

The Helensville Community News

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Missing in action?

The email below arrived in my inbox just before Christmas. So far searches in the phone book, Google and the Kaipara RSA files have turned up nothing, so I wondered if any of our readers had heard of Billy Baker, or knew how to contact him. Anyone with any information, good or bad, can email me at helensville@copyandprint.co.nz. Ed.

Good Day Helensville from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.....

I hope this finds you well, whole and sound, and thriving as best one can amid this Covid Curse. Gerry White here, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Royal Canadian Navy Retired.

27 years ago, in the summer of 1992 I was deployed to the Killing Fields of Cambodia. I was Commander of the Canadian Naval Contingent in company with 30 Aussies, 30 Magnificent Kiwis and 30 from the Royal Navy.....One of the members of the NZ Contingent was Petty Officer William Baker, aka Billy Baker, aka Billy Glum, who advertised Helensville, New Zealand as his home.

My wife Jane and I are planning to travel to your wonderful country as soon as Covid is a thing of the past. It is my fervent wish to attempt to reconnect with this fine specimen of Helensville Manhood. To this end, I would appreciate any assistance you could be in, either letting Bill Baker know of my existence or enabling me to contact him. I will furnish you with all my grid coordinates as soon as you respond to this email.....

Please feel free to furnish this email to your Town Council, Church Record Keepers or any other Municipal Authorities who might be able to help. I am running on the assumption that Baker is as vibrant and annoying as ever and, by now, Mayor of Helensville. I will be more than happy to hear that he is in good health and upright

I look forward to hearing from you in due course with



Billy Baker and me (second from left)1992



Billy Baker 1992

whatever great news you might have for me....

In a perfect world, you will be able to forward this email to Mr Baker and we're OFF.....

Thank you and All the Very Best for a Wonderful Christmas and New Years

Most Sincerely, Gerry White

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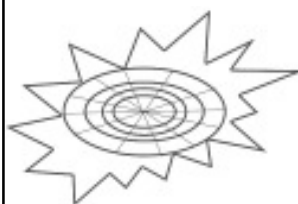
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There will also be the opportunity to register at the Helensville Rugby stand at the Helensville A&P Show on Saturday February 27th. Helensville Rugby will also be having an Apparel end of line sale at the show.

There will be a Weigh In and Fun Training Run on Wednesday 10th March and again on Wednesday 17th March 3:30-5pm at the club grounds at 162 Awaroa Road.



This could be you soon



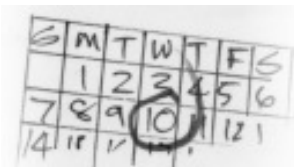
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What's happening this month



Term 1 starts on 1Feb/9 Feb

Saturday, 6 February, (Waitangi) Kaipara Cruising Club, Ladies fishing competition (Proudly sponsored by Shotgun Concrete) Members \$10, Non members \$20, Cash prizes for 1st 2nd 3rd species. Lucky ticket prizes, best dressed. Fishing boundary from

South Head to Pouto. Tickets available from Clubrooms

Saturday 13 February, Poems after dark 6-8pm A new bi-monthly event in Helensville as The Community Church at 40 Mill Road, next to the Hospice Shop hosts a Story-telling and Poetry Performance evening entitled 'Poems after dark'. See article page 18.

Saturday 13 February, Waitoki Village Hall, 8:30 to 1pm.

Gather and Gossip, pick up baked goods, plants, essential oils, locally crafted gifts, homemade and preloved bargains, Bric a Brac, preserves, and more at the Waitoki Hall. Support your community; proceeds from the Market go back to our local community. Waitoki Hall is a community owned hall, used for community events such as exercise classes, martial arts, crafts, etc. It is hired out on a regular basis to members of the community. New stall holders welcome, contact Gill 420 3301 or email waitokihall@gmail.com

Saturday 16 February, TARRA meeting. Opportunity to question Rodney Councillor Greg Sayers about rates and other things. Information about the Auckland council 10 year budget. Holly Southernwood 021 488 427

Saturday, 20th February, Gently Loved Markets Kumeu Community Hall, 10am – 2pm The Gently Loved Markets date and the venue is confirmed A range of stalls selling preloved, vintage and retro clothing, accessories and homewares We love a sustainable lifestyle and what better way to do that than buying preloved. Grab a coffee, your favourite fabric bag and come have a preloved treasure hunt with us. The event is cash only. Interested in a stall? Email us at gentlylovedmarkets@gmail.com with your details.

Saturday, 20 February, Kaipara Cruising Club, Annual Regatta Racing held at Shelley Beach Wharf. Spectators and participants welcome. Visiting boats from Dargaville, Pahi & Ruawai. Live band and dinner after racing

Saturday, 20 February, Sweet Louise Fundraiser - 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/>**

Sunday, 21 February, Kaukapakapa Village Market, Kaukapakapa Hall, 10am – 12pm Held on the 3rd Sunday of every month all year round, this lively village market is located in the Kaukapakapa Village a pleasant 45 minutes drive from Auckland City. There is always something fresh to experience with different musicians, entertainment and new stall holders

joining the market each month—a great morning out for the family. Live music from duo Barry & Maryanne. Free face painting, kids crafts etc. 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, 21 February, Kaukapakapa Library, 9.30am to 1pm, Since the first train came through Kaukapakapa in 1897, the railway has been an integral part of the settlement's creation and development. The Makarau tunnel, a few kms north of the village, was an engineering feat taking eight years to complete using bricks made on site.

Tracking forward, 2020 has been the year of the Northern upgrade from Auckland to Whangarei, with the railway reopening in early 2021 following significant modifications to the tunnel, the line from Helensville and the Punganui bridge.

The library will have on display existing historical and contemporary photos, along with a selection of articles and documents giving an insight into some of the challenges faced, both past and current. Site photography by Colin Lunt has helped us record the next chapter of our local rail system. Come along, there is once again light at the end of the tunnel!

Kaukapakapa Library is open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market. For more details, contact Megan Paterson, threehorses@xtra.co.nz, 021 959017.

Monday 22 February to Monday 22 March, Submissions open for Auckland Council 10yr budget and proposed 5% rates increase. See article page 17.

Saturday 27 February, until 27 March, Working with Ability, having fun, Helensville Art Centre. See article page 14

Saturday 27 February, 119th Helensville Show 9:30am – 4:00pm Helensville Showgrounds, Railway Street, Helensville, Auckland. 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.

Sunday 28th February, Arboriculture Workshop Kaipara Coast Plants & Sculpture Gardens, 9:30am – 11:30am Here's an event created especially for Dad – it even includes chain saws! Trees and large shrubs can be the heart of many gardens but they can also be a challenge if an inappropriate species or incorrect positioning are selected or if they are not properly maintained. This 2-hour workshop will offer some useful information to help you try to avoid these errors, make choices that will enhance your garden rather than create a problem as well as give you an insight into what an arborist does. To Book: info@kaiparacoast.co.nz or 09 420 5655.

Upcoming events

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Saturday, 6 March, Kaipara Cruising Club Annual fishing competition. Annual Fishing Contest. Inner harbour fishing only. Prizes for Kingfish, snapper, trevally, kahawai and gurnard. Members \$30, Non members \$40, Tickets available from clubroom, Caltex & GAS Hlv

Sunday, 14 March, Gibbs Sculpture Farm Weekend Visit, 10:00am – 2:00pm Gibbs Farm, 2421 Kaipara Coast Highway, Makarau, Auckland. Gibbs has collected major artworks by many world-renowned artists from New Zealand and overseas. Much of the artwork is commissioned and, as such, incorporates elements of the landscape into the artwork. The scale of many of these works is awe-inspiring. The sculpture Electrum (for Len Lye), by Eric Orr, is the world's largest Tesla coil (11.6 metres tall) and numerous artworks are large enough to be seen from satellite imagery at high magnification. The farm also includes several exotic animals such as emus and giraffes.



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Who hasn't at some time of life recognised the following symptoms; a nagging feeling of dread, a hollow in the pit of the stomach, not wanting to think about the coming week? Sound familiar? The most common reason is usually fear about money, or more specifically a lack of it. Uncertainty can be crippling, but one thing is certain, unless this all-too-common problem is addressed it is certain to get worse.

We can all think of times we have been hit with sudden extra expenses. Maybe a new tyre, a failed water cylinder, a pet needing to be rushed to the vet, but time and negotiation will usually get us through. A far deeper issue is when what we need to spend remains stubbornly more than the regular income we can rely on. This is a quagmire, from which it is very difficult to escape. The desire to keep it to ourselves, to reassure ourselves it will eventually "come right" and to hide the problem from a partner can overwhelm our common-sense, and in doing so block us from solving the very issue that is driving us deeper and deeper into trouble.










Happily there is a solution, and it can work every time. If you recognise yourself in this little story only one thing is required of you, to face up to the situation and ask for help. Where to go to get it? Easi-peasi, your local Helensville Citizen's Advice Bureau. The CAB has a budget service which is capable of assisting with your issues. We can, for example negotiate to get what you need to pay regularly reduced, we can supply a work-sheet to identify the trouble-spot and walk you through the exercise, we can assist in employment issues or consumer matters if that is the problem area.

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Kaipara College student on holiday

by Gemma Bayly, year 13 student, Kaipara college

This summer, my family tented our way around the South Island. We had no set itinerary and followed the weather, staying dry on the West Coast and got burnt in Central Otago. After spending a few days in Te Anau with family, we turned around for the long trip home.

One of our few plans was to meet some friends in Mt Cook for a night. We had a lovely day driving over the Lindis Pass from Wanaka, watching tussocks wave in the wind. At Lake Ruataniwha, Mum reminisced about her glory days as a rower.

Then we saw the grey clouds. They loomed over the mountains near Mt. Cook. Everywhere else, the sun still beat down on the brown fields. Dad had to fight the urge to drive as far away from the rain as possible.

Mum's phone rang. Our friends had arrived at the campsite. "They sounded stressed. I wonder why?" she remarked afterwards.

We stayed silent. "Maybe we can stay in cabins tonight?"

The rain began as a drizzle, then grew louder until we were cloaked in grey. Blue sky taunted us from behind. The thought of cabins and nice warm showers kept us from heading back down the hills.

We pulled up to the campsite an hour later. Immediately all hope of a warm night drained from our hearts. The green and yellow DOC sign greeted us. A few toilets stood out of the sodden, rocky ground. Of course none of us had thought to do any research. Cones blocked the entrance to the campground. As Mum got out to move them, a lady leaned out of her caravan and yelled, "Don't go over there. The river's going to rise tonight."

It was then that we noticed our friends, huddled up under a canopy on the other side, cold, soaked and clueless about the rising river. "Let's go and see them," Dad suggested.

As soon as we opened the car doors, the sky lit up. Only a few seconds later, thunder boomed. A dusting of snow fell onto the mountains right above us. Cold bit into us, wriggling under our raincoats and into our spines. Why did I wear shorts?

We soon concocted a plan. We'd have dinner at the campsite then find somewhere else to stay.

The five of us ended up in a cramped room in a lodge with an extra mattress on the floor. It was small, but warm and dry and exactly what we needed.

Every time we'd been to the South Island before, it was hot and sunny. I think that the South Island was trying to show us North Islanders what it's really like.



Looking up at Mt Cook



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From Penk's Pen

119th Helensville Show and Heritage Train!

February 27th 2021 will see the 119th Helensville A & P Show take place, a major community event in the Helensville Calendar.

Having spoken at length about the importance of rail to Helensville I'm delighted that this year a special heritage train is being put on by the Glenbrook Vintage Railway. A diesel locomotive will pull a mix of 1920's and 1940's carriages from Glenbrook's base at Waiuku to Helensville station, stopping at Swanson on the way to pick up West Aucklanders.

The Helensville show is a real institution and this year promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Personally, I'm hoping that the opportunity to travel to Helensville on the special heritage train will encourage others to visit and enjoy all that the Helensville Show has to offer. Tickets for show entry and train travel are available from www.eventfinder.co.nz

After a difficult 2020 due to Covid-19 and the recent community transmission scare I'm pleased to advise that the show plans are continuing and preparation is underway with new events added for this year's show. This year a new

Maori Art & Craft category is offering a number of classes covering weaving, carving, artwork and craft. Make sure to check out these exhibits or research and create something for this new competition class. I also have a few copies of the 2021 Show Schedule available in the electorate office.

Of course I will be there in my mobile office (affectionately named Natty) so do stop by and say hello. I'm encouraging as many people as possible to take up the opportunity of attending the show by rail and I ask that you do the same. Of course I will continue to advocate with the powers that be for a regular Western Line service to recommence as a more efficient means of travelling to various other parts of Auckland.

Finally a huge shout out and thanks to the sponsors and volunteers who make the Helensville Show such a success every year but especially this year under the uncertainty that has been Covid-19.



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Helensville Library news



Things do not look the same as last year in Helensville Library. I blame Sally. Sally blames me. But, whoever started the conversation... we followed through with the plans.

Beginning before Christmas, the Helensville Library team rearranged almost the whole library! Most of the work was done in the three days between the Christmas and New Year's long weekends.

Sally, Anya and I – along with the absolutely amazing Jess (a teen volunteer) spent that time moving books, dismantling shelving, putting up shelving – into their new configuration.

Basically, the adult collections are by the entrance, and the children's and teens' are down the back.

We can't believe how much space we seem to have everywhere – and we didn't reduce the number of books in order to make everything fit.

Apart from that, we have copies of the Helensville A&P show competition schedule if you are looking for one.

Our regular events and outreach programmes start again in February, after Waitangi Day. The first Kids Time of the year will be on Thursday 11 February.

I have contacted (or am about to) schools and ECEs to schedule visits for the next few months. If your school or ECE hasn't heard from me, please get in touch.

Our email address is: helenlib@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

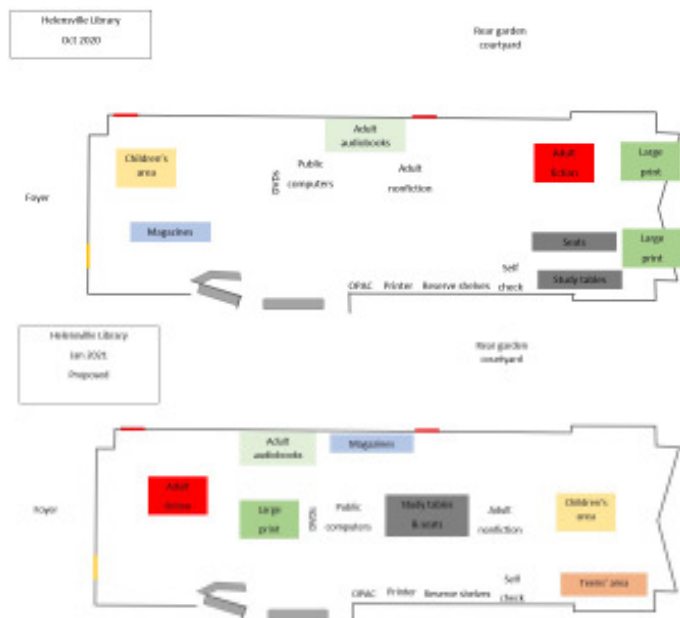
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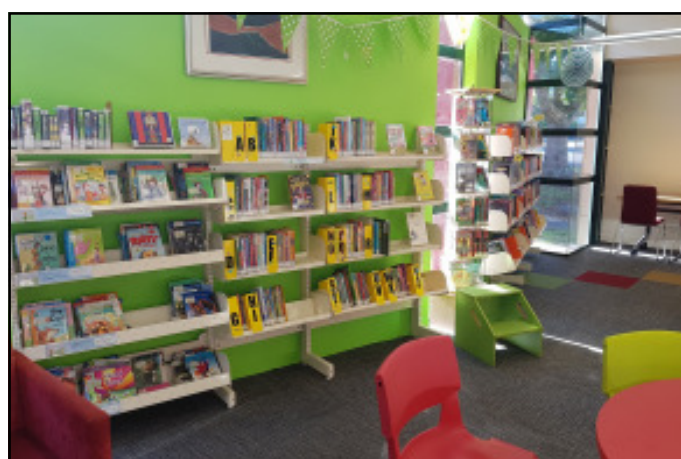
Adult fiction being created



In Progress



Looking down to the children's area



Children's fiction

Questions about your rates?

Tuesday 16th February, 7pm at 44 Commercial Road, Helensville will be an opportunity to question Rodney Councillor Greg Sayers regarding rates and other Council related concerns.

This Te Awaroa Residents & Ratepayers meeting is open to anyone to attend and will be devoted to questions from attendees.

We will also provide information about the Auckland Council 10 year budget which is open for feedback 22nd February to 22nd March.

TARRA's AGM saw our committee double in size and quarterly meetings are planned for the months rate payments are due. See you there! *Holly Southernwood Chair* 021 488 427

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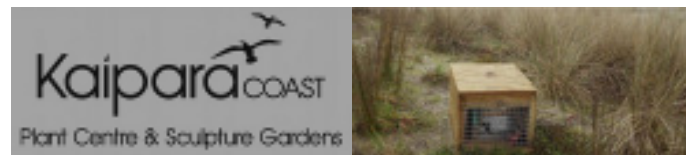
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Arboriculture Workshop

Sunday 28th February (9.30am to 11.30am)

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Trees and large shrubs can be the heart of many gardens but they can also be a challenge if an inappropriate species or incorrect positioning are selected or if they are not properly maintained.

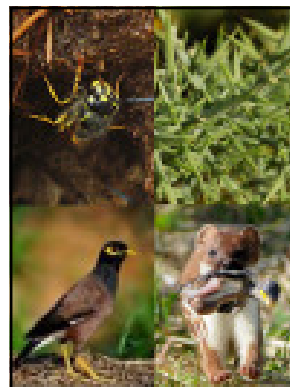
This 2-hour workshop will offer some useful information to help you try to avoid these errors, make choices that will enhance your garden rather than create a problem as well as give you an insight into what an arborist does.

Matthew Priestley from Brotherwood Tree Care, who will be presenting the workshop, holds several Arboriculture qualifications gained both in NZ and the UK and also holds a BSc in Botany & Microbiology as well as having many years' experience within this diverse field.



Topics to be discussed will include:

- Overview of Arboriculture and the topics it encompasses
- Tree selection, positioning and maintenance
- Tree removal and pruning techniques
- Equipment required and its safe usage



This event was cancelled last year due to Covid restrictions but was looking as though it was going to be very popular so booking is highly recommended as spaces are limited (see below for booking details). It's OK for Mum to come too of course ?.

Afterwards, you will also be able to stroll around the beautiful 1Km nature trail which has over 40 marvellous sculptures created for our 2021 exhibition by local and international artists on display. *

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.

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Naming Helensville reviewed

by Brian Hale

In our April 2018 issue we ran an article by Helen Martin concerning the naming of Helensville. While her article concludes that “the town was undoubtedly named after Helen McLeod” it raises the question about whether the “ville” came from the house that John McLeod built or the French word for town. The article concludes “Was our town named after a person or a house?”

The Editor has recently received the following information from a reader seeking to clarify this question, from details drawn from “A History of Helensville and Kaipara by Charles Staniland West”. In this book Charles Staniland West recounts his verbal history through family dynamics and events. Published in 1952 (It is believed) the book notes Charles Staniland West lived in the district from 1884 and on page 37 he states Helensville is derived from ‘Helen’ and ‘ville’. Helen being the wife of John McLeod and ‘ville’ is for small town or settlement.

Our reader believes that original house that John McLeod built in Nelson Street no longer exists.

“It is well known early settlers were brothers John McLeod and Isaac McLeod. John was married to Helen and they had a single story house in Nelson Street. That house was pulled down though by Daniel Stewart and replaced by the current two storied house. So any claim of that actual house being the house after which Helensville is named is totally false. I believe Daniel Stewart was another strong name in the history of Helensville though.” she writes.

The brothers John and Isaac McLeod appear to have had a property at each end of Helensville- ‘Northend’ associated with John and Helen and ‘Southend’ associated with Isaac and his wife.

As examples of how other names came about West then goes on to say ‘Kai’ is the Maori word for food and ‘Para’ is the name of a big strong fern that grew plentiful in the kauri bush of North Auckland and was used by Maori for food. ‘Parakai’ is a transposition of the two words.

When a name was wanted for a post office it was found that the name ‘Kaipara’ could not be used as it was previously taken by Kaipara Flats so the name “Parakai” was coined to be used for the new Post Office.

Our reader, who recently moved into the area got Charles Staniland West’s book from the library. “It is a small dated looking book and amusing to read as it refers to families and properties as being next to trees, buildings or bridges that were there at the time of writing (1950s) but without actual address locality. Much can be made sense of and could possibly be easier with a visit to the local museum.” she says.

If any of our other readers have any additional information to provide please write to the Editor.

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Kid's Fishing Competition

by Patryce Salmon

The 23rd January was slightly windy, but sunny, perfect for the Kaipara Cruising & Sportfishing Club Annual Kid's Fishing Competition.

The club was established in the 1940s and the annual fishing competitions are a great way of attracting new members.

Competition organiser, Sheena Johnson has grown up in the KCSC, and has participated in all the fishing competitions for many years. She is now organising the events while her own family participate. "Over the years I know I caught some pretty big Snapper," she said "but I just remember it being a really fun day". The club enjoys the help of many supporters and volunteers like Jean who has been on the bar at KCSC for 17 years.

The competition has been running for more than 20 years, and has been growing in size each year. This year, the KCSC had 83 children registered for the competition. "Back in the day we would only have 15 kids registered. Some kids are very keen, and it's a 50/50 mix of club member's children and children from the community" Sheena says.

There were five main categories; Snapper, Kahawai, Gurnard, Travelly and King Fish. Children are aiming for First, Second or Third in each of those categories, however every child that participates leaves with a prize. The prizes were all sponsored by businesses or families in the community. This year the prize pool was valued at \$1500 and the major sponsors for this event were the very generous local business Water FX and Burnsco, West Haven.

The competition started at 6am, just before sunrise at 6.30am and high tide 6.50am, and all fish caught had to be brought to the club at Mill Road Helensville for weighing by 4pm. By then the club was a hive of activity with many excited children lined up to have their fish weighed. There was talk of a King Fish being caught, which was the first in many years and it did not disappoint. Many children, not engrossed in the weighing in had fun jumping on the bouncy castle, and playing with swing ball sets that the club members had supplied and set up on the grass area outside the clubrooms. After a meal and something to drink it was time for prize giving.

Ollie White caught the only King Fish of the day at 6.105kg and walked away with a nice new Burnsco fishing rod and reel. The biggest Snapper went to Kingston Wihongi Johnson – 4.020kg, biggest Kahawai went to Brylee Halliday – 2.235kg, biggest Travelly went to Ryan Kennedy – 2.230kg and the biggest Gurnard went to Indie Foreman – 0.740kg. Prizes included Burnsco fishing rods, tackle boxes, chilly bins, vouchers, boogie boards, books and much more, there were even a couple of \$50 cash prizes.

The Simmonds Family kindly donated an amazing kayak, which



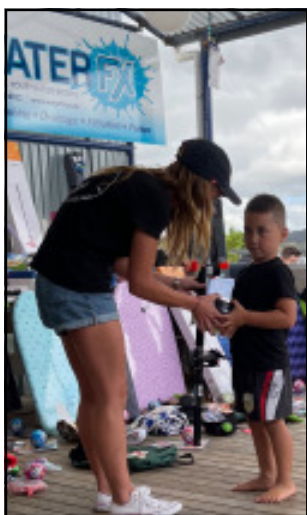
was put up for the mystery weight Snapper. Kaitlyn Dayberg Allen won this prize with a Snapper that weighed 2.335kg, which was closest to the randomly generated weight on the day of 2.180kg.

It was great to see all the smiling faces and families enjoying themselves at a local event such as this one. Sheena and her team did a great job planning and running the competition and we are lucky, as a community, to have such helpful and passionate people around us. The KCSC welcomes anyone interested in becoming a member to go on down to the club and see what it's all about.

Special mention needs to be made of the sponsors. Without generous and community minded people and businesses, events such as this would simply not happen. They include Water FX, Burnsco West Haven, Barfoot and Thompson, Countdown, FMG, New World Kumeu, Parakai Springs, Parakai 4 Square, Paper Plus Helensville, SPOOKERS, Snowplanet, Scholastic, Sunny Days Preschool, Snapper Fishing Charters, Tree Adventures, The King Family, The Simmonds Family, Top Catch, South Kaipara Clean Ups, and World Moving.

Upcoming events for the Kaipara Cruising & Sportfishing Club, which can be found on Facebook include for those interested:

- Shotgun Ladies Fishing Competition, Saturday 6th February 2021. This promises to be another great event with a \$500 prize up for grabs for the mystery weight Snapper.
- The Kaipara Cruising & Sportfishing Club Regatta 20th February 2021
- Annual Fishing Competition 6th March 2021



Kingston Wihongi Johnson won first in Snapper



Kaitlyn Dayberg Allen won the mystery weight Snapper

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Kaipara korero

by Steve McCracken

Principal Steve McCracken

The summer break means different things for different people, none more so, than those involved in schools, both students and staff. For many, the lead up to Christmas is the frantic finishing off celebrating the year that was. As summer 'holidays' roll around, it is the time for contractors and property staff to tidy the school sites, and ensure maintenance projects are all completed by the end of January and ready for the next school year. Alongside this are the reflections, planning and preparations for the year ahead by staff, and of course students and their whanau.

As all our local schools look ahead, we are all being faced with similar, and very positive, challenges. With the ongoing development of housing and spread of people moving into the area, local schools are changing, and growing, very quickly. This is challenging on many aspects. There is the obvious challenge of infrastructure and classrooms, and the need to be able to employ the best possible staff and teachers to work with our young people. The subliminal challenges though, are about schools retaining their special characters and uniqueness. This is one that we are all facing in a rapid period of change.

In conjunction with growth, schools are also facing change from an educational sector perspective; and this is very positive. Finally, schools have the ability to foster individual pathways for students that really mean something for them. The days of mass assessments and exams, are gone and the tailored approach to education means that students can really achieve their potential, gain success, and belong in their school. This is an extreme positive of growth and change.

In a period of rapid change and growth, our school continues to lead the way in secondary education. We are on the cusp of something very special for our community and our students. With the aim to tailor pathways for all students, giving them the needs they require to choose their own destination once they leave secondary school is very exciting. Our new students, those in Year 9 this year, will receive the beginning of this programme, where a theme and contest, based on our local area will be used as the guide for teaching and learning for the term. This will mean a huge amount of collaboration across staff as we negotiate with each demand of the respective curriculum areas, whilst using local knowledge to enhance our students perspectives on the world.

The start of the school year signals the beginning of much, for many. It's the opportunity to forge ahead with plans and aspirations, the chance to grow, to make a fresh start and do the best we possibly can to make a difference. If there is ever a time to do this, just after a summer break seems like the perfect time! Our schools will be ready and waiting.

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Tu Tangi Ora Waka Ama

I have just finished a week long tournament with 120 local paddlers at Lake Karapiro. We have paddlers from 6 years old to 50 years old competing. We were awarded the Ace Cuthers Memorial Trophy, a beautiful taonga which is 3.5 metre long for club spirit throughout the weekend.

We had 6 teams and 3 individuals make the finals.

A few stats for you; 16000 paddlers over the week, 1869 teams, 68 clubs.

We have so many wonderful photos of us in action. I have included 2 photos of my team, the Awaroa Aunties and one of the taonga we received.

Congratulations also go to Horouta Waka Hoe of Gisborne for winning the Club Points trophy for the 10th time in 11 years!

Nicole Stokes

Sports Co-ordinator, Helensville Primary School

Year 7/8 Team Teacher



The Awaroa Aunties in action



The Ace Cuthers Memorial Trophy

Kaukapakapa library - Trainspotting

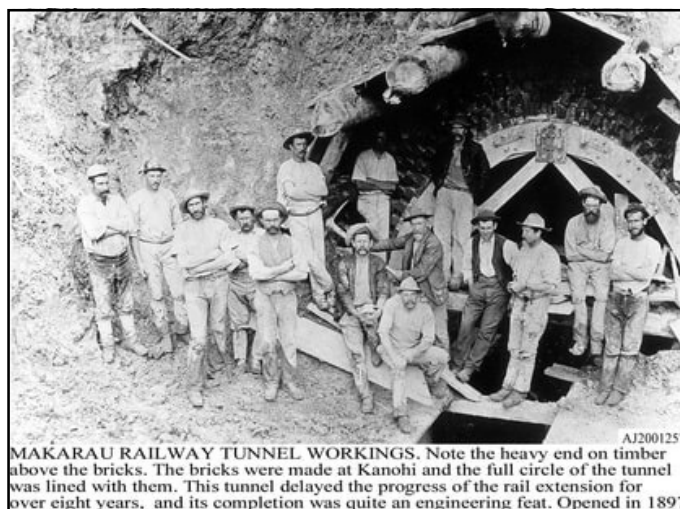
Sunday 21st February, 9.30am to 1pm

Since the first train came through Kaukapakapa in 1897, the railway has been an integral part of the settlement's creation and development. The Makarau tunnel, a few kms north of the village, was an engineering feat taking eight years to complete using bricks made on site.

Tracking forward, 2020 has been the year of the Northern upgrade from Auckland to Whangarei, with the railway reopening in early 2021 following significant modifications to the tunnel, the line from Helensville and the Punganui bridge.

The library will have on display existing historical and contemporary photos, along with a selection of articles and documents giving an insight into some of the challenges faced, both past and current. Site photography by Colin Lunt has helped us record the next chapter of our local rail system. Come along, there is once again light at the end of the tunnel!

Kaukapakapa Library is open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market. For more details, contact Megan Paterson, threehorses@xtra.co.nz, 021 959017.



MAKARAU RAILWAY TUNNEL WORKINGS. Note the heavy end on timber above the bricks. The bricks were made at Kanohi and the full circle of the tunnel was lined with them. This tunnel delayed the progress of the rail extension for over eight years, and its completion was quite an engineering feat. Opened in 1897

Makarau railwau tunnel workings in 1897



TheKiwiRail crew working on the Makarau tunnel in 2020

Working with ability, having fun!

The title is the by-line for the Arts & Activities Programme run by Pauline Denton for L'Arche Mount Tabor Trust. Pauline was invited to set up the programme over ten years ago as the Trust's Community Leaders saw a need for it. Then, as now, there is no funding for this but there was a need to create worthwhile activities for people to engage in. Now, ten years later, that programme includes a 'Music & Sing-a-long' session, a choir, drama, painting and craft sessions, table games and a day-time disco. All of these sessions are open for people outside of the Trust to attend. As the property the art side of the programme is run from has been sold, new premises are being sought from early April. Preferably a large, accessible paint-friendly room with a sink, an accessible toilet and small room to store resources in at a reasonably low rent.

Many artists have emerged from the programme, including the late blind artist Francis Ritchie, who had displayed no interest in art prior to losing his sight. "Working with someone who couldn't see what they were doing was, to put it mildly, problematic" says Pauline "but I came up with the idea of working on black canvases and getting Francis, who had a good colour memory, to pour colours of his choosing onto the canvas. I would then describe the amount of paint to him and he would move it around the canvas using a whisk or other kitchen item as a bit of a fun reference to Francis weight. It was an absolute privilege to watch the paintings take shape, especially as I knew Francis would never be able to see them. He seemed to instinctively know when to stop spreading the paint, except for one time when I remember telling him that his piece could sell for a couple of hundred dollars as he kept working on it and it began to resemble scrambled eggs". Francis was very proud to hold a solo exhibition entitled 'New Vision' before, sadly, passing away but some of his art will be included in the new exhibition.

Other artists have also emerged, including Kevin Widdowson, who was a finalist in the IHC Art Awards with his 'Rainey Dayz' painting, visually impaired photographer Rachael Clarke, and Thomas Hogan. If anyone has met Thomas they may have

experienced him bounding towards them saying "Hello la la" (lady) or "Hello man", a simple "Hello Tom" is all that is required back. Thomas state of anxiety is dispelled when he paints and is replaced with a very meditative state as he creates his works. Thomas is a member of Art Kaipara and won first place in their one and only art competition, judged by the then head of the Art Department at Kaipara College, Leah Wilson.

An exhibition entitled 'Landscapes of the Soul' will showcase the paintings of Thomas and his fellow artists from February 27th until March 27th at the Helensville Art Centre. Funding for the exhibition was received

through the Creative Communities Scheme. All are invited to attend the exhibition opening on Friday February 26th from 3-5pm. The exhibition will be run as a 'Cash & Carry' so you are advised to get in early if you want to pick up a bargain. The exhibition is open 10-



Francis Ritchie New Vision

4.30 Wednesday-Friday and 10-2 on Saturdays. Basement of the War Memorial Hall, 49 Commercial Road, accessible parking and entry via Porter Crescent.

L'Arche Mount Tabor is an 'intentional community' where non disabled and disabled adults share life together. For more information about us or the 'Arts & Activities Programme' contact Silke Carter silke@mt-tabor.org.nz or Karen Herbert office@mt-tabor.org.nz or pop into the office at 21a Garfield Road.



Kevin Widdowson with Rainy Dayz

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US\$10,000 was sent to Croatia to help with rebuild after 3 earthquakes.

US\$200,000 has been sent to provide relief to India, Brazil, Italy and Sri Lanka flood relief; and Colombia storm damage; the Philippines for typhoon damage and Greece for earthquake damage.

We had an excellent Book Fair and are looking forward to our next at the end of May.

27th February is the A@P Show where you will find us catering in the refreshment hall, equestrian tent and our Information tent.

We look forward to seeing you all at these events.

First Aid tip of the month

When involved in an emergency situation, it is human nature to jump in and help out immediately. If we don't check for danger before helping, we too can become part of the emergency.

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In tough times what is Auckland Council's core business?

by Cr Greg Sayers,

Councillor for the Rodney ward.



What has frustrated me the most as your Councillor has been many repeated attempts to have Council define what core business is in order to allow the debate to focus on trimming back on non-core Council services.

By way of example Aucklanders' rates are being used to pay for yoga classes, daycare centres, camping grounds, marinas, golf courses and a host of other services which should be being run by private enterprises.

Mayor Goff has says my comments are "rubbish". In fact, they are highly accurate and he has been given the evidence to fully support them. So whose comments are really rubbish?

Auckland Council cannot afford to be all things to all people right at this moment. It needs to cut its cloth to fit its revenue in what has been an unprecedented tough year. At the very least the Council needs to peel back services to prioritise the essentials that Helensville needs and to make the tough calls about what services are nice-to-haves in the CBD.

When the eight legacy Councils were amalgamated into the Super City ten years ago, with the promise of requiring fewer staff and having greater efficiencies, a crucial step was overlooked which needs to be corrected.

Each of the different Councils offered an array of different services but no filter was applied to determine if all of the services were appropriate to be provided by the newly formed Auckland Council. A cutting back to provide core services in a cost efficient-way never happened so the staff costs of providing all the services have remained entrenched. A chance was squandered.

What is required is for the Mayor's current self-sponsored internal cost saving working parties to be replaced by a "razor squad" of competent external people who have no allegiance to Auckland Council. They should be given the authority to go through all of councils operations and cut 10 per cent of unnecessary spending. This rules out elected officials, staff and any current or past consultants being part of such an exercise.

Auckland Council received \$129 million from the regional fuel tax but only spent \$89 million in the first year of collections on fixing traffic congestion – a core service.

Last year Auckland Council received \$148m and spent even less at \$79m, so what's happened to the unspent \$109 million?

Ratepayers may be shocked to learn the Council can in turn use the unspent transport money on its own daily operational expenses or for financing its ballooning debt.

I cannot emphasise enough the need for residents and ratepayers to submit between 22 February and 22 March on the Mayors proposed 5 percent rates about what core services you believe need to be supported by the spending of your rates in the Helensville, Parakai and wider local area.

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Poems after dark


A new bi-monthly event in Helensville as The Community Church at 40 Mill Road, next to the Hospice Shop hosts a Story-telling and Poetry Performance evening entitled 'Poems after dark' from 6-8pm on the second Saturday of the second month. February 13th will see the next event, which will have a 'slightly askew' Valentine's theme, according to organiser Pauline Denton. If you would like to book a spot to perform contact her via email paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com or just turn up on the night. You don't need to read out original works, or even perform, but performances will be limited to 10 minutes each to keep things moving. The first event, at Te Awaroa Cafe, was packed out and was the opening event for the 2020 ARTS in the VILLE. December saw 10 performers at a very enjoyable evening where, amongst other performers, William Robert Boyd read a series of Memoirs from his boyhood. William is a painter and used words as his brush to paint some beautifully lyrical pictures for the listener. In William's own words "I was 14 before I had grandparents. Although born in Scotland we emigrated to America when I was 11 months old and we remained there until we returned to Britain when I was 14. I loved my grandparents and would sit and listen to their stories for hours. It was always my intention to capture their stories on tape but it never happened. I was determined to not make that mistake with my parents but they unfortunately died relatively young with me on the other side of the world in NZ.

"That has been the motivation to put my own childhood down in print for my grandchildren. The tales I was told by my parents and grandparents I have interwoven into my stories.

"Hopefully it will be interesting to my family. Every effort has been made on my part to make it informative, funny, poignant and a window into a bygone time. Until the last POETRY AFTR DARK only my younger son had read what has been written so far. He approves and is encouraging me to finish it. So how it would be received by others not personally invested in me was an unknown quantity. To my great surprise and pleasure it was very well received. That's why I am attending the next event at Pauline's request to read another selection of extracts from this memoir which is becoming a true labour of love."

Both Hannah Arnold and Pauline are to be applauded for creating this very different evening for the people of Helensville to enjoy. It is more than poetry it is a celebration of the spoken word. These evenings deserve to grow in popularity as a really fun night out.'

Enjoy more of William's Memoirs, and listen to experts from Field Candy's book 'Every Living Thing', packed full of beautifully observed short stories of life on a rural NZ farm. There will be a \$3 cover charge and you are invited to 'bring a plate'.



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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.

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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 cushlanddez80@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 & NOCHARGE.

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

Icenz 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

Icenz 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

Poems After Dark, bi-monthly in the Community Church, 40 Mill Rd. Story-telling and Poetry Performance 6-8pm on the second Saturday of the second month. Pauline Denton paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com

SeniorNet Kumeu Inc., Have you ever thought about joining SeniorNet? The Kumeu branch meets in St Chads Church, Huapai, with a Helensville outpost in a private home in Garfield Rd. The cost of entry is \$3. Why not come along and find out what we have to offer. Contact details: Brian Lacey brian@lacey.nz, 0221-831-811, Beverley Meredith, meredithpb@xtra.co.nz, 09-411-5201.

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

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

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

SHELLY BEACH TIDE CHART					
Date	High Water Shelly Beach		Sun Rise	Sun Set	
February '21					
1 Mon	0152	3.4	1411	0663	2032
2 Tue	0235	4.0	1455	0637	2031
3 Wed	0320	4.0	1541	0638	2031
4 Thu	0408	3.9	1631	0639	2030
5 Fri	0502	3.7	1728	0641	2029
6 Sat	0604	3.6	1832	0642	2028
7 Sun	0715	3.6	1945	0643	2027
8 Mon	0831	3.6	2101	0644	2026
9 Tue	0940	3.7	2207	0645	2025
10 Wed	1038	3.9	2303	0646	2024
11 Thu	1127	4.1	2350	0647	2023
12 Fri	-	4.1	1210	0648	2022
13 Sat	0032	4.0	1249	0649	2020
14 Sun	0110	4.0	1325	0650	2019
15 Mon	0145	3.9	1358	0651	2018
16 Tue	0218	3.9	1430	0652	2017
17 Wed	0251	3.8	1503	0653	2016
18 Thu	0325	3.7	1539	0654	2015
19 Fri	0403	3.5	1620	0656	2013
20 Sat	0449	3.4	1709	0657	2012
21 Sun	0545	3.3	1808	0658	2011
22 Mon	0656	3.2	1919	0659	2010
23 Tue	0817	3.3	2038	0700	2008
24 Wed	0925	3.5	2145	0701	2007
25 Thu	1018	3.8	2239	0702	2006
26 Fri	1104	4.0	2325	0703	2004
27 Sat	1147	4.2	-	0704	2003
28 Sun	0009	4.2	1228	0705	2002

Trade/Professional & Services List

Accountants	ECE Astute Accounting	420-7835
Accountants	UHY Haines Norton	420-7972
Agecare	Craigweil House	420-8277
Age Concern Rodney		09-426-0916
Acupuncture	Helensville Acupuncture and Herb Clinic	021-1133-665/420-8211
Beauty Therapy	Beauty Elixir	022-465-0727/420-9775
Birthing Centre	Commercial Road, Helensville	420-8747
Boats & Outboard Mtrs	Mike Stanton	0276-058-225
Budget Service	Francis	420-7740
Builder	Maguires Carpentry	
	Licensed building practitioner, NZ certified builder	021-990-268
CAB		420-7162
Cabins	Rodney - Just Cabins	0800-58-78-22
Chiropractor	Kaipara Chiropractic Healthcare	420-6224
Computer Repairs	Michael	021-251-4138/420-9307
Concreters	Brewis Concrete	021-992-590
Diggers	Helensville Diggers	021-454-793/420-7023
Dog Grooming	Christine	420-2706/021-521-303
Drainage	Helensville Drainage	021-657-276/420-9091
Early Learning Centre	Active Explorers	09-222-3277
Early Learning Centre	Gumboots	09-411-9038
First Aid	Actions for Survival	027-978-5970/0508-112-222
Flowers	Love Flowers	420-6572
Garden Sheds	Baby Barns	022-075-8283/420-3298
Gasfitting	Habitat Plumbing Heating Gas	027-HEAT-NOW/027-4328-669
Gift Baskets	Riverside Crafts - Sarah	0800-831-542
Gifts & Art	FIGG 44 Commercial Rd	021-488-427/420-6026
Gifts & Clothing	Eleventh Hour - 83 Commercial Road	
Ink and Toner	Huapai Copy & Print	09-412-8882
Insurance	Rodney District Insurance	022-363-2377
JP's	Ralph Martin	022-600-5730
Lions Club of Helensville	Pauline 420-6208, Chris 420-8527	
Markets	Kaukapakapa Village Market	0274-831-542
Markets	Waitoki Village Market	Gill 420-3301
Mechanical Repairs	Helensville Mechanical Services	420-8177

Mechanical Repairs	McLeod Motors	420-8633
Motorcycle Repairs	Helensville Motorcycle Services	420-7754
Mower Repairs & Sales	Lifestyle Mowing Machinery	0274-955-948
MP	Chris Penk	021-0230-6106
Nail & Brow Boutique	Topcoat	021-237-0578
Osteopath	Osteopathic Natural Health	420-7867
Painters	Robert Wright & Company	027-374-1105
Painters	Strokes of Genius - Keri	021-701-061
Picture Framing	The Picture Framing Company	0800-372-633
Plant Centre	Kaipara Coast Plant Centre	420-5655
Plumbers	Aqua Plumbing	021-0275-3821
Plumbers	ATL Plumbing Ltd	420-7868
Plumbers	KPL Ltd	420-9108
Property Management	Private Residence	021-872-336
Pumps	Mid West Pumps	420-7694
Real Estate	B&T - Doug & Kerry King	420-6090
Real Estate	B&T - Rene Vos	027-275-4321
Real Estate	B&T - Eveline Vos	021-353-009
Real Estate	Burmester Realty	420-8360
Real Estate	Burmester Realty - Ashleigh Clarke	021-1166-833
Real Estate	Burmester Realty - Kelly Davison	0274-670-175
Real Estate	Harcourts, The Difference	420-7663
Real Estate	Prestige - Jana Mills	021-509-990/420-9953
Real Estate	Prestige - Jenny Killick	021-259-0091/420-4947
Reiki Healers	The Healing Heart of Helensville	420-9098
Shower Installation	GSILtd	0800-466-5327/420-8777
Stationery	Paper Plus Select	420-8646
Takeaways	Kaipara Fresh Fish & Takeaway	420-7190
Takeaways	Shark n Tatties	420-5062
Typesetting/Photocopying	Huapai Copy & Print	420-9307
Water Cartage	A1 Water	0800-A1-WATER/0800-21-9283
Water Cartage	Waioneke Water	020-420-2132/420-2131
Water Cartage	Water Wagon 1	027-280-2630
Venue Hire	Kaipara Memorial RSA	420-8888
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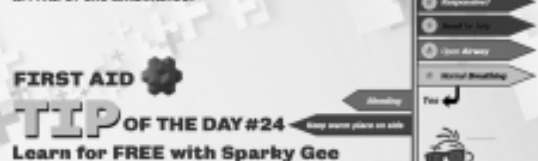
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