

The Helensville Community News

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From Lighthouse to Art House



From Lighthouse to Art House as this year The Lighthouse building, part of Magnify Church, will be hosting a Christian Art Festival over Labour Weekend, as part of the 2021 ARTS in the VILLE. Any Christian with work to display is welcome to exhibit. Drop off at the Lighthouse, 118 Commercial Road, is 3-7pm Wednesday 20th October, along with an exhibitor fee of \$5 for one piece, \$3 each for two or more pieces. Organiser, Pauline Denton, along with Barbara Harry, Michelle Humphris, Marion Taylor and Jodie Allen, have been working for several months to get the event 'up and running'. Pauline confesses to having first seen

the man she would later marry at a previous Art Fest at Magnify, so, for her, it has romantic as well as artistic associations. For more information don't hesitate to email Pauline paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com

Barbara Harry will be hosting a beautifully reflective space within the main Church building and there will be a creative space for kids in the basement from 11am-3pm Saturday and Monday of Labour Weekend, October 23rd & 25th.

Jodie Allen will be amongst the exhibitors. Jodie has always had a love of art and majored in art and photography while training to be a teacher. Although Jodie has been teaching art to children for 30 years, she has only recently begun to focus more fully on her own passion for art. She is currently exploring the mediums of oil painting and watercolour. Jodie is particularly inspired by nature and highlighting the beauty in God's world around us through visual language, photography and painted images. She enjoys using natural materials, contrasts of light and movement to enhance her work. Jodie designs and sells customised photo frames also. Her work has been on display in exhibitions at the Estuary Art Gallery in Orewa. Commissions are welcome.



Everyone is welcome to the exhibition opening, which will be among the first events of this years ARTS in the VILLE, on Friday October 22nd from 6pm.

Some of Jodie Allen's artwork



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Kaukapakapa Historic Library - Sunday 17th October, . 9am to 1pm. Good Sports

Long before the days of virtual reality there were actual families and communities connected by organised recreation. In a time when travelling any great distance was difficult, there was a need to make your own fun closer to home, and make fun they did. Gatherings took place which were as much about socialising as exercising and competing - a way to keep up with the news of village life.

In 1885 the Kaukapakapa Jockey Club was formed and the first race meeting held which was attended by over 300 people. School swimming was a 'boys only' affair, which involved stripping off behind a hawthorn hedge, swimming naked and then running up and down the paddock to dry off. That's until the girls wanted in..... Next came a tennis club with courts marked out at the school, the Kaukapakapa Rifle Club in 1914, the Bowling Green in 1929 and the school pool in 1953. Add to this rugby, croquet, horse riding, hockey and cricket to name a few, and you can conjure up an image of a thriving active community.

Come along to the library and view old photos and more from Kaukapakapa's sporting past. If you have any old photos or trophies bring them along, we love to take copies to add to the Library's archives. For more info contact Megan, 021 959017, threehorses@xtra.co.nz.



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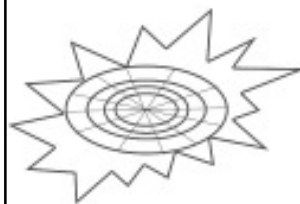
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Sunday 17th October
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What's happening this month



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Friday, 1 October, Term 3 ends

Friday, 1 October, Helensville Aglow, 7.30pm at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road Helensville (behind the Hospice shop). All welcome. Our guest speaker at the August meeting will be Len Buttner from Eagle Ascend Ministries. Contact Bridget at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information.

Sunday, 17 October 2021, Helensville Art Trail 10:00am – 4:00pm. Helensville township, 56d Kaipara Coast Highway.

On the third Sunday of each month from May to October many of Helensville's accomplished artists open their personal studios for the Helensville Art Trail. Studios are all conveniently situated within two kilometres of central Helensville. Follow the signs leading to each studio (see map). All of these artists have spent years honing their skills in an extensive variety of genres. Enjoy meeting them in person and being given an insight into the processes involved in creating each piece of art. Works range from lost wax casting of bronze and crystal glass, figurative and abstract paintings and prints, to shaping of corrugated iron into incredible forms; fine wool lace handcrafted into delicate shawls, elegantly crafted creative hats for every occasion and the carving of stone into fine jewellery.

Sunday 17 October Kaukapakapa Village Market 8.30am – 1.00pm

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. With its friendly people, great atmosphere and a tempting 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 live music and entertaining atmosphere. Live music from Foster on tenor sax. For more information, stall-holder and music enquiries contact Sarah: Phone: 0274 831542 or Email - sarah1@maxnet.co.nz. Eftpos cash out available.

Maybe Maybe not.....

So no Spring Market in October at Waitoki

But hang in there for the Waitoki Village Christmas Market Day Saturday, 11 December. See detail below.

Saturday, 23 October – Monday 25 October Sculpture Garden Trail Walk 10:00am – 4:00pm Kaipara Coast Plants & Sculpture Gardens, 1481 Kaipara Coast Highway, Kaukapakapa, Auckland. This year is the 7th annual Helensville Arts in the Ville event to celebrate the endeavours of local artists. So why not include a visit to the Kaipara Coast Sculpture Gardens whilst you are in the area; where you will have a final opportunity to view the 2021 Exhibition before we replace it in November with the new pieces for 2022. Good walking shoes and possibly a rain coat are advised. An excellent opportunity to spend some time outdoors in a beautiful, relaxing local country setting.

Monday, 18 October, Term 4 starts

Saturday, 30 October, Skydiving fundraiser for New Zealand Red Cross, 7.00am – 12.00pm, 73 Green Rd, Parakai. All ages welcome Admission free. Make 2021 the year that you tick skydiving off your bucket list – and mix adrenaline with the even better feeling of raising money for an awesome cause! Jump! for Red Cross is no ordinary skydiving fundraiser, we like to think of this as Aotearoa's most extreme charity skydiving event. Not only do we jump from the highest altitudes, but you can double the dare and take on a bungy jump too! Tandem skydiving is one of the most exciting things you can do - it's an empowering and challenging experience like no other. It will be something to talk about and rally your friends and whānau around. You can invite them along on the day! When you Jump! for Red Cross, you'll be jumping with experienced instructors who will safely support you every step of the way. Fundraise a minimum of \$899 and Jump! for free. Raise over \$1,200 and you'll get the photo and video package too!

NOVEMBER

Friday, 5 November, Helensville Aglow, 7.30pm at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road Helensville (behind the Hospice shop)

Our guest speaker at the November meeting will be Tricia Webb. All welcome. Email Bridget Sundgren at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information. Helensville Aglow is a multi-denominational, gathering of men and women, working together with local churches and other ministries with sharing the Word of God by the transforming love and power of Jesus Christ. We value people, we encourage one another, and delight to see the men and women who come into our meetings discover their true identity in Christ Jesus. Aglow is "a safe place" where people are from all walks of life are equipped and strengthened in their faith journey, to then assist in bringing restoration to others. As we have been blessed, so we bless. We have monthly meetings with invited speakers to share the Gospel, bringing sound teaching and practical application from the Word of God. These meetings are filled with praise, worship teaching, prayer and encouragement. We are not a Church, but remain a Ministry to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ and through Him to make a difference! All welcome

Sunday, 7 November, Futureproof Life Rodney Coast Challenge

6:30am – 1:00pm, Muriwai Beach, Muriwai Road, Muriwai Beach Auckland. Futureproof Life Rodney Coast Challenges Multisport Race A great entry-level multisport event with a fantastic family atmosphere 10 km forest run, 30 km road cycle, 24 km mountain bike on rural roads 8 km kayak to finish. Course begins at Muriwai Beach on the West Coast north of Auckland and finishes at Wenderholm Regional Park on the east coast. Open to individuals, teams, family groups. To buy tickets please ring 0274 620 675, website: <https://www.rcc.org.nz/>

Tuesday, 16th November, Helensville District Rugby Football Club AGM, 7.30pm, at Helensville Rugby Club, 162 Awaroa Road, Helensville

Louise Heeney, Helensville Rugby Club Administrator

DECEMBER

Saturday, 11 December, Waitoki Village Christmas Market Day

8.30 till 1pm Waitoki Hall, 1095 Kahikatea Flat Rd. Lets make it a Goodie so gather your goods and creations and book a stall for the 11 December. Come and see your friends and neighbours at the next local Market, chat and catch up, find out what is going on in your community making contact in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere at the Waitoki Hall Support your community; proceeds from the Market go back to our local community.

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Poems after dark fundraiser for St. John Ambulance Helensville

A capacity audience at the Old BNZ was treated to an evening of funny, moving and always entertaining poems and stories. But it was so much more than that. Where else could you really laugh at some of the offerings one minute and the next feel the nostalgic longings for times past.

Cliff Wright with his homemade Scandinavian dulcimer did a wonderful song about lost love. The comment from one of the audience after, "That's the first time I've heard a love song about someone called Deirdre".

Poor Myra Lloyd's story about a child plunging into their own painting was interrupted by one of the banks dogs howling when the little girl in the story said she was lonely. Laughter all round.



Myra Lloyd in full swing

Tora McKenzie, with a confronting poem about Helensville interspersed with Mongolian throat singing.

Too many excellent performers to name them all but special mention must be made of Pauline Denton. She along with Hannah Rose Arnold were the founders of this bi-monthly event. Pauline is a genuinely very funny person. Her work reflecting an NZ twist on Pam Ayres.

These evenings need to be supported and treasured as a Helensville institution full of local characters.

The next Poems After Dark will be on the Saturday of Labour Weekend during that other very successful Helensville event ARTS IN THE VILLE. So do yourself a favour and go along, perform or just sit back and enjoy.

6-8pm, Magnify Church Cafe, 118 Commercial Road. \$5 cover charge. Bring a plate.

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From Penk's Pen

CHRIS PENK – MP

This time it's different. As I write, Auckland is about to cross the threshold of the previous longest lockdown, albeit intended, advertised and certainly hoped to be "short and sharp".

18 months ago, the novelty of covid19 restrictions outweighed the burden of restrictions as far as many Kiwis were concerned. Stuffed toys adorned the windows. This time around, it's not just the teddy bears that are stuffed.

The mood of my constituents has changed significantly lately, as an entirely predictable state of affairs has come to pass. With vaccine rollout having been so slow, it was only a matter of time until a variant that's been around for some months would escape from the ad hoc MIQ facilities – barely modified hotels – in New Zealand's largest and most densely populated city.

In early 2020 I could see the effect that the very first lockdown was already having on some constituents. And even though I would cop some criticism for calling for a more nuanced approach (for instance, that butchers, greengrocers and bakers should be allowed to trade during Level 4, provided they could do so safely), I stand by my advocacy to this day.

Since that time, as your local MP I have become all the more aware of various other adverse effects that lockdowns can have. These aren't always reported in the nightly news, possibly because they are so personal to the individuals concerned and are "slow burn" problems by their nature.

A key category of difficulty is education, for example, with those already on the margins inevitably becoming marginalised further. Irregular, unpredictable and therefore stressful situations arise during lockdowns particularly for those with special learning needs. And "learning from home" is not easy when you're living in a rural or remote area that still has poor internet connectivity. Even more to the point, such stresses and strains don't end when the lockdowns do. I've sat with these families, so I know.

I fear for many people in this area and can only hope that we soon see an end to the restrictions. That way, we can start trying to rebuild all the local lifestyles and livelihoods affected in this way. Please follow public health advice to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe.

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Kia kaha Helensville

Correction to September article.

In reference to the article written by Craigweil House published in the September issue of the Helensville Community News, we would like to clarify that Barbara Bailey was Chris's wife until their divorce some 15 years prior to Chris's death. The paintings which had been hanging in Chris's home in Helensville came back to the family after Chris's death 3 years ago, and it was then that Barbara contacted Craigweil House to ask if we would like to obtain a selection of his oil paintings. Craigweil House.

Helensville Library and Service Centre news



Kia ora

As I type, we're in Level 3 – with lots of discussions going on about how the library and service centre will look and serve you at Level 2.

As it's a case of moving goalposts, it is hard to predict EXACTLY how things will look and work.

What we do know is:

- Numbers in the building – including the library – will be limited. We have a small space, so trying to maintain a 2-metre distance between us all will be tricky.
- If you are unwell – please stay home.
- If you need to return library items – and restock – and don't feel comfortable out in public / in a public space – we may be able to organise a homebound service for the duration. This is not limited by age, however our older customers are our priority in this instance.
- Please wear a mask while in public – including in our building.
- Signing in: as well as many QR code posters in the building, we will have 'ballot box' type slips for you to manually sign in. These will be kept securely in date bundles. These will be what the Covid tracing team will use to contact you, if necessary. Once they are not needed, they will be disposed of securely.

Once we open, we hope to offer the Ready-to-go-Reads service. (The form is currently offline, but will be back at Level 2.) Fill in the form, and our team will select five books for you. We will contact you to arrange pickup. aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/ready-to-go-reads.aspx.

Need more recommendations? Feeling like you've read everything? Check out our My Librarian service – a curated list of recommendations just for you! Or your children / grandchildren. aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/all-librarians.aspx

Around the World in 14 Days: The school holidays programme will be offered online, through Auckland Libraries' Beanstack channel. This is a great way to challenge anyone in your bubble to keep reading – and explore different reads. aucklandlibraries.beanstack.com/. We hope to have activity packs families can take home on the theme of Around the World in 14 Days. <https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/school-holidays.aspx>. You can find out more about the school holiday programme here: aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/school-holidays.aspx

Auckland Libraries' Covid update page lets you all know what is available at the current time: aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/covid-19-update.aspx.

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Let's take the politics out of infrastructure

When I think of the north west, I think of cafés, butchers, fresh fruit and veges, wineries, surf beaches, hot pools, horses, calf clubs and pet lambs.

Mountain bike and motor-cross parks are among the best in New Zealand. Cropping and livestock farming are still important businesses. And new housing developments.

Living in north west Auckland is a dream come true for first home buyers, families and life stylers. It should be a good place to run a small business, because there is plenty of business land close to where people live, and close to State Highway 16 connecting Auckland and Northland.

The region was identified as a high growth area in council plans going back decades, and in the 2015 Auckland Unitary Plan, so we rightly assume when a council zones land for housing and for business, roads and infrastructure will be provided in a timely fashion.

But local roads constructed over 100 years ago for bullock carts now carry 10-15,000 vehicles per day, and over 36,000 per day on State Highway 16 through Kumeu and Huapai.

Local roads are not only unsafe, but they are also so poorly maintained that an enterprising local lad has taken to spray painting explicit content around potholes to troll Auckland Transport into fixing them.

Flooding a few weeks ago revealed that drainage networks are totally inadequate for growth that has already occurred, let alone for the next 30 years and thousands more homes and businesses.

For decades, successive councils and governments ducked their responsibilities to this high growth area, while taking development contributions, taking fuel excise duty and road user charges, and taking GST on new building and local business turnover.

The long awaited SH16 Kumeu-Huapai bypass has no start date, the project is still in a planning phase. Plans to extend the shiny AT electric trains even to Kumeu are also years away. Old bridges and undersized culverts cause flood water to back up into businesses and homes.

So, we rightly ask, why is our community treated this way, while Government proudly announces a \$780 million cycle bridge across the Waitemata, a multi-billion dollar light rail to the airport, and Auckland Council insists on painting town centres blue, while taking out precious parking?

In answers to questions from ACT about projects to relieve



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congestion in the North West, the Minister of Transport belatedly confirmed NZTA would extend an express bus service as far as Westgate, kindly described as “a little bit better” by the Greater Auckland advocacy group.

On 27 July 2021 there was a photo opportunity with Ministers, the Mayor and allied councillors holding shiny new spades, although they haven’t secured the land for the bus stations, they don’t have the consents, and construction has still not started anywhere on the bus route.

The token bus service won’t reach the rapidly growing communities in Kumeu, Huapai, Waimauku and Helensville, or provide capacity to connect Riverhead and Hobsonville. Nor will it address the most important issue - there is simply not enough road capacity, enough lanes, for traffic and freight, a situation which has got steadily worse for the past 20 years.

That’s because announcements about what to build, and decisions about what infrastructure to ignore, are based on political calculations, not on what is needed. The Minister of Transport confirmed to ACT that only 27% of NZTA funds will be allocated to roads between 2021 and 2024, although 100% of the revenue comes from road users.

Over 70% of NZTA funds will be allocated to maritime and rail projects, increasing to nearly 80% in the 2024 to 2027 period. This does nothing to solve the current congestion and growth problems, but it does help the Government meet their self-imposed climate targets.

This will only change when decision making is taken away from politicians.

ACT proposes a system of 30-year infrastructure partnerships between regional and central government. These partnerships would leverage the advantages of local and central government. Councils have the local knowledge to design and prioritise infrastructure intelligently. They are directly accountable to local voters and understand the needs of their constituencies.

Meanwhile, central government, through the Infrastructure Commission, would be responsible for assessing the performance of these partnerships against pre-determined and agreed metrics, like population growth, road fatality rates, and congestion levels.

The Government would also be entitled to withhold funding from councils which consistently failed to meet road safety targets or congestion reduction goals.

They also set town plans which guide how growth will happen. However, they are limited by inflexible funding rules, which make them heavily reliant on property rates and reduce their ability to cope with growth.

By contrast, the Government has access to cheaper debt funding and the ability to spread risk across a larger balance sheet. By matching Government funding with local knowledge, we can get more and better infrastructure built.

Also, the long-term nature of these plans will insulate infrastructure from political pressures. Infrastructure, with its very long-time horizons, is profoundly unsuited to decision-making by political leaders, beset by three-year tunnel vision. By setting plans decades in advance, we can avoid the on-again, off-again uncertainty created by the political cycle which deters councils and private infrastructure investors from undertaking ambitious projects.

New Zealand’s pioneering spirit has not changed since the 1970s. We have simply suffocated it under layer upon layer of government regulation and intervention in the name of ‘sensible’ town planning and other well-intentioned, but ultimately foolhardy attempts at social engineering.

We need fundamental reform in our regulatory settings to allow building and attract investment. We need sensible apolitical management of local and central government infrastructure assets. That is what ACT’s strategy for housing and infrastructure will deliver.

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Kaipara College basketball booming

by Gemma Bayly, Head Student, Kaipara College

In August, Kaipara College's under 19 basketball team won the Harbour Basketball League 2 division to secure Kaipara College their first basketball Championship. This came after an excellent season, in which they won 9 out of 10 of their games.

The team was comprised of Jacob Smith, Sam Nobilo, Jaden Kok, Tej Chawla, Tamati Birch, Riley Southern-Vasey, Jimmy Cheng and Andre De'Beer, and was coached by Matt Rhodes. From the team, Sam Nobilo has also played for the Harbour Basketball National Team.

The basketball program at Kaipara College has grown in leaps and bounds from when the under 19 team's coach, Matt Rhodes attended Kaipara College himself. As a year 9, Matt had to play for the under 19 basketball team because that was the only option. Now there are seven teams, including the first girls' basketball team at Kaipara College in many years.

This year, Kaipara College's first ever 1stV Basketball team was formed. One of the coaches, Lee Taylor, was a driving force behind the 1stV team. This team means that the best basketball players in the school can play in the same team, ranging from year 11-13. This is a step forward for basketball at Kaipara College. Matt Rhodes said, 'This is the first step towards creating a clear direction of where you can go with basketball in the college if you choose to, similar to the direction of Rugby with the 1st XV in the college.'

Unfortunately, the tournament the 1stV was supposed to compete in this year has been cancelled due to the Covid lockdown. The team will have to wait until next year to showcase their talents. The 1st V was fortunate to be sponsored by Harcourt's Helensville alongside Auckland Towbars.

Many other sports teams from Kaipara College were also poised to play their final games before the Level 4 lockdown hit. The girls' football team was due to play in the final for 1st or 2nd place in the North Harbour Senior A2 grade on the first day of lockdown. On the same night, the boys' hockey team was going to play for 3rd/4th place in the North Harbour grade 2A. On the 19th of August, the girls' hockey team should have played for 1st/2nd place in the North Harbour grade 5A. North Harbour rugby has cancelled the rest of the season. There were no formal results for the 2021 rugby season, however Kaipara College was leading the Youth 14 grade. The 1st XV were sitting in 3rd place & the Youth 16 were sitting in 4th place.

Basketball in our area is booming! In 2017, the local basketball club (Rodney Basketball) was formed. This club has children playing basketball in the Kaipara College gym on a Sunday through the school term. They aim to provide a fun environment which allows skill development. Children from all over the area participate in this program. This means that basketball players at Kaipara College can enter with more skills. It is really cool to see how basketball is growing in our community through the Rodney Basketball club. To get involved yourself you can contact Matt Rhodes through their website www.rodneymbasketball.co.nz or on Instagram or Facebook.



**The Kaipara College U19
basketball team.**



Kaipara korero

Principal Cindy Sullivan

Tena koutou e te whanau o Kaipara

Prior to being appointed principal of Kaipara College in August, I held the position of associate principal here so, unlike many principals who are often appointed externally, I have had the good fortune of already forming a strong connection with the school and its fabulous students. My passion for this school and its students is one of the main reasons I applied for the position of principal. I do not see this position as a stepping stone to other positions in a career ladder, but a longer term total commitment to the students, staff, families and the Kaipara College community as a whole.

My practice is steeped in building relationships and relational trust, based around mutual respect, reliability, integrity, proven capability, honesty and openness. I am a person who has the ability to listen, to be warm towards students and staff but is also able to hold people to account to meet high expectations. I believe it is essential to build relational trust as the school leader, to enable mutual respect to develop, instil clarity of purpose and direction and create a positive thriving, passionate culture within our school.

Kaipara College is a brilliant and unique school. It has a busy student and local community that offers many opportunities for success. The PRIDE values of the school provide us with our WHY. These indicate that as a school we value partnership within and beyond school, we value respect, innovation, diversity and excellence. It is how we bring those values alive within and beyond school that will enable us to get to our outcomes of belonging

and success for each student. I believe an effective school is one where all young people can and do succeed, regardless of their background and in spite of the social, financial, personal and physical challenges they may face.

I am committed to working with and for the tangata whenua, NgatiWhâtua o Kaipara, together exploring possibilities to ensure the very best educational outcomes for our Māori students to enable and support them to achieve success as the brilliant young Māori people they are.

It is my vision to make Kaipara College a place where students feel they belong and are successful, where their voices and those of their whānau are heard and that their success is essential to everything we do as a school. I want Kaipara College to be a place where our young people love to come to learn, where family and whānau feel as though they are an integral and essential part of their students' life and learning journey, and a focal point and hub for local community spirit.

As Principal my main concern is maximising the wellbeing and educational achievement of all the young people who come to Kaipara College, and leading in a responsive and cohesive way all the complexities involved in achieving this. Maximising the wellbeing and educational achievement of these young people relies on the efforts of a cohesive and collaborative team.

It is in a cohesive and collaborative way that we have tackled this most recent lockdown (not something I was expecting to face quite so early in my principalship!). At the forefront of our minds has been the wellbeing of our students, who all deal with lockdown learning in different ways and have different situations and levels of connectivity at home, whilst ensuring their academic pathways, particularly for senior students, are not compromised. My thanks to the entire community for continuing to engage with us throughout lockdown, and helping us to maximise the outcomes for your rangatahi.

All of us contribute to the outcomes for our young people, together we go on this journey, together we determine the future. Nauterourou, nakuterourou, kaoraaite iwi

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The gardens are located in an idyllic location overlooking the Kaipara harbour and the trail has recently been extended to cover 3.5Kms. It offers easy walking which meanders through areas of formal planting, farmland and forestry plus you will be able to see the 40 sculptures created by both local and international artists along the way.*

Good walking shoes and possibly a raincoat are advised.

An excellent opportunity to spend some time outdoors in a beautiful, relaxing local country setting.

There is also a great play area for the kids plus our cute little coffee shop and of course the garden centre for you to browse around.

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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Its tough times, Three Waters, off street parking and more *by Cr Greg*



Sayers, Councillor for the Rodney ward.

New Zealand continues to go through difficult and unprecedented times with the outbreak of the delta variant. I know many of our people in Rodney may be feeling overwhelmed at the moment.

In addition, many families in the Kumeu area have the additional pressure of having had to deal with the aftermath of flooding.

If you are at all feeling overcome by these developments and you need help, advice or reassurance, please contact me directly on my mobile number 021 285 9900.

I am not happy with how Central government is overriding Auckland Council and its ratepayers by not allowing consultation on important matters. "This is unconstitutional" says Cr Greg Sayers.

I would like to bring your attention to a growing concern around the lack of public consultation with Aucklanders regarding major changes impacting Auckland Council and its ratepayers.

The first is the government's proposal to radically change Auckland Council's ownership of its drinking, wastewater and storm water services - called the "Three Waters Reform".

The "Three Waters Reform" proposes amalgamating all of Auckland's water services with the Far North, Whangarei and Kaipara District Councils (all of Northland) to create a new regional corporation which will take over all of the water services.

It is concerning the government is not seeking public consultation with Aucklanders. Auckland Council is being asked if it wishes to "opt in" or "opt-out". This lacks open and democratic processes, weakening transparency by ultimately circumnavigating the ratepayers who have paid for, and own, all of Auckland's water infrastructure.

Surreptitiously, the government has retained the right to make this amalgamation compulsory, with the ability force the new water corporation on councils regardless of 'opting in or out'.

It all seems to be bit of a sham – they can still strip Auckland of its water assets regardless of public sentiment.

The government has also created a rule banning a referendum on this proposal. This lack of engagement with Auckland's residents and ratepayers is of great concern.

Another huge concern is the government's announcement to force Auckland Council to remove a minimum numbers of off-street parking without any public consultation with residents and ratepayers by 20 February 2022 from its Unitary Plan.

This is unconstitutional – residents and ratepayers are being removed from having their say. This includes all townships and suburbs across the entire Auckland region. (i.e.: Warkworth, Matakana, Kumeu, and Riverhead)

The Government's solution to leave it up to developers to provide off-street parking - essentially means the provision of parking is now market-led by entrepreneurs, not by Council rules.

Aucklanders already have a glimpse into the future of what will happen to our public streets. Have you seen the width of the roads in new suburbs like Millwater or Milldale north of Auckland?

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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: Meet every Wednesday morning 9.30am - 12.30pm River Valley Church, Fordyce Road, Parakai. Membership \$4 per week, \$10 membership annually. Please bring a plate for lunch. Occasional trips out which are paid for by the club. We also play friendly Bingo games. For more information 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.

Core Hit - Tuesday 5.30. Bonnie Casey, War Memorial Hall, Helensville. Deep core and pelvic floor strengthening, plus cardio workout for ladies of all ages.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Typesetting/Photocopying	Huapai Copy & Print	420-9307
Venue Hire	Kaipara Memorial RSA	420-8888
Water Tank Cleaning	Safe H2O	027-276-6950
Windscreen Repairs	Bullseye Windscreen Repairs	027-605-4630
Your Local Business Book	yourlocalbusinessbook@gmail.com	

Art Centre Helensville

Covid has thrown a spanner in everyone's works and Helensville Art Centre is no exception. Council rules dictate that we cannot open until we are in Level 2. Until then, you can follow us on our Facebook page.

Exhibitions for the rest of the year

The planned exhibition of Helensville Art Trail work will now be held in March next year. The October exhibition will feature art made by Arts in the Ville participants and, in the media room, there will be a solo exhibition by painter Liana Steedman.



By local artist Raywin Cruikshank

This exhibition may flow into November, depending on Covid. The December exhibition will feature art by Art Kaipara members and will be a cash and carry, with art for sale at \$150 or under. The workshop room will be used for a separate exhibition of children's art.

Arts in the Ville

Hopefully we will be clear of lockdown restrictions by Labour Weekend and Arts in the Ville will go ahead. Make sure you follow AIV on the Facebook page and on Instagram, and when a post pops up please share it with your friends.

2022 planning

Meanwhile, we're now planning for 2022 and asking the community for suggestions and offers for exhibitions and workshops for the year. If you have an idea, please send it to manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz, with 'Ideas for 2022' in the subject line.

Art Kaipara membership

Annual membership of the Art Centre's governing organisation, Art Kaipara, is \$20 for adults, \$10 for those 16 years and under. Members are entitled to take in two free submission exhibitions each year. Email manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz if you wish to join.

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