

# The Helensville Community News

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## John Perry, a work of art?

John Perry was a regular customer of Copy & Print in Helensville. He was always very particular in his instructions to us, knowing exactly what he wanted the copies, typing or printing to look like. He had a quaint habit of always carrying small change with him in a small container to pay for his purchases. A quiet unassuming man, living in the old movie theatre at the bottom of town, along with what has recently been shown to be a veritable treasure trove of artworks.

I, for one, never knew how respected he was in the artworld, but behind the boarded up windows and doors of his 'home' he was hiding some 10,000 or more pieces of art, many of which have now been shown to be, both valuable as artworks, as well as being worth significant sums of money. Below is an article from the Rotorua Daily Post of February 10 this year which provides more insight into the man I never really knew. *Brian Hale.*

*The first auction of former Rotorua Museum art director John Perry's art collection has been a roaring success - a white glove sale, meaning every piece on the lot sold.*

*Perry, known for his great artistic mind, spent 20 years curating and directing the museum.*

*He died in June 2021, aged 77. Since Perry's death, Webb's auction house has been working with his family to sort through thousands of lots, which will go to auction over the next few years.*

*The first auction took place on February 2 with many pieces selling well past their high estimates, including a series of paintings by New Zealand artist Dick Lyne.*

*His 1955 work, Mt. Ngauru, which depicts an exploding volcano, reached a price of \$8750, far exceeding its pre-auction high estimate of \$2500. Another painting, Newtown by Selwyn Muru, also attracted fierce bidding. It reached \$11,704 - crushing its high estimate of \$4000.*

*The sale included many Oceanic art forms and handcrafted pieces which were also met with strong buyer interest. A large model waka by Alex Coates sold for \$7315 against a high estimate of \$2000.*

*Webb's Director of Decorative Arts, Ben Erren, said it was an amazing night.*

*"I'm sure John would have been chuffed to see his collection achieve a white glove auction.*

*"Some of the items that achieved really strong prices were by artists and craftspeople that John picked up on before anyone else in the collecting world did. These results are a testament to his sharp eye and strong sense of quality.*

*"John was an incredible individual and a big influence on many. It's great to celebrate his legacy like this," Erren said.*

*Erren said Perry was always "a fountain of knowledge about everything". "He was really informative and helped me early on in my career in terms of always offering knowledge and always*



*encouraging robust debate around anything in terms of taonga or repatriation or the origin of certain objects.*

*"And the conversation was never finished. He just wanted to talk and it was never condescending. It was educational."*

*Erren said Webb's was "privileged" to hold Perry's memorial service, with more than 600 people attending.*

*"He was incredibly well-respected."*

*Proceeds from the auctions will go to Perry's family. Auctions will then occur fortnightly for the next three to five years.*

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Te Awaroa Residents & Ratepayers Association

## PUBLIC MEETING - Where to from here?

Te Awaroa Residents & Ratepayers Association Incorporated invites a public discussion. Those who have kept the Association 'alive' over recent years are getting on in age.

Auckland Council has rendered Ratepayers Associations largely obsolete with everything done online and accessible to everyone individually. Facebook community pages also play a role. The recent storm events have shown that very often it is up to individuals within communities to respond. Auckland Council is not available to be relied on.

Forming an Incorporated Society requires considerable effort. The existing TARRA one could be passed to another group (change name, amend constitution).

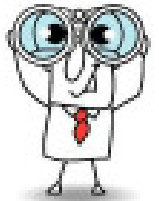
Is there an appetite within the Helensville/Parakai community for an organisation representing community and business interests to liaise with/lobby both Auckland Council (Councillor, Local Board) and North West Country (Business Association)? So often our small communities are overlooked, even ignored.

A meeting is to be held on Wednesday 15th March, 7pm, at the Catholic Church Hall in Kowhai Street, Helensville. ALL WELCOME. Come and have your say.

## The way I see things

by Brian Hale

I want to hear from  
you about all the  
'Good Sorts' you have  
come across



In the last few weeks an amazing number of people have gone out of their way to help others. From the ultimate sacrifice of our two valiant firemen, Dave van Zwanenberg and Craig Stevens, who gave their lives for others, to Andy Cummings who let Facebook followers know they could use his walk in freezer if they had no power to run their own - we did and managed to save ALL the contents of both our freezers, and to Mark Dennis who arranged sandbags at the Helensville Primary School and opened the School Hall for displaced people on the night of the cyclone.

I am sure our readers would appreciate the opportunity to say 'thank you' and let the community know about all the 'Good Sorts' we have around us.

Send your stories to [helensville@copyandprint.co.nz](mailto:helensville@copyandprint.co.nz) and we will tell the whole community next month.



**Sunday 19th March**  
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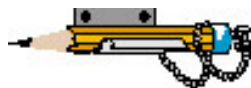
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### MARCH 2023

**Tuesday, 7 March, 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.

**Sunday, 12th March, Wine Down Sunday Session** with George FM & The Hunting Lodge from 12.30pm at The Hunting Lodge, 307 Waikoukou Valley Road, Kumeu until 8pm.

Please note that this is NOT a ticketed event. It is free entry.

Wine Down with George FM & The Hunting Lodge for an afternoon in an idyllic setting amongst the vines. Think groovy house tunes complemented by good wine, good food and great company! This event is not BYO food or beverage. Enjoy a range of wine, beer and food available for purchase at the Lawn Bar.

Bring your own rug to grab a spot on the lawn - no booking required. All ages welcome however, all attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult

**Wednesday, 15 March, TARRA** Public meeting to discuss the future of the Te Awaroa Residents & Ratepayers Association.

**Friday, 17 March, The D4 6twenty One Tour,** Kaipara Tavern, 26 Commercial Road, Helensville 8:00pm. October 28 2022 marked the 21st anniversary of The D4's critically acclaimed debut album, '6TWENTY'. To celebrate The D4 are not only re-releasing the album, but are hitting the road on a nationwide tour in March 2023.

**Saturday, 18 March, Flax weaving,** Helensville Museum, 98 Mill Road, Helensville, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou ka ora ai te iwi. With my basket of food and your basket of food the people will survive. Come and learn to harvest harakeke (flax) correctly and then weave your own rourou (pârô) (food basket). Limited to 10 people.

**Sunday, 19 March, Kaukapakapa Village Market,** Helensville Showgrounds, Railway Street, Helensville, 8.30am – 1pm, \*Due to flood damage at the Kaukapakapa Memorial Hall the March market has been relocated to the Helensville A&P Showgrounds. Friendly

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**Sunday, 19 March, Helensville Art Trail,** Visit the home studios of artists and sculptors! Studios are all conveniently situated within two kilometres of central Helensville. Head into Helensville for a wonderful way to spend the day. Head for Helensville and follow the signs. All studios have info and brochures. Works include: lost wax casting in bronze and crystal glass; figurative and abstract paintings and prints; corrugated iron shaped into incredible forms; intricate woodwork; elegantly hats for every occasion; mixed media creations and much more. Free Entry.

### APRIL 2023

**Sunday, 2 April, Daylight Saving ends.**

**Tuesday, 4 April, 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.

**Thursday 6 April, Term 1 ends**

**Friday, 7 April, Easter Friday**

**Saturday, 8 April, Waitoki Market, Waitoki,** Waitoki Village Hall, 1000 Kahikatea Flat Road, Waitoki. 8.30 – 12.30. Hoppy Hoppy Easter. Yes Waitoki Market is in the thick of things. Come together for that lovely Easter vibe. We are holding our market on Saturday 8th April, 8.30-12.30 ( day after Good Friday) Come on down and celebrate, see what lovely delights await you. Have a look at what wares are available, a nibble, a bite to eat, filling a gap in the pantry, a little bling, greenery for the garden, a plethora of things to see and choose from. Come and catch up with friends/neighbours whilst having a little wander. Feeling Peckish? A sausage or even a bacon & egg muffin could fill the gap. Interested in having a stall? Contact Gill 09 420 3301 or email markets4waitoki@gmail.com or message Waitoki Village Market on Facebook for more information. Come support your local community hall, run by your own local people. Next Market 10th June.

**Monday, 10 April, Easter Monday**

**Monday, 24 April, Term 2 starts**

**Tuesday, 25 April, ANZAC Day**

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# A Stormy Start to the Year

by Lauren Morley, Year 13 Student Kaipara College

Approximately 4 years ago, just over 200 little, round-faced 12 and 13 year olds began their high schooling journey at Kaipara College. Some, like me, were shy and scared to talk to new people, others were busy establishing their status as the "class clown," and most were simply eager to begin the next stage in their lives. Now that those very same kids are the seniors of the school - the year 13s - many of us have elected to take part in the Peer Support Programme. The Peer Support Programme is one which has been established all over New Zealand, and focuses on creating a safe, comfortable and fun environment for new students transitioning from primary or intermediate school to high school.

On January the 26th and 27th, almost 30 year 13 students travelled up to Higham Beach in South Head to take part in Peer Support training. This involved us participating in a series of team building activities, talking about what leadership means to us, and having a discussion with our principal, Ms Sullivan. Of course, there was also plenty of time for simply having fun together and eating large amounts of burgers and hot dogs.

Unlike the peer support groups of the past few years, the 2023 Peer Support Leaders had an added element of group bonding and team building. This came in the shape of a storm. The one which unfortunately left much of our local area flooded toward the end of January. So on top of activities such as "crocodile river," where we had to move our teams from one side of the "river" to the other with just a few small platforms; or "human knots," which involved all of us forming a circle, joining hands with someone opposite us and then without letting go untangling the circle, we also worked together to repair tents, provide alternate sleeping arrangements for some, and then mop up and ring out all the water in the morning which managed to creep its way into our tents overnight.

So, after a very strong team of Peer Support Leaders formed, we returned to an already disrupted school year on February 7th, and it has very quickly become evident how important this leadership role is for these year 9s who have already had a 'stormy' beginning to their high school journey. We spent two days with these new students, encouraging them to work together and get to know their peers and teachers before transitioning into a more regimented class schedule. From here, us Peer Support leaders spend one class a week working with our designated group of students. We build a close relationship with these students and endeavour to become both a friend and mentor to them for the rest of the year.



**2023 Peer Support Leaders**





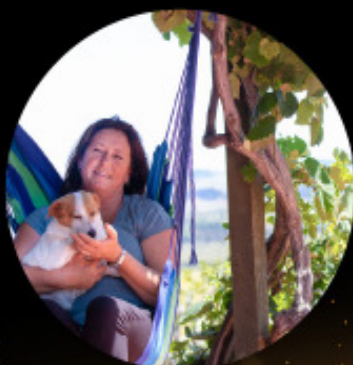
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The Helensville Library and Service Centre is open 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am to 4pm on Saturday. We often don't make it to the phone in time, particularly in the Service Centre. If you want to be sure that someone will help you, please use these numbers:

**Auckland Council:** 09 301 0101 (toll free and available 24/7).

**Auckland Libraries:** 0800 695 427.

If your question is directly related to Helensville Library – you can email us on: [helenlib@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:helenlib@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).

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## Kaipara korero

*Principal Cindy Sullivan*

### From the Kaipara College Principal's Desk:

Since the last issue we have had two serious weather events hit us! Both these events have impacted on different parts of our community in different ways. No one however has escaped the impact entirely. Our thoughts and best wishes are with those members of our community who have been hardest hit by the carnage wreaked by Cyclone Gabrielle. Some families have lost homes, others incurred wind and water damage to property, pets and livestock, had prolonged power and water outages, severe flooding, or become isolated with no access and suffered loss of communication.

The wonderful neighbours that make up our Kaipara College community have rallied around, with support for those affected coming from family, friends, neighbours and community groups. Such is the support and connection felt across this community, especially in times of crisis.

Students have returned to school having experienced wide-ranging impacts. Some have lost everything, others have seen the worst effects only on television and social media. Traumatic events such as we have endured over the last month will affect students differently. Some return to school happy to see their friends and easily go back to school routines, others are nervous and anxious, hyper-alert wondering what will happen next, while still others will be withdrawn and quiet. Some will seem fine only to suffer the effects of trauma much later.

Kaipara College welcomed our students back with open arms after four days of closure. Reconnecting with peers, friends and teachers, rebuilding relationships and a return to routine and familiarity helped students regain a sense of security and safety. Many students were keen and ready to get straight back into learning and our staff were on-hand to provide support where it is needed, checking in with individual students. Schools play a major and often unrecognised and unacknowledged role in helping students process traumatic events, in this case two wild weather experiences, helping them to settle them back into a space where they can learn.

Kaipara College is also aware of the need to look forward, to be hopeful and positive for the future. We provide students with

opportunities to problem solve, help others and plan for a positive future by asking them questions such as: What can be learned from these recent events? What have we learnt about ourselves? Our community? How can we manage events such as these or similar, better in the future? This kind of exercise enables us to channel anxiety and stress into empowerment by encouraging conversations around what can be done to help in the situation and what is already happening. We can explore how our students coped with challenging situations or helped others in the past, to draw out and focus on their strengths.

Kaipara College, in times of crisis has shown itself to be a place of stability for our young people, order amongst the chaos, routine, structure, safety, care, support, fun, friends as well as learning!

We are all looking forward to a positive, fun and learning-filled year!



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*Taku pou whakawhirinaki i nga wa o te porotaitaka*

*My source of strength in moments of adversity*

Looming funding cuts won't spell doom and gloom for Citizens Advice Bureau Helensville.

Clients are still being looked after and cared for whether at its office at 16 Commercial Rd, online or by phone.

A petition is proving there's ample public support for the popular community organisation with more than 4000 people signing so far.

Auckland Council's proposed funding cuts or removal from CABs in Auckland in its budget for 2023/24 could spell the end of its helping hand after serving Tamaki Makaurau for over 50 years.

"The real question is what will happen if CAB's don't exist?" says manager Rani Timoti.

"Will staff on councils and agencies in central government have or take the time to listen non-judgementally to stressed out and overwhelmed people? Fill out forms if people don't know how to do so? Patiently go through the details and provide options for their clients?"

Encouraged by the public positive outcry so far for Auckland's 32 CABs, Rani says their "amazing army" of volunteers help anyone with everyday stuff to more complex issues, mainly speak for the vulnerable, disadvantaged or those who have to understand or access information they haven't come across yet.

A vast array of local issues like neighbourhood problems are part of CAB Helensville's service, which would normally be dealt with by council.

"Sometimes people don't know about us because they don't need us. But one day they may and we hope to give them the information and reassurance they need."

That day came for many first-time users with the weather bombs which rocked Auckland.

Volunteers helped them with issues like using CAB phones or the Internet as they had no power, accessing fresh water and wanting to know how to donate. Some clients were referred from council or anxious about approaching council and government agencies for support.

And support is one of CAB's strong points, reflected in its Maori translation of its name as pou and its Maori Manaia as the kaupapa (set of principles) for commitment to Maori.

Meanwhile, the organisation hosts its national awareness week from March 20 to 26 supporting diverse communities and celebrating multiculturalism within the CAB whanau.

The continual theme of helping clients in languages other than English, limited literacy, numeracy and digital literacy issues and a range of communities is the purpose of this week.

*\*Auckland CABs help people with information and advice and connect them with the support they need. Last year our dedicated volunteers in Auckland CABs helped more than 160,000 people. There are nearly 1,000 volunteers in Auckland, operating out of 32 CABs from Wellsford to Papakura.*

*CAB is campaigning to Save Auckland CABs with a petition running at <https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/save-auckland-cabs> or available to sign in person at CABs or visit our website [www.cab.org.nz](http://www.cab.org.nz) for more information*





## Flower Arranging Easter Theme

**Sunday 26th March 09.30am – 11.30am**

After an extremely successful flower arranging workshop last Christmas, we've invited Louise Kirkwood, from Old School Yard Blooms, back to present an Easter themed version. So if you would like to create your own Easter table settings or flower arrangements to celebrate the festival (and impress your friends and family!) this is a "not to be missed" event.



She will bring her experience from growing, gathering and curating fresh, local, seasonal flowers on the property that housed the old Upper Waiwera School.

Her approach to growing and arranging flowers is to work with passion and in a manner which is sensitive to our ecological environment.

In this very interactive workshop, you will get the opportunity to:

- Learn about tools and materials needed, with a focus on re-useable supplies
- Select flowers and foliage from the Kaipara nature trail and gardens
- Practise some different ways to create smaller and larger pieces for a tablescape
- Learn how to help your creations last longer



If you have a small dish or other container you would like to utilise to contain your creation please feel free to bring that along.

Louise plans to stroll around the gardens with attendees selecting appropriate plants and flowers and then show how to arrange them to best effect.

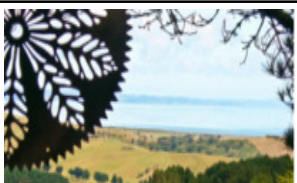
After the workshop you can also spend some more time in the Gardens which has a beautiful sculpture exhibition along a 1.2km pathway as well as our recently created nature trail which is a further 2.4 km for you to explore. This is all set in the idyllic Kaipara countryside and placed so as to blend sympathetically with the surrounding environment.\*

There is also a kid's play area as well as 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: Trails are not suitable for wheelchairs or walking frames.**

Venue location: Kaipara Coast Highway (SH16), 4km north of Kaukapakapa. Entry: \$25 per person  
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# From Penk's Pen CHRIS PENK – MP

## What an extraordinary start to 2023.

With flooding events and Cyclone Gabrielle disrupting life hugely, I'm in awe of so many of you coming together to help others during a time of real need.

There are too many to name here individually but you know who you are. And so do we. As always, we think particularly of those who place themselves in physical danger in service of the community. It's appropriate to make special heartfelt acknowledgement of the loss of life suffered by the volunteers of Muriwai fire station.

As northwest Auckland attempts to move itself into a medium-term recovery stage, serious answers are needed here (and plenty of other parts of the North Island, to be fair). I've recently written to the Mayor highlighting the history of this area: a lack of planning frameworks, ad hoc development enabled by that shortcoming and a lack of supporting infrastructure.

It's abundantly clear that, in addition to the lack of investment in pipes (to go with shortcomings in transport, comms networks and school capacity), there is another major problem.

Those who have been around much longer than me recall that stormwater infrastructure was regularly maintained, once upon a time. I'm told that the guy whose sole job was to go around clearing drains and culverts was known to all and sundry by name.

By contrast, local government seems now to concern itself with far too many things that are "nice to have" at best. At the risk of striking an unwelcome political note, it's the sad reality that some in central government favour a much broader remit for councils than I'm personally comfortable with. It's a mistake to enable local government to get in the business of duplicating social services provided more efficiently in the community (or inefficiently by central government!). Meeting tangible needs such as drain clearance may not be glamorous but it's utterly vital.

Expansion of the purpose section of the Local Government Act a few years ago feels like a significant misstep, in this context.

Let's hope for a much better year than most readers of this fine publication have experienced so far. If we're to seek a silver lining in some very dark clouds, it must be the needs of this area finally being taken seriously. That will mean asking the hard questions and – more importantly – demanding the right answers. There's too much at stake not to do that.

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# How did Te Awaroa Helensville Museum fare?

While the effects of the January floods were devastating for many, in good news Te Awaroa Helensville Museum came through them unscathed, despite the buildings being sited on a flood plain on a former rubbish dump beside the Kaipara River.

Vice President Leigh Bosch explained she and other museum volunteers made fixing water issues a priority when working to restore the precious buildings, archives and artefacts after the discovery in 2019 that the collection was endangered by borer and other pests, and the heritage buildings were in urgent need of repair.

“When we started, as well as tell-tale puddles of water there was a pervasive smell of mould and you couldn’t see where it was coming from,” said Leigh. Thanks to roofs, ceilings, walls, floors, windows, spaces underneath floors and drainage being checked and water-proofed in the restoration, the museum and its collection now have a much better chance when severe weather events like the January storms hit.

In just one example, one taonga in the collection that is safe and dry is a beautiful embroidered velvet cushion made by Janet Drinnan, who brought it with her when she and her husband William immigrated to Aotearoa in 1860. As a hotel, shop and landowner Janet became one of Kaukapakapa’s leading lights. Known as “the Mother of Kaukapakapa”, she has many descendants in the wider district. The cushion was unearthed recently by textile specialist Jo Dixey, who is working with fellow specialist Katriona Main to restore and re-catalogue the museum’s textiles after they have been through the pest extermination process.



*Textile specialist Katriona Main checks the cushion made by Janet Drinnan.*

# New local JP available

When Covid forced Frank Bosch’s retirement he trained first to become a Helensville Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) volunteer then, seeing the constant demand there for Justice of the Peace services, he trained as a JP. After an 18-month training process he was the first person in Auckland to swear an oath to the new King.

Frank is eminently suited to the work, having spent a long career as a public servant, first with the IRD, where he worked in tax policy and administration, then as Director of the Child Support Agency, which he helped set up. For the past 20 years he worked with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) carrying out overseas missions in numerous countries.

He’s enjoying wearing two hats, JP work and volunteering at the CAB, along with the opportunity the positions give him to give back to the community.

The CAB, which is run from 16 Commercial Rd, is open from Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm. There is a JP on duty every day except Thursday.

To access a JP’s services, you can contact the CAB on 09 420 7162 or Frank Bosch on 022 314 9973.



*Frank Bosch’s swearing in at the Auckland District Court on October 3, 2022. From left to right: Judge Peter Winter (District Court Judge), Frank, and Auckland Justices of the Peace Association President, Alan Martin.*



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# Art Centre Helensville

Art Centre Helensville is continuing to operate from Helensville Museum for the month of March. Due to the bad weather we have had recently it has caused delay in construction work that was otherwise on track for completion in our building. None the less we are thrilled as we are enjoying the company of the lovely team here!

## March Exhibition

Our next exhibition 'Reflections at the Museum' will run from March 8th – April 1st, opening evening 10th March please check out our facebook page for information closer to the date.



## Oil Painting Workshop

We had a very successful oil painting workshop in February with artist Diana Peel. The class full of fun and enthusiasm, each participant took home a completed oil painting and new skills! As this class was fully booked we are running a second workshop. Saturday March 4th 10-2 at the Museum all materials provided, workshop fee \$165 please email manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz for booking and detail enquiries. Be in quick to reserve a spot! If you would like to enroll please make payment to 38-9020-0478416-00 Reference your name, and Diana Workshop.



## School Holiday Program

Creative Matters will be running holiday programs at the Art Centre these April school holidays! Go to [creativematters.co.nz](http://creativematters.co.nz) to book.

Each holiday has been a colourful delight to our community with these classes.





## Ceramics Course

Upcoming in April we have local artist and ceramicist Rachel Murphy running a 6 week ceramics course which will be held at the Art Centre. Rachel is a long established artist, exhibitor and tutor, we are fortunate she has moved to the Helensville region offering regular ceramics courses to our community. Details for these courses will be posted on our website, to enquire please feel free to contact the Art Centre manager on the above email address.



*Gliding top and slip-casting right*



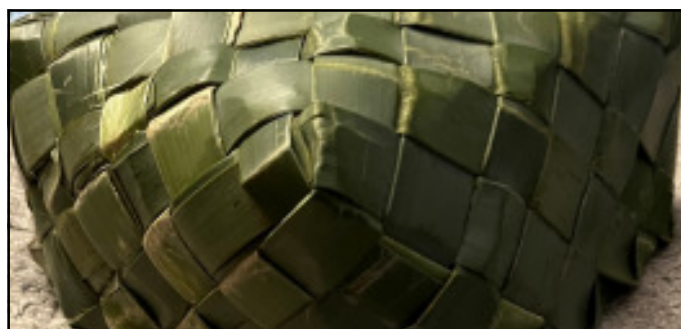
## Harakeke Flax Weaving Workshop Te Awaroa, Helensville Museum Saturday 18th March, 10am to 1pm

Have you ever wondered how to correctly and respectfully harvest Harakeke? Would you like to learn to create a simple rourou (paro) food basket? Then this entry level workshop is for you!

Come along and learn from Katriona and Leigh about the fundamentals and practical skills of working with NZ flax. All materials provided, open to those 13 years old and over, \$25 per person. Please book with Eventfinda (Helensville Museum), numbers are limited.

Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

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## Adversity and disaster brings out the best in neighbours and strangers.

The storm and flood events which smashed the North Island in January and February reveal the best aspects of Kiwi character. People opening their homes to strangers in the dead of night, giving shelter to those who had lost everything in a terrifying torrent.

In West Auckland, the hardy folks in Piha and Karekare helped each other recover treasured possessions and pump out the mucky water from homes fortunate enough to be salvageable.

The talk has now turned to what we should do in response to natural hazards like floods and slips, and man-made hazards like inadequate infrastructure. That's because some of the places people assumed were safe to live turned out not to be.

Now this Government in a crisis response is again talking about passing laws to fix long-term problems - laws that are likely to make it harder to rebuild and recover. Central government passed laws setting up a special agency to plan the Christchurch rebuild after the February 2011 earthquake. As a result, much of central Christchurch remained a parking lot for the last twelve years. Businesses and home owners who could, moved on long ago to new suburbs, or out of town.

At Piha on a decent summer's day, around 15,000 visitors from the Auckland region brave the hot black sand to get to the surf, walk to the Piha waterfall, visit the bowler or the RSA for lunch and a pint.

Visitors and 700 residents also brave the notorious Piha road, subject to many slips and washouts over the years. Loose rock on the road is an ever-present reminder of the risk from volcanic cliffs above. The road surface is often slick with rain and has odd geometry which can fool unsuspecting drivers, leading to serious crashes. That geometry and poor drainage reflects the original gravel road cut through the bush in the early 20th century, over a hundred years ago.

For weeks after the January and February storms this road is down to one lane, where it is even safe to traverse the multiple under slips. Children who would normally travel to West Auckland schools have missed weeks of education. For residents, getting to work and appointments has meant a long detour through Bethell's Road, itself badly affected by slips and washouts from the same storm.

Visitors are banned until the road is repaired, and as a result local businesses are missing out on peak season revenue.

In 2018 Auckland Transport proposed a major upgrade to the Piha included concrete drainage, pathways and retaining walls. Protected pōhutukawa trees would be cut back.

Most Aucklanders wouldn't think twice if AT offered your community an upgraded road, drainage and footpaths. They would be breaking out the cold ones and firing up the BBQs in celebration.

Local heritage activists vetoed the upgrade, claiming that "the proposal for Piha is so over-engineered and under thought-out", and, that AT ignored its own guidelines to "maintain the overall informal character of the road" for the heritage area. The RMA allows for heritage to be a deciding factor when it comes to consenting infrastructure.

The heritage types might be regretting that now. On Friday 28 January the road failed in places where the risk of slips was known. Drainage installed decades ago could not cope. Culverts washed out and water poured from the road, over cliffs, taking masses of rock and soil through properties and threatening lives.

Last year the independent Infrastructure Commission stated that "Project design has become a consenting issue, with many firms often not choosing the optimal design for their project but choosing designs that will provide a 'path of least resistance' through the consenting process. Consenting costs are 10 times higher for projects that require a public hearing." The Piha Road is yet another example of how that path leads to a bad place.

In November 2022 we released ACT's solutions for building New Zealand and conserving nature - a much better alternative to the existing RMA, and to Labour's proposed reforms, the Natural and Built Environments Bill.

ACT would change the focus under an EPA to how to deliver infrastructure, not whether a project should be able to obtain consents. ACT would not let heritage concerns trump the need to protect lives, property and maintain lifeline routes such as the Piha Road.

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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](http://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 held at the Anglican and Methodist Church, 60 Garfield Road, Helensville, from 10am to 12pm. 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](mailto:cushanddez80@gmail.com) for more information.

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**Helensville River Valley Country Music Club** Held 3rd Sunday

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**Helensville St John Youth**: Ages 5-18 yrs see [youth@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:youth@stjohn.org.nz) for more information. Monday 5.30-7pm during school terms, Makiri Street, Helensville. Contact: Carla. [carla.lang@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:carla.lang@stjohn.org.nz)

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

**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 whānau, with/without children. Every Thursday 930am - 130pm St Matthews Church Lounge - 60 Garfield Rd, Helensville. Email: [ourvillagenorthwest@gmail.com](mailto:ourvillagenorthwest@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:brian@lacey.nz), 0221-831-811, Beverley Meredith, [meredithpb@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jandgmiddleditch@outlook.com) 094203007/0211658428

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<b>Electrician</b>	Sean Gray Electrical	0274-784-396
<b>Garden Sheds</b>	Baby Barns	022-075-8283/420-3298
<b>Gift Baskets</b>	Riverside Crafts - Sarah	0800-831-542
<b>Gifts &amp; Art</b>	FIGG 44 Commercial Rd	021-488-427/420-6026
<b>Gifts &amp; Clothing</b>	Eleventh Hour - 60 Commercial Road	
<b>Ink and Toner</b>	Huapai Copy & Print	09-412-8882
<b>JP's</b>	Grev Walker	420-7173

<b>Lions Club of Helensville</b>	Chris Clarke	420-8527
<b>Markets</b>	Kaukapakapa Village Market	0274-831-542
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<b>Mechanical Repairs</b>	Helensville Mechanical Services	420-8177
<b>Mechanical Repairs</b>	McLeod Motors	420-8633
<b>Mechanical Repairs</b>	Parakai Automotive	09-420-7224
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<b>Painters</b>	Robert Wright & Company	027-374-1105
<b>Picture Framing</b>	The Picture Framing Company	0800-372-633
<b>Plant Centre</b>	Kaipara Coast Plant Centre	420-5655
<b>Plumbers</b>	Aqua Plumbing	021-0275-3821
<b>Plumbers</b>	ATL Plumbing Ltd	420-7868
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<b>Real Estate</b>	Arizto Real Estate - Kara Singer	021-414-376
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<b>Reiki Healers</b>	The Healing Heart of Helensville	420-9098
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## Meadow View

309 MONOWAI ROAD, WAINUI

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A snapshot of a simpler life; located on a large slice of country paradise, this property enjoys a predominantly level site with rural views over six paddocks, manicured lawns, classic mature trees, lush foliage and a meandering stream. Fruit from your own orchard, coupled with an impressive vegetable garden awaits you in this idyllic lifestyle paradise set on just over 3 hectares of land.

There is a selection of outbuildings including a sizeable shed, 'she shed', four garden sheds and hen run. The current owners have sensitively landscaped the park like surroundings providing timber boardwalks through nature trails of native bush, wetlands and a lily pond.

Land Area 3.0008ha | Floor Area 208sqm

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**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 1pm (unless sold prior)**

## The 'Panorama'

131 OYSTER POINT ROAD, KAUKAPAKAPA

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If you stopped to imagine what idyllic country life looked like, chances are it would be a lot like this charming Kaukapakapa home. Established grounds with mature, manicured gardens, abundant fruit trees, gently contoured green hills, stables with horses grazing on 4.9ha, room for the kids to play, plenty of living space for a comfortable family life and uninterrupted views of the Kaipara Harbour.

A greater sense of space and calm could be just what you need in 2023 - and here's a place where you can wake up to it, everyday.

Land Area 4.9ha | Floor Area 280sqm

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