

Twilight Christmas Market

Christmas never seems quite the same without a parade. With crowds lining the streets, lollies being thrown, well they used to be, clowns cavorting, bands marching, kids screeming and grinning from ear to ear and of course the last float carrying Santa.

This year however, with bad weather causing a postponement and several venue changes the Christmas Market made up for it and finally went ahead at the Helensville A&P showgrounds on a beautiful Tuesday evening. The sun came out and a fabulous evening was had by all. With over 40 stall holders there was a great selection of goodies for Christmas gifts plus plenty to eat and drink.

Entertainment with music from local duo "Take 2", a pop up Zumba class from Zumba with Jen, hair plaiting with Pauline and even Santa made an appearance. The market was a fund raiser for the Helensville museum to help with the ongoing running costs and with all stall fees going to the museum plus sales from the museum stall at the market they were very pleased with the overall results. A big thank you to all the helpers on the day, all those who provided services for free and help with alternative venues and a big thank you to Shona and the Helensville A&P Association for the use of the showgrounds which meant the market could go ahead regardless of the weather.

Happy New Year!







In this issue... Shelly Beach Sports Day What's happening this month

Community Action Projects ~ Pg 4
 Lions Club Book Fair ~ Pg 6
 Green Prescription ~ Pg 7

~ Pg 2

~ Pg 3

- Kaipara korero ~ Pg 8

 Summer at Kaipara Coast
- Sculpture Gardens
 ~ Pg 9

 ● From Penk's Pen
 ~ Pg 10
- ◆ Art Centre update ~ Pg 11
 ◆ Helensville Library & Service Centre ~ Pg 12
- Helensville Budget Service ~ Pg 13
- Kaipara Memorial RSA update ~ Pg 13
- Lower speed limits not working for Kiwis ~ Pg 14
- Tide Chart ~ Pg 14
- Regular events updated ~ Pg 15
- Find a local business and give them your support with T&P listing ~ Pg 15

Like us on Facebook or visit www.helensvillecommunitynews.co.nz

Helensville Community News

Email: helensville@copyandprint.co.nz www.helensvillecommunitynews.co.nz

Phone: 420 9307

312 Main Rd, Huapai. P O Box 81006, Whenuapai All correspondence should be legible and include writer's name and address.

~ COPY DEADLINE ~ 20TH OF THE MONTH ~

ADVERTISING ENQUIRIES:

Phone: Sarah on 0274-831-542 or email helensville@copyandprint.co.nz

ADVERTISING RATES (Excl GST):

Advertisement sizes, rates and specifications are as follows:

Black & white business Card size advertisement in the newsletter -\$55.00 per single issue. Double Business Card size Advertisement in the newsletter - \$110.00 per single issue. Low density colour business Card size advertisement in the newsletter - \$80.00 per single issue. Double Business Card size Advertisement in the newsletter - \$160.00 per single issue. The above rates include a listing in the Trade & Professional section on the back page. A listing in this section only is \$10.00 per month. All advertisements will attract a 5% discount if paid at the time of booking, including those for 12 issues if paid in advance. For larger sized advertisements or high density colour please request a quote.

ADVERTISEMENT SPECIFICATIONS:

All adverts supplied must be in one of the following formats: Corel Draw 12, .jpg, pdf or MS-Word (with any graphics sent as .jpg images as attachments).

The Helensville Community News is published as an independent community newsletter in conjunction with the Helensville Community Website, www. helensvillecommunitynews.co.nz, to inform the residents, ratepayers and visitors of events and proposals that affect the local area. Circulation 4,500 — pass it on to your friends.

The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the individual contributors and not necessarily those of the publishers. While we try to ensure accuracy of information, the publishers accept no responsibility for errors or omissions made by individual contributors.

Publishers: Huapai Copy & Print

SHELLY BEACH

SPORTS DAY 2023

Our Annual Community Sportsday

Sunday 5th February 2023 James McLeod Reserve 1pm Start

Cash only event Gold coin donation for entry

























- ➤ Solo & group Races
- > Tug of war
- > Hamper raffles

- Mr & Mrs Shelly Beach Lucky dips
- Quick fire raffles
 - > And much more!

Gummboot throw

Contact Kara Singer for more information **L** 021 414 376



Sunday 15th January Kaukapakapa Hall 8.30am - 1pm

10.00am - 12pm, live music from Jessica and free face painting.



Contact Sarah 0274 831 542 sarah@riversidecrafts.co.nz



WHY PAY MORE?

Commission rate to \$500,000 then 2% thereafter + GST FREE MARKETING + FREE APPRAISAL



Buying or selling? Give us a call today...

0800 18 88 80

What's happening this month





JANUARY 2023

Sunday, 15 January, Kaukapakapa Village Market, Kaukapakapa Hall, 8.30am-1pm, Held on the 3rd Sunday of every month all year round. With its friendly people, great atmosphere and a wide selection of quality stalls there's something for everyone with everything from locally hand-made crafts, fresh fruit & veg to pre-loved treasures and collectibles. Enjoy a freshly made coffee while you check out the stalls or sit and relax with something tasty from the market cafe while you take in the entertaining atmosphere and live music from Jessica, free face painting. 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. For more information, stall-holder, busker and music enquiries contact Sarah: Phone - 0274 831542 or Email - sarah@riversidecrafts.co.nz. Eftpos cash out available.

Saturday, 21 January, Food Truck Collective Kumeu, Huapai Domain, Tapu Road, Huapai, 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Food Trucks are heading to Kumeu! Tell your mates, family & neighbours as no one will want to miss this amazing selection of street food. Music and entertainment, plus a craft beer pop up bar. Plenty of seating and an atmosphere you can only truly experience at an outdoor Street Food event. Food Truck line up: Check out the Facebook Event Page for all the vendors & up to date information!

Friday, 27 January, Auckland Folk Festival 9:00am – 11:55am, Kumeu Showgrounds, Access Road, Kumeu. It's great to be back after a twoyear hiatus! This is a very special event as it's 50 years since the first Auckland Folk Festival and it's still New Zealand's largest folk music and dance festival. If you have any memorabilia from previous AFF events that you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. Come check out the history and immerse yourself, your family and friends in plenty of "folksy stuff" at the Kumeu Showgrounds on Auckland Anniversary Weekend. One of the oldest folk festivals in the Southern Hemisphere brings six stages of exceptional artists from around Aotearoa and from around the world. If you want to participate in one of the blackboard concerts or numerous dance and musical workshops, so much the better. If you'd rather dance the night away, then there are venues for you. And in the wee small hours don't forget to wander around and catch some of the magic jam sessions and sing-alongs. Food trucks will be cooking up a storm all weekend, offering up a wide range of options, along with something to quench your thirst. Our Kids Stage and Zone is growing year by year and there will be other child activities and spaces. To absorb the friendly family vibe, try camping for the weekend.

Monday, 30 January, Auckland Anniversary Day

FEBRUARY 2023

Term 1 starts between 30th January and 7th February Monday, 6 February, Waitangi Day

Tuesday, 7 February, U3A monthly meeting. 10.00-12.00. St Johns Hall behind ambulance station, Rata St, Helensville. Guests are very welcome. U3A is a unique organisation of retired and semi retired people

who enjoy learning from each other and sharing their skills and expertise through meetings and interest groups. Members have a general meeting on the first Tuesday of the month and choose special interest groups to join. Groups at present include: Book Club, Food and Wine Appreciation, Mah Jong, Gardening, Critical Thinking, Shared Reading, NZ History, Out n About and TED Talks. Costs are minimal. For more information contact Gloria Middleditch jandgmiddleditch@outlook.com 094203007/0211658428 or Bev Silvester-Clark bev.s-c@outlook.com phone 0274316205.

Saturday, 11 February, Waitoki Village Market, 8.30am – 12.30pm. You'll be spoiled for choice: A feast for the eyes and taste buds, with a truly delicious range of hand crafted treats from sugar cookies to cupcakes and cake pops designed by Lexi of HaloSuga Lexi has a passion for baking and seeing the satisfaction and enjoyment on friends' faces made her so elated she decided to start up a small home business on the Hibiscus Coast so you too can enjoy that same feeling. She now caters for the Hibiscus Coast Community and has had customers throughout New Zealand enjoying her goods!

Jax Homekill traditionally flavoured gourmet sausages will be available on the BBQ - give them a try, they are delicious!

Future market dates in 2023, April 8th, June 10th, August 12th, October 14th, and December 9th.

Saturday, 11 February, North West Wine, Beer & Food Festival, The Hunting Lodge, 307 Waikoukou Valley Road, Waimauku, 1pm – 7pm After a two-year hiatus, North West Wine, Beer & Food Festival is making its return for a day of music paired with some of the finest food and drink the North West region has to offer. Showcasing the best of the North West Country flavours with offerings from local vineyards, breweries and restaurants, with a music line-up headed by award-winning artists Tami Neilson, Troy Kingi & The Promises, Hollie Smith & Georgia Lines. As with previous years, the festival will be hosting a kids zone, making it a truly family-friendly event with discounted tickets available for children under 18. Tickets are on sale now, with return bus tickets from Auckland City, Muriwai, Helensville, Kumeu & Riverhead also available. https://www.loop.co.nz/events/north-west-wine-beer-food-festival-2023/

Saturday, 18 February, The Extravaganza Fair Summer Tour, Kumeu Showgrounds, Markets and Fairs Sat 18 Feb 2023, 9:00am-5:00pm, Sun 19 Feb 2023, 9:00am-5:00p. Welcome to Season 8 of New Zealand's largest and most fabulous travelling festival/fair! The Extravaganza Fair! Summer Tour 2022 - 2023. The Extravaganza Fair is a community-centred event with a creative and sustainable focus. It is a family affair, free entry for kids, gold coin entry for the adults. A fun day out with a full weekend's entertainment - from music & shows, to stall, rides & food. We bring a spark of fun, grassroots shows & old-school values which is a thrill for young and old. Unique & interesting market stalls, arts and craft, food, musical entertainment, the fabulous Ashton Family Circus, Dylan Daisy's Magic Show, Jeremy Penguin, NZ's #1 juggler, LuckyStar from festivals such as Splore & Shipwrecked, unique to NZ tiny homes, solar-powered cafes and stage, kids shows & games. With our retro-inspired sun shade lounges and hang-out zones, you'll want to stay all day!!! Arts, crafts and interesting market stalls - ranging from herbal remedies & natural perfumes, soaps, woodcraft, heaps of funky clothing, jewellery like you've never seen before - silver, beaded, fashion, bohemian! Kids toys, crystals, hats, hair braiding, massage, henna, and much much more!!!

Saturday, 25 February, Helensville A & P Show

McLeod Motors

Your friendly local team

6 Railway Street, Helensville Email: mcleodmotors@outlook.co.nz Ph: 420 8633



Find us on Facebook

- WOFs
- All Mechanical Repairs
- Auto Electrical
- Tyres & Batteries
- Stockists of 'Total' lubricants



Contact us now for your storage needs

71 Mill Rd, Helensville www.jsstorage.co.nz Email: info@jsstorage.co.nz Phone: 021 462 930

HEALING HEART OF HELENSVILLE



Healings / Readings Crystals / Incense / Jewellery / Gifts

Meditation Group held Thurs 6-8pm The Healing Heart of Helensville. 09 420 9098 Open: Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm & Sat 10am - 2pm 58 Commercial Rd, Helensville. www.healinghearts.vpweb.co.nz







- Business Set up Structure
- Business Accounting, Taxation and Advice
- Personal Accounting and Taxation Advice
- Management Accounts
- Board Room available for Hire

09 420 7835 or Mob 027 284 3849

ECE Astute Accounting 69b Mill Road, Helensville www.eceastuteaccounting.co.nz

Community Action Projects

by Lauren Morley, Year 12 Student Kaipara College

As a student at Kaipara College, I have always admired the students' passion and dedication to community involvement. Undoubtedly, living in a small community contributes to this, as does Kaipara College's support and encouragement of their students when it comes to the things closest to our hearts. Introduced in 2019, Kaipara College holds an annual Community Action Project (CAP) week. With a return to a more structured timetable this week takes place in Term Four of the school year and is a chance for the juniors if the school – the Year 9s and 10s - to learn more about their school and the local Helensville community. CAP week involves a range of projects that are organised by both teachers and students with similar aspirations for the community. Project groups consist of two to four teachers and a large group of students, all of which select their preferred project.

These projects allow students in Years 9 and 10 to get to know each other while collaborating on projects they are interested in. This, in turn, creates a stronger sense of community within the school as well as in the local area. Passion is a huge part of these projects. The idea is to create change in an area which each individual student or teacher will feel connected to. This year for example, a group of students volunteered at Woodhill Sands, helping out with various activities on the grounds. Another group spent their week helping to wrap gifts at Kindred Family Services - an organisation which provides counselling, refuge and support groups for the local community.

As a current Year 12 student, I often reflect on my own experience during CAP week in my Year 9, back in 2019. My personal choice was to join a group of students and three wonderful teachers in making Christmas hampers to be donated to the Helensville Food Bank. We all donated food items and then, in smaller groups, worked on other aspects of our hampers. We included homemade baking, Christmas decorations, small toys for children – which we bought from the local recycling centre – and other essentials such as sanitary items and blankets. We created around 12 hampers, all of which went to a family in need.

Simply seeing the gratitude from the volunteers at the food bank made it so worth it – knowing that our hard work was going to make a difference for 12 families at Christmas time was such an amazing and rewarding feeling.



Christmas wrapping project group











Licensed Salesperson (REAA 2008)











"Professional, patient, proactive and always willing to do extra" - Vendor *★★★★ *Kara made selling

my home an easy experience"

- Vendor

"The extra mile is an understatement"

- Vendor

"I cannot rate Kara high enough for the effort and work she puts in!"

- Vendor

Sell your property with Kara & Arizto to save money!

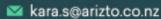
- A low & fair 2% +GST Commission
- No upfront costs No sale, No fee
- An experienced salesperson
- Online Seller's dashboard
- Marketing across NZ's top Real Estate websites
- Professional photos & HD video
- Open homes and more...





Kara Singer





Licensed Salesperson (REAA 2008)



"Professional and friendly service for all your vehicle needs"

WOFs - Brakes - Suspension

90 Mill Rd, Helensville Phone 420 8177

www.helensvillemechanical.co.nz





BEAUTY ELIXIR

Helensville with Maria Schofield

TEL 09 420 9775 MOS 022 465 0727 14 Porter Crescent



*Maintenance *Renovations *Cylinders *Roofing *Spouting *Central Heating *Gasfitting + more... \sim CONTACT US WITH ANY ENQUIRY OR FOR A FREE QUOTE! \sim Ph: 09 420 7868 Adam: 021 245 9677 OR: 0800 285 758 (0800 ATL PLUMBING)

E-MAIL: adamandanita@xtra.co.nz OR:



LIFESTYLE MOWING

"We will put the fun back into mowing"

* Quality brand mowers & ride ons * Unparalleled service & Support * Large Product range

Come in and see us today! 8 Stevens Lane, Waitoki Or

Call us on 0274 955 948 www.moadoc.co.nz



LIFESTYLE MOWING MACHINERY







WAIONEKE WATER SPRING WATER CARTAGE

Ben Jackson South Head



(09)4202131(020)4202132

waionekewater@xtra.co.nz

Other Services: GENERAL CARTAGE HAY & SILAGE METAL MULCH **WINZ Quotes Available**

LIONS CLUB of HELENSVILLE **Christmas Book** Fair-November 26th/27th



The Christmas Book Fair held last weekend at the Helensville A&P Association's Showgrounds was a great success. Book sales totalled \$12,524, up on the May total. Further adding to the funds raised were the proceeds from the raffle and sale of sausages making a grand total of \$13,714.

Thank you to all who donated so many high-quality books, without you it would not have been such a success. Thanks especially to the families of Club members who were with us all weekend and the students from Kaipara College who helped in the set up on Friday, also the Kaukapakapa/Helensville scouts and Friends of Lions who assisted in packing up and cleaning the Hall on Sunday. Putting together a book fair is a team effort and we would not be able to cope without the assistance we receive from our community, especially the Helensville A&P Show who gave us the unlimited use of their grounds for the lead up to the weekend, as the War Memorial Hall is closed for renovation. A special thanks also to Burmester Realty for letting us use their premises as a drop off point.

The books left over will be re-sorted with damaged or unsaleable books going to the Helensville Recycle Centre. Surplus children's books go to South Auckland for distribution to Play-centres and Kindergartens. Other books are sold at the Lions book stall at the Kaukapakapa Market, which is held on the third Sunday of each month. We will also be present at the Christmas market being held in the Helensville Museum grounds on the evening of Friday 9th December.

The next Book Fair is our Autumn Book Fair which will be held on the last weekend of May, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th, in the Helensville War Memorial Hall, subject to the renovations being completed!

As a service to the community the Helensville Lions will accept books throughout the year. Small amounts can be left with Burmester Realty, Commercial Road, Helensville, otherwise contact Chris at 420 8527 or any other member of the Lions Club of Helensville.





Guaranteed Shower Installations

We specialise in shower installations. Call us for a quote on your shower installation **0800 4 NO LEAKS** 420 8777 info@gsi.net.nz gsi.net.nz



What is Harbour Sport Green Prescription?

What is Harbour Sport Green Prescription?

The Green Prescription programme is a free, 3-month health support service. The programme is designed to increase physical activity and improve the nutrition of adults aged 18 years and over. We do this through means of exercise, nutrition and education.

In 2023, the Green Prescription team will be bringing our face-to-face consultations to Helensville. You can meet with one of our Healthy Lifestyle Advisors (HLA's) at Helensville District Health Trust, on the first Thursday of every month (beginning February 9th, 2023.)

What can you expect from Green Prescription?

Our team of 'Healthy Lifestyle Advisors' are there to support you throughout your healthy lifestyle journey. An HLA can help you set goals and recommend 'where to start' when making the first steps toward your goal. Throughout the programme, your HLA will check in with you and provide you with motivation, support and general education to keep you on track.

A Green Prescription card gives you access to free face-to-face consultations, a range of gym discounts, free exercise classes, as well as free nutritional support from our Registered Associate Nutritionist. Our gym discounts cover a wide range of different activities, whether you're looking to join the Green Prescription Aqua Aerobics class at Parakai Springs, join a Women's only fitness class or find an appropriate class to do from the comfort of your own home, the Green Prescription team can assist you in finding something you'll enjoy.

How do I get started, and is there a criterion?

There are different ways to join Green Prescription. You can go to our website www.activeforlife.co.nz and click on the "refer yourself" button or, request a referral from your GP or health professional.

The eligibility criteria for the programme are straightforward:

- Aged 18+
- Currently inactive
- Cleared by a GP or health professional if you have an existing

medical condition

• Ready to make a healthy lifestyle change!

For more information, email grx@harboursport.co.nz or call us
on 09 415 4657







HELENSVILLE DIGGERS

Great Operators at **GREAT** Prices

Tip Trucks and Excavators

You want it we do it!!!

DON'T DELAY PHONE TODAY!

Peter or Clifton 021 454 793 021 454 780

A/H: 09 420 7023





PLANT CENTRE plants for this area

Vegetables

- Fruit trees **Natives**
- Garden plants Design services



SCULPTURE

have a relaxed fun out. Come on our 1km garden and Allow 1-2 hours

Plant Centre & Sculpture Gardens

ph 09 420 5655 open 7 days 9am to 5pm 1481 Kaipara Coast Highway, 4km north of Kaukapakapa Village www.kaiparacoast.co.nz

ACCOUNTANT First visit FREE



Farm and Lifestyle **Block Specialist**

Business Planning and Development

Financial Analysis

OFFICE

420 7972

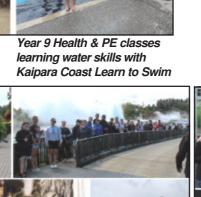
MARK FOSTER 021 220 5817





Year 9 & 10 Surfing lessons at Muriwai Surf School







Principal Cindy Sullivan

Kaipara korero

Year end for students and teachers alike!

December in schools is a busy time of the year. We have all the end of year activities and celebrations to consider, organise and make happen. Our senior students are a distant memory bar the visits pre or post NCEA exams. We are happy in the knowledge we have done our absolute best for them as they head off to part time jobs, pursue hobbies, chores and holidays with their whanau and nervously await the arrival of results in early January.

Many of our Y13 leavers are sad to leave the security that school has given them but excited and a little nervous about their next stage in life. We work hard at Kaipara College to prepare them well for life, not only through supporting them to reach their academic potential but also to equip them with a positive attitude, great communication skills, the ability to work in a team, selfmanagement skills, a willingness to learn, the ability to problem solve, the ability to show initiative and make decisions, resilience, self-confidence, courage, empathy and kindness.

In the last few weeks of school while seniors were sitting NCEA exams our students enjoyed many activities both in and out of the classroom. Tu Rangitira (our Maori leadership group) had a successful trip to Rotorua, some students enjoyed lessons from the Muriwai Surf School, our Faculty of Special Education students enjoyed their "Formal" evening and celebration, students volunteered at the Turning the Tide fundraising event, Year 9 Health & PE classes learnt water skills with Kaipara Coast Learn to Swim and Kaipara College hosted a Kahui Ako o Kaipara Science Fair. As well as this our Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed "A Beach Day Out" at Wenderholm, the "Big Day In" at school and many of them committed to serving and giving back to their community in a myriad of ways in the "Community Action Project" days.

It's now time for much needed rest and rejuvenation. Thank you once again, wonderful community, for your ongoing support of our rangatahi.

Ma te pa te tamaiti e whakatipu













Faculty of Special Education Formal Night







Summer at Kaipara Coast Sculpture Gardens

Kaipara Coast Sculpture Gardens is located within some of the most stunning countryside in Auckland and offers something for everyone.



The Sculpture Gardens are easily accessed from most parts of Auckland via the main arterial highways as it is located only 4km north of Kaukapakapa Village on SH16, with the entrance to the gardens and carpark at Kaipara Coast Plant Centre.

There are approximately 40 sculptures (some interactive) located along a 1km trail, which are changed each November. Also if you are feeling like a little more energetic, the recently created 2.5km nature trail meanders through long established as well as newly planted areas of native flora and with a real focus on regeneration and sustaining the ecological diversity and integrity of the area. There are also some amazing rural and harbour views.

The gardens were established in 1994 by the local Bayley family who still own and run it, and are now a 4 star NZ Gardens trust nominee.

The art works are by NZ artists,

and are carefully positioned amongst the gardens. One of the more eyecatching sculptures in the new 2023 exhibition is a large round red woollen pompom like ball made by Auckland based international Artist Lang Ea, and visitors to the gardens are given the opportunity to make their own pompom before entering the gardens. They can then attach it to the main exhibit making it an ever evolving display and one of the largest in the gardens.



There are games and activities along the trail suitable for all ages with seats and shady trees dotted along the way.

There is also a barbeque area and many ideal locations to sit

and enjoy a picnic as well as our cute little coffee shop.

The Gardens are open 9am to 5pm -7 days (with the last entry at 4pm).

Our gardens offer a truly memorable day out for the whole family.

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

Venue location:1481 Kaipara Coast Highway (SH16),

4km north of Kaukapakapa **Tickets**: Adults \$15 per person, Gold Card \$12, Children (5-13) \$7.50, (under 5's free), Famalies (2A + 3C) \$35



BOUTIQUE GIFTS CLOTHING

60 Commercial Road Helensville



www.eleventhhourgifts.store | 021 079 5475



Ph. 09 420 3298 ~ Mob 022 075 8283 info@babybarns.co.nz www.babybarns.co.nz



C 09 420 7694

Water Pump Sales & Servicing Deep Well & Submersible Specialists







Open Tue - Sun 10am - 7pm

Phone orders welcome 420 5062
Online orders: www.mryum.com/sharkntatties
Facebook: @sharkntatties
1037 Kaipara Coast Highway, Kaukapakapa





Gift baskets made to order

phone Sarah 0800 831542 sarah@riversidecrafts.co.nz @sarahsgifthampers



Happy New Year!

It was an honour to spend time with the community at St John Youth in December as a leading youth volunteer programme for young people aged 5 to 18 years. Their programmes focus on teaching first aid, health care, leadership to young people as well as developing youths in the community towards success and enhancing their health and wellbeing. I personally admire this community who give up their time and seek to make a difference for the next generation.

As the local MP, it was a privilege to be invited to speak at their programme recently. I was asked plenty of questions around how laws are made and what a day in the life of an MP looks like. I also had the opportunity to talk about how to build communities (using Lego!) with the team at Kaukapakapa.

It is welcoming to witness these youth volunteers making themselves visible and out and about within the community, including at the Kumeu Show recently. It's clear to see there is a positive contrast of young people engaged in the community who genuinely seek to help others, including acting as a coach and mentor for youths who may be caught up as ram-raiding troublemakers that are clearly at a loose end. The programmes at St Johns Youth truly equip their volunteers to understand young people well and be able to act as a youth support for those from a variety of challenging and difficult backgrounds. If you are a young person or a parent who would like to know more about getting involved in this programme, then you can find out more at youth.stjohn.org.nz

To all the St John youth programme volunteers, I thank you for what you do for our young people each day. The value you add cannot be understated and I know our community would not be the same without you.

I hope everyone had a safe and festive holiday season and relaxing break with friends and family. I look forward to continuing to represent the people of Helensville in 2023.

Shop local THIS BACK TO SCHOOL AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY



64 Commercial Road, Helensville 0800
Please get in touch for your stationery this year 09 420 8646
helensville@paperplusselect.co.nz Website www.paperplus.co.nz

We have school packs already made for the following schools

Helensville Primary Parakai School Kaukapakapa School Waltoki School Waloneke School Walmauku School Kaipara College



Art Centre Helensville



The team here at Art Centre Helensville want to wish you a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season!



Sponsor a child this Christmas holiday!!!



We are offering School Holiday programmes for children at a reduced price, can you help!

We are a not for profit organization, all donations given to our holiday programme will go to subsidizing a child's fee from \$88 to \$60. We are grateful for any amount donated to sponsor this cause.

To bank transfer please reference 'Creative Matters' Code 'Sponsor' to bank account 38-9020-0478416-00.



Our Aotearoa is open to all Helensville Art Centre members. To download an entry form please go to our website and email form to kumeuarts@gmail.com.



We are thrilled to announce a collaboration with Helensville Museum. The community are well aware of the construction taking place in our council complex. The Art Centre has had to close as a result and works will be completed (we are told) 6th March. Until we reopen, the lovely people at Helensville Museum have provided us with space for workshops and exhibitions. We will be operating as usual at this new location, first day back will be 1st February 2023!



We are excited to announce our new member of staff Kiri Abraham. Kiri is an artist, she holds a BA(Hons) Design and Craft from Robert Gordon's University, Aberdeen, Scotland and BA Art History from the University of Auckland, New Zealand.







Do your pocket and the environment a favour!

For refilled ink and remanufactured toner cartridges at much lower prices than originals visit Copy & Print, at 312 Main Rd, Huapai

A comprehensive range of refilled toner and ink cartridges are now in stock.

Ph 420 9307 or 412 8882

™Picture Framing Company

Custom framing Photoframes

14A Shamrock Drive, KUMEU Ph 0800 372 633 Email: info@pictureframing.co.nz

BUYING OR SELLING PROPERTY?



Helensville Library and Service Centre update for January

January means Te Ara Poutama – Level Up – our annual summer reading programme for 5 to 18 year olds.

It's not too late to join up! The programme runs until Sunday 22 January.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for events and news about the programme.

The Library and Service Centre is open our usual hours:

Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 5pm

Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm.

Council services are available during these hours.

Hall building work update:

The remedial building work in the Library area of the building has been delayed.

If there are any changes to our opening hours and availability, we will be updating our Facebook page.

face book.com/Helensville Library And Service Centre.

Anne Coppell

Senior Librarian / Poukôkiri - Children & Youth

For the Complete

COPY, PRINT & FINISHING SERVICE:

- Typing & Desktop Publishing
- Photocopying in black or colour
- Binding, Laminating & Folding
- Plan Printing, Posters & Signs
- Business Cards & Forms

call the professionals at:



COPY & PRINT

312 Main Road, HUAPAI Ph 0-9-412 8882

Email: huapai@copyandprint.co.nz



COME VISIT OUR UNIQUE BOUTIQUE RURAL CARE FACILITY

Situated on the Twin Coast Discovery Highway off State Highway 16 within reach of Muriwai Beach and the Kaipara Coast.

A caring environment nurtured by our dedicated team Rest Home • Hospital • Secure Dementia • Day Stays

*** No Premium Room Charges ***

You're welcome to come in for a cuppa and see us or ring us today to discuss a complimentary day stay

09 420 8277 143 Parkhurst Rd, Parakai info@craigweil.co.nz





Kaipara Memorial RSA update

The Kaipara Memorial RSA clubrooms are now closed for extensive Council renovations and seismic strengthening work, the clubrooms are not expected to re-open until April-May 2023.

Kaipara Memorial RSA President Rex Keane says the timing is not ideal, but it is work that obviously needs to be done. The Committee will work remotely and continue to assist with Veterans welfare and preparations for the annual Poppy Day appeal on Friday 21st April. ANZAC Day falls on a Tuesday and with the War Memorial Hall Cenotaph unavailable due to the works, the committee is working on alternative arrangements.

The Helensville Bowling Club has offered financial members of the KMRSA a social memberships for a very fair subscription.

The committee will continue with the Wednesday quiz at the Bowling Club in the New Year, giving its members a chance to gettogether for a social gathering to help their wellbeing. Additionally, Mike Toopi the Waimauku RSA President has made an open invitation to the KMRSA members to utilise their facilities. Most of the KMRSA's memorabilia is now on display at the Helensville Museum, 98 Mill Road. A big thanks to the Museum volunteers for helping catalogue all the inventory and setting up the displays. The Oerikon 20 mm Anti-aircraft gun that was on display outside the RSA has also been removed for restoration. For Veterans Welfare and other enquiries, email: kaipararsa@xtra.co.nz or phone President Rex Keane 027 293 2768, Vice Presidents: Peter Mills 021 172 0776 or Bill Rangi 022 303 8688.

RIVER VALLEY MEATS

Local Bradly Beef, Whenuanui Lamb, Venison Pork & Chicken supplier High Quality Meat

27 Commercial Road, Helensville (Next to Ville Turkish Cafe) Phone: ANDY CUMMINGS 09 412 2007 | 021 685 199 Email: info@meat.net.nz | Web: www.meat.net.nz

Helensville/Waimauku Family Budget Service

We are still open to see clients. As our office is unavailable until early March, we can be contacted by phone or text on 022 060 7106 or emailed at hlv.budget@xtra.co.nz.

We will be seeing clients in the Plunket Rooms in Helensville Monday and Saturday. We also will see clients at their home.

For clients South of Helensville we are able to see clients at the Waimauku RSA.

A huge thanks to Plunket, Helensville Library, Waimauku RSA and Huapai Copy & Print for all their help in this trying time.

We endeavour to see all clients as soon as possible.



TE PUNA WHANAU KI TE AWAROA

Helensville Birthing Centre is your local community facility. It provides a free service for women who choose to give birth in a low-tech environment. Alternatively, women who give birth in hospital can then transfer to us for the opportunity to rest and establish breastfeeding.

You are welcome to call in and have a look around, or browse our facilities online.

53-65 Commercial Road, Helensville Ph (09) 420 8747

Email bookings@helensvillebirthingcentre.co.nz

www.birthcentre.co.nz

NORTHWEST — CABINS—— 022 1209 562 RENTALS AVAILABLE NOW | FINANCE AVAILABLE | FINANC

WWW.NORTHWESTCABINS.CO.NZ





Lower speed limits not working for Kiwis

Auckland Transport is spending \$71 million lowering speed limits in Auckland, ratepayers just want them to spend that money fixing potholes.

Information released to ACT under LGOIMA shows that 3,143 roads have had their speeds reduced at a cost of \$71 million. That's 39 per cent of the network. We are the first society in modern history to reduce our travel speeds.

Lowering speed limits causes immense frustration for motorists and reduces productivity. Rather than look at opportunities to improve the efficiency of the road network, this backwards thinking is slowing the movement of freight and people.

It doesn't need to be this way. The Waikato Expressway is a great example of a road that supports a thriving economy and healthy communities - safe, efficient and with a 110km/h speed environment.

ACT supports moves to lower the road toll – but that comes from better roading infrastructure, not slowing people down, causing frustration and putting further restrictions on businesses who have quite frankly put up with enough under this Government.

Increasing the level of private sector funding will inject muchneeded discipline into decision-making while allowing the Government to maintain prudent levels of public debt.

Between 2007 and 2017, more than NZ\$300bn was raised by funds globally to invest in infrastructure. Most of that capital was raised from insurance companies, pension funds, and sovereign wealth funds (including our own New Zealand Super Fund) looking for long-term investments with reasonable returns.

This is the sort of long-term thinking ratepayers want to see. ACT wants a future where we keep moving forward as a society and make advancements over time, the way things are going we're more likely heading back to the dark ages.

Local government has a much better idea where growth is going to occur and would know which projects are needed to provide for that growth. Central government has the size and scale to design and procure major projects.

Under a government involving ACT, local needs like building roads for tens of thousands of new residents would become the priority for government, not lowering speed limits to a crawl.

We would also use New Zealand's independent Infrastructure Commission as the auditor to make sure that the 30-year plans deliver the necessary benefits, within acceptable times frames.

This Government might be allergic to long-term decision making, but ACT is not.

DOG GROOMING

Professional Clipping

I have had 35 years experience professionally grooming Full grooming service: Clipping, Bathing, Nails

- Poodles Spaniels Bichons Shich Tzu
- Maltese Lhasa Apso Schnauzers Terriers All long haired X Breeds

Pick up service available

Christine 021 521 303



- 🔼 plumbing
- drainage
- roofing
- water pumps
- water filtration
- 🚺 gas fitting
- woodfires
- 💢 solar heating
- pool & spa

Ph. 420 9108 Fax. 412 7555 Email. info@kpl.co.nz Web. www.kpl.co.nz

156 Main Road, PO Box 128, Kumeu, Auckland 0841

SHELLY BEACH TIDE CHART						
Date	High Wa	ter Shel	ly Beach	Sun Rise	Sun Set	
January '23						
1 Sun	0649	3.5	1911	0605	2043	
2 Mon	0750	3.5	2010	0606	2044	
3 Tue	0851	3.6	2109	0607	2044	
4 Wed	0948	3.7	2203	0607	2004	
5 Thu	1037	3.8	2251	0608	2044	
6 Fri	1121	3.8	2334	0609	2044	
7 Sat	1200	3.8	-	0610	2044	
8 Sun	0013	3.7	1235	0611	2044	
9 Mon	0048	3.7	1308	0612	2044	
10 Tue	0122	3.7	1340	0613	2043	
11 Wed	0156	3.7	1413	0614	2043	
12 Thu	0232	3.7	1449	0615	2043	
13 Fri	0310	3.6	1528	0616	2043	
14 Sat	0353	3.5	1613	0617	2043	
15 Sun	0441	3.5	1704	0618	2042	
16 Mon	0537	3.5	1801	0619	2042	
17 Tue	0640	3.5	1905	0620	2042	
18 Wed	0750	3.5	2015	0621	2041	
19 Thu	0903	3.7	2128	0622	2041	
20 Fri	1010	3.9	2234	0623	2040	
21 Sat	1108	4.1	2332	0624	2040	
22 Sun	1200	4.3	-	0625	2039	
23 Mon	0025	4.1	1248	0626	2039	
24 Tue	0113	4.2	1334	0627	2038	
25 Wed	0200	4.1	1419	0628	2037	
26 Thu	0245	4.1	1504	0629	2037	
27 Fri	0331	3.9	1550	0631	2036	
28 Sat	0417	3.8	1637	0632	2035	
29 Sun	0508	3.6	1728	0633	2035	
30 Mon	0604	3.5	1825	0634	2034	
31 Tue	0709	3.4	1931	0635	2033	
February						
1 Wed	0819	3.4	2040	0636	2032	

Regular Events

60 Plus, Held the last Thursday of each month, 10am morning tea provided, a great opportunity to meet others in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. Held at Magnify, 118 Commercial Rd, around the back, downstairs. (There is a ramp) Jocelyn Read 0211-726-547.

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

Circle of Friends: Invite you to a game of Bingo (No cost involved) and a friendly chat. Every Wednesday morning 9.30am - 12.30pm. Please bring a plate for lunch plus \$4 each week. For more information and location please phone Joan 021 029 51753.

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 Floral Art Club, Third Thursday of the month at Helensville Masonic Lodge, 9 Kowhai Street. All welcome. Contact Cushla 420-8905 cushanddez80@gmail.com for more information.

Helensville Healing Rooms, Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road, Next to the Hospice Shop, Opposite Mitre 10, Every second and fourth Saturday, 11am-12noon, 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 Chris 420-8527.

ourvillagenorthwest@gmail.com

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

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.

Our Village Coffee/Playgroup - Northwest (Find us on Facebook). Social community group for all ages and stages. Everyone welcome along: Parents, caregivers, grandparents, all the whânau, with/without children. Every Thursday 930am - 130pm St Matthews Church Lounge - 60 Garfield Rd, Helensville. Email:

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

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 Wednesday of the month, 7 - 8pm at Parakai School. All welcome, young or old.

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

U3A South Kaipara: 1st Tuesday of the month for general meeting. See What's happening this month column for more information or contact Gloria Middleditch. jandgmiddleditch@outlook.com 094203007/0211658428

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
Acununcture		

Helensville Acupuncture and Herb Clinic 021-1133-665/420-8211 **Acupuncture**

Parakai Acupuncture 027-351-7377/09-449-0690 (Parakai Church) **Beauty Therapy** Beauty Elixir 022-465-0727/420-9775 **Birthing Centre** Commercial Road, Helensville 420-8747 **Budget Service** 420-7740 **Butcher** River Valley Meats 021-685-199/412-2007 **CAB** 420-7162 **Cabins** Northwest Cabins 022-1209-562 Carpenter Maguire Carpentry 021-990-268 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 021-521-303 Early Learning Centre Active Explorers 09-222-3277

Early Learning Centre Gumboots 09-411-9038 Electrician Sean Gray Electrical 0274-784-396 **Garden Sheds** 022-075-8283/420-3298 Baby Barns **Gift Baskets** Riverside Crafts - Sarah 0800-831-542 FIGG 44 Commercial Rd 021-488-427/420-6026 Gifts & Art Gifts & Clothing Eleventh Hour - 60 Commercial Road **Ink and Toner** Huapai Copy & Print 09-412-8882 Ralph Martin 022-600-5730

Lions Club of Helensville Chris Clarke

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 **Mechanical Repairs** Parakai Automotive 09-420-7224. Mower Repairs & Sales Lifestyle Mowing Machinery 0274-955-948 Chris Penk 021-0230-6106 **Painters** Robert Wright & Company 027-374-1105 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 **Pumps** Mid West Pumps 420-7694 Real Estate Arizto Real Estate - Kara Singer 021-414-376 B&T - Kerry & Laura 0274-587-299/0277-726-969 **Real Estate Real Estate Burmester Realty** 420-8360 **Real Estate** Burmester Realty - Kelly Davison 0274-670-175 Prestige - Jana Mills 021-509-990/420-9953 **Real Estate** Real Estate Quest & Co-Raewyn 027-449-7391, Karlene 027-677-6166021 Reiki Healers The Healing Heart of Helensville 420-9098 **Stationery** Paper Plus Select 420-8646 J S Storage 021-462-930 **Storage** Takeaways Shark n Tatties 420-5062 Typesetting/Photocopying Huapai Copy & Print 420-9307 Venue Hire Kaipara Memorial RSA 420-8888 Water Cartage Water Wagon 1 027-280-2630 Water Cartage Waioneke Water 020-420-2132/420-2131 Windscreen Repairs Bullseye Windscreen Repairs 027-605-4630 Your Local Business Book yourlocalbusinessbook@gmail.com

420-8527

QUEST(

LIFESTYLE & RESIDENTIAL

Delivering an unrivalled experience for discerning homeowners

As real estate professionals, we help homeowners achieve profitable sales - on their terms.

Quest & Co was founded to provide a superior experience and higher level of service, with an emphasis on marketing that truly connects with discerning buyers. Our value lies in offering insight that puts the power back in your hands when it comes to selling your home.





















UNMATCHABLE FEE FOR SERVICE

We confidently offer an unmatchable fee for service.

As a boutique agency, we don't let inefficient layers get in the way of providing a more personal experience that results in greater value for you.

YOU'RE IN QUALIFIED HANDS



















MREINZ (Members)

Our experienced team have hard-earned credentials backed by record results, and importantly, have a combined 27 years as proven top performers.