

Rodney Local Board update from Mark Dennis

It has been a busy time for the Rodney Local Board, and I would like to start by thanking all the hardworking staff who have been working around the clock to process all the consultation documents. With pressure on staffing numbers and budget cuts across council, it is great to see that the Rodney Local Board is still achieving over 100% of its planned work programme. Below I have outlined a number of recent local achievements and updates. If you have any questions on them or need more details, please feel free to touch base.

Bird of the Century:

Bird of the Century is coming up. Voting opens in October. For an early look at the candidates please see the link below: https://www.birdoftheyear.org.nz/

Lions Lounge/Rautawhiri Pavilion:

The renewal of this building was completed last month, and recently we have also received a new shade roof over the deck to give much needed shade to parents and spectators watching tennis, particularly in Summer. A drinking fountain was also installed out the front of the building.

Regular uses of the adjacent carpark will notice the decaying trees have been removed. This area will be returned to grass. It was noted that trees were inappropriate in this space as their

roots are likely to lift the carpark surface. More trees and plants are to be planted between the carpark and the tennis courts to replace what was taken away.



Push for a Safe Crossing outside Rautawhiri Park:

Since the development of Parkview opposite Rautawhiri Park, I have received several emails and comments about how dangerous Rautawhiri Road can be for children and families crossing the road to access the park and playground. Cars regularly speed past Rautawhiri Park, well over the 50km speed limit, and with more and more families living in this part of Helensville, a Safer Crossing is required. There is also a new daycare opening opposite Rautawhiri Park and this adds to requirement for speed calming measures to be implemented. I have fought hard to get a Raised Crossing approved to be placed near the entry to Rautawhiri Park, this would work as a safe crossing option and as a speed calming measure for those vehicles that speed past the park. I'll provide more updates as they are available.

Helensville Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade

A\$17million upgrade of the Helensville Wastewater Treatment Plant has vastly improved the quality of the treated wastewater and means the plant is better able to cope with peak flows in wet weather.

The upgrade includes New Zealand's first installation of a 'membrane aerated biofilm reactor' – relatively new technology

for the biological treatment of wastewater.

Watercares technology innovation manager Kevan Brian says the old plant, which had featured an oxidation pond and ultrafiltration, wasn't consistently meeting consent requirements for the level of ammonia in the discharge. An abatement notice was issued by Auckland Council in late 2021.

This is great news for the 1600 homes in Parakai and Helensville which are serviced by this treatment plant and for the continued health of the Kaipara River

For more information checkout https://www.watercare.co.nz/About-us/News-media/We-complete-\$17m-upgrade-at-Helensville-Wastewater



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Kaipatiki Reserve (Parakai Reserve) update

Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara board has done an amazing job transforming the Kaipatiki Reserve (formally Parakai Reserve). It's great to see the wide and well-designed paths taking shape which will create great walking tracks, and connect Parkhurst and Springs Road.

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Sunday 15 October A&P Showgrounds 8.30am – 1pm

10.00am - 12pm, live music from Mike Lea and free hair plaiting.

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Planting is slowly going in as sections are completed. Large drains and swales are being created to help drain excess water and create more usable spaces. These swales will also create small seasonal wetlands



to help draw native wildlife back into our reserves.

It won't be far off before we get to see the new playground taking shape. Exciting times for Parakai.

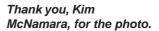
New Birthing Centre drop-in clinic

I had the privilege in August of being part of the dawn blessing for Te Ha Tama Ariki by Helensville Birthing Centre new drop-in clinic.

The clinic will offer a range of maternity and postpartum services. Including women's health screening, pre-pregnancy advice, prescriptions, and support. Free pregnancy testing, pregnancy and breastfeeding care, advice, support, and referrals. This clinic will be an amazing extension to the already awesome service the birthing centre provides for our community.

Shelly Beach Café

Shelly Beach upgrade has been completed and it's looking great. The new Café lease has been approved and we look forward to seeing it open soon.





Kaukapakapa Village Market – new venue, same great market...

Earlier this year the Kaukapakapa Village Market was affected by flooding that damaged the Kaukapakapa Memorial Hall and had to either find a new venue or close until the hall re-opened after repairs.

We relocated to the Helensville A&P Showgrounds-having already used the showgrounds for the 2022 twilight Christmas market we knew it would work as an alternative venue. With stalls located inside the main building and outside we can still offer the same variety of stalls with fresh local produce, plants, artisan food, preserves, handmade crafts, natural people & pet health products, gifts, collectibles, pre-loved items and much more as well as live music and free face painting or hair plaiting for the kids. We have a delicious selection of food, tea & coffee plus ice cream over the summer months and there's plenty of room to sit and enjoy something to eat and drink and have a chat with friends and neighbours.

Changing venues has had its challenges, the weather has certainly challenged us but we have had great support from the A&P Association committee, the stall holders have accepted the change with positivity, the Helensville/Kaukapakapa Scouts do a fantastic job of organising the car parking and the community has donned their gumboots and come along each month rain or shine to spend Sunday morning with us.

The market will remain at the showgrounds and will continue to be the same lively and friendly market and with a couple of exceptions will still be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 8.30am to 1pm. We are excited for the summer months with plenty of room to expand and grow. If you are looking for a fun and relaxing way to spend your Sunday morning come along and check us out.

The Village Market Helensville Showgrounds – Sunday 15 October, Sunday 26 November, Friday 8 December Twilight market, Sunday 17 December.

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What's happening this month





Monday, 9 October, Term 4 starts

Sunday, 8 October, The Turning The Tide Walk/Run, Muriwai Beach, fundraising event to raise money and awareness for the wellbeing of our children and youth. The main event is a 17km walk/run or 5km gentle walk along West Auckland's iconic Muriwai Beach. This is a family-friendly event for all fitness levels. For the serious runner, this event is a great option for your Sunday Long-Run. There will also be a 1.5km whânau trail and treasure hunt? for children and families to enjoy. Tickets for the kids trail are by koha, so as not to be a barrier to any of our local families and whânau. Funds raised go towards Kindred Family Services so they can provide more counselling and family support to children and youth in North West Rodney. Tickets from https://.turning-the-tide.raisely.com

Sunday, 15 October, 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 handmade crafts, plants, preserves, fresh fruit & veg to pre-loved treasures and collectibles, food, live music from Mike Lea, free hail plaiting 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, 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 The Helensville Art Trail will recommence this year during the wonderful 'Arts in the 'Ville' festival that is held in Helensville every Labour weekend, then we continue every 3rd Sunday of the month (10am to 4pm) until May 2024.

Saturday, 21 Sunday 22 & Monday 23 October, Arts In The Ville: Wet Plate Portrait Sessions, To celebrate Arts In The Ville 2023, Adrian Cook will be taking his mobile darkroom (a 1950's Bond-wood caravan) to The Helensville Museum and crafting timeless portraits using the wet plate collodion process. Plates will be posted out to clients once varnished and cured a week or so after the event. Sessions last 45 minutes and are limited to two people per plate. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Price \$150

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 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, for all the information and registration visit https://www.kaukapakapa.school.nz/150th-anniversary-2023

Tuesday, 7 November, 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 09-420-3007/0211-658-428 or Bev Silvester-Clark bev.s-c@outlook.com phone 0274316205.

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Kaipara College's Inaugural Ag Day

by Lauren Morley, Year 13 Student, Kaipara College

When I transitioned from primary school to high school, I remember thinking two things: one - if there is no playground, where will I spend my lunchtimes? And two - what do you mean there is no Ag Day? Going to a small rural primary school, Ag day was one of my favourite days of the year. While I personally never had the opportunity to raise a lamb, kid or calf, I always loved seeing my friends and classmates so passionately participating in the rural lifestyle which is so important to our community. Being part of a rural community is an integral part of Kaipara College, and thanks to one of our year 13 students, James Shaw, on Friday the 15th of September, Kaipara college hosted their first ever Ag Day. With an early end to the school day, our Ag Day began at 2pm for Kaipara College students, and opened to our whanau and the community from 3pm until 6pm.

Like any good Ag Day, we had stalls which provided entertainment, activities, food and drink, as well as the most important part, the animals! Students were invited to bring along their farm animals which saw sheep and cows enjoying the delicious Kaipara College lawns, as well as a pen full of kids (goats, not children of course) who were busy munching on hay. We had a sausage sizzle, lollies and drinks, sherbert, a cake stall, waffles with icecream as well as many terrific local vendors such as T-Dog's Master Spit, Oh Crumbs, Hungarian Twister and Mama's Donuts. Up in the school hall, there was wool spinning, handcrafted earrings for sale and a clothing drive which students had been donating clothing to throughout the last term of school.

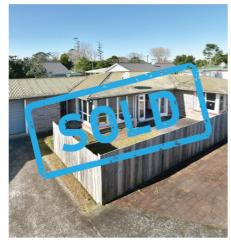
One highlight of this event would have to be a visit from our local MP Chris Penk, who spent his short visit talking to our students and teachers, and of course stopping to take a selfie with 'Tennessee' the sheep.

All in all, Kaipara College's first ever Ag Day was a huge success, and on behalf of all Kaipara College students, I would like to first thank anyone and everyone in the community who came down and supported our school, as well as the amazing vendors who helped bring our Ag Day together. Thank you to all of the students and teachers who took the time to organise and facilitate the wonderful activities, and of course to our very own James Shaw who planned and executed our first ever Kaipara College Ag Day. That's one down, and hopefully many more to



Goats at Kaipara College Ag Day

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Art Centre Helensville

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the Art Centre building is now open! What was meant to be 6 weeks, turned into 10 months of closure and operating from the Helensville Museum. We are so grateful to the Museum for accommodating us for so long! They have been so welcoming and friendly and it was also great to experience what they do! We hope to continue the relationship we have started with the Museum for future collaborations.

October will be a member's exhibition back at the Art Centre 49 Commercial Road. Exhibition date 11th – 30th October with an opening event Friday 13th October 5-7pm all welcome! This member's show will run over Arts in the Ville Labour weekend which will be a great opportunity for our member artists to gain greater exposure to the wider public with their artwork. We will be open extended hours for Labour weekend, Sunday and Monday 10-2.

November is 'Back Stage', a behind the scenes of the art centre

exhibition with manager Yvonne Abercrombie and gallery assistant Kiri Abraham, curated by Jeffrey Thomson. Dates are November 8th - December 2nd, opening evening 10th November 5-7pm all welcome

We have exciting new workshops and classes starting when we open our doors this October. Please visit our facebook page and website for details. artcentrehelensville.org.nz.

We are now accepting proposals for 2024 exhibitions. If you are an artist and wish to have an exhibition with us we would love to hear from you.

Call for exhibition proposals 2024

Our gallery doors are now open! We have fresh new walls and gallery lighting ready for 2024 ehhibitions!

If you are an artist and have a show in mind, please send your proposal to manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz

We have two gallery rooms for rent, Main Gallery \$120 for the month and Media Room Gallery \$60 for the month.





Now in it's 9th year! ARTS in the VILLE is an annual festival and art trail held over Labour Weekend that

celebrates the many local artists in the area. Come and take advantage of this great opportunity to view, discuss and purchase art pieces from a huge range of artists across many different venues. These include open studios which will be marked clearly with pink flags, and brochures can be found at studios and the Makers Market during the festival weekend.

From 10 – 4pm each day (Saturday, Sunday and Monday), Helensville will be buzzing with visitors taking advantage of the vibrant display of art. Join in and you'll experience a variety of media from sculpture, embroidery, painting, pottery, ceramic, etchings, glasswork, millinery, repurposed mixed media and engineered creations, for both your indoor and outdoor spaces. In many cases you will have the opportunity to meet the artist in their studio, discuss pieces with them and sometimes see them at work. Most pieces will be for sale.

The Visual Treasure Hunt is a highlight of the long weekend, with a prize made and donated by well-respected, New Zealand sculptor Jeff Thomson, whose studio is located in the heart of Helensville. The prize this year will be a "floral bouquet" and the "clues" hidden around the town will be of a floral nature.

Chris Ellwood, the blacksmith will also be working in his mobile forge, showcasing age old tradition of smithing. ARTS in the VILLE definitely has something for everyone.



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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!





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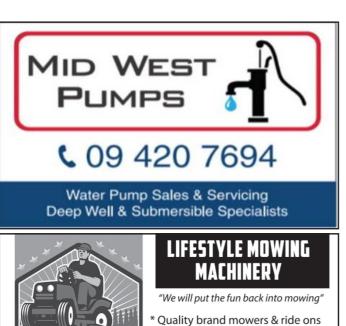
Spring has sprung and so has the event season for the North West with a lot happening in the area. A large number of events are on and we hope to see you all there supporting local!

We have the Best of the West Burger Battle where four businesses will battle it out to win your votes for the best burger. Run across all of October you need to test the offerings at The Hunting Lodge, Hallertau, Riverhead Portage Bar and Morepork.

While you are travelling round the area eating burgers, make sure you stop in at Beerfoot Brewery a the Coopers Creek Winery estate who are celebrating OktoberFest. This boutique brewery is set in beautiful gardens and will showcase their brews right on our door step. Perfect for those warm sunny days.

Our Business Awards finalists have been announced and you might notice posters on shop windows and social media posts asking you to vote for your favourite businesses. All of these amazing businesses need your support to help pull off the People's Choice award so get to our website and get those fingers to work. We will soon release ticket sales for the Awards Gala event at Allely Estate - certainly the event of the year for our business members. We want to see everyone coming along and enjoying the evening and supporting your local businesses. Allely Estate will be serving locally supplied food, wine and beer to make it a truly North West event.

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Christian Arts Fest

Pauline Denton is both one of the organisers and one of the exhibitors in the this years Christian Arts Festival, run as part of ARTS in the VILLE 2023, at the 'Lighthouse' part of Magnify Church at 118 Commercial Road, Helensville.

For as long as she can remember, she has loved to draw. Completing a Fine Art Degree at

Sheffield Polytechnic in the UK in 1984, she began working with 'differently abled' adults tutoring arts in 2000 and loves to



celebrate their instinctive creativity. Currently running an Arts and Activities Programme for L'Arche Mount Tabor. Some of the spontaneous art of those she works with will also be on display. Look out in particular for the beautiful works of Rachael Clarke.

In her spare time Pauline enjoys letting the paint itself take the lead in creating the work and

developing what she finds within its lines and marks, such as her 'Green Bird' painting where she discovered she had created a bird and accentuated it by adding painted feathers.



Artist, Astrologer, Musician are just a few strings to the bow of Warren Reid, former first violinist with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Born in Australia, Warren and his wife are now living in Kaukapakapa.

Since 1980, and largely inspired by paintings he saw in Europe, Warren began painting in oils. Applying vibrant Australian colours that are full of bright light, he followed the artists of the Victorian Heidelberg school in producing impressionist paintings with a unique Australian character. His works have been exhibited at the Macquarie Gallery and the Tap Gallery in Sydney. Having moved with his wife to New Zealand in 2019, Warren continues to play violin locally in the Helensville area and enjoys painting New Zealand landscapes using a very different colour pallet.

Warren will be one of the exhibitors in the Christian Arts Festival, run as part of ARTS in the VILLE 2023, at the 'Lighthouse' part of Magnify Church at 118 Commercial Road, Helensville from 10am-4pm October 21st-23rd.

Any Christian artist is welcome to exhibit works of any nature, they don't have to have a Christian theme. Works to arrive with a \$5 exhibitor fee for one, \$3 for two or more, to the 'Lighthouse' Tuesday 17th October between 2.30 and 6.30pm or by arrangement with Pauline paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com 021 073 8372

There will be an opening event for the Christian Arts Fest at 6pm on Friday 20th which will include an 'open mic' for those who wish to share their poetry. Poems printed on A4 paper are also invited. These will be laminated and displayed. Please bring them in on the Tuesday. There is no exhibitor fee for these.

ARTS in the VILLE runs from Saturday 21st-Monday 23rd October from 10am-4pm daily. There will be a 'Kids Creative Space' on the Saturday from 10am-2pm.

Helensville Library and Service Centre update

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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 Septemberat 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-ratesrebate/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.

The Library and Service Centre is open our usual hours:

Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 5pm

Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm.

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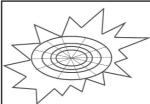
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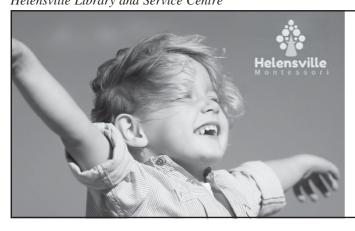
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Principal Cindy Sullivan

From the Kaipara College Principal's Desk:

Recently Kaipara College held our inaugural Ag Day event, and what a wonderful day it was. Out in the quad, delicious scents wafted from food trucks and school-run food stalls; down on the fields, young and old tried their hand at our strong man competition, coconut shy, gumboot throw and other fun activities; and in the hall visitors browsed the craft stalls. There was also a stunning open-air performance from our M.ori leadership group, T. Rangatira. Of course Ag Day would not be Ag Day without animals . lambs, a sheep, Nigerian dwarf goats, calves, and chickens captivated the crowds.

What made this day extra special though, was that it was a student-led initiative. James Shaw (Year 13) made running a successful Ag Day one of his many lofty goals for 2023. Year 13 already comes with enough responsibilities and challenges without adding organising a major event to the list, but he handled the pressure admirably. Although Ag Day was a fundraiser for the school, James•f main aim was to run an event to bring our great community back into Kaipara College. James truly embodies our Te WAKA o Kaipara values.

Whanaungatanga - Our People



In organising Ag Day James showed that understood the importance of strong relationships. He started a committee of students to help organise Ag Day, he liaised with our Senior Leadership Team, our Head of Faculties, our staff and our students. Through this he developed

genuine connections with students, wh.nau, staff, and our wider community. The bonds of whanaungatanga James created has allowed the sense of belonging at Kaipara College to continue to

Whakatauki: Whiria te tangata - Weave people together

Aroha - Our Way



James approached all interactions in organising Ag Day with kindness, caring and empathy. He demonstrated high expectations of himself and of others, ensuring each interaction was mana enhancing, always being positive and showing a real "can do" attitude.

James took the responsibility for the success of Ag Day very seriously, but always with an underlying pragmatism and sense of humour. He showed total respect to staff, students, supporting businesses, and members of the community and public while carrying out his Ag Day organising role, always acting with integrity and humility.

Whakatauki: Aro ki te ha o te tangata - Pay heed to the breath that is within us all.

Kaitiakitanga - Our Place



James took great care of our learning environment both in planning the Ag Day and the running of the event. He was mindful of the impact running an Ag Day would have on our grounds and our people, and he worked hard to ensure minimal negative impact and

maximum positive impact! He ensured, as much as possible, that materials used were recyclable and there was minimum waste. Looking after our school, looking after the environment, looking after each other is second nature to James

Whakatauki: Manaaki matauranga, manaaki taiao, manaaki tangata - Care for knowledge, the environment, and people.

Angitutanga - Our Success



James aspires to reach personal excellence in all he does, Ag Day included. He has shown he values creative and innovative ideas of others, and works hard to reach the best solution possible when problems arise. He has set this challenging goal of an event that brings the

community together and well and truly attained that goal. Not only that, he has motivated others, staff, students and members of the community to strive toward success. He expected us and himself to achieve, and we have enjoyed celebrating our collective accomplishment: a wonderful Ag Day community event.

Whakatauki:

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari ke he toa takitini - My success is not mine alone, but that of the collective.

Thank you to our many local supporters and sponsors in the community, our students and staff for getting involved, our great community for coming along and enjoying this event and of course a huge thank you to James for being a fabulous role model of our Te WAKA o Kaipara values.



James Shaw, our wonderful organiser



Tu Rangatira performing for the crowds



Olivia Kelly with her pet sheep



Kaipara Coast Sculpture Gardens

Saturday 21st to Monday 23rd October (Open 9.00am to 5.00pm)

If you're looking for something to do over this year's Labour Weekend, maybe consider a trip to the beautiful Kaipara and check out our Sculpture Gardens. The 9th annual Helensville Arts in the Ville



event which highlights the endeavours of local artists is also happening that weekend, so a great opportunity to also visit the township and check out some local artists whilst you're in the area.

Based a few minutes north of Kaukapakapa on SH16, Kaipara Coast Sculpture Gardens are located within the local Plant Centre and has 3.5km of walking trails, which begin with our 1km sculpture & gardens trail, containing 40 fun and interactive sculptures created by local and international artists.

There are also two forest trails that meander through native forest containingstreams with four small waterfalls as well as wonderful rural and Kaipara Harbour views along the way.



These trails are open to the public from 9am to 5pm every day. There is a modest entry fee charged (see below) which goes towards the upkeep of the tracks and gardens. Annual passes are also available. There are seats and picnic tables located along the trails, as well as a games area within the gardens, so bring your picnic and spend the day relaxing away from the hubbub of the city. A great alternative to local beaches or reserves.

If you're feeling energetic, there are additional walks available in the Kaukapakapa area; just 3km further

up the road is the Omeru Reserve, which has recently been upgraded, with a well-formed 10minute walking track to the Waitangi falls, which is a popular swimming spot in the summer. There is also a great play area for the kids plus our cute little coffee shop and of course the garden centre for you to browse around.

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

 $\ensuremath{^{*}}$ Sculpture and Nature Trails are not suitable for wheel chairs or walking frames.

Venue location: 1481 Kaipara Coast Highway (SH16), 4km north of Kaukapakapa. Tickets \$15 per person or \$35 per family (A + 2C) To Book info@kaiparacoast.co.nz OR Phone 09 420 5655. kaiparacoastplantcentre.com/events





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Kumeu Clothing Swap



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 dropoff on Thursday afternoon, an energy filled the air, setting the tone for an unforgettable event. The three days dedicated to dropoffs and setup were a hive of activity, culminating in the highly anticipated main event on Sunday.

Guests eagerly started lining up at8am 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



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& Shop a huge success

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, Rollercoaster, 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 their websiteat parentaidnorthwest.org.nz

Instagram @kumeuclothingswapandshop

Facebook – Kumeu Clothing Swap & Shop group



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

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

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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Restoring the Kiwi Dream: ACT's Vision for a Prosperous New Zealand

As an ACT MP living in the vibrant community of West Auckland, I have had the privilege of listening to the concerns and aspirations of constituents. After six years of Labour-led government, alongside the Greens and New Zealand First, it has become abundantly clear to most Kiwis that we cannot continue on the current trajectory. The ACT Party is asking Kiwis to embrace transformative policies needed to restore the Kiwi dream.

One of the most immediate and pressing concerns for New Zealanders today is the relentless increase in the cost of living. The burden of skyrocketing living costs, particularly housing expenses, falls disproportionately on the shoulders of ordinary Kiwis. The government's intervention in the rental market has led to an upward spiral in rents, making it increasingly difficult for families to make ends meet. Furthermore, Labour's reckless spending habits have fuelled inflation, driving up interest rates for homeowners and compounding the financial stress on Kiwi households.

The ACT Party advocates for a market-driven approach to housing, including substantial reforms to the Resource Management Act to stimulate housing development and eliminate unnecessary regulations that hinder supply. By doing so, we aim to make housing more accessible and affordable for all New Zealanders, providing much-needed relief to our struggling families.

Moreover, we understand the importance of fiscal responsibility and prudent governance. ACT is committed to reducing wasteful government spending and prioritizing essential services. We believe in protecting the hard-earned money of Kiwi taxpayers, ensuring that it is spent wisely and efficiently. By curbing inflation and promoting policies that support economic growth, we can help Kiwis enjoy a higher standard of living without constantly feeling the financial squeeze.

Rising costs, driven largely by excessive red tape and overly restrictive employment laws, have stifled economic growth and productivity. This, in turn, has detrimental consequences for job security and wage growth for New Zealand workers. ACT's progrowth policies are designed to slash unnecessary regulations and empower businesses to thrive. We believe that by creating a more business-friendly environment, we can boost productivity, generate more job opportunities, and ultimately enhance the prosperity of our nation.

In the upcoming 2023 election, voting for ACT represents more than just a change in government management. It signifies a vote for a fresh new direction that prioritizes the needs of all New Zealanders, regardless of their race or ethnicity. We pledge to scrutinize government spending line by line to ensure genuine value for every taxpayer dollar. We understand the value of your hard-earned money and are committed to protecting it.

Education is another cornerstone of our vision for a prosperous New Zealand. We advocate for world-class standards in our

schools to ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their academic potential. ACT believes in getting politics out of the classroom and putting the focus back on delivering the best education possible for our future generations.

Lastly, ACT is the party that truly speaks for New Zealand's farmers and small business owners because our candidates are those very individuals. We understand the unique challenges they face and are committed to advocating for policies that support their growth and success.

The ACT Party offers a clear and practical path to restore the Kiwi dream. By addressing the rising cost of living, curbing inflation, promoting business productivity, and championing individual freedoms, we can build a brighter and more prosperous future for all New Zealanders. It's time for change, and the ACT Party is ready to lead the way toward a better New Zealand.



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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.

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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.

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All Welcome Contact Marion 420-8867.

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

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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 whânau, with/without children. Every Thursday 930am -130pm St Matthews Church Lounge - 60 Garfield Rd, Helensville. Email: 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, 0221-831-811, Beverley Meredith, 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 09-420-3007/0211-658-428.

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