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Former 'Hippies' moving on to bigger things

From small beginnings ... the recent Whakamana Taiohi Maori award ceremony at Kaipara College saw many of the original 2006 local HIPPY graduates receive awards as year 13 students.

HIPPY (Home Interaction Programme for Parents and Youngsters) began in South Kaipara in 2005 and more than 700 local families have since enrolled. It's an in-home learning programme which supports parents to be their child's first teacher

It's wide regarded as giving children a great start to school – and these latest college graduates bear that out.

HIPPY South Kaipara founding coordinator

Bernie Malizia was at the Whakamana Taiohi ceremony to see her former 'hippies' as they prepared to leave the college.

Bernie says Kaipara College head girl Georgia Logan was a star HIPPY child who loved school from the beginning. Her mother Sharon Thompson was one of the original





• From left: Anna Steele, Georgia Logan, Henare Powell and Brianna Clarke

South Kaipara HIPPY tutors, along with Rita Walker, Frazerina Panui and Joanne Taitimu.

"Because she had done two years of the carefully designed HIPPY activities Georgia could do everything her teacher asked of her and confidently gave new things a go," says Bernie.

"Georgia remembers how she loved the HIPPY story books and playing the HIPPY games. She fondly remembers making pretzels, acting out parts of the stories and her special HIPPY shapes. HIPPY made learning fun and gave her the expectation that school and learning would continue to be a positive experience."

Georgia is now going to Massey University in Wellington to follow a long family history of nursing,

After being a HIPPY tutor, Georgia's mother Sharon started working as a teacher

aid at the Helensville Primary School. Working with young children in classrooms made her realise what a difference HIPPY could make in setting children up for a successful start to school.

Sharon still has Georgia's HIPPY portfolios with all of the activities they shared.

Sharon explains: "What you're giving the kids is gold. It's the spending quality time together that's so rewarding. Parents are their child's first teacher. You don't need qualifications — HIPPY gives you the tools."

Other former HIPPY graduates at the Whakamana Taiohi

awards were Anna Steele, who is going to do a Bachelor of Education at either Auckland University or AUT and who also wants to study naturopathy; Henare Powell, who will study Maori Development at AUT; Brianna Clarke, who is going to do a Diploma in Tourism and Hospitality before joining the Police; and Merania Paraone, who will do Maori and Indigenous Studies under a Bachelor of Arts and Teaching, majoring in Te Reo Maori. Merania also plans to go into the Police force later on, and also hopes to be a teacher in an early childhood Kura Kaupapa.

HIPPY South Kaipara is a charitable trust with a supportive network of people in the community. It's run by Bernie, who was also a teacher in the area for many years.

Since 2005 HIPPY South Kaipara has given 35 local parents the opportunity of training and working as HIPPY tutors.

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editorial

This is our final issue for 2018, and it's been another news-filled year for the South Kaipara - for both better and worse.

We lost a number of well-known locals over the year, including Peter Ashton, Glenyss Blackshaw, Eva Robinson, Isla Willis and Hans Van Duyn (see page 12) and we also farewelled some long-running mainstreet businesses, notably Oikoumene Forest after 44 years, The Paua Room, and Allsorts (the latter though is still operating from home).

However, some exciting new businesses have also opened, among them The Kombuchery, MILC, Husk, and Earth Wind & Indigo, and with the planned upgrades to Commercial Road we reported on in October, things are looking a bit brighter for Helensville's business district.

Possibly the biggest shock of the year was the cancellation - for the first time in 70 years of the annual Helensville A&P Show due to terrible weather. I know it was a heart-breaking decision for all involved, and a major hit for the town. On the brighter side of the ledger though was Arts in the Ville, which struck an absolutely perfect weekend and is rapidly growing into our second biggest annual event.

Other big stories included major improvements at Rautawhiri Park, long overdue SH16 safety improvements, and the return of the Men & Family Centre.

Don't forget we don't publish a January issue, so we'll see you again early February. And if you've got a club, sports group or any sort of community organisation, don't forget to give us your details for next year's special community listing publication - see page 10 for details.

- Dave Addison, Editor

\$1000 sponsorshop for rugby juniors

Helensville Junior Rugby's Gold Coast tour has received a \$1000 boost from Craigweil House in Parakai, which has become a gold sponsor of the 2019 trip.

Next July 33 players aged 11 and 12 years old will travel to the Gold Coast for the seven day tour, accompanied by around 15 coaches, parents and minders. This will be

the fourth time the club has gone on the biennial tour.

The trip costs around \$1500 per player, and as well as sponsorship like that from Craigweil House, club members have been fundraising in a variety of ways, including selling firewood, holding barbeques and sausage sizzles, a Christmas raffle, and a special Halloween event

For many it will be the first time they have travelled overseas.

The team will stay in a resort on the Gold Coast and will play teams from the Palm Beach Currumbin Alleygators Rugby Club, the Surfers Paradise Rugby Club, and the Helensvale Rugby Club.

It won't be all hard work though, with the children visiting three theme parks during their stay.

Craigweil's business development manager Beau Henriksen says the sponsorship is a way to give back to the community



 Craigweil House resident Ross Tibbey hands over a certificate of sponsorship to Helensville Junior Rugby team members

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Local team wins rugby 7s champs



• The victorious Sevens team

Photo: John Rau

Helensville Rugby Club's Womens Sevens team has won the open section of the North Harbour Rugby club sevens championship.

They played at Mahurangi Rugby Club on Saturday, November 3, where they trounced East Coast Bays 33-5 in the final to take the title. They had earlier played teams from Northcote and Massey. The men's title was won by Northcote.

New Zealand will host the 2021 Women's Rugby World Cup.

Christmas parade and festival

The Helensville Christmas Festival kicks off at 9.30am on Saturday, December 8 with Santa available for photos at the RSA in Commercial Road.

In Creek Lane there will be a bouncy castle, ice cream, candy floss, face painting and entertainment, running up until the parade at midday. The parade will follow its regular route from the Helensville Railway Station through Commercial Road and along Mill Road to the museum.

From 1pm there will be entertainment and food at the museum – plus Santa of course. Entertainment will include a concert featuring Troy Kingi, and a 3pm kapahaka performance by Kahurangi Ki Kaipara. There will also be a lolly scramble, and the festival colouring competition winners will be announced, and prizes presented.

Ritchies will have a free shuttle to the

museum, picking up along Commercial Rd from the Grand Hotel starting 1pm - just wave and it will stop for you. Return rides from the museum will start at 3.30pm.

It isn't too late to enter a float in the parade – late entries will be accepted. It's also not too late to enter the bike decorating competition – and it's not just for bikes. Entries will also be accepted for trikes, scooters, baby carriages and even mobility scooters, and entrants can join in the parade to show off their masterpieces. Entry forms for both are available at the Helensville Library and the CAB.

Volunteers are still needed for the parade day events, with various tasks and time slots between 8am and 4pm available. Even a half hour's help would be useful says organiser Holly Southernwood. Volunteers can register at Helensville Library or the CAB.

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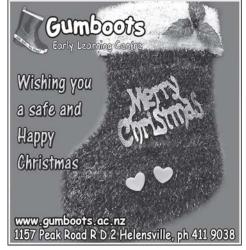
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Rural scholarship winner

The winner of Helensville A&P Association's inaugural rural scholarship doesn't come from a farming background.

But farming is exactly how Erika Earnshaw (18) of Helensville intends to spend her working life.

She got her first taste of the rural life

helping out on farms where she grazed her horse.

Then last year she worked on Richard and Dianne Kidd's Helensville farm as part of the Gateway workplace learning programme while in Year 12 at Orewa College. There, she got to try first-hand farming activities like drenching, docking lambs and weighing sheep.



• Erika (right) receives her scholarship from A&P Association committee member Anne Holst

"I love working outdoors and with animals," she says. "I couldn't imagine working in an office."

In January Erika is off to begin a one-year cadetship at the Otiwhiti Station Land Based Training School near Hunterville, where she will learn all aspects of sheep and beef farming with up to 15 other cadets, ending up with a New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture Level 3 qualification.

She will spend four days a week doing practical farm work, and one day in the classroom learning theory.

Then, if she wants, she can complete another year of study for a Level 4 qualification.

While Erika won't have to pay any fees for her first year of study under the government's recently introduced changes, she will still face accommodation and living costs of around \$13,000, and her \$500 A&P Association scholarship will go towards that.

She also has to purchase a heading dog puppy which she will have to raise and train over the coming year; Otiwhiti Station has farm. She expects to be looking for positions before the end of next year, and says there are plenty of jobs around if you are prepared to be flexible in what you want.

already supplied her with a training booklet

and DVD to get her started. She will get a

second dog, a huntaway, in the middle of the

on a farm in the upper half of the North

Once qualified Erika hopes to find work

A&P Association committee member Anne Holst, who was behind the establishment of the scholarship, says there aren't many rural scholarships available to people in our area.

It is our way of encouraging and promoting agriculture locally.'

Gazebos needed

Helensville Christmas Festival organiser Holly Southernwood is after gazebos and marquees she can borrow for shade at the museum during the concert. Anyone able to lend one should attach ownership ID and deliver to museum by 9am on parade day.

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Cervical smear clinic a success

The team behind a recent cervical smear clinic say working together to create a warm and supportive atmosphere was the reason it was so successful.

32 enthusiastic women turned up for the

free clinic, a collaboration between the Kaipara Medical Centre, Te Ha Oranga, and the Well Women and Family Trust.

Kaipara Medical Centre GP Dr Rachel Mackie says: "We were inspired by some high-profile cervical smear campaigns on Facebook, and wanted to do something to prevent deaths for our wahine due to cervical cancer."

Dr Mackie says a recent community-wide survey on health needs found the local Māori health provider Te Ha Oranga was regarded favourably by local Māori and so "it was a no-brainer to work together on this project to ensure we could reach as many people as possible, particularly Māori who we

know have lower cervical screening rates in our practice."

Of the 27 women who had a smear, three had never had one before and 13 were of high priority, being overdue by more than five years or having an abnormal history. Five of

those who turned up weren't due for a test.

The free no appointment clinic in October ran for three hours at Te Ha Oranga.

"Anecdotally we knew that getting to Kaipara Medical Centre for smears during



 L-R: Donna Tapurau from Te Ha Oranga; Dr Rachel Mackie; Sarah Lewis from Te Ha Oranga, and Dr Kathryn Elcock from Kaipara Medical Centre at the cervical smear clinic

the day was difficult for those working elsewhere, so we opted for an evening clinic," says Dr Mackie.

"The atmosphere was really fun, with women cheering their support for each other once they'd completed their smear."

Everyone who had a smear received a \$20 Countdown voucher and went into the draw for a gift basket from Unichem Helensville.

It's hoped the clinic will run again three or four times next year.



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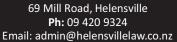
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Senior librarian up a tree, r-e-a-d-i-n-g

They won't be up a tree in their PJs like Helensville senior librarian Anne Coppell (pictured at right in a tree fort), but local children will be able to make reading forts in the library as part of a Pyjama Party being held on Friday, December 28.

Children and their families are invited to wear their pyjamas, make reading forts (bring-your-own sheets/boxes) and share favourite stories from 5pm until 6pm.

The event is part of the library's summer reading programme, Kia Māia te Whai (Dare to Explore) which starts on December 10 and runs until January 21 for children aged between 5 and 14.

The library has programme challenge events planned for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10.30am. Events calendars are available when you register at the library.

The library's regular preschool sessions have gone on hold for the holiday period, and will restart in February. Session days and times will be advised, and library staff are keen to hear feedback about this year's preschool sessions so tweaks can be made for next year.

Helensville Library will be closed for the





statutory holidays - Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, and the day after New Year's Day - and will be open regular hours otherwise (9.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday; 9.30am to 4pm Saturdays).

Extended loan periods are available for items taken out during December.

Barrow of goodies won in raffle

South Kaipara Rotarian Jo May (left) with Wendy Fraser, the lucky winner of the club's spring garden raffle wheelbarrow.

The barrow, donated by Bunnings, was filled with a garden stool, gloves, pruning shears and \$100 gift voucher donated by Holly Southernwood, plus other gardenoriented goodies.

The club wants to thank everyone who supported South Kaipara Rotary's recent sausage sizzles and raffles. The club has so far raised \$250 to go towards sports equipment for Woodhill School, plus \$417 which will go towards a defibrillator for Shelly Beach Fire Brigade.

South Kaipara Rotary's next sausage sizzle will be outside Countdown in Helensville on Saturday, December 15, with proceeds going toward the defibrillator.

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Free A&P Show trade stands

Local community groups, schools and not-for-profits are invited to apply for a limited number of free trade spaces at the 114th annual Helensville A&P Show, to be held on Saturday, February 23 next year.

It's a repeat of a successful initiative offered since 2012; this year 10 local organisations will gain public exposure by being provided with the free trade stands.

Because the number of sites is limited, the A&P Association committee will choose the successful recipients once applications have been received. The sites on offer are standard, unpowered 3m x 3m square sites. Recipients will also receive two free adult gate passes.

Vehicles won't be allowed on the sites on show day, and there will be some restrictions such as not being allowed to serve food in competition with paying trade stalls. As the show will again be a zero-waste event, successful applicants will have to abide by those rules as well.

Applicants should email show manager Merle Kotze by Tuesday, January 15 at info@helensvilleshow.co.nz.

Application forms will soon be available for download from the A&P Show's website: www.helensvilleshow.co.nz.

3-day film course aims to cover all the bases

A three-day film making course at Helensville Arts Centre will cover all of the processes, including camera operating, acting, directing, sound, and editing. The course will culminate with the screening of the newly created film.

Short film maker Hank Snell will facilitate the workshop. Hank has more than 20 years' experience in filmmaking and is skilled at pulling together the ideas of a group into a finished movie.

The course is aimed at children aged 8 to 14 years and will run from January 30 through to February 1, from 10am to 4pm. The cost is \$180.

Participants should arrive with ideas, costumes, props, musical instruments and anything else they can think of, as the course will be fast-paced.

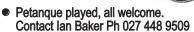
The first day will focus on ideas and preproduction in the morning, and scriptwriting and initial filming in the afternoon. Day two will continue filming and start editing, and the final day will complete any final filming, sound recording and completion of editing prior to screening.

Art Centre co-ordinator Pauline Denton says the course could be a great Christmas aift.

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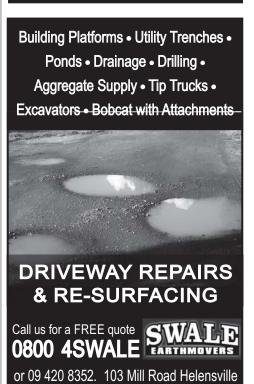
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medical centre notes

Summer is approaching, which has allowed for the fixing of our roof that has been leaking, hence the scaffolding and loud bangs going on around the medical centre this last month.

As some of you may be aware I've been travelling, and had a fantastic trip back to England. While the UK doesn't warrant an array of vaccinations (or I slipped through unnoticed!), if you are travelling, it is good to check with us to make sure you are covered for vaccinations for your adventure, or whether malaria prevention is needed.

Dr Dean Foster is now our lead on travel medicine, and the sooner you check if you do need vaccinations the better, as sometimes we have to order in vaccinations as we don't always keep particular ones in stock.

On other news, our nurse Lily Guilford is retiring after several years here at Kaipara Medical Centre, and we thank her for her time with us and wish her all the best in retirement and her travels and adventures.

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: Changes to association committee

The North West Country business association recently held its AGM, which resulted in some changes to the

> Geraldine Bayly

committee that oversees the association's activities.

The committee is made up of representatives for each township that is part of the Business Improvement District, which covers from Kaukapakapa to Riverhead.

Geraldine Bayly is the returning representative for Kaukapakapa. She operates her own business, Kaipara Coast Landscape Architecture.

Geraldine is passionate about seeing our North West Country businesses and communities thrive. This year, she would like the business association to work more intensively with each of the local business communities to

address more localised issues in each township, and bring them to life through enhancement projects to help create an environment in which our communities have a sense of pride and which visitors are eager to explore.

Helensville representative Shona Oliver has returned to the committee. Shona works in the environmental team for Nga Maunga Whakahii o



> Shona Oliver

Kaipara. She is primarily based in Te Awaroa but works on behalf of the iwi across the North West Country area, which gives her a good understanding of the wider issues and opportunities for local businesses.

A new addition to the Helensville representatives is Bernie Flynn, owner of Helensville Mechanical and Helensville Motorcycles.

Bernie aims to represent the interests of service businesses in the association, to i m p r o v e communication with members, and to work with the committee to e f f e c t t h e d e m o c r a t i c desires of the members.



> Bernie Flynn



 $> Liv\ McGregor$

Liv McGregor co-owner of Mama's Brew Shop and the The Kombuchery, is the other new committee member,

which gives a good spread of representation for Helensville.

Dion Tilson from Parakai Springs was re-elected to represent Parakai.

Other committee members are; Connie Peterson (Outer Skin, Waimauku), Karen Allen (Allens Pharmacy), Hayley Plowman (Hallertau), Andy Cummings (Kumeu Meat Processors), and Paula Pepperall (The Riverhead).



 $> Dion\ Tilson$

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90 riders on local farm trek



• Some of the trek riders

Ninety riders including six guides came from as far afield as Te Aroha, Port Albert and Kaiwaka to take part in the fourth annual Helensville A&P Association horse trek on Sunday, November 18.

That's an increase of 50 percent over last year's trek numbers, and the ride is now firmly established as a major fundraiser for the association. This year it raised around \$2000 which will go towards the running of Helensville's biggest one day event, which will be held on Saturday, February 23 next year.

The riders had perfect weather for the two-hour trek, which started on the Bradly Road farm of Graeme Bradly before continuing over the neighbouring farms of Richard and Dianne

Kidd, Richard Bradly, and Barry Bradly, before returning to the start.

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Community Christmas Dinner

The annual Community Christmas Dinner will be held in the Helensville Primary School hall at midday on Christmas Day, and organiser Holly Southernwood says the food will be better than ever.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the day with others from the community, and all children aged 12 and under will receive a gift.

Volunteers are needed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day, and any donations of food or cash to go towards the running of the event are welcome. Phone 021 488 427 or email: helchrisfest@gmail.com.

Holly is also in need of clean plastic food containers with lids to be used to help distribute any food left over from the Christmas lunchthings like 500g or 1kg yoghurt containers, takeaway food containers, supermarket deli containers, and ice cream containers. These can be dropped off at Helensville Museum, Monday to Friday 9am to midday, or 1.30pm to 3pm Saturday and Sunday.

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Hundreds flock to local farm open day

More than 500 people visited the Helensville farm of Scott and Sue Narbey as part of the Fonterra Open Gates event on November 11.

Theirs was one of 16 farms nationwide which welcomed more than 8000 people onto their properties to learn how farmers care for their animals while protecting the waterways and environment.

"We had amazing, positive feedback from the public and the Fonterra staff who volunteered to run the day," says Sue.

"The majority of people were from Auckland central and for most it was their first farm experience. The calf feeding and milking demonstrations were most popularalong with the special Jersey Caramel flavoured ice-cream that was developed especially for the Open Gates day!"

Calling all clubs & local groups...

In 2015, *Helensville News* produced a special issue listing all the voluntary organisations, community groups, and local clubs in our area.

It was a very popular publication, and we will be producing an updated version of it next year, for our June 2019 issue. It will closely follow the format of our previous edition, with organisations and clubs grouped into three main categories:

- Community & Service Groups
- Clubs & General Interest Groups
- Sports & Fitness Clubs/Groups.

Now we need YOU to tell us about your group. It's a great chance to boost the profile of your club or group, and maybe increase your membership. Many people new to the area may not even know your organisation exists.

Many organisations will already have been listed in our 2015 special issue, so first off check to see by visiting: www.helensvillenews.co.nz/groups. There's a link to that issue at the top of the page.

If you do already have a listing but it needs updating, either complete the online form on that page, or email us at: dave@helensvillenews.co.nz with your changes.

Please try to provide as much information as possible - things like what the organisation/club does, membership numbers, how long it's been running, and when meetings or events are held. The more information you provide us with, the better your listing will be.

If email isn't an option, feel free to phone us on 420 7215.

We'll be giving out further reminders in upcoming issues, and will print a questionnaire closer to the deadline for those who find that option easier.

The final deadline for accepting listings will be Friday, March 29.

Suesays support from the local dairy farming community and help running the farm tours on the day was vital to the openday's success.

"We couldn't have done it without them."

Comments from visitors included:

"I really wanted to see the cows, and I had some n e g a t i v e perceptions about

the sustainability aspect. I had heard the farmers feed them palm by-products but was really surprised at how well they do it. And how well they take care of the waterways."

 Lisa and Darren, Auckland "We come from a farming background and wanted to show the kids how it all works. It was absolutely brilliant, well done to the team and Sue and Scott. We're both really surprised to see how many people came. A very diverse range of cultures. I'm a teacher, and most kids don't know about this whole side of the supermarket."

- Linda and Ricardo, Auckland



• Visitors watch a calf feeding demonstration at the Helensville farm

Free dictionaries for local schools



• Waioneke School students with their new dictionaries

South Kaipara Rotary has distributed more than 100 illustrated dictionaries to Year 4 students at local primary schools.

Using funds raised through helping with stocktaking at Parakai 4 Square and with help from the June Gray Trust, the club has given out 117 Usborne Illustrated Dictionaries to children at Helensville, Parakai, Arohanoa, Waioneke and Woodhill schools.

The dictionaries are written in 'friendly' text and are designed for children from nine years of age up to adults. Each dictionary has more than 1000 colour illustrations, and came with the recipient child's name in it and is theirs to keep.

Neighbouring club Kumeu Rotary also helped by providing one Usborne illustrated atlas per class.

South Kaipara Rotary's Leigh Kelly says the club is delighted to help with the literacy of local children, and intends to make the dictionary donations an annual occasion for all Year 4 students. The children, teachers and principals alike were delighted to receive the dictionaries, she says.

Woodhill School principal Dawn Fenn agrees, saying the dictionaries will support the students to develop their literacy skills at school and at home. "I am sure they will treasure them for a long time. Our thanks to Rotary for supporting our students' learning."

Jan Porter, principle at Arohanoa School, says: "the tamariki were very excited to receive their dictionaries, with their names in them. They felt very special. They will use them during their story writing times to help them with words they cannot spell."

Waioneke School Year 4 teacher Claire Bennett asked student Noemie for a comment, and she says: "The illustrated dictionary gives us great ideas. Because of its pictures, it gives us ideas of what something is and how it works. The thing I like is that if you're not sure how to write a word or you don't understand what it means, you can find writing and a picture under the word that you search up in the dictionary."

Extended hours for summer

The Helensville Community Recycling Centre is extending it's opening hours over the summer months to include Wednesday. Manager Treena Gowthorpe says an extra day is needed to help move the huge volumes of inwards material they receive.

While a large shop for the site is in the design phase, and a large tent is on its way to extend the shop short-term, it has become clear another day would take the pressure off says Treena.

This means the site will be open from Wednesday to Sunday from December 2018 through to the end of April 2019.

■ TARGET REACHED

2018 has been a great year for the Recycling Centre as it has already reached its 2020 goal of diverting 76 percent of waste away from landfill.

With an anticipated 600 tonnes of waste coming through the site this year, this means 456 tonnes of resources have been recovered out of the waste coming to the site.

■ THE DECONSTRUCTED HOUSE

Helensville Community Recycling Centre has also trialled deconstructing a three bedroom 1950's house to keep it from being demolished and sent to landfill. The project, a collaboration between the recycling centre, Auckland Council, Envision NZ and the Corrections Department, saw 87 percent of the house materials recovered and diverted from landfill - a total of 22

tonnes.

The project attracted national attention with Kathryn Long interviewing Treena on the Radio New Zealand 'Nine to Noon' show.

The Recycling Centre and Envision are now looking at training other communities in the art of deconstruction to encourage other communities to continue the work.

"One of the most surprising results to come from the feasibility study from the project was that it was the same cost to deconstruct a house as it was to demolish it," says Treena, "and only three days longer to remove the house with deconstruction."

■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

The recycling centre site is pushing ahead with its popular community gardens and is offering a swap-a-bucket scheme for people's kitchen scraps in a bid to tackle the estimated 40 percent of food waste that goes into residential green bags each week.

■ HIRE SHED

A hire shed to give customers cheap access to hiring crockery, glasses, tools, appliances, beds, skis, bicycles and camping gear is also in the process of setting up.

"It's great way for people to



 Recycling Centre shop manager Kylie Donaldson with helper Sarah Bultema in part of the community garden

inexpensively cater for big functions, an influx of family visitors, or to have a stop-gap if an appliance breaks down while they are sourcing a replacement," says Treena.

It's anticipated the hire shed will be up and running by mid-January.







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Obituary: Hans Van Duyn

Johannes (Hans) Van Duyn March 7, 1937 - November 2, 2018

Hans Van Duyn and his twin brother Jan were born in The Hague, Netherlands. They endured the hardship of growing up in WWIIoccupied Holland, missing out on a normal

childhood and education, and starting work on fishing boats aged just 13.

Hans married the love of his life, Gerda, in 1957, and they would have celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in late November. While living in Holland they welcomed three children, Diane, Hans Junior and Rene into the

During this time Hans became the Netherlands judo middleweight champion.

Keen to give his children the best possible childhood, Hans followed his friend John Houniet, who he

met during compulsory military service 60

years ago, and moved his family to New Zealand, arriving in November 1965. Hans often told his

• Hans Van Duyn

children that, after spending the first night in their new country at the Takapuna campground, he walked along Takapuna beach. The kids were paddling in the water and he looked across at Rangitoto Island said: "we're in paradise". His opinion of New Zealand never changed, and his homes always had a flag pole proudly flying the national flag.

By working three iobs Hans managed to purchase his first home, in Takapuna, in 1966. He then built an unpermitted top story on the house, where he set up a judo school.

In 1966 he and Gerda adopted 10day-old Simon, then in 1971 Helen was born, and two years later Lisa was adopted at age two.

From the late 1960s to late 1970s Hans continued to achieve in judo, becoming the New Zealand heavyweight champion and training others. One of his proudest moments was being national flagbearer at the world championship.

> When he discovered there was money to be made in the construction industry the judo school was closed to make way for the beginnings of Eurovision Housemovers, the family business still operating today.

> Hans and his sons worked together and built up a thriving business, eventually making the move to Helensville. Diane became the secretary and her husband Colin joined the company.

> Seeing a need for affordable housing in Helensville and Parakai. Hans defied the odds, and sometimes the Council, to move homes into the area - many of

which are still there today.

Hans was an energetic Helensville Borough councillor in the early 1980s. He became well known in the local community for his generous nature, donating the moving of the Helensville courthouse and museum buildings to their Mill Road site; he was honoured to be made a life member of the Helensville & District Historical Society. He donated the building in Awaroa Rd used for many years by Te Awaroa Youth Club, and now occupied under a free lease from the family trust by the Men & Family Centre.

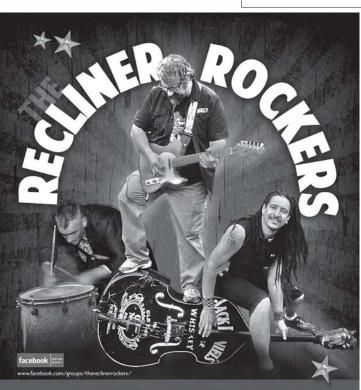
He remained dedicated to the family business, staying involved well past retirement age.

As immigrants, Hans and Gerda missed their families terribly, but soon their friends became like close family. After Gerda, his grandchildren and later his great grandchildren were the lights of his life. The family lost Simon in a car crash in 1984, a devastating tragedy which brought the family even closer together.

At his funeral Hans was celebrated as a man who valued his family above all else and who instilled in them all a work ethic that has carried on through the generations.

He was known for helping people in times of need, and giving opportunities to people who had never had any. He would fight passionately for his values and for others he believed weren't getting a fair deal and was never afraid to keep pushing forward in his efforts, despite the odds.

The family wish to thank Te Waru Hill, who organised a beautiful karanga and feathered cloak for Hans, those who sent their love, condolences and support and everyone who attended the funeral.



NEW YEARS EVE

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Scares at museum

Screams were heard throughout Helensville Museum when it held its third annual Haunted House Night to celebrate Halloween.

Despite continual rain, enough people turned up to raise \$1000 for the museum. With the aim being to scare adults, the evening was rated R13, although younger children were allowed with a guardian.

Local volunteers were again made up to look like scary apparitions, with gruesome wounds, masks and fearsome paint.

Hedley House was decorated as a spider's lair, and a volunteer hiding in a 'cocoon' shot silly string at people, causing plenty of screams. An unholy ritual ceremony was held in the courthouse building, while Hec's Barn was filled with smoke and scary things.

The 'guests' were lead around the museum in groups of at most six people, and the volunteers had a great time scaring them.

The Haunted House Night is now a regular fixture on the museum's calendar, and new ideas on how to scare people are being sought. Anyone with ideas should contact Lynn in the museum office, phone 420 7881 or email: helensvillemuseum@xtra.co.nz.



 Scary clown - check. Werewolf - check. Assorted ghouls - check. The cast of volunteers ready to scare - Photo: Stellanova Photography



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Future of health in good hands

The latest recipient of the Helensville District Health Trust's scholarship for a graduating Kaipara College student has ambitions to one day be part of the Ministry of Health and improve mental and sexual health for young people.

Troy Broadley was awarded the \$2000 scholarship at Kaipara College's Senior Prizegiving.

The scholarship has been offered for the last six years and is open to any student going on to further their studies in health.

Health Trust spokesperson Susan Narbey says Troy stood out for having a very clear idea of his future career path and for having displayed a passion for health by his ongoing leadership and involvement in community throughout his years at Kaipara College.

Troy says "the financial support from

the Health Trust will minimise any financial barriers that might have delayed me in achieving my goals, so I'm thankful to the Trust for helping support my vision and for giving me the chance to take the next chapter in my life."

Troy is set to study at Victoria University in Wellington next year.



Kaipara College Head Boy and Helensville Health Trust Scholarship winner Troy Broadley with Head Girl Georgia Logan at senior prizegiving.

Christmas hours

Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai will be closed from 21 December – 14 January.

Kaipara Medical Centre will be closed Sunday 23 – Wednesday 26 December and again Monday 31 December – Wednesday 2 January.

Outside of these periods, Kaipara Medical Centre will be open as usual.

If Kaipara Medical Centre is closed patients can call (09) 420 8400 and speak to a nurse who will direct them to the closest available GP practice at either Waimauku or Silverdale. The closest Accident and Emergency centre is Westgate Medical Centre.

Patients will need to check opening hours for these individual centres.

The Helensville Birthing Centre will remain open as usual.

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ST MATTHEWS ANGLICAN-METHODIST. HELENSVILLE

South Kaipara Co-operative Parish, 60 Garfield Rd. Contact Administrator, 420 8868

- Thursday, Dec 13th: 7pm, Blue Christmas (a service of remembrance and hope).
- Sunday, Dec 16th: 9.30am, Carol Service.
- Sunday, Dec 23rd: 9.30am, Sunday Eucharist.
- Monday, Dec 24th: 6pm, Christmas Eve Service.
- Tuesday, Dec 25th: 9.30 am, Christmas Day Eucharist.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN-METHODIST, KAUKAPAKAPA

Corner Peak Rd & Highway 16. Contact Administrator, 420 8868

■ Tuesday, Dec 25th: 8am, Christmas Day Eucharist.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, HELENSVILLE

1 Puriri St, Helensville. Contact Fr. Carlos Guleng. 420 8110

- Monday, Dec 24: 7.30pm, Christmas Carols; 8pm Christmas Vigil Mass.
- Tuesday, Dec 25: 9am, Christmas Day Mass.

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, HUAPAI

380 SH16, Huapai. Contact Fr. Carlos Guleng. 420 8110

- Monday, Dec 24: 6pm, Christmas Carols; 6.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass. 10.30pm, Christmas Carols; 11pm Midnight Mass, finishing midnight.
- Tuesday, Dec 25: 9am, Christmas Day Mass.

RIVER VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, PARAKAI

1 Fordyce Rd, Parakai. Contact Shirley Wood, 420 2559

■ Sunday, Dec 23: 10am, Christmas Service.

HELENSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Mill Rd, Helensville. Contact Pastor Francois Joubert, 022 156 0761

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MAGNIFY CHURCH (Formerly Helensville Christian Life Centre)

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■ Sunday, Dec 23: 10am, Christmas Service

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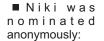
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Is there someone special who has done something that's made a difference for you, your family or our town? To nominate someone, write to: Nicky Horsbrough, Harcourts Helensville, 37 Commercial Road, Helensville 0800 or fill out the form online at: http://nickyhorsbrough.harcourts.co.nz. The lucky recipient will receive a \$100 voucher for a local business of their choice.

We have two recipients for December - Niki Greendale, who has chosen a \$100 voucher for use at MILC in Commercial Rd. and Debbie Tetlow, whose voucher is for Mitre 10.



Niki Greendale (left) with Nicky Horsbrough

Harcourts

"I would like to nominate a lady I know only by her first name, Niki. She came up with the idea of hosting a fortnightly community dinner, gold coin donation, held at Noah's Ark (below the Helensville Christian Life Centre). She is a wonderful person and a great cook too, and deserves a 'pat on the back' for the amazing concept she had which we the community can now enjoy."

■ Debbie was nominated by Renee Blair:

"Debbie is one of our local postnatal nurses and lactation consultants. She works tirelessly to ensure that mums and babies

get off to the best start in their feeding journey. Debbie is the mastermind behind the breastfeeding programs, lactation consultants' clinic, and the new peer counselling workshops for local mamas (this is to educate on breastfeeding and it's complexities giving these ladies the ability to help others in the community who are struggling with feeding, especially if they couldn't get to the clinic).

"Debbie is an amazing mum to six beautiful children that she has raised on her own. She rarely takes credit for all her amazing efforts and hard work! She makes a real



• Debbie Tetlow

difference to the community through her wonderful work, and I couldn't think of anyone who deserves this more!"

Christmas hamper goods sought

Helensville Women and Family Centre is busy organising its annual Christmas appeal, and is calling on locals to donate goods for the Chrismas hampers it provides to needy local families.

Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the HWFC in the Old Post Office building at 104 Commercial Road between 9.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

The last day for accepting donatinos is Friday, December 14.

The centre will also accept non-food gifts to go in the hampers as long as they are wrapped and marked with the appropriate age and gender.

Last year the HWFC distributed 45 hampers, working collaboratively with other local organisations to determine the families most in need.

Top college students

Alexia Searchfield is the 2018 Dux of Kaipara College, and Troy Broadley has been named Proxime Accessit.

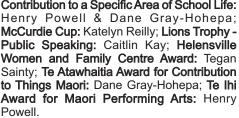
As well as being named Dux, Alexia came first in Chemistry 301, Geography 301, Mathematics with Statistics 310, and first equal in History 301. She received a Certificate of Academic Excellence in Biology 310, the Adams Driving School Cup for Senior Geography, the Daymond-King Cup for Senior Chemistry, the Pavish Cup for Mathematics with Statistics, and the Year 13 faculty awards for Science, Social Sciences and Mathematics.

Troy was first in Performance Music 301, and receive a Certificate of Academic

Excellence in PE301, the Pickering Cup for Senior Music Award (jointly), the Pengelly Cup for the Greatest Contribution to School Life, plus three scholarships - the Helensville District Health Trust Scholarship, the Victoria University Tangiwai Scholarship, and the Victoria University Bachelor of Health Scholarship. He was also Head Student along with Georgia Logan, and the student representative on the Board of Trustees.

■ SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS:

Pengelly Cup for Greatest Contribution to School Life: Troy Broadley; John Key Cup for Contribution to a Specific Area of School Life: Henry Powell & Dane Gray-Hohepa; McCurdie Cup: Katelyn Reilly; Lions Trophy -Public Speaking: Caitlin Kay; Helensville Women and Family Centre Award: Tegan to Things Maori: Dane Gray-Hohepa; Te Ihi Award for Maori Performing Arts: Henry Powell.





 2018 Kaipara College Dux Alexia Searchfield with Proxime Accessit Troy Broadley

■ SENIOR FACULTY AWARDS:

Faculty of Arts: Mila Clark; Faculty of Phys Ed & Health: Georgia Logan; Faculty of English: Antonia Smith; Faculty of Mathematics: Alexia Searchfield; Faculty of Social Sciences: Alexia Searchfield; Faculty of Science: Alexia Searchfield; Faculty of Technology: Samuel Hepburn-Knight.

■ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Victoria University Totoweka Scholarship: Dane Gray-Hohepa; Victoria University Tangiwai Scholarship: Troy Broadley, Antonia Smith; Victoria University Bachelor of Health Scholarship: Troy Broadley; Lincoln University Elite Sports Scholarship: Georgia Gibbons; Canterbury University Excellence Scholarship: Antonia Smith; Auckland University Maori Academic Excellence Scholarship: Sara Foster; Neil Notley Scholarship: Paul Kailan; Helensville District Health Trust Scholarship: Troy Broadley; The Order of St John Scholarship: Katelyn Reilly.

■ SPORTS AWARDS:

Sportsman of the Year: Jordan Cowper; Sportswoman of the Year: Kendrah Smith; Senior Team of the Year: U19 Waka Ama; Junior Sportsman of the Year: Oscar Oliver-Chambers; Junior Sportswoman of the Year: Aria Morenu; Junior Team of the Year: 5th grade rugby; Student Contribution to Sport: Georgia Logan; Adult Contribution to Sport: Watson & Cooper families; Coach of the Year: Matt Rhodes; Student Coach of the Year: Josh Rhodes.



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town talk

community titbits from town and around

■ KIDSARTSHOW

Helensville Art Centre's annual Kids Art Show is on from now until Saturday, December 22. Entry is free, and hours are: Tuesday to Friday 10am to 4.30pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm.

■ CASH & CARRYART

Locals looking for art for Christmas should check out Helensville Art Centre's Cash & Carry Exhibition, on now until Saturday, December 22. Most works are \$100 or less. Open Tuesday to Friday 10am to 4.30pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm.

■ WAITOKI CHRISTMAS MARKET

The local fire brigade will have their fire engine at the Waitoki Christmas Market on Saturday, December 8, selling Christmas trees as a fundraiser. It's also a chance for those attending to have a photo taken while dressed in a fire fighter's outfit.

The market will feature the usual baked goods, plants, homemade and used items, and bric a brac. It runs from 8.30am until midday in the Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd. Proceeds from the market go back to the local community.

New stall holders should contact Gill on 420 3301 or email: waitokihall@gmail.com.

■ KAUKAPAKAPAMARKET

There will be special Christmas performances from the ladies of 'The Cougar Chorus' and the students from 'DanceVille' at the Kaukapakapa market on Sunday, December 16.

The market will be open from 8.30am to 1pm, and there will be free gift wrapping for gifts purchased on the day at the market.

Santa will be making a grand entrance at

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10am, and children will be able to have their photo taken with him in his sparkly grotto in the historic Kaukapakapa Library until 12.30pm.

The first market of 2019 will be held on Sunday, January 20 with live music from Jessica on the keyboard. Kaukapakapa Library will have a collection of historic photos of early Kaukapakapa settlers on display from 10am to 1pm

■ GLORIT CHRISTMAS GATHERING

There will be a community Christmas gathering at the Glorit Memorial Hall from 4pm on Saturday, December 22.

Barbeque sausages will be provided by the hall committee, and those attending should bring a plate to share, their own refreshments, and if they want their own meat to be cooked on the barbeque.

Committee member Kim O'Connor says it will be a great opportunity to chat with neighbours and friends.

■ ROCKERS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

Auckland based blues-rockabilly-roots-rock band The Recliner Rockers will play at Kaukapakapa Hotel on New Year's Eve. The band will play through to 12.30am, and there will be a \$5 cover charge.

Manager Michael Guilbert says the hotel has accommodation available so people can stay and not have to worry about driving. For more information phone 420 5230 or email: kaukapakapavillagehotel@xtra.co.nz.

■ SPIRITHORSE FESTIVAL

South Head's Dune Lakes Lodge will hold the third annual Spirit Horse Festival in early February.

The three day international event, from February 7 to 10, will feature 20 presenters from New Zealand, Australia, the United States and Europe.

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