

# The Helensville Community News

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## Road works for miles and miles

*Having had months of disruption as a result of the road widening in Kumeu we are now in for the same chaos and crawling traffic all the way from Huapai to Waimauku! Below is an update from the contractors Fulton Hogan. Ed*

SH16 Bringham Creek to Waimauku Safety Improvements – Stage 1 Huapai to Waimauku

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is working toward a vision for Aotearoa where no one is killed or seriously injured on our roads. Safety improvements in infrastructure, including the SH16 Bringham Creek to Waimauku safety improvements project, will save lives and reduce the number of people seriously injured on Aotearoa New Zealand's roads and streets.

Stage 1 of the SH16 Bringham Creek to Waimauku safety improvements project focuses on the corridor of SH16 between Trigg Road, Huapai to Factory Road, Waimauku.

To make this corridor safer, we're making a number of improvements:

- Installing flexible road safety barriers to catch drivers who leave their lane before hitting something harder like trees, poles, ditches or other vehicles.
- Installing four turnaround bays to enable safe turning movements along the corridor.
- Widening bridges that are too narrow.
- Creating a wider road shoulder so there's more space for people who cycle.

Fulton Hogan have been awarded the contract to deliver these safety improvements.

### Construction work to start on SH16

Work is scheduled to start from the 21 August 2023.

Fulton Hogan will firstly establish an on-site office and undertake site wide preparatory work, including vegetation clearance and underground service locations. Following this work, we will be implementing long term traffic management which will involve steel barriers to protect workers while maintaining one lane of traffic in each direction. The first phase of work will be focussed on Berry Bridge, and between Factory Road and Matua Road in the east bound direction.

We will provide further updates as works progress into new phases or as working conditions change.

How will this affect you?

- Day shift will take place from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday.
- There will be some night works during this stage. We will provide information when timings are confirmed.
- This work involves machinery which can create noise, vibration, and dust. Fulton Hogan will endeavour to complete

the noisiest works as early in the evening as possible and maintain industry best-practice methods to keep this disruption to a minimum.

- Traffic management will be in place 24/7 and some detours will be necessary, please follow the signage carefully and allow extra travel time.
- Work will be happening on the road, in berms and footpaths along SH16.
- All work will be fenced to ensure safety of work crews, drivers and the community - please take extra care when driving, walking and cycling.

### Any questions about this work?

Please contact Linda Casey, Fulton Hogan Stakeholder Liaison Manager by emailing [linda.casey@fultonhogan.com](mailto:linda.casey@fultonhogan.com) or phoning 0800 287 667.

### More information on the project

For more information on the SH16 Bringham Creek to Waimauku project, please visit [nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh16-bringham-creek-and-waimauku](https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh16-bringham-creek-and-waimauku) or email us [sh16safetyimprove@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:sh16safetyimprove@nzta.govt.nz).

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## Turning the Tide 2023: Community Event

All our lives have changed. Extreme weather, isolation, and rising living costs are just some of the challenges families have been facing. Homes have been destroyed, families displaced, and with the rising cost of living many households are struggling to put food on the table. Getting back on our feet will take time.

That's why Kindred Family Services invites you to come to Muriwai Beach on Sunday 8 October to join in some fun outdoor activities and help us raise \$50,000 so we can help families. These funds will be used by Kindred to meet the growing demand on all their services, providing hundreds of additional cost-free counselling sessions, as well as groups, workshops, play therapy sessions, and wrap-around social support.

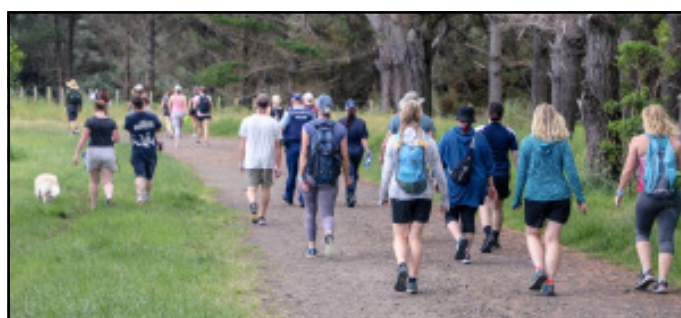


Turning the Tide is an annual fund-raising event that includes a 1.5km kid friendly whanau trail, a 5km gentle beach walk or a 17km walk or trail run along the ruggedly beautiful Muriwai Beach. Please join Kindred so we can join together, support one another and have a great day out. There will be loads of activities for families to enjoy, music, spot prizes, a sausage sizzle, coffee and kai trucks. Get together with friends, grab the kids or enter as a team and compete to win prizes for the fastest and brightest teams on the day.

"In the months following Cyclone Gabrielle, we received our largest ever number of new referrals" says Kim Wills, Clinical Manager at Kindred Family Services. "Our work with families and communities at that time made us proud to be part of north-west Auckland. There was so much kindness and generosity, and I still believe this is our most valuable local resource."

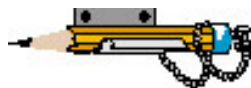
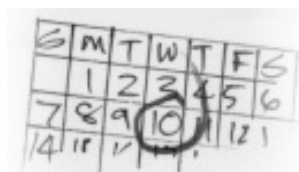
Barbara Williams, Executive Director at Kindred, emphasizes the impact of recent events on children. "Children have already been through so much in recent years. Family stability is crucial for our young people, and this event will go a long way to ensuring that more local children receive support and have safe places to heal and be heard."

<https://turning-the-tide.raisely.com/> or visit the Kindred Family Services website.





## What's happening this month



**Sunday, 10 September, Kumeu Clothing Swap & Shop, 10am - 4pm.** Come and refresh your wardrobe, save money, and contribute to a greener planet. We are a community women's clothing swap and sale, run by passionate locals and a dedicated team of volunteers. Our mission is to promote community and sustainability, as well as make good quality clothing accessible to everyone. All profits raised go to Parent Aid North West, a charity who do the most incredible work supporting local families with young children when they need it most. See page 1 for details.

**Sunday, 17 September, 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, 63 Railway Street. New Venue - same great market! Friendly people, great atmosphere and a tempting selection of quality stalls with everything from locally hand-made crafts, plants, preserves, fresh fruit & veg to pre-loved treasures and collectibles, food, live music from Foster, free face painting and much more...., sorry no dogs \*\*Please bring a gold coin donation for parking - proceeds go to the scouts jamboree\*\* The Helensville A&P Showgrounds management have a no dogs policy with the exception of assistance dogs as there is stock grazing in the grounds. Email: sarah@riversidecrafts.co.nz Phone: 0274 831542 @kaukapakapavillagemarket. Eftpos cash out available.**

**Friday, 22 September, Term 3 ends**

**Saturday, 23 September, South Head Road Side Clean Up, 10AM - 12 noon** Put the date on your calendar NOW!!! This is a great way to clean up the environment and meet up with the local community at a lunchtime BBQ at Waioneke school to follow. A list of coordinators will be published on the website [www.southkaiparalandcare.org/](http://www.southkaiparalandcare.org/) events and a flier in your letterbox with contact details and meeting points. BE ALERT AND KEEP SAFE ON OUR ROADSIDE.

**Tuesday, 3 October, U3A monthly meeting. 10.00-12.00.** Catholic Church Hall, Kowhai Street, 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, Needle Stitches and TED Talks. Costs are minimal. For more information contact Gloria Middleditch [jandgmiddleditch@outlook.com](mailto:jandgmiddleditch@outlook.com) 09-420-3007/0211-658-428 or Bev Silvester-Clark [bev.s-c@outlook.com](mailto:bev.s-c@outlook.com) phone 0274316205.

**Monday, 9 October, Term 4 starts**

**Friday, 20 October, Food trucks in Huapai, Huapai Domain, 5pm.** Join us in Huapai for an unforgettable evening filled with delectable

delights and a lively atmosphere! Our Food Trucks are back, bringing together a fantastic array of culinary experiences that are sure to tantalise your taste buds. Indulge in a variety of mouthwatering dinner options served up by a lineup of top-notch food trucks.

But that's not all - the good vibes will be flowing as we create the perfect setting for a delightful family outing. With something for everyone, including the kids, this event promises to be a memorable gathering for all ages. Don't miss out on the chance to savour delicious dishes, bask in the community spirit, and treat yourself to a wonderful time.

And for those looking to raise a toast to the evening, we've got you covered with our pop-up bar featuring a selection of refreshing beverages. Please note that while we're providing the drinks, this event is not BYOB. So come ready to enjoy a fantastic dinner and a great time without having to worry about bringing your own drinks.

Mark your calendars and join us in Huapai for a Food Truck night that's more than just a meal - it's an experience! Your taste buds, your family, and your appetite for fun will thank you. See you there!

**Saturday 21, Sunday 22 & Monday 23 October, Arts n the Ville, Helensville's Annual Art festival, 10am - 4pm each day.** For more information visit [www.artsintheville.co.nz](http://www.artsintheville.co.nz)

**Monday, 23 October, Labour Day**

**Friday, 27 October, Gibbs Farm Visit, The Helensville A&P Association** is excited to offer a visit to Gibbs Farm as a fundraiser for the 2024 Helensville Show. For full information and tickets go to <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/.../gibbs.../auckland/makarau> Gibbs Farm rests on 400 hectares of re-formed farmland on the Kaipara Harbour. The privately owned park is home to an internationally renowned collection of large-scale sculptures by some of the world's leading artists, commissioned and curated by Alan Gibbs over the past 25 years. On your visit you will be able to roam the farmland, to take in the views of the harbour and gain perspective of the sculptures from a distance and right up close. You can self-guide with the comprehensive guide provided and look out for the exotic animals!

Pack a picnic and come and take in the sculptures, animals and the stunning landscape they respond to and transform.

A reasonable level of fitness is required and a visit generally takes 2-3 hours. In that time you can expect to walk 6-7km, over rolling farmland and a paved roadway, with time to enjoy your picnic and see every wonderful thing. With our changeable weather, don't forget a coat, hat, sunblock if hot etc, so you are comfortable on the day. The grass will probably be wet in the morning so boots or sensible shoes are advised. Ticket numbers are limited and bookings are essential. Tickets are non-transferable. Buy tickets at <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/.../gibbs.../auckland/makarau> Gibbs Farm is a private property open by appointment only on scheduled monthly visitor days as per the Gibbs Farm website. It is important you read the terms of access at [bookings.gibbsfarm.org.nz/media/terms%20of%20access.pdf](https://bookings.gibbsfarm.org.nz/media/terms%20of%20access.pdf)

There is no entry fee to visit Gibbs Farm - all money from these ticket sales will go to the Helensville A&P Association to help fund the 120th Helensville A&P Show on 24th February 2024. We thank the Gibbs Farm Trustees and employees for their much valued support.

**Friday 27 & Saturday 28 October, Kaukapakapa School 150th Jubilee, More details to follow**



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## A Taste of University Life

by Lauren Morley, Year 13 Student Kaipara College

For those of us in year 13, not only at Kaipara college, but across the country, now is a very busy time in our lives. With the end of high school rapidly approaching, it's time to think about our next steps, where do we want to go? What do we want to be? For many of us, the next stepping stone on the path to our future is university. Across the days between August 24th - August 26th, Victoria University of Wellington, Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School, The University of Auckland, and Auckland University of Technology all hosted their open days for potential 2024 students. These events saw many of our year 13, and even some year 12 students attending tours, seminars, asking questions and talking to professors.

For some people, a certain University may have always spoken to them. I for example have been set on Victoria University since I was about 12 years old. For others, these open days were the perfect way to get a taste of everything and for people to find out where they belong. The decision making process for university is not always based on the institution itself, or the degrees they offer, but instead on the experience they offer or the surrounding environment. The choice to attend university often means choosing independence. It may be the first time in your life you get to make a decision for yourself, and yourself only. Many of us who live in the Kaipara region have lived here our whole lives and have only ventured out on day trips or short holidays; but now the opportunities are endless. Not only can we move out of home, or to a new city, but many universities offer global exchanges, where from the second year onwards, you can choose to pursue your course almost anywhere.

Because four universities had their open days across three days, many students put together a plan. Late night or early morning flights were booked, spreadsheets were made, and steps added up into the tens of thousands. One of my friends, Jessica Smith, who visited AUT, said that she instantly fell in love with the campus. While you are of course inside, she said the entire building was so bright and open. Jessica is planning to do a Bachelor of Creative Writing and she commented on how personable and passionate her future professor is. Another one of my peers, Ella Fournier, is planning on studying paramedicine at AUT.

After finding out more about the university, it is now one of her goals to finish her course with an internship based in the United Kingdom.

Overall, these university open days were the perfect opportunity for us future students to get a taste of the life we'll be living next year. Sitting in the main area of Victoria University, I looked around at all of the potential future students and thought to myself 'my future best friends could be in this room'. It is that kind of thinking which makes me, and all of my peers so excited to begin this next chapter of our lives.



Victoria University Open Day





# From Penk's Pen

CHRIS PENK – MP

## It's that time again!

While politicians invariably obsess about “the next election” pretty much constantly (it's never more than 3 years away!), most normal people don't think like that. This is totally understandable, and indeed healthy, with so many real-life concerns to preoccupy the mind.

That said, readers will have noticed election signs recently adorning the northwest landscape, so there's no escaping the fact that in mid-October there will be an election.

My hope is that major issues for this area are debated thoroughly. Clearly the focus needs include de-congesting the roads, adding capacity to our local schools and improving internet connectivity for those living in rural blackspots just up the road from Auckland CBD.

In summary, infrastructure is sorely needed in northwest Auckland to catch up to the demands of all the additional housing here. It's fair to note that these problems date back many years, across successive governments, so a partisan conversation about where fault lies has limited value. Much more important for the people of this area is that politicians and would-be politicians set out what the future should look like.

In my mind it's clear: first, we need to avoid any further ad hoc development. We need to plan so that decisions aren't made at the level of a single development site that detract from the liveability of the area as a whole. And a key aspect is to avoid any more flood-prone areas as locations for housing.

Second, we need to get underway building the Kumeu bypass (or “alternative state highway”, as it's officially known) and improving other key arterial roads. These have been talked about for years but we're way past the point where talk is enough.

With that in place, works to widen and improve SH16 will be able to occur with a pressure valve released. Truth be told, these works are themselves long overdue so we urgently need as much progress as possible to ease the blockages at key points along the main drag.

It should be clear to local and central government planners at that point what exciting additions can then be made to the area. An additional high school would be right up there, for example.

Let's talk about these things ahead of the election. And then let's do them.

Cheers, Chris

## Chris Penk

MP for Kaipara ki Mahurangi

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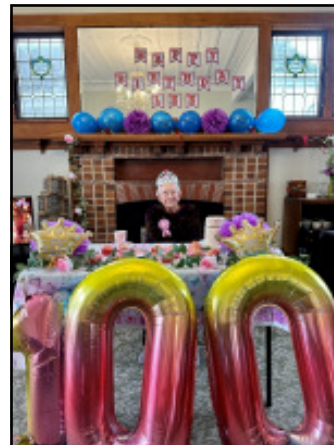
## Craigweil House has Birthday parties

It's hard to believe we are halfway through the year- time just goes by so fast.

We had four birthdays during July. It was a particularly special occasion for Lee McDonald who turned 100 on July 31, and a party was held at Craigweil House with a two-tier birthday cake and cupcakes. We wish Lee, Douglas, George and Suzanne many happy returns of the day.

Craigweil House's in-house events and entertainment have also been at the heart. This month we have had regular games of Beer Pong with Question and Answer, Match the Picture and more. A high tea was held in honour of Matariki celebrations with the performance of our new entertainer, Trevor.

If you would like to enquire about Craigweil House for your loved one, please get in touch. We are a boutique rural facility with personalised compassionate support and care for rest home, hospital, and secure dementia levels of care – 09-420 8277.



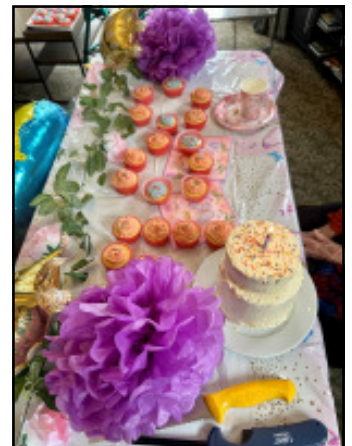
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## Kaipara korero

*Principal Cindy Sullivan*

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

At Kaipara College students get a multitude of opportunities to grow and develop their leadership, whether it be in a sports team, a band, the cast for a drama production, in their whanau class, the peer support programme or in a club or student interest group. All leadership starts with self-leadership, as being a positive self-leader is a prerequisite to positively leading others. On an on-going basis teaching young people to be self-leaders is part of what we do at school. This is important because it helps them develop essential skills and qualities that will positively impact their lives in the future.

It's the time of year again to start the process of selecting our team of student leaders for 2024.

Our student leaders play an important role at Kaipara College. Not only do they act as role models for the student body, they are representative of our students and have an advocacy role in terms of raising student voice about their needs and concerns. We expect our student leaders to exhibit qualities of responsibility, integrity and empathy, and to embody and epitomize our school WAKA values of Whanaungatanga, Aroha, Kaitiakitanga and Angitutanga. Student leaders also provide peer support and mentoring for other students, helping them navigate academic and social challenges, and fostering a sense of belonging and community in the school. Organising school events and activities for others including clubs, fundraisers, projects and social events and representing the school at community events such as the Anzac Day memorial service are other tasks our brilliant student leaders willingly undertake.

As you can see, being a student leader is a big responsibility. Managing these tasks on top of the demands of their academic programme, sporting commitments and personal lives requires courage and commitment. We are lucky at Kaipara College to have young people who are more than capable of stepping into the student leadership space, enhancing the educational experience, fostering their own growth and the growth of others, and helping to create an inclusive and supportive environment for all our students.



*Kaipara College: better learning, better lives, better world*

## Rapid transit for the Northwest of Tamaki Makaurau

We have an exciting and transformational project in the Northwest of Tamaki Makaurau that we would like to let you know about.

As part of the growth of the wider rapid transit network, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is investigating the rapid transit options to provide people with a fast, frequent and reliable way to get around the northwest of Auckland - from Brigham Creek to the city centre, alongside State Highway 16 (SH16).

This mahi is being led by Waka Kotahi in partnership with Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngati Whatua Orakei and other iwi partners.

### A better-connected Auckland

The northwest of Auckland is growing and there's an increasing need to provide better public transport options for everyone who lives in and moves around the area.

Rapid transit along the Northwestern Motorway, SH16, will transform the way people move around the region, create connections to the growing rapid transit network, reduce our reliance on private vehicles, reduce emissions and create a more sustainable future for us all.

Rapid transit is fast, frequent and reliable public transport that carries large numbers of people, on dedicated corridors separated from other traffic. This means it is unaffected by general traffic congestion – like the Northern Busway on the Northern Motorway (SH1). Rapid transit can come in a variety of modes including rail, bus and ferry.

Visit our website to learn more about the project: [nzta.govt.nz/northwest-rapid-transit](https://nzta.govt.nz/northwest-rapid-transit)

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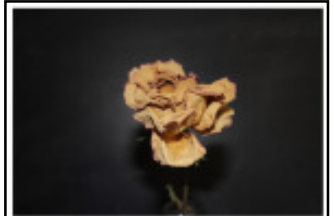
# **Art Centre Helensville**

The Art Centre still alive and active!

We have been persevering through many challenging times, council construction and the Art Centre building has gone 6 months over the time we were originally told it would take. We have been limited in what we can offer and do, however there have been many positive things happen too.

This September exhibition 'Under one Roof', will be at a new location right in Helensville central, 2a Rata Street. Artist's Jo Dixey and Kit dean will be occupying 3 lovely white rooms, with one space being a video installation of the artists process of making the work.

The opening night is Friday 8th September 5-7pm, please feel welcome to come along. There is a lovely view of the Kaipara harbor from our pop up gallery,



## **UNDER ONE ROOF**

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Kit Dean and Jo Dixey

2a Rata Street, Helensville

Pop up gallery of Helensville Art Centre

Opening Fri 8th 5-7

Sept 8th - 30th wed - fri 11-3 sat 10-3



website if you are interested in taking part.

**Above, Jeff  
Thomson Mono  
Print workshop  
'Free Friday'**

October will be another fantastic School holiday program with Creative Matters. Bookings to be made through their website, location will be posted closer to the time, we hope to be back in our building, if not it will be at the Helensville Primary school hall.



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# Helensville Library and Service Centre update for September

**September is Crime Fiction Month at Helensville Library**

**Did you know Crime books are our most popular loan items?**

We have a large selection in many different categories. See our displays to find a new author.

**Have you read everything by your favourite author?**

We have reading suggestions to help fill in the gap till the next title is available.

**Did you miss a title from a favourite author during 2020 or 2021?**

Check out our special 2020/21 display.

**Regular events:**

**Kids Time:**

Wednesdays, 10am to 10.30am. Under 6s and their grown-ups are invited to share songs, rhymes, and stories.

**Crafternoon:**

Thursdays at 3.30pm. We have sessions for both adults and children. These sessions are a chance to learn new skills, teach others, and chat.

**Book Chat**

Fourth Thursday of the month at 10am. A chance to share books you've read and enjoyed – or read and hated! – with fellow readers. This will be on Thursday 28 September at 10am.

**Rates for the 2023/2024 year:**

Are you eligible for a property rates rebate?

You can pick up a form from us, or use the online guide to find out. The closing date for property rate rebates for the 2023/2024 financial year is 30 June 2024.

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/property-rates-valuations/help-low-income-households-community-groups/apply-rates-rebate/Pages/default.aspx>

**How to contact us:**

If you have the direct dial number for Helensville Service Centre, please be aware that we are not always able to answer the phone. Your best option is to phone the main Council number.

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

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).

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

[facebook.com/HelensvilleLibraryAndServiceCentre](https://facebook.com/HelensvilleLibraryAndServiceCentre).

*Anne Coppell*

*Senior Librarian / Poukōkiri - Children & Youth*

*Helensville Library and Service Centre*



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## Volunteer accolades

Recognition for Citizens Advice Bureau Helensville volunteers was one of the highlights at the CAB North Shore's AGM.

Local legend Marama Stead was awarded her 20-year certificate while Oliver Glen gained a certificate of appreciation.

Manager Rani Timoti says the pair have both gone the extra mile in their own areas of skills and expertise. Born and bred in Helensville, Marama is renowned for her community networks which includes being a long-time Justice of the Peace.

"From cleaning our office with another steadfast volunteer Janet Heron to covering for other volunteers, Marama is here so often her whanau pops in if she's not home," says Rani. "She is always keen to represent us at community gatherings and is a reliable stalwart for all things CAB despite her own busy life."

Oliver was the last chairman for Helensville when the office merged with CAB North Shore in December 2022. "His dedication in ensuring everything was officially sorted out included staff changes, volunteer meetings and dealing with all the administrative paperwork," says Rani.

Oliver is currently on the board for CAB North Shore and brings the Helensville voice and identity to the six other branches.

Meanwhile, Saturday openings have started for CAB Helensville from 10am to noon with a trained CAB volunteer and JP always available.

The office is at 16 Commercial Rd and open Monday to Friday, 10am to 1pm.



**CAB Helensville volunteer Marama Stead is presented with her 20 year certificate by CAB North Shore manager Tim Charman at the CAB North Shore AGM**



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**Where:** South Head Road, a list of coordinators will be published on facebook, our website <https://www.southkaiparalandcare.org/events> and a flier in your letterbox with contact details and meeting points.

**Why:** care for our environment, meet local likeminded people.

**BRING**a bag, gloves and drink. Wear covered sturdy footwear and suitable, light / bright coloured clothing so you can be easily seen, and don't forget a sunhat or raincoat!

**Children are welcome but must have a parent or guardian supervise them at all times and be responsible for their safety**

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**Wet Weather** - If the weather appears too adverse a decision will be made as early as possible. Please contact your Team Leader if in doubt.

**Important** - South Kaipara Landcare will undertake to ensure that all reasonable safety measures are in place to keep people safe and will not be responsible for persons who do not attend the team leader safety briefings prior to the activity.





# Create a Kitchen Garden - Workshop

**24<sup>th</sup> September  
(9.30am to 11.30am)**

If you would like to offset some of the impact of the dramatic increases in food prices, particularly fresh fruit and vegetables and whether you have a large garden or more limited space, it's definitely worthwhile considering growing your own.

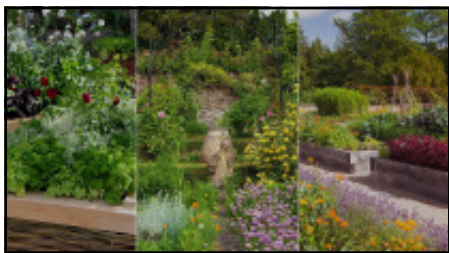


This workshop, presented by our in-house expert David Bayly will give you all the basics of the "what, when and where" to create your own kitchen garden and derive optimum value from it.

It's also a very rewarding experience to see your plantings grow and to know that what you and the family are eating is derived from your own efforts. As well as being assured of its origins and purity.

In this relaxed and interactive 2 hour workshop David will be discussing:

- Tools required
- Pros & cons of various varieties
- Site selection and preparation
- Planting methodologies/techniques
- General plant care
- When to plant and harvest



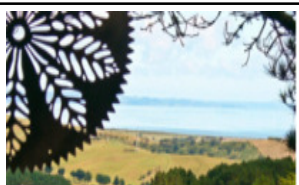
Our workshops are generally very popular and numbers are limited so **booking is recommended** (see below for booking details).

Afterwards you will also be able to stroll around the beautiful Sculpture Gardens which has around 40 marvellous pieces created for our 2023 exhibition by local and international artists on display; as well as the extended nature trail (approximately 3.5km in total).\*

We also have 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 other garden related questions.

\*The gardens and nature trail are unfortunately not suitable for wheelchairs or walking frames.

Venue location: 1481 Kaipara Coast Highway (SH16), 4km north of Kaukapakapa. Tickets \$25 per person  
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This week, eight Year 7 & 8 students from Helensville Primary School qualified for the Auckland Cross Country Championships at Pukekohe. With over 100 of the top cross country runners from across Auckland in each race the times were quick and the competition fierce. Ben Collinge-Coker came 3rd in the Year 7 Boys race. This is the first time a Helensville Primary student has made the podium at this prestigious event! The school is very proud of all our runners and wish our cross country team all the best for their participation at the AIMS Games next week in Tauranga.



**Ben Collinge-Coker crossing the line**



**Marley Seakens, Charli Stokes, Lakhenzie Sinisa, George Brown, Ben Collinge-Coker**



# Rodney Local Board update

I'm hoping this will be a regular email providing brief updates on key local initiatives provided by the Rodney Local Board and links to where you can provide your important feedback. There is a large number of consultation documents coming out for public feedback. Too often public feedback is limited and not representative, so please if you have the time we would love your feedback.

## Feedback wanted for our Local Board Plan:

We have developed a draft local board plan for Rodney, and we want your feedback. For more information please visit - <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/rodney-local-board-plan-2023>

## Feedback wanted for the Auckland Civil Defence Group Plan:

Since the major weather events earlier this year Auckland Emergency Management has been working through what they have learnt and are ready to bring their draft Group Plan out for public feedback.

The Group Plan sets out the strategic direction for our work on Auckland's Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) system – it outlines the CDEM vision and goals for Tamaki Makaurau, how they will achieve them and how they will measure their performance. The Group Plan is designed to be used by the CDEM Group, key partners and stakeholders involved in CDEM functions in Auckland. It also provides the public with an understanding of how these stakeholders work together, and the role they themselves can play in building individual and community resilience. The plan covers a 5-year period.

The public can view the document and have their say either online via AK Have your Say here, or by visiting any of the council service centres or libraries.

## Feedback wanted for the Auckland Transport Speed Management Plan:

Auckland Transport is looking at a number of changes including speed reductions, your feedback is wanted <https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/kko>

## Feedback wanted for Storm Recovery and Resilience:

Auckland Council is developing the Tamaki Makaurau Recovery Plan and a series of stormwater improvements called 'Making Space for Water' to focus on the longer-term recovery.

We want your feedback on these plans. <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/storm-recovery>

## AT HOP Card Service:

After extensive discussions with the public and Auckland Transport, I have requested that the Helensville Library is given the ability to Sell and Top-up AT HOP cards, to match what is now available in Warkworth. Currently there is only one shop in Helensville that sells HOP cards, and the nearest place to top-up a card is in Westgate. Not everyone can top-up online and there is also the issue that online top-ups do not show on the card balance the same day. I've had a very positive a reply from Auckland Transport, and they have confirmed that Helensville Library is on their radar, and they are looking at providing the service.

## Shelly Beach:



Three sets of steps have been installed in each of the bays along the seawall to allow better and safer access to the beach.

## Shelly Beach Campground:

Remains Closed until further notice.

## Mosquito Bay Track upgrade:



Mosquito Bay (top end of South Head) walking tracks have been fully renewed. It is a vast improvement and well worth checking out.

## Golden Stairs – South Head Road:



Pleased to update that repair to the golden stairs slip on South Head Road is well underway. It is a major repair and expected completion date is the end of August at this stage.

Mark Dennis, JP. Rodney Local Board. Mobile: 027 334 4498

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*Editor: Unfortunately this press release was received after our August issue had been printed and the deadline for Feedback submissions requested above will have passed before you receive this issue. If you are interested in sending Feedback to the Council in future visit <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/have-your-say/> and stay informed about what is in the pipeline.*

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# Traffic congestion is deliberately made worse by consultant's designs

ACT - the transport supercharger for North West Auckland.  
 For drivers heading to the northwest on State Highway 16 you may have noticed changes to lane marking at the Te Atatu and Lincoln Road interchanges. And since the changes made by Waka Kotahi, queues of traffic could block those off ramps at pretty much any time of day.

If you live in Te Atatu like I do, traffic congestion and delays are now much worse than before the lane changes. This not a design fault, this is the design intent.

The Labour Government and their climate-obsessed consultants took traffic lanes and turned them into bus stops on the motorway off ramps and adjacent local roads.

As a result of trying to fit five traffic lanes into two, rather than the previous three, traffic now comes to a halt in all directions for hours every day. Even the rare buses on those routes are stuck in the same traffic jams. It is infuriating for people needing to go places.

The consultants hired to design this ongoing disaster don't care about people needing to get places by car. On their website they state *"Car-dependent transport systems are bad for us all. We get communities spread thinly across the landscape, where people are forced to use a car to get around, and valuable city space is lost to carparking."*

They give us a binary choice of either roads and cars, or salvation by bus and bike.

*"To invest in roads, we sacrifice investment in public transport and walking and cycling infrastructure, which makes these options less convenient, safe, and comfortable."*

New Zealand's transport system is going to continue to suffer as long as it is dictated by anti-progress climate policies. The climate obsessed politicians who claim that roads are the problem, are themselves the problem. People who chose to live in the North and West of Auckland need reliable road transport, whether they are riding public transport or rely on cars.

The real problem with roads is that good ones cost a lot of money. That is why ACT is the only Party proposing a genuine shake-up of how roading infrastructure is funded in New Zealand, ensuring Auckland, and the rest of New Zealand gets access to safe, modern and efficient roads.

For the people of the North and West stuck in gridlocked traffic, in a car or in a bus, ACT is going to supercharge your road.

ACT is proposing to introduce a world-class toll roading system. It will use private sector financing and expertise to get new roads built faster and to maintain existing roads more quickly and effectively. Countries like Ireland have successfully made

extensive use of tolling.  
 In March 2018 then Transport Minister Phil Twyford said *"Solving Auckland's traffic gridlock is also important for the rest of New Zealand with congestion in the city between 2015 and 2017 estimated to have cost the economy \$1.3 billion a year in lost productivity"*.

Under a world-class toll roading system, New Zealanders will have a choice: make use of new toll roads much sooner or wait for tax-funded roads to be delivered later or never.

The delayed Kumeu-Huapai Bypass could be delivered this decade. The promised North West express busway is another road that could be delivered using toll revenues. The choice is in your hands this October. If you want to supercharge your road, give your party vote to ACT this election.



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## 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, 12.30 pm in small office at rear of carpark Magnify, 118 Main Road, [www.al-anon.org.nz](http://www.al-anon.org.nz).

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**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 Anglican-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.

**FLexercise with Fitness League**: Friday 10am - Kaipara Cruising Club. FLexercise low impact exercise to music incorporating balance and flexibility-move dance enjoy. All ages and abilities. Call Christine 0212602190 Web [www.thefitnessleague.org.nz](http://www.thefitnessleague.org.nz)

**Freemasons at Helensville**; Regular meetings at The Duke of Albany Lodge, Kowhai Street, Helensville. For more information call Mike on 0276462121

**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 [cushandez80@gmail.com](mailto:cushandez80@gmail.com) for more information.

**Helensville Healing Rooms**, now at outside rooms of River Valley Baptist Church, Fordyce Road Parakai, opposite Parakai Primary School, Every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 11a.m-12p.m. We offer prayer for help with what you need healed, All welcome, no appointment, no charge, ph 0276-058-225

**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.

**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.

**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)

**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

**Kaukapakapa St John Youth**: Ages 5-18 yrs see [youth@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:youth@stjohn.org.nz) for more information. Tuesday 5.30-7pm during school terms, 1015 Kaipara Coast Highway, Helensville. Contact: Sheryl 0211900591, [sheryl.pawley@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:sheryl.pawley@stjohn.org.nz)

**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.

**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) 09-420-3007/0211-658-428.

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<b>Agecare</b>	Craigweil House	420-8277
<b>Age Concern Rodney</b>		09-426-0916
<b>Acupuncture</b>	Parakai Acupuncture 027-351-7377/09-449-0690 (Parakai Church)	
<b>Beauty Therapy</b>	Beauty Elixir 022-465-0727/420-9775	
<b>Beauty Therapy</b>	Premier Aesthetics <a href="http://www.premieraesthetics.co.nz">www.premieraesthetics.co.nz</a>	
<b>Birthing Centre</b>	Commercial Road, Helensville	420-8747
<b>Budget Service</b>	Francis	420-7740
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<b>Carpet &amp; Upholstery Cleaning</b>	Curtis	027-200-5456
<b>Chiropractor</b>	Kaipara Chiropractic Healthcare	420-6224
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<b>Concreters</b>	Brewis Concrete	021-992-590
<b>Diggers</b>	Helensville Diggers	021-454-793/420-7023
<b>Dog Grooming</b>	Christine	021-521-303
<b>Early Learning Centre</b>	Active Explorers	09-222-3277
<b>Early Learning Centre</b>	Gumboots	09-411-9038
<b>Early Learning Centre</b>	Helensville Montessori	420-7181
<b>Electrician</b>	Sean Gray Electrical	0274-784-396
<b>Freemasons at Helensville</b>	Duke of Albany Lodge	0276-462-121
<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
<b>Markets</b>	Waitoki Village Market	Gill 420-3301
<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.
<b>Mower Repairs &amp; Sales</b>	Lifestyle Mowing Machinery	0274-955-948
<b>MP</b>	Chris Penk	021-0230-6106
<b>Painters</b>	Robert Wright & Company	027-374-1105
<b>Picture Framing</b>	The Picture Framing Company	0800-372-633
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<b>Plumbers</b>	Aqua Plumbing	021-0275-3821
<b>Plumbers</b>	ATL Plumbing Ltd	420-7868
<b>Plumbers</b>	KPL Ltd	420-9108
<b>Pumps</b>	Mid West Pumps	420-7694
<b>Real Estate</b>	Arizto Real Estate - Kara Singer	021-414-376
<b>Real Estate</b>	B&T - Kerry King	0274-587-299
<b>Real Estate</b>	Burmester Realty	420-8360
<b>Real Estate</b>	Prestige - Jana Mills	021-509-990/420-9953
<b>Reiki Healers</b>	The Healing Heart of Helensville	420-9098
<b>Storage</b>	J S Storage	021-462-930
<b>Typesetting/Photocopying</b>	Huapai Copy & Print	420-9307
<b>Venue Hire</b>	Kaipara Memorial RSA	420-8888
<b>Windscreen Repairs</b>	Bullseye Windscreen Repairs	027-605-4630
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