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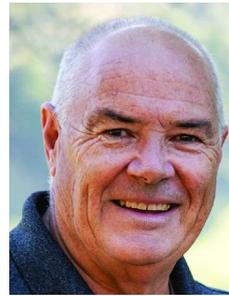
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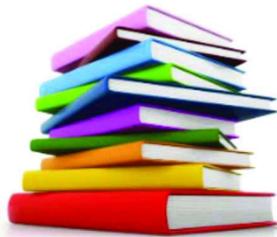


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The Big Five!

We now have five fabulous horses in our grazing herd at Huia Road Horse Club. If you have been to our pony rides days, you may have met some of them, but here's a bit more information about them all.

Rosie



Rosie has lived at Huia Road Horse Club for about 2 years now. She is 19 years old and is 14.2 hands high. She is an Appaloosa, which gives her all her beautiful speckles. She is smart, talented and has an awesome personality. She belongs to Naeva and family. She loves jumping, and looks amazing doing it. She also enjoys getting out and about, and goes to Massey Pony Club. She loves all sorts of treats, including granny smith apples, pears, and carrot sticks.

Marlo

The kind, helpful and gentle boss of the herd, Marlo belongs to Jen and family. He has lived here for about a year, and is the nicest guy you'll ever meet. He tries his best to help out the human herd. He is a 15.3hh, beautiful bay gelding, and is 12 years old. He enjoys snoozing in the sun, playing crazy games with his friends, and keeping everything in check. He is super handsome, and does impressive rearing during his games with friends. He appreciates all sorts of fruity treats.



Tink



Tink has called HRHC home for 10 months. She belongs to Milly and family, and is a 15.1hh, absolutely beautiful chestnut Thoroughbred. She has recently had her 11th birthday, celebrated with lots of treats, cuddles, and games with her friends. She can sometimes be a bit of a princess, but also enjoys being a clown, and joining in crazy games. She can sometimes be found doing some painting, and enjoys learning tricks. She is very happy to eat any sort of treat offered.

Beau

Beau came to live here about a month ago. He came all the way from Wellington to join our herd. He is a very handsome, 14.2hh English Riding Pony/Thoroughbred cross. He is 13 years old, and belongs to Megan and family. While he looks very sophisticated, he can be a total clown, and has the worst table manners of the herd. He loves being busy in the arena with Megan, and enjoys hanging out with his horse friends. Beau enjoys apples and carrots, but isn't keen on strawberries!



Bella



Bella is the newest member of the herd, and is just slightly taller than Marlo. She is a 13 year old, beautiful, bay Thoroughbred. She belongs to Jojo and family. She is settling into the herd really well, and making friends with everyone. She very much enjoys hanging out in the sun with the other two mares. She loves pears, but like Beau, she does not enjoy strawberries. Bella is absolute sweetheart, and we are all looking forward to getting to know her more.

All of our Big Five get plenty of treats from their owners. We ask you to kindly not feed our horses or ponies yourselves. Thank you.

If you want to meet any of our Big Five up close, or see our ponies, don't forget to come to our next Pony Rides Day – always the first Sunday of the month, from 3-4pm. Our November pony rides day will include a sausage sizzle. For enquiries or more information, please contact Club President Louise on 0274991732, or see <https://www.facebook.com/huiaroadhorseclub>.



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There's much to discover meandering along a New Zealand beach with small children when the tide is out. This simple bilingual counting book, with watercolour illustrations, features many treasures to encourage their curiosity. Although set at Huia on the Manukau Harbour, many of these shells, creatures and birds can be found on beaches throughout the country.

Tides Out will help children reinforce their counting skills whilst introducing them to the fascinating seashore life on New Zealand beaches.

About the author

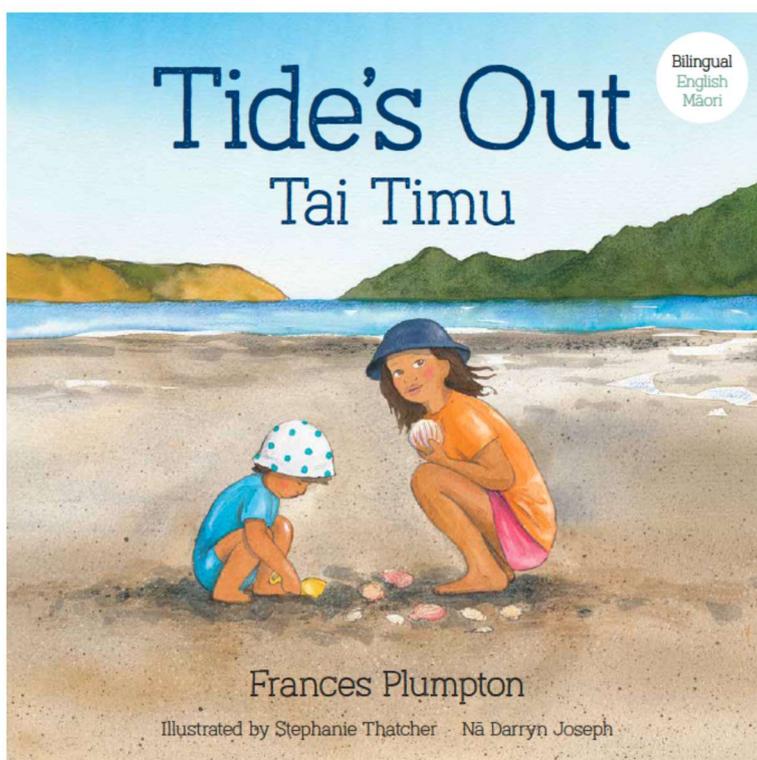
Frances Plumpton has spent endless summers wandering Huia beach on the Manukau Harbour with her children and grandchildren. Frances has had a long career as a children's librarian, and is well known as an ardent advocate for New Zealand children's literature. She is a founder member of Storylines Trust Te Whare Waituhi Tamariki o Aotearoa and now manages Frances Plumpton Literary Agency.

About the illustrator

Stephanie Thatcher lives in Huia looking out over Foster Bay and has used watercolours to illustrate the familiar scenes. Her three sons spend much of their time exploring the beach and surrounding bush. She is the author and illustrator of more than ten picture books, many celebrating New Zealand wildlife. Her most recent book is No Home for a Wētā (Scholastic NZ, 2022).

About the translator

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We have a \$50 voucher for native plants that we will give away once we have the draw from all those who completed the plant ID quiz.

Our goal is to let locals know what we do and to encourage you all to come along and join the team, or work on your own patch perhaps with a little guidance from us. Collectively we are making a big difference to the Laingholm environs. If you didn't make it to the day, but feel inspired to join us nonetheless – please email restorationruatuna@gmail.com. Our working bees on the first Sunday of each month are turning out to be a real social event and a great way to get to know your neighbours.



PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH



Pampus *Cortaderia selloana*

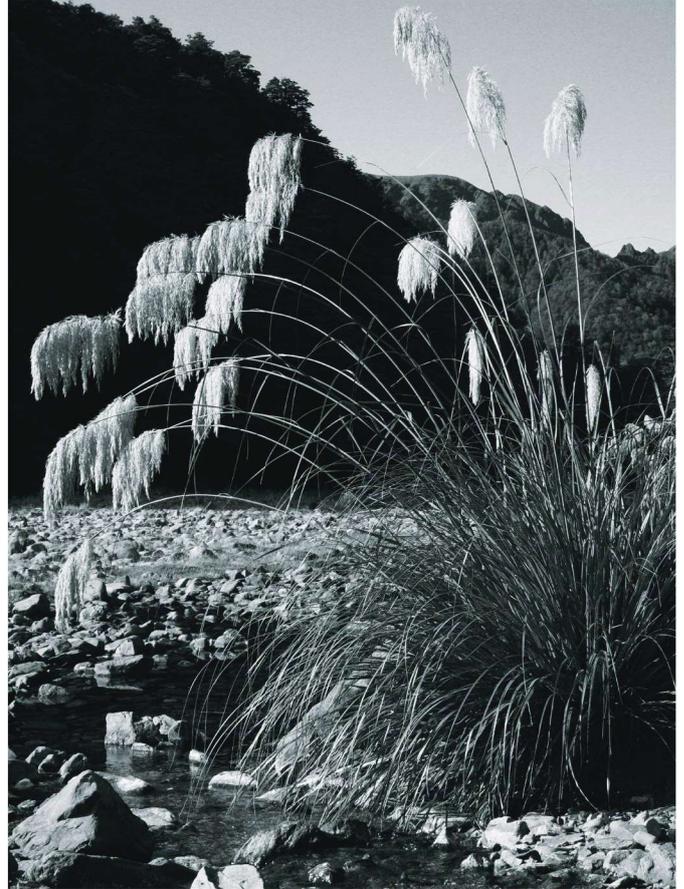
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Pampus and our native toe toe are often confused. There are two invasive species (*C. jubata* and *C. selloana*). There are four natives species on mainland New Zealand plus one endemic to the Chatham Islands, but the one that grows locally is *Austroderia fulvida*. Both the native species and the pests are often referred to as cutty grass. Pampus forms large clumps, usually 2-3m high. It can be distinguished from the native species by its conspicuous leaf midrib, without secondary veins between the midrib and leaf edge – all the native species have secondary veins on both sides of the midrib. Pampus also has dead leaf bases that spiral like wood shavings, whereas the native species do not. Pampus has erect, dense, fluffy, white-pinkish flowerheads (Jan-Jun) that fade to a grey-white as seed forms. The flowers of the native toe toe vary among the species but the one that grows in the Waitakere Ranges has pendulous graceful flower stalks and light golden-yellow flowerheads (Sep-Jan).

Control

Pull or dig out small plants. I find the best way to control large clumps is to cut them down as close to the base as possible and then spray the stumps with glyphosate using a 30-50% concentrate mix with penetrant. This method minimises spray drift and is more effective than spraying the leaves.

PLANT OF THE MONTH



**Kakaho or toe toe *Austroderia fulvida*
(syn. *Cortaderia fuvida*)**

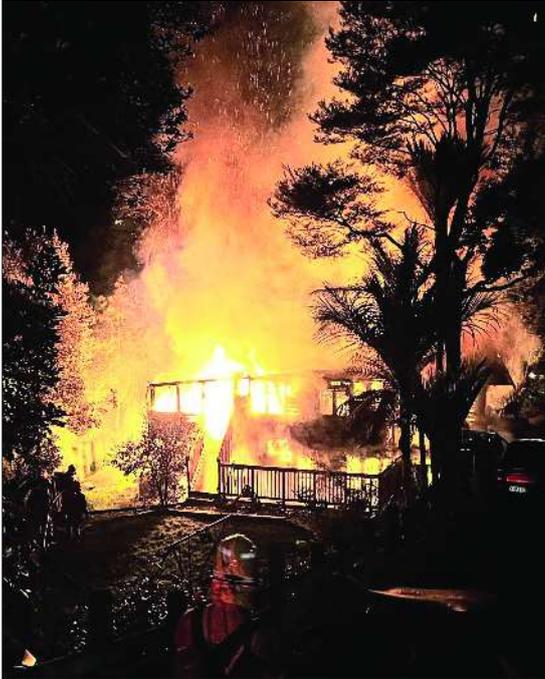
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Grows up to about 2m depending on the site from the coast to the montane zone on cliffs, stream and road banks, in damp areas within forest clearings, and occasionally on dunes. It is endemic to New Zealand and occurs in the North Island (uncommon north of Auckland) and also Marlborough in the South Island. It has distinct secondary veins between the midrib and the edges of its leaf blades and creamy gold flower plumes on pendant stalks. It starts flowering in October or later (Dec-Jan) at higher elevations. It is common at Whatapu and on the Manakau Harbour cliffs where it has not been excluded by weed species such as the invasive *Cortaderia selloana*. We have planted several by the stream in Western Park.

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Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade



The most serious property fire in the Laingholm area for many years occurred last month and resulted in the destruction of a home in Victory Road. The first of multiple 111 calls was received by the fire and emergency communications centre at 4.10 in the morning which responded Laingholm and Titirangi fire appliances to the call. The Laingholm crew arrived on the scene to find two storey house totally alight and transmitted an assistance message, before directing the first of three large

hoses at the flames. For the first few minutes the water was turning to steam. By the time the fire was fully extinguished fire crews from Glen Eden, Henderson, Waitakere and Huia had also been involved. The Auckland Operational Support Unit closed the road and provided assistance to the crews.



The sole occupant of the house escaped unhurt and was checked over by Laingholm brigade medical responders. They had concerns about his condition so an ambulance was called and he was taken to hospital for further checks.



The family who lived in the home were away, but have lost most of their possessions. We understand from their Facebook postings that their insurance will not cover the replacement of the home.

Fire investigators attended and the cause is being put down as accidental, probably due to rodents damaging the electrical wiring. The fire again underlines the importance of smoke alarms and if anyone is having difficulties providing them please call chief officer Graeme Booth on 021764741 and we will arrange their supply and installation.

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Fire crews from Huia and Laingholm spent several chilly hours early one morning last month monitoring a grass fire at Whatipu. It was caused by a group who got lost and wanted to call for help, as well as keeping warm. They were rescued by the Police Eagle helicopter but unfortunately the fire got away. It was too dangerous to fight in the darkness so Laingholm's appliance was moved into position to protect the



Whatipu Lodge, (see picture) supplied by a portable pump from Huia's appliance. Not long before daylight and just as a helicopter was readying for takeoff, several heavy rain showers swept the area and did most of the work for the fire crews. With summer just around the corner it's timely to remember that fire is one of the greatest threats to the beautiful Waitakere Ranges. Some forecasters are predicting a dry summer and if it happens everyone who lives in the ranges or visits them needs to take special care. If you see a fire call 111.

We were delighted to welcome the community to the station open day, marking 50 years since the present station was opened. We had all our vehicles on display, including our first ever Ford V8 which was present when the first station, at the corner of Victory and Kauri Point Roads was opened back in 1955. Dressing



up as firefighters and squirting fire hoses was popular with the youngsters while grown ups had a chance to look over the station and talk to the crew. Again we heard the comment that the station is much larger than it appears to be from the



Huia Road in Parau claimed two victims last month, both small cars driven by young men. Thankfully neither of them was injured although their cars were write offs. Drivers, no matter if



you are young, older, male or female please treat Huia Road which respect. It has a number of reverse cambers, is narrow and it's very easy to put a wheel off the

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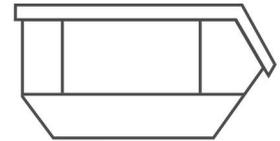
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The Forgotten Suburb

Jacinda asked us to be kind. Chris Hipkins encouraged us to get out and “spread” our legs. Dr Bloomfield told us to get tested. We started to wear masks and we socially distanced. The autumn was warm and dry. The reservoirs shrank to less than half their capacity. There were teddy bears in windows. We walked, often strung out across deserted roads, stepping aside when an empty bus went past and waving to the lonely driver. We’d stop for a chat, without getting too close. And the silence! No traffic noise and no big jets overhead. Some of us cleaned out cupboards and did some de-cluttering. On ANZAC Day, we stood at our letterboxes to remember the fallen.

That was two and a half years ago. Most of us have had covid now, in spite of being vaccinated. New Zealand’s response to the pandemic is the envy of the world. Now it’s back to normal. But is it? Buses are no longer empty – but there is not the number of passengers there were pre-covid. The slip on Laingholm Drive has disrupted the schedule – and there are cancellations because of a shortage of drivers.

It also seems that people are over being kind. We hardly hear that word now. Activities and meetings are happening again and it seems that there is an increase in stropiness. Why? Are people re-asserting themselves in the pecking order of society? Are we just fed up with being told what to do? Working from home and zoom meetings continue but it’s hard to network and just check how people are when they are just a face on a screen. Social connections have been lost.

There’s a backlog of work to be done – maintenance, both public and private, and new builds of various kinds and everyone wants their job done now. But there are supply chain hold ups and labour shortages and we exhausted our patience during covid.



A covid teddy bear

It seems that the de-cluttering trend has continued. Op Shop workers are struggling with the volume of donations. Many of the items are saleable – but some are, unfortunately, rubbish. Goods left at the door when the shop is closed usually get rifled through and get wet if it rains. The Op Shop volunteers are predominantly retirees and they have to deal with this.

Let’s not forget the good things covid taught us. Kindness and consideration are never out style. If we all treat others the way we’d like to be treated ourselves, it’s not just the Forgotten Suburb that would be a better place – the whole world would be a better place.

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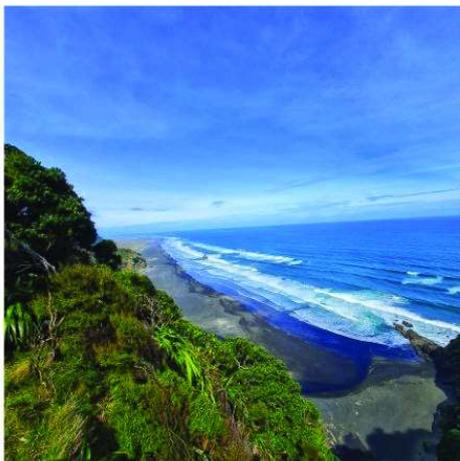
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Spring is a lovely time to do this walk as the Kowhai flowers are out.



If you are doing this walk over the summer time then pack a picnic and your togs and cool off at Karekare beach before heading back up the hill.

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For more information: contact the Arataki Visitor Centre on **09 892 4777** or visit [facebook.com/aratakivisitorcentre](https://www.facebook.com/aratakivisitorcentre)



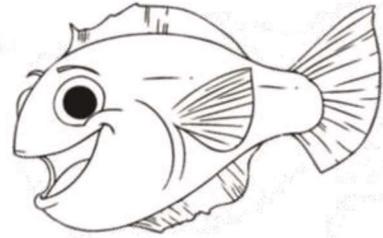
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November is a great time for planting seedlings such as beans, beetroot, capsicum, chillies, courgettes, sweetcorn and of course tomatoes. I can never resist buying tomato plants from the plant stores and then of course get dozens of self-seeded ones popping up randomly throughout the garden.

Roses are blooming at the moment but might like some fertiliser and keep an eye on them for pests and diseases. Marigolds can help with this because as well as adding brilliant colour to your veggie patch they help keep away aphids.



So take care, keep weeding and watch your garden flourish in the warmer weather

The Lady Green-fingers

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But we still want to have food (afternoon tea!), safe childcare practices, and lots of fun, so we apply for grants and do fund raising. A big thankyou to the Lotteries Grants Board who have just given us \$3000 towards the running of Friday Club and CONNECT in 2023.

We are about to start a new fundraising venture for Friday Club, CONNECT and RockSolid (our secondary school youth programme). All summer long we will be selling Real Fruit Icecreams and all the profit will go to what we do with children and youth in Laingholm. So come and enjoy our Icecreams and support the children and youth in your community at the same time!

Real Fruit Icecreams



The journey to get to this point has been long. All year we have been practicing and perfecting our Real Fruit Icecreams: blueberry, strawberry, boysenberry, mixed berries... Our senior secondary youth and young adults have done an *Industry Training Solutions* Comprehensive Food Safety Course which has given them Level 2 and Level 3 NCEA credits and the necessary knowledge and training to operate commercially. We are in the process of applying for our Food Registration with Auckland Council and plan to start selling our Icecreams in December.

So watch out for the 'Real Fruit Icecreams' Flags. When they are out, we are selling, so come and support us and Friday Club, CONNECT and RockSolid, as you enjoy a fantastic summer treat.

Friday Club (for Years 1-6) and CONNECT FC (for Year 7-8) are run by LBC and adults and youth from our community, to provide children and Intermediates and their families with a safe and welcoming environment to get to know each other and have fun. We also give children and Intermediates a chance to get to know older teenagers in our community - our fantastic group of young leaders; to be mentored and encouraged; to think about and explore life with God and to develop strategies for resilience that will help them with challenges they encounter. There is no charge. We run by donation.

If you would like to enrol your child or get more info about Friday Club or CONNECT

ring Alison Diprose on 021 141 1483.

Friday Club and CONNECT Friday Club sessions in November are on the 11th, 18th and 25th. There is no Friday Club on Friday 4th November as Alison is away.



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Advent Fair again!

We are super excited to be able to hold our annual Advent Fair again after a hiatus last year due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

For those who haven't attended before, the Fair is a wonderful community event that reflects and shares the values of the school with all – weaving together craft, music, hospitality, and storytelling for a great day out!

Visitors have the chance to be involved in creative advent activities such as the very popular wreath-making and candle dipping.

For young children the fair is a magical experience – they get to meet the elusive Fairy Queen in her secluded grotto, enter into the Children's Bazaar to buy their own special treasures, dine at the children's cafe, have their faces painted, use their casting skills to catch a (chocolate) fish at the Fishing Game and watch an enchanting puppet show.

For the more adventurous, there is the best flying fox in West Auckland! And for children of all ages there are lots of field games to try out – archery, coconut shy, tug-o-war, three-legged and egg & spoon races and more.

We love food - and at the fair, we make sure that there are delicious treats for all with lots of options - a vegetarian buffet style café with sushi, curries, salads, pizza, fruit salad, desserts... also beefy and vegetarian sausage sizzle, ice creams, barista coffee and, of course, plenty of cakes!

Bargain hunters, vintage and recycling lovers will no doubt find something interesting, useful or amusing in the 'White Elephant' and at the second-hand designer clothing.

The Fair's village market atmosphere is complemented with 60 hand-selected stalls offering such things as Christmas decorations, fleece fairies & angels, jewellery, clothes, toys, handmade soap & shampoo, art tiles, wood-turned items and so much more. It's a really great place to find those special Christmas gifts.

...And did we mention music? Yes! Live music all day from some of the best musicians the west has to offer.

There is limited parking in surrounding areas, so please use the free shuttle service operating all day to and from Titirangi Memorial Hall, Woodlands Park School and Tangiwai Reserve

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We are looking forward to welcoming all to another fun filled family day!

Class 12 Play

Wow! What an amazing performance season from Class 12 students as they took their Class 12 Play *Tartuffe et Plus* to the next level.

They sold out Lopdell House Theatre on Thursday and Friday performances at the end of last term with rave reviews from the audience – “better than some professional shows” they've paid more to see. High praise!

The costumes were absolutely stunning thanks to our dedicated and talented Handwork Teacher; the live classical and baroque music perfect thanks to parents and generous friend; the director and other supporting teachers so committed; and the students/actors were so animated and engaging with fine comedic timing - doing an absolute credit to Molière's very funny and satirical writing.

To perform at Lopdell House Theatre was a real treat for the students (and audience). Many thanks to the Lopdell Precinct staff and to Titirangi Theatre members who aided us so generously with technical knowledge and practical support - and thanks also to parents who transformed the bar into a charmingly themed French Café.

We look forward many more Class 12's taking their Plays to the stage there in the years to come.

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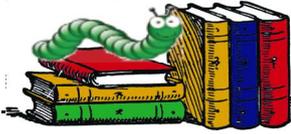
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Book Reviews

GEORGE WADSWORTH & IAN JOHNSON



The Operator by Gretchen Berg

Wooster is a small American town and Vivian – one of three sisters, works at the Ohio-Bell telephone company as a switchboard operator. Of course the operators are not meant to listen to callers conversations but guess what? -they do. Vivian would love to hear something scandalous and one night she hears something that shatters her life forever. How that revelation works out and who passed on the information to Betty Miller, the daughter of the owner of the local bank and the town gossip is finally revealed. We learn early on that Gilbert Ogden stole \$250000 from the bank where he worked as a teller and absconded with the bank director's secretary whose husband was livid when he found out. Now J. Ellis Reed not only owned the bank but was also Mayor and boy oh boy did he get a shock on reading the local newspaper one day. A well written absorbing novel with some surprising twists which I found hard to put down.

The Party Line by Sue Orr

Nicola {Nickie} Walker is driving to Fernward, a farming town in the Waikato, 34 years after she sold her family's farm. and remembers conversations with her mother as she goes to a funeral of the husband of the couple who bought the farm. We are taken back to 1972. Each chapter is told by one of three characters - Nicola's mother, Joy, who lives with her husband Eugene and Nicke. Ian Baxter a newly arrived sharemilker with his outspoken daughter, Gabrielle, and Nicke herself. Nickie and Gabrielle become friends. Appalled at the thought of the Walker's bobby calves being slaughtered they devise a scheme to prevent this happening. In the course of carrying out this scheme they witness something terrible. No help is forthcoming from the local farming families so when Gabrielle is spoken to by the judge at the local calf day, her response and the judge's actions ruin the whole event. Then when a farmer's body is found Ian's aspirations come to nothing. There are party lines and then there are party lines.

A story of courage and indifference if not hostility, which is why I was slightly disappointed with the ending. Still well worth a read.

Grand: Becoming my mother's daughter, Noelle McCarthy (Penguin, 2022):

I recall Noelle McCarthy as an intelligent and intuitive radio host and interviewer on National Radio for a few years from the early 2000's. Then she seemed to disappear, her behaviour due to her drinking apparently being a major problem.

These days she and her husband run their own production company making podcasts which have

a reputation, according to their website, in dealing with complex issues in an accessible and entertaining way.

This memoir deals primarily with her relationship with her mother, a chronic alcoholic living in Ireland. The book relates the author's many return trips to Ireland to visit family and to be there as per mother's health declines. The impact on the author's childhood is profound and leads her into a similar pattern (hence the subtitle "Becoming my mother's daughter") until she decides to make her own journey to recover her life from the same addiction. McCarthy recalls her own behaviour and reaction to her mother's alcoholism including her futile battles to get her mother to deal with her drinking problem.

There is a recurring theme of distance in this memoir, whether from the physical (Ireland/New Zealand), the emotional or the familial (mother/daughter relationship). This theme culminates in a moving description of the author watching her mother's funeral in Ireland by live streaming on her laptop (in New Zealand because of Covid). This is a beautifully written memoir of love. McCarthy is a thoughtful person, acknowledging that her siblings stayed close to their mother physically and that they will have their own experiences of and feelings towards their mother.

The Bookseller at the end of the World, Ruth Shaw (Allen & Unwin, 2022): Ruth Shaw operates three small bookshops from Manapouri village in Fiordland. Some of you may recall "The Dairy of a Bookseller" by Shaun Blythell, a best seller in 2017 about running a bookshop in rural Scotland. This book might appear to be a New Zealand version of this as the early part of the book focuses on the life of running a bookshop in the remote Deep South. But it is quite different. While the customers and bookshops provide the setting and a catchy title, this is really Ruth Shaw's memoir of her adventurous and rollercoaster of a life. She had an ideal childhood, encouraged by her parents to take on any challenge that came her way. An early pregnancy seems to have pushed her into a life that had several marriages and associated tragedy, crewing yachts all around the Pacific with all of its dangers and exploits and ending up in Sydney's Cross working with drug addicts and prostitutes.

Then she is reunited with the love of her life, campaigning on environmental issues and setting up the bookshops. Each chapter finishes with a brief anecdote on some of the people she has met through at one of her bookshops. A pastiche of life dealing with serious challenges in a positive but not frivolous way. A rewarding read.



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The Real Estate Update

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UNDERSTANDING THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT VARIABLES OF TODAY'S MARKET

Dear Laingholm homeowners,

A good understanding of today's market is very important if you intend to sell because there are many variables which could affect the sale of your property and your finances. These are the top three:

FINANCE: Inflation and rising interest rates affects us all. Your potential buyers have less borrowing power when interest rates go up and with inflation, the living costs increase. Buyers, and especially those who rely on their income only, are mostly affected by this. Therefore, you will have to decide whether it is worth delaying a sale, for example due to renovations.

ASK YOURSELF: Would a renovation add value while the market goes down?

PRESENTATION: Presenting your home well adds value. However, the time that takes to make improvements may play against you. Your efforts may not add value if you take too long, while real estate prices go down. Therefore, you will need to assess how to enhance the presentation of your home and gardens in the least amount of time possible.

ASK YOURSELF: Which tasks are a must do? Which ones could be ignored or what is it that you could do to finalise them quickly? Speak to your agent as they will be able to give you good advice in this regard.

PRICE: The price you chose to sell your property for should be the best price possible but should also help you move on with your life. Real estate values are going down on today's market but with the right advice and tools you should reach the best possible price on the sale of your home. You are in a safer position if you sell and buy on the same market and with a local agent who knows how to navigate such market. It is also important to understand how you'll invest your money if you are selling, but not buying. Your money may be worth less overtime due to inflation and a changing real estate market.

ASK YOURSELF: How do I ensure that the gains from the sale of my property are not lost due to the current state of the economy?



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3 slices chopped Ginger

1 tablespoon Soya Sauce

2 tablespoons of Oil

Salt and Pepper to taste



Heat oil and pour in $\frac{1}{4}$ of the egg mixture and fry until the pancake is cooked and repeat with the rest of the mixture so you have 4 pancakes. Set aside. Cook beef, add vegetables and season. Bring the stock to the boil with the ginger and cook for 2 minutes while the beef and veggies are cooking. Place the beef mixture on top of each pancake towards one end and roll each pancake. Drizzle stock mixture over the pancakes and you can garnish with spring onions or parsley. Serve with rice or noodles. You can use the pancakes as an entrée by spreading with cream cheese and smoked salmon and rocket leaves. Once the pancake is rolled, cut into small pinwheels.

TASTY CHEESE BISCUITS

50 grams grated Cheese or Parmesan

50 grams Feta Cheese - chopped

Decent Pinch of Salt

$\frac{1}{2}$ Onion - chopped finely

Handful chopped Parsley

1 teaspoon Cumin Seeds

100 grams of Flour

1 teaspoon Baking Powder

50 grams cold Butter - chopped

About 4 tablespoons of Milk

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Combine all ingredients by stirring with a knife. Use your hands as little as possible. Either roll the mixture until it is thin or I just made about 10 decent sized flat biscuits. Bake 10 minutes in the middle of the oven and turn tray around or put lower in oven and bake another 6 minutes. They should be quite crisp when cooked.

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Wow!! A big Local Election result for our WestWards Team and we sincerely want to thank everyone involved.

WestWards wants to thank everybody who voted, you are the pillars of democracy.

Next, I want to thank the people behind the scenes (and this includes my staff at my little business) who have helped fund, guide, and shape WestWards since 2013. You all know who you are and I'm eternally grateful.

Then there are my fellow WestWards Candidates, both past and present, without you there would be no WestWards. I must single out my good friend Michelle Clayton, the timing of Michelle's arrival in Westwards, Michelle's hard work, social intuition, and social enterprise experience have been pivotal to WestWards outstanding outcomes.

But I want most of all to thank my family and dear wife, Helen. Helen and I have been a dedicated team of two since ages 16&17 (48 years). Helen has always looked out for me and our family. And I've learned the wisdom of her perspective, I know it took a while, but I would now be at a loss without it.

Unfortunately, our WestWards Local Board Team suffered a setback between the voting day results and the final count. Angus Cathcart was leading Future West's Mark Allen for the 6th position in both the end-of-voting day count and the preliminary announcement but then fell behind Mark by 11 votes when the Final Count was announced, putting the Local Board back to a 4 to 2 majority for our colleagues on the Future West Team.

This was disappointing, to say the least when 33,676 votes of the total 72,724 votes cast (excluding Informal and Blank) 46% were for WestWards. This compares to 32,621 or 45% for Future West.

We (WestWards) worked hard in trying to achieve a balance on the board and bring a stop to one-sided representation. This is certainly what the public favours, as demonstrated by the vote. It is obvious many people voted for people on both teams. But despite this 50-50 situation in public support, Local Board representation was set to be 66-33 (4-2).

The WestWards Team supported Angus in his decision to ask the Courts for a recount. And by the time you read this the outcome (whatever it is) will be done and dusted.

Despite these little storms in our Local Body teacup, all of us at WestWards want to pass on our sincere thanks.

Onwards and upwards there are drains to clean, potholes to fix, tracks still to reopen.

Ken Turner WestWards



Forest & Bird

TE REO O TE TAIAO | *Giving Nature a Voice*

Waitakere Forest & Bird talk, Thursday 17th th November 7:30pm

Flora of Gondwana

Shane Wright - Senior Lecturer Faculty of Science, Biological Sciences, University of Auckland

Shane is a Biogeographer teaching at the University of Auckland who has worked in Oceania for many decades. He has a particular interest in the floras of the more ancient land masses such as New Caledonia. During the early 1990s he spent several months in that country working as part of an effort by Conservation International and the Native Forest Action Council to secure areas of protected land in that very impacted landscape. A substantial component of his teaching now includes study of New Caledonia and it's ancient Gondwana biota. He has also travelled and worked extensively in South America.

Note: change of venue: Te Pai Centre (Netball Waitakere), 31-35 Te Pai Place, Henderson.

Non members welcome, join us for supper afterwards. Koha appreciated to cover hall hire.

For further information ph Liz 0274 762732, lizanstey@hotmail.com



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**Community Health Services Zoom Meeting
10am to 12noon, Monday 14 November 2022**

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If we didn't see you at the Market Day, we would love to see you at our Armistice Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November. It is held at the Spragg Monument at Kaitirakihi starting at 10.50.a.m. This monument is in remembrance of Wesley Spragg and all the service men and women who have served in, or are still serving in our armed forces.

We have sadly had to say "Goodbye" to one of Wesley Spragg's descendants, Neal Spragg, who often attended with his brother Kirk.

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The service is concluded with a luncheon held at the Huia Hall.

With the sunnier weather, we hope to see more of you visiting the picnic areas and taking time to visit our unique museum. It is open on Saturday and Sunday from 1.30.p.m. to 4.30.p.m. Admission \$5.00 per adult and children up to 12 are free. Come and support us and learn more about the history of this special area.

To finish. A short extract from Sam Fletcher.

Jim Cosgrove was an Irish labourer who worked on the Dam project, navvying and helping lay the tramlines. He was very proud of his Irish heritage and often said, "I'm Irish! Born Irish to the bone!"

During World War 1 he had served as a stoker on Lord Jellicoe's ship, at the Battle of Jutland, an experience which left him with admiration for (later) Admiral Beattie, but not for Lord Jellicoe. Possibly his low esteem for the latter stemmed from an inborn grudge against the titled gentry of England!



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In term three we welcome back preschool and afterschool activities at Titirangi Library. For under-fives we offer two programs designed to encourage early literacy, movement, and active play in a fun social environment.

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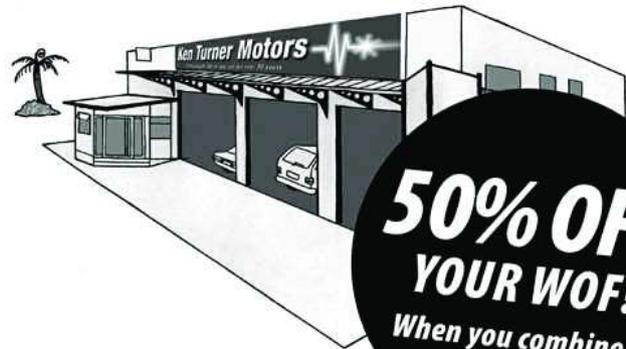
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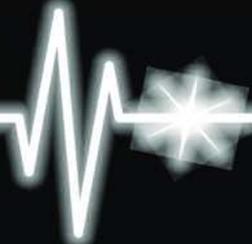


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Some of the amazing resources we purchased from our Wine Fundraiser

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