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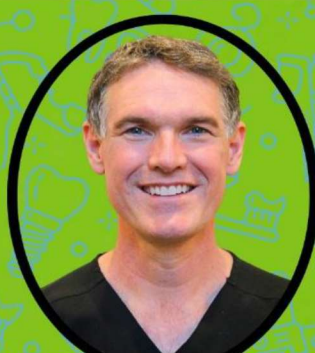
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From the chair, Waitākere Ranges Local Board

Summer is always a great time to pause, reflect, and look ahead to what the new year might bring.

One topic over the summer many people have been watching closely and submitting on is Plan Change 120 (PC120). While we wait for clearer direction from central government, it's worth remembering how the process works. Government sets the overall framework and expectations, but Auckland Council and the independent hearings panel shape the detailed rules and maps. PC120 is still a change to the existing Unitary Plan, so it must go through submissions, hearings and decisions—and it can be appealed or refined over time as the national planning system evolves.

Our board has submitted and long supported well-designed, quality higher-density housing in the right place. At the same time, we remain mindful of the fragile ecosystem within the Waitākere Ranges and the need to protect what makes our area special.

That's why we're also keeping an eye on Resource Management Act reform. At present, it doesn't properly address the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act—a local law that recognises the ranges as nationally significant and requires decision-makers to consider heritage objectives in planning decisions. Independent reviews show the Act has helped limit subdivision and urban sprawl. Given the damage seen during recent storms, this protection remains crucial. Our board will continue advocating to ensure these safeguards are maintained.

On a positive note, I'm pleased to share that deputy chair Greg Presland, member Hannah Slade, and I have been appointed to the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum for the

2025–2028 term. After many years of work to establish the forum, it's exciting to see it taking shape and realising the opportunity of having the attention on our area it deserves and needs. Its first focus will be developing its kaupapa, approach and shared work programme—and we're looking forward to what comes next.

Finally, I encourage you to have your say in our upcoming Annual Plan consultation starting Friday 27 February. The Annual Plan outlines what we aim to deliver in the coming year and how it will

be funded. Hearing your ideas and experiences is essential in shaping those priorities and we look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi,

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It has been a busy start to the year for us at Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade.

As at the Roundabout deadline, we have attended 34 call-outs. In a typical year we would expect around 20 by now, so it has certainly felt busier than usual. That works out to roughly one call every one and a half days.

Plenty of those have been local jobs, the sort our community is used to seeing us at. But over the past few weeks we have also been responding across wider Auckland. During the current industrial action involving the New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union, volunteer brigades have been helping to maintain coverage during scheduled one-hour strike periods at midday on Mondays and Fridays. We are not involved in employment matters. Our focus is straightforward. When the pager goes, we respond.

Earlier this month we were the first arriving appliance at the Auckland Ferry Building after smoke was reported. It turned out to be a false alarm, but that still meant a full internal building search and careful checks before the building could be declared safe. These jobs might not look dramatic from the outside, but they require patience, methodical work and attention to detail.

We were also part of the response to a significant commercial building fire in Pakuranga. (Pictured on right) It was a large and demanding incident, with fire well established on arrival. Our Qualified



Firefighters Matt and Nicole were featured in news coverage from the scene, and we were proud to see them representing Laingholm so professionally. Incidents like this are physically hard work and rely heavily on teamwork and trust between crews.

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Most recently, we attended the fire at the old gymnasium at Northcote College. (Picture on right)The fire took hold quickly in the heritage building and required a substantial response. Thankfully, all students and staff were safely evacuated. While it is always sad to see a well-known building lost, it was encouraging to see crews from across Auckland working closely together to bring it under control.



When we are deployed beyond Laingholm, it can mean our appliance is temporarily committed elsewhere. Fire and Emergency manages resources across the region to ensure coverage is maintained at all times. If something happens locally while we are assisting at a larger incident, another brigade will be dispatched. There is always a plan in place to make sure help is on the way.



Large incidents do not happen every day for a small brigade like ours. While we never hope for major fires, working at them reinforces our training and strengthens our skills. The experience we gain ultimately benefits our own community.

We have also enjoyed being out and about in more relaxed settings. We recently attended a community day at MOTAT, where we had the chance to

meet families, answer questions and show people the equipment we use. Those conversations are just as important as the emergency calls.

We showed off our rural appliance and Gator all terrain vehicle, as pictured. Those two vehicles also had an out-of-area call earlier in the year when they were sent to a large scrub fire on Mount Wellington. Here they are heading through Titirangi. Our thanks to Grant Manning for the picture



Laingholm Beach changes

A good turnout at Laingholm Hall a couple of weeks ago, on Thursday the 12th, to discuss a Local Board proposed plan to upgrade Laingholm Beach.

A contentious part of this draft plan is the proposal to remove the Phoenix Palms, which have been landmarks at Laingholm beach for many decades.

However, some people had broader concerns, believing the plan was short-sighted because it failed to address long-standing issues regarding the fishing club building at the eastern end of the beach, and the small creek estuary and sand accretion where people launch their dinghies and kayaks at the western end.

This subject has many similarities to the upgrade of the Huia Domain beachfront several years ago. The Local Board had to act due to the deteriorating stone seawall, which triggered a multi-departmental review of the adjacent public spaces. The simple repair job became a spatial concept plan. The public first heard about it when the draft plan went out for public consultation, by which time the council had already committed significant funding.

But the locals didn't like the proposal, and after much to-do, they got a different plan. The outcome was a 180-degree about-face from the local board's initial proposal. So, lesson one is that local boards do listen and will change.

Steps:

- The information and proposal need to be widely and well communicated (the Feb/12 meeting agreed that this month's Roundabout edition was the first step).
- If the community wants something different, the community needs to be clear about what that is. I would expect that a request to "do nothing" would be problematic for the local board to agree to.

One person at the meeting handed me several pages of his thoughts and an alternative proposal

(his plan attached on next page).

- If the community's desires differ from the Local Board proposal, people should request to give a 'Deputation' at the monthly Business Meeting. Only a deputation (as opposed to a public forum or a petition) guarantees the discussions around the community's proposal will be **recorded**.
- The community needs to make clear who their authorised spokesperson or team is.
- A request for a Deputation slot on a Business Meeting agenda must be made at least one week in advance by emailing waitakererangeslocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

At the Laingholm Hall meeting, there was mention of problems and disputes between Auckland Council and the Laingholm Fishing Club. I was involved with the club in 2023 regarding some of these issues, but the matter went cold. I thought the problems had been settled.

I am happy to become re-involved if the club needs, I can be contacted on 021066 6262. Or at

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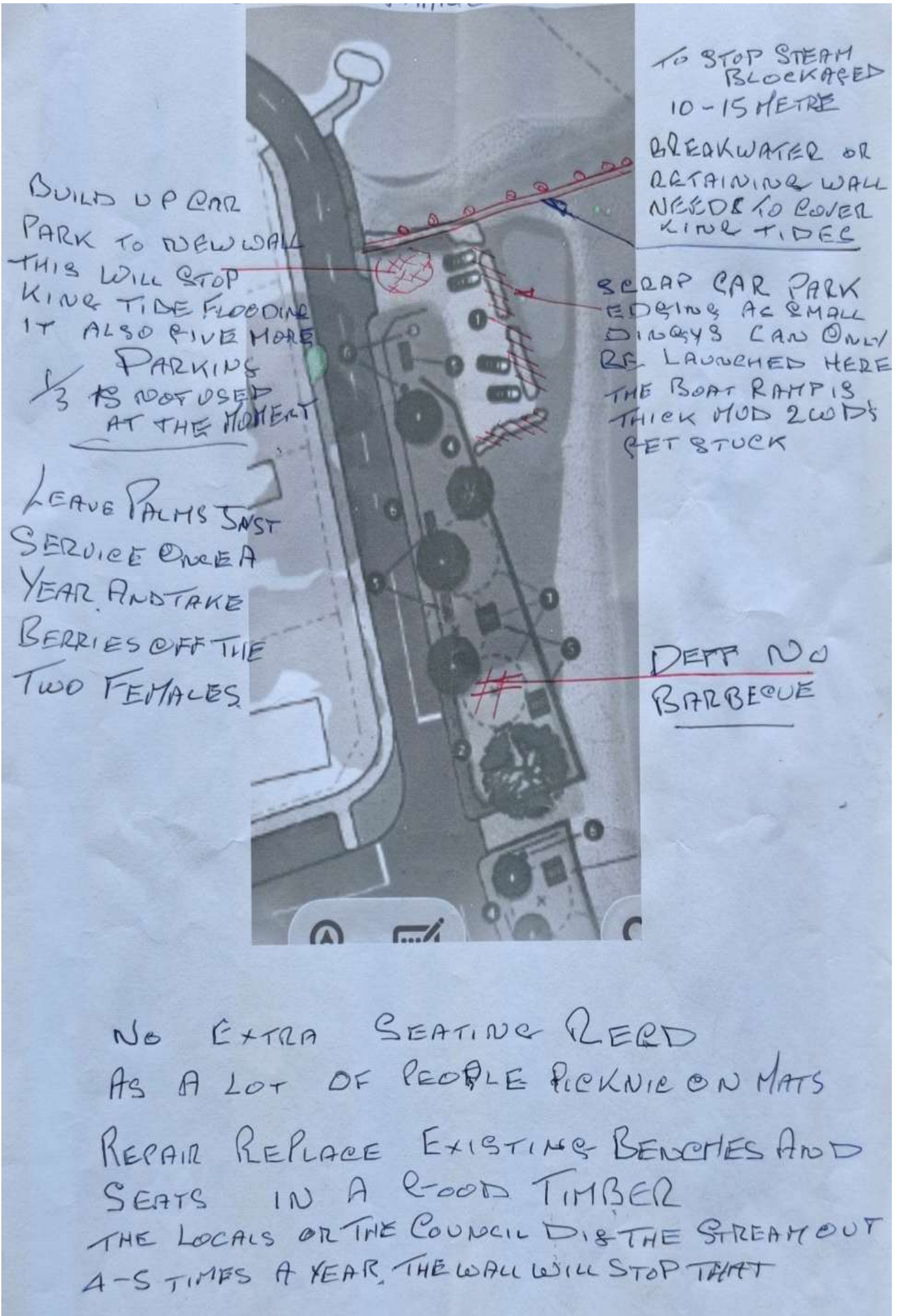
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The policy of the museum is to collect and display items that represent the history of Huia and district, for the education and benefit of the community and general public. The contents include a wide range of articles, photographs, memorabilia, artifacts and the history of local families. There is a room dedicated to the Orpheus shipwreck, with a commentary of the disaster running during opening hours. The items on display need the occasional dusting (no cobwebs in our museum), and the floor vacuum cleaned.

I joined as a volunteer when I was a newcomer to this community. I thought it would help me get to meet more locals and get to know the history of this area, that goes back to early 1800's. Many of the original settler's families still live in the area and some are current Trustees for the museum they have such a wealth of local knowledge. There are so many stories of a hard-working community that pulled together to make this area what it is today.

The **HUIA SETTLERS MUSEUM** needs more volunteers to keep this community treasure open. Come and have a look, speak with a Trustee, a great way to make friends and get to know your community. A time to remember and give thanks to a band of enthusiastic volunteers and other helpers who erected and opened the **Huia Settlers Museum in 1984.**

For the next month we have a display of

Norman Laing described the contents of a museum as:

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Aylene Parker (Huia Settlers Museum Trustee)





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SELLING A HOME SURROUNDED BY NATIVE BUSH: WHAT MATTERS MOST?

Homes set among native bush are some of the most special properties in our area. They offer privacy, birdlife, outlooks and a sense of calm that's increasingly hard to find. But selling a bush property does require a slightly different approach to ensure buyers feel confident as well as inspired. If you're considering selling a home surrounded by bush, here are the key things that can make a real difference to your result.

1. Light Is Everything

One of the most common buyer concerns with bush homes is light. Even if your home feels bright to you, buyers will be noticing how natural light moves through the property. Before going to market, consider trimming back vegetation that blocks key windows or outdoor living areas. This doesn't mean removing the bush character, but selectively opening it up, so sunlight can reach living spaces. Clean windows, lighter interior colours and good lighting also help counter any perception of darkness.

2. Define the Usable Spaces

Bush sections can feel magical but also confusing if buyers can't immediately see how the land is used. Clear paths, tidy edges and well-defined outdoor areas help buyers understand where they can sit, garden, entertain or let children play. Even a simple bench or deck can anchor the space and show how the property works day to day. The goal is to help buyers imagine living there, not maintaining a wilderness.

3. Address Moisture and Drainage Upfront

In bush settings, buyers are naturally alert to issues like dampness, drainage and airflow. Even if your home has never had a problem, perception matters. Make sure gutters, drains and ground clearances are in good order. If you've installed drainage, ventilation or underfloor work, have documentation available. A dry, well-maintained feel builds trust and reduces hesitation.

4. Lean Into the Lifestyle

Bush homes sell on lifestyle as much as bricks and mortar. Birdsong, privacy, outlooks, native trees, walking tracks nearby, and the sense of retreat from busy roads all matter. These are emotional drivers for buyers. Marketing should reflect this by highlighting outlooks, decks, large windows and the feeling of escape, not just floor plans and room counts. Photography and presentation are particularly important here. A well-shot bush property should feel peaceful, warm and inviting, not dark or enclosed.

5. Be Prepared for Practical Questions

Buyers will ask about things like maintenance, pests, sunlight, access and fire risk. Being prepared with honest, balanced answers builds confidence. Most bush homes do require some ongoing care, but many owners find the trade-off well worth it. Clear information helps buyers self-select and avoids surprises later in the process.

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New Year Begins at TRSS

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The new school year opened with the school's third **Mihi Whakatau**, now an established and meaningful tradition. This gathering welcomed new students, families and staff into the community through karanga and waiata, while acknowledging the whenua on which the school stands. It was an opportunity to begin the year grounded in relationship — with one another and with place. Families shared hāngī for lunch and reconnected over kai.

On the first day of term, students and teachers gathered for the first assembly of the year and the much-loved **Rose Ceremony**. In this tradition, Class 12 students present a rose to each Class One child, marking their transition from Kindergarten into the Lower School. The gesture symbolises both welcome and continuity — a visible thread connecting the youngest and oldest students in the school.

As the term unfolds, classrooms and outdoor spaces are once again alive with learning. With a strong start to 2026, **Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School** looks forward to another year of learning, creativity, growth and community.

Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School

Dr Samantha Marsh Talk

Last month we had the privilege of hosting **Dr Samantha Marsh** for her talk, *Behind Their Screens*. A Senior Research Fellow at the University of Auckland, Dr Marsh shared current research on how smartphones and social media are shaping child and adolescent wellbeing, along with the realities facing parents raising children in a digital world. The workshop offered a sobering overview of the latest data — and the gaps in it — before moving beyond familiar approaches such as cyber safety and content filters, to focus on strengthening human capability in young people and families.

This was further affirmation of the approach to screen use at TRSS, and we are proud to say that our Early Childhood, Primary and Intermediate School education is **screen free!**

Upcoming Exhibition

This month TRSS will host the **Rik ten Cate Sculpture and Friedwart Sketch Exhibition**. Rik ten Cate's piece is a replica of the Foundation Stone laid by Rudolf Steiner in 1913 and has travelled through the world as a symbol of unity and renewal. The exhibition will also feature Friedwart Sketches — artistic exercises that Rudolf Steiner created for adolescents to cultivate sensitivity to colour, light and form.

Upcoming Events at TRSS



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The Trusts Announce Opening of Their Largest Funding Round Ever

The Trusts are excited to announce that the 2026 funding round is now open for applications with a funding pool of \$1.5 Million, the largest funding round in the organisation's history. The funds support local projects and organisations that contribute to the wellbeing and development of the West Auckland community.

The Trusts are committed to fostering positive change by providing financial support to a wide range of community-driven projects. Eligible applicants include non-profit organisations, community groups, and initiatives that focus on areas such as youth development, community resilience, and environmental sustainability.

The available funds comprise two separate funds.

The Your West Support Fund of \$1,125,000 is dedicated to supporting established community organisations to facilitate social programmes across The West.

The Your West Innovation Fund was introduced for the first time in 2024 and its \$375,000 funding pool specifically targets new and innovative programmes which need a boost to seed or scale.

Key Dates for the 2026 Funding Round:

- **Opening Date:** February 10th, 2026
- **Closing Date:** March 15th, 2026

Application Process: Interested applicants are encouraged to visit The Trusts website to review the application criteria and submit their proposals. The Trusts prioritise projects that address inequity and promote long-term positive impacts within the community.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early to allow for review, error checking, and resubmission prior to applications closing.

About The Trusts: The Trusts are dedicated to giving back to the West Auckland community through various funding initiatives. By supporting local projects and organisations, The Trusts aim to build a stronger, more resilient community.

For more information on the funds, past recipients and to apply for funding, please visit The Trusts website at <https://thetrusts.co.nz/our-funds/>

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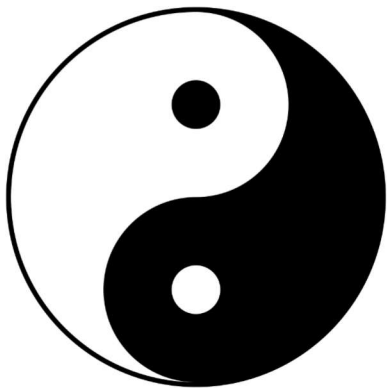
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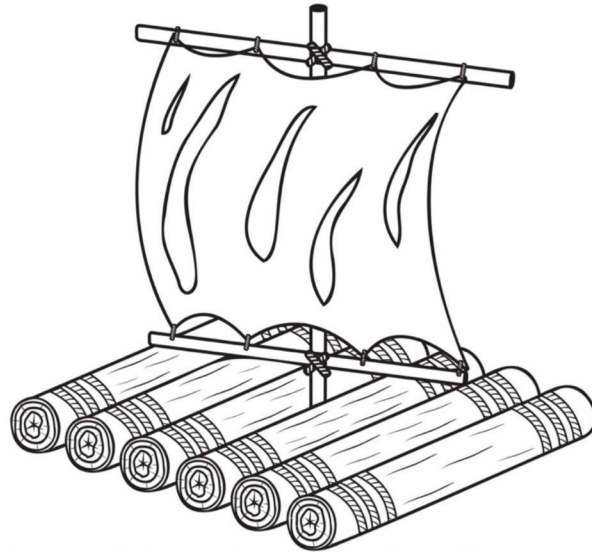
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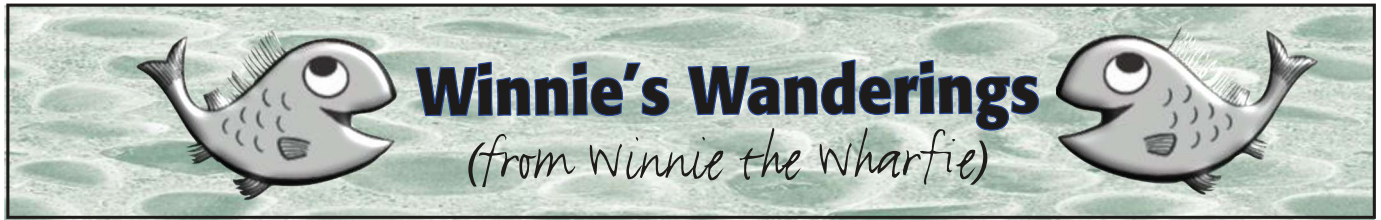
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Giddy fishos and a belated happy new year.

Fishing report for the harbour is a bit scant with no reports of anything spectacular. The number of kayak fishers is increasing but I often wonder how they land a big fish, let alone where they would put it. According to the Big Boys the Bar has been a bitch this summer, with getting out there a lottery. However the stout-hearted who have braved the conditions have had amazing catches most trips, but sometimes having to go out to 80metres to get them. My mate launched at Little Huia at 8.30am one day when a boat load of fellas said they'd got their limit at 30m. So, full of anticipation, my mate anchored up there for two hours, but not a bite. That's fishing for you. He ended up at 70m before they came on the bite and so he used up heaps of gas.

Was reminiscing lately about old fishing mates and realised, apart from two, they are all in the great fishing ground in the sky – a sobering thought. Had one mate, I'll call him Wally because that's what he was and most things he did turned to custard. Poor fella, he was a decent bloke, obliging and eager to please but unfortunately every inch a wally. He decided to put up a new letterbox but it fell over and the mail fell out and got soaked in the rain. So Wally tried to dry it out in the toaster which of course caught fire. So Wally unplugged the toaster and threw it in the garden where it hit the rock wall and shattered. He pestered me to take him fishing and oh dear, what a mistake. He'd broken his rod so I lent him one. I shouldn't have given him a barrel reel because he simply kept birds nesting in it so I gave him an egg beater reel but he tightened the clutch up so viciously that every time he got a fish on he kept breaking the line. That and the fact that he splattered bait all around the boat and lost my landing net overboard caused me to make excuses not to take him. My common excuse was 'sorry me and the old man have had a domestic and I need time out on my own'. One day he said to me you and the old man seem to have a lot of domestics, do you think you need to see a marriage guidance counsellor. He wasn't being sarcastic, just genuinely concerned. Anyhow, Wally and his wife moved to his daughter's granny flat and the problem was solved.

Well fishos, in the absence of fishing news I'd better dredge up a few jokes. Hopefully ones I haven't told before.

Woman said to her mate: Whenever I feel in the dumps I get a new dress. I wondered where you got them from, replied her mate.

Peter said he once cleaned 200 fish in one day. Crikey, said his mate. That takes some guts.

Wine improves with age. The older I get, the more I like it.

Ok mates, that's Winnie done for this month. Remember when fishing to hold your mouth the right way, it improves your catch!

Cheers, Winnie

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The Forgotten Suburb

Browsing between the pink (yes, pink!) covers of the Laingholm Roundabouts of February and March 1976 this caught my eye on the Baptist Church pages:

"Quite a number of people are interested in the HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY scheme that we are investigating. We are looking for land in the Laingholm/Woodlands/Waima area that is reasonably level, near a bus stop and with or without a building. The proposed units will be for sale or rental and administered by a Trust. Enquiries regarding the scheme may be made to Mr (Eric) Jackson ..."

It seems that the scheme did not eventuate – there does not appear to be a group of units anywhere in the area and I don't think there ever has been. The idea was mooted again 20 or so years later, when Vic and Audrey White were involved with The Roundabout. At that time an area of pine trees was being felled, clearing some land which may have been suitable for such a development. But again, the idea came to nought.

What an interesting concept, though. The Roundabout area is such a well-defined community, and it is sad when residents feel that they can no longer live here because of mobility challenges, the size and gradient of their section and the distance from essential services, like the doctor or the supermarket. Older people contribute so much to a community, with memories of the past and the wisdom of their years. And, young people who are often separated by oceans from their grandparents, can learn so much from them.

Now we have huge, corporatised retirement villages, many miles from Laingholm, providing a very different environment from the bush, the beach and the birds that enrich our lives. A small, boutique, retirement village within our village would have enabled older people to remain in the area that they loved and to which they had given so much.



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Salad

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3 Tablespoons Olive Oil
Salt and Pepper to Taste
200g Watermelon, Deseeded and Cut into Chunks
Half a Cucumber, Chopped into Chunks
75g Olives
A Few Mint Leaves



Whisk the honey, vinegar, oil and salt and pepper. Put the watermelon, cucumber and olives into a bowl and toss with the dressing. Top with chopped mint leaves. Cut the halloumi into slices and cook in olive oil for 1-2 minutes on each side until browned. Serve the halloumi with the salad straight away. You can add avocado as well as an option.

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Dressing

1/4 Cup Olive Oil
2 Tablespoons White Vinegar
1 Teaspoon Mustard, either Grainy or Smooth
1 Teaspoon Brown Sugar
1 Garlic Clove, Crushed

Salad

1 Cup Cooked Peas or Beans
4 Cups Rocket or Salad Leaves
2 Peaches, Cut into Slices
1 Packet Shredded Chicken
Salt and Pepper to Taste



Make the dressing by mixing all the ingredients together.

Place the peas/beans, rocket, peaches and chicken into a bowl and toss with dressing. Season and serve.

You can use other fruit like plums, nectarines or apricots or a mixture or perhaps try watermelon. You can also sprinkle Feta cheese on top.

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Sandys Parade – proposed park amenities upgrade project

In the 2025/27 Capital Works programme, the Waitākere Ranges Local Board supported the investigation of an upgrade of park amenities located at Sandys Parade. This is to be undertaken in consultation with local residents and park users.

Throughout December 2024 and January 2025 we undertook a mail out survey to the local community to ask what you would like to see. Feedback received was:

Phoenix palm removal	Native planting	Furniture renewal/upgrade
Yes 70%	Yes 65%	Yes 64%
No 30%	No 35%	No 34%

The concept design (to the right) has been developed utilising the feedback received.

A flyer, with a QR code link to submit feedback, was placed around Laingholm at the end of January 2026. Additionally a drop in evening was held at Laingholm Hall on Thursday February 12, 2026. This session gave voice to some community concerns and to ensure everyone has the opportunity to have their say, the consultation is now open through to 31 March.

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Pony Tales

While the most common activity to do with your horse is to ride them, there are many other ways to have fun with horses. We recently held an in-hand show day at the club, where the horses and ponies were judged and scored based on a number of different categories. Some people do this professionally with their horses, but we just did it for a bit of fun.

To start off with, all our equine friends had to be looking their best for our judges. Horse owners and pony carers spent a long time grooming and plaiting their ponies, and some of them even got a bath for the special occasion. All the club members worked really hard to get their horses and ponies looking their best. In the end, they all looked amazing, and were ready to stun the crowd.



It then came time for the actual show to start. In this part of the event, people walked their horse into the arena and tried their best to grab the judges' attention. The horses were judged first on their appearance and turnout, before showing off their fanciest trots. They also had to do a trick to impress the audience, before showing off any skill of their choice. All the horses did super well in this part, and their handlers were all amazing.

After a bit of deliberation between our judges, the time finally came to find out the results of the competition. All the horses were lined up in front of the judges waiting to hear the final outcome. From the best looking pony, to the horse with the best trick. There was even an award to the horse who had the best show name. The judges had a very tough job of deciding the winners of each category, but they did a great job. The horses were also given lots of treats for their amazing efforts.



After the horses had their turn, there was even a mini show for all the dogs at Huia Road Horse club. Many of our members own dogs and bring them along for a run around and to see the horses, but today they got to be part of all the action. They each did their round, similar to the horses, and they all had amazing tricks to showcase. After the prizegiving ceremony, all the dogs got a treat, and lots of pats from their owners and supporters.

We would like to advise that we will be holding a Special General Meeting onsite on Saturday the 21st of March at 4pm. Please check our Facebook page on the day for confirmation of location in case of bad weather and/or any updates.

Our Community Pony Rides run most first Sundays of the month, from 3-4pm, but check our Facebook page for any changes. We are always open to new members. There are plenty of opportunities to be involved as much as you would like and in plenty of different ways. For any further enquiries, see our Facebook page to send a message or feel free to contact the secretary at hrhc.secretary@gmail.com.





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Laingholm Fishing Club.

Greetings from Laingholm Fishing Club!

2026 is well underway and here at the Club, we continue to welcome new and old members. Most Friday nights we are back to serving meals so check out our Facebook page regularly for details of upcoming meals and events. If you feel like cooking a meal one Friday then get in touch with our secretary Dan to arrange this at lfsecretary@hotmail.co.nz. On the nights when no meals are planned, we do have bar snacks including hot chips.

Jag the Joker continues on Friday nights at 8pm and all you have to do is buy a drink at \$5.00 or more before then to receive one ticket for a chance to win the jackpot. The more tickets you have, the greater your chances. So far since its introduction, the Joker hasn't been jagged and the chances of winning the pot is increasing every Friday. We also run regular raffles for meat packs and these are popular with everyone.

We regularly hold fishing competitions but you don't have to enter one to get your fish's weight on the board, however you do need to be a Club member.

Already on the board one member has weighed in two fish for the Snapper and Trevally categories for this year. Maybe your fish catch might beat their fishes weight!

Our annual membership is due and you can pay online or at the bar in the Club. It would be appreciated if these fees are paid in the next few weeks as we have our Annual General Meeting on March 15th from 2.00pm. In order to vote at the AGM, you do need to be a paid-up member and membership can be paid right up to 15th March, providing this is done before the meeting.

Our main topic at AGM will be to decide via voting whether we retain the reclaimed land that is adjacent to the club and what our approach will be with Auckland Council regarding this issue. If you haven't received an email re this topic, then contact the Secretary for the relevant information.

Besides the above we will be holding elections for people who wish to serve on our committee and we welcome nominations from any club member interested taking an active part in the running our fantastic little club..

That's it for our newsletter. We hope to see you at the Club on Friday and Sunday nights.

Andrea

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Chinese New Year at Laingholm Kindergarten

At Laingholm Kindergarten, we have been joyfully celebrating Chinese New Year through rich, hands-on learning experiences that brought culture, creativity, and community together. Tamariki explored the traditions of Chinese New Year by reading stories, learning about the legend of the Nian monster, and creating lots of music for our festivities.

Our celebrations were full of creativity, children made lucky Chinese New Year paper plate drums, created beautiful horse artwork to represent the Year of the Fire Horse, and even learned how to make dumplings. One of our wonderful parents joined us to make dumplings with the children, creating a special shared experience that strengthened our community connections.

With a strong focus on music across our programme, we also wove instruments, rhythm, and sound exploration into this learning, using music as a way for children to express themselves, tell stories, and celebrate together. It has been a vibrant, joyful celebration of culture, learning, and community here at Laingholm Kindergarten.



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to a couple of our wonderful local families, including past tamariki and their whānau, who have so generously donated beautiful resources to Laingholm Kindergarten. The children have been absolutely delighted with the amazing collection of trucks, cars, and a stunning wooden train that have already become much-loved parts of our learning spaces.



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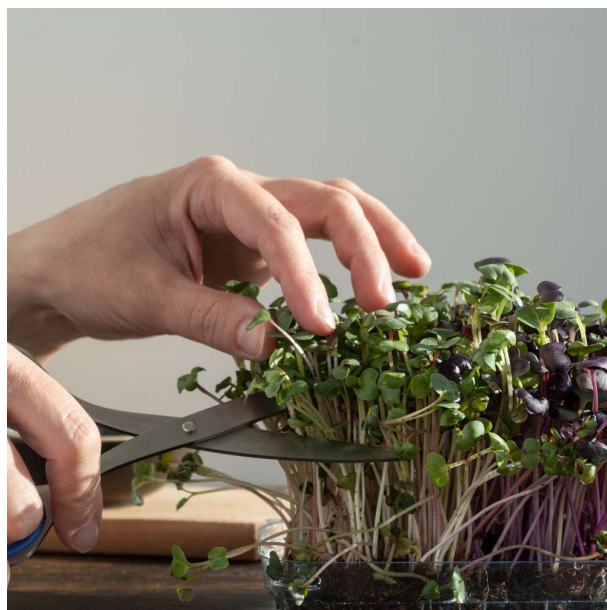
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Free | Titirangi Theatre | Thursday 16 April, 2.00-3.30pm

Learn how to grow fresh, nutritious microgreens at home in this free **Love Food Hate Waste** workshop with Wei. Participants will create a take-home microgreen growing kit — just bring three shallow stackable trays or takeaway containers (with holes in one tray).

Places are limited. Bookings essential. Search Titirangi at ecofest.org.nz

Free | Titirangi Community House | 1 April, 11.00am–1.00pm





Art

Exhibition

The 14 Stations of the Cross

Derek Lind is a local visual artist... a painter. He is also a singer-songwriter and a recording artist. He also attends our church.

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I find one of the pleasures of being a gardener is being able to share the fruits of all the hard work and after a slow start it has been great to share a bountiful crop of tomatoes with friends and family.

My other success story has been garlic which I harvested in December and after three years of failure and threats of never again, it finally came to fruition. Peppers and chillies are very healthy and with some judicious freezing should see me through winter warmers.

Sadly other crops were not so good and my potatoes were very average, green beans non-existent and the dwarf yellow variety which is usually a winner for me was disappointing.

Two lettuce plants thrived but the other four in the punnet disappeared, probably due to a lack of TLC.

As for the triffids, otherwise known as pumpkins, as usual they are trying to take over the garden while covered in powdery mildew.

Personally I'm not ready to think about autumn yet but the dedicated will be starting sowing their seeds for the colder months.

Let's hope we get some good gardening weather and fine evenings over autumn. Meanwhile, enjoy those summer delights.

Cheers Lady Greenfingers

Collating and then delivering Roundabouts is very good for your physical wellbeing and Annette Fletcher proved this with her medal haul at the recent Masters Games in Dunedin.

This amazing woman, competing in the lightweight division of the 80-84 age group, won a gold and three silver medals.

Annette competes in the indoor rowing events and won silver medals in the 500 metres, 1000m and 2000m.

Her gold medal was for the 300 metres where she found a last surge of strength and power to edge out her main 'younger' rival.

Annette has been competing at the Games for 30 years, starting in the 55-60 division, and has many gold medals while holding most of the records in the relevant age groups.

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Colourful Summer in the Goodness Garden.

It's been a floriferous Summer season. All sorts of blooms in all the beautiful colours of the rainbow and more.

Bees and Bumblebees of all sizes have feasted in the centres of every flower. Dahlias, Scabiosa and Sunflowers seem to be particularly attractive to them after the blue borage and echiums of Spring are finished.

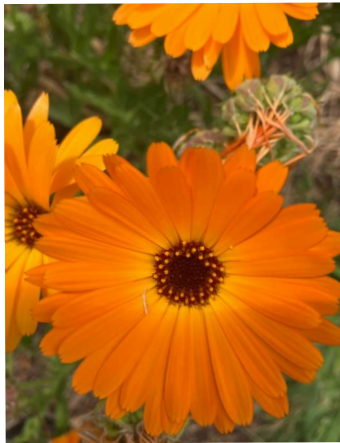


Flower Donations have gone to the Quakers group on Christmas Eve for their Mt. Eden Prison Posie Project.

Buckets of Dahlias have been delivered to Family Action in Henderson for distribution amongst people whose daily lives could be brightened by a few pretty blooms.

Novel vegetables have been fun. We're having another go at growing Kumara. So far, so good. It's well covered from those big red beaks.

The giant Passionfruit vine started off with a bumper crop until a disease took hold after all that early Summer rain. We'll try to establish new plants this year.



The fruit tree project sponsored by Ecomatters is looking good, new growth is obvious and the planting process has included a number of different groups of people. One fig has shown itself so hopefully more will appear next year.

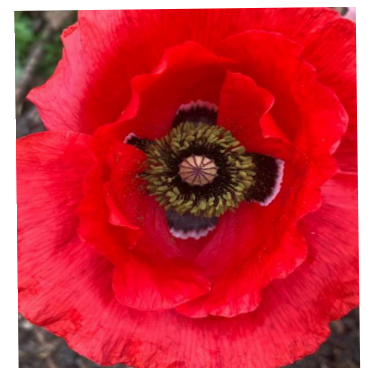
With the Tertiary year under way, we welcome students from Laingholm Kindy back and some new Learners from OakTEC too.

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The main presentation will be on **Ark in the Park**, where lots of changes have happened the past year with new staff members and a new methodology for rat control trialled. Join project manager Daria Erastova to hear about these exciting changes and what's in the pipeline for the future.

It's a great opportunity to learn about these projects if you're new, or help celebrate the wins if you've been part. Have a chat to everyone afterwards over supper about what we do and, if interested, how you could be come involved as a volunteer. All welcome.

Venue: **Ranui Community Centre** 474 Swanson Rd, Ranui.

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"On Saturday 28 March please join our Whatipu community waging war on woolly nightshade (tobacco weed) invading our precious Whatipu wetlands. Meet up 10am at the Whatipu campground Green shed.

Please bring tools (saws, grubbers, loppers etc), gloves, good walking shoes (your feet may get wet at Windy Point), water and lunch. Volunteers will work in teams and be provided with paste gel (bamboo buster).

The Whatipu Scientific Reserve is a mosaic of extensive coastal dunes and wetlands of high biodiversity, managed by Auckland Council on behalf of DOC. This remote wilderness area of accreting sand dunes and swamps provides important habitats for threatened shorebirds and wetlands birds.

This is a one time opportunity to venture within the Scientific Reserve beyond Windy Point, along Taranaki Bay to Ohaka Head. Our volunteers will be guided along a track below the cliffs skirting the wetlands, usually only walked by trappers, to the bigger ponds and swamps.

Following a few hours of weeding, around 1pm, there will be a guided walk to the ponds of Ohaka Head to see the birdlife. This is an amazing opportunity to view some of the birdlife and interesting flora of the wetlands up close. Whatipu is home to rare birds like bitterns, spotless crakes (pūweto), fernbirds (mātātā), and pied stilts (poaka).

If you wish to stay Saturday night at Whatipu Lodge or camp, make contact with managers Ursel and Peter (and let them know you are part of the volunteer weeding group.) There are limited beds available at the Lodge. Join other volunteers Saturday evening for a shared dinner.

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Welcome to 2026

It's hard to believe that Summer is coming to an end. It started off so well with beautiful days heading into the Christmas period. However, the only consistent thing with the Auckland weather is how inconsistent it is.

We finished 2025 off with a real high. Celebrating another great year with all of those that are important to us, our friends and family.

Throughout the summer months, brigade members have been dedicated to protecting the Huia community and surrounding areas. Historically the summer period is our busiest time for the brigade with the increased fire risk and the higher volume of visitors.

The brigade's role doesn't stop at emergency response.

Summer also provided opportunities for community engagement and education. Firefighters took time to promote fire safety awareness, reminding residents and visitors alike about safe behaviour during the dry season.

Simple actions — such as being careful with outdoor fires, disposing of ashes correctly, and reporting smoke early — can make a huge difference. The brigade appreciates the community's ongoing support and vigilance, which plays a vital role in keeping Huia safe.



We also took part in the annual Karamatua Heritage Farm Day. It was great to catch up with so many locals and meet visitors to the area.

Of course, as it is becoming somewhat of a tradition, we received an emergency call out whilst attending the event.



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Looking Ahead

As summer draws to a close, the Huia Volunteer Fire Brigade remains ready for whatever comes next.

QFF Dan will be attending his Senior Fire Fighter course in March. We wish Dan the best of luck on this next step in his Firefighting journey.

We also continue to support SFF Glen and SFF Neil through their Station Officer program.

Huia Volunteers take part in the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge

This May we are excited that three of our volunteers will be taking part in the Sky Tower Challenge. 1,103 steps, 51 floors in full Firefighting Gear all in support of Blood Cancer New Zealand.

SFF Neil, QFF Dan and QFF Sarah have been using the summer months to prepare for the event. They will document their training on the Huia Volunteer Fire Brigade Facebook page.

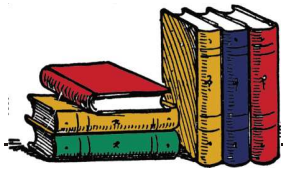
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Blood Cancer NZ receives limited government funding, making events like this critical to its work.

You can donate to the team using the QR code.





Book Reviews



GEORGE WADSWORTH & IAN JOHNSON

Midnight and Blue by Ian Rankin

Can you believe it? Our hero retired Inspector John Rebus is in Jail and he has not heard from his solicitor for a long while about his appeal. He is under the protection of gang Boss Darryl Christie (for the time being) who is also locked up.

When a murder of a prisoner, at midnight, in the same block as Rebus occurs, not only the prisoners but also the guards come under suspicion. The cell mate of the deceased had been assaulted and was full of drugs so was of no help. But what was going on between Officers Novack and Watts, two guards on duty the night of the murder?

Meanwhile a 14 year old schoolgirl has gone missing. The story revolves around the murder and the missing girl. Rebus who gets access to a burner phone – courtesy Christie, is able to keep in contact with police officers who support him. So the reader is taken on a journey involving prison guards, prisoners, police officers investigating the missing girl, members of the public, another drug cartel, until finally all is revealed. Rebus at one stage manages to get out of jail and return without being caught -the man is a marvel.

Then finally Rebus's solicitor turns up with some news and that's it. Most enjoyable read.

The Predicament, William Boyd (Penguin, 2025) is the second book with Gabriel Dax, travel book writer and his unplanned involvement as an “amateur” spy for British intelligence and is set in the 1960's. His MI6 handler, Faith Green who also happens to be his part-time lover arranges (manipulates?) for Gabriel to interview a popular left-wing leader in Guatemala who is likely to be elected the next leader, replacing the present CIA-backed government. When the “planned” meeting goes wrong, he escapes the country - just. Back in England, he is sent to West Berlin to delve

into a possible assassination plot, whose target may be US President Kennedy, who is due to visit West Germany (remember it is the 1960's so there is still a Berlin Wall and divided Germany). What then happens is a brilliant rollicking story, superbly told. This is spy fiction at its best – not as intense as John le Carre, more reminiscent of Graham Greene and Frederick Forsyth. This is the second book in a planned trilogy. You don't need to have read the first one but I have already ordered it from the library and will be looking out for the final book.

Yesterday When I Was Young, Suzanne Lynch (Bateman, 2025) is likely to appeal to those of a certain pensionable age. So, let's start in the past – Suzanne was part of the 1960's singing pop duo The Chicks with her sister, Judy Donaldson and featured on the early days of New Zealand television (black and white and one channel) in entertainment shows such as “C'mon” and “Happen Inn”. She went solo as ‘Suzanne’ in 1969. She also was also a backing vocalist both live and in the studio. When she shifted to London in 1973 with her husband, bassist Bruce Lynch, she picked up studio work (with Cat Stevens, Neil Sedaka, Leo Sayer among others) before becoming a member of Cat Stevens touring and recording band for 5 years. Back in New Zealand, she continued her singing and branched into being a vocal coach and mentor. She is still active today 60 years later as part of the trio “The Ladykillers”. She has been assisted in the writing of this book by Karyn Hay who has a formidable knowledge of the music industry. The book is broken down into short chapters which makes it easy to read and delve into. And the names from the past! Incredible memories supported with many photographs and archive material. As Caitlin Smith said “Suzanne Lynch's memoir is a NZ music history lesson”.

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are a continuation of our Friday Night Picnics last year. Friday Night Picnics were so much fun, that we thought we would run them again! They will run on Fridays throughout March so you will have plenty of time to check them out.

You can bring your own picnic food, or buy \$5/meal low cost dinner food (fundraising for Friday Club—our after school kids' club), or buy fries, ice creams and drinks from **KauriCones** which will be open. So mix and match and have a great Friday night easy meal here.

It's a wonderful chance to get to know others in your community and enjoy the rest of summer.

The last Summer Picnic on Friday 27 March will be extra special as we will be opening our *Art Exhibition: The 14 Stations of the Cross* at this Picnic. Also the low cost dinner food (normally \$5 a plate) will be FREE that night as we would like to treat you for Easter!

You can come and view our *Art Exhibition: The 14 Stations of the Cross* (which is free entry) anytime between then and Easter that KauriCones is open. There is more information about this on another page in this Roundabout.

If you or your family are looking for something new to do this year you may be interested in our women's **Craft Group** (fortnightly on Wednesday evenings); **Coffee& Company**, Tuesdays 9.30am-12; **Men's Breakfast** 10-am -12. We also have groups for children and youth. These are all good opportunities to get to know your neighbours. A highlight of our week is Sunday mornings 10-11.30 am when as many of us who can make it along, meet here to connect with each other and with God and enjoy a special time together. You are very welcome to join in then too.



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Restoring Nature in Laingholm

TO PHOENIX OR NOT TO PHOENIX



Left: Phoenix palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) Stages of growth Right: Phoenix palm seedling.

When I came to Laingholm nearly 30 years ago I was drawn to the beach - a secret treasure on the outskirts of Auckland. Evocative of a Don Binney landscape with the delicate arch of the Phoenix and the dramatic architecture of the Norfolk pine. It felt like iconic Aotearoa/New Zealand and indeed these are many of the sentiments expressed when people call out for keeping the Phoenix palms: "It feels like home", "they are iconic", " they are part of our heritage". However, I see things differently now. It's true, the feelings are mine and yours, but the evidence is there for everyone as to why the Phoenix palms should be removed. The palm fronds are dangerous and the hospital admission statistics are well documented: injury from the spines often require surgical intervention to remove embedded thorns. A 5-year study at Starship hospital found 8% of foreign-body injuries, predominantly in children aged 5–12, were caused by these trees, which cause intense inflammation and, sometimes, delayed toxic reactions.

The Phoenix palms spread prolifically into the native bush that we are surrounded by. The seeds are spread by the birds. They invade the landscape

and exclude natives, reducing biodiversity.

The environment in Aotearoa/New Zealand is unique, as the land was isolated from the rest of the world for approximately 60 million years, and in this time our very own palms, the only New Zealand palm, Nikau evolved. Nikau actually represents Aotearoa's heritage, not an introduced palm from the Canary Islands. It might be your story and my story to see Phoenix palms at the beach but it's not Aotearoa/New Zealand's story.

People may be scared to express contrary opinions and worried they will be considered woke, but this is Aotearoa/New Zealand and there is no other place like it on earth. It is true that our approximately 2,500 native plant species are now outnumbered by introduced species. It therefore behoves our government and councils to hold the line for us, otherwise looking at Laingholm beach will be no different to looking at a beach anywhere in the world. Let's change the narrative that Laingholm is the weediest suburb into one that Laingholm honors our country's uniqueness: planting a locally sourced Nikau, Tawapou, Titoki for example is not 'woke', it is a nod to our deep history and who we really are.

SETTING SEED IN LAINGHOLM NOW



Moth plant photo: <https://www.tiakitamakimakaurau.nz/>

GINGER & MOTH PLANT

Ginger is flowering now, so if you see it, please at least remove the flower heads, bag them and put them in the rubbish. Moth plant vines are forming pods now and they hold thousands of seeds, so if you see them, please at least try to bag the pods and put them in the rubbish. You can also cut the vine at the stem and let it die where it is. Wear gloves because moth plant sap irritates skin and eyes. Ginger and moth plant can both be controlled using a 'cut and paste' herbicide. Join our Facebook group for quick advice on weed control.

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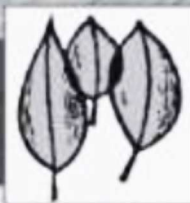
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