The Helensville Community News



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Te Awaroa Museum's Year 2026

As the Te Awaroa Museum comes to the end of another year, we reflect on our progress to date.

We have catalogued and reviewed our library, which has included us deaccessioning some books which don't fit our focus on local history. We sold many of those deaccessioned books and used that money to continue converting old 8mm films that hold local history. We have converted over 20 films now, thanks to donations given in memory of Alan Scott, donations given from the Keane and Pengelly families and the book sales. Photograph digitisation is an ongoing project.

A new ramp has been built to the old Waitoki (Sunshine) school building and all other decks and walkways have been water blasted, making it safer for visitors and volunteers alike, thanks to our crew of volunteers.

The Kaipara Room has been refreshed and added to with an exhibit on shark fishing. It was opened in time for our participation in Auckland's Heritage Festival with the open day highlighting food in the Kaipara area. It is still well worth a visit. Several wonderful donations from local families will further enhance our displays, including some great fishing artefacts from the Thirkettle family.

Enquiries about local homes and local history have increased, keeping our few researchers very busy. We welcomed the Hill/Thompson/Rapana whanau during their reunion, as well as the Keane and Pengelly families. These families were pleased with what we could provide them about their own family members. They each gave us time to prepare for them allowing us to find photos, newspaper clippings, and even film clips involving their whanau.

The museum is close to putting together an interactive display in the Courthouse which will include a research area which will help anyone with Maori land queries, with ideas and links to where you may find relevant information.

We welcomed both Chris Penk and Greg Sayers as visitors. Our Local Board has expressed support for some of our projects, but sadly none of this has come with financial support. We have lobbied in conjunction with other Auckland North museums for heritage to be included in community development plans, both at local and Council levels.

Te Awaroa Museum has continued its discussions with the Auckland Council about preserving the long-term heritage of some of the district's houses, specifically a Helensville Railway Street cottage and Kaukapakapa's Henley House. This has become particularly challenging as it moves through Council departments and communication becomes difficult at best, as we seem to go backwards with every new department involved. Our oral history programme continues to grow with groups of long-term local residents gathering to share memories. This will be an ongoing project as we try to get people to share their memories with us all.

Our volunteers and committee continue to give their time and expertise generously, Without them we could not keep the museum running.



As we move into the festive season our thoughts go to those who continue to volunteer throughout the holidays. This year we have chosen to highlight some of those organisations in our annual Christmas Lights display - Hospice, First Responders, South Kaipara Good Food, Kaipara Memorial RSA, the local churches, Coastguard Kaipara and Paws-Restart. The lights go on 1st December and the Christmas display windows will be accessible from that day also. The windows can be visited free of charge until early January. It is our way of thanking those in our local community who help us all in our hour of need, as well as thanking our local community for supporting us throughout the year.

The museum will be closed from December 17th through to January 11th. We appreciate that it would be an ideal time to be open while so many of you are on holiday, but we are volunteer-run and we want our volunteers to have a much-deserved holiday. The museum wishes the community a safe and Meri Kirimete.

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Tiki Taane Brings the Beats to Helensville This Waitangi Day

Helensville is set for an afternoon and evening of live music, good vibes and summer festival energy this Waitangi Day, with **Tiki Taane One Man Band** heading to The Original Kaipara Tavern on February 6th.

Presented by Tikidub Productions, the event promises a fantastic day of music in the Tavern's Garden Bar, bringing together an exciting line-up of local and visiting talent for a celebration of live music and community.

Headlining the event is Tiki Taane, renowned for his unique blend of reggae, dub, electronic sounds and powerful live performances. Known for his ability to create an entire musical experience as a one-man band, Tiki Taane is sure to deliver an unforgettable show.

Joining the line-up throughout the afternoon and evening will be Sunshine Sound System, Axis, Dawndubb and Wildlands, bringing a diverse mix of sounds and styles to the Garden Bar.

The all-ages outdoor event will run from **4pm until 10pm**, making it a great opportunity for music lovers of all ages to get together, enjoy the atmosphere and celebrate Waitangi Day with some quality live entertainment.

But the party doesn't stop there! From 10pm, the action moves inside The Original Kaipara Tavern for an **R18 after-party featuring DJs**, keeping the music going well into the night.

Whether you're a longtime Tiki Taane fan, a lover of reggae and dub, or simply looking for something special to do this Waitangi Day, this is one event worth putting in the calendar.

With a great lineup, an outdoor Garden Bar setting and an after-party to follow, The Original Kaipara Tavern is set to be the place to be on February 6th.

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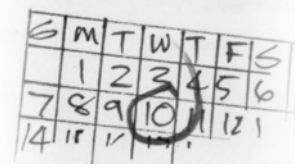
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What's happening this month





Friday, 11 December, Twilight Christmas Market, 4pm – 8pm, Santa, hair platting, live music, stalls

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Sunday, 20 December, The Village Market, Helensville Showgrounds, Railway St., Helensville, 8.30am – 1.00pm, held on the third Sunday of each month (excluding February) at the Helensville A&P Showgrounds. There's something for everyone, with a fantastic range of stalls, fresh local produce, plants, artisan foods, preserves, handmade crafts, unique gifts, collectibles and pre-loved treasures. This month enjoy delicious food and coffee, live music, free pony rides and a special visit from Santa! It's a great opportunity to support local stallholders, catch up with friends and enjoy the friendly village atmosphere.

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Saturday, 26 December, Boxing Day (Observed Monday 28 December)





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24th December	Thursday	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS Christmas Carols at 6:00pm Mass at 6:30pm
25th December	Friday	CHRISTMAS DAY Christmas Day Mass at 9:00am

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24th December	Thursday	MIDNIGHT MASS Christmas Carols at 10:30pm Mass start at 11:00pm and finish at 12:00am Midnight
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Time's Up on Short-Dated Vouchers: New 3-Year Gift Card Rules

There is nothing quite like the disappointment of finding a local shop voucher in a drawer, only to realise it expired last week. For years, hard-earned money across our community has vanished simply because of short expiry windows.

That is now a thing of the past. Under the **Fair Trading (Gift Card Expiry) Amendment Act 2024**, **all eligible gift cards and vouchers sold in New Zealand must carry a minimum expiry period of 3 years** from the date of purchase.

The law applies to physical paper certificates, plastic cards, and digital e-vouchers sold on or after **16 March 2026**. Whether you are a local shopper or a business owner on our main street, here is what you need to know.

The Core Rules

- **Three-Year Lifespan:** Any retail voucher must remain valid for at least 36 months. Any shorter term printed on a card is legally void.
- **Clear Labeling:** Retailers must prominently display the exact expiry date—or state "no expiry"—directly on the voucher.
- **The Fine Print:** The rule covers standard retail, mall, and estaurant vouchers. It does *not* apply to store credit for returned goods, phone top-ups, free promotional cards, or fixed-date event tickets.
- **Small Balances:** If a balance drops below $5, giving cash change is optional for retailers; the remaining digital balance simply carries over.

High Stakes for Retailers

For local businesses, keeping your terms compliant is crucial. The Commerce Commission actively monitors retail compliance. Failing to honour the three-year minimum or printing short dates carries strict financial penalties, including on-the-spot infringement fines of up to **$1,000 per breach** and court fines up to **$30,000 for companies**.

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An ending doesn't have to be sad

by Sequoia Thomson, Year 13 Student, Kaipara College

Hello everyone! Well, I can't believe I'm saying this, but we made it guys! What a tumultuous, intense year this has been for everyone, I mean, just so much has happened to everyone, everywhere. Not a single person I know hasn't gone through something hard, new or scary, and I truly commend you my dear reader and all the people around me for persevering through everything.

One thing this year has certainly taught me, which was explained to me in better terms by a very, very good friend, is that just because something is hard, that does not mean it is inherently a bad thing, or the wrong thing. Sometimes, the best choices in a hard situation, in order to figure out the person you are meant to become, are hard, painful, and scary. This can apply to anything in life - university, jobs, friends and love.

I recently talked about embracing mistakes as learning opportunities, and I believe the same concept can be applied to tumultuous events in one's life. No matter how hard something is, something beautiful will always result from it. So no matter what, I will never regret something because of the pain it caused, but remember it for the beauty it gave, and how it changed me to be the person I am today. Of course there are always exceptions, but I find with most things in my life, that's how I ground myself. Everything I've experienced, I would do over and over again.

There are many new and scary things, and a lot of stuff is changing for everyone right now, but I want people to hold faith to the fact that in the end, it will all be okay. Your student loan will come through, you will find a job, you will make new friends. Everything that right now feels impossible, will one day be little more than a memory. Remember, things are only as hard as you make them - and also, have fun!

Something I like to remind myself of that may help you all too, as I conclude this slightly existential article, is that we are little more than a dot in the scheme of the universe. The most beautiful thing about being human is that at our core, we are all made of the same material as everything else in this big, mysterious world. We are all made of stardust - stardust blessed to live and feel and breathe. How impossibly lucky could we be?

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Looking ahead to 2027

It is hard to believe we are already approaching the end of another year, but what a year it has been for our North West communities.

One of the highlights for me was seeing the North West Auckland Destination Management Plan officially launched in November. Just 12 months earlier we were asking ourselves whether we should even undertake the process. Eight workshops later, we now have a plan and a committed group of local tourism operators ready to start putting North West Auckland on the map.

There is also good progress happening with transport. Westgate Te Waiarohia station is open, while construction of the Brigham Creek Rarawaru station and park and ride is due to start next year. These improvements will become increasingly important as our communities continue to grow.

Our traditional A&P Shows remain another important part of what makes this area special. Business North West will support the Helensville and Kumeu A&P Shows in 2027, and we will be promoting the local businesses taking part. I would encourage everyone to attend, wander through the trade sites and support our local businesses.

Check out our December summer online edition of Corridor Magazine for member discounts and great stuff to do locally for the summer months.

As we head into the Christmas break, I want to thank our businesses, volunteers, board members and community partners who continue to make things happen across the North West. There is plenty still to do, but there is also plenty to be proud of.

Have a safe and relaxing Christmas, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together in 2027.

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Christmas Cheer at Craigweil House

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It is wonderful seeing everyone come together, sharing smiles and enjoying the little things that make this time of year so special. After all, Christmas is not just about presents and decorations, but about spending time with the people who make life meaningful.

As the year comes to an end, we wish all our residents, families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year filled with love, joy and laughter.

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What does $55,523 buy Helensville?

By Simon Court, ACT MP

The standard one-off infrastructure growth charge for a new home connecting to public water and wastewater in Helensville or Parakai is $55,523, including GST. On Auckland's metropolitan network it is $29,348. That is an extra $26,000 for a home here on top of the cost of constructing the home.

Earlier this year I wrote about how hard it can be to get housing and infrastructure lined up in Helensville. This charge is part of that story. A single charge like it can be the difference between a home getting built and the plans staying in a drawer. That matters if you're a local builder putting up two or three homes, or someone trying to build one for yourself.

I want growth to pay its way. If new homes need a bigger main or more treatment capacity, they should contribute to it. Helensville and Parakai have their own network. A small town can need an expensive upgrade even when it's adding homes a few at a time. With fewer homes to split the bill, each one's share can be high.

The $17 million upgrade to Helensville's wastewater plant and the $3 million dam strengthening project give a sense of what this work costs. Some of that work is needed to keep services safe and reliable for the people who already live here. Where an upgrade also makes room for new homes, how Watercare splits the cost is important.

The Helensville and Parakai charge rose by 20 per cent in July. That matched the minimum average increase the Watercare Charter required across its growth charges. Watercare is now reviewing how it sets those charges. I'd like it to show which upgrades it expects new homes here to help fund, and how many homes it expects to share the cost. Why does that add up to almost twice the charge on Auckland's metropolitan network?



Once caught in a 20-year spiral of meth addiction, gangs, crime and jail, Janet Balcombe has transformed her life through faith and recovery. In her updated memoir *The Wild Side*, she shares her powerful story of survival, hope and finding a new beginning. Janet is passionate about helping others break free from addiction and difficult circumstances. Janet and her husband Ray will be sharing her inspiring story at **Magnify Church, Helensville, on Sunday 6 December.**

ARTcentre HELENSVILLE

Our final exhibition of the year 'Cash and Carry' is on until 19th of December! Come and enjoy local art at affordable prices!



We want to give a big thank you to all the artists who participated in Arts in the Ville this year, and a big thank you to the community who came out to enjoy the weekend! What a great buzz it was around town with activities and workshops for kids and adults, 3 days of artwork to visit and new places to see sculpture installation at Kaipatiki Ora. We look forward to planning next years event!



Our classes finish up this term and now is a good time to enrol for the beginning of 2027 if you are interested in a creative and educational workshop. Visit our website to see what we offer.



We have one final Patricia Brickell Impressionist Painting workshop for the year, Saturday 5th December 11-3 $25 for the course, paint and card provided, an extra $10 if you wish to purchase canvases to paint on. Please email manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz to book (spaces fill up fast)

Students work from Patricia's workshop

Call for exhibition proposals! We have spaces available in our two gallery rooms in 2027, if you have wanted to hold a solo or group show please get in touch manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz, or visit our website under Gallery Hire for more details.



Sayers says it

By Rodney Councillor Greg Sayers.

Nearly fifty years ago, the Rodney District Council commissioned a definitive study on the Kumeu River catchment. Produced by Murray-North Partners in 1980, this extensive flood management report was intended as a blueprint to safeguard growing townships like Helensville and Kumeu. Yet, decades later, as we battle with repeated inundation, restrictive hazard maps, and fierce insurance debates, an uncomfortable question lingers: why has it taken almost half a century of recurring deluges to look back at the warnings already given?

The 1980 report was a clear-sighted warning about the vulnerability of particularly the Kumeu floodplain. Crucially, it recommended a town centre bypass floodway, wide grassed overflow channels, and strict vegetation clearance along the river corridor to maintain natural stream flow. It explicitly warned that future stream corridors must be aggressively kept clear of dense, low-lying vegetation. However, as the region transitioned from quiet orchards to rapid residential development—accelerated by central government mechanisms like the historical Huapai Special Housing Area—elected members failed to protect budget for the work.

As your current Auckland Councillor, I refuse to let our community be left stranded by poor past decisions. I have actively pushed Auckland Council's Healthy Waters division to shift from a reactive mindset to a proactive one. I successfully secured a dedicated river maintenance budget—the only one of its kind—which employs a local contractor to clear blocked culverts, remove debris, and actively manage stream flow paths. This finally delivers the type of maintenance Murray-North advocated for decades ago. This is a good start, but more is required.

I am also standing strong with local groups opposing reckless private plan changes on flood-prone land while advocating for stricter housing controls in high-risk zones. I have also secured permanent budget for clearing river weeds between Huapai and Helensville, effectively helping remove a "bung" downstream of Kumeu, while also removing the threat of a sudden, unpredictable wave, overwhelming local stormwater drains and threatening homes in Helensville when these weeds create massive backedup water blockages then suddenly give way.

Honouring the legacy of the Murray-North report means acknowledging that the core solutions to Kumeu's flooding were identified decades ago. While the report did not recommend more recent, expensive community aspirations like a $295 million drainage tunnel to the Waitemata or a $163 million dam, funding lower-cost, immediate frontline river maintenance better aligns today's realities with common-sense historical planning.

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Swarming in Auckland - What's the Buzz?

Swarming has hit Auckland this spring. Auckland Beekeepers Club (ABC) started receiving a significant number of calls, four weeks earlier than usual – starting from the end of August. Aucklanders can go to the ABC website and choose a local beekeeper on their map or call Bryan Lang 021 620 716, who will put out an alert on the swarm collectors' WhatsApp group. Up to fifty members are prepared to go out and rescue a bee swarm for free. We have seen more than double the number of swarms reported so far this season. This is most likely caused by such a mild winter – this was our third warmest winter on record. Or you could contact a local beekeeper who is available to collect a swarm.

Every year a swarm or two settles in a very public place and is usually reported in the news. This year has been no exception with a swarm on a bus stop in Queen Street, one on a luxury yacht in the viaduct, on goalposts at North Harbour Stadium during an Auckland Football Club training session, and another on a parked car in Birkenhead – with the driver having a snooze inside! These attracted media attention, with me being interviewed by RNZ and Bryan by The New Zealand Herald. This story was picked up by The Guardian in the UK. Over the next week local media swarmed, pun intended. ABC were contacted for comment by several NZ television and radio stations and international news outlets from Australia and even the BBC World Service. Bryan and I featured in television and radio interviews - must have been a slow news week.

Swarming is a natural element in the lifecycle of the honey bee colony. A strong, healthy hive will divide into two or more colonies, with the old queen taking up to half the bees and food stores to start a new hive. As beekeepers we try to stop this behaviour to avoid causing a nuisance to neighbours and losing so much production from a hive. Those unfamiliar with the behaviour of honey bees may be surprised to learn that bees are at their most placid when swarming. Bees are naturally defensive, not aggressive, which means that they only sting when defending their hive or themselves from perceived threats. As eusocial insects, their priority is to protect food stores and brood. When swarming, they will usually only sting if they are accidentally squished or get trapped in your hair or clothing. It can still be daunting when confronted with up to 10,000 flying bees, usually only around 7,000 though.

This also highlights the serious issue of changing weather patterns and how they affect those working the land. Beekeepers are known as landless farmers – often putting their hives on others' land in exchange for pollination and a bucket of honey. Like all farmers, managing our livestock is now more unpredictable, with more extreme weather and changing seasonal patterns.

There has been a strong nectar flow this spring, which means lots of honey being made in the hive. However, it looks like the Auckland season will be cut short by the expected extreme El Nino conditions. There is likely to be a drought which will curtail flowers and nectar.

No two years are the same for honey production. If you buy your honey from a local beekeeper, you will no doubt start to notice seasonal variations, although the flavour and aroma remain broadly the same. Honey can be compared to a fine wine – the terroir plays an important part and there will be good, exceptional, and mediocre vintages. A bottle of Clearskin blended wine is comparable to a cheap supermarket own brand honey – consistent, affordable and produced for the mass market. Local honey, by comparison, is an artisanal product that reflects the landscape from which it came and the skill of the beekeeper who guided his bees throughout the season before harvesting their surplus.

No Lack of Ability

Thomas Hogan may be chiefly seen for his disability, but when it comes to art, he is all about ability. Come and view his exhibition 'Cascades of Colour', running in The Library Room at the Helensville Art Centre until 19th December.



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From the Kaipara College Principal's Desk



Principal Jane Coup

Tena koutou katoa, Aroha Means Expecting the Best Tena koutou kato When people hear the word aroha, they often think of kindness, warmth and care. All of that is true. At Kaipara College, aroha is our way, and it includes high expectations. We don't see these as two separate ideas. Expecting the best of someone is one of the clearest ways to show you care about them.

Most of us have known a teacher, coach or whanau member who believed in us before we believed in ourselves. They didn't lower the bar because things were hard. They stood beside us and helped us reach it. Looking back, we remember that person because of how much they expected of us. That is aroha in action.

The research backs this up, and some of the most important work has been done right here in Auckland. Professor Christine Rubie- Davies found that when teachers hold high expectations for every student, not just a chosen few, their students make much greater progress. Those classrooms also tended to be warmer and more positive places to learn. High expectations and strong relationships grew together. Professor

Russell Bishop has spent much of his career asking what makes the difference for Maori and other students our education system has too often let down. In his book Teaching to the North- East, he describes two things every great teacher needs: strong caring and learning relationships with their students, and the skill to use those relationships to push learning forward. Teachers who are high on both sit in what he calls the North- East. Warmth without challenge is not enough, and neither is challenge without warmth. That is exactly what we mean by aroha. Our relationships with our akonga are the foundation, and high expectations are what we build on it.

High expectations look different for every young person, which is why we keep widening the paths to success. Alongside our academic programmes, we are exploring Agriculture and Building Academies, working with tertiary providers, and growing our Gifted and Talented programme in 2027. Whether a student's future is in a lecture theatre, on a building site or on the land, we expect them to reach for their best.

So what does this look like day to day? It looks like kaiako who give every student challenging work and the support to do it, rather than deciding in advance who can manage. It looks like clear standards for how we treat one another and how we present ourselves, held consistently and explained honestly. It looks like feedback that tells a young person exactly how to improve, because we know they can. And it looks like structures that help us know our rangatahi well. Our move to year level whanau classes and deans in 2027 is part of this, so that every student has adults who know them, notice them and expect great things of them.

Our staff have also been working on a graduate profile that describes the kind of young person we hope leaves Kaipara College: confident, capable, connected and ready to contribute. It is our promise to whanau about what we are aiming for. Next year we will share the draft with families for consultation, because a profile of a Kaipara College graduate should reflect the hopes of our whole community, not just the school.

Whanau play a huge part too. When home and school share the same message, that we believe in you and we expect your best, our young people hear it loud and clear. I'd encourage you to talk with your child about what high expectations mean to them, and to let us know where we can do better in supporting them to meet those expectations.

Aroha is not about making things easy. It is about refusing to give up on anyone. That is the spirit we want guiding our waka as we head into a new year together.

Nga mihi nui,
Jane Coup Tumuaki, Kaipara College

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Interested in the research?

This article draws on research by New Zealand academics into the impact of teacher expectations on student achievement and classroom relationships.

For those interested in exploring the research further:

- The powerful impact of teacher expectations: A narrative review (2025): https:// doi.org/ 10.1080/ 03036758.2024.2393296
- Teaching and leading to the north- east (The Education Hub): https:// theeducationhub.org.nz/ teaching- and- leading- to- the- north- east-2/

These studies explore how teacher expectations, classroom practices and supportive relationships can influence student learning and achievement.



Te WAKA o Kaipara: Navigate to Success
Te WAKA o Kaipara: Eke panuku, eke Tangaroa

Justice of the Peace Services available at the Citizens Advice Bureau

The J.P. Service desk at the CAB Helensville is available every week day 10AM – 1PM and Saturday 10am – 12pm. There is no charge nor appointment needed for this service.

A J.P. can witness signatures on documents and certify copies of documents as true copies of originals or images viewable on a computer or smartphone screen.

They also take declarations for documents requiring a Statutory Declaration and administer oaths or affirmations on court related documents requiring an affidavit.

Some of the documents commonly presented requiring Statutory Declarations relate to

- Immigration matters such as sponsorship
- Bank documents
- Change of name
- KiwiSaver withdrawals
- Certification of photos as being a true likeness are common as is certifying that people receiving overseas pensions are still alive

There are some things people needing a J.P. need to note:

- If you want a printed copy of an original to be certified you must bring the original with you, or be able to show it on our smart phone
- For Affidavits or Statutory Declarations, the person making the DECLARATION MUST BE PRESENT,
- Make sure the form is fully filled out and avoid signing the form before you come J.P.s are happy to help at their homes, providing you phone first and make an appointment.

Names of all local JP's can be found on the website, www.jpauckland.org.nz/locate-jp









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The holidays can be hard when you're grieving. This symbolic "recipe" invites you to hold your feelings with gentleness and remember your loved one with care.

Ingredients:

Memories, tears, quiet moments, courage, self-compassion, and a pinch of hope.

Directions:

Find a calm space. Acknowledge your feelings and mix them with memories and love. Add courage and kindness toward yourself. Season with hope, and let everything rest—grief has no timeline. Honour your loved one with a candle, a story shared, or a time of remembrance.

Serving Suggestion:

Take it slow. This recipe won't erase the pain, but it can help transform grief into a tender, lasting love.

Much love
Tracey Brown

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Helensville Library and Service Centre update for December

Sign up for a summer of reading fun with Raumati Reads

Kia ora e te whanau! With the summer holidays right around the corner, it's almost time to register for Raumati Reads!

Sign up for Raumati Reads!

Raumati Reads is a free, fun summer reading challenge for primary school aged children that will help them maintain their reading levels over the summer break. It's a must-do for the school holidays offering free events and activities at local libraries across Tamaki Makaurau, with great prizes to be won.

Tamariki and their whanau can register from Saturday 5 December at their local Auckland Libraries branch to begin the challenge, which runs until Sunday 31 December. Stay tuned to https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/ for all you need to know!

Santa at Helensville Library: Thursday 17 December



Santa and his library elves will be visiting some of our local early childhood centres, and Craigweil Home.

He is also appearing for a couple of events open to the public:

Santa Community Sing-a-long: Thursday 17 December at 2pm. Santa Storytime: Thursday 18 December at 3pm. Followed by Santa crafts.

There will be a chance for photos with Santa! Our regular programmes stop on 19 December, and will restart on 11 January.

Kids Time, for under 6s and their grown-ups: Wednesdays, 10am to 10.30am

Crafternoon for adults: Thursdays, 3pm to 4.30pm.

Crafternoon for kids: Thursdays, 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Baby Play, a playgroup for under 6s and their grown-ups: Fridays, 10am to 11am.

Lego Club: Saturdays 10.30am to 12noon.

BrainCharge: Wednesdays 11am to 12noon.

Book Chat: Thursday 17 December.





Getting in contact:

The Helensville Library and Service Centre is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 1pm on Saturday.

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

Auckland Libraries: 0800 695 427 If your question is directly related to Helensville Library – you can email us on: helenlib@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.facebook.com/HelensvilleLibraryAndServiceCentre

Anne Coppell

Senior Librarian / Poukokiri - Children & Youth | Helensville Library and Service Centre

SHELLY BEACH TIDE CHART

Date	High Water	Shelly Beach		Sun Rise	Sun Set
December '26					
1 Tue	0434	3.6	1702	0555	2024
2 Wed	0535	3.5	1802	0555	2025
3 Thu	0635	3.5	1901	0555	2026
4 Fri	0735	3.6	1959	0554	2027
5 Sat	0833	3.6	2054	0554	2028
6 Sun	0928	3.7	2145	0554	2028
7 Mon	1017	3.8	2232	0554	2029
8 Tue	1101	3.9	2315	0554	2030
9 Wed	1141	3.9	2354	0554	2031
10 Thu	1217	4.0	-	0554	2032
11 Fri	0030	3.7	1251	0555	2033
12 Sat	0105	3.7	1325	0555	2033
13 Sun	0140	3.7	1359	0555	2034
14 Mon	0216	3.6	1435	0555	2035
15 Tue	0339	3.5	1600	0556	2036
16 Wed	0339	3.5	1600	0556	2036
17 Thu	0428	3.4	1651	0556	2037
18 Fri	0523	3.4	1748	0556	2037
19 Sat	0624	3.4	1848	0557	2038
20 Sun	0729	3.5	1952	0557	2039
21 Mon	0836	3.7	2058	0557	2039
22 Tue	0942	3.8	2202	0558	2040
23 Wed	1042	4.0	2302	0558	2040
24 Thu	1136	4.2	2358	0559	2040
25 Fri	12.27	4.3	-	0600	2041
26 Sat	0050	4.1	1316	0600	2041
27 Sun	0140	4.1	1403	0601	2042
28 Mon	0229	4.0	1451	0601	2042
29 Tue	0317	3.9	1539	0602	2042
30 Wed	0406	3.8	1628	0603	2042
31 Thu	0458	3.6	1721	0604	2043
January 2027					
01 Fri	0553	3.5	1816	0604	2043
02 Sat	0652	3.5	1916	0605	2043
03 Sun	0756	3.5	2018	0606	2043
04 Mon	0858	3.5	2018	0607	2043
05 Tue	0954	3.6	2212	0608	2043

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. Chris K 021-157-1692

Aqua Aerobics – Low impact exercises to improve your health - and wellbeing. Classes: Mon, Wed, Fri, 9am – 10am, held in the outdoor pool at Kaipatiki Hot Pools all year except public holidays. Cost: $2 per class, $7 pool entry for non-cardholders. Contact Ruth on 0210-2277-481 for more details.

Citizens Advice Bureau: Helensville, is open Monday - Friday from 10am to 1pm at 16 Commercial Rd, Helensville. JPs are always available. Come for information and advice.

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.

Freemasons at Helensville; Regular meetings at The Duke of Albany Lodge, Kowhai Street, Helensville. For more information call Bob Greenough on 0210-829-2345

Groovy Line Dancing Tuesday 9.30am – War Memorial Hall, Helensville. $6 – Levia Aukino-Uruamo. Ph 022-626-7030

Hana's Group Fitness Classes, small group fitness classes. Pilates, Functional Fitness & Boxing for Fitness held indoors at the Helensville Rugby Clubrooms, 5 x per week. Please contact Hana on 0211623362 or email hanalundon@gmail.com

Helensville Art Trail, AKA "HAT". We are now open again after a lovely Winter break. Every 2nd Sunday of the month. December 13th, and January 10th. Two new Studios to find, welcome back visitors, lots of new unique pieces to find, for yourself or gifts. See you all soon, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from our Team.

Helensville Floral Art Club, Third Thursday of the month at Helensville Masonic Lodge, 9 Kowhai Street. All welcome. Contact Cushla 0212-588-979 cushanddez80@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 Monday 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 027-646-3324.

Helensville Railway Museum. 2 Railway Street, Helensville. Open every Sunday 10.30am to 3pm. 09 420 8961, helensvillerailwaystationtrust@gmail.com, www.helensvillerail.org.nz"

Helensville River Valley Country Music Club Held 3rd Sunday of the month at Tennis Club Building, Rautawhiri Park. 1pm start. 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 Kaipatiki Hot Pools. For more information contact Chrissy on 027-258-2010

Kaipara Memorial RSA. - Dining available from 5.30pm Wed, Thurs, Fri and 11am on Sundays. All welcome at the RSA, 49 Commercial Road, Helensville. Any queries, give me a call, Rex Keane, 027 293 2768

Kaukapakapa St John Youth: Ages 5-18 yrs see youth@stjohn.org.nz for more information. Tuesday 5.30-7pm during school terms, 1015 Kaipara Coast Highway, Helensville. Contact: Caroline 0221-674-823, caroline.thompson@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 whânau, with/ without children. Every Thursday 9.30am - 1.00pm St Matthews Church Lounge - 60 Garfield Rd, Helensville. Email: ourvillagenorthwest@gmail.com

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. Entry is free. Why not come along and find out what we have to offer. Contact details: Brian Lacey brian@lacey.nz, 0221-831-811, Nigel Dempster 09-411-9444

South Kaipara Community Patrol, Contact Paul on 021345928. or southkaipara@cpnz.org.nz

Te Awaroa Museum Open Monday - Wednesday 10.30am - 1.30pm 09-420-7881 info@museum.teawaroa.nz www.museum.teawaroa.nz

U3A South Kaipara: 1st Tuesday of the month for general meeting. See What's happening this month column for more information or contact Heather Hyland. heathertrish.hyland@gmail.com 021-829-454.

Trade/Professional & Services List

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Agecare	Craigweil House	420-8277
Age Concern Rodney		09-426-0916
Beauty Therapy	Premier Aesthetics	www.premieraesthetics.co.nz
Birthing Centre	Commercial Road, Helensville	420-8747
Budget Service	Francis	420-7740
Builder/Handyman/Maintenance	- Darren Williams	021-210-7721
Business Hub	Business Northwest, Danielle	0204-0027-008
CAB	16 Commercial Road	420-7162
Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning	Curtis	027-200-5456
Chiropractor	Kaipara Chiropractic Healthcare	420-6224
Computer Repairs	Michael - Controlaltrepair	021-251-4138
Concreters	Brewis Concrete	021-992-590
Diggers	Helensville Diggers	021-454-793/420-7023
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Early Learning Centre	Gumboots	09-411-9038
Electrician	Templeman Electrical - Jordan	021-127-1708
Electrician	Sean Gray Electrical	0274-784-396
Filtration	KPL Ltd	420-9108
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Funeral Directors	Hibiscus Funerals	0800-420-470
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Gifts & Art	FIGG 44 Commercial Rd	021-488-427/ 420-6026
Gifts & Clothing	Eleventh Hour - 60 Commercial Road	
Glass Services		
	Nor-West & Kumeu Glass Services	09-420-8210/0800-825100
Handyman	Dale Browne	0274-397-519
Homekill	Country Meat	021-161-4270/420-3113
Ink and Toner	Huapai Copy & Print	09-412-8882
JP's	Lindy McDermott	022-049-2871
Lions Club of Helensville	Chris Clark	027-646-3324
Market Opportunity	Car Boot/ Garage Sale	021-488-427
Markets	The Village Market	0274-831-542
Markets	Waitoki Village Market	Gill 420-3301
Mechanical Repairs	Helensville Mechanical Services	420-8177
Mower Repairs & Sales	Lifestyle Mowing Machinery	0274-955-948
Plant Centre	Kaipara Coast Plant Centre	420-5655
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Plumbers	KPL Ltd	420-9108
Pumps	KPL Ltd	420-9108
Pumps	Mid West Pumps	420-7694
Real Estate	Barfoot & Thompson-Kelly Davison	0274-670-175
Real Estate	Burmester Realty	420-8360
Roofing	KPL Ltd	420-9108
Shower Installation	GSI Ltd	0800-466-5327/420-8777
Storage	J S Storage	021-462-930
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