

Locals girls to race around Gallipoli Peninsula to mark ANZAC 100th

A team of mostly local girls will represent New Zealand in a 53km race around the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey in April next year to mark the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings.

The 'Muriwai Muzzies', representing the Muriwai Surf Life Saving Club, will compete in the under-23 women's division of the Gallipoli 100 Surfboat Race.

One of only two teams from New Zealand currently entered - the other is from Red Beach SLSC - they will compete against teams from Australia, France, Britain, and Turkey over two days, April 23 and 24.

The race will begin at Eceabat in the Dardanelles, starting with an 8km leg, followed by a 12km and two 9km stages. The second day will have two stages, of 5km and 10km, finishing at Ariburnu, the promontory between ANZAC Cove and North Beach.

The team will consist of Sara Eivers, Andrea Gerrard, Billie Haresnape, Gracie Monteith, Ashley Timoko and Emma Wilson, along with coach Chris Deacon. Fellow team member Alice Rowland won't be competing with the team in Turkey.

Three hail from Helensville, one from Waimauku, one from Piha and one from Henderson.

Former Kaipara College student Billie Haresnape, who is a few months away from graduating as a paramedic, says the team is now concentrating on specific endurance training, which will include them becoming the first surf boat to row across Lake Taupo in early December.

Surfboat racing is normally held over short courses of around 1km to 1.5km, although the Muriwai Muzzies did win the 28km Waikato River Race last October, as well as a 16km race on the Puhoi River.

During the season they compete every weekend from December to March, racing around the North Island.

They have the gongs to prove it - the Muzzies are the current national champions, after being runners up in 2013. They also won the Auckland Championship this year, and the New Zealand Surfboat Series title, which is awarded based on results throughout the season. Billie says the team's worst finish all season was a fourth place.

Billie has been active in surf life saving since she was in Year 10 at college, and started racing with the rowing team in 2011. She was heavily into Dragon Boat racing while at school, representing Kaipara College with team-mate Ashley Timoko in Malaysia, and was also a member of the school's first Waka Ama team.

Billie says one of the highlights of the three-week trip to Turkey will be picking up a soldier in their boat 10km from shore, and rowing him into ANZAC Cove.



• From left, Muriwai Muzzies team members Ashley Timoko, Alice Rowland, Andrea Gerrard and Billie Haresnape

They are also going to donate their boat and oars to one of the Turkish surf life saving clubs.

Now the Muriwai Muzzies are frantically trying to raise the \$65,000 they need for the journey - they have already raised \$10,000 of that. They clean the Muriwai SLSC rooms each week, but need sponsorship and donations to boost trip funds.

Anyone able to help the team reach Gallipoli can phone Billie on 021 294 8688 or email her at: billieeharesnape@gmail.com.

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editorial

Firstly, my apologies. Last month I promised to bring you more detailed coverage of the new housing development to go in at the bottom of Rautawhiri Road, opposite the park. However, because the matter is currently undergoing resource consent approval, so many of the details are up in the air it didn't make sense to do that article just yet.

Hopefully consents will be issued before our next deadline, and we'll be able to give you an in-depth look at the development in our August issue.

Residential development has always been a thorny issue for Helensville.

On the one hand, the town needs more people if it is to grow and prosper. More people will lead to increased income for local businesses, which in turn leads to more employment opportunities. To all those people who complain about the things Helensville lacks in terms of shops and services, a bigger population will make those more likely to happen.

But then many of the people who live here do so because of the 'small town' vibe and the country feel - things which could be lost as the town grows. It's a balancing act. Grow and improve but lose character, or stay the same and risk stagnation.

I'd be interested to know what our readers think of residential development in Helensville. If you've got something to say - write to us at PO Box 59, Helensville 0800.

And so to this month ... reading this issue, you could be forgiven for thinking I'm a boating fanatic (I'm not!). We have three articles that revolve around boats, although they are all very different stories.

On the front page we meet the surfboat team that's going to represent New Zealand next year in a race around the Gallipoli Peninsula to mark the centenary of the ANZAC landings there. The team is mostly local kids who have grown up to take on big things - isn't that great?

Talking of 'big things', on page 4 we've got coverage of an historic boat about to undergo a lengthy and ambitious rebuild by a local man. Finally, on page 14, we take a look at the superbly crafted skiff a South Head man has had built locally - a stunning endorsement of the quality of work available in this little town.

- Dave Addison, Editor

Holiday and Matariki programmes on at Helensville library

Helensville Library has a selection of special events planned for the July school holiday, as well as several Matariki-themed days throughout the month.

The holiday programme for five to eight-year-olds kicks off on Monday, July 7 with 'Wonderfully Wild Weather', an exploration through stories and activities of what makes the weather so wild.

At 'Weird Science' on Wednesday, July 9 children will learn about some wild and weird science experiments they can do in their kitchen using ingredients found around the home.

'Wild Egg-centric' on Monday, July 14 will "egg-splore" the world of eggs through stories and science "egg-speriments".

The final holiday event is 'Kiwis Go Wild'

on Wednesday, July 16. A volunteer with the Mataia Restoration Project will talk about kiwi and the restoration project with a fun show and tell. Suitable for children aged five and over, and adults are welcome. To reserve a place phone 420 8163 or email: Helenlib@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Helensville Library will hold a special Matariki storytime on Monday, July 21 to help celebrate Matariki's message of growth and the importance of whanau with stories, songs and craft.

There will also be Matariki-themed 'Wriggle & Rhyme' sessions on Wednesdays July 2 and 23, for under-tuos to celebrate whanau and growing.

All the above events start at 10.30am.

Auction to help Special Ed students get to Wellington

Kaipara College's Special Education department is holding a silent auction to raise funds for a class trip to Wellington in September.

The auction will run from 9.30am until 6pm on Wednesday, July 23 in the college hall.

Special Education department head Dene Calvert says the auction will be "just like Trade Me, only better! No postage costs, no driving across town to pick up your purchases."

At the auction each item will be displayed with a bidding sheet and a start price. Buyers first register, then simply place their bid. They can see Dene to set up an auto-bid if they want to have higher bids placed later in the day.

"Bidders will have to wait until 6pm for the close of bidding to find out how they have got on, unless they make us a 'buy now' offer we can't refuse," says Dene. There is no requirement for bidders to stay until 6pm however, as they will be phoned the next day if they have been successful.

Goods on offer will include furniture, appliances, toys, clothing, books, art works, and even a surf board and wetsuits. The items for auction have been donated or sourced by the 14 students going on the trip. It's the third time the school has held an auction like this, and previous ones raised about \$2000. The auction will also feature a cafe.

The college Special Education

department was set up about 16 years ago, and currently has about 20 students.

"They are all very much a part of the wider school community," says Dene, "but tend to learn better in a small class environment with a bit of extra support."

During the Wellington trip in September, the students will visit Te Papa, the Weta Workshops and the Beehive, and will attend



• From left: Special Education students Rebecca Kay-Redward, David Smith, Zoe Scott, Stephanie Olliver and Charli Coop are on their way to Wellington

the opening night of the World of Wearable Arts Festival.

It will be the department's third overnight trip. Two years ago they went to the Gold Coast for a week, and last year spent time exploring the Otago region.

Four staff and adults will accompany the 14 students.

"I find that it is really good for the students," says Dene. "They help with the organising and fundraising, and some have to overcome quite big fears when they fly for the first time or go away without a family member for the first time.

"It is great for their independence!"

Anyone with goods they would like to donate towards the auction should phone Dene on 420 8640 extn 815J.

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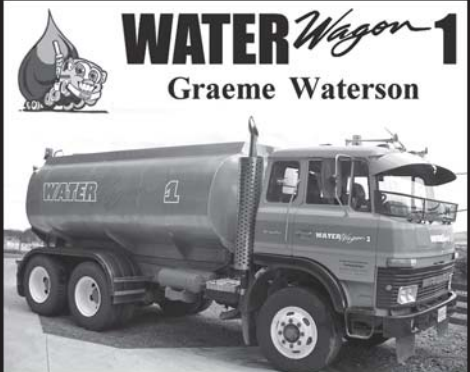
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New life on cards for historic

An historic North Island commercial boat with a long association with Helensville is about to start undergoing what owner Richard Downer believes will be a 10-year restoration project.

When finished, she will be a "bach on water" says Richard, who runs the PC Zone computer business from his Fordyce Road home.

The Lady Eva was built by Bailey & Low of Auckland, and launched at Sulphur Beach, Northcote in December 1913. She was registered as a 'trading launch' for

search for Count von Lucknow, known as 'the German raider', who had escaped from Motuihe Island in the Hauraki Gulf. Von Lucknow was finally caught at the Kermadec Islands by the Royal New Zealand Navy.

The Lady Eva grew a reputation as a versatile coastal tug, during the 1930s towing thousands of tonnes of kauri logs from Tairua, Whitianga, Whangapoa, Great Barrier Island and as far south as Gisborne, to Auckland.

She was also involved in many rescue and salvage operations.

Over the years she has had a number of superstructure and engine changes, most notably in the 1950s when she was converted from a single engine to twin V8 motors.

Taken over by Parry Bros in the 1960s, one of the last long jobs she did was towing the former Greenpeace vessel Rainbow Warrior to her final resting place off Matauri Bay in Northland.

In 1992 Bob and Bronwyn Alexander of Helensville purchased the Lady

Eva from Moore Marine, sailing her around North Cape to her new home mooring on the Kaipara River.

At 19m (62 feet) in length and weighing in at 25 tonnes without engines, Richard is aware the 101-year-old craft is no small project to have taken on.

"It's a big boat and whilst its got a bit of history, it will be a lot of work," he says. "The hull is sound, that's the main thing."

He says he will stick with the original style of the boat, though points out that with all the changes over the years, there is no definitive 'look' for the Lady Eva.

The superstructure had to be removed

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• Richard Downer - and dog Rico - is dwarfed by the Lady Eva

Captain W R 'Skipper' Patterson of Whangarei, and spent much of her life shuttling goods such as motor spirits, fertiliser and roading aggregate around the top half of the North Island.

Designed with a shallow draft to allow access over the bars and into the rivers of Northland, she was able to reach some of the more remote, small ports the Northern Line steamers couldn't service - which meant the Lady Eva also doubled as a passenger ship.

Licensed to carry 144 passengers, old photos show her heading to the Whangarei Heads on picnic cruises

In 1917 she took part in an unsuccessful

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101-year-old Lady Eva

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so it would fit under the power lines on its way to Richard's property; when rebuilt, Richard says the cabin will be removable for the same reason.

The first year will be spent getting the Lady Eva under cover and sanding and priming her triple-planked kauri hull to prevent it from further deterioration.

Richard has no experience with boat building and says he will learn on the job. He has had Lady Eva looked at by professional

classic boat builder and restorer Peter Brookes of Waimauku, who told him the boat appears to be sound and well built, and suggested what Richard should do first before getting on to the "bling" bits.

As a former mechanic, Richard says he will be at home when it comes to setting up the engines and wiring.

Richard has been a member of the Kaipara Cruising and Sportfishing Club for about four years, and a member of the local Coast Guard even longer.



• The Lady Eva at Sulphur Beach, Auckland prior to her launch in 1913
- Price Collection, Alexander Turnbull Library

Children's heritage day on again

Helensville Museum will hold its annual Children's Heritage Day on Sunday, October 5 to coincide with the Auckland Heritage Festival. More activities are planned for this year's event, including games such as toss the horseshoe, sack races, a treasure quiz, and both old fashioned peg dolls and sand saucers to make. A colouring competition will be sent out to local schools in September, with prizes awarded on the day.

The event will run from 11am to 3pm at the museum with entry by gold coin. Organisers hope to have musicians, a kapa haka group and a Morris dancing demonstration. Other demonstrations will include traditional and heritage crafts, wood turning in the barn, plus net making and mending. Mock trials will be held in the courthouse, and there will be story telling sessions of old fashioned stories in Hedley House.

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Locals called on to help with planting new walkway section

The Helensville Lions Club is calling on the local community to help out with planting alongside its just-completed Kaipara River Walkway extension.

Club members are holding a 'Community Planting Day' on Saturday, July 12 from 9am.

Volunteers should assemble at the start of the new walkway section between the old Post Office and BNZ buildings in Commercial Road, and are asked to bring a spade or a shovel. Volunteers are welcome to make it a family event, and the Lions will provide a sausage sizzle and light refreshments.

People wanting to volunteer can phone Rod Brown on 420 7114 or Dennis Cummings on 420 8980, or just turn up on the morning. If the weather is bad the event will be postponed to Saturday, July 19.

Around 2000 native plants will be planted along the new 200m section of the walkway, which has been built to celebrate Helensville Lions Club's 50th anniversary.

"It's a great way to let the community take ownership of the project," says Dennis, who along with four or five other Lions has worked over the past year to bring the new walkway section to completion.

That work involved clearing large

amounts of weeds and overgrowth, forming the path, fencing the boundary, building railings, and constructing a large retaining wall and two sets of steps.

Local firms Gavin Spillane and Atlas Concrete donated materials towards the project, and Mark Auvae Contractors installed the pathway boxing.

Helensville Lions gave \$10,000 towards the project as their 50th anniversary gift to the community, and Auckland Council co-partnered in the project, stumping up \$30,000 through the Rodney Local Board.

The extension means the walkway now continues on from its previous finish at Creek Lane before climbing two large staircases to finish at the small reserve between the old Post Office and BNZ buildings. If finances allow, the Lions and Council hope to also landscape the reserve.

An official opening is expected to be held later in the year.

The original sections of the Kaipara River Walkway were built by local volunteers under the auspices of the Helensville Riverside Heritage Trust over a number of years. The first stage was completed in 2004, and the second two years later. Community planting days for those stages drew a strong response from locals.



• Lions Rod Brown (left) & Dennis Cummings with Auckland Council project manager Sarah Finlayson



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Golf tournament pays for vaccine fridge

Kaipara Medical Centre has a new vaccine fridge thanks to funds raised through the Auckland Prison golf tournament held at South Head Golf Club in May.

The tournament, organised by corrections officer Joseph Docherty, raised more than \$7000.

Kaipara Medical Centre was presented with a cheque for \$3650 which went toward the new English-manufactured Rollex vaccine fridge, which replaces a 10-year-old unit at the medical centre.

The tournament also raised another \$3426 for youngster Madeline Henchelwood, who is battling with leukemia. That money is expected to go towards a family holiday to Disneyland. This was the first time Auckland Prison, based at Paremoremo, had held a charity golf tournament, and Joseph says following its huge success it will now be an annual event.

Kaipara Medical Centre was chosen as a recipient of the funds raised because a number of the Auckland Prison officers live



• From left, tournament organiser Joseph Docherty, Peter Phelan of Auckland Prison, Kaipara Medical Centre practice manager John Issott, practice nurse Barbara McKenzie & general practice nurse assistant Kirsty Adams flank the new fridge

locally. Joseph gives special thanks to Helensville Mitre 10 and Parakai Automotive for supporting the tournament.

Sky Youth

Sky Youth Helensville is held each Thursday during the school term from 6-9pm at 183 Ratawhiri Rd. It's a place for youth aged 11-15 years to meet, plus camps and some weekend events are also held. Phone Kylie Provan on 027 623 2828.

medical centre notes

The winter ills seem to be coming earlier each year, and we saw the numbers of people unwell and needing our care rise in the last month.

Now would seem a good time to raise again how our 'duty clinic' works. Due to the often large numbers of people that are acutely unwell and need to be seen the same day, and the high number of emergency cases we see, we created the duty clinic.

This runs each morning with two nurses and one doctor seeing these patients. This clinic runs with no appointment times, and assesses people as they arrive, so wait times for this clinic vary depending on how busy it is or what type of emergencies are being seen based on clinical priority.

This allows the other doctors to see their regular, booked, non-urgent appointments (hopefully) on time. We can therefore provide a service whereby anyone who needs to be seen urgently the same day can be, and not affect the wait times for those with pre-booked appointments - however, with the proviso that there may be a variable wait to be seen, and it may not be the patient's usual GP they see in the duty clinic. No system is perfect, and your patience during these busy months is always appreciated by our staff.

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SeniorNet shuts up shop after 20+ years

After more than two decades serving locals, Helensville SeniorNet has closed its doors for the last time.

No-one stepped forward at the organisation's annual meeting in May to take over the reins, so the decision was taken to

shut up shop says manager Jennie Williams.

"Sadly with my resignation we have lost this valuable resource in Helensville," says Jennie.

"No-one came forward at the AGM to take over my position or that of the secretary/treasurer, who had to resign due to ill health.

"So after in-depth discussions within the committee and current members we decided to close the doors."

SeniorNet kept running last month until the three current members finished their lessons, with the Rata Street premises finally vacated on June 30.

The good news is that seniors wanting tuition on computers will still be able to receive it, albeit privately.

"All is not lost as far as tutoring goes," says Jennie.

"Two of my tutors along with myself are going to keep ourselves available for private tutoring at very reasonable rates."

People wanting computer tutoring can leave their contact details with the CAB in Commercial Road, or contact the tutors directly: Stephanie, phone 021 131 0860; Sue, phone 021 233 4072; or Jennie, phone

027 420 7392 or 420 7392.

Helensville SeniorNet was set up around 22 years ago by Bill Smith and Blue McMahon, with Dennis Maugham and Jack Hannam joining the team to help with the influx of locals wanting to learn about computing.

Jennie joined the team in 1999 to learn the basics of computers so she could work at the CAB. In 2001 she went back to help out with tutoring and never left, taking over as manager in 2003 when Bill Smith moved into a rest home in Parakai.

SeniorNet is an international community training network that supports and motivates people aged 50+ to enjoy and use technology in their everyday lives.

The local branch had

battled constantly over recent years to find enough tutors and people to help run the organisation. Funds from the Lotteries Board helped cover running costs while the small fees which clients paid went toward course materials. As well as computer basics, clients could learn popular programmes such as Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Picasa.



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Kaukapakapa library reopens

For the first time in many years, the tiny historic Kaukapakapa library will open to the public on Sunday, July 20.

What's more, it is going to reopen regularly, on the third Sunday of each month from 10am to 1pm in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa village market.

The Kaukapakapa library was originally established by Morris Henley in his home in 1865. It was subsequently moved when the collection became too big for his house, and eventually, around 1908, moved into the purpose-built room which was relocated in 1999 to its present site next to the Kaukapakapa War Memorial Hall.

It is believed to be one of the smallest library buildings in New Zealand and is rated as 'historically significant'. The last books were issued from the library around 1996, and it has only been used since for meetings.

At the opening Sunday members of some of the original pioneering

families of Kaukapakapa will be in the library to share the history of the library and to answer questions. There will also be a display of old photos of the area and library.

Many of the Kaukapakapa library books were gifted by local families with inscriptions dating as far back as the 1860's. The library books are a historical resource that is valuable to the area and local community, and as such will not be available for loan to the public. However, they can be read and enjoyed in the library.

With permission from the hall committee and Rodney Local Board chair Brenda Steele, Sarah Legg and a friend unpacked

the books that were still in boxes from the 1999 move, removing old paperbacks from the shelves to make room for the more historic old books.

"There is some renovation work needed on the building itself which we have requested," says Sarah.

"We are now waiting for help from Auckland Council library services to complete sorting the books and hopefully eventually catalogue those remaining in the library.

"It would not be our intention to re-open as a working library, but more as a museum



• Historic Kaukapakapa library

with the intention of keeping the books for the enjoyment of the local community. By opening it once a month for readings, exhibitions etc at least the public get to see what is in there and the building gets some use," she says.

From August onwards a series of exhibitions, children's book readings and book signings will be held in the library on market mornings.

Anyone interested in having an exhibition or holding a book reading, or who would like more information, should contact Sarah, phone 0274 831 542 or email sarah1@maxnet.co.nz.



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Farewell to Ian & Jan Amooore

Well-known former locals Jan and Ian Amooore passed away recently, Jan on April 16 and Ian just a few weeks later on his 77th birthday, May 27.

Jan was born in Wellington, although his family had links with Taranaki. He was educated in Wellington, and moved to Australia for vet training.

Jan and Ian had met as teenagers through the Khandallah Presbyterian Bible Class, and married in Wellington after Ian qualified as a veterinarian. They lived in Taranaki and Whanganui before coming to the then Kaipara Vet Service in Helensville in 1970.

The Amooores had three sons, Michael,

Richard and David.

Ian's work at the Kaipara Vet Service covered the usual range, but he travelled quite long distances to treat larger animals. In 1980 the family moved from the Kaipara Vet Service in McLeod Street to a property on State Highway 16 just south of Helensville at Ohirangi, where Ian set up in private practice.

He had an affinity with deer and was highly regarded by the local deer farmers, being quite innovative in his approach to the treatment of their animals. As well as working with Kaipara deer farmers he was involved nationally and internationally in a practical and advisory role, travelling as far afield as Indonesia, Malaysia and Canada.

Ian was involved in community affairs. He had been Assistant District Commissioner of Scouts before coming to Helensville. In Helensville he belonged to

the Presbyterian Church, the Lions Club and the Historical Society. He was a dedicated Lion, holding various offices, including president in 1971-72, and was later presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, a prestigious honour in the Lions movement.

Ian served on the Helensville Borough Council over two terms, elected in a by-election in 1973 and serving until 1977.

He became involved with the Historical Society first as a volunteer from the Lions Club, and joined up with the Society's 'Summer Wine' team as an active

maintenance man. With his practical skills and his interest in administration and management he played a key role in the Historical Society, working closely with Fred Hendon and his team over the shift of the museum to the Riverside Reserve. He served as president from 2002 to 2007, and remained on the committee until he and Jan moved to Pinesong Retirement Village in Green Bay in 2010.

Jan had a very successful career in education, first as a classroom teacher, then moving to an administrative and advisory role in the provision of special and assisted learning for primary school pupils in the South Kaipara district. She was highly respected and appreciated for her warm and caring personality and support of pupils, parents and teachers.

Through Jan's hobby of needlework she produced some beautiful and delicate handwork and she met regularly with other local craft people.

Gardening was a passion for both Jan and Ian, and they built a beautiful and productive garden-orchard at Ohirangi. Fishing and boating was the main form of recreation for the Amooore family and their friends over the years.

They enjoyed the short retirement they had at Pinesong, where they were neighbours with friends Brenda and Eric Perrett, also formerly of Helensville.

- Wynne HaySmith



• Jan & Ian Amooore

Big crowd at lecture

Once again stories of a local family proved a winner at the Historical Society's winter lecture series.

72 people crowded into the Father Sakey Centre at the Catholic Church in Kowhai Street seated last month to hear Noelene Lawson, granddaughter of James and Sarah Hunter, talk about the family. Members of the family still live in the area.

Noelene's illustrated story was very well received. Her aunt Audrey, the last of the Jas Hunter family, was able to be present and added some funny stories and comments to the narrative.

Many memories were stirred for the audience, which put the question time after the talk to good use.

Patron Doris Jenkins was presented with a 94th birthday greeting and flowers.

The third and final lecture of the 2014 series will be held in the Father Sakey Centre on Sunday, July 20 at 2 pm, with well-known Taupaki author Wayne Ryburn talking about timber milling on the Kaipara.

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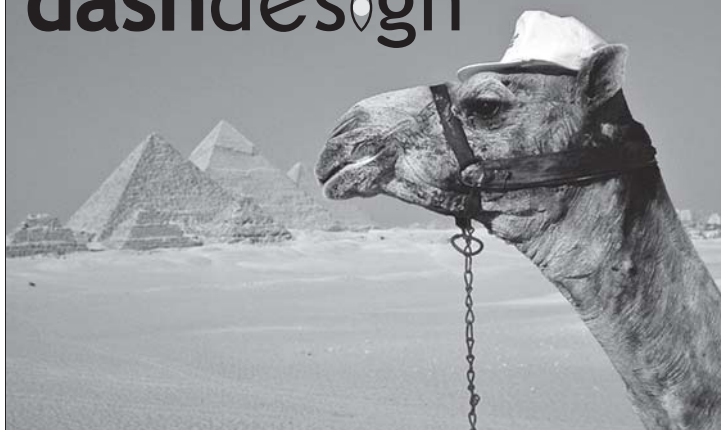
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Waitoki writing competition

A writing competition focussing on Waitoki School and district memories is being held as part of the school's 90th celebrations, to be held at the school on Saturday, July 26.

The competition calls for memories of

Oink, cluck, quack, coo

The Helensville A&P Show wants to hear from any locals who have pigs, chickens, ducks or pigeons they would be interested in displaying at the next show, to be held on Saturday, February 28 next year.

Contact show manager Caroline Anderson on 420 7572, or email her at: info@helensvilleshowgrounds.co.nz.

Meanwhile, competitors in the indoor sections at next year's Helensville A&P Show can look forward to some expanded classes to enter. The adult art section will grow to include sculpture and printmaking/mixed media. Also new will be a poetry competition, and a writing section for children. A sewing/dress-making class will return after a number of years' absence.

"We're trying to capture the resurgence in domestic arts and crafts, and home baking, as well as try and better showcase the huge pool of local talent and creativity," says Caroline.

Waitoki in poetry, fiction or non-fiction. Sponsored prizes will be awarded in three levels - primary students, secondary/tertiary students, and adults.

After starting as a one roomed school in 1924, the school has now expanded to a comprehensive primary school with very up to date facilities including a new hall/library complex and heated swimming pool. The growth and changes which have taken place in the school and the district are expected to provide a rich range of memories to be recorded.

Competition entries can be posted or delivered to Waitoki School by Wednesday, July 16, (1119 Kahikatea Flats Road, R D 1 Kaukapakapa). Winners will be announced during the celebration day.

The celebration will start at 11am in the School Hall with shared memories and photo displays. People are asked to bring food for a shared lunch at 12.30pm. A variety concert featuring all-age local talent will take place in the hall at 2pm. Tickets for the concert are available at the school, from the Helensville Museum, or may be purchased on the day. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 concession for seniors, senior students or disabled, and primary school age free.

Enquiries to Daphne Stevens, phone 09 426 6383 or Wynne HaySmith phone 09 427 8199 or contact the Helensville Historical Society, phone 420 7881 or email: helensvillemuseum@xtra.co.nz.

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Former KDC secretary passes away

Long-serving Kaipara Dairy Company (KDC) secretary and Helensville resident for 52 years, Rod Moyle died on May 26 at Craigweil Rest Home at Parakai.

Rod, his wife Iris and their family came to Helensville in 1962 when Rod joined the Kaipara Dairy Company as secretary - a position he held for 22 years. He was born in Dargaville in 1926, one of three brothers, Rob, Colin and Dean. Their parents were school teachers and moved around a good deal.

Rod began training as an accountant, then went farming for four years. He joined his first dairy company in Opotoki, and completed his accountancy qualifications during his four and a half years there.

Rod and Iris married at Mt Eden, Auckland in 1955. Their first two children, Lloyd and Janet were born in Opotoki. He served short terms at Alberland, then Moerewa in the north, where their second daughter, Sharon was born. They returned to the Bay of Plenty, to the Edgecumbe Dairy Company for another short term before moving to Helensville in 1962.

At the KDC in Helensville Rod worked with two very innovative managers, George McWhirter and Ken Burnett. During his time there

the KDC gained the contract to supply frozen cream to the North American market, and also branched out to many other traditional and non-traditional dairy company products, including yoghurts, baking products and eventually margarine. The KDC also went into a venture with an overseas financier, Kaipara Edible Oils Refinery. Rod was not keen on that alliance, which unfortunately for local investors was not successful.

Rod retired from the KDC in 1984, not long before it ceased operations, and took up an active retirement.

Rod and Iris had always been involved with local churches, firstly the Methodist Church, and more latterly the Christian Life Centre in Commercial Road (which is in the former Methodist church building). With his knowledge of accountancy Rod was called on to help with church finances and he also acted as auditor for a number of local associations and trusts, and in his retirement he kept several private clients.

Rod was a Justice of the Peace in Helensville for 41 years, from 1971-2012 - the longest serving JP in the district. His induction ceremony in 1971 was held in the old courthouse. Rod served one term on the Helensville Borough Council, from 1974-77.

Also in his retirement, Rod travelled with Noel Smith around the district, delivery timber products for Oikoumene.

His hobby of beekeeping kept him busy with hives at Mt Rex, Warkworth and on the North Shore. His honey was much in demand, and Iris still gets asked if any is available. His son-in-law and grandson have now taken up this hobby. Rod also played bowls and golf.

Rod was appreciated as an honest, sincere citizen and ready to share his talents as an accountant and auditor for local organisations. He is survived by his wife Iris, son and two daughters and their families.

- Wynne HaySmith



• Rod Moyle

Book Stop unstopped

Helensville's Book Stop second hand book store has come unstopped - it's moved from its home of the last five years inside the Art Stop Cafe to a new spot inside the Video Ezy store at the other end of Commercial Road.

After owning Video Ezy for a year, Jo Ogilvy was finding she was "hard pushed for time" to manage both businesses with them in two different locations. So she has packed up the books and installed them into a newly set up section at the back of the video shop.

"They should complement each other quite nicely" says Jo, adding: "the video shop is open 72 hours per week, so there is plenty of opportunity to pick up a good book."

Extreme or leisure - your choice

The Helensville Outdoor Pursuit Group plans to end the year with a bus trip to Waitomo Caves – and is looking for more locals to come along.

Those going can choose from either an 'extremist' trip or a more leisurely option, with only four places still free for the former but 24 places available for the leisure tour. The trip is on Sunday, December 7, with the bus will leave Parakai at 6am and arriving back at 4pm.

"One of the wives of a member suggested something not so daring so that her and others could come along too and enjoy the day. We thought it was a super idea and rolled with it," says club event organiser Jana Mills.

The 'extreme' option features three hours of climbing, black water tubing, leaping over cascading waterfalls and floating down an underground river lined with glow worms. It costs \$154.15 per person, including the bus trip. The more leisurely option costs \$129.70 per person and tours through Ruakuri Cave and the Waitomo Glow Worm Caves.

For more information phone Jana on mobile 021 509 990 or after hours on 420 9953, or visit the club's Facebook page – 'Helensville Outdoor Pursuit Club'.

New secretary, chairman for St John

After several years of hard work, Nancy Head stepped down as secretary of the St John Local Area Committee at its annual meeting held in June.

She was replaced by Liane Otto, a practice manager at the Kumeu Village Medical Centre.

The committee also has a new chairman - Paul Sheehan, who works at RD1 in Helensville. Paul's wife Peggy is manager of the St John Op shop in Helensville and represents the shop and its volunteers on the committee. John Issott remains as treasurer.

"[Nancy] almost single handedly ran both the committee and then taking on the Op Shop from its inception nearly two years ago," says John. "The success of the op shop will be Nancy's legacy."

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Local craftsmanship shines on rowboat

South Head man Gary O'Neill's beautifully crafted new rowing boat shows the sort of workmanship available in Helensville.

Gary intended to build the 17-foot skiff himself, and in fact made a small start on the project. But he soon realised other commitments wouldn't leave him enough time, so he passed the job on to Marco Scuderi at MCN Shipwrights in Helensville.

While Marco works predominantly on restoration and repair of classic wood boats, he was happy to take on the task of building Gary's boat from scratch.

"The quality is absolutely first class," says Gary. "It's great for Helensville having a guy like Marco here, employing people and doing first class work."

The skiff was designed by Canadian Paul Gartside. The hull has been built out of thin red cedar strips and fibreglassed inside and out for light weight. All the trim is native timber, either kauri or totara - the kauri sourced from the old Wellesley Street police station in Auckland.

All up the boat only weighs about 65kg, light enough for one person to handle.

Designed for one or two rowers, Gary says the skiff will be perfect for use on the Kaipara Harbour, and he is also keen to row it as far up the Kaipara River as possible.

"I love rowing.

It's very peaceful, and there are lots of nooks and crannies to explore on the Kaipara," he says.

He says in terms of design characteristics the skiff is similar to a mini surfboat. It can be fitted with a cedar mast and sail, although with no provision for a centreboard that is for downwind use only. A very "slippery" design, Gary says one heave on the oars should propel the craft 10m or more.

As far as he is aware, it's the first boat of its kind built anywhere in the world.

When *Helensville News* called on Gary, he was busy making the oars, which he has laminated up from cedar and then shaped. He was putting the finishing touches on the hand grips before encasing the shafts in carbon fibre sleeves for strength. He also had to finish building a beach trailer for the boat.

An accountant by trade, Gary has build boats himself in the past, starting with a canoe as a teenager. He was hoping to have his new craft in the water within a couple of months, and says his wife Linda and children are keen to go out in it.

He says he would love to see more locals with this type of boat, and thinks it would be great if races could be held.



• Gary O'Neill with his locally-built skiff

Pink Ribbon brunch raises over \$3000

A Pink Ribbon Day brunch held recently at Black Pete's Restaurant in Parakai raised \$3010 for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

"This far exceeded our expectations," says owner Corrina Clark. "We were overwhelmed by the community's support," she says. "It just goes to show how awesome our community is."

It was the first time Black Pete's had held a Pink Ribbon event, but Corrina says it will likely become an annual event.

"It was the staff's idea," she says. "We as a team had been talking about the amount of people in the area that [breast cancer] affects."

The 70 people attending were treated to a feast of bacon, baked beans, hash browns, mini eggs benedict, grilled tomatoes, mushrooms, cereal, yoghurt, fresh fruit, tea and coffee.

The turnout was so big Corrina had to hire extra tables and chairs. Auctions and raffles helped toward the total raised.

with Kaipara chef, Peter Brennan

Classic Coq au Vin

Being a French provincial recipe, this dish works best when using an older farm raised bird. Cooking for a longer period than an hour will greatly increase the flavour of the finished dish. When using a supermarket bird it will be cooked within an hour.

■ Coq au Vin - Chicken in Wine

- Whole chicken chopped into 8 pieces
- 200g bacon
- 70g butter
- 2 sticks of celery, chopped
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 med carrots, chopped
- 2 cloves of garlic, sliced
- 2 tablespoons of flour
- A bottle of red wine & a double shot of brandy
- Sprigs of thyme (about 7)
- 3 bay leaves

- 12 small pickling onions, peeled
- 200g small mushrooms

Having cut up the chicken, pull off the skins and add to a pan with the neck, bits of trim etc, a chopped onion, a bay leaf and a chopped carrot. Cover with water and set to simmer on the stove.

Place a large pan onto the element and set to medium heat. Add half the butter and 200g of diced bacon. Turn the heat down to allow the bacon to gently cook; it will release fat and will gently colour. After a few minutes remove the bacon from the pan and set aside. There should be an oily slick remaining in the pan. Add the chicken pieces and gently sauté and colour to a caramel brown. Remove from the pan and set aside with the bacon.

Add the celery, carrots, onion, and garlic. Gently sauté, moving with a wooden spoon to collect all the sticky bits from the bottom of the pan. Cook for a couple of minutes then remove the pan from the heat and stir in the flour. Add the chicken and bacon back to the pan and return to the heat. Begin to ladle on the simmering chicken stock until the level is halfway up the chicken. Add the herbs, brandy and enough red wine to just cover the chicken pieces. Bring to the boil and turn down the heat so that it gently bubbles.

Set another pan onto a medium to low heat and melt the remaining butter. Peel the small onions and wash the mushrooms, add these to the melted butter and cook gently until the onions are browned and the mushrooms are cooked. Add these to the cooking chicken and simmer on until the chicken is cooked.

Remove the chicken pieces before the meat is falling off the bone, then turn up the heat to reduce the cooking liquids. Allow it to reduce until it is slightly thickened and there is sufficient 'gravy' remaining to generously coat the chicken pieces, then turn off the heat.

Return the chicken to the pan and allow to sit while you complete the accompanying dishes. Serve from the cooking dish at the table.



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■ HELENSVILLE AGLOW

The next Helensville Aglow meeting is at 7.30pm on Friday, July 11 in the Helensville War Memorial Hall. The guest speaker will be Julie Calvert, director of Healing Rooms New Zealand, who will speak about healing rooms. Enquiries to M. Gray, phone 420 4346.

■ KAUKAPAKAPA MARKET

The next Kaukapakapa village market is on Sunday, July 20 from 9am to 1pm. Along with the stalls there will be live music from Aletta Johnson and the group Gribblehirst from 10am to 12pm. For more information or

to book a stall phone Sarah on 0274 831 542 or email sarah1@maxnet.co.nz.

■ TRIVIAL PURSUITS

The Helensville & District Historical Society will hold its annual Trivial Pursuits evening on Friday, August 1, starting 7pm in the Helensville War Memorial Hall. There will be prizes and raffles to add to the fun. Entry costs \$10 per person, and teams can be booked with Lynn at the museum on 420 7881. Bring your own drinks and nibbles; tea and coffee will be provided.

■ SOUTH KAIPARA U3A

The next meeting of South Kaipara U3A is at 1pm on Friday, July 4 at the St John Ambulance Rooms, 7 Rata Street, Helensville. The main speaker will be Mary Jane Boland from The Hearing House, who will talk about cochlear implants in pre-school children. That will be preceded by a short talk from Claire Willis of Vintage House, Kumeu, titled 'Unexpected Treasures'. Entry is by gold coin donation, and afternoon tea will be supplied. Contact Jenny, phone 09 827 8861 or email her at: jenny-intouch@vodafone.co.nz.

Book fair raised \$6000

The Lions Club's autumn book fair raised almost \$6000.

The funds raised will be used for local organisations or members of the community who are in need of assistance.

Books left over from the sale are being re-sorted, with damaged or unsaleable ones going to the Helensville Recycle Centre, while novels in less than prime condition will be donated to a mission in the Pacific islands. The remainder will be sold at the Lions' book stall at the Kaukapakapa Market and at other events run by the Lions Club of Helensville.

Now a twice-yearly event, the next book fair - billed as the Christmas Book Fair - will be held in the last weekend of November, Saturday 29 and Sunday 30.

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