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Help with collation, have a good gossip and a great morning tea. You will not regret it.

What's happening in our area?

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ADRIENNE

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To feast with
the eyes



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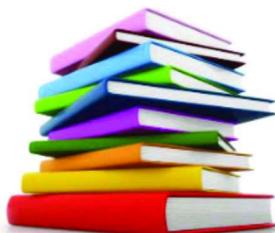
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Waitakere Ranges - our back yard

Whites Beach Walk

Category: Easy /Medium Duration: 70 minutes Rating: 9/10



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Instead of taking this track head up the hill and continue to follow the Laird Thomson Track and this will take you to Whites Beach.



It only took me 35 minutes from Piha to Whites Beach so it is a relatively short walk. Make sure you explore the cave at the far north end of the beach. Overall, this is a really beautiful walk with stunning views and it is easy enough to take the whole family. Don't forget to treat yourself to something tasty from The Piha Cafe before you head home!

Cheers

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Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade

The message that came up on our turnout system one weekday last month looked ominous. “Truck crash, driver trapped, Huia Road near Lower Nihotupu Dam”. Responded were our number one fire appliance, another from Titirangi, a rescue tender from Avondale and a heavy rescue truck from Papatoetoe.



The scene on Bunker's Hill looked bad with a truck well over the bank and partly buried in the bush. There have been numerous crashes at this spot over the years, including one fatal. Thankfully the driver was unhurt, had managed to get out of the badly-damaged truck and up to the road. He was checked out by an ambulance crew. But getting the truck back involved a major salvage operation using a giant towtruck. The brigade closed off one lane and carried out traffic control until the operation was over

Our brigade members have been giving up their weekends lately to gain and update their rural firefighting skills. The creation of Fire and Emergency N.Z., which merged the largely urban-focused N.Z. Fire Service with numerous rural fire authorities, has meant that our brigade is being called increasingly to bush fires, not only in the Waitakere Ranges but further afield. We are well equipped for such tasks with our second



truck being four-wheel-drive and carrying mainly rural fire gear plus having a John Deere Gator all terrain vehicle which has been adapted for firefighting.



Three of our team spent four days in Paihia, Northland, learning about wildfire behaviour and how to lead crews dealing with such events. Operating our Gator ATV safely is very important so over two days at a recent weekend eight of our members went through an offroad driving course conducted by Gene Browne of Driver Technical Training Services. We are grateful to Carl Harding who again made the Huia farm available to us.

Laingholm brigade station officer is a long way from home at present. He is fulfilling a contract as a firefighter to the US base at the south pole. He describes what life is like on the frozen continent.

The Antarctic Fire Department or AFD is the primary fire/rescue service for the United States Antarctic Program in McMurdo Station and the surrounding airfields, Phoenix Ice airfield and Williamson snow airfield (only open in summer months)



This is an extremely challenging environment for not

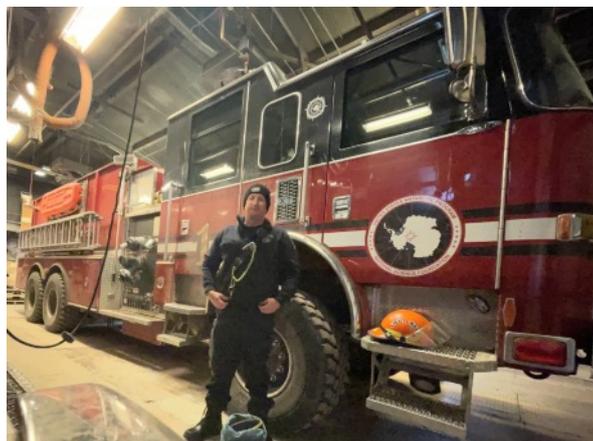
only personal but also gear and the trucks. All the hydrants on station are heated and encased in insulation to stop from freezing, the trucks all have heaters in them to keep our 2000 Gallons (7570.824 L) of water at a usable temp. We also have to blow any water out of the pumps after each time we use them as any water left in them could freeze and crack the metal of the pump.

The AFD has a staffing of 10 fire fighters over the winter period, this is split in to two crews of 5 running 48 hours on shift with 48 hours off shift, unless we get have a flight where you are called in on your day off to cover. I have been promoted to Lieutenant of B shift which sees me overseeing my Crew of 4, and also emergencies on station, training the crew, overseeing they carry out the required station duties. List goes on but nothing out too different to how things are run at Laingholm Station, the biggest problem for me was converting from metric to imperial for hose and pressures.

AFD have 2 fire trucks based on a standard American engine, but ours have 6x6 wheel drive a higher clearance and chains for the conditions we work in. We have 2 ambulances as well as 10 tracked airfield firefighting trucks. The 2 of each ambulance and engine is to allow for a backup should the primary unit break down for any period.

AFD also respond to Antarctica New Zealand's Scott Base, this is roughly a 10-minute drive for us so good to be working with fellow kiwis.

Life in McMurdo and Antarctica has been an interesting one, I arrived at the end of January 2022 where we had 6-700 people on station, it was 24/7 daylight and a dusty volcano. We had our first sunset on the 27th of Feb nearly a month after my arriving here. The social life is very alive in summer with a large range of activities from hikes, skiing, mountain biking, fun runs, to half marathons. There is also a large gym that hosts a range of sports and it includes climbing wall. If you are wanting an indoor less full-on activity, they have them too, open mic night, card games, relaxing one of the 3 bars they have here. Now that we are in to winter the station population has dropped to 131, the days are getting darker and the sun is below the horizon. The 24hr darkness will last until August. However just because the sun has set doesn't mean the activities do. Winter sees kiwi boxing classes, quiz night, American night over at Scott base and karaoke on Friday nights long with a list of other including finance club picture club etc



We get issued ECW (Extreme Cold Weather) clothing Back in Christchurch, that consists of goggles, 3 different types of beanies and head protection, a bib and jacket (nicknamed big red) white buddy boots and under layers. So far, I have found the wind to be the coldest and hardest to deal with, the coldest day I have had was -44c where it felt like the wind was blowing right though you and any skin exposed went numb and felt burnt.

Some of my favourite things so far have been walking home from the pub and having the aurora lights showing, chasing penguins off the runway and the view of the mountains in the morning. Walking to work I must keep pinching myself to check its real.

Lest favourite thing is getting a static shock every time you touch something or the dehydration from the lack of humidity. The humidity is so low we run humidifiers in our rooms despite how much ice and snow is around Antarctica it's one of the driest places in the world.

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Is it a race to the bottom? It has become clear over the recent months that in order to sell in this market, your property has to stand out. There are two ways to do this. You either need to be the best on the market, or the cheapest. If you choose to be the best, then high quality marketing campaigns, a good property video, guidance on staging and presentation become vitally important. Spend some extra money on presentation, landscaping, property styling and simple property maintenance. When buyers have more choice, they will pay more attention to maintenance issues that could have been easily fixed prior to coming to the market.

If you choose to be the cheapest, then a low price will attract interest and create competition. This unfortunately affects the overall sales values in the area, as buyers compare your home's value to your neighbours asking price. Last year we noticed Laingholm becoming even more popular than Titirangi, with sale values of 3 bedroom homes in the area surpassing Titirangi values in many cases. Unfortunately, this year the race to be the cheapest has begun and Laingholm sales values along with the rest of Auckland are suffering. As the market cools, suburbs that are further out are affected as enquiry levels on a property are a reflection primarily of two things; the level of demand for a given suburb and the quality of the marketing and presentation.

As agents, this market insists on creativity. Choosing an agent who can provide sound market evidence of comparable sales, can connect buyers with high quality brokers to build confidence in their finance and can build flexibility and creativity into contracts to make it easier for them to buy, are all large factors in tougher markets and give buyers the confidence to commit.



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As supply and demand goes, Laingholm will always have less listings and less choice for buyers than Titirangi. However, if we continue to maintain the reason, we chose Laingholm over Titirangi as a suburb and are passionate when describing this to potential purchasers, then we will continue to maintain the status Laingholm has achieved in the past 3 years.

We do not live in Laingholm because it is cheaper than Titirangi. We live here because of the community!

Regards,

Bronwyn

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EASY VEGETARIAN RECIPES

CHICKPEA & APRICOT TAGINE

FROM ADRIENNE PEEK

- 1 400g Can Chickpeas
- 1 Carrot (chopped)
- 1 Onion (cut into cubes)
- 2 Tablespoons Vegetable Oil
- 2 Cloves Garlic (crushed)
- 2 Tablespoons Cumin
- 1 Tablespoon Sugar
- 2 Teaspoons Salt
- Half Tin Crushed Tomatoes
- 6 Dried Apricots
- 1 Cup Brown or White Rice cooked

Fry carrot and onion in oil until slightly golden. Add garlic, tomatoes and 500 mls water. Bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes. Slice apricots and add to the mixture. Serve on top of cooked rice.



SCROMLETTE

- 4-6 Eggs
- Feta Cheese (or whatever you have in the fridge)
- Few Sprigs of Parsley (chopped)
- 1-2 Tomatoes (chopped)
- 1 Small Chilli or a sprinkle of Chilli Powder
- Bunch of Spinach or Silver Beet
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Use 2 eggs per person. Whisk with salt and pepper and crumble in the feta to taste and add parsley. Heat a little oil in a pan and fry tomatoes and chilli. Add the spinach or silverbeet and let it wilt. Take out some of this mixture in the pan and pour over the egg mixture and cook like an omelette. It won't look as elegant as an omelette but is full of vitamins. You can use any vegetables, like courgettes or peppers, any herbs or cheese.

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- ¼ Cup Honey
- 25 Grams Butter or Margarine
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“Mountains to Sea” Class 12 Journey

Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School

Last month Class 12 (Year 13) students embarked on an ambitious and challenging journey camp. We don't usually undertake this type of camp in Class 12, but as their previous year's camp had been postponed due to covid restrictions – there was the wish from the students to do something truly epic together as a final adventure camp of their school life.

In liaison with Adventure Specialties Trust in Christchurch, the class undertook a “Mountains to Sea” 5-day expedition following much of the famous Coast to Coast multi-sport event route. They began with hiking for two days through Kā Tiritiri o te Moana – the Southern Alps, near Arthur's Pass, followed by two days rafting down the Waimakariri River and a day biking across the plains of Canterbury to reach the ocean near Kaiapoi.

It was a nervously excited group who left one Saturday afternoon, to return a week later as a jubilant, buzzing group fizzing with that unique sense of achievement from enduring and pushing themselves beyond their comfort zone out in the wilderness in all kinds of weather and terrain...

Here, their accompanying teacher recalls the journey:

Let me tell you - there were low points! Blisters covering entire feet; bruises covering entire hips, cold that seeped into the bones as fast as the rain soaked every piece of clothing; negotiating slippery, muddy tracks in the dark at the end of 12½ hours of hiking. That was the first two days - we had the rafting and biking sections still to go!

At the end of that gruelling Day Two, after around 40km of trekking up and down mountains, there were tears, there were frustrations, and there were a few who wanted to be home. However, at the Day 4 morning check-in, where the guides encouraged discussions and reflections, one of the students spoke of those moments where you are put under the utmost pressure, those moments that push you beyond the point you thought you couldn't go past. The whole group experienced this pressure, but each person experiences it differently, and each person is changed by it differently, and how one changes is up to each person. The individuals in this group chose to embrace the experience and while Day Three was somewhat of a reflective, recovery day, Days Four and Five were full of laughter, jokes and smiles. This group worked together like a well-oiled machine no matter the pressure being applied.

This brings us to the other aspect of the camp. Leadership. The goal of the teachers at our school is for students to develop as individuals who know who they are, who may not have all the answers, but know it's ok to ask. Individuals who can go out into the world as valuable members of society and be truly themselves. This isn't just in the Upper School, it starts with the Kindergarteners, and continues in the Lower School - the Upper School Teachers are just the lucky ones who get to see all this hard work come to fruition.

This is what I saw on Day Two. Those who had the strength, without being asked, without complaint took the packs and gear of those who were struggling. Some carried the gear of two and a half people. They did this for over six hours ... including in the dark and the rain. When we arrived at camp/shelter, those same people prepared the food for everyone else. They did this to support their fellow classmates in time of need - knowing that everyone has different strengths, experiences challenges differently, and they knew that if and when it was their turn to need help it would also be there, and it was.

While there were “leaders” for each day, everyone helped. We were only able to get through and be smiling at the end because people were prepared to help and were prepared to ask for it. The most stunning scenery I have ever seen paled in comparison to the strength and kindness shown by students of Class 12. The way they looked after each other, and the way they interacted with the guides (and me) proved they are everything that a Class 12 should be. So proud of them!

And it wasn't just their teacher showering them with compliments, the sentiment was also shared by the guides: “What an amazing group of young people. I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and had just as much fun as the students.”

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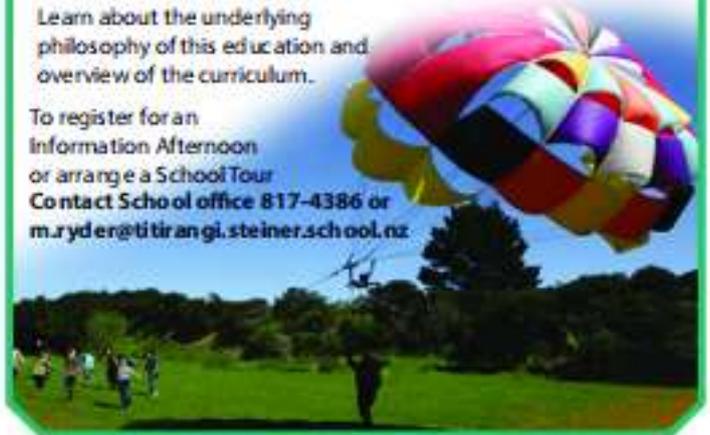
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Huia Playgroup

Huia Playgroup is back this term with lots of fun activities planned. This month started off with a visit to Huia Fire Station where we were shown all the gear that our firefighters must prove they can put on within 90 seconds. Amazing! We also explored the fire truck and helped put out a real fire, which was a hit with the kids.

Huge shout out to our amazing fire and emergency volunteers who keep us safe. Thank you to TJ, Sarah and Dan especially who organised and hosted us at the station.



1 : Harrison putting out the fire!



2: Kira admiring Sarah in her firefighter uniform

Emma ran a workshop where we learned how to make a ball rattle out of Harakeke (flax). This makes a lovely natural toy for young children who of course love putting everything into their mouths to explore, as you can see in the photo!

Huia playgroup is now on Fridays from 10-12pm and is only a \$2 koha per family. All welcome! Come for all or part and put your feet up with cookies, tea and coffee while our tamariki play with the huge assortment of toys or go on an adventure. Find us on Facebook at: 'Huia Playgroup' for more details and look out for our stall at the upcoming Queen's Birthday market!



3: Arlo and Kira eating their Harakeke balls

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Book Reviews



GEORGE WADSWORTH & IAN JOHNSON

Jane Austen the Secret Radical by Helena Kelly

The author holds Classic degrees from Oxford and King's College, London and teaches Austen at Oxford and elsewhere. This is her first book. If you are a fan of Jane Austen's novels this book is a must for you. For all is not what it seems. Her novels were not as they are portrayed in films, light romantic affairs, but serious works which deal with serious issues such as slavery {common in her day}, the hypocrisy and power of the Church of England and its systems, the place of women in society, how the poor were treated {such as the enclosures}, abuse and the class system. The author after a brilliant introduction, analyses each novel in the order in which it was written and discusses the times in which the novel was written and reading between the lines, the real reason for each book. Totally fascinating and a very rewarding read.

The Law of Innocence, A Lincoln Lawyer novel by Michael Connelly.

When the dead body of San Scales, a well known con man, is found by a policeman in the boot of Mickey Haller's car you know you are in for an entertaining and fun loving ride, that is if it were not for the fact that Mickey is charged with first degree murder and bail is set at \$5 million. I was intrigued by the portrayal of the remand prison and some of its inmates and correctional officers. But what I really enjoyed were the courtroom antics, the cross examination of the witnesses by Mickey and his assistants and the whole crazy set up that is the American criminal justice system. As fans of the author know, he tells a good story which, even though it is not great on character development, grips you till the unlikely end. Will Mickey survive to fight another day or has he met his Waterloo in Dana Berg, the ice cold, ruthless prosecuting attorney, or maybe he succumbs to Covid which rears it's ugly head? You will just have to read the novel to find out.

Three books about New Zealander's involved in the political life of our country, one biographical and two autobiographical.

Helen Kelly, Her Life, Rebecca Macfie (Awa Press, 2021): Details the life and times of Helen Kelly, who died in 2016 in her early 50's. She was an extraordinary leader in many aspects, culminating in her being the first female head of the trade union movement. Born into a working-class family with parents who were members of the Communist party she supported the struggles of all workers, even those were not trade union members. Part of my work life was in the tertiary sector. In the early 2000's Helen Kelly was general secretary of the union representing that sector and it was common knowledge that she was a thorn in the side of more than one Vice Chancellor when pushing worker's claims.

The description of her earlier years starts with her childhood in the 1960s and 1970s when trade unions and class dominated politics. The historical background is superbly detailed by the author and this gives some context to her life and actions. Major struggles – Warner Bros and the New Zealand film industry dispute, support of the Pike River workers and families, health and safety issues of forestry workers in an industry that had a

horrendous safety record (the fact that most forestry workers were not union members did not stop her from working with and supporting those workers). She was active in the living wage movement and the claim under the Equal Pay Act to address the low (often minimum) wages of a predominantly female workforce in the residential aged care sector. She continued to campaign for many causes even as she was dying, her last one being for the use of medicinal cannabis. What comes across is her humanity, for example the quiet support and friendships she forged with the Pike River families. I would rate this book the best of the three.

Labour Saving, A Memoir, Michael Cullen (Allen & Unwin, 2021): is a memoir that Michael Cullen completed and published shortly before he died about a year ago. This is a lengthy book (well over 400 pages) and spans his childhood including his family's emigration to New Zealand when he was 10 to his reflection on his life as ill-health forced him to retire from public life in 2020. Cullen was seemingly destined to have an academic career at the University of Otago until he was elected to Parliament in 1981. In 1984, the fourth Labour government came to power. This was the era of Rogernomics and the promotion of what became tagged as neoliberal politics. Cullen did not completely support that agenda although he explains that many of the reforms were necessary. The Labour Government was swept from power in 1990. The work that Cullen had promoted - plans to reform social welfare, National Superannuation, ACC, and Māori development were stopped by the new National Government but were resurrected when Labour came back to power in 1999. Cullen became Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister. His major legacies are the NZ Superannuation Fund, KiwiSaver, and establishment of Kiwibank. (Jim Anderton's baby). After Labour lost power in 2008, Cullen resigned from politics and served various roles in the public sector, his experience being recognised by the both National and Labour Governments. Cullen became more involved in Treaty of Waitangi settlements advising claimants, formerly being the Minister for Treaty negotiations. He regarded this as one of the most rewarding and important roles he had. A well written memoir, academic, reflective and with a smattering of acerbic wit.

The last book is a mention only - **National Identity, Confessions of an Outsider, Simon Bridges (Harper Collins, 2021)** which was written before Simon Bridges left Parliament (I don't know that he has left politics for good). The book is divided into nominated topics including race, fatherhood, marriage, masculinity, nationality, politics crime, religion, etc. It is really his personal manifesto on life and his beliefs and for that he is remarkably honest and open. And there are some unexpected things that he reveals about himself – dealing with being an introvert, not normally a trait of politicians that aspire to be leader. Anyway, he has left the political world for now and from this book, you can see why. But I reckon another book in 20 years would be interesting.



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We've just released this year's Budget, which sets out the next steps in our plan to build a secure future for New Zealand. I want to make sure you've heard about a couple of key Budget initiatives, including a cost of living package that will help kiwi families.

Right now the fundamentals of our economy are strong. We have a record low unemployment rate, economic activity higher than it was before COVID-19, and debt lower than most countries we compare ourselves to. Our strong health response protected our economy through COVID-19 and we've pulled through better than almost anywhere else in the world.

Despite these positive indicators we know things are tough for many families, as global inflation affects prices here at home. That's why with Budget 2022, we're taking further steps to ease the financial pressure on Kiwis with a new cost of living package.

This package includes a new temporary payment to help Kiwis with higher food and power bills. It will benefit more than two million people earning up to \$70,000 a year who don't already receive the Winter Energy Payment. Alongside this payment, we're tackling transport costs by extending our fuel tax cut, reducing road user charges and extending half price public transport for a further two months. In addition, half price public transport will be permanent for people on low incomes. We're also taking action on supermarkets to make sure Kiwis are paying a fair price at the checkout.

It's important we do what we can to take the hard edges off the global factors affecting us here in New Zealand, and these practical measures will help families here in the New Lynn Electorate and across the country.

I'm proud of this cost of living package but it's not the only part of the Budget that will be of benefit. To secure our future we're making our largest ever investment in the health system and Pharmac, ensuring more Kiwis can access lifesaving medicines and treatments, and we're delivering more paramedics and ambulances to ensure urgent care is on hand when needed. We're also boosting support for Kiwis with serious and acute conditions, as part of our work to build a new mental health and addiction system.

As we do all this we'll continue to carefully manage the books – and our careful fiscal management means we return to surplus quicker than National did after the global financial crisis.

If you'd like to know more about what's in the Budget I encourage you to check out labour.org.nz/budget2022.

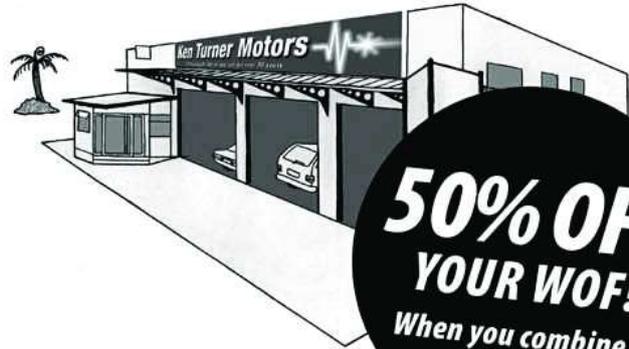
Whether it's helping businesses switch to renewable energy or futureproofing our health system, I know that our Government's actions will make a real difference for Kiwis now and in years to come.

Ngā Mihi

Deborah Russell, MP for New Lynn

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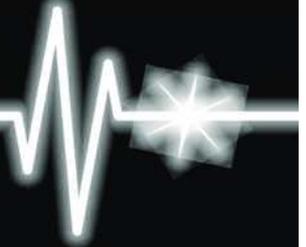
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We (Auckland Council) seem to have no hard and fast way of correlating public feedback from our many public consultations that council is obligated to do by law. Councils Regional Park Management Plan Review recently received 4684 written submissions from individuals, organisations, and mana whenua.

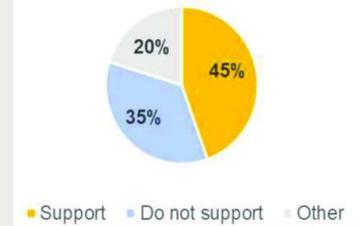
However, council identifies that of the 4684 submissions more than 3830 were generated from a campaign website through which 3646 people had used a templet provided by the website to make their submission. The writer of this executive summary then challenges these submissions for being all the same and infers people had been 'coached' in what they said. Because of this the bureaucracy has decided to treat these 3646 submissions as a Petition and view them collectively as one (1). So, all the guidance given to decision-makers and the public by way of PowerPoint graphs etc, (photo 1 below) are percentages derived from approximately 900 submissions, not 4684.

Feedback form: General comments

Photo 1

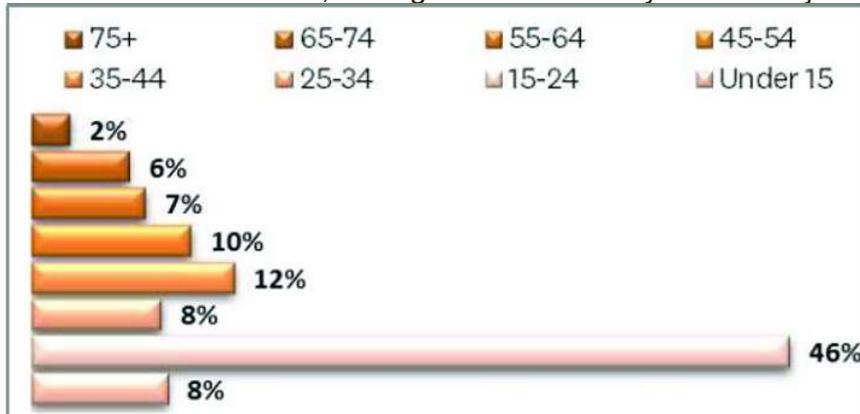
Those who supported the draft Plan liked the focus on environmental protection and climate change, accessibility for all Aucklanders, and protecting cultural heritage.

Some of those who did not support focused on governance / mana whenua involvement while others sought a variety of changes to the draft Plan.



(411 people responded)

However, this consideration as to how individual submissions have been sourced seems not to have been applied to the 2022-2023 Annual Budget consultation. Auckland Council received 11,550 pieces of feedback in total from across the region, but nowhere does council mention that 46% (5,313) of submissions came from 15 to 24-year-olds and 8% (924) from children under the age of 15. This fact was confined to one bar-graph in the supporting information. This level of engagement in bureaucratic process by school age persons is in my experience very unusual. I'm now of the understanding that most of these submissions came through the school curriculum and a teaching process. As admirable as teaching young people the importance of engaging with council process may be, I argue that these approximately 6,000 pieces of feedback, even if not 'all the same', were generated in a way that offers just as much opportunity for people to have



been 'coached' as Council claims most people were during the RPMP feedback process. So, what is councils' rationale for determining who gets heard in-full and who gets heard in-part. I suspect it depends on what best supports the bureaucracy's preferred outcome.

At best this is double standards undermining people's faith in democracy. At worst, the manipulation of legal process. I am calling on all elected members to demand continuity in our process.

6. Of the 4684 written submissions received within the submission period, more than 3830 submissions were generated from a campaign website (www.handsoff.nz) through which 3646 people sent an identical submission. Commentators on mainstream and social media claimed the draft plan hid an intention to transfer control of regional parks without proper consultation to either the Hauraki Gulf Forum or to iwi authorities. This raised concern for many people and prompted them to submit via the campaign website.
7. The proposal in the draft plan to investigate joining relevant parks to the Hauraki Gulf Marine

- ### Consideration of suggestions
- Local boards provided 245 suggestion points, which were considered in drafting the plan (see Attachments B and C).
 - From the first round of public consultation during September and October 2020, 789 submitters including 53 organisations and a petition from 3681 petitioners provided suggestions and comments to be considered in the council's review.
 - Full consideration was given to the thousands of individual suggestion points in preparing the draft plan. Particular interest came from submissions relating to track closures in the Waitākere Ranges, dog conflicts between vehicle users and others on Muriwai beach



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Nominations

The nominations will be open 1 to 30 June. People can nominate themselves or others working for the environment anywhere across the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area, which stretches from Whatipu, Glen Eden and Titirangi in the south to Waitākere, Swanson and Te Henga in the north.

In early July all nominees will be formally invited to and the winners announced at a special local event held on Tuesday 2 August.

Award categories

The five award categories are:

- **Denise Yates Award:** for youth (under 16) showing emerging leadership around local environmental issues.
- **Karaka Award:** for a school or school group taking action on a local environmental issue.
- **Nīkau Award:** for a business or social enterprise making a contribution to improve the environment.
- **Rātā Award:** for an outstanding volunteer group or organisation taking action on a local environmental issue.
- **Kahikatea Award:** for an outstanding individual volunteer taking action on a local environmental issue.

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If you would like to get in touch or to update your information in our database, please email Ana@ecomatters.org.nz or talk to us on the phone (09) 826 4276.

For more information, check out [Love Your Place Awards](#). From 1 June, this is where you'll find the nomination form.

The Love Your Place Awards are funded thanks to the Waitākere Ranges Local Board and hosted by EcoMatters Environment Trust.

Ngā mihi

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Ana Davison

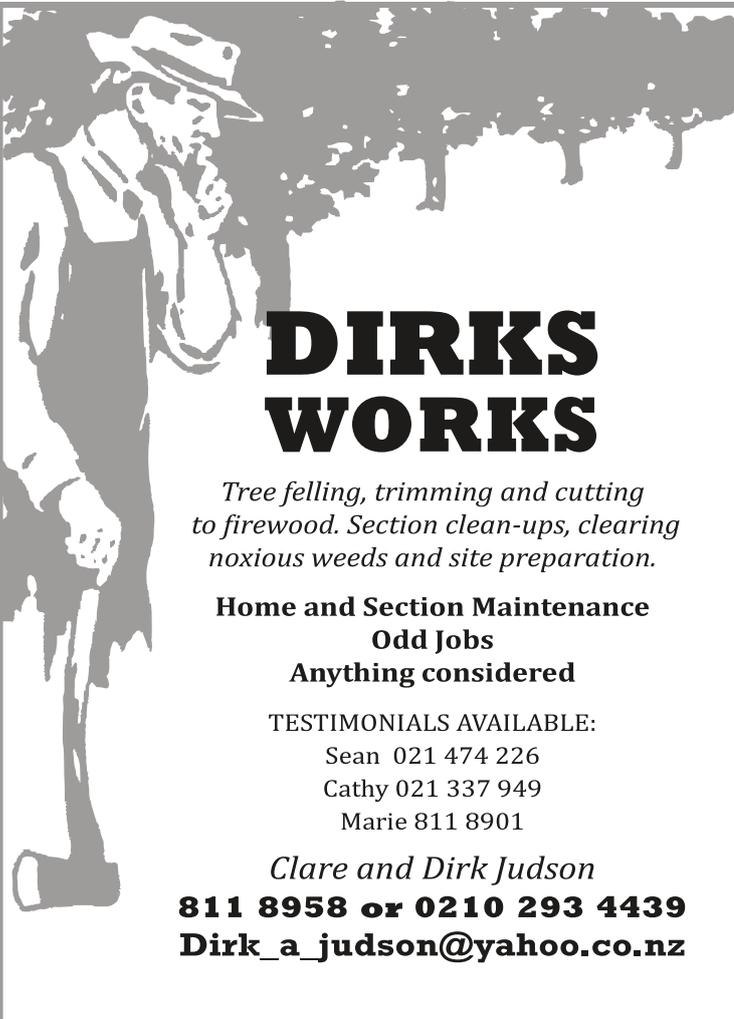
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The sorry story of Young Con Bryan of Foster Bay

One of the well-known families of Huia was the Bryans. The Bryans were Fencible descendants who arrived in 1847 and settled in Howick. Their son Cornelius Bartholomew Bryan was born in 1852. He became a bushman and worked all over Auckland and Northland becoming a master dam builder. He married Mary Ann Carroll and they had six children, three girls and three boys. The eldest boy, also called Cornelius Bartholomew Bryan, was born at Awhitu in 1884. Con Bryan, the son, was known as Young Con even when he was getting on in years. His father was known as Con Bryan Senior.

By the end of the 19th century the Bryan family had settled at Huia which was to be their home base from then on. There are a couple of paragraphs about Young Con in the book *The Settlement of the Huia* by Norman Laing.

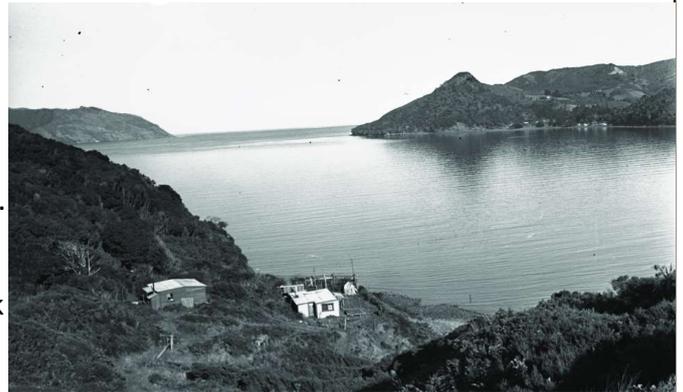
“Con’s stocky white-haired figure clad in bushman’s flannel singlet and sandshoes was regularly seen making his way to the old store for pension and provisions.” The piece goes on: “Following incidents described elsewhere” the old shacks fell into decay and were buried in the bush.

The “incidents” Norman Laing refers to appear in his book under the heading “Tragedies”. Norman says Con Bryan’s home in Foster Bay was “the scene of two violent deaths. First Jane Coster, then Daisy, both lady companions of Con’s. Both were victims of his drinking excesses.” He mentions that Con spent his last days in prison.

Young Con first came to the notice of the law aged about 16 when he was charged - with Jim Angell – another bushman from Huia – with stealing fruit and damaging Ernest Turner’s fruit trees to the value of 12 shillings.

In 1907 he married Frances Antoinette Crichton. According to Antoinette she lived with him in the backblocks, “in places where no other woman had entered.” It was not a happy marriage and it seems Young Con was violent. She left him and came to Auckland and sued for divorce. That was 1914; in 1915 Con was before the court for committing an indecent act in public which could have been as trivial as urinating in the street.

He was called up in 1915 and went into the Field Artillery where he served till 1918. When he returned Antoinette resumed trying to get a divorce. She now found Con had promised marriage to a woman he met in England during the war. Con explained it away as being “only a soldier’s bride”, an expression of the period, but Antoinette got her divorce.



Con Bryan’s house was the left of these two and was located just below Huia Point. It is today part of the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park. The bay below is called Bryan Bay and nearby is a Con Bryan Track. Photo from Auckland Libraries



Con standing on the verandah of his house with Daisy in the doorway. Photo from Huia Museum

From here Con went downhill. He was arrested for stealing boots from a shop and was described as a “town loafer”. He was sent to prison for 14 days and soon after he came out he hit a woman who remonstrated with him about an “improper suggestion” made to her. He hit her so hard she became unconscious. More offences occurred but his worst crime occurred when he was convicted for sexually assaulting a four-year-old girl in the Basin Reserve, Onehunga. With this crime as all the others, Con argued it was a case of mistaken identity, and the Court said drink was responsible. His defence said as he had served his country that should be taken into account but he was given five years’ reformatory imprisonment.

He returned to Huia but in 1929 was found “helplessly drunk” in College Hill and was sent to Mt Eden. Young Con seems to have quieted down after this. His mother died in 1929 and his father in 1938.

But serious events were about to happen. In April 1936 Con contacted the police because he said he had found his housekeeper, Jane Costar, dead on the floor. Con was described as an elderly man, though he was only 52. At the coroner’s inquest Con said that he had been living with Jane “as my wife”. He said they had gone to the pub and had come back with a lot of alcohol, including whisky and beer which they proceeded to drink.

The post-mortem found she had died from a ruptured spleen, caused by a fall either coming down the rough track to the house or in the house, but she was also covered in old bruises, on her face, arms, thighs and body. No charges were laid against Con. Clearly from comments made by Norman Laing, the community thought he had got off lightly.

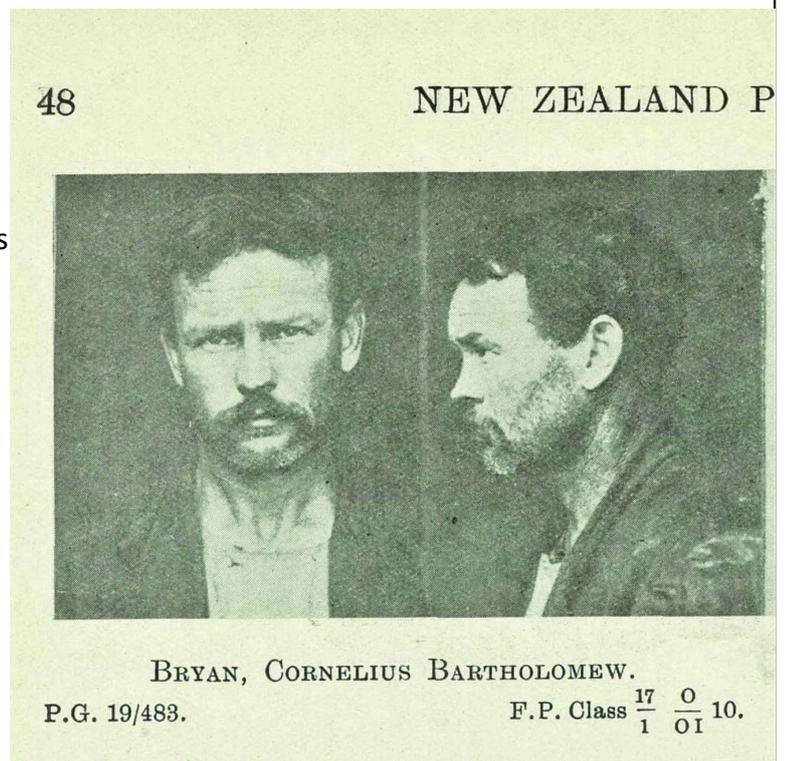
More was to come. In 1953 the Police were called to his Foster Bay shack, where they found Young Con’s companion of 18 years, Daisy King, badly beaten and unconscious. She died in hospital. Young Con’s next door neighbour, Houra Tarawa Simons, said he heard bumping coming from Con’s bach and went to investigate. There he found a semi-naked and beaten Daisy with an angry Con saying she had drunken his brandy. Simons saw Con assault Daisy and the post mortem showed she was covered in bruises and cuts and had broken ribs when Con had knelt on her to knock her head on the floor.

A jury at his first trial couldn’t agree; at his second he was found guilty of manslaughter as the jury believed he hadn’t meant to kill Daisy. He was sent to Wanganui Prison for life without hard labour. When he died of a stroke in 1957 his prison attendants said he “spent at least 80% of his time in bed”: he walked with two sticks from a knee injury he suffered during his war service.

And so ended the sad and not very savoury career of Young Con; his Foster Bay shack was overtaken by the bush and today this is a forgotten episode of the Manukau Harbour’s colourful history.

Sandra Coney

This story has been put together from newspaper reports, official documents such as Police Gazettes and coroner’s reports and cuttings in a scrapbook held at the Huia Museum. Both Jane and Daisy are buried in unmarked graves at Waikumete Cemetery. Con Bryan is buried at Wanganui.



Con Bryan’s police photo from the 1919 Police Gazette held in Archives New Zealand. He was 33 years old. At 5 feet 5 inches he was not a tall man but was stocky and strong



WOODLANDS PARK

Our Stories, told by us

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Autumn Poetry

It's the "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness," and like John Keats, our young poets in Room 3 were inspired.

Autumn

Leaves changing red and orange
Cold wind blowing umbrellas away
Trees haunted with bareness
Dancing leaves in the light sky
Scattering seagulls silently swoop
Mud swishing between my toes
Sun burning the earth
Swaying sea silently swishing
Crunchy leaves beneath my feet
Seasons changing faster than the flick
of a light

By Lilly

Falling leaves

Autumn is fiery
Scarlet leaves dance down to the
ground
Bare trees like skeletal witch hands
Changing colours fly in the sky
The silent seagulls start to screech
Sun settles down on the ground
Clouds drift around the sky
As an Autumn smell flutters away
through the air

By Oscar



Autumn

Leaves going from curious green
to fiery orange
Hedgehogs scurry to prepare for
hibernation
Trees shedding leaves covering
the floor
Crunch snap is the sound of peo-
ple trudging through the twigs
and leaves
Birds chirping and flying in the
drafty wind
Clouds take over the blue sky in
an instant
I breathe in the Autumn air

By Ned

Autumn

Sparrows play in leaves the colour of
the sun
with the fragrance of nature
Hanging nests with speckled eggs
Colder, colder
Pigeons hide as the clouds take over
Dewdrops in the garden
Glowing in the morning light
the colours are like an echo
Louder, louder
As the hedgehogs fall into a deep
sleep

The seasons combine
The sound of huias only in your mind
The falling leaves bring silence
No more do cicadas sing
leaves like a sunset
Skies filled with thunder
And autumn rain
The ghost of a moa
walking across a silver lake

By Amelia



Choose kind

"Kindness is not just something you can do; you have to work hard to do it."

To some people, kindness is a nice warm, helpful thing that they want to give to others, and then they give on more so that they can be happy too.

If we are kind, the kindness will come back to us.

If you are kind to someone, they will be kind and happy to you. There are many things in life that will make you want to be kind. KINDNESS is coming. It is not something of the past, it is now! Kindness + happiness = the best thing ever.

My notes: This means a lot to me, and I hope it is the same for you. To me, there is never too much kindness in the world. We are not done yet, but with a lot of hard work, we can do it.

Julian, Room 6

Kindness

To be kind means to be a better person in life and to do good deeds. You see, kindness can be anything from helping an old lady across the street to giving a homeless person some food. And even simple acts of kindness like these can make a massive difference in someone's heart.

It also inspires others who have felt an act of kindness to do the same for others around them. Kindness doesn't cost anything, and it gives you the urge to do it again and again and again. It makes you feel amazing inside, but there is no wrong way to be kind. Also, kindness is like a boomerang bouncing between people spreading happiness and kindness to every person in the world. Kindness is like a flowing tide washing over people bringing kindness and pride to people who swim through the gentle water.

There are no acts of kindness that don't warm up a person's heart like a burning heatwave. Even one act of kindness can lead to millions or even zillion acts of kindness, and there is never a bad moment for kindness.

Dexter, Room 6



The Forgotten Suburb

I decided to forget about the Forgotten Suburb this month. This Laingholm Local's thoughts have been diverted to other matters following a conversation with a Huia Local. We were wondering, "What is the highest point in Auckland?" Before you read any further, you might like to take a guess at the answer.

Well - first of all, decide what you mean by "Auckland". I've done extensive research on the topic (in other words, I googled it). The first answer I got was Mt Eden at 196m. Of course, everyone knows that Rangitoto is higher than Mt Eden - it's 259m. So Mr Google doesn't know everything! But that would be the old Auckland city. Auckland swallowed up Manukau, Waitakere, North Shore, Franklin, Rodney and the old Auckland Regional Authority over a decade ago. (Did I leave anyone out?) Bearing this in mind, my Huia friend confidently said that the highest point in Auckland is right here, a short distance from Huia. It's Mt Donald McLean (393m), of course. Well, is it?

So I worded my question to Mr Google rather differently. While I was undertaking this exhaustive research, I discovered that there are people called "Peak Baggers". They are keen, fit types who, wherever they go, find the highest point and climb it, then they can say that it's "in the bag". Some climb the highest point on each continent, or it may be the highest point in a country, in a district - or in Auckland city.

I wondered how high the highest point in the Hunua Ranges is. This one can hardly be described as a peak because it has a very rounded summit - one of those where you need a trig point to be sure you've actually reached the top. It's called Mt Kohukohunui and it's 688m - which is quite a lot higher than the highest point in the Waitakeres, which is Mt Te Toiokawharu at 474m. This peak is reached via the Twin Peaks Track but is hardly worth the climb as the forest is so lush that there's no view - unlike the spectacular views from nearby Mt Donald McLean

But we still haven't found the highest point in Auckland city. (Drum roll, please!) The answer isHauturu, which comes in at 722m. However, to scale this peak you will need special permission, because it's an island. It's better known as Little Barrier Island, is home to some of New Zealand's rarest and most precious species and the Department of Conservation tightly controls who visits. The island is rugged and a climb to the summit would be challenging, but the rewards - spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf and the Northland coast - would be well worth the effort.

there you have it. The highest point in Auckland city is an island that you can gaze at from the east coast beaches. Rather like Bali Ha'i, in the movie "South Pacific", it's misty, mysterious and inaccessible to all but the privileged few.

Laingholm Local

Comment from the Editor.

In the Amateur Radio world there is an Awards program called SOTA, Summits On The Air, where an Activator, a person who likes talking on the radio and also likes hill climbing, goes to the top of a qualifying hill and talks to other 'Activator's on another hilltop or to a 'Chaser' who could be anywhere else or comfortably sitting cosily at home. You are awarded points for different peaks.

SOTA has been carefully designed to make participation possible for all Radio Amateurs and Shortwave Listeners - this is not just for mountaineers! There are awards for activators (those who ascend to the summits) and chasers (who either operate from home, a local hilltop or are even Activators on other summits).

New Zealand has over 5000 summits on its list. Little Barrier is there but not been activated yet!

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PATRICIA ANNE RULE

The Huia Settlers Museum are sad that we have had to say 'Goodbye' to Paddy Rule. Paddy had been supporting the museum from the beginning. She was an original committee member and was the museums treasurer for some time. Lately she has been a volunteer supporting the museum wherever she could

Not only has Paddy helped the museum, she has been a great community supporter. She worked as a secretary at the Laingholm School and school nurse, as she was also a registered nurse. She was on the school's PTA and again helped where she could With Shirley Butland, she started up the Huia playgroup, which is still going today. She was well known for her nursing skills around Cornwallis and would often take sick or injured people down to the end of Cornwallis Road (then gravel!) in her own car, to meet the ambulance.

So Paddy will be sadly missed and to her family we send our sincere condolences.





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Kia ora te whanau whanui! Restoration Ruatuna always looks forward to winter because it's planting time. We've already planted 115 new natives at Western Park on Western Road; thanks to the Auckland Council and our local ranger for the plants, and to all the people who turned up to help on planting day. Together we're making great progress at this park, restoring a natural flood zone, making a home for our native wildlife and preparing for a future of climate change. Winter is also time for our annual Nocturnal Fish Hunt Excursion. Bring your children and have fun exploring the creek at night with torches looking for fish, eels and other creatures. Watch out for a flyer in your letterbox or a post on the Laingholm Community's Facebook page for the date.

Join our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/ruatuna/ for more information about our work with water, weeds and predators, or email us at restorationruatuna@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list.

Questions about restoring nature

If you have questions about restoring nature on your own property, we have experts who are happy to provide practical advice. restorationruatuna@gmail.com or text 021 818950

Weed of the month – *Erigeron karvinskianus* Mexican Daisy Family: Asteraceae (daisy)



Mexican Daisy forms dense mats and produces large amounts of seed that disperse long distances. It tolerates moderate shade to full sun, damp to drought condition and will grow in sand, mud, gravel, or tiny cracks in solid rock. It is most prevalent in our area on roadside and track banks.

Control options:

1. Easy to dig or pull but ensure you get the roots out or it will regrow.
2. Large patches where there are no native plants can be sprayed with glyphosate (10ml/L + penetrant).

Native plant of the month – *Lobelia anceps* Family: Campanulaceae



This native herb is usually overlooked but is usually found sprawling down banks on the sides of tracks in the Waitakere Ranges. It can struggle to compete with the Mexican Daisy pest when the latter dominates its habitat. Where I have weeded Mexican Daisy from track banks on a regular basis *L. anceps* has thrived. It flowers for an extended period over summer.



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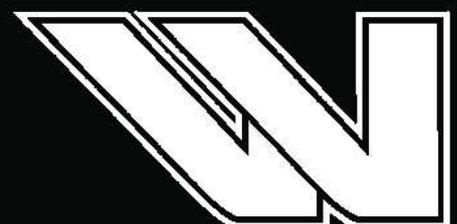
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Our Superhero Party in 2009!



Our Jungle Party in 2011!



Our Carnival Party in 2014!



Our Circus Party in 2016!



And soon we will be planning our 25th Birthday Party. We can't wait for the fun to start!

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

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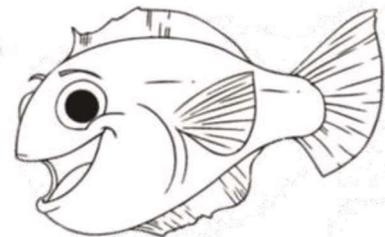
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Te Uru is pleased to announce **MOTUTAPU**, a collaborative exhibition of new work by artist Benjamin Work and photographer Brendan Kitto, which is open from Saturday 11 June.

MOTUTAPU is the conclusion of a four-year journey by artist Benjamin Work and photographer Brendan Kitto. This exhibition looks at the shared history of Motutapu (sacred island) throughout Moana Oceania – including Tongatapu, Rarotonga and at the entrance to the Waitematā Harbour here in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Motutapu is a place of sanctuary. Positioned at the entrance of great harbours, straddling the open ocean and the mainland, it serves as a gateway for navigators arriving and departing on voyages. The lifting of tapu and making things noa took place on Motutapu, allowing navigators to continue with their journey back to their closest kāinga, even if it was generations later.

Work and Kitto's enquiry into Motutapu was initially centred around the shared name. What soon became apparent was a deeper connection to their own hohoko/'akapapa (genealogy) as they travelled to three of the Motutapu locations and connected with key knowledge holders. Motutapu has become a metaphor for Work and Kitto as a gateway into or starting point for these personal journeys. Through this exhibition, they offer it to the extended diaspora of Moana Oceania as a way for reconnection and reconciliation, and as a reminder of what joins communities across time and space.

"How we travel, safely entering and passing through new locations, has become extremely topical, even if this project began before the current pandemic," says Te Uru Director, Andrew Clifford. "This research into Motutapu as a shared history also highlights the interconnectedness of our place in the Moana Pacific and the many navigators that have forged these links. Te Uru's location, overlooking the Manukau Harbour, reminds us of all the travellers who have passed through this space, whether by sea or air."

"Motutapu reminds me of the Tongan practice of Tauhi vā (to nurture or maintain relational space), as a metaphor of this sacred inbetween space, an island straddled between the deep moana and the fonua of the mainland," Work says. "When Brendan and I first embarked on this journey we were unaware of where this would lead us, but we now know this was a journey of restoration, healing and connection – to moana, fonua and ultimately with 'Otua."

The presentation of MOTUTAPU coincides with the launch of a print publication of the same name, published by RIM Books. Featuring contributions from Pita Tūrei (Ngai Tai Ki Tamaki, Ngāti Pāoa, Ngā Rauru Kiitahi) and Zoe Black (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine, Pākehā), the publication brings Work and Kitto's images together with knowledge and reflections from their journey around Moana Oceania, culminating in these two presentations.

Exhibition: Benjamin Work and Brendan Kitto: MOTUTAPU

When: 11 June – 11 September 2022

Where: Te Uru, 420 Titirangi Rd, Titirangi, Auckland

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ALSO IN TE URU'S 2022 WINTER SEASON

Emily Karaka: Matariki Ring of Fire

18 June – 18 Sep 2022

Matariki Ring of Fire centres on the festival of Matariki, the Matariki star cluster, and the fourteen Tūpuna Maunga of the Tāmaki Makaurau region. In these new paintings, Emily Karaka depicts the maunga as places of great significance, where ritual ahi (fires) were set during Matariki in times past, for whānau, hapū, and iwi to come together to celebrate life.

Otherwise-image-worlds

5 June – 5 September 2022

Otherwise-image-worlds brings together five newly commissioned artworks from artists working in animation. Working against the commercial demand for spectacle and efficiency, Danielle Brathwaite-Shirley, Juliet Carpenter, Tanu Gago, Ary Jansen and Sorawit Songsataya, all expand and reconfigure the conventions of image-making, asking what modes of interaction, imagination, attention, and refusal animation can cultivate.

Robert Rapson: Against the tide

11 June – 7 August 2022

This exhibition celebrates the life and work of the late, self-taught ceramic artist, Robert Rapson, best known for his wonderfully wonky yet uncannily accurate sculptures of boats. Against the tide reflects both Rapson's passion for ships and his position outside the artistic status quo, and his clever and quirky way of looking at the world.

Wanda Gillespie: Counting frames for a transient era

28 May – September 2022

Wanda Gillespie presents a collection of her contemporary abaci to consider timelessness as a term of value given new meaning during the pandemic. Presented in the Te Uru window space, it offers passers-by a moment to reflect on the creation and measurement of value, and the need for its re-evaluation.



Benjamin Work (left) and Brendan Kitto (right), image courtesy of the artists

BENJAMIN WORK

Ha'a Lātūhifo / Orkney / Ayr

b. 1979, Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland

Benjamin Work is an artist, Tāmaki Makaurau-born and raised, with Tongan and Scottish heritage. Work's evolution exemplifies the new trajectories of artists reared on American sub and pop culture, while also explicitly exploring the complexities of both cultural institutions and the Moana Oceania diaspora. Drawing on his Tongan heritage, Work has pushed his art in new directions over the last decade. Inspired by his research throughout museums across the globe that house

Tongan iconography, typically found on cultural treasures such as 'akau tau (weaponary), his refined graphic paintings have sought to find new spaces and ways for audiences to engage with Tonga's visual culture, both inside institutions and on the streets.

BRENDAN KITTO

b. 1981

Brendan Kitto is a photographer based in Whanganui, his work is a visual diary of day to day life and his own intrigue with his surroundings.

ABOUT TE URU

Te Uru is a regional gallery based in scenic Titirangi, gateway to the Waitākere rain forest and en route to Auckland's famous west coast beaches. As a destination gallery, Te Uru operates from an award-winning purpose-built building in the redeveloped Lopdell Precinct. We continue to present a diverse programme of contemporary exhibitions, events and activities, complemented by exceptional architecture and spectacular views of the surrounding area. Te Uru receives core funding from the Waitākere Ranges Local Board of Auckland Council.
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June Events:

Wednesday 1st June 11.30am – 12.30pm Royal Visits to New Zealand. Join us for a presentation from Raewynn Robertson from Research West, who will show photographs from the Auckland Libraries Heritage collections of royal visits dating from 1869 through to the 1980's. Registrations preferred to titirangi.library@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

After School Activities are back at Titirangi Community Library.

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Over the last year we have focused on making sure our students and their families were safe and well supported. In addition we were able to provide assistance to other community organisations as the needs of our community often exceeded our ability as a school to support them. Thank you to all the organisations that have provided community support during what can only be described as an 'interesting' couple of years.

This term we have been able to hold our first inter-school sports competitions since, I believe, August last year. Our swimming team did particularly well in their event winning first place overall. Our cross country team also represented the school extremely well, gaining an overall second place in their competition. The photos to the left were taken during our in-school cross country event.

Student Gala:

The student gala was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many parents back on the school site. As many parents commented, for some it was the first time they had been inside the school gates in almost a year.



June's Photo Gallery
 "School Cross Country 2022"



Thank you to all the teachers, parents and students that looked after the stalls, sizzled the sausages and looked after the inflatable obstacle course. Your help and support was greatly appreciated.



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Re-engaging with our Students:

One of the challenges schools across the country have faced in 2022 is reconnecting with our students and their families, with some students not having physically attended school since August 2021.

As a teacher it has been really rewarding to visit classrooms and share the learning that is happening, like this piece of writing from one of our Year 5 students.

The ombre yellow leaf falls from a tree in autumn.

It feels smooth as I grab it from the damp ground

I think that the red and black holes might have been bitten by hungry insects.

The oval has a black line in the middle.

When I put the leaf beside my ear and crunch it a little it makes a sound that is as quiet as a mouse.

It smells extremely fresh when I put it in front of my nose.

By Solomon

Star Wars Day - May 4th.

One of the positives from the change to the 'orange' setting of the CPF is that we were able to host our annual 'Star Wars Day'. As always, the creativity shown by the students, and their families, in the creation of the costumes was amazing.

Star Wars Limerick

There once was a very old myth,
 About a powerful Sith
 His name was DARTH Vader
 He owned a light saber
 And he died on May the fifth

By Edwin.



June's Photo Gallery
 "Star Wars Day 2022"





Kia ora and gidday fishos, Well fishing news is a bit sparse, especially in the harbour. The big boys are still getting decent catches over the bar and an adventurous mate of mine even went down as far as Raglan after groper, but caught only gem fish. Reports vary about what depth the fish are at but 60m seems to be the favourite. There's no shortage of fish out there because the big Sanford trawler goes out one day and back in the next so obviously he's getting his quota each time. A mate of mine who fishes the confluence of the three channels in the harbour caught 11 big snapper from 400-500cm and he was stoked. So they lurk, it's just a matter of finding them. However fishing then Cornwallis are for little old ladies in dinghies has been pretty lousy – last time out, one snapper which I had to stand on to make it legal. Not a sign of a gurnard but some schools of huge kahawai (but there's only so many of these brutes you need).

Was reminiscing lately about old fishing mates who are now in that great fishing ground in the sky. Old Bill was one, in his 60s, and dodderly on his pins. He was a bit of a liability from time to time but what he lacked in mobility he made up for with enthusiasm. He loved going over on the banks for scallops (in the good old days when the banks abounded with scallops) and at low tide there would be an exodus from Cornwallis to get over there. Anyhow, me and Bill had been over, got our limit and returned to the beach. I left Bill with the dinghy and went to get the trailer when I heard him hollering out. There he was, one foot on the beach, the other in the dinghy and the wind and tide were taking the dinghy out. Poor old Bill's legs were getting wider and wider apart. I tore back down the beach and managed to rescue him before any great damage was done to his manhood! After that he declined all offers to go scalloping and sent his wife round instead.

Had a nosey on the wharf recently. There's a group of dedicated piper fishers there, come rain or shine, and bioy can they catch piper. They are Asians so trying to converse with them is difficult but they fish with long rods and no reels. One fella explained that reeling them in gives the fish a chance to get off while with the rod they simply flick it up and land the fish on the wharf. They use some funny looking bait that looks like orange plasticine but couldn't, or wouldn't, tell me what it was.

Ok fishos, in the absence of further fishing news will proceed to joke time (forgive me if I repeat myself).

A num runs screaming from the doctor's surgery. What have you said to that nun, the receptionist asked. I told her she was pregnant, replied the doc. That's a terrible thing to say, the receptionist said. Yes, said doc, but it sure as hell cured her hiccups.

Two fishos yarning about their wives. My wife threatens to leave me if I don't stop boozing with the lads, says one. That sounds serious, said the other. Yes, I'd miss her , he replied.

A fella charged with murder managed to bribe one of the jurors to get the charge reduced to manslaughter. It worked and as he was led out of court he asked the juror in a whisper if it was very difficult. Yes, said the juror, the others wanted to acquit you.

How do you keep a Roundabout reader in suspense? I'll tell you next time!

That's Winne done for this month. Cheers and tight lines.

June Predictions for all Fisherman And Fisherman's Friends



Even my Crystal Ball did not reveal the widespread acclaim that my previous astrological predictions have produced. Since then, I have experienced constant pressure by sundry fisher-folk, of all available sexes, to set out what the stars and planets predict for their endeavours this next month. Even the partners of anglers now comprehend the terrible cosmic forces and celestial strains under which their loved ones struggle just to provide a sardine-sized snapper for the table. I am assured, on moderately good authority, that several marriages and a lot of expensive fishing gear have been saved by my humble efforts of prediction and prognostication. While all agree that fish inherently know when to lay low because of the season, and the tide (which is, of course, caused by the sun and the moon) and also the time of the Mo(o)nth, it remains a mystery why so few Fisher-folk recognise that they themselves are similarly affected! Anyway, here is how it apparently looks for the month of June:

June 03 — Mercury goes direct in Taurus: With loquacious Mercury finally moving forward in the sign of the Bull for a second time, don't be surprised if you hear a repeat of the same exaggerated BS description as you heard just last month about just how that humungously huge fish got away into the Murky Depths..

June 04 — Saturn goes retrograde in Aquarius: For the next four months, the fish and the fisher-folk are likely to become somewhat morose and grumpy as they seek to become reconnected with their true selves: Watch out for spiny fins and deep grunts!

June 13 — Mercury enters Gemini: Mercury is back again in Gemini. There will be strong temptations to socialise, share gossip and to tell tall tales! Not much fishing gets done but keep an eye (or better still, a padlock) on that beer locker.

June 14 — Full moon in Sagittarius: A good night for floundering or perhaps finding that productive pozzie under both the moonlight and adventurous Sagittarius! But don't stay out too late or you will be made to regret it in the morning. This might be just the time to have a good story ready!

June 21 — Sun enters Cancer/Winter Solstice: Winter Is Coming! Over the next four weeks you should check your wet-weather gear, life-jacket, flares, radio etc., and service the motor! Your focus should shift towards protecting yourself, the boat, the anchor and the nets, rods, lines and other tackle! Do check your stern gland! Your life may depend on it! (Oh yes! --- And, of course, your family)

June 22 — Venus enters Gemini: The experience of fishing becomes exciting but quite fickle. The many nibbles and strong but unproductive strikes may stretch your vocabulary to new depths! Try to avoid extremely bad language as a playful stingray takes the bait, the hook, line, sinker, rod and reel out towards Australia.

June 28 — New moon in Cancer: Crabs may steal your bait while bottom-fishing. This is a good time to think about the people you love and how you might foster peace and harmony. Or you could do what you usually do and stamp around, sitting in the bait and burley, cursing and swearing! Whatever ~~~~~!

— Neptune goes retrograde in Pisces: Be sure to fish on the incoming tide! This is not a good time for fishing an outgoing tide with both the fish and Poseidon pulling against you! A faulty motor, weed around the slipping anchor plus a small squall, and you may just find yourself approaching the Manukau Heads at some considerable speed!





GREEN-FINGERS

This strange weather is making it hard for us gardeners because the plants don't seem to know what season it is. I still have tomato seedlings popping up all over the place but I am focusing on winter staples such as cabbage, silverbeet, broccoli and cauliflower. At this time of year soil will benefit from fertiliser and/or compost to help maintain good plant health and the rain has softened the ground making weeding much easier. This is the month when the experts advise planting garlic and shallots (the old adage: plant on the shortest day, harvest on the longest). It is preferable for the soil to be cool when these are planted and it is better if the site is prepared beforehand with a combination of lime, fertiliser and compost then left for a week or two before planting. Peel off the papery layer on the bulbs and separate into separate cloves for planting. I've found shallow planting is best but there seems to be mixed messages about what depth is ideal. Some plants can be sown directly in a sunny spot or sown in trays ready for early spring. Elsewhere judicious pruning can be undertaken on trees and roses. But this is definitely the time of year to take it a bit easy and simply enjoy your earlier efforts. Happy gardening.



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