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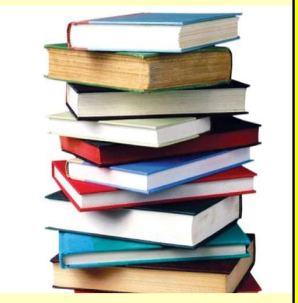
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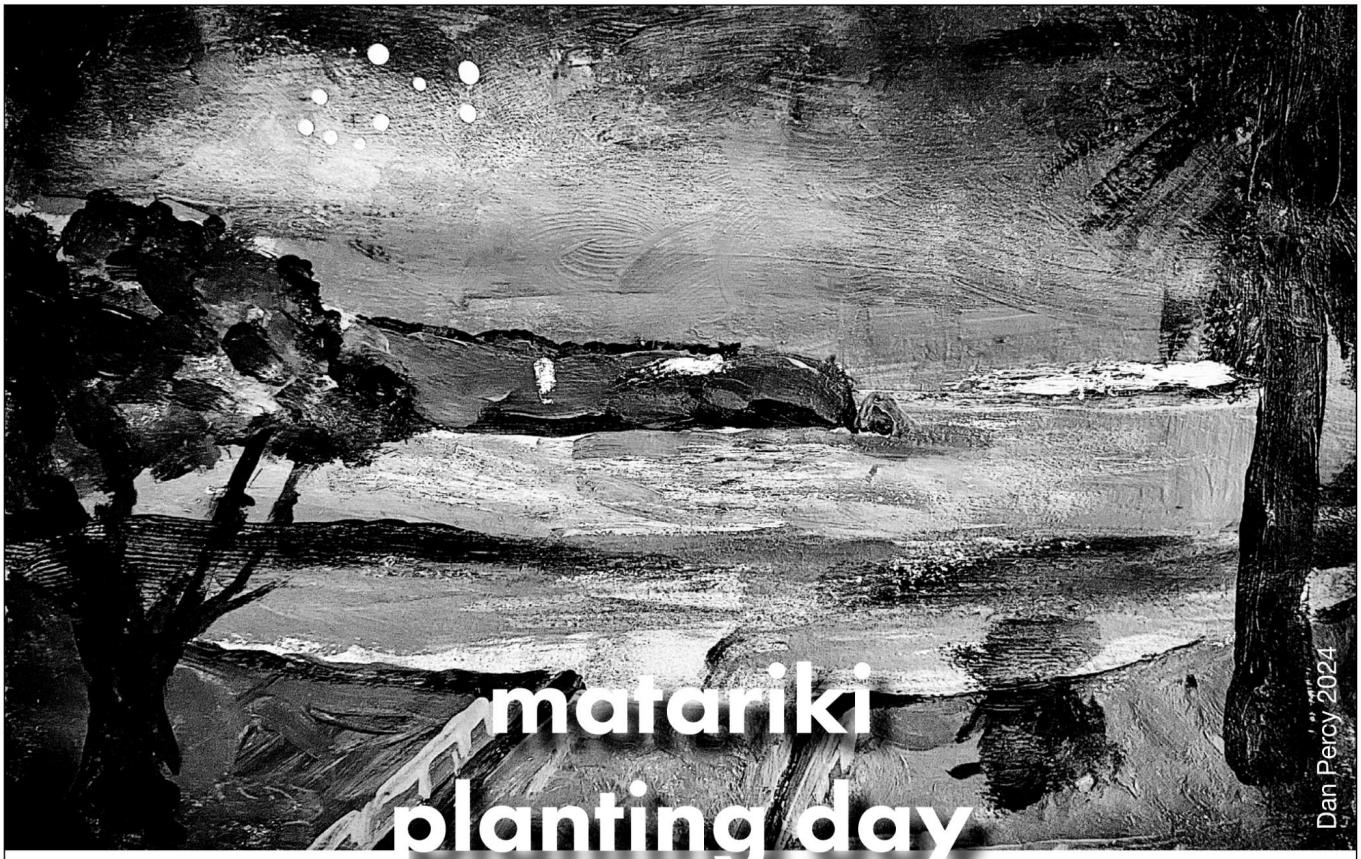
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To the Editor

Despite Mr Civicus's zeal in explaining "regulatory relief" on my behalf in his Letter to the Editor last month (June 2026), his narrow view of the issue fails to capture the reality, which is far more complex.

Regulatory relief is not a new concept;
It is a fundamental principle that underpins our common-law traditions and the protection of property rights. The Auckland Unitary Plan already includes elements of regulatory relief, although a more accurate description of how it operates within the AUP context would be "regulatory compensation". This is different from the corporate compensation scenario Mr Civicus imagines; it relates to individual property owners seeking reasonable application of the law, not corporations litigating against councils.

Mr Civicus fails to explain this or to inform readers of the full spirit and purpose of regulatory relief as set out in the Planning Bill. He also fails to note that, when the Planning Bill becomes an Act, it will relate to the Regulatory Standards Act 2025, and that the purpose of both is to foster collaborative relationships between regulators and the affected people.
Mr Civicus also fails to note that councils often miss statutory application deadlines, costing ratepayers extra, and that the Resource Management Discount on Administrative Charges Regulation 2010 offers up to 50% relief on charges in such cases.

My May article highlighted that protecting the Waitakere Ranges is driven by local people who love, live in, and visit the area, not by bureaucratic rules alone.
It discussed the complex tension in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act between "character" and "use" across the 10,500 ha of private land within the heritage area.
In short, the Act requires decision-makers and planning rules to ensure that private property activities remain subservient to the natural and rural landscapes. Yet at the same time, the Act "recognises that people live and work in the area in distinct communities, and to enable those people to provide for their social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being"

I encounter and help many people who, while navigating this complex and somewhat contradictory consenting rule environment, incur exorbitant resource consent costs due to council planning staff's discretion in interpreting the regulations. Mr Civicus may blindly follow the council's interpretation of the law for free, but why should it be cost-prohibitive for ordinary people to challenge the council's regulatory interpretations if they believe them to be incorrect, at times, even silly.

If Auckland Council faced sharing financial liability for the costs their discretionary interpretations impose on residents, costs that go beyond what the law actually requires, it would incentivise planners to be more restrained and reasonable in how they apply those rules.

I am open to any mechanism that fosters more constructive collaboration between council, regulators, and the people affected by their decisions, whatever it is called.

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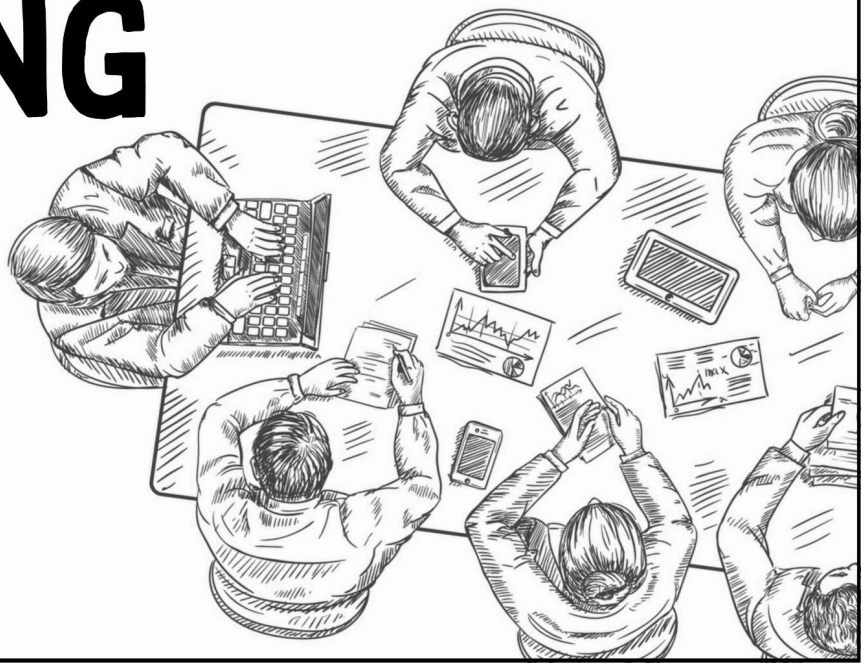
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The museum is currently in need of serious repairs, grants nationally are not so easy to obtain so all donations are welcome.

We also need more volunteers; any men or women who have an interest in our wonderful local history very welcome. We would love to hear from you.

Drop in on Saturday or Sunday between 1.30 and 4pm and have a chat with one of our Trustees or attend our Agm 19th July 1.30 to learn more.

The Museum has been around since 1984 built by local people and holds many original records and relics from our local history. These treasures must remain in our area to remind us of the determination of the early settlers and what was established to give us the wonderful home that this part of the Waitakere is.

Important dates^ **19th July Museum AGM**
20th September History day

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While the peace and privacy are part of what we love about living here, they also remind us how important it is to stay connected.

As winter settles in, now is a good time to check in on the people around us. A quick phone call, a text message, or a knock on the door can make a real difference. If you have an elderly neighbour, someone living alone, or someone who may be going through a difficult time, take a moment to see how they're doing. Often it's the simple acts of connection that mean the most.

A number of our long-time community members are also beginning the transition into retirement villages or smaller homes. While these moves often bring exciting new opportunities, they can also be physically and emotionally demanding. Packing up decades of memories, sorting through belongings, and preparing a property can feel overwhelming.

If you know someone making this transition, consider offering a helping hand. It might be helping pack a few boxes, cleaning gutters, tidying a garden, moving furniture, or simply sharing a cup of tea and a conversation. Small gestures can have a big impact.

The community pantry at the Laingholm Hall is another wonderful example of neighbours supporting neighbours. Whether you're contributing a few pantry staples, sharing excess produce from your garden, or making use of the pantry when times are tough, it reflects the caring spirit that has always been part of our community.

Strong communities create healthier people. Research shows that social connection plays a vital role in both physical and mental wellbeing, reducing loneliness, improving resilience, and helping people feel supported through life's challenges.

To help bring people together during the cooler months, the ProAgent Team are proposing a community soup and bread gathering at the hall, with a date to be confirmed - tentative date Saturday 25 July 2026. It will be a chance to catch up with neighbours, meet new faces, and enjoy some warm hospitality together.

Laingholm has always been a place where people quietly look out for one another. This winter, let's continue that tradition. Check in on a neighbour. Offer a helping hand. Share what you can. Because the strength of our community isn't measured by the houses we live in, but by the care we show each other.

After all, in a bush community like ours, sometimes the most important thing we can do is make sure no one feels alone.

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Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade

Here's an unusual sight, a crew from our station fighting a fire in Otara. It's rare for us to be called to incidents so far beyond our own community, but it has happened several times in recent weeks when our career counterparts have been staging one hour work stoppages in support of wages and conditions. We are completely neutral in those matters, but because we have crews available we have been called to the opposite side of Auckland and the North Shore to fight fires. Responding with us have been other volunteer crews from places like Clevedon, Beachlands, Pokeno and Silverdale.



In the photo the Laingholm icrew is getting to work using a piece of equipment called a ground monitor. They throw large quantities of water and that was what was needed in this case

The question has been asked –what happens if there' a fire back in our own patch ? On most occasions we have been able to crew our second appliance which has stood by on station. It's about half the size of a regular appliance so if it had been called out maybe it would have been a re-enactment of the story of "Flick The Little Fire Engine"

Yet again we are grateful to The Trusts who have provided funding to upgrade our Gator' ATV firefighting capabilities, adding a new high-pressure Honda pump, 300-litre water tank, and new 60-metre hose reel. The Gator and the trailer that carries it were bought thanks to another grant from The Trusts about 15 years ago



Laingholm Station Chief Fire Officer Paul Sweeting-Shaw says the new pump will make all the difference for the Brigade. "The brigade is thrilled to be getting this bit of kit and we know it will make a big difference to West Auckland and the wider community."

"In the past, fighting fires in remote locations often required crews to carry heavy equipment or 30-litre water backpacks by hand. This new pump makes operations significantly easier and lighter on the volunteers. If there is a fire deep in the bush and we can't reach a water supply, we can now get 300 litres exactly where it needs to be, fast. It's so efficient that even a single person can operate the pump"

As climate-related risks and extreme weather events continue to increase, the pump is a vital asset for the West Auckland community. By supporting the Laingholm Fire Brigade, The Trusts is helping keep the West safe



It was with considerable sadness we said farewell to our former Deputy Chief Fire Officer Paul Bolton with a funeral service on station. The picture shows Paul leaving for the last time on the brigade's original fire engine, a 1942 Ford V8 with firefighters forming a guard of honour. As the old engine pulled into Victory Road the station siren sounded–part of fire service tradition known as "final call" symbolising that Paul was answering his last call .

Paul lived in Laingholm all his life, joining the brigade in December 1969. He rose through the ranks, making a major contribution to the brigade and the community. He received his United Fire Brigades'Association Gold Star medal marking 25 years service in 1994 and his 50 year medal 25 years later. Paul continued his role until 2024, making a total service of 55 years. Unfortunately he suffered a medical event last month and passed away in hospital four days later.

To Paul's family, especially his sons Benjamin and Reuben, were extend our sympathy and thank them for sharing him with us



It's starting to feel a lot like Christmas, except that it's several months away. That's because not only did we receive support from The Trusts which enabled us to buy buy a new pump, tank and hosereel for our Gator, former resident Steve Price donated the funds for a new generator in memory of two of our former brigade members, Paul Bolton and Paddy Sugrue. It will be carried on our second appliance and that will free up the present generator for other duties –most likely providing power for the large shed at the rear of the station. Our grateful thanks to Steve for his generosity and we wish him well in his new community of Pukekohe

Our King's Birthday Farm Camp



While Auckland was hunkering down for bad weather over King's Birthday Weekend, our courageous Keas and Cubs (5 – 11 years) were off on an adventure! We travelled north, cars loaded with tents, warm bedding and excited voices, to a beautiful, secluded spot at South Head for a weekend of fun, friendship and exploration. Any cold or wet weather was not going to slow us down!



With plenty of space to roam and endless opportunities for adventure, our young campers made the most of every moment. One of the highlights was having the freedom to choose their own adventures. Some spent hours racing down the steep hills on large pieces of cardboard, while others challenged friends to games of croquet, explored the forest, built pathways through the trees, and discovered the very best mud puddles for investigating and splashing around in! South Head did not disappoint, with beautiful native visitors - kāhu, matuku moana, kōtare and pīwakawaka, making frequent appearances, much to the delight of the bird lovers in the group.



There were campfires, laughter, teamwork, and lots of opportunities to try new things, learn a new skill or two, build confidence, and make new friends. Whether creating imaginative games, helping around camp, or simply enjoying the outdoors with our mates, our Keas and Cubs embraced every part of the experience with enthusiasm, energy and positive attitudes.

By the end of the weekend, everyone returned home a little muddier, a lot more tired, and with plenty of stories to tell. Some of the best adventures happen when we step outside, give things a good go, and share the experience with our friends while making new ones!

If this sounds like fun, we'd love to welcome more young adventurers to join us at New Lynn Sea Scouts for future camps and activities! Check out newlynn.seascouts.org.nz for more details.



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The Forgotten Suburb



It is clear that, in July 1976, the Laingholm Roundabout was struggling. The new format, in unfolded foolscap, provided more space for cover advertisements but the committee had not had enough businesses come forward to fill the pages. The Roundabout was published to raise funds for the school but rising costs of paper and ink meant that there was very little profit. However, a devoted fan of the Roundabout had written this letter to the editor.

"Dear Sir,

I wish to congratulate the Editorial Committee on their new look Roundabout. We owe you a 'vote of thanks' for the trouble and expense you go to, to provide Laingholm with a very worthwhile service which is unique to our school.

It means hours of voluntary labour by the committee and helpers to produce and distribute 850 copies of this monthly magazine. The cost of paper and prints must be substantial. It would be a pity if you had to close down for lack of funds.

I would suggest that we each pay an annual subscription of one dollar to defray expenses.

Please find enclosed one dollar.

Yours truly,

"Observant".

I wonder how many other people contributed the princely sum of $1 to keep the Roundabout going. "Observant" would be delighted to know that, 50 years later, the Roundabout is still alive and well and now 1800 copies are printed and distributed each month. And, thanks to very faithful advertisers, the magazine's finances are in good shape.

Another interesting comment on the editorial page stated that the "Laingholm Roundabout was first published 17 years ago". That would make the date of the very first issue 1959. Last year the magazine celebrated 60 years of continuous publication – acknowledging that one or two issues were published in 1964. The present committee is not aware of any magazines being printed earlier than that year, but if someone has more information regarding an earlier date, please contact us, we'd love to hear from you!

Laingholm Local

Laingholm Bus Timetable

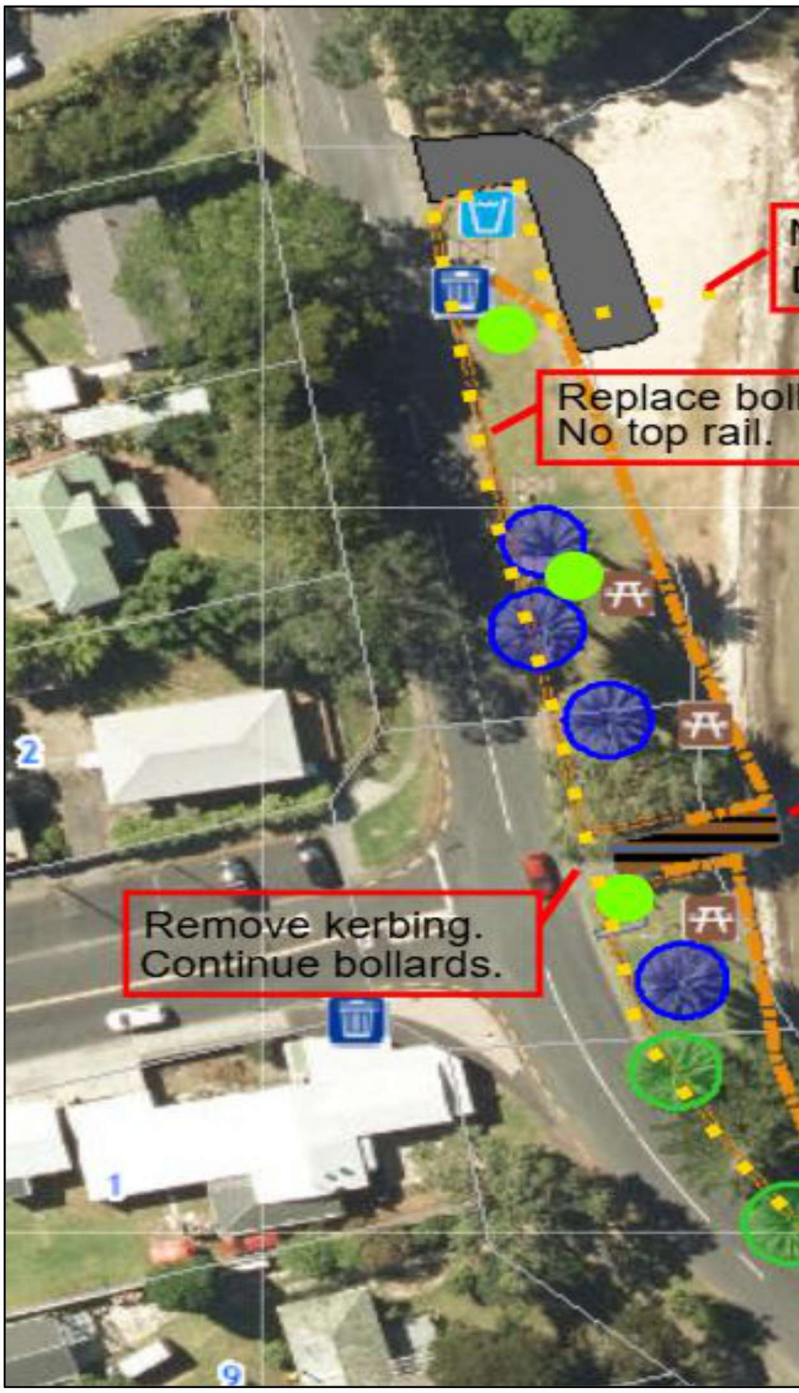
171 New Lynn to Laingholm

via Titirangi Rd and Woodlands Park

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Sandys Parade – proposed park amenities upgrade pr

As part of their capital works programme, the Waitākere Ranges Local Board approved a project to upgrade park amenities at Sandys Parade, Laingholm. Following a second round of consultation with local residents and parks users, staff have used consultation feedback to change the concept plan.



After discussing the changes with the Local Board, we would now like to seek your final feedback on the plan below. The latest plan will create an open grass area in the northern half of the park by defining the boat launching area at the north end, removing four phoenix palms, planting several shade trees and replacing the mid-beach vehicle access with lawn.

A second public drop-in session will be held at Laingholm Hall on Tue
right), which will take you to a form to submit feedback on the propose

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INQUIRY

commonwealth games

Our school wide inquiry focus for Term 2 is the Commonwealth Games. Throughout this inquiry, students have been developing their global awareness by exploring the countries of the Commonwealth. They are learning that while countries may share historical connections, each has its own distinctive culture, traditions, landmarks, and sporting achievements.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY

Our Commonwealth Games inquiry culminated in a fantastic Commonwealth Games Day, where each class proudly represented a Commonwealth nation. Students embraced the spirit of the Games through chants, banners, sporting challenges, dance, and medal making. It was a fun-filled day that brought our learning to life while celebrating participation, teamwork, and the diversity of Commonwealth countries.





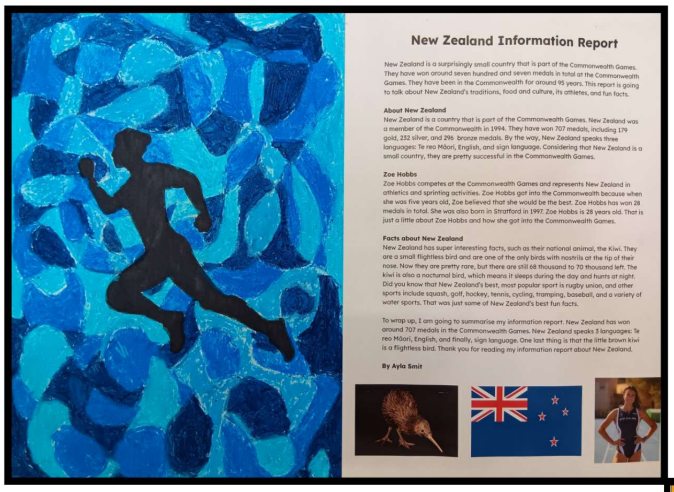






COMMONWEALTH GAMES INVESTIGATION REPORTS

In Room 15, year 5 and 6 students have spent time investigating a country who is participating in the Commonwealth Games. Each student has researched their chosen country to produce an 200 - 300 word information report exploring its culture, traditions, sporting achievements and identity.
Students are developing their research, writing, and presentation skills while discovering the diversity of countries that make up the Commonwealth.
Here are some photos of the finished work with an excerpt from each report:

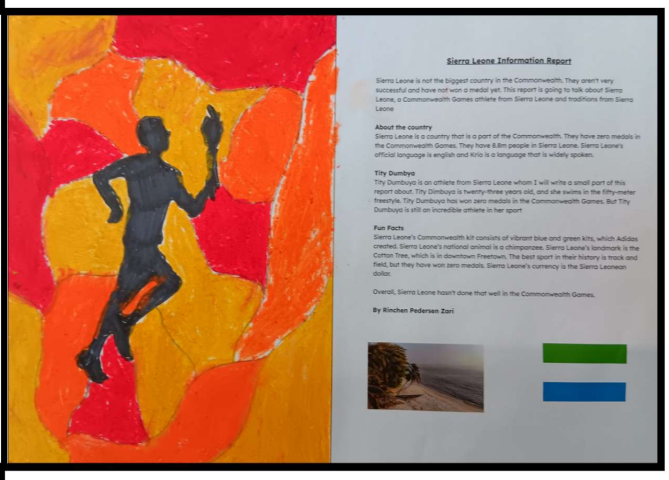


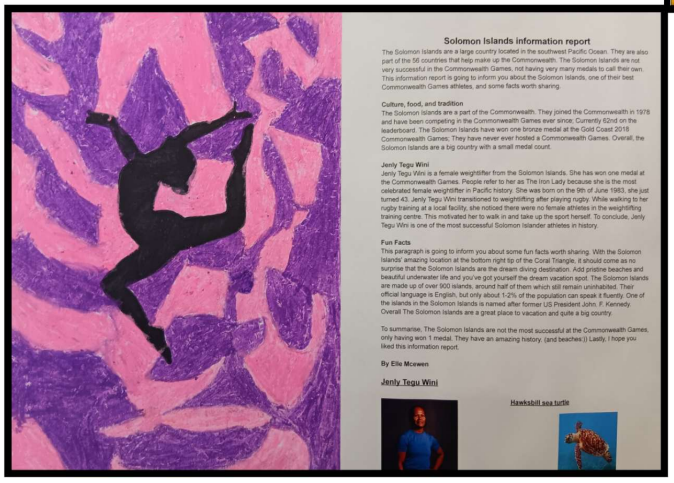
Extract from Ayla Smit's information report on **NEW ZEALAND**

Zoe Hobbs competes at the Commonwealth Games and represents New Zealand in athletics and sprinting activities. Zoe Hobbs got into the Commonwealth because when she was five years old, Zoe believed that she would be the best. Zoe Hobbs has won 28 medals in total. She was also born in Stratford in 1997. Zoe Hobbs is 28 years old. That is just a little about Zoe Hobbs and how she got into the Commonwealth Games.

Extract from Rinchen Pedersen Zari's information report on **SIERRA LIONE**

Sierra Leone's Commonwealth kit consists of vibrant blue and green kits, which Adidas created. Sierra Leone's national animal is a chimpanzee. Sierra Leone's landmark is the Cotton Tree, which is in downtown Freetown. The best sport in their history is track and field, but they have won zero medals. Sierra Leone's currency is the Sierra Leonean dollar.





Extract from By Elle Mcewen's information report on the **SOLOMON ISLANDS**

The Solomon Islands are a part of the Commonwealth. They joined the Commonwealth in 1978 and have been competing in the Commonwealth Games ever since; Currently 62nd on the leaderboard. The Solomon Islands have won one bronze medal at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games; They have never ever hosted a Commonwealth Games. Overall, the Solomon Islands are a big country with a small medal count.

Pony Tales

There are currently seven horses grazing at our club. These horses are owned by members of the club, and are used for our club activities. We have already met three of these horses - Tink, Marlo and Beau - in the previous article, so make sure to check that out if you haven't already. This is part 2 of meeting our horses!



One of the horses that has been at the club the longest is Rosie. Rosie is 23 years old, and she tends to be a bit on the grumpier side. She is a very strongly opinionated mare, and usually has a lot to say. However, when you get to know Rosie, she is actually really sweet. She loves getting scratches and even though she won't admit it, she does love getting cuddles. She has done many years of pony club and competing, and is the most experienced of our horses in that sense. Now she lives a semi-retired life full of fun, scratches and treats, and I think she couldn't be happier about that.



Another one of our moodier mares is Bella. Bella is 16 years old and she is also one of our biggest horses in the club. She used to be a racehorse, and her race name was 'No idea'. Just like Rosie, she can be a bit grumpy at times, especially when brushing her or putting on her blanket for the night. But underneath, she is just a big softy who loves getting cuddles. She is also a very itchy horse, and her favourite thing to do is swing around in front of you to get butt scratches. She is a very honest girl, but very loving in her own ways.

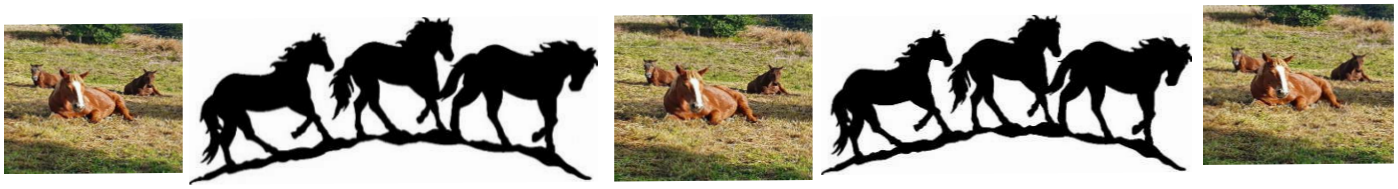


One of the newest horses at the club is Prickle, who also used to be a racehorse. Prickle was born in Australia and then raced in Hong Kong before coming to New Zealand, making him the most well travelled of our horses. He now lives a very carefree life with us, blessing everyone with his big personality. He is 11 years old, and also one of the biggest horses we have. He is the newest in the herd with Beau, Rosie and Bella, but it hasn't taken him long to find his place with them. He has taken it upon himself to become the boss of the herd, but sometimes forgets about that when his goofiness comes out.



Delta is the newest and last of the big grazing horses at Huia Road Horse Club. She is 11 years old, and has only been with us for a few months. Despite that though, she has been able to fit in wonderfully and everybody loves having her around.
She too has taken on the role of top dog in her herd with Tink and Marlo, and is known for constantly being on neighbourhood watch. She always has one eye on what is going on around her, and is very good at making sure her herd mates are safe. While she does tend to not love her head being touched, she is one of the sweetest horses ever, and she is always around for a good cuddle. It hasn't been long, but Delta has definitely found her place amongst the horses at our club.
We also have three small ponies at the club, so make sure to stay tuned to find out about them too!

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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Hello from the Fishing Club

Happy mid year!

The shortest day has passed and we are now on our way to spring!

In the last month at the Club, we continue to provide events and are very happy at the support from our club members as well as the local community.
There was a successful pool competition held at the Club between Laingholm and Titirangi RSA with Titirangi winning...(just)! In August there will be other pool Competitions with other West Auckland clubs.
In case you are not familiar with Club, we have 2 pool tables with one of these designated as the beginners' table, so if you want to have a go at pool or need some practice, then this table is for you.

We have restarted our Jag the Joker competition which is drawn every Friday at approximately 8pm. To be in the draw, all you need to do is buy a drink worth $5.00 or more to get a ticket. We are also selling tickets for meat raffles again usually on a Friday night but sometimes on Sundays.
Every fortnight we provide meals so check out our Facebook page for the menu. We do not mind if you want to bring food from the takeaway to eat at the Club either but please purchase a drink from the bar.

We had an excellent Sunday afternoon with Liam Flynn singing and playing his guitar. It was great to see everyone coming along to support Liam and the Club.
We wanting to continue with Sunday afternoon music (we can only have acoustic not amplified music) and so if you are keen or know of someone who might want to have this experience, please make contact via lfcsecretary@hotmail.co.nz to discuss this further.
On July 25th 7pm we will be holding a Pub Quiz. If you want to do this then please register your team ASAP as places are filling fast. Teams can be either minimum 4 members, maximum 6 members, $8.00 per member.

Liam playing for us on a Sunday afternoon.



As usual if you haven't been to the Club or haven't been in awhile, then pay us a visit, we look forward to seeing you!

Andrea

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Winter has arrived, and our tamariki have been busy planting and growing in the kindergarten garden. Recently, each child planted their own Brussels sprout seeds in beautifully decorated pots, taking great pride in personalising them before carefully sowing their seeds. Alongside the Brussels sprouts, we have been doing lots of winter planting, including cabbages, cauliflower, purple cauliflower, carrots, silver beet, and many other seasonal vegetables. Through hands-on gardening experiences, tamariki are learning about where food comes from, how plants grow, and the importance of caring for our environment. We are looking forward to watching our crops flourish over the coming months and harvesting them to create some delicious winter meals together.

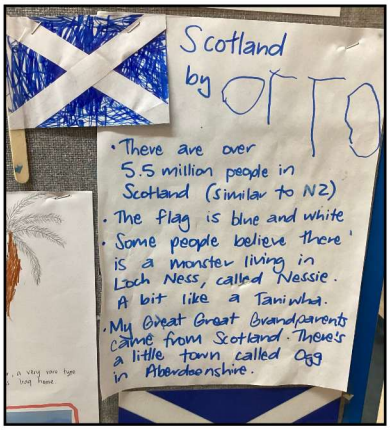




The excitement surrounding the FIFA World Cup has sparked plenty of learning and conversation throughout the kindergarten. Each child has been given a country to explore and has enjoyed sharing interesting facts they have discovered about their country, its culture, and its football team. This has inspired many enthusiastic football games on our large grassy area, with tamariki practising their kicking, teamwork, and goal-scoring skills. The interest in football has also led to wider discussions about sport, fitness, and healthy lifestyles, with many children requesting running races and other active games. It has been wonderful to see how a shared interest in sport has encouraged confidence, communication and curiosity.









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Huia Volunteer Fire Brigade Strengthens Lifesaving Capability Through Bi-Annual Medical Co-Responder Training

Members of the Huia Volunteer Fire Brigade have successfully completed their bi-annual Medical Co Responder refresher course, delivered in partnership with the New Zealand Red Cross. The training ensures brigade members remain highly capable of providing critical first-response medical assistance within their remote West Auckland community.

The intensive course focused on reinforcing core life-saving skills, including patient assessment, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs), trauma management, and stabilisation techniques for a range of medical emergencies. As accredited medical co responders, Huia firefighters play a vital role in bridging the gap between emergency call-outs and the arrival of ambulance services—often being first on scene in time-critical situations.

This year's training was strengthened through collaboration, with firefighters from Henderson, Manly, and West Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigades joining the course. The multi-brigade participation created a valuable opportunity to share operational experiences, align response protocols, and build stronger inter-station relationships across the wider Auckland region.

The Red Cross delivered a practical, scenario-based programme designed to replicate real-world situations commonly faced by volunteer firefighters. Participants were challenged through dynamic simulations involving cardiac arrest, severe bleeding, respiratory distress, and multi-casualty incidents—ensuring both technical capability and decision-making under pressure were thoroughly exercised.

For the Huia Brigade, maintaining medical co responder capability is particularly important given the community's geographic isolation and limited immediate access to healthcare services. The brigade's role as both fire responders and trained medical first responders continues to be a critical component of emergency resilience in the area.

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Huia Volunteer Fire Brigade Tests Crew with High-Intensity Mayday Rescue Exercise

The Brigade recently undertook a demanding Mayday call training exercise, designed to simulate one of the most serious scenarios firefighters can face—rescuing one of their own from a life-threatening situation.

The exercise placed brigade members into a controlled but high-pressure environment, where a firefighter became "lost and disoriented" inside a simulated incident scene and issued a Mayday call. This internationally recognised distress call signals that a firefighter is in immediate danger and requires urgent assistance.



Responding crews were required to act quickly and decisively, following established Mayday protocols.

The scenario tested a range of critical skills, including emergency communication procedures, rapid deployment, firefighter location techniques, air management, and coordinated rescue under reduced visibility conditions.

Operating in full structural firefighting gear, including breathing apparatus, crews navigated smoke-obscured spaces to locate and extract the downed firefighter. The realism of the exercise was further heightened through time pressure, limited visibility, and the need for clear command and control throughout the response.

The successful execution of the Mayday rescue exercise reflects the brigade's ongoing commitment to safety, professionalism, and continuous improvement. By rigorously training for worst-case scenarios, Huia firefighters ensure they are prepared not only to protect their community—but also to protect each other when it matters most.



Yes we can sit back and relax a little bit at this time of the year but as always there are still plenty of maintenance tasks to get on with in the shed and outside on the nicer winter days...and haven't we had a lot of them.

Now is a good time to prepare the garden for spring, turning the soil and adding compost and nutrients, while you can still plant garlic, shallots and a variety of onions. Peas such as sugar snaps and snow don't mind the cold and celery seedlings can be planted out but it turns out I CAN grow celery and I am completely over it. In the herb garden thyme and rosemary don't mind the winter, as well as bay tree while mesculin can be sown for easy winter salads.

But this is also a good time to get out of the rain and cold and into the shed if you are lucky enough to have one. Give it a bit of a clean out and tidy up.

Plants for early spring planting can be sown in seed trays and kept in a warm spot if you can find one and now is the time to get your potato beds ready by digging over the soil and adding compost. I have happily cut off the sprouts from my cooking potatoes and plonked them in random spots in the garden but of course I'll forget where. Some experts say you can even start your early seed potatoes sprouting but I have found patience can be a virtue with spuds.

Strawberry beds can be prepped for new plants but I'm close to throwing in the towel with strawberries after years of failures despite giving them lots of tender loving care and following the guidelines.

My winter crops mostly look healthy but are not doing anything in the way of producing anything edible.

Begonias and impatiens can be sown in winter. Roses can be planted and dead wood as well as excess growth should be removed from existing roses – definitely time to invest in good quality gloves although somehow the thorns always seem to find a spot to attack! It's all part of the joys of gardening.



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Sunday July 12th. Playwright Gary Henderson will give a presentation about "Off-road walking in Ireland, the UK and Europe -spiced up with a smidgen of city life."

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Sunday September 13th Lindsey Dawson will do a presentation on her book "Poisoning on Parker Road" One Family, Two Deaths and All the Secrets In Between, is a true-crime New Zealand tale that began in a house called Sunnydale, in Parker Road, Oratia. It centres on the shocking death of a young settler, William Thompson, in 1892.



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Book Reviews





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Escape Artist by Peter Monteith
The incredible Second World War of Johnny Peck.

Johnny's first escape was from his home in Crab Point Victoria Australia when he was 13.
When Australia joined the Second World War, he enlisted and gave his age as 20 years 10 months. In fact he was just 17.

By 1941 he was in North Africa and advancing, until Rommel arrived and the tide of war turned. Then it was onto Greece for 2 weeks before retreating to Crete. Here 2 of the three airfields rebuffed German paratroopers but the 3rd one could not hold out, particularly as the Luftwaffe had total command of the skies and Johnny took to the hills but was eventually captured. He escaped.

By February 1942, he had been recaptured and escaped twice more only to be caught again and sent to Rhodes. By 1943 he was in Italy and there was little chance of escape, until he was transferred to the north of Italy by cattle cars to fill gaps in The rural workforce. After a few weeks and three unsuccessful attempts, he again escaped. .Unfortunately he was recaptured.

Then in 1943 an Armistice between Italy and the British was declared but the Germans swiftly took over Italy and the POW's having been told to stay put were soon under the control of the Germans. Peck was in a civilian prison in Vercilli and made a leisurely escape by strolling through the front gate. From then on he decided to help all the Troops who were free, to escape and he joined the Partisans.It was a perilous time. As well as helping allied soldiersto escape to Switzerland he took part in many acts of sabotage but finally he was caught and tortured and spent 76 days in solitary confinement in Milan.

You will have to read the book to see how the war ended for Johnny Peck. His story is amazing, action packed and almost unbelievable. What a man.

Feijoa by Kate Evans
A story of obsession and belonging.
If you have not tasted a feijoa, by the time you have read the prologue and introduction, you will be dying to try one. The author, a New Zealander living in Raglan, lovesfeijoas wanted to find out all about them andthe result is this book. This dedicated to feijoa lovers from 4000 years ago to today, For ten years the author not only travelled to Brazil, Germany, Uruguay, France, Italy, California,Columbia but also discussed the role New Zealand plays.

But what makes this book so outstanding is the people she met, corresponded with and researched and her descriptions of all the places the people and their culture, who ate, cultivated and loved feijoas

As she did. For her it was a wonderful adventure, toldwith zest, and a loving belief in feijoas

And the people who like them as much as she does. An unusual and fabulous read.

The Penguin Lessons, Tom Michell *(Penguin, 2016)* is the true story of the author's time he spent teaching at a prestigious boarding school on Argentina in the 1970's. Tom Michell was in his 20's and this was the equivalent of his OE (overseas experience). On holiday in Uruguay before he starts work, he rescues a penguin from an oil slick on the coast. He cleans the penguin but when he tries to return it to the ocean, it refuses to go and starts following him around. A hilarious account of smuggling Juan Salvador (now the penguin's name) into Argentina and then into the school ensues. But then there is a moving account of the relationships formed with students and staff, Juan Salvador is almost like a mascot for the school. The story is set against the backdrop of the civil unrest and military dictatorship in Argentina at the time. "If there ever was a feel-good book, The Penguin Lessons is it. It goes to show that, occasionally, we all need a penguin in our lives." (karinamagadalena.com). I read this story after seeing the 2025 movie of the same name (available on Apple TV and Prime Video) starring Steve Coogan and 'actor' penguins Richard and Baba! The plot details vary from the book but the overall nature of the story is similar. I did prefer the book as that is written by Tom Michell himself.

Such A Perfect Family, Nalini Sing*h* *(Berkley, 2026):* I am going to use the cover blurb to give you an idea of what this novel is about. "A man with a deadly past marries into the perfect, respectable family in this riveting thriller from New York Times bestselling author Nalini Singh...Love at first sight, a whirlwind Vegas wedding, a fairy-tale romance. For forty-three days, Tavish Advani has been the happiest man in the world - until his new life turns to ash, his wealthy in-laws' house going up in a fiery explosion. His badly injured wife lies in a coma, her family all but annihilated.

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This is a full-on novel which at times becomes almost overwhelming in plot and style. It can fit into two categories – romance and crime/thriller – the crime part becomes the predominant feature as the plot develops. Nalini Singh is an internationally best-selling New Zealand author who has written many books described as paranormal romances as well as several stand-alone novels of which this is one. She has been described as "the most famous author that New Zealanders had never heard of."
For that reason, I wanted to try one of her books. This book might be enough for me but there is no doubt this is a fast-moving story that encompasses Rotorua, Fiji and Los Angeles and has many disruptive twists.

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by Ken McAllister who visited to check it out for you!



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