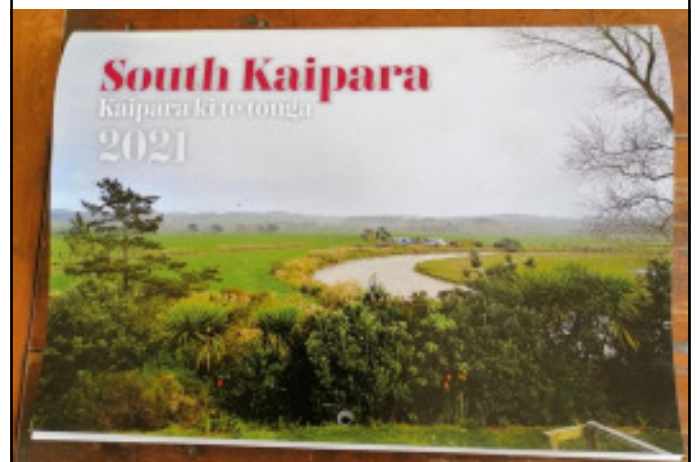
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The 2021 South Kaipara calendar is a tribute to the beauty in our corner of the world – the rivers, the ocean, the landscapes and the ever-changing skies.

The calendar is available from Paper Plus Select, The Art Centre, Kaukapakapa Library and Helen Martin (helenandkeith@xtra.co.nz).

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But wait, think about it. The CAB has been operating in New Zealand since 1970 (started back in the UK in 1939, who knew?) Our proud Helensville office opened in June 1991 and has been supporting the community ever since. So what sort of things do people ask about and how am I supposed to know stuff?

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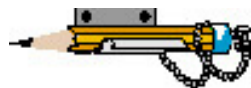
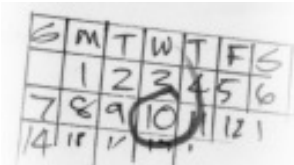
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Sunday, 6 December, Twilight Christmas Market Muriwai Surf Club, Jack Butt Lane, Muriwai Beach, Auckland 4:00pm – 8:00pm. A wonderful selection of locally made Arts and Crafts at the beautiful Surf Club Muriwai Beach. Enjoy a swim at the beach then wander up to the club for hassle-free Christmas shopping supporting local artists while enjoying live music and dinner from a variety of excellent food trucks. This is a busy but relaxed market with everything from clothes, candles, art prints, home made confectionary, jewellery, skin care products, plants, the list goes on.

Saturday, 12 December, Kaipara LIVE. The Pipi Pickers Makarau Hall, Makarau Road, Makarau, Kaukapakapa. 7:00pm – 9:45pm Kaipara Live present special guests The Pipi Pickers + first half performers. Interval refreshments included. Come and enjoy an evening of wild bluegrass, banjo pickin' fun from The Pipi Pickers plus the best local talent in the intimate and historical Makarau Hall. "The best bluegrass band in New Zealand ... They always have an interesting and high quality show – doing songs no one else in the bluegrass world does. Never get bored at a Pipi Pickers show." – Mike Kear, Music from Foggy Hollo. If you would like to perform in the first half contact Andy andyhamilton@xtra.co.nz

Sunday, 20 December, 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 collectables. 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 the Cougar Chorus, DanceVille Performance, see Santa in the Grotto, Free face painting. For more information, stall-holder, busker and music enquiries contact Sarah: Phone - 0274 831542 or Email - sarah1@maxnet.co.nz. Eftpos cash out available.

Sunday, 20 December, Kaukapakapa Library, 9.30am to 1pm, Come along and see Santa in his sparkly grotto in the library on Sunday 20th December. He will be arriving in style at 10am and will be in his grotto until 12pm where you tell him what you hope to get for Christmas and have your photo taken with him and his elves.

For more information contact Sarah 0274831542.

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

Sunday, 20th December, Magnify Church Centre

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Friday, 25 December, Christmas Day

Saturday, 26 December, Boxing Day

Friday, 1 January, New Year's Day

Saturday, 2 January, Day after New Year's Day

Upcoming events

Saturday, 20 February 2021. Sweet Louise Fundraiser - Gibbs Farm 2021 Gibbs Farm, 2421 Kaipara Coast Highway, Makarau. 10:00am – 2:00pm Sweet Louise, New Zealand's only charity solely supporting Kiwis living with incurable breast cancer, is excited to present a rare opportunity to visit Gibbs Farm Sculpture Park on Saturday 20th February 2021. Gibbs Farm open-air sculpture park is home to a series of major site-specific artworks commissioned from some of the world's most significant artists including Andy Goldsworthy, Anish Kapoor, Len Lye and Richard Serra. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy a family day out, wandering around the park admiring the sculptures and exotic animals, including giraffes and zebras! Please visit <https://sweetlouise.co.nz/gibbs-farm-2021/> to book tickets.

Saturday, 27 February 2021. 119th Helensville Show Helensville Showgrounds, Railway Street, Helensville. 9:30am – 4:00pm Experience an authentic A&P Show within the Auckland region with all the farm animals, competitions, woodchoppers, shearing, over 100 quality trade and community stands plus a great indoor section plus interactive displays, food, and fun for all the family just like it used to be.



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Armistice Day in Helensville

by Helen Martin

Armistice Day was especially poignant in Helensville this year as, with the Anzac Day parade cancelled because of Covid, it was the first opportunity in 2020 for Kaipara Memorial RSA to hold a public commemoration event to honour those who served their country.

While there's some controversy over the precise time shelling actually ceased at the end of World War 1, Armistice Day is commemorated every year at 11am on 11 November, the 11th month. The ceremony marks the signing of an armistice between the Allies of World War 1 and Germany at Compiègne, France for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front. This year's anniversary was the 102nd.

RSA resident Les Coste spoke of the sacrifices made and, as she does at Anzac Day services, Reverend Verna Healy reminded attendees of the importance of protecting the peace, stability, freedom and safeguarding the interests of our country to all service personnel. She and Retts Van Dam sang a beautiful version of the national anthem, Cedric McLeod played the pipes and wreaths were laid before The Last Post was played.

It was a small gathering, and those going about their business in Commercial Road while the ceremony progressed may have wondered what it was about – perhaps next year they'll join in and find out.



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Ending with exams

by Gemma Bayly, Kaipara College

At the Year 13 prize giving a few weeks ago, the stage at the front of the Kaipara College hall was full of shining trophies. Two beautiful bouquets of flowers adorned the stage. Year 13s grinned as they received their awards at the last prize giving they had to attend at Kaipara College.

The next time I went into the hall it was very different. Rows of desks were lined up in the stark white hall. Exam papers lay on the desks, ready for the students. Signs were splattered here and there on the walls saying, 'No watches allowed.'

There is a routine to exams. Students file in silently to the hall as their names are called, throwing bags down at the back before finding their seats. Some students are jittery, some icily calm. Other students glance around nervously, looking for something. An escape, perhaps? At the supervisor's word, students rip open the plastic exam packs and wait to begin the exam. For the next three hours, they are to stay in the exam room, but actually, most students leave before their time is up.

There is always that one person whose phone rings in the exam hall, despite stern warnings to turn all phones off beforehand. The school bell is startlingly loud when you are engrossed in a math problem, and the scraping of a chair as someone leaves can be equally distracting.

For some exams, the hall is full of rows and rows of students (and the occasional empty desk for no shows). In other exams, there is only a smattering of people at the front.

Afterwards, students wait outside, comparing answers. "How did you find the exam?"

"Not good." "I think I did well on the first paper!" "The one about the zips was hard!" "I got 22m. What did you get?" "Whoops."

There is even a bit of exam envy. Some people have no exams or had their last one when others still had three or four left. Some unfortunate students have four exams in one week. I was fortunate to have my exams a few days apart.

It is almost a relief to do the exams. Earlier in the year, we wondered if we would even be able to have them. Then, a few months ago, we were told that they would still go ahead in Level 3, dashing some students' hopes.

I had my maths exam on a teacher only day, so the only students in the school were those doing exams. I was surprised to find I was the only student on my morning bus. A bit different from the usual overcrowding!

After the last exam ends students head off to summer jobs, holidays by the beach or just home to mooch around until school starts again. In mid January, our results will arrive and we once again will be thrown back into the reality of school and grades.



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Helensville Library

Kia ora koutou. It has been quite a rollercoaster year.

At the beginning of the year we were determined to visit as many early childhood centres and primary schools as possible – around 20 in total. But, the best-laid plans and all that.

Thank you to all the centres and schools we did get to visit. We hope to try again next year – and reach even more. If we haven't visited your school or centre, please get in touch.

We have been keeping records of all of our visits on our Facebook page. Each school or centre, and our in-hours Kids Time sessions – have a photo album with the books and songs shared at each session. That way, if your child comes home talking about a book, or singing a song, you may have some idea of where it came from?

Talking of songs and stories – we are hosting our annual Santa Storytime on Thursday 17 December from 3.30pm. Santa welcomes photos after the session, if you want to take them. Santa will have spent the day Santa-ring around the town, with visits to two ECEs and a sing-a-long session at Craigweil House.

For the last few months, Auckland Libraries have been automatically renewing items a few days before they are due. Please note that this works for books and audiobooks that can be renewed (if no one is waiting for them).

If you need to call the library from your landline, the number to use is now: 0800 695 427. The primary phone number for all Auckland Libraries is 09 377 0209.

If you have an email address you use frequently, please make sure it is on your library membership, so we can email you courtesy notices a few days before your items are due.

If you're not sure and have forgotten your library PIN / password, give us a call – or check next time you're at the library.

Remember – if you use Helensville Library, your library membership is valid throughout Auckland. So, if you're out-and-about this summer, try it at one of our 55 libraries.

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From Penk's Pen

When the Word of the Year is decided for 2020 (by whoever decides these things!), I suspect that "unprecedented" will be a top contender. This year has certainly had its highs and lows, with a good many lessons along the way.

It doesn't seem like that long ago we were enjoying the sunny weather – albeit with attendant water shortages – of last summer. And then, of course, we were hit by the perfect storm that was COVID-19.

Reflecting on 2020, I can think of several things that made the year at least somewhat positive, as well as positively unique.

First, community camaraderie. I mention this a fair bit, I know, but the events of 2020 were an eye-opening testament to the strength of community around New Zealand. Armies of volunteers assisted those in need throughout lockdown and we shared our re-commitment to supporting local businesses.

Second, our essential workers. This is not just an acknowledgement but rather a huge thank you to all. Like most Kiwis, I will never forget the hard work you put in that kept New Zealand running.

Finally, the gift of democracy that we unwrap every three years. Perhaps it should be every four years that we hold elections but that's another story for another day. Thank you to the good people of the new Kaipara ki Mahurangi electorate for allowing me the privilege of continuing to serve you.

I look forward to being your voice in Parliament and working hard for this area over the coming term. Being in opposition means I don't get to make many decisions but I'll continue to do everything I can to encourage the Government to serve you. Let's keep working hard to ensure that Auckland's rural north and west actually gets the infrastructure investment we deserve.

I hope that the rapidly arriving Christmas season will bring a well earned rest for everyone, even while acknowledging those who "work through".

Please remember that if you need help with anything you can contact my office (09 412 2496) or visit my Facebook page (facebook.com/christopherpenk) to see where I'm heading next in my mobile office, affectionately nicknamed "Natty"!

Cheers, Chris Penk (MP, KKM)



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A welcome addition to our art scene *by Helen Martin*

The historic butcher shop on the corner of Karaka St and Commercial Rd has again sprung into life. Under the name Gallery X, the pop-up space is home to artwork produced by the Revells, painter Genna and photographer Kerrin, who run their video company Purple Sheep Productions from their 10-acre block in Rimmer Road.

Genna and Kerrin are an enterprising couple. After gaining the tertiary qualifications that set them up for the media industry, they met at TV3 where Genna was working in motion graphics and Kerrin was a cinetape technician. They came to national attention in 2007 with their 365-day horse trek around New Zealand, a journey that raised over \$33,000 for CanTeen and provided material for their co-produced book and documentary, both titled 'Down, Across & Up'. Shortly after daughter Elektra was born, redundancy provided the impetus to establish their company specialising in advertisements for social media and television.



Artists Kerrin and Genna with daughter Elektra and samples of their beautiful work in Gallery X.

The idea to display and sell their art was born from the Covid hit. Kerrin had his first experience showing his photography at Arts in the Ville 2020 and says it was enjoyable and interesting talking to locals and out-of-towners about his work. Choosing the venue for their pop-up was a no-brainer. "We love this building, so it was the perfect space for it," says Kerrin. "We want people to come in and see and enjoy our art."

While they have different preoccupations and styles, both Genna and Kerrin describe their video and artwork as 'quirky' and, while they take their art seriously, both enjoy the positive emotional effects of bright, bold colours.

Genna paints in the style of pop art (she likes doing famous people and is currently working on a giant Elvis) and also produces pet and family portraits on commission. Her eye-catching works are in acrylic, water colour and pen and ink and she sells either the originals or canvas prints. During the times she is at Gallery X she will be painting on site.

Kerrin photographs light through metal, glass or plastic objects and has his striking images printed on canvas. He uses a digital camera and a variety of lenses, pointing out that while he brings out colour in the production process, he doesn't manipulate the images, they are not computer generated.

Gallery X has a selection of prints, with different prices and with the originals also available. Genna and Kerrin are hoping their art will sell well in this pre-Christmas season and are happy to take commissions.

Meanwhile, more adventure is in the works. Once Elektra is older the family plan to trek across the desert on camels in the Australian outback. "I'd never ridden a horse before I went around New Zealand on one," says Kerrin. "We like challenging ourselves, and none of us have ever ridden a camel."

Gallery X is open 10am – 4pm Wednesday to Sunday and by appointment.

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Making our own fun *by Helen Martin*

People who say "there's nothing to do" in our corner of the world can't be looking very hard. Having recovered from a successful Arts in the Ville, held for the three days of Labour Weekend, and with COVID lying low, we're now full on into social activity mode. Over the weekend of November 20, 21 and 22, for example, there was much on offer.

On Friday 20th, summer turned on a perfect sunny evening for a River Valley Meats-organised event at Liberty Brewing's Tap Room in Mill Rd. Along with the opportunity to stock up at River Valley's pop-up meat market, there was the chance to drink Liberty's excellent craft beer, eat fabulous food (including a delicious River Valley Meats venison and blue cheese burger) from the Double Parked food truck, run by Boyd and Cam Steel and recently voted the most sustainable food truck in Auckland, and listen to live music from local singer/songwriter Bronson Prior.

On Saturday 23rd, a free outdoor movie night was held at Kaipatiki ki Kaipara Reserve. The outdoor screening of Sonic the Hedgehog was hosted by Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust, the organisation mandated to protect and grow the assets returned in the Ngati Whatua o Kaipara Claims Settlement, and Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara, the Board established to administer the domain grounds post-settlement. A picnic on the grass and free sausage sizzle, popcorn, lolly-bags, and coffee, with food vendors and kai stalls made this family friendly, Zero Waste event a real treat.

On Sunday 24th, over 200 motor bikes entered the annual fund-raising 5 Station Poker Run, which this year was hosted by Kaukapakapa Fire Station. The ride is so-named because at the five participating stations - Kumeu,



**The end of the Poker Run.
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Dress-ups at Rewiti Marae market.

and more, and enough food to feed several armies for a long time.

Keep an eye on the local Facebook pages for more local entertainment coming up. There's plenty on.

Also on the Sunday, there was a lively crowd was at Whititera O Rewiti Marae for the last market of the year. A carnival atmosphere was generated by Ed's music, Levia's MC-ing, people in fancy dress, performances by Elvis and Levia's line dancers, stalls selling wood and tile art, pot plants, second hand clothing, bric a brac



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BBQ and HAM RAFFLES

Yes, we still be having the sausage sizzle and quick fire ham raffles on the Saturday and the club will be open.

XMAS FUNCTIONS

These are still in the pipeline, but if you want to have your family or business Christmas function at the RSA,

book now to reserve a table.

We have a hire fee "special" for exclusive use of the clubrooms, but on Wednesdays, Friday's and Saturday's, just make a reservation.

Email: millyscatering1@gmail.com.

The last normal night for Millies kitchen is Saturday 19th and reopens on Wednesday 13th January.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The club will be open on Thursday 24th for drinks and a BBQ from 1600 hours. The bar reopens on Wednesday 6th January, mainly due to the way the Public holidays fall this year.



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

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

Combustion Youth: Friday, 7.00-9pm, 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.

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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. 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

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Kumeu Friendship Club. Friendship New Zealand Inc. is a welcoming social organisation for people living in New Zealand who are retired or semi-retired. Come along and join us on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am at St. Chad's Church, 7 Matua Rd, Huapai.

Noah's Ark Playgroup - 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.

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11 Fri	0809	3.8	2034	0555	2033
12 Sat	0912	3.9	2134	0555	2034
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