

The Helensville Community News

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February Arts Festival - Art to inspire

Waitangi weekend will see the first of two Christian Art Festivals. Organizers originally got together to tie in with the cancelled ARTS in the VILLE but decided to run an independent exhibition early in the year.

As it has been such a tough couple of years it is hoped that this exhibition will be a bit of an uplifting oasis. Artists are all Christian, but the artwork will cover many genres and not just 'religious' art says Kaukapakapa's Pauline Denton. Pauline was thrilled when she put out the invitation to be involved in the organizing of the festival and soon found a solid team in Michelle Humphris, Jodie Allen, Barbara Harry and Marion Taylor. It was wonderful to have the Lighthouse, a quaint historic building which is part of Magnify Church at 118 Commercial Road, to run the exhibition in and everyone is looking forwards to seeing what people bring into exhibit. If you happen to be away that weekend, then you can view the art on the Spirit Arts NZ Facebook page. Art works, large and small will be available to purchase and there will also be a Reflective Space where you are invited to relax and feel refreshed. Kids art activities will also be available between 11am and 3pm on the Saturday. If you would like to meet the artists and get an early viewing of the exhibition then come along at 6pm on Friday, February the 4th. Exhibition runs 10-4 Saturday 5th, 12.30-4 Sunday 6th and 10-4 Monday 7th. More information? Pauline paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com



Pauline is pictured with 'Heaven meets Earth'.

Love', where different colours represent the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and form together around a heart, 'Dancing with Jesus', where two different coloured threads begin together, separate and intertwine as in a dance, 'Umbilical', where God is the source which life flows from, 'Passion', where Jesus head and arm have a

fire spiralling out from them and 'Heaven meets Earth', where the warm colours of heaven spiral into the cold colours of earth.

Covid passports will not be required but we will be operating within current restrictions.



Michelle Humphris, Barbara Harry, Pauline Denton, Marion Taylor, Jodie Allen.

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Kaipara Memorial RSA

Thursday 31st March 2022, 6.30pm

At

The RSA clubrooms,

49 Commercial Road, Helensville.

All members are urged to attend.

New committee to be nominated by 11th March 2022.

Notice of Motion;

Moved Rex Keane, seconded Noel Bodle that Steven Wilson be awarded a Life

Membership of the KMRSA, IAW the KMRSA Rule 8E.

For an agenda or information, email kaipararsa@xtra.co.nz



2022 Phone directory

Helensville Lions Club is preparing the 2022 edition of its annual local telephone directory.

Anyone living in the 420 telephone code area who wants to alter a white pages listing or add a new listing, should email:

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14. White pages listings are free and can include cell phone numbers.

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Kaukapakapa Historic Library

Sunday 20th February, 9am To 1pm

Here Lies.....

Find out more of Kaukapakapa's local history from the photographic collection created by the late Alan Jordan and the amazing research completed by Bruce Shanks. Learn about who lies in the historic All Saints Kaukapakapa cemetery dating from 1864, and discover the details of the seventy unmarked graves. We know who they are, we know where they lie, but they remain forgotten. Are you their whanau?



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



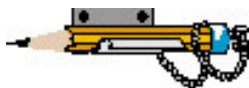
Sunday 20th February
Kaukapakapa Hall
8.30am – 1pm

8.30am - 1pm, live music from duo "Take 2".

Contact Sarah 0274 831 542
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What's happening this month



Saturday, 12 February, Waitoki Village Market Day. 8.30 till noon. Waitoki Hall, 1095 Kahikatea Flat Rd. "Giddy, How've you been? Haven't seen you for a while" Leave the "Front Lawn" and come and pass the time of day at your local community Market. The first market for quite a while so if we get the go ahead, let's make it a goodie! 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. Support your community; proceeds from the Market go back to our local community. New stall holders welcome, contact Gill 420 3301 or email waitokihall@gmail.com. The February market will require vaccine passes applying the usual covid protocols, with the proviso that if omicron numbers escalate the market may be cancelled. Future market dates: April 9th, June 11th, August 13th, Oct 8th, Dec 10th

Wednesdays, 16th February, 23rd February & 9th March: 3.30-5pm Helensville Rugby Club Junior Rugby & Boys/Girls Rippa Rugby Registrations & weigh-in will be held at the Rugby club.
Sunday, 20 February, Kaukapakapa Village Market Kaukapakapa Hall, 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. Live music from Duo "Take 2". For more information, stall-holder and music enquiries contact Sarah: Phone: 0274 831542 or Email - sarahl1@maxnet.co.nz Eftpos cash out available.

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Sunday, 20 February, 'Helensville Art Trail' aka HAT. An eclectic mix of 12 Artists, who have opened their Studios from 10am to 4pm, for the public to enjoy. Come and talk to the artists, look at works in progress, and have a wonderful day out' Every month, on the 3rd Sunday, all year. All studio's are in the Helensville area. We need Masks to be worn, and be double Vaxed please.

Thursday, 24 February, The AGM of Te Awaroa Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc (TARRA). 7pm at 44 Commercial Road Helensville. All welcome, with vaccine passes required. The annual membership subscription is \$10 which may be paid at the AGM.

Friday, 4 March, Helensville Aglow, 7.30pm at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road Helensville (behind the Hospice shop). All welcome. The guest speaker for this meeting is yet to be confirmed. Contact Bridget at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information.

Saturday, 12 March 2022 8:30am and Sunday 13 March 2022 8:30am. Kumeu Show 100th Show. Kumeu Showgrounds, Access Road, Kumeu, Auckland, Ticket Information - Adult: \$15.00 ea - Senior: \$10.00 ea - Child 5 - 16: \$5.00 ea - Child under 5 years: \$0.00 ea. A huge range of entertainment, activities, competitions and over 500 trade stalls there is something for the whole family. The Show has strong competition for Alpaca, Equestrian, Highland Dancing, Woodchopping and Shearing.

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Thursday, 31 March, Kaipara Memorial RSA, AGM 6.30pm at The RSA clubrooms, 49 Commercial Road, Helensville.

All members are urged to attend. New committee to be nominated by 11th March 2022. Notice of Motion; Moved Rex Keane, seconded Noel Bodle that Steven Wilson be awarded a Life Membership of the KM RSA, IAW the KM RSA Rule 8E.

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Letter to the Editor

Your opinion matters



Letter to the editor

Does our community know about a resource consent application for the construction and operation of a solar farm comprising over 82,000 solar panels on 286 acres?

Located at 23 Rogan Ave, Helensville, the proposal is to supply into the local electricity transmission network, effectively providing the equivalent domestic demand for over 13,000 homes.

As a neighbouring property which will be visually affected by this significantly changing view and the glare/reflection of the panels, we have concerns:

** Some of our neighbours were shocked to hear about this from us, as a limited number of residents were advised. We received information from Williamson Water & Land Advisory - conveniently for developer HES Aotearoa Limited, when everyone was on holiday and may not have time to protest this or have their say.*

** Our rural environment could be transformed. We moved here 11 years ago to enjoy a rural setting with all its benefits, not to live in an industrial area.*

** What are the ramifications of so many solar panels to our environment, bird life, natural flora, and localised private land valuations?*

** Can reflected heat generated, effect the atmosphere in the town?*

The resource consent is needed for stormwater discharge, infrastructure within a natural hazard area (floodplain and coastal inundation) and establishing an electricity generation facility. It is also required to cover the discharge of water within a 100m setback from a natural wetland.

Is this in reality the most appropriate place for this facility in the first place situated within 3 kms from Helensville township?

Concerned neighbours, Helensville

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The NZ Government has extended the eligibility for the NZ Operational Service Medal (NZOSM) to include members of the armed forces who served in Malaysia and Singapore, but were not required to deploy into combat theatres such as Borneo or Vietnam. About 4500 veterans who served in South East Asia from February 1959 to January 1974 are now able to be awarded a medal and the Kaipara RSA hopes that veterans and their families take this opportunity to have their service recognised in this way.

You or someone you know, including next of kin of deceased veterans, will need to apply via the NZDF website, <https://nzdf.mil.nz/medal-and-service-records/medal-applications/>.

About 7000 veterans of South East Asia combat theatres are already eligible for the NZOSM, any unclaimed medals can still be issued.

The President of the Kaipara RSA Rex Keane says Veterans and all ex-service personnel should be registered with Veterans Affairs, even if they don't need welfare support at present.

Email- veterans@nzdf.mil.nz Phone- 0800 483 8372. Mail- PO Box 5146, Wellington 6140. Website- www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz.

Ex-service personnel should join their local RSA for information on welfare support and updates.

Contact the Kaipara Memorial RSA by email kaipararsa@xtra.co.nz, visit the club at 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 1600 hours to 2000 hours or phone President Rex Keane 027 293 2768 anytime.

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From Penk's Pen

CHRIS PENK – MP

Happy New Year!

I hope 2022 is off to great start for you, wherever you find yourself. It's certainly been a well-deserved break for many. For those of you who have continued to provide essential services through the holiday break, I personally thank you for your service – we just couldn't be without you.

As your local MP, I want to highlight the importance of thorough policy making that ensures government legislation does not lead to unintended consequences for those living in our area.

Unfortunately, the recent traffic-light legislation was dashed through parliament at lightning speed late last year. And so it's proving a prime example of law-making that has caused more confusion than clarity, in some areas at least, and created as many problems as solutions.

In another example, my electorate office and I have recently been contacted by numerous constituents about the Automobile Association requiring that anyone who sits their practical driver licence test must be double vaccinated against Covid-19. To be clear: negative Covid-19 tests are not being accepted.

The unintended consequence of this could well be that unvaccinated teenagers end up driving on our roads without the appropriate licence, which of course only creates more risk for other road users.

One alternative approach could be that if it's good enough for unvaccinated individuals to board a flight with a negative Covid-19 test, then it's good enough for our young people to sit their driver licence test that way, perhaps while wearing a mask. That's got to be better having unlicensed youngsters risking their own lives and others' on our roads.

As this example of unintended consequences from sketchy policy development shows, we simply cannot afford to rush our democratic law-making processes this year as we saw all too often in 2021.

I'm really looking forward to being back in Parliament soon to represent my favourite electorate, as your local MP, getting stuck into challenging the government on key issues. Until then, I will continue to be out and about in the electorate of course.

Please feel free to say hi and let me know your hopes and dreams for this year!

Cheers, Chris

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

South Kaipara Rotary is looking for a project to support that will add something positive to our community. This project can be big or small. It can be something our community really needs, or something that would be nice to have, or that brings us together, or makes life easier (or even more fun!).

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Don't shoot the messenger

Community groups and organisations are often run by volunteers who want to make a difference by helping others.

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Board secretary and volunteer Rani Timoti says the Citizens Advice Bureau Helensville is no exception.

She highlights the old saying "Don't shoot the messenger" which is a metaphoric phrase to unfairly blame a person who has given you bad news or information.

"The frustration and anger around Covid-19 issues, including showing vaccine passes, can be as rough as the Kaipara Harbour bar, but don't take it out on volunteers."

All volunteers are protected and follow a Health and Safety plan and take instructions from their national office.

This includes the legal requirements around Covid-19 including vaccine passes for face-to-face interaction and the NZ Covid Tracer QR code poster or the paper contact tracing form for sign-ins.

"The values I've been brought up with, as many of my South Kaipara whanau have too, include respecting your elders. As most of our volunteers are in this age bracket, they are also the ones more prone to health risks. Consider this when you visit us- we could be your grandparents, great-aunts and uncles or parents," says Rani.

The CAB Helensville office at 27 Commercial Rd is now open and welcomes face-to-face interactions, Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm. Other options include by phone 09 420 7162 or email: helensville@cab.org.nz or go to <https://www.cab.org.nz/> for our national website.

"We have all methods of contact for the vaccinated and unvaccinated so no-one is left out and everyone is fairly and respectfully treated. We simply ask the same in return."

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Helensville Medical Centre Screens

Helensville based sculptor Jeff Thomson has been commissioned by the Helensville District Health Board to design and construct two screens for the outside of the Kaipara Medical Centre in Helensville. Thomson is renowned for his sculptures, which predominantly use corrugated iron. Some of his more well known pieces include the corrugated iron clad HQ Holden Station Wagon in the collection of Te Papa Tongawera, Wellington, the giant Gumboot in Taihape, the tin Elephant at the Auckland Zoo and of course the recently installed Helensville toilets. On one screen, it is anticipated that words relating to the historical and cultural past and present of Helensville (and the wider Kaipara region), will be plasma cut into steel to create a lace like effect. The second screen will also use wording cut in as above, but wording which reflects more a personal response from individuals and or families from the Kaipara region — their own history, rather than that of the official or well known. This could take the form of memories, personal experiences, places and sites that are of a particular focus where something of importance or significance has happened. It may be single words, a paragraph or take the form of a poem. The screens will be made in 6 mm thick steel and each will be 2.4m square. Each screen will be galvanised and painted. If you would like to be involved and have any information/words you would like included, please either send to PO Box 149 Helensville 0840, email to jefshone@iprolink.co.nz, ph 09 420 8922 or write down and drop off at the Kaipara Medical Centre.



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Right now Kaukapakapa is a joke *by Shirley Forde*

It is a joke to those that live here as well as to the wider Auckland community. It is a village that has a garage – with no petrol; a pub – with no beer; a railway and roads but no public transport; electricity that often fails through overhead wires being attacked by wind and trees; no water reticulation and a village that is prone to flooding and all of this as part of the Auckland Super City. Yet, it is a place with a long and proud history from early Maori settlement, through the days of the pioneering settlers to the present, and still has a few monuments to the past.

Now is your chance to change that negative image.

Following a grant from the Super City Council, Residents and Ratepayers Association chairman Ralph Martin, and the KARRA committee is calling on everyone to participate in a survey that is calculated to gauge your views on everything from the Structure Plan through heritage, natural values and even on drainage.

Conducted by local landscape designers Geraldine Bayly and Renee Davies you are invited to attend a “drop in” on Sunday 19th February from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Kaukapakapa Hall on Market Day.

Please come and make your views heard and help make this a place we can all be proud of and happy to live in. If you can't be there, pick up a form from the petrol-less garage shop.

Sunday, 19th February from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Kaukapakapa Hall on Market Day – PUT A RING AROUND IT.

Now is your chance to change the face of your village from one that is the butt of many a joke about pubs with no beer and garages with no petrol.

Following a grant from the Super City Council and under the direction of KARRA local landscape architects Geraldine Bayly and Renee Davies will be at the Hall to hear your views and take note of your comments, so take the opportunity to be heard.

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To the Class of 2026

by Georgia Shivnan, Year 13 Student, Kaipara College

One Year 9 Social Studies lesson in particular, I remember. We were creating dream boards – a visual representation of our goals and wishes for our future. We wrote and collaged about NCEA, career pathways, and travel until our teacher asked us, “What year will you finish high school?” Cue the finger counting and puzzled expressions until someone proclaims, “2022? But that’s so far away!”

Now, four years later, we’re heading into our final year at Kaipara College. The days of muddling our way through a foreign timetable and carrying half of our life’s belongings in our backpacks are behind us. Instead, we are stepping into our roles as mentors and leaders of the school.

Every year, our Year 13s get the opportunity to become Peer Support Leaders - a group of students who help the Year 9s transition into their new life at Kaipara College through a two day orientation course at the beginning of the school year and further mentoring throughout Term 1.

A training camp at Higham’s Beach is held for these students involving lots of swimming, team-building, (mask-wearing), and learning how to be effective mentors and friends for the Year 9s. One of our activities at camp was to share what we wished we had known going into Year 9, and I was taken back to that Social Studies classroom and to a time when we thought we knew everything.

So to the Class of 2026, welcome to Kaipara College. Here’s a small collection of wisdom that we wish we had known:

Be confident. Take risks and opportunities because you won’t remember the hours you spend alone in your bedroom on your phone. The days are long, but the years are short and soon enough, you’ll be facing finishing high school yourself. Find your passion, whatever that may be, and let it guide you through the next five years. Don’t expect that you will be the same person in two months, a year, or even in five years - people grow and change and that’s okay. Just as you will not be the same person throughout high school, neither will your peers. You may not walk into high

school with the same friends that you leave with. Surround yourself with those who make you happiest and walk away from those who don’t.

Year 9 is not as scary or hard as they make it out to be, but high school does get harder so enjoy this stage of your life. Your schoolwork is an important foundation, but it is not the only thing you will do in your life that will matter, so find a healthy balance between your work and doing the things that you love. Grades don’t have as much weight as you may believe. High school can be tough at times, but the result will be a tight-knit group of friends with whom you’ve gone through everything.

These next five years will be some of the best and worst of your life and, somehow, you will figure out how this can be simultaneous.



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Kaipara korero

Principal Cindy Sullivan

E te whānau ô Kaipara, tena koutou

I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy time with and reconnect with whānau and friends over the summer and festive season.

Whilst we are all looking forward to the excitement of a new school year, we must also reflect on the challenges of the last one. Congratulations to all our students for their perseverance and resilience in getting to where they wanted to be. Our senior students, with the support of their teachers and their whānau, worked really hard in difficult learning circumstances, to achieve their learning goals, with many students successfully gaining their NCEA year level qualification prior to senior exams commencing. Junior students continued learning at home and at school in the final few weeks and also achieved some great results. This is testament to their character and commitment as well as the dedication and expertise of our teaching and support staff.

By the time you read this, Kaipara College will have commenced for the 2022 year.. Although we were hoping to start the year before Omicron emerged it was not to be. As I write, we are looking forward to having all our students back at school for learning on-site and also welcoming our new students, despite recent traffic light system changes to RED. Despite this the normal school timetable will have resumed and teaching and learning will be face to face. The risk of the spread of Omicron is on everyone's minds but hopefully with the increase in our vaccination rates and by following all Ministry of Health Guidelines we will be able to minimise the impact the virus has on the start to the school year. Masks are mandatory inside for everyone and all our staff are fully vaccinated as per the mandate. We know that 2021 was a more difficult year than usual and recognise that not all students have come through it unscathed. As a result, we are committed to supporting the students (both current and new) to move from wherever they are at with their learning when they return, to where they need to be, ensuring that all our students will be well prepared to achieve their 2022 learning goals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wider school community for your continued support. It is only by working together in partnership that we can support our young people to develop a true sense of identity and belonging and enable them to achieve their own level of excellence and success. What was reinforced throughout last year's lockdowns is the importance of the role of the whānau group and whānau teacher (kaiārahi) in maintaining connections and building relationships. Through whānau time we run our Te Puāwaitanga programme in which we express care, challenge students to grow by having high expectations, to understand accountability and to reflect on and grow from failures; provide support to complete tasks and achieve goals and expand possibilities and broaden horizons. The close connections built between the student and the whānau teacher as a result, helps our young people to discover who they are, cultivate the ability to shape their own lives and to learn how to engage with and contribute to the world around them.

This year we will continue to see exciting developments in our Year 9 integrated curriculum, the further embedding of our Te Puāwaitanga Programme during whānau time, renewed and invigorated focus on positive behaviour for learning and restorative practices throughout the school. We will also see ground breaking on the building of a brand new 14 teaching space Innovation Centre, which will house the Arts and Technology faculties and will allow the delivery of the curriculum in these areas in world standard facilities. This development will be followed by the building of a state of the art Whare Ako and Special Education facility. We have a staff that is committed to supporting every student to be the very best they can be, to achieve their full potential in every aspect of their lives and to enable each student to develop a sense of belonging and success.

Over the summer break our students have not been idle as indicated by the brilliant results from our students in the recent Dressage Waitemata Premier League Championship Show. Year 10, Alana England was awarded Overall Prelim Pony Champion with KT Mahunga Hui and Year 11, Piper Crake was awarded Overall Prelim Pony Reserve Champion with Flaxhill Golden Dust and Overall Novice Pony Champion with Cinder Strike. We wish you all the very best for 2022.

Stay safe

Cindy Sullivan, Principal



Alana England & KT Mahunga Hui.



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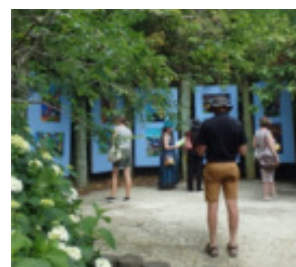
Each year the 40 sculptures, created by local and overseas artists, are replaced and remain on continual display for the following 12 months.

This normally occurs in

November but had to be postponed last year due to Covid restrictions.



Some of the artists should be available to discuss their works and pieces are also for sale if something really takes your fancy.



Pieces are displayed along our recently extended 3.4 Km nature trail set in the lovely Kaipara countryside and placed so as to blend sympathetically with their surrounding environment

This is a great way for all the family to spend a fun and relaxing afternoon as we also have an extensive kids play area plus BBQ area within the gardens.

There is also our cute little coffee shop on site plus of course the Plant Centre for you to browse through.

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



*Please note: Trail not suitable for wheelchairs or walking frames.

***All relevant Covid precautions will of course be in place although this is an outdoor event so maintaining social distancing is relatively simple.**

Venue location: 1481 Kaipara Coast Highway (SH16),
4km north of Kaukapakapa
Tickets: \$15.00 Adults, Children (5-13)
\$7.50, (under 5's free), Families (2A + 3C)
\$35, Groups (10+) \$10
To Book: info@kaiparacoast.co.nz
OR 09 420 5655.





Building supplies hard to get, even if you can afford them

Building and renovating costs are increasing at over twice the current rate of inflation, 12% in the year to September 2021. Suppliers raised prices for basic products like framing and retaining timber around 30% last year and further price increases are signalled for this year.

That's if you can even get the materials you need.

During the summer break I helped a neighbour with her landscaping project. We hired a digger and a dingo to level the yard and spread new topsoil. Once the dusty part was done, I offered to pick up some timber from our local hardware store for the garden edging.

Not a single hardware store in West Auckland had rough sawn 4x2 or 6x2 in stock, so we ended up using a much more expensive decking timber instead. I had to pick through what was there to find a few decent lengths.

That's just the tip of the iceberg. New Zealand has a serious building supply chain problem, that has little to do with a post-lockdown DIY blitz. This means the cost of materials is forecast to continue rising at an unaffordable pace, and with that the cost of maintaining and building homes.

The increased demand for materials has tracked steadily upward along with the increase in the volume of new dwelling consents over the past 10 years, from around 1,200 per month in 2011 to over 4,200 per month by September 2021.

That should have given suppliers time to gear up to meet demand, but in the past few years five decent sized sawmills have closed down, representing an estimated 400,000 cubic meters of sawn timber production.

I asked my local hardware supplier what this means to builders and people waiting for their new home or renovation to be completed.

She told me that builders who used to order structural beams one to two weeks before they are needed are now told they must wait 12 weeks. Long delays mean trying to find something else to keep staff busy, very difficult for smaller contractors with only one or two projects on the go.

James Hardie closed their Auckland fibre cement panel factory in 2020 and has instead increased production in Australia. This means that the cost of common cladding products like Linea board and Hardie plank now include international shipping costs and wait times from placing the order to receiving the materials are between 8 to 12 months.

And Covid 19 lockdowns had halted production of local plasterboard products, and now orders are delayed by up to six months. That means the roofing and framing is completed, but there are no walls.

This begs the question – why on earth would suppliers be leaving the market at a time of increasing demand and rising prices, not just here but internationally?

Factors like a strong international demand for logs are outside

the control of local businesses and Government, but it is Government policy that has caused labour and energy costs to increase, without any corresponding increase in productivity.

Adding extra public holidays and doubling the amount of sick leave has increased business overheads, and every increase in the minimum wage drives an increase in wages for more experienced workers.

Sawmills and large factories are costly to build and typically rely on a combination of local and overseas funding. However, the overseas investment rules make New Zealand one of the hardest developed countries to invest in, unless you want to plant carbon forests to offset greenhouse gas emissions. But not to grow timber.

Those overseas investment rules, combined with the time, cost and uncertainty of consenting large operations like a sawmill or a factory, mean that investors think it's just too hard to grow a business in New Zealand even when the outlook is positive.

We need to reduce the uncertainty by clearing away many of the blockages caused by red tape and badly thought-out laws.

That is why ACT will continue to advocate for genuine RMA reform which separates environmental protection from urban planning, and to open up New Zealand to investors who want to grow and produce things here that we need, like building materials.

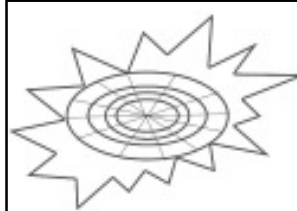
Pop-Up Book Fair

The Lions Club of Helensville is excited to announce that they have received confirmation from Auckland Council to hold a one-day Pop-Up Book Fair on Saturday 12 March, in the Helensville War Memorial Hall. Starting at 9.00am and closing at 4.00pm. This event can be held under Red or Orange Covid Protection Framework, but it is of course dependent on any further restrictions that may be put in place to limit the spread of the virus.

There are several conditions applying for entry. Patrons must be double vaccinated (Vaccination certificates will be inspected), and there is also a limit of 83 persons allowed in the Hall at any one time. Social distancing must be observed, and masks worn.

There will be our usual selection of good used books available, both fiction and non-fiction with nothing over \$2, and heaps of children's books at 50c. There cannot be as many books displayed as at our regular Book Fairs, but patrons can be assured that there will be enough to keep them reading until our Autumn Book Fair which is scheduled for the last weekend of May.

As a service to the community, we accept all donations of books. Small amounts may be left at Burmester Realty, Commercial Road, or for larger amounts contact Chris on 09 420 8527 or any other member of the Helensville Lions Club.



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Happy New Year from Craigweil House

This New Year, Craigweil House is happy to be welcoming back their varied line-up of regular entertainers including all service providers. Craigweil House residents will be joined by Retts van Dam of Mapu-I-Musika Music Therapy; Charlotte of Pets Assisting Therapy; singer and pianist, Joe Fingers; Sally the Yoga and Tai Chi teacher; as well as by other groups and artists for unique events over the coming weeks.

Last year's annual Christmas party at Craigweil House was bright and twinkling with Christmas decorations and cheer. Health care assistant, Julius Ong, and Facility Coordinator, Deb Presland dressed up as Mr and Mrs Clause making a surprise appearance to give out lollies. Dixeland jazz singer and pianist, Joe Fingers, provided live music for the event.

St Francis Church then teamed up with music therapist Retts van Dam to sing Christmas carols to the residents. Due to the Covid precautions in place at the time, the group got creative by setting up on the lawn while residents were seated on the decks and along bifold windows. St Francis Church generously gifted fresh fruit and Christmas goodies to the residents.

Happy New Year everyone from Craigweil House! May your year ahead be filled with lots of happiness, peace, and abundance



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Creative social distancing - St Francis Church and music therapist Retts van Dam sang Christmas carols to the residents.



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Regular Events

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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.

Fitness League – Friday 9.45am – War Memorial Hall, Helensville. Exercise to music (posture + balance). \$6 if you are a member, non members \$8. Membership \$20 per annum. Come and check us out. Christine Ph. 425-7108

Groovy Line Dancing Tuesday 9.30am – War Memorial Hall, Helensville. \$6 – Levia Aukino-Uruamo. Ph 022-626-7030

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 cushandez80@gmail.com for more information.

Helensville Healing Rooms, Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road, Next to the Hospice Shop, Opposite Mitre 10, Every second and fourth Saturday, 11am-12 noon, Need healing in your body or a breakthrough in your life? Visit and experience God's love. ALL WELCOME Phone 0211-230-434 NO APPOINTMENT & NO CHARGE.

Helensville Lions Club, meet 2nd and 4th Mondays of the each month, in the Tennis Club building, 124/164 Rautawiri Road, 6.30pm for 7pm start. Just come along to any meeting to see what we are about - you will be made very welcome. 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.

Kaipara Memorial RSA. - Quiz night every Wednesday at 7.00pm.

20 easy questions, free to enter, different quizmaster each week. Meals available from 6.00pm. All welcome at the RSA, 49 Commercial Road, Helensville. Any queries, give me a call, Rex Keane, 027 293 2768

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 09-411-5151

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.

Tai Chi – Thursday 9.30am – 10.30am. – War Memorial Hall, Helensville. Contact Brian 021-747-947

Te Awaroa Residents & Ratepayers Assoc (TARRA). 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

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13 Sun	0933	3.4	2149	0649	2020
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16 Wed	1140	4.0	2358	0652	2017
17 Thu	-	4.0	1216	0653	2016
18 Fri	0035	4.0	1251	0654	2015
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Helensville Library and Service Centre news

We've been a bit quiet in the newsletter lately – mainly because we've been a bit busy in the library and service centre!

Vaccination passes and masks are required to enter the Helensville War Memorial Hall building – which includes the library, the service centre desk, and the hall. NB: Children under 12 years and 3 months – who are only just eligible for vaccinations – are not required to have a pass.

February brings the next rates instalment notices.

You can pay these on-line, or in-person at the service centre desk. It would be very helpful if you could please bring along your rates notice when you come to pay your account. We're all still getting the hang of council services, so please bear with us.

If you do not have a vaccination pass, you can pay your rates at the KiwiBank counter at Helensville Paper Plus Select (across the road from the library and service centre).

You can find out about paying online at:

www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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

The building opening hours are: Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 5pm. Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm. Both council and library services are available during these times.

How to contact us:

You can email us at: helenlib@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

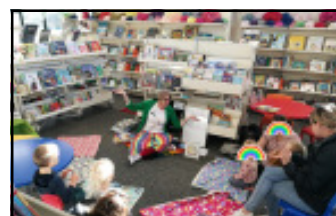
You can phone us on 0800 695 427. You will be helped by our amazing Te Māpuna Library Connect team who will redirect your call to Helensville Library if necessary. They are open 8am to 7pm

Monday to Friday, and 10am to 5pm on weekends.

Due to staffing, service capacity at Helensville Library and Service Centre may be reduced. Please check our Facebook page for information, or email us.

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/HelensvilleLibrary.

Anne Coppell, Senior Librarian / Poukōkiri - Children & Youth, Helensville Library and Service Centre



Check Facebook for notice of when our kids time sessions will resume. There are no kids time sessions during Red alert level.