

Kumeu Clothing Swap & Shop a huge success

September 10th saw the 7th annual Kumeu Clothing Swap & Shop at the Kumeu Showgrounds in support of Parent Aid North West. A day of community, camaraderie and fun, showcasing a growing eagerness for us all to embrace sustainable fashion choices.

It is with great excitement and gratitude that we share that this years event raised \$21,779.80 for Parent Aid North West, as well as a huge amount of awareness and knowledge shared about the services this fantastic local charity provide to support young families in our North West community.

In the lead-up to the event, we were thrilled to see hundreds of swappers generously contributing over the course of three days. The volume of clothing donations was awe-inspiring, with each piece carrying its own unique story and style. From the first drop-off on Thursday afternoon, an energy filled the air, setting the tone for an unforgettable event. The three days dedicated to drop-offs and setup were a hive of activity, culminating in the highly anticipated main event on Sunday.

Guests eagerly started lining up at 8am on Sunday, and the queue steadily grew throughout the morning. The atmosphere was abuzz with a blend of freshly brewed coffee, delectable crepes, and live music courtesy of the talented duo, Charlotte and Phil Priestly – who you may have seen at the Kumeu markets. Raffle tickets were in high demand, with participants eagerly vying for a chance at our two epic raffle prizes. Sporting their pink wristbands, everyone was poised and ready to dive into the shopping experience!

At 10am the doors opened, and the energy was awesome. With thirty new racks this year, and clothing sorted by size within each category, attendees had more space than ever to peruse for new-to-them gems. Additionally, we expanded the size of our changing room by double, providing ample space for everyone to explore and try on their newfound treasures.

The silent auction gained significant attention, with spirited bidding taking place throughout the day. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of our silent auction donors for your contributions and generosity. Your support played such a huge role in making this event the success that it was, thank you.

At 12pm, we welcomed 'shoppers' (those that hadn't donated clothes). It was heartening to see a steady flow of enthusiasts exploring the clothes, and at just \$5 an item with no entry fee, it was a bargain for all. One standout moment was when our top shopper invested \$350 on 70 items – they were absolutely delighted with their new wardrobe!

A huge thank you to the Kumeu Show Grounds for hosting us once again with a special shout-out to Lizelle and Greg for their invaluable assistance. It truly is the perfect venue for this event!

We would also like to extend a massive thank you to Sweet As Crepes, Harcourts Coffee and Cone (graciously sponsored by Simone du Bernard), Cipe Designs, Charlotte Priestly Music, A



Gazillion Balloons, Mini Oak, Roller coaster, The Smooth Mover, Country Lane Storage, North West Rentals and The House Company, for their invaluable support throughout the weekend. Your contributions played a vital role in making this event a resounding success.

Very special appreciation goes out to our extraordinary team of volunteers, who worked tirelessly for four days to bring this event to life, and ensure the smooth running of every aspect. Your dedication was invaluable, and we can't thank you enough.

Finally, thank you to all who joined us in supporting the Kumeu Clothing Swap & Shop 2023 and Parent Aid North West. We look forward to seeing you next year for another wonderful event!

For further information about Parent Aid North West, please visit their website at parentaidnorthwest.org.nz

Instagram @kumeuclothingswapandshop

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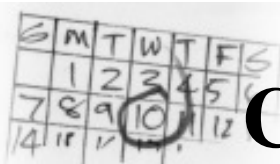
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Calendar

- 22 Sept** Term 3 ends
- 25 Sept** Daylight Saving starts
- 9 Oct** Term 4 starts
- 18 Oct** **Herald Island R & R Association AGM** -7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm) in the Herald Island Hall. If you want to raise any matters, or are interested in joining the committee please email: heraldislandrandr@gmail.com before the 11th October at 4pm.
- 21 Oct** **Catalina Bay Farmers Market, 3 Boundary Road, Hobsonville, Auckland. 6:00pm – 10:30pm**. Catalina Bay Farmer's Market Presents Chef Kevin Blakeman. Admission: \$53.53 each, tickets available from 0800 BUY TIX (289 849) – Ticket Outlets
- 23 Oct** **Labour Day Friday**
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More Local Native Plants in Herald Island Reserves

Thirty three hard working volunteers from the Herald Island community planted 530 locally sourced and grown native plants in four Herald Island Reserves at the annual Herald Island Environmental Group planting day on Saturday the 17th June.

A great effort from everyone who contributed in any way to the day! Thank you!

It was great to have three children amongst the volunteers – who helped their dad plant a mature pohutukawa at Wharf Road Esplanade. Special thanks to Candy Marshall for offering the pohutukawa to us for one of our plantings. It grew up in her garden from local seed so fits in with our aim of maintaining the special characteristics of Herald Island's local flora.

Harakeke (the tall flax providing nectar for native birds) were also planted at Wharf Road Esplanade, in the site once badly infested with the pest plant pampas grass.

Pahiki Reserve, once smothered in agapanthus, is now richer in low growing species to ensure the view across the Upper Waitemata to Greenhithe is maintained.

Kowhai Beach Reserve and Kingsway Reserve were also planted with low growing species, to replace plants unfortunately killed by tree felling or fallen pines.

A big thank you to our Herald Island Community Nursery Team for growing and caring for these plants and to the Herald Island Residents & Ratepayers Association for funding the BBQ.

Herald Island Environmental Group are just one of many community groups who voluntarily care for local reserves under the oversight of an Auckland Council Community Park Ranger. Anyone carrying out work in reserves must do so in consultation with a Community Park Ranger or a community group working under them.

Special thanks to our Community Park Ranger Dan Marrow for supporting us in our work of 'Bringing Back the Birds' to Herald Island.

Jan Diprose, HIEG Chair, June 2023



Herald Island Planting Day Volunteers - Sat 17th June 2023

Road Reserve work restores Native Wildlife Habitat

This year, a much-neglected Herald Island road cutting, on the corner of 1 Alison Ave and The Terrace, finally received the care and attention it needed when the Upper Harbour Local Board (UHLB) funded the work.

Seventeen pest plant species covered the 350 square metre site, with the main weeds being agapanthus, Japanese honeysuckle and watsonia.

There are many similarly weedy road cuttings in Auckland, mainly because pest plants invade any unfilled vacuum created when native vegetation is cleared as roads are cut through hillsides. This is perpetuated as Auckland Transport limits the maintenance of these cuttings to keeping road carriageways clear.

In its bid for 'Bringing Back the Birds' to Herald Island, Herald Island Environmental Group (HIEG) sought to restore this road cutting's critical ecosystem structure by controlling its invasive weeds and replacing them with local native plants that provide habitat and food sources for native birds and insects.

Approval was sought from Auckland Transport, and due to the steepness of the site and its position by the road, they stipulated that professional contractors must do any work.

The UHLB Ecology Initiatives Assistance Programme Fund enabled HIEG to contract out the site work to New Zealand Biosecurity Services (NZBS), who carried out plant pest control visits from January to May and planted 230 local native plants in late June.

The plants were grown in the Herald Island Community Nursery from local seed or cuttings and covered 10 species including species, including some known to provide food for birds; such as coastal astelia (fruit and foliage), shining karamu (fruit and seed), manuka (insects and foliage) and mountain flax (nectar).

This site's restoration will connect and expand wildlife vegetation corridors through the Upper Harbour Local Board area, enabling the movement of key forest ecosystem umbrella species such as kereru around the harbour.

To ensure the new native plants become established and create a healthy natural ecosystem, funding for two more contractor pest plant control follow-ups is now being sought.

Special thanks to the Upper Harbour Local Board for making this project possible, to NZBS for their excellent work, to the nearby residents for providing NZBS access through their properties and to Ian McNeill for liaising between them.

Jan Diprose, HIEG Chair, June 2023



NZ Biosecurity Services Team - Planting 1 Alison Ave road reserve - Wed 21 June 2023

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The frustrating task of finding someone to talk to

Chatbots and online messaging have taken over as the customer point of contact at many large organisations, making them less accessible for everyone.

On many websites the contact us feature is very hard to find, and even then it is only a chat or email function. Finding someone to talk to, to resolve your issue can be very frustrating

Many large businesses have ditched email communication as an option and now offer customer service through automated chatbots or Facebook Messenger, which causes further frustration as most people prefer to deal with a person. Unfortunately even when call centres have been maintained, many have moved offshore and the person you speak to doesn't really know the local context, and accents when talking can hinder clear communication.

Our team at CAB Massey is “definitely familiar” with the challenges people face in accessing businesses and also public services due to decreasing in-person and phone accessibility and increasing reliance on chatbots and online forms.

“In our experience, the drive to digital means that some people are being left behind, shut out, and in some cases, being made invisible to processes they can no longer participate in.

“The issue is less about finding an email address for a business, and more about getting through to a person who will respond to your specific inquiry and work with you to resolve the issue.”

CAB had been running a campaign for inclusion and pushing for services to be delivered through a multichannel approach, in a way that allowed equitable access for people whether they needed to access those services in-person, by phone, or online.

Even when a phone number was available, it was not always answered quickly. Consumer NZ recently investigated the call times for businesses and government agencies.

It found when it came to time spent on hold, Hello Fresh was the speediest responder, with a 15-second wait time. 2degrees had a wait time of 54 minutes and 50 seconds. Kiwibank had a wait time of 40 minutes and Air NZ was 38 minutes. The average wait time was about 12 minutes.

Uber's service was the worst the watchdog encountered. When it eventually found and dialled the contact number for Uber, it was promptly hung up on by an automated inbox as the customer call centre was only available to “Diamond Riders”.

Of the 21 companies it investigated, only 11 contact numbers could be found quickly and easily.

Meanwhile, Government agency Work and Income kept Consumer's caller waiting for more than 90 minutes. Some departments, such as Inland Revenue, picked up the phone in less than two minutes. Immigration NZ was the hardest agency to contact with it taking two attempts for a total hold time of more than two-and-a-half hours.

Under the Consumer Guarantees Act service providers need to provide services using reasonable care and skill. “That would include being contactable within a reasonable timeframe.”

At Citizens Advice Massey we do use people to answer your calls by email – massey@cab.org.nz in person at level 2 Te Manawa, 10 Kohuhu Lane, Northwest or by DDI 09-833-5775 or 0800 367 222. Hopefully we can help you soon.

West Auckland film nears completion



What started as a vampire-themed photoshoot idea in April 2020 has now developed into a short feature film for Whenuapai couple Chris and Petra Gloyn.

Entitled *Bloodlines* the film is a collaboration between Icarus Productions and JS Visuals. Described as a psychological thriller, it has been filmed on location in Whenuapai, Swanson, Kumeu, Piha, Dairy Flat, North Shore and Waiuku.

Petra jokes about how she came to be scriptwriter. "When our Director of Photography, Joel Staveley, suggested turning

the photoshoot idea into a film I said, 'You'll need a script', electing myself to the role. Three days later I had an initial draft."

It was meant to be a short film, but the vision grew and developed, undergoing many scriptural changes along the way.

"As our first film," Chris, the director, said, "it has been quite a learning curve. We started with a small cast and crew but our complement has grown exponentially as the story evolved."

It hasn't all been plain sailing. There have been many cast changes and location issues, and Petra had to come up with creative ways to solve them. All these issues are now behind them and cast and crew are working toward a December wrap date, or mid January at the latest.

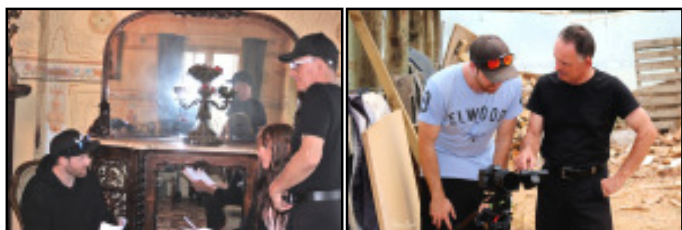
Casting for the project was done initially through the couple's own talent agency, Icarus Talent Ltd.

"The Agency couldn't supply all the cast we needed," Chris said, "so we engaged a Casting Assistant, Leonard Matthews, who runs Pasifika Actors Group on Facebook."

The project is self funded and actors and crew are collaborating in the project for no payment. Shoot dates were organised around people's schedules.

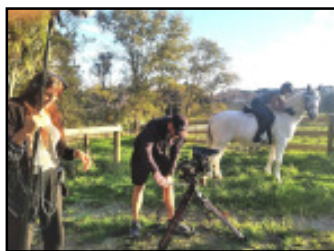
"We took largely unknown people," Petra said, "and threw them in the deep end. We have been blown away by what we have got from the actors. We believe we'll have a product that everyone can be proud of at the end."

The couple took a different approach to other production



companies, allowing cast to put forward ideas to improve the script, and dispensing with the normal practise of separating extras from cast and crew.

The production is in the final stages of principal photography and the editorial process has just begun for scenes already shot. The couple already has cinemas interested in showing the film and they are looking at a release date in 2024.



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Our galleries are always free to visit and we have some fantastic exhibitions for you to view this month. Inspire the kids during the school holidays with the amazing art on display. 'Take a Look at Me Now' will include fifteen artists from different cultural backgrounds while 'Mauri' will feature work by a local family; Eve Tonkin, Lynn, and Lola Houghton. Then from October 11th our manager, Jago Neal, will show a series of his portraits of artists in their working spaces. Alongside each portrait the artists featured



Joolz in the Studio

will also display their own art including; paintings, sculpture, raranga, costume design, ceramics, and music. Jago's intention is to highlight the artistic community and the range of personalities and practice involved. Creative Matters will be running their fabulous holiday art workshops and our Term 4 courses will be filling fast. Come and see what's on offer in person or online @ www.kumeuarts.org



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Herald Island Library Newsletter for September 2023



**“Thoughts are like seeds, so what you plant in your mind can be flowers or weeds.”
Author Annon**

Spring is here, so roll on Summer! Let's hope it is better than our last outcome!!

After having such a deplorable summer in Auckland 2022/2023 a few of our locals have been heading overseas to seek the feeling of that wonderful continual warmth of the sun on their faces and the thrill of jumping into warmer sea waters. “Sounds Divine!!” So fingers crossed our summer this year for 2023/2024 will be just as great!! Above we have photos of local Herald Islander and Librarian Geoff Beresford who is currently on his travels with his brother overseas. This is a photo taken earlier with Cindy's cousin's husband Roger Brearley in a place called Giggleswick in the Yorkshire Dales in the UK. Geoff thought that like the Herald Island Telephone box, that it would contain books but found that it was called a gallery which displayed postcards and the like. Geoff stated that the village of Giggleswick is on one side of the Ribble River and the Settle township on the other side. What would really enthrall our



young readers is that the Settle to Carlisle railway has the viaduct which features in the Harry Potter books on the way to Hogwarts school. The phone box is the traditional British one which resulted from a design competition back in the early 1900s. It has a unique roof shape and lots of windows and considered to have a wonderful balance of fenestration! Please note our Herald Island librarians always make a point of tidying up our telephone booth on Herald Island with culling and contributing any good double ups of books donated to the library. When our Library is closed it is great to swap your books and source other books from there, especially over the Christmas holidays. Pop on over and check it out.

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.” R L Stevenson

We have had a busy month this month with Darell Foster-Anderson and Margret Brands helping with our reading session at Playgroup for this month plus with our librarians being busy culling our shelves to make room for our new books which is always exciting. We have had a few of our culled and overflow of library books that have been put aside in storage over the past few months at Etta Gillon and Darell Anderson-Foster homes and are at long last now ready to be handed over in mid-September for shipment to the Tongan Islands. These will be sent in a container to help support a new Library in Ahau and a few of the village school libraries there. Should you like to sponsor a library or donate towards the shipping of the books please send an email to books4tonga@live.com. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

With the start of Spring and the first Saturday of the month as Geoff Beresford is away on holiday we appreciate the help of Peter Gillon in looking after the Museum. Please make time to visit our lovely museum as a lot of the Community, past and present have put a lot of time and effort in keeping our history alive. So, remember apart from the first Saturday of the new year, our Librarians open the museum every first Saturday of the month. Operational hours are the same time as the Book Club and library which is 10am to Midday.

This month we had an exciting session at our Book Club with a wide range of reviews on books from our library. All very positive and lovely to hear people's opinion on books which were unlike any other as in some cases there was no holding back ?? We managed to get a couple of book reviews as per our Book Club starting from Dawn Elvidge on the “The Axeman's Carnival”–



“Catherine Chidgey has created an engaging plot with developing characters in The Axeman's Carnival. The narrator is the magpie, Tama. Tama, an abandoned chick, was rescued by Marnie, much to the disgust of her husband, Rob, who is dedicated to winning his tenth title in the upcoming axeman's contest. Tama is a compassionate observer and tells us of all happenings in their yolk-yellow house. There's a copy here in the Herald Island Library. It's well worth a read.”

“Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus was also one that Dawn recommended and hope to obtain a little review from her or Clare Kitt as it is most sought after. Remember our library is happy to put your names down on our waiting list should you want a book to be put aside for when you are pop in next.



Snippets from Etta Gillon through one of her older notes regarding must read books from our library. “Is “Thrive” a book, as described by Sheryl Sandberg noting the author “Ariana Huffington urges us to get in touch with who we really are so that we can live life on our own terms. From the importance of sleep to the imperative to listen to our own inner voice to ways to deal with the daily crunches we all feel, this book lays out a path for each of us to look within and make our lives more authentic and fulfilling”. Breaking and or preventing bad habits is one that struck a note with me and felt Ariana's ways with dealing with the issue although poignant can very effective. She notes that habits “good or bad, once established, habits rapidly grow roots and entrench themselves in our lives. And that's the problem – habits are a lot easier to learn than to unlearn, easier to bury than exhumed.” Here she gives an example which I have seen many years ago on a poster in my youth and so pleasantly, like a long-lost friend and so pleased to embrace once more.

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. “A fight is going on inside me,” he said to the boy.” It is a terrible fight, and it is between two wolves. One is evil -he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego” He continued, “The other is good- he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person too.” The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf will win?” The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed” – Cherokee Legend. Overall, the book “Thrive” to me is a must read.”

We are now requesting from the Community any Good Puzzles and Board games in good condition please to our library. They would be fun for families to have, especially over the school

holidays. So, if you want to pass on ones to our Herald Island Library which is behind the Herald Island Fire Station at 57 Ferry Parade, Herald Island. Please pop along with them as they would be much appreciated.

Our Herald Island Library hours of opening are: -

Tuesdays excluding School hols - Last Tuesday of the month
10.30am to 11.30pm Preschool/Playgroup

Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.00am to 12.00pm

Wednesdays 2nd and 4th of the month - 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Should you have any Library enquiries or offers of help please contact Etta Gillon on 09 416 7638 or email her on heraldislandlibrary@gmail.com For any Book Club Enquiries please contact Darell Anderson-Foster on heraldislandlibrary@gmail.com

Go Safe Till We Catch up next Month!!

"It's easy to stand with a crowd, it takes courage to stand alone" Anon.



From Penk's Pen

CHRIS PENK – MP

It's been an honour to serve this area as local MP for the past six years.

At the time that I succeeded John Key in 2017, this electorate was named Helensville but more recently it's become Kaipara ki Mahurangi. Whatever the name and boundaries, though, the people of Auckland's rural northwest are a pleasure to represent.

In advocating for Helensville and surrounding areas, I've found that the decision makers in Wellington have often proven slow to understand our needs.

Central government must provide better rural roads and other transport infrastructure, as well as a strong local economy that provides good jobs. Enabling people to support their own families through good employment will always be the best form of welfare, after all.

And of course through strong rural economies such as Helensville we'll be able to afford public services that we all rely on, such as health care and education.

Prior to entering Parliament I was a naval officer and a lawyer, so I understand the need for great teamwork and advocating strongly on behalf of others. And as a father of two young kids, plus a husband and dog owner into the bargain, I'm keen to ensure our next generation has great opportunities.

That's why I'm so keen to keep working alongside community groups, local government representatives and everyone else who works really hard to make this area what it is.

I would love to keep taking that message to Wellington once more. Please vote this October!

Chris Penk

MP for Kaipara ki Mahurangi

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Kingsway Reserve Clean-up – after storms, heavy rain and tree felling

Recently it's been one step forward and two steps back for Kingsway Reserve, Herald Island.

Two massive pine trees came down last year in stormy and wet weather. Volunteers had a narrow escape with the first – which fell the day after a community planting at the reserve! Sadly, the plants did not escape – many were smashed or smothered and died.

The fallen and other dying pines were cleared away by Treescape this March – leaving branches scattered on coastal banks and letting in extra light that stirred up invasive weed growth.

But Kingsway Reserve had another step forward after an awesome clean-up by 36 hard working volunteers who pulled and piled up about 3 cubic metres of invasive weeds and 17 cubic metres of dead branches. A new local native planting in winter 2024 will be another step forward.

Jan Diprose, Herald Island Environmental Group Chair



Clean-up crew - Sun 27 Aug 2023



Clean-up piles - Sun Aug 27 2023



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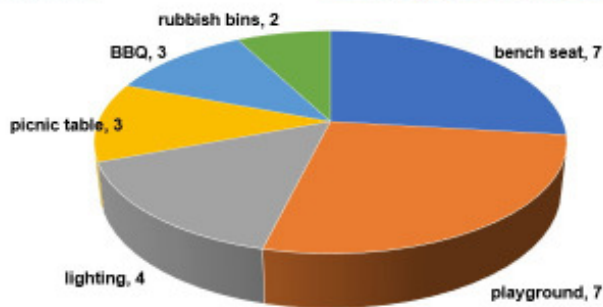
Kopuru Reserve

Locals have been delighted to see that the Council have planted 10 trees on the hitherto bare grass of Kopuru Reserve.

In the recent Draft Local Parks Management Plan, this park was only listed without any "management intentions", but strong feedback from residents, aided by a presentation to the local Upper Harbour Local Board by the Whenuapai Ratepayers and Residents Assn Inc, requested more attention be paid.

In the presentation to the UHLB, the R & R presented the following summary of the number of requests from local ratepayers. It is no longer quite "bare land", but now that some trees have been planted, the R & R will continue to lobby the UHLB for more facilities to be provided,

Kopuru Road Reserve Most requested amenities:



Currently just bare land



Kopuru Road Reserve – Before



Kopuru Road Reserve – After

Herald Island R & R 2023 Chairperson's Report

What a fantastic year it has been for our committee! We've had a lot of fun organizing awesome events and getting the community involved. My favourite was the annual community cricket match between Herald Island and Whenuapai. The community also loved our food truck and quiz nights, which brought everyone closer.

We strongly opposed the urban rates increase imposed by the council. Unfortunately, the outcome was disappointing. Nevertheless, we made every effort to persuade them that certain areas of Whenuapai lack urban services. We held Auckland Council responsible for their inadequate communication with the Whenuapai community regarding the transition of responsibility for septic tanks from the council to the landowners. All of the public meetings we held were well attended, and the community provided constructive feedback.

We're planning even bigger and better things for this year and the next. We're planning to have events in the new settlement too, like a Halloween celebration and food truck night. But there's a challenge – the new settlement doesn't have everything it needs, like electricity and public toilets. But don't worry, we're working hard to figure that out.

The hall restoration and reclad is taking more time than we thought. But we're working closely with Auckland Council and we're almost ready to start. Once we get the green light, we'll find the money we need to finish the work. It's going to cost around \$300,000, and we're talking to different people and groups to help us pay for it. There will be a few more fundraisers where the community can take part and help fund the project. Our goal is to restore the hall to its former glory.

We've been trying really hard to get more people in our community involved in local government decision-making. For example, we made some easy-to-understand forms online to encourage the community to provide vital public feedback to the local council and the Upper Harbour board. Whenuapai provided the most feedback than any other area in the Upper Harbour Reserve Management Plan. There was also great feedback submitted for the Upper Harbour Board 3-year budget. We will endeavour to provide ongoing updates to the community regarding significant community matters.

This year has been awesome thanks to our great community. We're going to make our events even more fun, encourage the public to provide feedback when required and restore the beloved Whenuapai Hall.

Let's keep going and make our community even better!

Kind regards

Haydon Mattson, Chairperson The Whenuapai R&R Assn.

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Any matters arising or registration to join the Committee to
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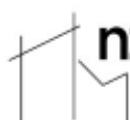
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Protected animals' heads removed in spate of horrific incidents

Department of Conservation investigators say they're shocked and horrified by several incidents in which protected native animals have been decapitated.

In one recent incident at Auckland's Muriwai beach, a group of people filmed themselves riding a dead great white shark being towed behind a 4WD, before the animal's severed head was worn by one of the individuals involved.

DOC investigated the group, after they shared the footage to social media, and issued two people involved with infringement notices.

Other incidents recorded in the last 18 months have included the beheading of two different fur seals, a decapitated penguin and several red knots (migrant shorebirds) with their heads removed and their bodies left abandoned on beaches.

Dylan Swain, DOC's Investigations Team Leader, says the incidents are grotesque and barbaric – and breach several pieces of conservation legislation DOC administers.

"Even a dead native animal is protected by the Wildlife Act, as we saw with the shark head case," he says.

Advice from DOC science staff who've seen the images is the decapitations are the result of human actions – and not predation by another species.

"In a couple of incidents, the heads of these animals have been removed with some sort of implement. There are no teeth or bite marks or signs the animals have been attacked by another species."

Although DOC staff acknowledge some of the animals may have been discovered dead on the beach – there is still no acceptable justification for removing the animals' heads.

"It's not acceptable for people to tamper with deceased animals, and it's illegal to remove a protected species' head to have it as some sort of trophy."

"If you find a dead native animal on a beach, please leave it alone and call 0800 DOC HOT, so our staff can attend."

Anyone with information on the decapitation of protected native animals – whether it's eye-witness reports of incidents, or other potentially valuable evidence – can also call 0800 DOC HOT, or email wildlifecrime@doc.govt.nz

DOC has a range of enforcement tools available for punishment of wildlife crimes, including fines, infringements or a prosecution through the courts which can lead to a jail sentence.

In recent weeks DOC has publicised other incidents of harm to seals and sea lions. In late August an unrestrained dog was seen with a young seal in its mouth on a Wellington beach, while a well-known adult female sea lion was shot dead near Dunedin.

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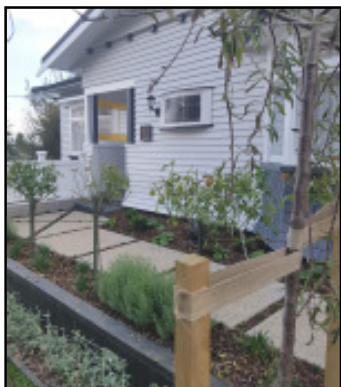
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Herald Island Garden Club



What better way to enthuse us during these miserable winter months, than to have Landscape Designer Julie Moncur visit us, to give a great presentation on her design and builds. Julie explained how a project develops, from the initial consultation with a client, gleaning their needs and dreams. Then creating a storyboard of types of structures, materials, plants and colours. Next is the design, which includes a measured detailed plan, with some 3D sketches. At this stage a costing is required, to then adjust depending on the budget. Once the owners have agreed on the final plan, Julie then has the big task of organizing her builder (for any retaining walls, outdoor drainage, paving, decks, fences and painting) and sourcing trees and plants (often from multiple places, due to suppliers being more specialized now) Once that is all done and the garden areas are prepared, she collects the plants and positions them, for her gardener to plant. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the "before" and "after" photos and she also showed us some amazing designs from the 'DesignFest' an annual event, that will be on in November. It was a relaxing evening, dreaming of some newly inspired ideas, to sneak into our tired gardens!



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Andrew - 021-523-133

Alcoholics Anonymous

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Whenuapai School Hall
Andrew - 810-8521

Citizens Advice Bureau

833-5775

Civil Defence - Resident's Response Team

In emergencies meet at the Fire Station, 57 Ferry Pde

Herald Island Boat Club

Paul Judd - 416-4194

Herald Island Environmental Group

heraldislandenviro@gmail.com
Jan Diprose 027-687-4157

Herald Island Garden Club

Second Tuesday of each month.
Lee Barry - 021-215-1639

Herald Island Hall For Hire

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Herald Island Heritage

Margret Brands 416-7452
heraldisland.museum@gmail.com

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Weds: & Sat: 10-12noon
Etta Gillon - 416-7638

Herald Island Museum

57 Ferry Parade.
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Ph 027-687-4157

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Tues 9.30-11.30am
at the HI Hall.
Gold coin donation per child.
Contact: Victoria 027-258-3251

Herald Island R&R

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416-7227

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Joe Chojnacki - 416-5993
Paul Thompson - 416-5422

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Leanne Midgley 021-688-164
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Karate Classes

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Herald Island Hall
Monday 7.00-8.00pm
Thursday 7.00-8.00pm
David Cox - 416-6620
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Living Whenuapai

Contact: Annette - 027 2942601

NZ Society of Genealogists,

Waitakere Branch
Lani Rimington - 818-2161

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Meets 3rd Thursday of the Month
(excl. Dec & Jan) 10am
Hobsonville Bowling Club
Carol Denton - 416-4860

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Pat Hooper - 416-8403

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September '23					
23 Sat	0031	2.9	1308	0610	1818
24 Sun	0125	2.8	1512	0608	1819
25 Mon	0328	2.8	1619	0707	1919
26 Tue	0436	2.8	1724	0705	1920
27 Wed	0545	2.9	1823	0704	1921
28 Thu	0648	3.1	1918	0702	1922
29 Fri	0746	3.3	2010	0701	1923
30 Sat	0838	3.4	2101	0659	1924
October '23					
1 Sun	0928	3.5	2150	0658	1924
2 Mon	1016	3.5	2239	0656	1925
3 Tue	1103	3.4	2327	0655	1926
4 Wed	1150	3.3	-	0653	1927
5 Thu	0015	3.2	1238	0652	1928
6 Fri	0105	3.0	1329	0650	1929
7 Sat	0156	2.8	14.24	0649	1930
8 Sun	0250	2.7	15.24	0647	1930
9 Mon	0349	2.6	1625	0646	1931
10 Tue	0450	2.6	1721	0645	1932
11 Wed	0548	2.6	1811	0643	1933
12 Thu	0640	2.7	1856	0642	1934
13 Fri	0726	2.8	1937	0640	1935
14 Sat	0807	2.9	2016	0639	1936
15 Sun	0846	3.0	2054	0638	1937
16 Mon	0923	3.1	2132	0636	1938
17 Tue	1001	3.1	2212	0635	1939
18 Wed	1040	3.1	2253	0633	1940
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