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On Anzac morning (April 25) members of our community will gather
at the flagpole outside Laingholm Hall to remember those who gave
so much. All welcome Organised by the Laingholm Volunteer Fire
Brigade***

Starts at 10.30 am

Morning tea will be served in the hall at the conclusion



The Roundabout

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Restoring Nature in Laingholm

WHAT IS RESTORATION RUATUNA

Who are we?

A group of volunteers committed to restoring and protecting Laingholm's natural environment.

What do we do?

We engage with our neighbours, nurture our community's sense of place and work together to create a healthy, thriving ecosystem within the Laingholm catchment: we control invasive pest plants; establish native plants; manage animal pests; stabilise stream banks and monitor the health of the water in the Laingholm (Ruatuna) beach catchment.

We have monthly working bees, usually on the second Sunday of each month. These are advertised in the Roundabout and on our Facebook page.

Our core group additionally undertakes extensive restoration work in local reserves and on roadside and riparian margins.

We also offer advice and support to individuals on ecosystem restoration.

Why do we do it?

For the community spirit, social engagement (fun!) and satisfaction gained while promoting and supporting our environment.

Email us restorationruatuna@gmail.com if you would like to receive our newsletter or get more involved.

Visit our website for information on local pest plants and activities: restorationruatuna.nz

LEN'S PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH



IVY

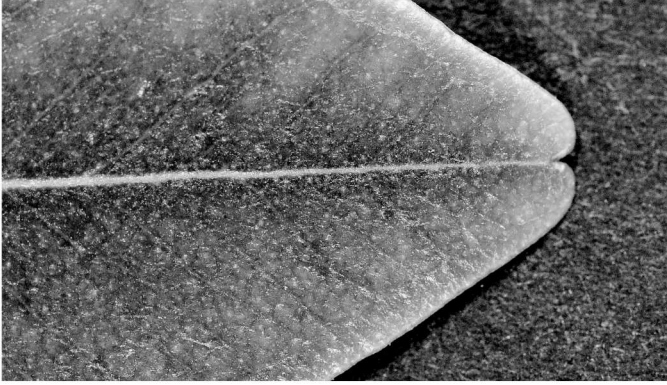
Hedera helix

Family: Araliaceae (ivy)

Also known as English ivy. There are many cultivars with different leaf shapes and colouring. Ivy is a climber with woody stout stems that attach to walls rock fences with aerial rootlets. It climbs almost any surface, smothering the forest floor, sub-canopy and canopy to great heights. It quickly forms dense mats and is long-lived. It is spread by birds and through pieces dumped on roadsides. It smothers and kills all plants from ground level to canopy, destroys vulnerable epiphytes, and prevents the establishment of native seedlings. Infestations become so heavy that it can bring down branches or whole trees. We are finding it is an increasing problem in the reserve areas in Laingholm we are looking after.

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NORTHERN RATA

Metrosideros robusta

Family: Myrtaceae

Northern Rata can grow up to 30 m high and its trunk can reach 2 m in diameter. It is a close relative to the Pohutukawa and they look similar with both producing bright red flowers in summer. Northern Rata differs from Pohutukawa, however, by having a tall narrow growth form and a straight trunk whereas Pohutukawa tends to sprawl out from multiple stems at its base. Both species have elliptic shaped leaves but you can identify the leaves of Northern Rata by the small notch at the tip of the leaf.

Northern Rata usually establishes as a perching seedling high in another tree such as rimu. It then sends a root down to the ground which enlarges over time into a substantial trunk with claw-like arms that wrap around its host tree. Northern Rata prefer to grow on ridge tops and there is a wonderful stand of them on the Scenic Drive. Northern Rata was once very abundant throughout much of the North Island but it has suffered badly from possums that repeatedly strip the leaves until the tree dies, and so it has disappeared entirely from large tracts of forest. Both Pohutukawa and Northern Rata are most closely related to other species within the genus *Metrosideros* that come from the tropical eastern Pacific such as Hawai'i. Generally, plant groups have originated in the tropics and then dispersed to temperate regions like New Zealand but *Metrosideros* originated in New Zealand and dispersed to the tropics. Once in the tropics *Metrosideros* diversified rapidly such that there are now 45 species in the tropics compared to 11 in New Zealand, one in South America and one in South Africa.




Community Working Bee

10am Sunday 12 April

@ Western Park

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From the chair, Waitākere Ranges Local Board

Kia ora,

There are some significant council related things going on just in Laingholm.

First up is the Victory Road repairs. Our board followed up on concerns once we became aware of the project approach (we had not been notified due to a system fault).

After our briefing and advocacy, we better understood the reasons for the closure and the challenges of the changed bus system. We have registered disappointment in the new operating procedure for reversing that has limited a better bus response. We understand though that pedestrian access will be retained which should help those who walk through the area and are interested in seeing progress.

The construction method is the placement of 6m piles with timber lagging tied back by 9m long soil nails drilled at a 15-degree angle. This is a similar method to elsewhere in the ranges. Victory Road in many places was a cut and fill (i.e. the bit cutout was pushed over the edge to widen the road and meaning the outer edge is often less stable than the inner part).



This is an example image to show you how it will be put together:

The large size of the machine, the instability of the fill edge and the distance it needs to reach to position the nails for "nailing" means that the road cannot be opened during work periods without massive delays. New drainage, road rebuild, footpath and handrails are part of the project.

The other was the consultation on the beach foreshore upgrade and the potential future removal of the Phoenix palms at the beach. After a well-attended and passionate community meeting, the local board heard the diversity of views and extended the consultation so more people could input. Thank you everyone for your input at the meeting which showed the range of thoughts from removal asap to leave them alone. It was great to see the great community passion Laingholm is known for. We await a report back from staff on the feedback and options going forward. We will come back to you once we have this report.

Speaking about the great Laingholm community, I was fortunate to attend the community picnic at the beach playground as part of the neighbour's day programme we support. Thank you to Hannah and her support crew as well as Community Waitākere for a great day. It was great to see Glenn in his Auckland Emergency Management capacity handing out information to help with local community resilience.

Ngā mihi,

Mark Allen / Chair

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Waitākere Ranges / Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Art Exhibition

The 14 Stations of the Cross

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

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Greetings all! My name is Vanushi Walters - you'll be reading a new monthly column from me in The Roundabout over the next few months as I explain my role as a list Member of Parliament (MP) based in Waitākere. I was a Member of Parliament in the previous term of the Labour-led government and, in the last year, have been back in Parliament as a List MP.

With the recent confirmation of electorate boundary changes, at the next General Election a large part of the New Lynn electorate will become the Waitakere electorate.

As someone who has previously been a local MP, I know how important it is to be present locally and to be available to assist with everyday issues. I care deeply about our community. I have had the opportunity to raise my young family in Glen Eden, and now the Waitākere Ranges, for the last 14 years. I know that there are many issues for everyday people in suburbs across Waitākere and I am currently running surveys you may have seen online to best understand what's most important across our community.

Whether you are advocating for a change to a local project, or struggling with a central government agency, I am here to help. I have a background in community law prior to becoming a Member of Parliament. I know how important it is to simply be heard and to be able to cut through what can seem like large barriers to resolving everyday issues. Please reach out to me at Vanushi.WaltersMP@parliament.govt.nz if there are any difficulties you are facing in our local community.

I look forward to diving into more local issues in next month's Roundabout, but until then I'm sure I'll see you out and about in the community.

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A vertical promotional graphic for Vanushi Walters. It features her name 'Vanushi Walters' in large white text on a red background. Below her name is the text 'Labour List MP based in Waitākere'. Further down are her contact details: 'Vanushi.WaltersMP@parliament.govt.nz', 'Facebook: /VanushiWalters', and 'Instagram: @VanushiWalters'. At the bottom is a portrait of Vanushi Walters smiling, wearing a red top. Below the portrait are the New Zealand crest and the Labour Party logo. At the very bottom, in small text, it says 'Authorised by Vanushi Walters MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington'.

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Article by Helen Turner

Please join us in supporting the Huia Community Groups **Easter Market at the Huia Hall**. The museum will be open, and we will be selling preserves, books, plants, second-hand goods, and some Easter treats.

When: **Easter Monday, 6th April, from 10 am to 2 pm.**

Over the Easter period, we are open Saturday 4th April, but closed Easter Sunday 5th April.

The Huia Settlers Museum really needs your support. We rely on visitors and fundraising for our income. Some weekends, we have no visitors. Are you a local who has never visited your museum? With petrol prices high, we're not far away. Come and browse, then enjoy a walk in the Karamatura Valley. We would love to see more locals take an interest in the museum and offer some help, especially if you have expertise in a field that could be useful to us; we would be happy to call on you occasionally. The museum is a Charitable Trust run by six dedicated Trustees, all retired ladies! We also have a team of other wonderful volunteers who assist a Trustee each weekend. We would genuinely appreciate some support. Please get in touch if you are interested.

The museum's centre display over the next two months will showcase the **history of Alfred Hooky Hill** and his connection with the Huia Store. He established the first store opposite its current location. This picture was taken in 1915, Auckland Libraries Heritage Collections 07A-02210. Thanks to Michelle Parker (nee Fry) for this display.





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ProActive where it counts

At The ProAgent Team, being proactive where it counts is more than just a tagline. It is how we operate, how we think, and how we show up for our clients, especially in times of uncertainty.

Right now, there is a lot happening globally. Economic shifts, rising living costs, and growing concern around fuel availability are starting to influence the way people move, travel, and make decisions. Closer to home, we are also seeing the early signs of what could become a petrol shortage or, at the very least, significantly increased fuel costs. These changes may seem external to the property market, but they directly impact buyer behaviour.

Over the past few weeks, we have noticed something interesting at our open homes. There has been a clear increase in interest from overseas buyers, along with out-of-town purchasers who are carefully considering how and when they travel. Buyers are still active. Demand is still there. But the way people engage with property is evolving.

Rather than waiting to see how this plays out, we have chosen to move early.

The ProAgent Team is now offering virtual open homes across our campaigns. This allows buyers to walk through a property in real time without needing to physically attend. Whether they are based overseas, living in another region, or simply wanting to reduce travel costs, they can still experience the home in a meaningful and interactive way.

This is not just about convenience. It is about removing barriers.

A buyer in Australia can view a property in Titirangi without getting on a plane. A family in another part of Auckland can attend multiple open homes in one afternoon without worrying about fuel costs. Investors can make more informed decisions without delay. And importantly, vendors benefit from a wider, more accessible pool of buyers.

We see this as a natural evolution of how property should be marketed in today's environment. Technology gives us the ability to stay connected, and it is our responsibility to use it well.

Being proactive where it counts means anticipating change before it becomes a problem. It means recognising shifts in buyer behaviour and adapting quickly. And most importantly, it means doing everything we can to ensure our clients are not limited by circumstances outside their control.

The market is still moving. Buyers are still watching. And at The ProAgent Team, we are making sure they can engage, wherever they are.

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On behalf of Fire and Emergency New Zealand

Victory Road Closure

We have been made aware of a road closure taking place on Victory Road which could cause a delayed response.

This is a timely reminder to ensure you are prepared in case of a fire at your property:

- Press the button to check your smoke alarms are working*.
- Have an escape plan (two ways out of every room and a safe meeting place).
- Be fire safe - don't leave cooking unattended, charge devices when you are home and awake, remove lint from dryer and only run when you are home.
- Avoid hot works in dry conditions.
- Always visit <https://www.checkitsalright.nz/> before starting any fire related activities to ensure it is safe to do so and be aware of your responsibility.

*If you don't have smoke alarms, we recommend 1 in every bedroom, hallway, lounge and dining area, and on each level of a multi storey property.

If you require assistance installing smoke alarms, visit

<https://www.fireandemergency.nz/home-fire-safety/request-a-home-fire-safety-visit/> or call 0800 693 473

Please pass this message on to your neighbours.

A proud moment for the brigade.

Ben was officially promoted from Recruit to Firefighter after recently returning from the National Training



Centre in Rotorua, where he completed the week-long recruit course alongside 15 other new firefighters from across the North Island.

That course is the final step in a process that takes months of preparation. Nights, weekends and plenty of personal time are given up to learn the skills required to safely operate as a firefighter. It is never done alone. Behind every recruit is a training team that puts in the same hours helping them prepare. In the photo, Nicole — who has been training with Ben for months — is placing his new rank slides on his shoulders.

A proud moment for Ben, for Nicole, for the brigade, and for the family and community that support our volunteers.

Welcome to the crew, Ben



We have been answering medical first response calls with St John since 1999 and they have become a very important part our brigade activity as well as being very much appreciated by the community. We are one of 57 first responder volunteer brigades in the country. Here's the crew heading back to their vehicle last month after handing over to a St John crew who continued the patient treatment and most likely taking them on to hospital. We have answered 25 medical calls so far this year which is a bit busier than usual. Usually they decrease slightly in summer then increase in winter



We will again be sponsoring the community Anzac commemoration at the Laingholm Hall starting at 10.30 am on Anzac Day, April 25. See full page advert elsewhere in this Roundabout for details

Survey Camp

Class 10 (Year 11) embarked on their **Surveying Camp** at **Whatipū** last month. This camp is a wonderful example of the way Waldorf education brings Mathematics to life, allowing students to experience it as practical, meaningful, and connected to the real world.

This camp gives students experience in surveying, an important part of their Maths studies and their **CSE (Certificate of Steiner Education)** assessment. Throughout the week, they used a range of surveying methods and tools, including magnetic compasses, tape measures, and repeated measurements to calculate and reduce errors. This gave them a valuable opportunity to apply **trigonometry** in a real and meaningful context, while developing accuracy, patience, and teamwork.

A major part of this work was the task of completing a map of the area around Whatipū Lodge in four days — including 8 buildings, the tennis court, and the complex driveway. Students also went down to the beach to conduct a survey of the lighthouse on **Te Toka-Tapu-a-Kupe** (Ninepin Rock), joining two 100m tape measures together to create a baseline along the sand. Another highlight was walking around **Paratūtai Island** and locating the geodetic marks grouted into the rock there.

Alongside the surveying work, students enjoyed many of the activities Whatipū Lodge has to offer, including billiards, tennis, rock scrambling, and beach walks. A special part of camp life is shared cooking, with students preparing healthy meals for one another. They returned from camp with a strong sense of achievement, having applied their learning in such a practical and memorable way.

Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School

Autumn Festival

Our annual Autumn Festival brings our school together in a spirit of warmth, reverence, and celebration. As the abundance of the harvest is gathered in, we are also called to cultivate inner qualities of courage, strength, and steadfastness. This gesture is shared through the telling of the **St Michael and the Dragon Play** by our lower school students and the singing of Autumn songs.

The **Kindergarten and Nursery** children held their own Autumn celebration, with a feast that reflected the abundance of the season. They shared fruit gathered from our orchards, apple pie, and dragon bread, creating a simple and joyful festival experience suited to the life of the young child. This offering of seasonal food and shared celebration brings the mood of Autumn to life.



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BushCraft Club Holiday Programme

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The BushCraft Club holiday programme is run by teachers, Fern and Parris. It is held in the schools outdoor classroom shelters on the edge of the bush. Children experience traditional fire lighting, cooking on the fire, nature play in the bush, knife safety and whittling, and a special craft theme for each day.

Wednesday 8th April

Copper work! upcycle old pipes and gutters to make bowls, rings, spoons, bracelets etc.

9-3pm

Ages 6-14yrs
\$68 per day
BYO morning tea and lunch, Gumboots and raincoat and a change of clothes.

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Thursday 9th April

Leather craft! make a leather and oil skin foragers pouch, that can be attached to your belt or person!



Whimsical Workshop

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West Auckland's best cocktails go head-to-head this April

Vote for your favourite new cocktail across 8 incredible venues

West Auckland is set to become the ultimate destination for cocktail-lovers this April, as The Trusts bring back their annual Battle of The Bartenders.

Running for the entire month, the contest shakes up the normal menus at 8 venues across The West and invites Aucklanders to experience a delicious and creative range and vote for their favourite cocktails!

The Trusts CEO, Allan Pollard, says the competition is about celebrating the creativity of West Auckland's bartending scene while encouraging people to get out and support local. "We're stoked to bring the Cocktail Contest back and celebrate the talent and creative staff at our venues. After a challenging period for the hospitality industry, we want to give people a great reason to grab their friends and family, head out, and enjoy the incredible hospitality right here in our backyard."

The event is sponsored by Cardrona Distillery to showcase their incredible range of NZ produced spirits. You can visit any of the venues to find out more about the competition!

What's on the menu

This year's lineup features a mix of bold, creative and crowd-pleasing cocktails.

Mr Illingsworth - Rum away with Me \$18

Lush Rose Rabbit Barrel Aged Cherry Liqueur comes to the party with golden rum, shaken with lemon, passionfruit and juicy pineapple. Sweet, tropical and just a little bit cheeky.



Greenfield - Cherry Ice \$17

The Reid Vodka, vibrant Rose Rabbit Cherry Liqueur and fresh lime topped with soda. Served ice-cold and finished with a cherry ice cube for a clean, refreshing and subtly sweet finish with a sparkling citrus lift.



Bricklane - Crimson Bloom \$20

Cardrona The Source Gin is given an extra floral kick with Rose Rabbit Elderflower Liqueur and fresh lemon, finished with a silky foam and a float of Central Otago Pinot Noir. Garnished with dried raspberries and lemon.

GoodHome - Cardrona Sling \$22

A bold mix of Cardrona The Source Gin and Rose Rabbit Cherry Liqueur is lifted with Cointreau, mango, pineapple and fresh lemon. Finished with bitters and a blush of grenadine. Tall, tropical, and dangerously easy to love.



Workshop - Cherry Sour \$17

The Falcon Single Malt Whisky meets Rose Rabbit Cherry Liqueur in this playful cherry twist on the classic whisky sour shaken with egg white and lemon juice for a silky and tart finish.

iTi - The Bloom \$18

The Reid vodka melds with bright citrus from Rose Rabbit Orange Liqueur and subtle vanilla syrup in this striking cocktail which gradually blooms with changing colours. Served with a sugar and flower rim, and a butterfly pea flower ice cube.



The Avondale Taphouse - Cosmos Floss \$18

A whimsical, eye-catching twist on a classic with The Reid Vodka and Triple Sec. It's light, citrusy, refreshing, slightly sweet and finished with a melting aurora of edible glitter and pink candy floss the drink.

The Hangar - Smokey Robinson \$18

A rich and indulgent combination of Cardrona American Barrel Whisky and Rose Rabbit Quince Liqueur stirred and strained over rosemary-infused ice. Finished with your choice of Cherry, Beech, Apple, or Oak woodsmoke.



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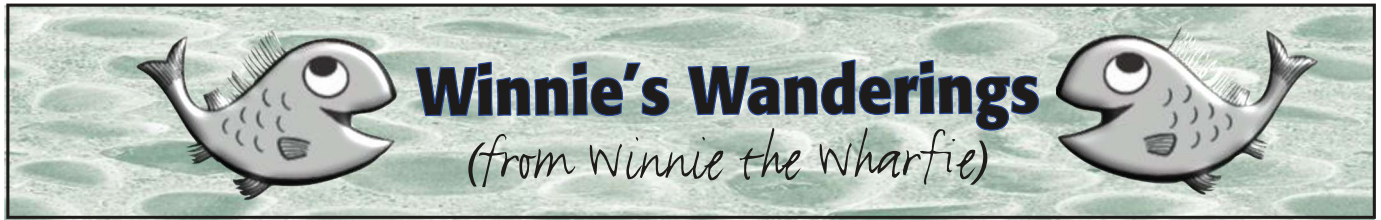
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Giddy fishos, April already and it's usually about this time that the fishing slows down a bit..but according to fishing reports it's still fairly lively here and there. Very few reports of Big Boys fishing over the bar but those who have ventured out up to 70 metres have done well. However there's a price to pay as most have big engines and it's common to use \$150+ in gas on each trip. Now with fuel hikes a few fishos may be fishing closer in.

It's been a funny season for some fish species. Gurnard for one have been a bit elusive and there is a noticeable lack of mullet. A mate of mine who drags for them says he's not seen so few in years. We've seen them jumping outside our place for years but haven't seen a single one for yonks. However it's well known that a slight change in water temperature can impact on fish habits.

Was browsing through an old 'Fisherman' mag (they wouldn't dare call it that now) from 1994 - \$2! Anyhow came across an article by Bill Hohepa (remember him?) on best times to fish. He said shallow reefs and harbour entrances fish best on a building tide because fish feel safer in deeper water. He reckoned schooling snapper move into deeper water in winter but the big moochers still lurk in their familiar habitats. He said find a piece of foul ground on a chart, with a good tidal flow, and bob's your uncle. Wonder if anyone remembers Cliff Latham and George Renton of Cornwallis (both in that big fishing ground in the sky now). Well in the 1994 magazine is a picture of a very happy Cliff holding a 22lb snapper. We never really got to know exactly where he caught it as he was a bit vague about that.

Ok fishos, that's the nautical chit chat over so joke time.

Old Age

A man has reached old age when he is cautioned by his doctor to slow down instead of by the police.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation as you get older – it will avoid you!

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step he's too old to go anywhere.

A man tells his mate he's booked a table for him and his wife for Valentine's Day but says it's bound to end in tears because she's useless at snooker.

Ok, that's Winnie till next time. Cheers

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The Forgotten

Suburb

The April 1976 Laingholm Roundabout advertised a public meeting, for 12th May, at the Memorial Hall in Minnehaha Avenue, Woodlands Park.

The guest speaker was Rev G. Armstrong, from St John's (theological) College, Meadowbank. Under the heading "Subject" was this paragraph:

Entry of American Nuclear Warships.
Why and what next? Your children's future could hinge on this instalment of "New Zealand the way you want it" - not in the election manifesto.

The meeting was convened by the Waitakere Area Committee of the Henderson Labour Party.

Rev George Armstrong was born and raised in Dunedin. He was greatly influenced by his experiences in the Scouting movement and by the Anglican Church, subsequently being ordained as a priest and serving in Dunedin and Christchurch, before becoming a tutor at St John's College.

He was vehemently opposed to the Vietnam War, even displaying a placard "Christ died for the Viet Cong" in a church Good Friday procession.

His mother was drawn to the spirituality of Māori and George became increasingly aware of the impact of colonialism on Māori as he worked among them.

George was a leading activist against the 1982 Springbok tour and was one of those who invaded the field at Hamilton to stop the game.

While at Princeton, America, on a scholarship, he saw TV pictures of a tiny canoe in front of a gigantic freighter, protesting the shipping of armaments. This image was the inspiration for the "Peace Squadron" - a flotilla of small boats that could – and did – prevent nuclear armed or powered ships from entering New Zealand waters.

The Quakers in America, and in this country, always opposed to war, inspired George. He aligned himself with the Labour Party – as the promotion of this public meeting suggests.

Over the next decade the anti-nuclear sentiment gained traction in New Zealand culminating in the bombing of The Rainbow Warrior, in 1985 and the passing of legislation in 1987 to make New Zealand a Nuclear Free Zone, banning nuclear armed or powered ships from our waters.

I wonder how well attended that public meeting was. Perhaps we will find out in later, 1976, editions of our magazine.

Rev George Armstrong, although often at odds with his church, contributed to huge social change and attitudes in Aotearoa New Zealand.

And he visited our small, often forgotten, suburb.



Laingholm Local

FAREWELL MRS WALSH!

Laingholm School's Deputy Principal extraordinaire, Mrs Heather Walsh had her last official day with us at the end of 2025. We have been very lucky to have Heather in the many roles she has had since 1981 and nearly 40 years here with us.

It is fair to say Mrs Walsh has dedicated her life to helping young people learn, grow and be the best they can be. She has taught children, parents and maybe even a few grandparents here at Laingholm School.



Mrs Walsh is a Westy through and through! She grew up in Te Atatu, she went to school in the west and has dedicated her life's work to schools in the west, luckily mostly with us here at Laingholm!



Mrs Walsh first came to Laingholm School as a student teacher and then she gained her first real teaching position here. She wanted to see the world and so she left us after a couple of years to travel. There was a short period of teaching at Te Atatu Peninsula school and then Parnell School. It was around this time that she met Mr Walsh, made the wise move to come back to Laingholm School and to live out in Huia. Who could resist our fab community, when one of the perks of working out here is having a cow named after you. Yes, there really is a cow called Heather Rosenamed after our Heather out at the Huia farm.

For the last 2 terms of 2025, Heather stepped up to be our principal. A fitting way to end an exemplary career in education. She fulfilled the role with her characteristic blend of tireless dedication, gracious kindness, and a resolute, no-nonsense spirit. Heather's a tough person even pushing through a school camp once with a broken ankle, so she was always capable of doing a great job as principal of "The Greatest Little School in the Universe". The staff, children and their whanau will all agree we have been in a very caring, safe and a steady pair of hands for the past 6 months.

Heather has been and still will be huge part of the legacy Laingholm school, she has been the stable foundation, the trusted confidante and guiding light for the staff always driving them on to use their strengths to do great things for the children. But it is the children who have always been the most important part of her career. She has high standards and the children she taught always had great class programmes, with lots of variety and exciting and adventurous outdoor experiences. There are many children and families who will have as their lasting memories of school the fabulous camp experiences she organised and the stories of Granny Hinge in particular. With her passion for the outdoors, it was natural that one of Mrs Walsh's great achievements would be the Enviro-schools work that she led.



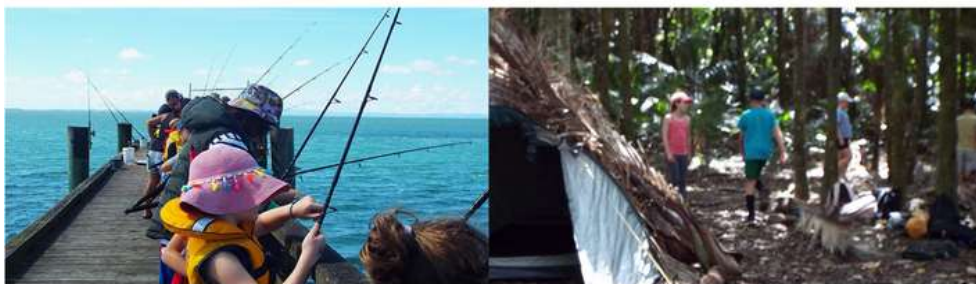


As is the tradition at Laingholm, Heather was presented with her wings, a bespoke pair beautifully crafted by Chrissy and Ben Iszard. The children created gorgeous art and stories which were made into a memory book for Heather. Grace Gilfillan from our board created a gorgeous piece of art made by all the children for her new home and we enjoyed an afternoon tea to celebrate Heather, thanks to the lovely Pien Wise. The Heather Walsh Legacy Fund has been set up for those who may wish to donate, more information can be found here on our website. <https://www.laingholm.school.nz/8/pages/15-heather-walsh-legacy-fund>

I know everybody in the community will join us in wishing Mrs and Mr Walsh all the very best as they move on together to new adventures.

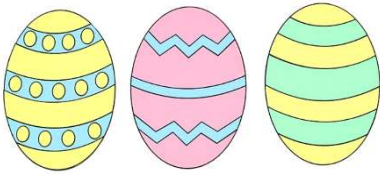


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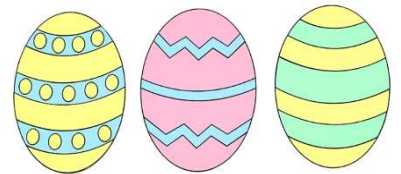


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Easter Treats
by
ADRIENNE PEEK



GINGERNUT BALLS

- 1 Packet Woolworths Gingernuts
- ½ Tin Condensed Milk
- ½ Cup Desiccated Coconut
- Grated Rind of an Orange or Lemon
- ½ Cup Brown Sugar

Crush the gingernuts in a food processor and add the other ingredients. Place a little more coconut on a tray lined with baking paper and roll the balls in the coconut and place in the fridge until hard. You can add chopped crystallised ginger or chopped apricots if you want something slightly different. The no frills gingernuts have a lot of flavour and are easy to crush.



OATY COOKIES

- 1 ¼ Cups Rolled Oats
- 1 ¼ Cups Flour
- 1 Cup Desiccated Coconut
- ¾ Cup Sugar
- ½ Cup Chopped Apricots or Crystallised Ginger
- 150 Grams Butter or Margarine
- 2 Tablespoons Golden Syrup
- 1 ¼ Teaspoons Baking Soda
- 2 Tablespoons Boiling Water



Dissolve the Baking Soda in the boiling water. Melt the butter and golden syrup. Stir the soda into the butter mixture. Place the other ingredients into a bowl and pour the butter mixture over and mix well and roll into balls and place on a lined baking tray and flatten slightly. Bake at 160 Degrees C, on fan bake for about 20 minutes.

FEIJOA DESSERT

- 1-2 Cups Feijoa (Mashed or chopped finely)
- 1 Tablespoon Honey
- Juice of 1 Lemon or Orange
- ¼ Cup Chopped Crystallised Ginger
- Whipped Cream

Combine the feijoa, honey, juice and ginger. Place in glass dishes and put in the fridge. Add a dollop of cream or ice cream when serving.



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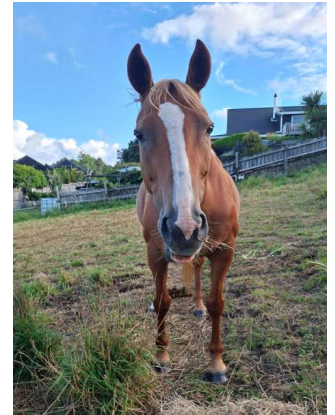


Pony Tales

Our monthly club days are full of different activities for our club members to get involved and have fun with the horses. Our last club day involved speed dating, where everyone got to spend some time with each horse. They got to learn about their personalities and what they do and don't like. Much like people, horses are all different, so it is important to get to know each individual. This helps their owners take care of them, and makes it easier for us to understand their thoughts and feelings. For example, some horses like being touched and cuddled while others don't, and knowing this difference can keep people safe, as horses can be very dangerous at times.



More than that though, it is really fun to see their personalities coming out, especially their sillier sides. Some horses are really funny, like Beau, who likes flinging things around, while other horses, like Tink, try to eat everything they can find, so we need to be careful of that. Getting to know the horse you are working with can make a very big difference in your relationship, and is crucial for making sure that we stay safe around our horses.



Some horses can get very angry when people touch them, and they will give you warning signs that they are unhappy. This can include pinning their ears back, swishing their tail, or in some cases, just pulling very angry faces. When we don't listen to these cues from

horses, people can end up getting bitten and kicked, which is exactly what we don't want. Many horses, especially the girls, really don't like being touched around their tummies, so to avoid getting injured, a good thing to do is to just not touch them there at all. Another good thing to know is who each horse does or doesn't like. If a horse really doesn't like another, they can be quite aggressive toward them, and someone could get in the way and get hurt.



Sometimes, people can also get injured, even when the horse doesn't mean it. Horses like Marlo and Prickle aren't very aware of their surroundings, so they accidentally bump into people and stand on their feet. In this case, they are not reacting to something in particular, it is just important to be aware of where they are and what they are doing. If you know that a horse is likely to move around a lot, you can be more vigilant and ready to move out of the way if necessary.

Learning all these things is super helpful to all our club members, and it is an important part of everyday life with them. All the horses at the club are really friendly, and they love being involved in everything we do in our club days. However, it is always a good habit to ask someone who knows the horses, before trying to do anything around them. If you want to meet our horses and be a part of the fun, everyone is always welcome and encouraged to join as a member.



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





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Laingholm Fishing Club.

Greetings from the Laingholm Fishing Club!

Our Annual General Meeting was held recently and although the committee was not elected at the actual meeting, we do have a new committee.

Our new president is Barry Scott, Andrea Partington as Vice President, Debbie Scott as Secretary and Committee Members Tim Hunter, Chris Nipper and Kyle Williams. We are in the process of establishing a new Treasurer and have a plan in place for this.

We would like to say thanks to the outgoing committee especially for all their hard work in the previous year. Under their guidance, membership has grown in the last year and hopefully this trend will continue. We appreciate everyone has full and busy lives and so volunteering to help at the club is very generous. On the note of volunteering, it is timely to thank our bar staff who come along on Fridays and Sunday nights to help with the bar and to ensure everyone has a safe and pleasant experience while at the Club.

We are always looking for bar staff and cooks too, so if you are able and would like to help out then please contact our secretary at lfsecretary@hotmail.co.nz or pop into when we are open to talk to us.

If you do want to become a member then this is an easy process, come along for a few times to the club, pay your visitor fee \$3.00 per person or family and then fill in a membership form. Paid up members or Committee members can then sign agree to nominate you. Our membership fees are very reasonable for individuals or family memberships. We will discuss your membership requests at our monthly committee meeting and you will be notified soon after this meeting.

We are planning some events at the Club to help us all get through the long cold winter months so keep an eye on our Facebook page, our events board in the Club and in the Roundabout.

Fishing and Pool competitions will continue throughout the year as well. We might even finally have a Darts competition.

That's it for now and we hope to see you at the Club.

Andrea



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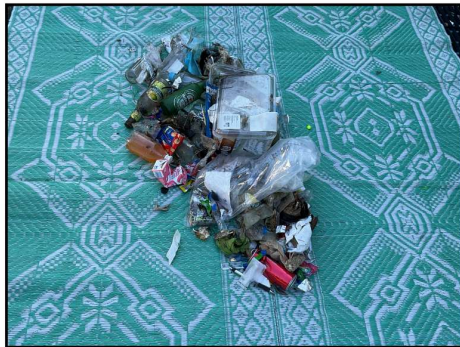


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Easter

Our tamariki have been busy creating their beautiful Easter bonnets, using a variety of materials and lots of creativity. It has been wonderful to see their individuality shine through each design, with flowers, colours, and unique touches making every bonnet special. We are excited to wear them proudly in our upcoming Easter parade.

We are especially looking forward to welcoming Pinesong, who will be joining us for this special occasion. It will be a joyful time of music, celebration, and community as we come together to share in the festivities.



Sea Week – Caring for Our Environment

During Sea Week, a group of tamariki, kaiako, and whānau came together for our annual trip to clean Cornwallis Beach. With a shared purpose of caring for our environment, we worked collaboratively to clean up the beach, collecting a large amount of rubbish along the shoreline.

Afterwards, we sorted through what we had gathered, identifying items that could be recycled and discussing the impact that rubbish has on our oceans and marine life. This hands-on experience helped deepen our understanding of how our actions affect the environment.

Our tamariki showed incredible responsibility and care throughout the afternoon. They are truly amazing kaitiaki of our environment, demonstrating respect, teamwork, and a strong commitment to protecting our natural world.



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Titirangi Library – What’s On

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Thu 16 April 2:00 to 3:45 pm at Titirangi Theatre: Free family movie screening featuring the beloved animated film WALL-E. Set in the future, WALL-E is a lovable little robot setting off on a heartwarming adventure that reminds us how important it is to care for our planet. Classification rating G, a great movie event for the whole family. BYO snacks and drinks. Limited seating, late comers may be disappointed. Co-hosted with Lopdell Precinct for EcoFest.

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What an amazing crop of tomatoes I have had but enough is enough and it's time to get rid of the stragglers.

But the chillies and capsicums are still thriving after a very mediocre crop last year so they get to stay in the ground a bit longer to use in those warm winter dishes.

I have finally accepted that the red skinned potatoes are the best variety for my Laingholm soil, with the addition of others randomly planted from spuds in the pantry that have passed their use-by date. Meanwhile there are three healthy looking pumpkins hiding among the jungle of huge leaves which took over every available space and then some. I'm sure I'll be grateful when tucking into a bowl of pumpkin soup during the colder weather but right now as they smother other plants they are not my favourite crop.

Courgettes (or marrows if you leave them too long as I've been known to), cucumbers, pumpkins etc may all now be cursed with mildew and the experts advise spraying this with fungicide but I find ignoring the problem or cutting off the worst of the leaves seems to be just as effective.

Moving forward into winter planning, now is a good time to sow or plant brassicas and beetroot is meant to be a good hardy plant for this time of year although I find they tend to stagnate until spring. Plants like to start in good soil so if the funds allow it can be beneficial to invest in a good vegetable mix or dig in some of your home made compost. If you are an organised gardener (I'm not) this is the time to collect and label seeds for next spring.

Slugs and snails love this time of the year as well as aphids and white fly so deal to these with your preferred method and you can use companion plants such as marigolds as a sacrificial plant in the veggie garden.

These fine autumn days we have been having mean we can dig in a bit longer with tidying up chores before resting up over winter. Enjoy.

Cheers Lady Greenfingers



Waitakere Forest and Bird 2026 Lecture series

Thursday 16th April 7.30 pm

The knowns and unknowns of sleeping in the city - Disturbing bird sleep and what it means for their survival

Join us for a talk by University of Auckland PhD student Kamyā Patel who is exploring how sleeping in the city affects birds. We all know that sleep is important and that even just one bad night of sleep can affect us for several days. Birds sleeping in the city are surrounded by bright lights, traffic noise and people. However, we know almost nothing about how much they are affected and what happens when they don't get enough sleep.

In this talk, Kamyā will summarise what we know so far about sleep disturbance in birds and what we really need to find out.

Kamyā has previously been involved in projects examining plastic ingestion in seabirds and carbon fluxes in Mānuka-dominated ecosystems, Join us to find out what we know about the nighttime life of our backyard birds.

Venue: Ranui Community Centre 474 Swanson Rd, Ranui. Non members welcome, join us for supper to chat with like minded people, free but koha appreciated to cover hall hire.

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A band of Gold along the fenceline at Owen's Green has been drawing attention for a few weeks already. This bold display can be seen from Huia road. The bees come from far and wide. So do the people, drawn by their Sunny magnetism. They cry out for attention. *Helianthus Tuberosus* is also known as Jerusalem Artichoke. Its root can be eaten as a vegetable if you cut the flowers off to allow them to develop. We prefer their happy blooms.

The other Sunflowers with a single monstrous flower are *Helianthus Annuus*. Bumble bees adore them and when the seed heavy heads droop to face the earth, flocks of little birds, mostly varieties of Finch, swoop in for the seeds. This year we discovered that they use the back of the flower as a hanging table to sit on while pecking the husks off the edible centre of the seed. They can clean these huge flower heads out in a couple of days.

Helianthus Tuberosus



Laingholm Kindergarten Children visited with rulers to measure our Giants.

Many were over 2metres tall and the largest Flower centre had a diameter of 28cm..



Stream Restoration



The two small streams that drain the field and the stormwater pond are emerging from the weeds.



Honeysuckle had taken over many of the trees we had planted previously. It's an ongoing battle that we are determined to win..We removed

some large Woolly Nightshade plants in January. There's always Gorse and Blackberry to make our hands sore.

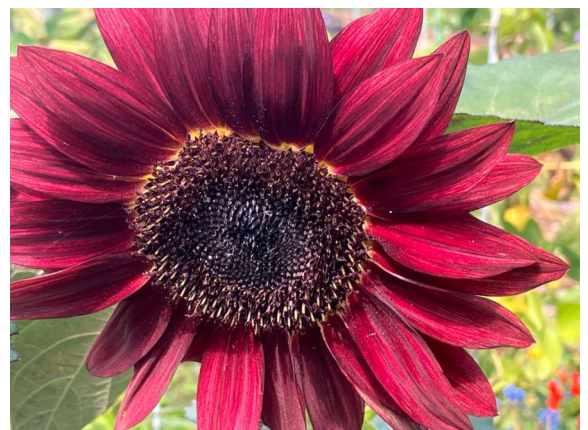


Harakeke is thriving, More flower spikes appear each year. So do the Tui. Both signs of success are keeping us inspired.

Some of our members are growing Native plants from locally sourced seed to replant the area when the weeds are gone and the late Autumn rain arrives.

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Book Reviews



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The Bookshop Detectives - Dead Girl Gone

By Gareth Ward and Louise Ward

Eloise and Garth Sherlock, two former English police officers, have come to New Zealand and have opened a bookshop in Havelock North called Sherlock Tomes. Rose, one of the book reps, announces to Eloise and Garth that a famous author wishes to launch her next book at their bookshop. With only 50 days before the launch, it's all action with much thinking about how a large crowd can be accommodated in such a small venue.

Out of the blue a message is left on their doorstep telling them to investigate the disappearance many years ago of a teenager Tracey Jervis. Reluctantly they decide to investigate and get the help of a local policeman, Tama. They believe that Franklin White, a wealthy businessman could have been involved and then there was Oddbeams who disappeared at the same time.

Meanwhile the countdown to the book launching gets closer day by day.

In addition, we meet several of the customers. There is the Admiral, Davyd, Dead Eye Deidre, and mooching around is the Sherlock's dog Stevie. Twelve days before the launch Maloney's Circus arrives and yes, Garth has a tarot card reading by Madame Zuiseller, psychic and fortune teller. To add to the drama, the flowers outside the shop are being picked but the CCTV installed finds the most unlikely culprit. The by play between Eloise and Garth and how they try to solve the disappearance of both Tracey and Oddbeam is the essence of the story.

Needless to say the climax and answers to the disappearances comes at the book launch. Whoever would have thought that there could be so much going on in Havelock North?

Legacy, Chris Hammer (Allen & Unwin, 2025)

Martin Scarsden who is an investigative journalist is about to launch his true crime book on the life and times of a Melbourne mobster Enzo Morelli. But someone is upset with the publication and just

as the book is to be launched in Martin's hometown of Port Silver, the venue is evacuated before being blown up. Martin is on the run unsure of who is threatening him and his family. What ensues is a cat and mouse chase as Martin with the help of a secret service friend/contact Jack Goffing, endeavours to find out what's behind this while staying one step ahead of the pursuers. And being a Chris Hammer novel, there is a secondary plot involving the long-standing feud between two wealthy outback families which interconnects with Martin's story. This a complex story with multiple threads which could be off-putting to the reader who wants a simple whodunit. But this so well written - the reader just needs to keep their wits about them with the various subplots. Another fine 'outback noir' novel from one of the best Australian crime writers.

Lisette Reymer is a news journalist and presenter on ThreeNews appearing most nights. She has written a memoir - **I Don't Get Danger Money: Confessions of an Accidental War Correspondent** (Allen & Unwin, 2025). Between 2021 and 2024 she was the Europe correspondent for the now defunct Newshub, based in London. This book is predominantly focused on her experiences, adventures and observations over that time but she also covers her background growing up on a Waikato farm, being fascinated by the news stories of the day and training to be a journalist. During the time she was overseas she reported from the frontline of the war in Ukraine and the Israel war on Gaza, as well as on the Queen's death and the coronation of the King, earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, famine in Ethiopia, the shifting sands of UK and US politics as well as some sporting events. All reported on before she had turned 30. Frenetic writing in keeping with the events in a rapidly changing world. Her purpose is to share these stories which she does passionately and honestly. Don't expect opinions, that's not the nature of this book.

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QFF Dan Passes Senior Firefighter Course

During March, QFF Dan attended the Senior Firefighter Course at the Te Hiku Training Centre (Mt Wellington Fire Station). Dan was lucky enough to also be joined on the course by QFF Matt from the Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The purpose of the course is to assess the firefighter's ability to perform certain tasks and roles expected of Senior Firefighters. The six-day consecutive course covered areas such as rural firefighting, hazardous materials, search and rescue as well as basic core skills.

Dan was also joined by firefighters from the following brigades

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The Senior Fire Fighter course is only run three times a year. With 11,000 volunteers covering the country, it's not an easy course to be able to join.

With the average tenure of a volunteer firefighter only being four years of service, it is also not common for many to achieve the Senior Firefighter rank.

We also want to acknowledge the families of the firefighters that attend these courses. Being away for consecutive days over weekends does have an impact on family/whanau life. We appreciate the families that support the important work these men and women do.



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