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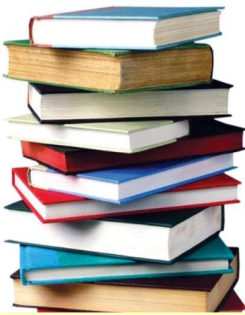
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Obituaries

Earlier this year Huia lost two of its most respected and loved locals. **Marjorie Turner** died on April 19, aged 95 while **Arnold** passed away just 11 weeks later on July 1, aged 96. Arnold had strong ties with Huia and the Waitakere Ranges and his devoted wife of 73 years was always by his side, supporting his many achievements.



As a lawyer and judge, Arnold used his considerable expertise to safeguard the environment, ultimately becoming Senior Judge of the Planning Tribunal (Environment Court). An indication of the huge regard in which Arnold was held, saw former ARC regional parks personnel, lawyers and judges, including former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Dame Sian Elias, attend his funeral. In a tribute Auckland councillor Mike Lee described Arnold as a “great Aucklander and therefore a great New Zealander”, pointing to his intellect, integrity and seriousness of purpose. Concerned for Auckland's growing population, Arnold wanted to ensure that young people should always have free access to the outdoors – bush and beaches. And he was anxious to help preserve Auckland's coastal landscapes from degradation by the urban sprawl he could see developing. Between 1963 and 1968 he led the creation of the regional parks network . He served many years as the chairman of the parks Citizens Advisory Group and later Friends of Arataki. Mike Lee says he could always count on Arnold for “sage advice on points of law and legislation, especially when it came to regional parks”. Honorable Justice Mark Cooper, currently President of the New Zealand Court of Appeal, said Arnold's grasp of the interface between the environment and just outcomes was “second to none”.

But Huia and the Turner family simply remember a loving couple who dedicated their lives to the service of others.

May you both rest together in peace.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Chairman's Annual Report 2023

I remember reading a book by Barry Crump in which a young reporter on a small newspaper was having problems finding anything newsworthy to write about, so he started making up stories about local people and having them published. He expected to get into trouble but instead the reverse happened and the people he wrote about, who have all lived humdrum lives in a small town, were pleased with what he wrote and decided the stories were true. As I sat down to write this I wondered if I could do the same for my annual report – perhaps by claiming that we had such a good year that we were contemplating taking over one of the media empires and adding them to the Roundabout business. But, unlike Barry Crump's tale, I think any such claims would bring about some heated denials, although they might get us some publicity.

So I'll tell the truth. This past year has been an average one for the team which produces the Roundabout. Freed of the restrictions imposed by Covid we have simply got on with producing editions of our local news magazine. Circulation has declined slightly from 1850 to 1800, but that's due to us finding that we were overstocking some of the outlets where people can pick up casual copies of our magazine. In some cases it was due to the Roundabouts not being given good display positions.

The financial report shows that we are keeping our heads above water, which not every publication can boast of these days. Of course we have the advantage of being a volunteer organisation so we don't have to pay wages. But in that there are challenges in that most of those involved in the publication are, shall we say "mature". In the next few years we may well find we no longer have the capacity to carry on and, unless younger folk come forward the Roundabout story that began in 1964 will come to an end, which will be a shame.

Currently we are negotiating with the council to continue using the "printery" at the rear of the hall to print our publication each month. At this stage we don't envisage any problems.

We thank the L.D.C.A. , as the guardians of the community hall, for making it available to us each month for no cost.

One of the highlights of our publication day is morning tea, Christina has carried out this work for years but needed to step back. We are grateful to Lorraine for taking over.

While giving thanks it's appropriate to mention the team who work hard each month to get the Roundabout out: Kevin, Doreen, Neil, Corrine, Gina, Keith, Frances and Trish.

Thanks to our advertisers, our collators, the team who deliver the Roundabout and all who contribute in so many ways. I have often commented that the Roundabout is the "glue" that holds our community together and stops it becoming just another Auckland suburb. May it continue.

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Chairman The Roundabout Society



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Spring is here!

Finally, after all the Winter rain, we have had some glorious sunny Spring days to end the term. The Spring Festival on a Saturday last month was one of those lovely sunny days.

Before the festival started, there was the hum of activity of people decorating the school in flowers and greenery and the making of head garlands to set the scene for experiencing the joy of Spring and renewal. The festival itself began with a welcome and mihi and Classes 6-11 reciting the opening verse. Class 5 then presented the traditional **Persephone Play**. As well as being a picture of Spring and renewal, the play deepens their learning of one of the stories from one of the themes of the Class 5 year – Greek Mythology. Although they have presented a play every year, this was the first time presenting to such a large community audience and thus was a big step up for them. They did so well braving the multitudes and supporting each other.

Following the play, came the singing of seasonal songs woven between each of the Lower School classes' lively maypole dances – with Class 7's being particularly intricate. Upper School students danced Le Branlou, a folk dance from Occitanie and ended the festival by serving refreshments to all. We are indebted to wonderful musicians on violin, guitar, cello and piano accordion generously joining us for the day and adding hugely to the atmosphere of the festival.

The Open Day following was a great opportunity for prospective and current families to see the work of students in their classes and speak with teachers.

Plays

The final week of term saw several of the younger classes presenting their annual plays. Plays are curriculum-based and pedagogical in nature especially in the Lower School. It's wonderful to see how the students grow in confidence year-on-year.

Class 2 presented a play about the life of **Saint Francis** to their families, as well as both this and next year's Class Ones. Class 2 have been totally immersed in stories of Saint Francis' life and managed to perform his life story with reverence and enthusiasm. The children sang superbly in three different languages - Latin, Italian and English; moved a beautiful eurythmy pattern; perfected their cues, movements costume changes and delivered their lines with intense emotion and expression. Above all everyone enjoyed working on and presenting this delightful play and a great deal

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of growth was evident throughout the process. Class 2 are grateful to their Handwork Teacher and costume maker extraordinaire for creating their wonderful costumes and backdrop, and also thankful to the audiences who gave them the space to shine. They are now looking forward to capping off this experience next term with a visit to the Saint Francis Friary and Retreat Centre.

Class 3's play was from the Old Testament – the story of **Joseph and his Brothers**. They presented it in their classroom, painting the backdrop together to set the scene. Being a small class, the children took on more than one role each, speaking in chorus as well as having individual parts. Their performances were done with great aplomb and assuredness with one of the children accompanying the play on violin. They presented the play twice - to an audience spanning students from Classes 1-6 as well as a second performance for their families.

Class 4 presented **The Death of Baldur**. This story is from their Norse Mythology block and resonated with the children so much, the teacher said you could hear a pin drop when she told them the story. They felt the sadness of the loss of this god of light, who is just, fair, and loved by everyone and anger towards Loki when he tricked Hodor into killing Baldur.

The play gave the children a chance to take on different characteristics - to be fully upright and still and calm like a god, or mischievous and cunning like Loki, or nurturing and caring like Frigg. They learned how to be responsible for their own parts, and how to work as a team learning their chorus lines and working together throughout the play. They gained courage and confidence with their ability to memorise and say their lines and sing acapella beautifully (accompanied by hand chimes) in front of a large audience in the hall and despite their fear of performing in front of people, they pushed through! There were many last-minute changes and additions, but they learned to adapt and be flexible and to trust one another and their teacher, and most especially, they learned to have faith in themselves.

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Not to be out done; a few quick phone calls to other Groups that had planned on attending the regatta and a day of boating and beach games was arranged at Maraetai Beach. This sudden change of plans seems to have caught the weather gods on their unawares... as a magic spring day ensued on the water.

As this goes to press New Lynn will be joining the Young Mariners at Martins Bay for their Open Regatta over the middle weekend of the school holidays. This is an event that the youth themselves take full charge of running the camp as they hone some of their teamwork and life skills. They are using this as their launch pad towards attending the next National Regatta to be hosted in Lyttleton over Christmas 2024/25 whereby they hope to regain the National title after having just been pipped at the post by Iron Duke of Picton at the last event.

Meanwhile the younger sections have focused on working their way through their fire and air activities adventure skill badges over the winter months. This culminated in them making some hot air balloons to bring together both flight and fire. They were very patient as they learnt to balance the weight of the balloon and fuel against its lift, and after several aborted attempts finally had lift off.

With the Start of term 4, this is an ideal time to set that adventurous spirit free. The New Lynn Sea Scout Group caters for boys and girls aged 5 - 19 years. So if you want a slice of the action on the water, or to go camping and explore the awesome adventure playground that we are blest with out West, then give Andrew a ring on 027 6939 756 or check out www.newlynn.seascouts.org.nz for more details.



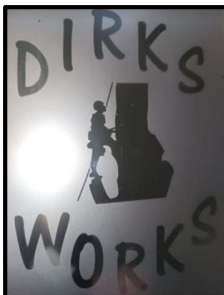
The Juniors approaching the shore after winning their rowing race.



Beach Games in between the rowing and sailing events; Karl just beats out Peiyao to the in the race to the batten. Thomas to the right.



Left: Lift Off! Albert and Camden have success with their Hot Air Balloon taking flight. Right: Marigold ready to release her Hot Air Balloon.



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This local hasn't seen any. This is probably a good thing, because, as soon as the hoardings go up, the vandals come out and deface them or smash them. What a mess! At least we have been spared that.

Have any candidates or members of their teams visited the Forgotten Suburb and knocked on a few doors? No one's knocked on this local's door.

Have there been any leaflets in letter boxes telling us who our candidates are?

At the time of writing, not in this local's letter box.

There was a "Meet the Candidates" in Titirangi. I didn't see many people there from the Forgotten Suburb – but the hall was rather full. If we'd all turned up it would have been quite a squeeze. I've been advised by the person who puts the Roundabout together prior to printing, that no

advertisements have come in from any of the candidates.

For past elections the Roundabout has benefitted greatly from these paid ads. But not this time.

Do they want us to vote for them? Or don't they care if we do or we don't?

This edition of the Roundabout will be collated on October 4th. I wonder how many candidates (if any) will turn up and try to woo us. To be fair, our present MP and our previous MP (and they wear different colours!) have both come along to collation to meet the community. As for the rest – well, we'll see on Wednesday 4th October, won't we?

Those aspiring MPs may have forgotten us, but let's not forget them. Polling day is October 14th and the Forgotten Suburb's polling booth will, as usual, be at Laingholm School, from 9 am to 7 pm and it's fully accessible. Don't forget to vote!

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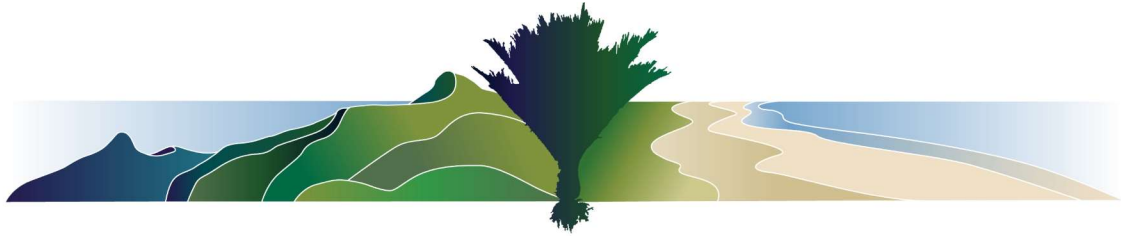
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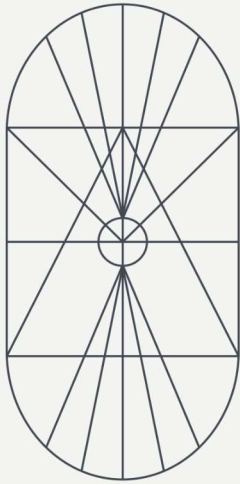
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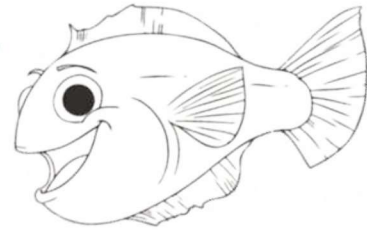


While it may be time to sacrifice the last of your winter crops and get ready for spring planting and summer eating, my brassicas have finally decided to produce and there is no way I am pulling them out after such an unproductive winter. But with finally having some nice spring days I have seized the opportunity to do some soil prep in the hope that this summer is an improvement on last year. Experts say to rotate your crops so you're not planting in the same place but I haven't always found this to be the case and having had a good crop one season when I move it to another part of the garden I often have a fail the next year. While your winter garden is recovering this can be a good time to start growing from seed - it's cheap and can reap great rewards. Keep seed trays moist, not wet. Many vegie seedlings can be planted now and if you can afford it they appreciate a dollop of vegie mix to start them off, before feeding them once a month or so with a booster of some kind. Labour Weekend is traditionally seen as the ideal time to plant spring crops such as tomatoes, capsicums and cucumbers but sometimes patience is a virtue and by waiting a few more weeks the final harvest is often better. The flower garden can now be hit with a burst of spring colour such as petunias. More routine spring chores that are easier now daylight saving is here include weeding, dead heading and tying off the tops of spring bulbs while feeding them bulb food. Apparently this is the time they suck up all the good stuff so you get a bumper show next year. But really, who's worrying about next winter as we spring into this next season. Enjoy!

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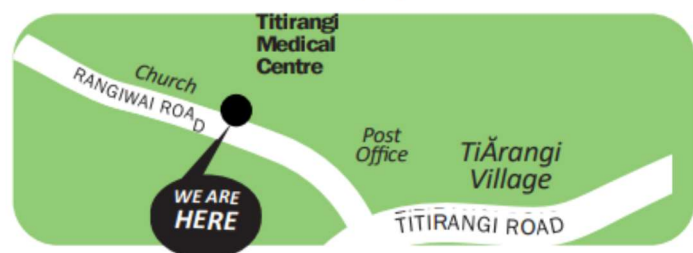
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BUT WAIT! THERES MORE;

BOOKS THAT IS

If you or the kids have finished that lot on the previous page,
because it's the school holidays and it's been wet,

Look - theres more!



AND LOOK AGAIN.

If it's been sunny and you've been swimming nearby, you might
stop and look at this, just in case there is more -- you know what!



But if you need something different to do, Graeme has a suggestion below:

Dear Ed

At the risk of encouraging flocks of sightseers to visit our local Armour Bay Reserve at Parau, I feel obliged to share my pleasure in the range and number of seabirds there at low tide. On one occasion my wife and I observed 32 white-faced herons, 23 kingfishers, 10 or so royal Spoonbills, a dozen or so pied stilts, a regular crowd of southern black-backed gulls as well as a couple of resident Paradise Shelducks and several common mallard ducks. The Spoonbills come and go, varying in number, often roosting high up in the reserve's macrocarpa. I once saw a seal eying me warily from the boat ramp before launching itself into the tide. Strangely, variable oystercatchers are rarely seen, preferring Mill Bay or Cornwallis beach. Human visitors also provide diverse interest, such as the Ukrainian resident who was estranged from her flat in Crimea because of Putin's criminal invasion of Crimea and Ukraine. The reserve is a tranquil, stimulating, local taonga. We're lucky to live here.

Graeme (Local)



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The driving creative force behind the show is the team of Charlotte Curry and Jacob Harris as Directors, Olivia Morrison as Choreographer and Kerry Priestley as Musical Director.

Michael Potts delivers stunning vocals and presence in the title role of the tragic Sweeney Todd, with the deliciously villainous Merrin Cavel as his partner in crime Mrs Lovett. Patrick Cunneen and Michaela Ralph-Smith offer cleverly nuanced performances as the young lovers Anthony and Johanna. Gavin Wells, Renee Maurice, Lim Wilkinson and Imogen King perform as the fantastically talented alternates in these roles in select performances during the season.

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street is a powerful, tragic tale of love, murder, and retribution set against a backdrop of 19th Century London.

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Content Advisory: Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street contains mature themes and imagery which are not suitable for young children. Recommended for ages 14+ years.

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October's Photo Gallery
School Production 2023
 "You can quote me on it ..."



School Production 2023

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As was reported in our school newsletter, we knew our school production would be good. I don't think any of us realised just how good it would be. The staff and students created an amazing show that they can all be extremely proud of.

It was great to see, during our almost sold out run of four amazing nights, parents, grandparents and extended families back in the school enjoying the community that is Laingholm and celebrating the place our school has it in. We haven't seen crowds like this since before the pandemic.

From our New Entrant classes, and their writing ...

"Look at me on the stage. I see my clothes looking good. I like the production"

By Ragnar

"I had a wonderful production. I was proud of myself. I looked good."

By Karim

"We are fabulous. We are super up on stage"

By Emma H.

"I had a school production. It was fun. We had the very best time. I was happy."

By Sophia



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New Entrants - Tātai #1
 "All you need is Love"

I saw my mum. I did very well

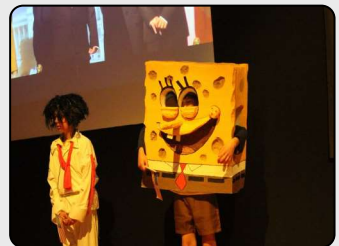
By Theodore

I saw my parents in the finale. I liked the finale. I liked being on stage. I liked having my photo taken. I liked looking at the audience.

By Alasdair

I saw my parents. I loved our actions. I loved having my photograph taken.

By Ollie



75th Jubilee

Laingholm Primary School, 'The Greatest Little School in the Universe' will be celebrating its 75th Jubilee in 2025.

The celebrations will take place around the Matariki holiday weekend with events running from Thursday 19th June to Saturday 21st June 2025.

If you would like to help, or register your interest in the Jubilee, please e-mail the school on office@laingholm.school.nz.



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**A trip to Laingholm Primary's
 production**

On Monday 4th September we had the privilege of travelling by bus to Laingholm Primary school to watch the school production - based on time travelling to meet important and influential people of the past. We had such a fantastic time and we thought all the children involved did an outstanding performance! Thank you Laingholm Primary school for organising a bus for our travels and for inviting us to watch this wonderful production.



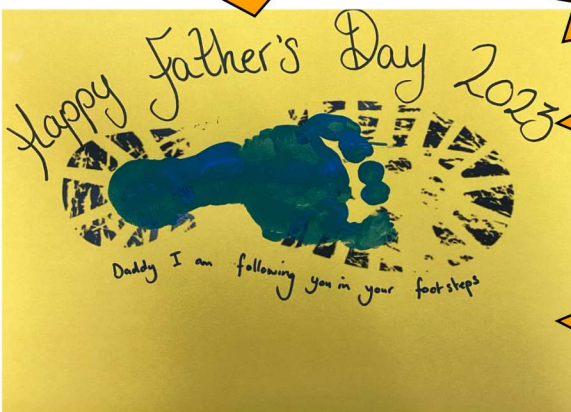
**Dinosaur & Volcano
 exploration**

With a keen interest in volcanoes and dinosaurs, our tamariki embarked on creating a Dinosaur world using cardboard, paper, glue, paint and other materials they found around the hot glue station. This provided an area for in depth dinosaur and volcano exploration, encouraging new ideas about the past and present world around us.



"I want to bang hammers and wear knee pads just like you Dad"

"I want to be kind just like you Dad"



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Storylines National Story Tour author visit

We were thrilled to hear that we had won another Storylines National Story Tour visit. Tessa Duder and Peter Millett visited our school on Monday 11 September. It was such an honour to hear from Tessa CNZM OBE. We were fascinated by her life story, including her swimming medal, working on the Spirit of Adventure, visiting Scott Base, and the research she did for her new book, *The Sparrow*. Both authors talked about research and about intermingling fiction and non-fiction (historical fiction). Peter shared some interesting choices that he asked the illustrator to make in *The Anzac Puppy*, and how he conducted his research in the days before the internet. It was interesting to hear about the challenge he had in making sure the ending was right. Our Y5/6 ākonga will have gleaned so much from this - as their teachers are talking to them about the importance of research and writing before publishing. Thank you Storylines for an excellent visit! Kate, WPS Librarian

Tessa Duder author profiles (written leading up to the visit)

Tessa Duder is an author and New Zealander who writes fiction and non-fiction books. Tessa Duder is most famous for her amazing novels as well as her short stories. Tessa was born in Auckland on 13 November, 1940.

Tessa's latest book, *The Sparrow* is the biography of one of New Zealand's founding settlers, whose contribution to the founding of Auckland has never been fully and rightfully acknowledged. Tessa loves books SO MUCH that she has won the Esther Glen Award three times.

By Pearl, R8

Tessa Duder is an NZ author of novels for young people, short stories, plays and non-fiction, and a former swimmer who won a silver medal for her country at the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games.

Tessa Duder's latest non fiction book is a handsomely printed narrative of how James Cook created the first chart of Aotearoa New Zealand. The beautiful illustrations are by the Dunedin artist, David Elliot.

Tessa Duder has won the Esther Glen Award three times. The award winning works include: *Alex, Alex in Winter*, and *Alessandra: Alex in Rome*. She was the 1991 Writer-in-Residence at Waikato University. In 1996, she received the Margaret Mahy Medal and Lecture Award.

By Lilly, R8

Bee Inquiry

The process of pollination



There are many pollinators scattered around the world. These include: butterflies and even wasps. But the best pollinator of all is the honey bee. Bees play a significant role in the process of pollination.

Bees like brightly coloured flowers, therefore the plant will use its vibrant colours and luring scent to attract these little pollinators. Once the bee has arrived at the flower to collect nectar, it'll start to feed. Little does the bee know that as it is feeding, its furry body abrades against the anthers and it becomes covered in the pollen. This pollen assists the plant to reproduce, as the bee will finish her work on that flower and soar to the next. The new flower has plenty of nectar for the bee to squeeze out of it. The pollen on the body will fall into the stigma of this flower and help the reproductive systems get to work. The pollen will end up in the style, then the ovary. Job done for the bee: the plant is now fertilized. Meanwhile, in the ovary, the flower starts to create seeds that'll be transported by birds, water or wind to spread the population. (Some are abducted by humans.)

To shorten down the process: a bee will find a flower to collect nectar but will rub against the anthers and carry pollen to the stigma of a new plant. Pollinators are very important for survival of the world we see around us, and must be preserved!

By Gaby, R7

Pollination

Bees play a big part in our world by pollinating plants & vegetables that we all eat. If bees did not pollinate it would be much harder to find edible resources.

These are the steps involved in pollination.

1. Flowers attract bees with their exquisite colours and aromas.
2. A bee lands on a flower in search of sweet nectar which it sucks through its proboscis.
3. While scavenging for nectar its fuzzy body rubs on the anther (the male part of the flower).
4. The bee then takes off from the flower and searches for a new flower.
5. On the new flower the pollen from the previous flower is deposited on the stigma (the female part of the flower).
6. The pollen then travels down the style and into the ovary.
7. The plant has now been successfully fertilized.
8. The ovary of the flower will slowly produce seeds which will eventually grow into other plants.

The bee has now successfully pollinated a plant and now you know that tiny bit more about pollination.

By Toby, R7



In term four we welcome back preschool activities at Titirangi Library. For under-fives we have two sessions that encourage early literacy, movement, and active play in a fun social environment.

Rhymetime music and storytelling Wednesday 9.30am

Wriggle & Rhyme active movement for babies Friday 9.30am

We also have three after school clubs where children can meet up and enjoy similar interests.

Ukulele with Mark Monday 3.30-4.00pm. Suitable 8+

LEGO Club Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm

Minecraft Club Thursday 3.30-4.30pm. Own device & Minecraft logon required.

Do you have an idea for a community group or children's session but don't want to hold meetings at home? Have a chat with us as we might be able to help.

Do you enjoy crafting and would like to 'make with a purpose'? Our Charity Crafters group welcomes knitters, sewers or other crafters willing to donate their handmade goods to those in need. Meet over a cuppa, bring your own creations, or use our patterns and materials to get you started.

Join like-minded people, make new friends, and learn some new skills.

Group meets fortnightly on Tuesday's. Next catch up is **October 10th 11am – 12pm.**

Did you know Auckland Libraries offer a monthly book delivery service to those unable to visit the library? Library staff collect books based on preferences, and a volunteer delivers them to your home. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this service, don't hesitate to contact us on

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Giddy fishos, I'd like to say something positive and uplifting about fishing but I'm afraid I'm in moaning mode. Never in all my fishing career have I seen such lousy, useless winter fishing. For the third year in a row there's been a dearth of gurnard but in truth there's been a dearth of all piscatorial creatures. Four fishing trips have produced in total five kahawai. Never did I think I'd welcome the sight of a kahawai, let alone want to eat it! That's how bad it is.

The scalloping season is on us so I set out in great anticipation to dredge for scallops. Well I dredged everywhere and got every imaginable species of seaweed, fishing line, beer bottles and even a broken umbrella and....one scallop. (Time I gave up nautical pursuits and joined a nunnery.)

Anyhow, to other fishing news. Well actually there isn't any. I've had no reports of Big Boys fishing over the bar as the swell has been vicious lately. But on to something completely different. The number of people fishing from kayaks is increasing rapidly. I've always been a bit sceptical about it, wondering where you put all your gear, plus fish you catch, and what if you get a really big fish on. You can't stand up in a kayak to get extra leverage. Anyhow an ex-fisho mate gave me a heap of info about kayak fishing so I thought I'd include some of it in case a kayak fisho glances at this page.

According to the Water Safety Council some things to consider are the length of the kayak (the longer, the more stable and speedier), choose a brightly coloured kayak and make sure you have the correct sized paddle. However when it comes to the list of things you should have on board the mind boggles as to where you'd find room for them all.

Ten items, not including extra clothing and life jacket, range from spare paddle, food and drink to first aid, survival and repair kits. So where the heck you'd find room for all your fishing gear is a mystery. Well known kayak fisho Stephen Tapp goes into great detail about all the technical aspects of it but no actual practical advice on how exactly to fish or how and where to store them. So, would-be kayak fishos, you will just have to proceed and find out for yourselves.

Ok, in the absence of fishing news, it must be joke time. Looking through the joke book it's full of jokes about Irishmen, blondes, mothers-in-law etc and the people we dare not make jokes about now. So some 'safe' jokes.

What's orange and comes out of the ground at 100 kilometres an hour? An E-type carrot.

Why are there fences around cemeteries? Because people are dying to get in.

Two psychiatrists talking. One said "I made a terrible Freudian slip the other day while having lunch with my mother-in-law. I meant to say pass the salt but it came out as you lousy female you stuffed up my life."

When God made man she was only joking.

signing off 'til next time. Cheers **Winnie**

The ProAgent Team Update



What are we seeing in the market right now?

Overall the current sentiment is positive and media is reporting an overall improvement in market conditions. However, we are yet to see this translate to real sales activity. Despite this, the outlook is improving, and we expect to see the factors which drive real estate markets, being the fundamentals of supply (the total number of properties for sale) and demand (the number of buyers active in the marketplace) play an increasingly significant role in establishing current market conditions.

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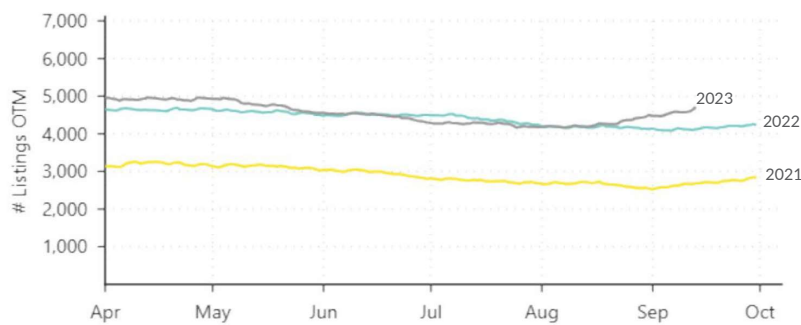
- In August, Ray White had 1,725 new property listings, a 15% increase on last year and outperforming the industry average which saw a 0.6% decrease, according to realestate.co.nz.
- Ray White also achieved 1,208 sales in August, an 8% increase on last year
- Realestate.co.nz reported an 11% decrease in the national housing stock during August
- Despite a positive shift in buyer sentiment, sellers appear hesitant to list their properties for sale.

DEMAND

- In August, Ray White's websites had 4.548 million property views, leading to 39,759 inquiries.
- Loan Market, Ray White's partners, have seen a 78% year-on-year increase in pre-approvals.
- Factors encouraging buyers include eased Loan-to-Value Ratio (LVR) restrictions, better access to finance, and higher price caps for First Home Grants.
- First-time buyers are active in the market.
- Auctions are performing well in terms of time on the market and results.

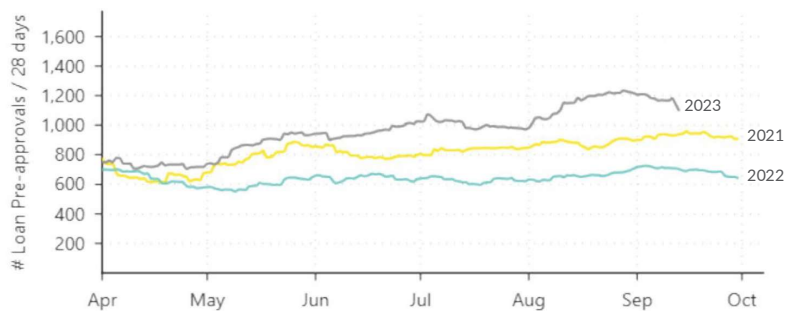
LISTINGS ON THE MARKET

This graph compares the total number of listings live on the market over the past three years. For the month ending August 2023 this was 4,553, up 10 per cent year-on-year.



LOAN PRE-APPROVALS

This graph compares the number of loan pre-approvals submitted via Loan Market brokers over the past three years. For the month ending August 2023 the volume of loan pre-approvals received was 1,409 up 78 per cent year-on-year.



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Community Emergency Response Group

The recent storms, slips, power outages and extreme weather events are reminding us that it is important to be prepared - as families and households but also as a neighbourhood community. Last month's article covered the risks in our area. Today we will focus on the basic prep you can do.

Household Practices

Get all the people in your household together and discuss - what will you all do if:

1. The communication networks such as phone and internet stop working?
2. The roads get severely damaged and no one can drive in or out of the local area?

Where should everyone go? Where should the children go? Where will you all try to meet?

If comms and roads are out it makes a huge difference to know where to go or where to wait.

Set up a rotating pantry system to always have 3 to 7 days of food at home:

- Don't worry about getting special "prep" foods that get forgotten and go off in your pantry.
- Simply keep a bigger stock of foods that you usually eat at home. Buy more of your usual cans, rice, pasta or noodles, put an extra bread or two into your fridge or freezer. Keep more potatoes, onions, carrots on hand. More of your usual daily foods that can last a few days without a fridge.
- Manage your bigger pantry on a "first in, first out" basis to keep everything fresh.
- This way in an emergency situation you will have enough to eat for 3-7 days and it will be mostly your regular food which will help you feel more comfortable and confident.
- No money is wasted by keeping more of what you eat. You can even save more on specials.

Prepare a "grab bag" or list for evacuating quickly, especially if you live in a flood-prone area:

- Think of all the most valuable and most important items you want to take if you need to evacuate.
- Some clothes, food, money, personal valuables, laptop, charger, medicine, glasses, passport, etc.
- It's much harder to think when the water level is rising outside your door, so think when it's dry.

Find out who lives next door, if you haven't:

- Make sure you can recognise all of your neighbours - you may need to help each other one day.
- Exchange contact details and save them with clear labels in your cellphone.
- Discuss who has resources that can be relied upon in a weather emergency: water tank (water), fireplace (warmth), generator (power), gas BBQ (cooking). Tell them about what you have.

In the next issue we will be covering the basic gear you can buy which costs very little and can make you a lot more comfortable in a prolonged power cut or a severe weather event.

This is Article 2 in our preparedness series. Cut this page out and collect the next issues to make a small prep booklet you can keep for handy reference.

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We work with our community to nurture our sense of place by creating healthy, thriving ecosystems within the Ruatuna catchment.

NATIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH



Hangehange *Geniostoma rupestre* var. *ligustrifolium*
Family: Loganiaceae

Height: up to 4 m. Trunk: up to 5 cm diameter.
Leaves: opposite arrangement, elliptic, pale underneath, thin, 5-7 x 2-3 cm. Flowers: 6 mm diameter, pleasantly scented, green, slightly hairy, in clusters at base of leaf. Seed Capsules: splits in two, seeds in orange fleshy structure.

Have you been wondering what the wonderful sweet and vanilla-like scent is in the bush lately? It is the humble Hangehange with its tiny green flowers. Hangehange is incredibly versatile and if pruned makes a dense compact shrub. It will grow in wet or dry sites, in full shade, or full sun, on exposed, windswept, coastal ridges or in sheltered sites.

PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH



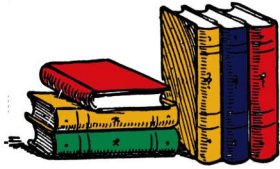
Black-eyed Susan *Thunbergia alata*
Family: Acanthaceae

Black-eyed Susan is a prolific seeder and spreads quickly. There are patches in Laingholm on Western Road currently in flower. It smothers and kills native trees and shrubs on forest margins and streamsides. It can be controlled by digging out all the roots and disposing in a weed bin, or by cut and pasting vine stumps with Metgel (Cut 'n' Paste), or by foliar spray with metsulfuron 0.5g (1 ml) per litre of water.

Next community weeding day
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Book Reviews



GEORGE WADSWORTH & IAN JOHNSON

Our Land in Colour A History of Aotearoa New Zealand 1860-1960 . Brendan Graham with Jock Phillips

This is a fantastic book. Brendan Graham has taken 200 black and white photographs and digitally and magnificently coloured them to give the reader a fabulous extra dimension to each photo bringing them to life in an unparalleled way.

Then the text by historian Jock Phillips takes us into another realm. The book is divided into ten sections under headings such as The Maori World, Land of Hard Work, The High Street, The Great Outdoors and A Domestic Land.

For us oldies it represents a glimpse into a vanished world Well worth a look

The Widows of Malabar Hill A Mystery of 1920s Bombay.bySujata MasseyIn 1916, Perveen is the only female student at the Government Law School. She resigns because the male students and staff make life intolerable. She meets Cyrus visiting from Calcutta with his mother in search of a wife. Despite family reservations she marries Cyrus and goes to live with him and his family in Calcutta. Things do not go well and Perveen returns to Bombay, then onto Oxford where she gets her law degree, returning to work in Mistry Law. In 1921 three widows live in the Zenana in a house on Malabar hill Bombay their only outside contact is the male agent living in the house, appointed by the widow's husband .The husband's estate is being administered byJamshedji Mistry of Mistry Law .Perveen Mistry is his daughter and the only female solicitor in Bombay. As a woman she has access to the Zenana and can speak to the three widows directly. She is perplexed about what she hears from them and the attitude of the agent. Her investigations take on a more sombre tone when the agent is found stabbed to death and she is determined to get to the truth and find the killer.

Cyrus and Perveen and their families are Parsi Indians and the novel deals with Parsi culture and the place of women in society in India at that time. How Perveen overcomes obstacles and finds the answers makes for absorbing reading. The novel has won several prizes for mystery writing and is the first of four Perveen mystery novels. Definitely one to enjoy.

Crossing The Line, Nick McKenzie (Hachette, 2023): The author is an investigative journalist who started following up information in 2017 that some Australian soldiers of the SAS had murdered a number of civilians while serving in Afghanistan. Among those soldiers was Ben Roberts-Smith, a military hero, one of two Australians to be awarded the Victoria Cross for service in Afghanistan. Nick McKenzie and his journalist colleague followed up on various leads and

information, talking to defence colleagues, family and others working in the media. Very few of the SAS soldiers were willing to talk, due to their code of silence or simple fear of retribution from colleagues. For others it was wanting to forget their war experiences which were very often traumatic. McKenzie turned up more and more evidence that convinced him that the alleged murders were carried out or ordered by Roberts-Smith. His research included going to Afghanistan and meeting locals who knew of what happened. The book also exposed those powerful figures in the media, politics and military who went to extreme lengths to protect Roberts-Smith. After he published the results of his research, Roberts-Smith took McKenzie to court in a defamation action. Roberts-Smith was shown to be delusional about his belief that he could not be implicated in the alleged murders. After a long and torturous court process and investigation, a judge dismissed the defamation action several months ago indicating that Roberts-Smith had participated in war crimes. Read this for the relentless pursuit for truth and justice for the victims and their families.

Did I Ever Tell You This? A Memoir, Sam Neill (Text Publishing, 2023): Sam Neill would be New Zealand's most well-known actor – he has appeared in about 100 movies and many TV series over his 50-year acting career. He goes through his life story from his birth in Northern Ireland in 1946, his first major breakthrough in the movies (Sleeping Dogs in 1977), his involvement and love in the pinot noir vineyards he has in Central Otago, to today as he continues his battle against cancer. But if you are expecting an autobiography following a time line you will be disappointed. This is a memoir and while broadly following his life story, it wanders all over the place full of the many events that have shaped his life. In over 50 short chapters he recounts many of those events, both hilarious and heartbreaking. Where else could you read a chapter called "Dad Makes an Exit and I Confess"; the first a moving account of his father's dying (extreme sadness and hilarity) and the second the confession of smoking – talk about an odd juxtaposition. But it all works. He was born Nigel but for various reasons, he made a pact with a classmate also called Nigel and decided in his early teens he would be known as Sam. The book is more than a romp – he expresses his opinions on various aspects of life (read a blunt view of architecture and Te Papa) and various people he has met from other actors to politicians. Very direct but honest. Self-deprecating and humble about himself and a life well lived....to date. There is a massive library wait list for this book and I can see why.



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Voting opens on 2 October and continues through to Election day on 14 October. If you haven't yet enrolled, you can still do so right up until Election day. Visit your local CAB if you need help with enrolling or if you have any questions about the Election.

The official election results will be declared on 3 November.

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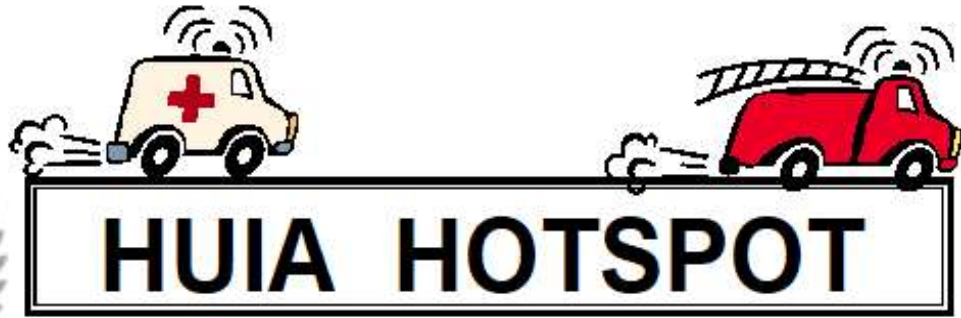


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As we move into spring it's the perfect time to clean up our properties after winter and better prepare ourselves for summer. 🧹

Last summer left many parts of the country devastated with flooding. But the forecasts point to warmer, drier, and windier conditions this summer. This means we need to prepare for likelihood of increased wildfires.

If you live rurally or on a lifestyle block, there are ways to better protect your property against wildfires. This can be done by keeping grass short, clearing away dead leaves and debris from gutters, and moving firewood stores away from the house.

To learn more on how to protect and prepare your property, visit our website.
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SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Every Daylight Savings, Fire & Emergency NZ suggests you check your smoke alarms are operating appropriately.



This is an ideal time to show your children what sound the alarm makes and to discuss your plan to get out of the property.

Never be afraid to have these discussions with your children or any vulnerable family member. Having a plan is key to getting out safely.



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CONTROLLED BURN

Recently the brigade has attended an unattended bonfire in a public area. Thankfully a local spotted this and called 111.

Thankfully the fire had not spread too far, however locals will know how quickly the wind can pick up on the Manukau Harbour.

Whilst we are not currently in a restricted fire season, Fire & Emergency NZ have some guidance if you are thinking of conducting a controlled burn.

Check Its Alright
(www.checkitsalright.nz) will provide you with information on whether you can do this, and if so, how to do it safely.



When doing a controlled burn, check it's alright to light but also check the weather conditions.

If the wind is likely to exceed 20km/hr, don't light.

Nga Mihi

TASTY NUMBERS

By **ADRIENNE PEEK**

FISH & RICE PIE

BASE

2 Cups cooked rice mixed with 2 teaspoons curry powder - pressed into a lined baking dish.

FILLING

1 Chopped Onion
1 ½ Teaspoons Butter or Margarine
1 Tablespoon Cornflour
1 Cup Milk
1 Cup Grated Cheese
Pinch Cayenne Pepper
310-gram Tin of Fish

TOPPING

½ Cup Grated Cheese
Breadcrumbs to sprinkle over

For the filling - Cook Onion in butter, stir in cornflour, then gradually add milk. Remove from heat and add cheese, cayenne and fish and season. Pour over the rice base. Sprinkle the cheese and breadcrumbs on top and bake at 170 degrees fan bake for about 30 minutes. Parsley optional.



GINGER CHEW

150 Grams Butter or Margarine

¾ Cup Sugar

1 Tablespoon Golden Syrup

1 Egg - lightly beaten

1 ½ Cups Flour

½ Cup Glazed Ginger (Chopped)

1 Teaspoon Baking Powder

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Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade

Four of our newer members, Annie-rose, Becky, Jen and Raz tackled the Memorial Stair Climb up the 1103 step of the Auckland Skytower last month . It commemorates the 343 members of the Fire Department of New York who died in the terror attack on the twin towers in 2001, as well as New Zealand firefighters who also made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty - the most recent being Craig Stephens and Dave van Zwanenberg of the Muriwai Volunteer Fire Brigade.

There is also a connection between our brigade and the tragedy. Back then Marty Wise, one of our brigade members, was visiting New York when the tragedy happened in front of him. He went to the nearest fire station and offered his assistance to the officer on duty, explaining he was a firefighter from New Zealand. He was asked to stick around and was eventually sent down to the scene to assist. Marty still lives in Laingholm and these days is a career fire fighter.



Medical first response calls have become very important to us and the community we serve, representing about half our overall callouts. To achieve the first responder qualification a brigade member must first complete a two-



day co-response course, then a four day first responder course. After that they have to do an annual recertification. Four of our members became first responders last month and here Matt and Nicole get instructions from one of the St John training officers, who conducted the course



We encourage our members to acquire new skills which often involves them attending additional training sessions, some on our own station and some at the FENZ training centres in Mt Wellington and Rotorua. Matt recently achieved his Qualified Firefighter rank and is seen receiving his new epaulettes from brigade training officer, Senior Firefighter Brad Laloli. He will now move on to work towards his Senior Firefighter qualification.

We are now into daylight saving and it's a good time to check that your smoke alarms are working. Vacuuming them is also a good idea. If you need advise on smoke alarms, or you can't afford them, we can help. Phone chief officer Graeme Booth on 021764741



Surely there can be little doubt that we are living through times of extreme changes in the weather. Of course not everyone agrees on the cause, but the events of earlier this year when the brigade was dealing with multiple calls surely must underline that it's here and now. You only have to drive around the area to see that the damage is verywhere, particularly with regard to landslides, some of which have resulted in people having to leave their red-stickered homes.

As the Roundabout went to press we were reading stories predicting that a dry summer with strong winds is in store for us and of course that will likely result in increased callouts for the brigade.

In recent times we have been working with other local groups to increase community resilience during times when bad things happen. There have been several meetings with the Laingholm Resilience Group, Laingholm Baptist Church and local schools. From the brigade's viewpoint this has involved:

- Fitting a large tank at the rear of the fire station to take water off the shed that houses some of our response vehicles. If the water mains are knocked out for any reason we should be able to fill the tanks of our fire trucks from it. In a dry summer we will be able to continue training, which has been something we have had to curtail in dry years in the past.
- Replacing the station hot water tank with a califont fed by large gas bottles. So, if power supplies are disrupted we will still have a source of hot water for showers and cleaning. In recent years some West Auckland stations have been able to make their facilities available to the public who haven't been able to take showers for several days. We have only one shower on our station at present but have put a case for the ablutions area to be rebuilt to allow for an extra shower. (It has been unchanged since the station was opened more than 50 years ago)
- Provision of a large generator to ensure the station has power and light, even if the power supplies have been disabled. We have been told that our station is on a "red priority" list to receive one.

Just how the local organisations will work together is still the subject of discussions. With the fire station, the community hall and the church being in reasonably close proximity we have some great advantages in being able to serve residents of Laingholm, Parau and Woodlands Park (which is the brigade's response area).



A possible scenario could involve the fire station acting as the brigade and other emergency services response base, as well as a place where any injured or sick people could be treated. The resilience group has already set up a control point in the community hall and have a generator to keep things running should the power be out. The Baptist Church has also obtained a large generator. We look forward to working with these groups to help create a resilient community . In the meantime we strongly recommend reading the resilience group's article elsewhere in the Roundabout.

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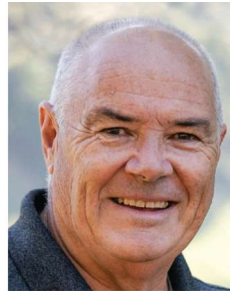
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