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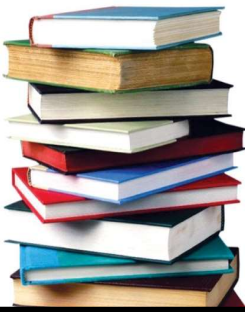
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What can we read these holidays?



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If the sun comes out.....

See page 26

or  
Maybe page 38

*This is apparently an anytime  
activity  
According to some people....*

*Page 42*

*If its out long enough*

*Try page 10*

*Or maybe page 8*

**And if the weather doesn't play well,  
Try the activity on page**

**34 or 28**

And if not a success then read all our adverts!







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**Sirpa Maija-Liisa Ottaway** passed away peacefully, in the care of her family, at home on Monday 12th May 2023.

A treasured mother, grandmother, and friend to many.

The joy she brought to so many children, through her work, is a legacy that the family hold dear.

And the children in her kindergartens will remember her with affection for a lifetime.

Sirpa was born in Finland, the heritage of which she was very proud, then later became a very loyal citizen of New Zealand.

When in 1967 the Ottaway family came to Laingholm, Sirpa soon became an integral part of the community.

It was a chance meeting of three young mothers at the swing near the beach one sunny afternoon, when it became apparent that a regular time to meet would fill their need to socialise with each other, and from there the idea of the "Laingholm Ladies Social Club" was born.

Sirpa became a foundation member which has continued for more than 50 years.

Over that time many new members were introduced to the group some of which became friends.

Throughout the fifty plus years Sirpa and husband Ray held many functions, and regularly barbecues, one time hosted 90 people, in the garden of the house that Ray built.

Many activities were held such as outings to theatres, dances and and a group performing concerts in the old hall in Western Road, always we had really good fun.

Over the years our children became adults, interests changed, we started new careers, Sirpa went on to become a kindergarten teacher and principal of the new Laingholm kindergarten.

The meetings of the club became less often, but never formal. Many friendships grew and continued to this day.

Sirpa was one loyal friend to us all. A selfless, tolerant, non judgemental, and generous, independent woman. And in a way a poster girl for the slogan "girls can do anything". Before that was even a 'thing'. She used a chainsaw, a water blaster. Climbed the ladder to paint the house. Those of you who know the house will know that's no mean feat! All this while caring for family, working, and 'being there' for a large circle of friends.

Many of those friends were at the celebration of this amazingly, energetic, woman's life at the largest gathering possible in Morrisons when we said farewell dear friend, on the sunny afternoon on the 12th of May.2023.

Another friend wrote a tribute to Sirpa:

I was lucky enough to have Sirpa's friendship for 48 years.

She was a special person, warm hearted, generous with her time, and she had a perceptive and sympathetic view of human nature. One of her outstanding features was fearlessness, which prompts me to write a couple of instances of it

When Tanja was at Laingholm school, and Lisa had a horse, Sirpa decided to ride the horse up to the school, bareback, and meet Tanya. Well they set off at a civilised trot but partway up Victory Road, the horse got a scare and bolted, with Sirpa clinging on for dear life.

When it finally ran out of steam Sirpa was by this time hanging upside down with her arms and legs around the horses neck .

Some years ago, I took Sirpa out on my boat fishing, it began to get choppy so I said we better go. I pulled up the anchor and Sirpa said "can I drive the boat?" "okay" I said, "but go carefully" empty words! She pushed the throttle hard forward. The boat leapt out of the water like a wild animal. I was thrown to the back of the boat with the acceleration and like a beetle on its back legs kicking in the air. The boat lurched, crazily through the waves and my yelling at her to slow the engine was drowned out by the noise. I finally manage to get the control, pushed her away and slow us down. I think she thought I was a bit of a spoilsport or something.

Well Sirpa, wherever you are, I hope you have plodding horses, calm seas and no speed restrictions on boats.

Pam Goddard





## ACROSTIC ANZAC POEMS — Room 8



**L**ove that Forged was lost by one shot  
**E**ver remembered for their undying bravery  
**S**oldiers grip slackened as he fell to the ground  
**T**oo many wept for the ones they had lost

**W**oeful tears fell as the women approached the survivors

**E**ast coast arrival revealed the enemy

**F**amilies wept as they heard the fallen ones

**O**nly men were allowed to respond

**R**espect is shown on the date they set off

**G**reatness is thought of when the ANZACs are mentioned

**E**mbers scattered as ash fell upon them

**T**hey fought to death, we won't forget them

*By Olivia*

**A**rrays of army soldiers spread out on the sandy dunes with ashy faces.

**N**urses fixing up every bleeding wound from the fingers to the face.

**Z**ero hesitation taken to fight for our country not knowing that they were making history.

**A** amazing heroes fighting for the freedom that we appreciate now.

**C**oves to protect the guns and bombs set as night fell on the battlefield.

*Lest we forget*

*By Ellie*





All the fallen soldiers we remember.

Nurses helped save lives.

Zooming bullets cut lives short.

Australia and NZ ran through the ash to fight.

Courageous soldiers fought for their countries.

Day and night the soldiers fought.

A thousand bombs rained at once

Year by year we remember the fallen  
Soldiers

*By Euan*

Families were sad when they got the dreaded message

Ash fell on the soldiers as they said their last words

Last post got played when they raised the flag

Lives were lost as the last bomb dropped

Everyone was wanting to win and for them to go home

No one was having a good time

Soldiers fought until their freedom was gone so that we could have ours

Ordinary people with ordinary jobs are now heroes

Laughter and happiness has now become death and sorrow

Death might be sad, but then they have died as heroes

Every ANZAC day we will remember them

RSA are a good supporter

Soldiers are amazing like poppies

*By Sorcha*







# Pony Tales

## How Much Do You Know About Horses?

Are you horse mad? Do you know heaps about ponies? Take our quiz and test your knowledge! Answers are at the bottom of the page!

1. There is a fine line between what is a pony and a horse- do you know what it is?

- a. The age- between 5 years and 6 years
- b. The height- between 14.2 and 14.3 hands
- c. There is no difference

2. What is a female foal called?

- a. A colt
- b. A yearling
- c. A filly

3. What do you call a brown horse with a black mane and tail?

- a. Brown
- b. Bay
- c. Black

4. A horse has four gaits. Which shows the correct order of slowest to fastest?

- a. walk, trot, canter, gallop
- b. walt, trot, gallop, canter
- c. walk, canter, trot, gallop

5. How long does a horse live for?

- a. 10-13 years
- b. 45-50 years
- c. 25-30 years

6. What is the highlighted point on this horse called?

- a. Forehead
- b. Wither
- c. Poll



If you want to learn more about these amazing animals, or want some hands-on experience, our club is a great place to meet new people, and develop new skills! New members are welcome, no matter what level of experience.

## Dress Up Fun!

Despite the rain, we had a fabulous time at our June Club Day. We spent some time dressing the horses and ponies up, before club members got to have a ride on Beautiful Beau and Rosie.



With this wet and wild weather, our club is always in need of towels! If you have any old towels looking for a new home, please consider donating them to Huia Road Horse Club. We are also always looking for ice cream containers, clean paint buckets, and old baths! Thank you!

For more information about what is involved with joining our fantastic club, please contact Louise on 0274991732, or see [www.facebook.com/huiaroadhorseclub](http://www.facebook.com/huiaroadhorseclub). If you want to meet any of our horses or ponies up close, don't forget to come to our next Pony Rides Day – usually the first Sunday of the month, from 3-4pm, but please check our facebook page for any updates. It's a \$5 donation per ride, with all proceeds going to the cost of keeping our club ponies.

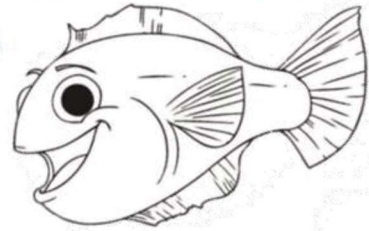
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2

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3

Plant a tree at work. Make that work space simply 'better.' Start a conversation at work – become known for being that person that cares about the environment, about their colleagues and about the future. That's what it means to plant a tree: Plant a **Rewarewa**.

4

Trees hold the earth together, and minimise the risk of land slippage. Make it a big one with roots that go deep: Plant a **Pohutukawa**.

5

Planting a tree is a positive thing to do. Caring for a tree you have planted provides a real 'feel good' as you nurture it and see it grow. Plant a **Karo**, be surprised by the delicate purple flowers and how they attract the Tui and future joy in the shade of your tree: Plant a mighty **Kahikatea**.

6

Feel uplifted and calmed by the trees – the green soothes. Have a moment of solitude and reflection under your tree – We know that trees help with anxiety management, decrease stress levels and soothe and calm: Plant a **Kohekohe**.

7

Trees mark a moment in time. Plant a tree every anniversary. Your 'forest' that commemorates your partnership / marriage will become a landmark for the future: Plant a **Puketea**.

8

Trees provide shade, and shelter from summer sun: Plant a **Titoki**.

9

Plant a tree and tell the story: bury your children's whenua (placenta) at the base. Tell them the story when they are older and create a connection – whenua ki whenua – encourage a belonging to place: Plant a **Rimu**.

10

Plant a tree and make it known that's where you want your ashes spread when you die. "Granddads tree" – make it a good one- imagine the family picnics.

If you are not sure where or what to plant email us for advice.  
We want your planting to be successful and long lived.



## NATIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH



### *Blechnum discolor* (petipeti or piupiu)

*Blechnum discolor* is endemic to New Zealand and found throughout from sea level to 900m. In the Waitakere Ranges it is usually in drier sites on ridges. "Discolor" means two different colours, in reference to the green and bronze fronds, sterile and fertile, respectively. It is often abundant in forest where deer occur as it is one plant they don't eat.

## PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH



### *Pteris cretica* (Cretan brake)

*Pteris cretica* rapidly spreads from garden environments into indigenous habitats, especially coastal and lowland forest, along river, stream, and gully sides, and even wetlands. Often mistaken as a native fern and it is unfortunately for sale as a native at Gordons Nursery.

**Control:** Dig out and dispose of in a weed bin, or cut and paste stems with Metsulfuron gel, or spray foliage with Metsulfuron (0.5 g per Litre) plus 2 ml per litre of penetrant.

A big thank you to all of you who turned out for our last planting day. So good to see so many willing to get stuck in. We managed to plant 115 plants at Western Park plus about 15 at the inanga site and we also got through roughly 40 sausages ñ well done on all accounts. We planted 23 different species from conifers such as kahikatea and rimu to flowering trees such as kohekohe, puriri and nikau.

Our next working bee will be at 10am, Sunday 9th July, Western Park.

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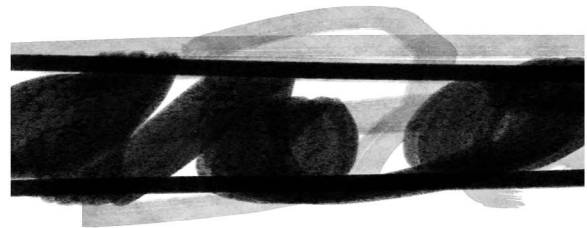


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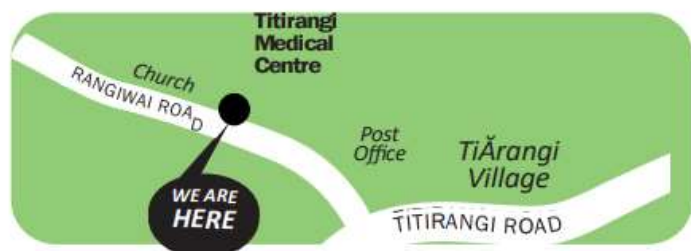
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Do you want to build a snowman? If you are a fan of Frozen, you'll love this fanciful and heartwarming stage adaptation of the hugely popular film.

Join Anna, Elsa, and all your favorite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of magic, adventure, camaraderie, and discovering the real meaning of true love.

Adapted for young performers, this musical includes favorite Frozen songs such as "Love Is an Open Door," "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?," and "Let It Go," as well as wonderful new songs from the Broadway production. With a cast of beloved characters and its empowering message of love and understanding, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!



Frozen JR will be performed by a talented cast of 47 local youth performers aged under 18 years including Hannah Pronk as Anna, Shannon McClennan as Elsa, Dylan Tucker as Hans and Xander Evans as Kristoff.

Directed by Allan Howie, with Ellen Mountcastle and Mackenzie Willis as Musical Directors and Heidi Schuler as choreographer.

Tickets have been very popular so get yours before they sell out. What could be better these holidays?

The Tael Solutions Ltd season of Frozen Jr is produced by Playhouse Theatre Inc. and will be performed in the historic Playhouse Theatre in Glen Eden.

Where: The Playhouse Theatre, Glen Eden

When: 8 – 15<sup>th</sup> July

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### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

This month we celebrated Te Wiki Tūao ā-Motu – National Volunteer Week!

We'd like to thank all our volunteers and our whānau, friends and employers whose support makes it possible for us to serve our community.

It's been a big year fighting fires, attending medical incidents, motor vehicle accidents, severe weather events and other requests for help. Our volunteers have also been helping to spread the word about fire safety.

Attending callouts, training and community events means time away from work and home. We are very thankful for the ongoing support of our whānau, friends and employers through it all.

There are 594 volunteer stations across Aotearoa New Zealand including those close to our communities.

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- Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade
- Titirangi Volunteer Fire Brigade
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- Karekare Volunteer Fire Brigade
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### MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Huia, Laingholm & Titirangi Fire Brigades have attended a higher number of motor vehicle accidents than anyone should be comfortable with. The conditions of the roads as well as the weather should be a factor when driving within our region.

Please drive to the conditions, drive defensively, and take care.



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### HUIA 721 IN THE NORTHSHORE

For most of us it has been a while since we've had to sit our drivers licence test. Recently we have had to "convince" some of the crew to go for their class 2 drivers' licence so that we can have coverage of drivers and pump operators.

Most would think driving the fire truck would be the ideal role, however many firefighters would prefer to be on the end of the fire hose dealing with the fire.

In saying that, the driver/pump operator role is a core function on the fire ground. This month Senior Fire Fighter Neil Bartell and QFF Daniel Wright sat their full Class 2 Drivers Licence assessment at VTNZ in Silverdale.



I'm sure it's not every day you can turn up to sit your practical test in a fire truck. Thankfully both passed and we'd like to thank the staff at VTNZ Silverdale. The photo is of QFF Dan Wright driving Huia 721 over the Harbour Bridge. Not something that happens very often.

Both Neil and Dan will now complete the Emergency Response Driver (ERD) course where Fire and Emergency NZ will teach both fire fighters how to respond to an incident safely and appropriately for any incident.



### POWERCUTS

Usually, we would say its that time of year, however it feels like it hasn't stopped raining since last winter. Historically our communities are hit with some wild weather in the winter which from time to time results in power cuts.

Please switch everything off during a power cut as surges can cause electrical items to be damaged or even ignite.



Tukua kia tū takitahi ngā whetūo te rangi.

Let each star in the sky shine its own light.

### The giving tree

We have been reading 'The giving tree' during whanau ora (mat time). This is a beautiful story that highlights the importance of giving and receiving kindness. This has sparked lots of conversations about what makes our heart happy but also what we can do to make other peoples hearts happy. We have also been watching a lovely video of the song 'What a wonderful world' by Louis Armstrong, and have had many discussions about all the wonderful things in our world, and how we have a lot to be grateful for.



### The massage train

As a follow on from the giving tree we started a massage train to the "A thousand years, sensory massage" song. Our tamariki love giving and receiving massages.



### Matariki - celebrating the Mā ori New Year at kō hungahunga

For Matariki we offered all of our Tamariki to decorate their own jar with 9 Matariki stars, and then to plant a bulb to take home and care for. This links with the Pōhutakawa star of Matariki, which represents those who have passed on. We listened to stories of Matariki, and sung songs, and we wrote down our wishes on decorated stars.



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# ***Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade***

The colder months are now well and truly with us and they present a few challenges, especially where electricity is involved. From time to time we get calls where the cause has been electrical devices so it's a good idea to always treat them with respect. Here are a few recommendations:

- One multi plug is used per heat generating device. So please don't plug two heaters into the same box, or for that matter any other devices that use lots of electricity. The picture below shows a multi box that caused a problem in a local home.
- Chargers and cords should not be used if damaged, modified or connected to incompatible devices. In fact please don't carry out modifications to electrical devices. Leave the work to a qualified person such as a registered electrician
- Devices with lithium batteries are should not be used or charged after being dropped or damaged. It's all too easy to drop a mobile phone. If you think one has been damaged please take it to a repair person, or get a new one
- Charging of phones or other devices should take place on a hard, flat surface. A number of fires have been caused by people putting their mobile phone under the pillow and then connecting it to a charger
- Electrical cords shouldn't be coiled while in use, or run underneath carpets or bedding. Some of our longer-serving members can remember a structure fire in a Laingholm home where an extension lead was under a mat that was walked on regularly, causing the wires to fray and burn



Last month was fairly quiet but included yet another road crash on Huia Road, which we responded to with the Huia brigade. These lulls give us a chance to keep up our training, such as using our road crash gear. We are in the process of cutting up a vehicle donated by a local resident, but could do with one or two more. So if you have a car that has reached the end of its life please consider donating it to us. Contact chief officer Graeme Booth on 021764741 if you can help. We insist that vehicles be deregistered but can arrange towing to the station and disposal of the remains afterwards. The picture shows our combi tool, which can cut as well as spread metal, in action. It was paid for thanks to generous donations from our local community



Two members of the Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade, Station Officer Paul Shaw and Senior Firefighter Clint Fouche, are currently on deployment to the United States McMurdo station in Antarctica as firefighters. Paul spent the majority of last season 'on continent' as they say and has returned for another winter season (approximately February to October based on flight availability that is weather dependent). This is Clint's first contract that was initiated after looking into the option seriously after Paul returned with an account of 10 months crammed with new and exciting experiences; challenges; opportunities; and an almost 'no-brainer' decision to return to one of the harshest environments on the planet.

McMurdo has its own fire brigade, or "department" as they say in the US. The fire trucks are very different from what they are used to operating back home in New Zealand, as can be seen by the photographs on this page. It also provides backup fire protection for the New Zealand operation at Scott base.

McMurdo is a coastal station at the southern tip of Ross Island, about 3,864 km south of Christchurch and 1,360 km north of the South Pole. The original station was built in 1955 to 1956 for the International Geophysical Year. Today's station is the primary logistics facility for supply of inland stations and remote field camps, and is also the waste management center for much of the U.S. Antarctic Program. Year-round and summer science projects are supported at McMurdo.

The station has a harbour, landing strips on the ice shelf and a helicopter pad. The two airfields - Phoenix and Williams Field Skiway - are used by different aircraft. Repair facilities, dormitories, administrative buildings, a firehouse, power plant, water distillation plant, wharf, stores, clubs, warehouses, a science support center, and the first-class, 4,320 square-meter laboratory are linked by above-ground water, sewer, telephone, and power lines. The mean annual temperature is -18°C. Temperatures may reach 8°C in summer and -50°C in winter. The average wind is 12 knots, but winds have exceeded 100 knots.

Getting to Antarctica is by no means an easy process, as Clint found. He reports: "hours (estimate of 100 hours based on recollection) of paperwork that includes security clearances and the Physical Qualification (PQ) process. There are anomalies like requests for documents to be faxed for security reasons - who would have thought? The process from offer of employment to issue of travel packet takes up to 3 months and is pretty thorough. It does take a bit longer in NZ as it is a USA driven process that uses terminology different to that used by most NZ practitioners; suppliers and contractors (doctors; dentists, laboratories; X-ray clinics etc.). We received our travel



packages and clearance to travel 48 hours before boarding a commercial flight to Christchurch, our point of departure to Antarctica. ('Anarctica' for any American readers - internal joke as most Americans do not pronounce the first 't')."

The flight down was on a US C17 Globemaster and said Clint that there was great excitement on board when Antarctica was sighted through one of the two available windows, about 2 hours from McMurdo. His first impression was the immense scale and vast emptiness.

Clint and Paul are now working shifts 48 hours on and 48 off. We look forward to seeing them both back home sometime in October.

## Flooding and Cyclone Recovery

### The 2023 General Election

**Dr Deborah Russell  
MP for New Lynn**

#### Flooding and Cyclone Recovery

My team and I are continuing to work on cyclone and flooding issues. Aside from the delays along our roads as repairs are carried out, most of us to more-or-less back to normal, but for some people in our communities, big problems remain. In the last couple of weeks, people with storm affected properties in Titirangi and Laingholm and throughout the Waitakere Ranges have been getting notices from Auckland Council telling them that their homes may be on unstable ground, and that they may be offered a buyout.

As you can imagine, this is an incredibly stressful and difficult time. There's not a lot of certainty yet as Auckland Council continues to get geotechnical work underway. It's taking a long time to get geotechnical experts onto each site partly because there is so much damage to be assessed. On top of that, some families are now running out of insurance money to cover temporary accommodation elsewhere.

I've been working with our Cyclone Recovery ministers to try to get faster action on this from Auckland Council. Plus, I've been working on trying to get some kind of special assistance set up for people needing support with accommodation. Specific measures were put in place after the Canterbury earthquakes to help people who were in temporary accommodation for a prolonged period while their homes were being rebuilt. I've asked for the same consideration to be given to our friends and neighbours in the Waitakere Ranges who are in the same boat.

There are very well-organised and effective "Red and Yellow Stickered Residents" groups running in Muriwai, and in Piha/Karekare/Anawhata. However, the damage in other areas is scattered, so it has been more difficult for residents to get together to share information and support. To help with this, my office has been working to set up a group for people in Titirangi, Laingholm, Huia, and Waitarua. If you have a stickered home or a home that is likely to be affected by the voluntary buyout, and you would like to be connected to this group, then please email my office on [newlynn.mp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:newlynn.mp@parliament.govt.nz).

#### The 2023 General Election

The general election is coming up on October 14 this year. Now is the time to check your enrolment, and to encourage younger people to enrol and vote for the first time. Head to <https://vote.nz/> to enrol or update your details, and to find out more about the election.

I will be standing again for the electorate, and as we head into the "Regulated Period" I will withdraw from writing this regular column in fairness to other candidates and out of respect for the election rules. So, this will be my last column as your local MP before the election.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me over the past three years to raise an issue, or ask for help, or just to say hello. My team and I do try to stay connected with what is going on in our widespread communities, but the best way to hear about things is when people tell us. So even when people have had some fairly strong things to say, I've appreciated hearing them.

And thank you to the Laingholm Roundabout team. I gave it to my husband to read a few months ago and he read it cover to cover, not just for the articles but also for all the ads from our local businesses. It's great parish pump news and we're very lucky to have it.

Ngā mihi nui, Deborah

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## The Trusts Karekare Surf Clubhouse/Kaha Ropi wins Architectural Award



The brand new Karekare Surf Clubhouse which officially opened in September 2022, has won the Best Public Building Award in the recent Auckland Architectural awards held in Auckland on Thursday 08 June 2023. The Clubhouse with its name - Kaha Ropi – gifted to us by local iwi Te Kawerau ā Maki, had the original concept designed by local architect Richard Priest. 106 Architects then worked on the build alongside MPM projects, and construction was completed by Cassidy Construction over the protracted hard lockdown and winter.

Club President David Munro said that after more than ten years of planning and fundraising this is a great honour for the club and the Karekare community. Te Kawerau ā Maki worked with the club on a four metre Powhenua which graces the entrance to the complex carved by Mihaka Marikena and which depicts a local legend. The building has five bunkhouses named after some of the clubs' early greats in their honour, and seven bathrooms as well as a large communal lounge area with a bespoke fireplace. A fully equipped kitchen with state-of-the-art Miele appliances serves for a variety of sizes of event, and the clubhouse is able to be configured for any number of arrangements depending on the nature of the event.



On the ground floor is our Cassidy Lifesaving Hub and St Lazarus First Aid facility which houses all our rescue watercraft, vehicles and lifesaving equipment.

The club was founded in 1935, and the land it occupies was gifted by the Farley family in 1947. The family plan to return to Karekare for a grand reunion when Karekare can re-open following the recent Cyclone Gabrielle. The club takes bookings for events, weddings, small conferences and family gatherings, and we can sleep up to 30 people and host up to 100 guests.

Due to the cyclone, bookings have been put on hold in the short-term, but the club will be opening again for bookings shortly.



What a fantastic start to winter before the rain came back in the middle of the month. I hope you managed to get into your garden during those fine days before the weather turned.

It's a quiet time for gardeners but there's plenty of chores in the way of maintenance and you can still plant garlic and shallots with a variety of onions in the mix.

Peas such as sugar snaps and snow don't mind the cold and celery seedlings can be planted out. In the herb garden thyme and rosemary don't mind the winter, as well as bay trees while mesculin can be sown for easy winter salads. But this is a good time to get out of the rain and cold and into the shed if you are lucky enough to have one and give it a bit of a clean out and tidy up.

Plants for early spring planting can be sown in seed trays and kept in a warm spot and now is the time to get your potato beds ready by digging over the soil and adding compost; in fact all soil could do with a top up of compost and good stuff. Some experts say you can even start your early seed potatoes sprouting. Strawberry beds can also be prepped for new plants.

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

It's all part of the joy of gardening.

# The Real Estate Update

**RayWhite**

## Selling in winter

Winter is often considered a slow season for real estate in New Zealand, but that doesn't mean it's a bad time to sell. In fact, there are several advantages to selling your property during the winter months.

Firstly, there is less competition on the market. Many sellers wait until spring or summer to list their properties, which means there are fewer homes for buyers to choose from in the winter. This can work in your favour, as buyers who are looking during the winter months are often more motivated to make a purchase.

Secondly, winter can be a great time to showcase your property's features. If your home has a fireplace, for example, this can be a major selling point during the colder months. Similarly, if your property has a beautiful garden or outdoor area, you can use this to your advantage by highlighting how it can be enjoyed year-round.

Another advantage of selling in winter is that buyers tend to be more serious. With fewer properties on the market, buyers are more likely to take the time to view your property and make an offer if they are interested. This can lead to a quicker sale and a smoother transaction overall.

Of course, there are some challenges to selling in winter as well. The weather can be unpredictable, which can make it difficult to schedule viewings and photography. However, with the right preparation, you can overcome these challenges and make your property stand out.

In conclusion, while selling in winter may not be the most popular choice, it can be a great opportunity to showcase your home.



### Here are some tips for selling your property in winter:

1. Make sure your property is warm and inviting. Turn up the heat, light some candles, and add some cozy blankets and cushions to create a welcoming atmosphere.
2. Keep your property well-lit. With shorter days and longer nights, it's important to make sure your property is well-lit both inside and outside. Consider adding some outdoor lighting to highlight your property's features.
3. Showcase your property's winter appeal. If your property has a fireplace, make sure it's lit during viewings. If you have a hot tub or sauna, highlight these features as well.
4. Keep your property clean and tidy. With wet and muddy conditions outside, it's important to keep your property clean and tidy to make a good impression on potential buyers.
5. Work with a real estate agent who has experience selling in winter. A good agent will know how to market your property effectively during the winter months and will have strategies for overcoming any challenges that may arise.

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## July Events

July means we're offering lots of school holiday events celebrating Matariki, as well as running 4 events for adults for mānawa maiea a Matariki (welcoming the rising of Matariki). All events (adults and children) require registration, email us to book your spot or to get more info at [titirangi.library@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:titirangi.library@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

### Adults:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** 10.30 – 11.30am: Falls prevention workshop run by Harbour Sport. Did you know that as we age the risk of having a fall increases? The good news is that many falls are preventable and having good strength and balance is the key to staying on your feet.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** 10.30 – 11.30am: Come and find out how to explore more about the Māori lunar calendar and make a Maramataka dial to take home. Suitable for ages 16+

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** 10.30am – 12pm: Energy healing: Claim your power to be healthy and happy and gain an insight into the energy medicine modalities of Reiki and BodyTalk.

**Thursday 20 July** 10am – 12pm: Fun games morning playing KAUPAPA, a board game to expand your Māori vocabulary. Suitable for beginners as well as those more fluent.

### School holiday events:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** 10am-11am: Natures Treasures- Sewn Creatures. Create a whacky creature that represents your favourite element of nature in honour of Matariki. Suitable for 7+

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** 9.30am-10am Te Reo Rhymetime for all ages. Bilingual story, music, rhymes, dancing and bubbles.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** 10am-11am DIY Galaxy Slime. Learn how to make a beautiful night sky-inspired slime and explore the wonders of the galaxy. Suitable for 7+

**Monday 10 July** 10-1pm (3x 45min sessions) Multisensory storytelling. Join one of our multi-sensory sessions where you'll see, hear, smell and feel your way around the nine whetū (stars) of Matariki! Presented by Papaya Stories and suitable for all ages.

**11<sup>th</sup> July** 10am-12pm: Matariki Macrame. Join us for a basic Macrame Workshop and weave your very own keychain, all materials provided. Suitable for 7+.

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## Winter Festivals

The festivals are occasions that bring our community together. Each festival is underpinned by an inner meaning and impulse. The fact that festivals progress in a regular and repetitive annual rhythm gives strength to each of us and in this ever-changing and often challenging world, we find a regular and consistent annual rhythm.

The festivals also give form to the child's innate reverence for nature and instinct for celebration. Adults and children alike are nourished by the festivals, their related activities of crafts, verses, songs and food and celebrating together as a community.

In the Southern Hemisphere now, we are in the darkest time, the Sun is the lowest it will be. The solstice marks the time when the Sun will begin to return, to rise higher in the sky and, in time, bring warmth back to the earth.

In the Kindergarten this time is marked with a Lantern Festival. This special evening follows a few weeks of anticipation and preparation with the children painting their lanterns using beautiful watercolour paper and paints in 'wet on wet' style and teachers and parents helping to assemble them.

This year, as always, the Lantern Festival evening was a magical experience as the young children and their families all gathered in the hall at twilight to listen to a Matariki puppet play by candlelight. Afterwards they collected their lit lanterns for a walk, by candlelight only, through the cold clear night air singing lantern songs before receiving star biscuits for their journey home.

The following week, the school's Mid-Winter Festival was also held on a beautiful still night - a perfect backdrop to complement the pupils', as well as family and friends', glowing lanterns below.

The evening began with the traditional verse spoken by Class 11 students into hushed twilight before the lighting of the beacon. From this central flame, the Upper School students lit their candles and proceeded to light the younger pupils' lanterns - and one after another the glow spread through the courtyard.

# TITIRANGI RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

Each pupil makes their own lantern – which increases in intricacy as they get older. The younger classes made simple luminous watercolour ones, while the older students created complicated geometric lanterns with delicate translucent cutouts of many colours.

***“See my candle glowing  
with a golden light,  
Shining from my lantern  
out into the night”***

It's a truly beautiful sight to behold – over 200 lanterns gathered in the courtyard then proceeding along the paths, through the orchard, singing all the way to the faraway field. There we gathered in huge circle of lanterns, singing more songs of the season before heading back to the courtyard again.

As always, we ended the evening with hot potatoes and kū mara and warm spiced juice served to all by Upper School students.

There's no doubt Mid-Winter Festival is a popular festival, and draws past students and families back year after year to continue to be a part of its magic.

## End-of-Term Matariki Assembly

As the term comes to a close, we are looking forward, once again, to our special Matariki Assembly.

*Tirohia atu nei ka wheturangitia Matariki, te whetu o te tau.  
Look, Matariki, the star of the year, appears above the horizon.*

# TRSS - upcoming events

## Adult Education

A wonderful programme of free monthly talks by teachers and friends of the school who are working out of Anthroposophy, the philosophy underlying Waldorf-Steiner education.

### Coming up in July

**Wednesday 26th July**  
**“The 9 year old crossing”**  
with Cheryl Prigg

Nine years old is a pivotal time in child development - come learn more about the changes occurring for a child at this age

**Monday 31st July**  
**“A Contemporary Alchemy – the elements of education for health and well being.”**  
with John Lawry

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# Book Reviews



GEORGE WADSWORTH & IAN JOHNSON



**Are You Happy Now** by Hanna Jameson

Four people attend a wedding in New York

Yun is a musician and DJ hoping to make it musically in New York

Emory is a journalist and reporter starting out on her career

Andrew is an associate professor in the middle of a divorce

Fin has a scholarship at a ballet school in New York

At the wedding one of the guests sits on the dance floor and refuses to get up.

At a festival in Hunter Mountain Resort 85 people sit and refuse to get up. Before long a pandemic sweeps the country. With that in the background we follow the developing and in some cases the ending of relationships between the above four and their friends. Two love stories interlock. and the characters' fears disillusion-ments and hopes are played out very convincingly. The reader learns a lot about how life is lived in New York and it is up to the reader to decide whether the characters are happy or not at the book's end.

Meanwhile on the other side of the world we are introduced to *The Quiet Side of Passion* by Alexander McCall Smith

This is another saga in the life of Isabel Dalhoussie", philosopher, wife, mother and editor of the "Review of Applied Ethics" as we are told in the first two lines of the novel - as if we didn't already know. Isabel is living in Edinburgh happily married to Jamie, "bassoonist, father, occasional composer, incidental tennis player and, in the view of virtually every woman who ever met him, the perfect man" What's not to like? In Isabel, the author is able to philosophise and have gentle digs at various parts of society and the people in them that he thinks need taking down a peg or two such as Professor Lettuce FRSE, MBE. She is so busy that she really does not have time to be at her niece Cat's beck and call. when Cat asks her to help at Cat's delicatessen, but she always helps her out We are reminded that Jamie was Cat's boyfriend before Isabel. However Cat has a new boyfriend - will he measure up? Eddie works in the deli and he is smitten with Isabel's newly acquired au pair, Antonia, who also helps at the deli. How does Grace, Isabel's long standing housekeeper like this development?. Meantime Isabel has met Patricia who begins to intrigue her and by chance follows her with near disastrous consequences. Is Patricia on the level and is Basil Phelps the church organist, no less, really the father of her child? Claire, a philosophy student comes on the scene. Isabel is thrilled at having someone assist her in editing the Review but what does Prof Lettuce think and what is going on between those two? Drama Drama Drama-but in a civilised way

**Birnam Wood** by Eleanor Catton (*Te Herenga Waka University Press, 2022*) is the follow-up novel to her 2013 Booker Prize winning novel "The Luminaries". I confess to not having completed that novel, it certainly was a tome that seemed to taunt me. I did read her debut novel "The Rehearsal" published in 2008 when the author was in her early 20's and it was good. Now for the long-awaited follow-up and it is

different again. Promoted as an ecological thriller, its main character is Mira Bunting who founded a gardening group with a social conscience and agenda – to plant crops on any spare land that is not being used by the Crown, councils and private land-owners. This seemed a bit innocuous at first but the author develops her characters well and the reader becomes almost 'sucked in' by the plot. Mira identifies a seemingly abandoned farm that has the potential to be used by the group. Except....there is someone else interested in the land... US billionaire Robert Lemoine who has acquired New Zealand citizenship, it is assumed to use New Zealand as an escape bolt-hole (Seems like Lemoine's character is based on the real life billionaire Peter Thiel who was granted NZ citizenship but has only visited for a handful of days) Lemoine agrees to let the group work the land, in fact he seemingly encourages and promotes their cause. But there has to be ulterior motives, doesn't there? Of course, You will have to read it and be confronted by quite a dramatic and maybe over-the-top ending. I am sure it will be made into a movie. I did find the writing a bit clunky to start with but maybe that was getting used to the author's literary style. She certainly ramps the tension up towards the end.

**Jumping Sundays: the rise and fall of the counterculture in Aotearoa New Zealand, Nick Bollinger (Auckland University Press, 2022):** I quote extensively from the prologue to this book as it gives a basis for the ensuing examination of a phenomena that lasted from the late 1960's through the 1970's and the consequences of those events: "On a Sunday afternoon in the spring of 1969, thousands of people defied Auckland city bylaws and came to party in Albert Park. A rock band played on the rotunda. Some people held hands, some danced alone, some sat under trees with guitars, flutes and bongos and made music of their own. They wore kaftans, ponchos and leather-fringed jerkins, floppy hats, headbands, beads and flowers. Poetry and political diatribes were delivered... There were bikies, balloons, bubbles, sack races and a lolly scramble...As the afternoon wore on there were joss sticks, skyrockets and what some will have recognised as the musky smell of marijuana..." Maybe you were there! The author lays out the background for the 'counterculture' and traces its development and metamorphosis through many groups and detailed interviews with 'personalities' of those times. Remember Tim Shadbolt, Sue Kedgeley, etc. Although he would have only been primary school age, when the movement started, the author became involved in aspects of the 'counterculture' in his teen years and through his family. He writes from the actual experience – there are many anecdotes and personal stories in addition to the detailed research Much of what happened in those times evolved and was absorbed into our way of life through feminism, the debate on racism, the Treaty, politics and the broad spectrum of the arts – poetry, music, theatre and the like. For a non-fiction book of over 400 pages, there is rarely a dull moment. The book deservedly won the non-fiction section of this years' Ockham Book Awards.



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# WINTER WARMERS

FROM ADRIENNE PEEK

## MEAT SURPRISE

- 500-1,000 Grams Cooked Roast Meat (I used Lamb)
- 2 Tablespoons Oil
- 2 Onions - Chopped
- 8 Cloves Garlic - Crushed
- 2 Pieces Ginger - Chopped
- 1-2 Chillies - Chopped or use Chilli Powder to taste
- 8 Star Anise
- 2 Teaspoons Turmeric
- 2 Teaspoons Fennel Seeds
- 2 Teaspoons Coriander Seeds
- 2 Cans of Chickpeas
- 2 Tins Chopped Tomatoes
- 1 Packet or 2 Tablespoons Tomato Concentrate
- 2 Cans Coconut Milk
- ¼ Cup Soya Sauce



Cook the onions, garlic and chilli in the oil. Add meat, star anise, turmeric, fennel, coriander, chick peas, tomatoes, (or concentrate), coconut milk and soya sauce. Place in a casserole dish and cook for about ½ hour in the oven at 160 degrees - fan bake. Thicken with a little cornflour if required. Season with salt and pepper and a little soya sauce if required. Serve with potato mash or rice. I use half the quantity for 2 people and it is enough for 2 meals. I also added some chopped carrots.

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- 50 Grams Brown Sugar
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- 2 Eggs
- 1/3 Cup Sugar
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Grease a baking dish with the 50 grams of butter. Sprinkle over brown sugar and place the pears on top. Mix the other ingredients together and pour over the pears and bake at 160 degrees for 20 minutes. If you like you can add some crystallised ginger or chopped up dried apricots which are sprinkled over the pears.



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The budget is done and dusted for another 12 months, but like all things political it was a compromise. Moreover, it balanced the financial spread sheet but not the physical cause of the cost to income problem.

The problem is our (councils) work practices. Council is not short of income; we are short on productivity. I'm not saying that all our workers are lazy. The problem lies in the structure of our workforce. We are stacking our workforce vertically. For every one person producing an outcome there is many more sitting on his or her shoulders supposedly supporting the productive individual in all manner of issues, from methodology to surveillance of risk.

We used to have a horizontal structured to our workforce where most individuals were lined up alongside each other at the coalface, as it were. Supporting and watching out for each other's wellbeing was a natural extension of our jobs, not a separate industry.

The most visible of this cost to output imbalances is contractor work practise around street cleaning. Notably where a single worker picking up litter is accompanied by three vehicles and drivers, turning the simple task of picking up litter into a convoy of cost (this is not an isolated situation). Such scenarios are driven by theoretical exercises carried out on desktops which overlook statistical risk and neglect to measure the associated financial and environmental costs.

During budget debates, I emphasised the correlation between growing budget deficits and changes in workplace practices. I stressed how essential reversing these types of overheads is to eliminating yearly deficits worth hundreds of millions.

I was told the savings I proposed, which involve stopping costly and needless practices, could not be achieved solely through the budget process. It required a structural change that could only be accomplished by reviewing the 10-Year Long-Term Plan (LTP). Fortunately, the LTP is a living document subject to review every three years, and the next review is currently underway.

So, back to more debating and public consultations. Yippee!

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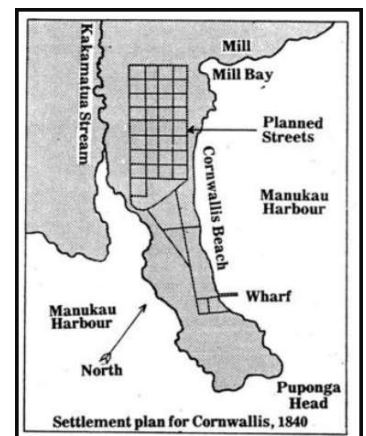
The feature display at the moment is a doll collection from the estate of the late Janice Boddy. Janice was a great-granddaughter of Tom and Eliza Barr, who settled in Huia in the late 1860s. Her grandfather, Bill Barr, married Eva Fletcher who was also from one of Huia's pioneering families. There is a photograph of Janice, as a little girl, on the information board at the Barr cottage in Little Huia. Janice loved Huia and spent a lot of time here. The dolls are in pristine condition and are for sale, priced from \$5. All proceeds go to the museum.



**Oral History Day. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023. 1.00pm at the Huia Hall**

Join us for the afternoon to hear our guest speaker Ken Elcoat present a fascinating glimpse into the past history of **Cornwallis in the 1930's to 1960's**. Including a collection of digitised 8mm film that captures scene's from sailing adventures, big fish, New Year's Day sports, and general holiday life during the 1930s to 1960s before the bach's were all removed from the foreshore in the following decade. Always interesting and entertaining.

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## Matihiko Tātai #3

In Matihiko Tātai 3 we have been learning to use language to engage our readers. We have been learning to include some Onomatopoeia words to add a feeling or sound to our written work as well as using extended similes and metaphors.

We have also been writing some haikus and cinquain poetry related to the awful weather we have been having lately.

In the shirt machine there's a big red button that goes hssssss and it goes chugger, chugger boom, boom. Then it makes a beep, beep and then kaabam a new shirt with a snake that moves around on it comes out. It makes the sound squeak and when angry it makes the boooooom sound. The shirt is white it also gives you massages the sound it makes is creak.

By Khan

I sat by a tree as the leaves fell to the ground Flop! Flop! To remember her dear dad. My dad was a great man. He was known for making the best shirts in the whole world with the help of his shirt machine. Every morning he would stomp into his shed STOMP! STOMP! STOMP! And he would eat a bit of his chocolate. CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP! He said it helps him focus. He would sit down in his chair type his idea into the computer, then he would push the button" BEEP! The machine would turn on and start to make the shirt. CLANK! CLONK! RRRRR! RRRRR! VREEEEEEP! VREEEEEEP! Then the shirt would plop out onto the ground FLOP! Now his new shirt the brand-new heat shirt. It's like wearing a big hot water bottle that never stops being hot unless you want it to.

By Sky

My Dad invented the shirt machine it goes boom, crack, bang when he starts it up and broooooom when he turns it off. It's loud at first but you'll get used to it soon. It's a unique machine. He needs to pull a lever to start it up and turn it off it goes \*ccreeaakk\* when he pulls it. Occasionally I get to help him with making shirts and sending them to the post office we send most of the shirts to Italy, Rarotonga, Australia, Switzerland and New Zealand even though we're based in New Zealand.

By Nina

My uncle makes T-shirts, he does not make them with wool and materials, but he makes them with his shirt machine that is falling to bits in a nearby shed. Sorry I skipped a lot; my uncle raised me until I was the age of 16. He lives in the northern side of Scotland where him and I used to recreate designs that we dreamed of, and when I turned twelve, he had made the one and only self-making T-shirt machine.

The machine is very noisy, I remember this one time a friend of mine run out of that shed screaming AAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHH as the door flung shut so hard that my heart fell out of its pockets, WWwhoOOOppPP!

My uncles T-shirts have been a big hit all around the world, the bestselling T-shirt design is the morphing T-shirt that can shift you into any devise in the world yeah WWWOOOWWW! but sadly it quickly got cancelled since a lot of criminals just shifted



July's Photo Gallery  
"Matihiko Tātai #3 at Work"



into something else to hide from the police.  
The other one is the movie watching T-shirt, but they didn't really sell well since they always just shattered into two pieces CCRrUNCCh!

By Arietty

My uncle made a shirt machine. That machine can make any kind of shirt. All you need to do is pull down the lever CLANK and it turns on then you go to the computer then you type in the shirt you want. When you want to make the shirt my uncle stomps on the green button CLICK then the machine turns on... CLANK, CLONK, BANG, PLONK then it shoots the shirt out like...now PEW. And now I send it to the buyer of the shirt. I can make many shirts like these. I made a shirt that has a portable toilet, I made one that can play music ABODADODADO!

By Zico

**Haiku Rain**

wet rain is falling  
I will be soaking today  
The rain is freeze  
Belle

**Cinquain Flooding**

Flooding roadways  
Gushing, rushing, pushing  
Mass of water wracks roads  
puddles.  
Belle

Wrestling , Blowing  
Howling , Rattling , Pushing  
Brutal in every single way  
Ruthless  
Jasper

**Haiku - Storm**

Lightning struck the tree  
Stuck at home we start to moan  
The heat pump blasted  
Ava



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**75th Jubilee**

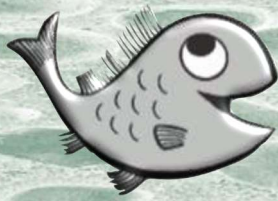
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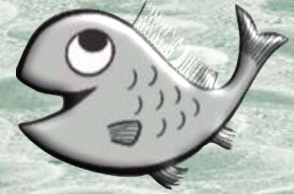






# Winnie's Wanderings

*(from Winnie the Wharfie)*



Giddy fishos, hope you are managing to squeeze in the odd decent fishing trip amongst all these 'extreme weather events'. Only one fishing trip since the last Roundabout . Put the big boat in, blew off a heap of gas going for miles up the harbour only to be rewarded with two kahawai. Came back over this side and fished the spot out from Mill Bay – dead. Then, just as the tide turned, bang, bang; four gurnard one after the other. Then – nothing, not a bite anywhere. Oh well, that's fishing.

Was given a book recently called Hook, Line and Sinker by Ray Doogue (printed 1967 in NZ). Well I never knew fishing could be so technical and complicated. He goes into minute detail about everything accompanied by complex drawings and graphs. There's a long chapter on how and where to fish in rough seas, should you be brave enough to venture out. There's masses of info about on-shore and off-shore winds, swells that stir up nutrients, where fish lurk in such conditions and so on. The book is 326 pages long and so complex and finely illustrated I wonder how he ever got the time to go fishing.

There's a chunk on how to attract fish by sound but even if you were able to replicate the sound of a female snapper underwater, it would attract the males but they would have other things on their minds so your bait would go ignored. Apparently beating the surface of the water can bring them round but he's a bit vague about why. Neither does he explain how dumping a flax kit full of stones overboard (as the maoris used to do) brings fish around. He gets lyrical about targetting barracuda but who the heck would want to target these brutes. All the ones I've ever caught have been full of worms. Incidentally barra are attracted by bright objects and will often swallow a shiny sinker. Anyway, more from Mr Doogue next time.

Was reading an article recently about fish falling from the sky.. not only fish but frogs, crabs and tadpoles. A fella in the USA was pelted by about 800 sardines, all alive (must have had a lot of patience to be bothered counting them). Anyhow a couple in Alabama watched a big black cloud in a clear blue sky coming toward them. Next minute it was raining bream and bass, all alive. What a feast! So land-based fishos, watch the clouds, you never know your luck.

Ok, joke time.

What's the most dangerous thing in a car? The nut behind the wheel.  
That's Winnie signing off for this month, cheers till next time.

*Tight lines, keep smiling,  
Cheers  
Winnie*

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# Welcome to our Village

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On the sunnier days earlier last term, our tamariki enjoyed the water pump, making volcanos in the sandpit, and exploring the outdoors. Now that the weather has cooled off, we're seeing more construction happening indoors, trains, and waiata with our babies. The centre has continued to grow enrolments in recent months and the tamariki have been curious to meet our newest enrolments and share the place they belong.

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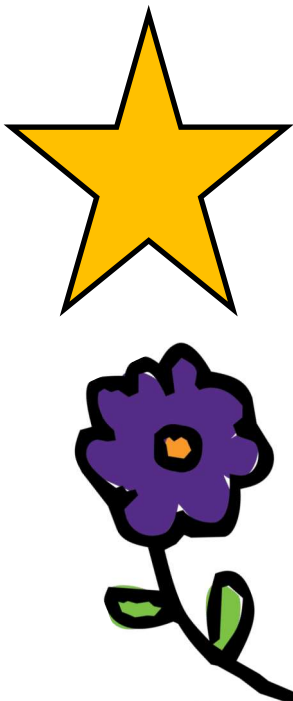
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# The Grow Parenting Programme has begun!

On Friday June 16th Laingholm Playcentre welcomed the families starting the Grow parenting programme. The programme covers waiata for children, and parenting discussions across 8 weeks.

Here is a simple song you can learn with your tamariki—Twinkle Twinkle Little Star in Te Reo Māori:



**Tīrama, tīrama nga whetū**

Tīrama, tīrama nga whetū

Kei te pēhea rā koutou

Kī runga ake rā

He taimana tō rite

Tīrama, tīrama nga whetū

Kei te pēhea rā koutou



For anyone wanting to improve their pronunciation, here is a little help courtesy of Te Kete Ipurangi (TKI):

There are five vowel sounds in te reo Māori. They can be pronounced 'short' or 'long'. The long vowel is usually written with a tohutō macron above it e.g. ā, or the same vowel written twice together e.g. Maaori.

Vowel		Short	Long
a	as in	about	far
e	as in	enter	bed
i	as in	eat	sheep
o	as in	awful	pork
u	as in	put	boot

**Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou**

*Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing*



# The Forgotten Suburb

Sometimes it's good to forget. It's good to leave the Forgotten Suburb and spend some time in another town, another place, even another country. It puts things in perspective. We find that some issues – like invasive pest plants or animals – are a concern in places other than Laingholm. We can leave behind the stresses and strains of work (paid or voluntary) for a while and focus on more trivial matters like where to have our next flat white or which are the best angles from which to take photographs of the significant sights of the place we are visiting.

The Roundabout has been travelling again. This time our lovely magazine has found an eager reader in Cambridge – that's the one on the banks of the Waikato, not the famous University in England. Cambridge is world famous in New Zealand for its horses and to celebrate that there is this lovely horse and foal statue outside the town hall – suitably attired for winter!

Cambridge used to be a place that we just passed through on our way south – to Taupo and beyond, or to Rotorua. Not anymore! Cambridge is a place to relocate to. Retirees are attracted to “The Town

of Trees and Champions”. Retirement villages are being built and units are already being sold. There is a noticeable increase in the number of over 65s living in the town. (It was 21% at the 2018 census). But there is plenty for the young and the fit with rowing and cycling both based here. Top cyclists compete at the velodrome and international regattas take place on near-by Lake Karapiro.

There are opportunities for volunteering, with several churches, Op shops, Riding for the Disabled, the Gaslight theatre, a museum and a volunteer fire brigade - which is all too frequently called out to serious crashes on State Highway 1. While people do live and work in Cambridge, it's a short drive along the newly opened motorway to Hamilton.

Cambridge has a lot going for it! It's busy. The town centre is often bustling and the cafes are well patronised. The roads can be very busy. It's not at all like the Forgotten Suburb. It will be nice to return to the bush and the birds, friends and regular activities that keep us connected to the community. It's good to forget Laingholm for a while – but only for a while, because there is no place like home.

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Ariel-Micaiah Heswall is doing her PhD at the University of Auckland researching how seabirds perceive the threats of lights and plastics.

Her interest in birds in general, but specifically in seabirds, started during her undergraduate at the University of Auckland studying marine science.

An honours degree in Biological Sciences followed, studying seabird sensory ecology and how the sizes of seabird sensory features correlate with bycatch numbers.

Her most recent work received quite a bit of media attention last year when a high number of seabirds were found sitting dazed and confused under street lights in Auckland city.



Ariel-Micaiah Heswall with a rescued Cook's petrel.  
(Source: Brian Wijaya)

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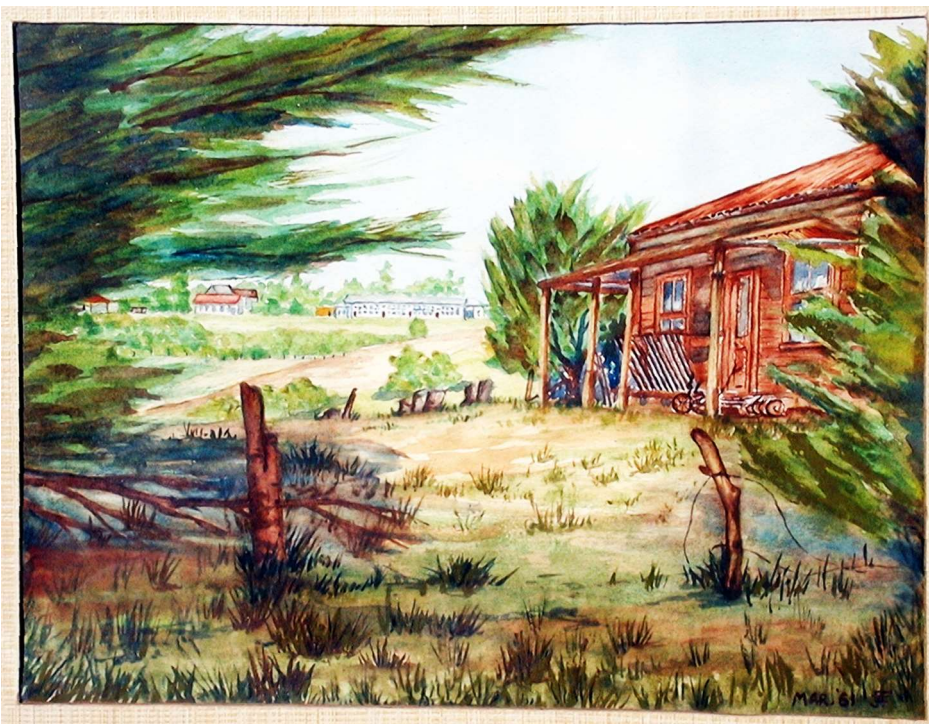
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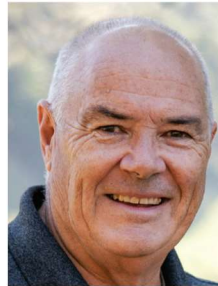
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