

Plea for life-changing medication to be funded

Having a child with an incurable illness is every parent's nightmare. Not having access to the medication that could stop the condition worsening makes things so much harder.

Two and a half year old Zoey Butcher, of Parakai, was diagnosed in March with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 3 (SMA). SMA is a rare neuromuscular disorder. In the most severe SMA Type 1 cases the average age of death is just 13 months.

"In Zoey's case it causes her muscles to deteriorate, and as it rapidly progresses will leave her unable to walk, stand, write, swallow, and so much more," says her mum, Chauntel Wedlake.

"There are three treatments available which can stop the progression in its tracks, and possibly even regain some of what has already been lost. None of the three are funded in New Zealand and would cost \$390,000 a year to self-fund, which is an impossible amount."

Chauntel says Zoey, who loves to dance, is already showing signs of muscle weakness.

"She is struggling to stand up, she has frequent falls, and cannot run or jump.

"It's so heart-breaking knowing that without treatment she will lose her quality of life."

Without treatment Zoey will need a wheelchair and could lose any chance to dance, swim - or even to simply stand.

Zoey's parents have tried to get direct access treatment from the pharmaceutical companies on compassionate grounds, to no avail.

"Our only hope now is with Pharmac," says Chauntel - but that's unlikely to come in

time to help Zoey.

According to Rare Disorders NZ there are around 75 people living with SMA - 35 of them children - in New Zealand.

Of the three treatments available, one called Spinraza is funded in more than 65 countries, but not here. It's on Pharmac's very long wish list, known as the Options for Investment.



• Chauntel and daughter Zoey

While Pharmac received a \$191m boost (over two years) for new drug funding in the latest Government budget, it can take from one to two years for a drug to be approved.

But Chauntel says her daughter needs treatment now, and there is no guarantee a treatment for SMA will be one of the ones to eventually receive funding.

"She's already showing signs of weakness, which means time isn't in our favour. The sooner she can get [treatment], the sooner the results will start showing and the more chance of her regaining quality of life."

Pharmac's rare disorders subcommittee recommended Spinraza be funded with a high priority for the treatment of children with the illness back in 2019 - but even that recommendation doesn't guarantee any money will be forthcoming.

Patient Voice Aotearoa trustee Fiona Tolich says if Zoey had been born in Australia she would have three options to treat her disease and there would be hope for her future.

Making things worse for Zoey are her living conditions.

Currently Zoey, Chauntel, and her partner Chris Butcher live in a one-bedroom uninsulated sleepout behind Chris's parents' house at Parakai.

Last winter Zoey got sick multiple times resulting in breathing difficulties needing hospital attention, oxygen, prednisone, and inhalers.

"Respiratory health is crucial for those with SMA as their immune system is weak, they are at high risk of pneumonia, and cannot regulate their own body temperature," says Zoey's aunt Cindy Harrison.

Cindy has set up a Givealittle page to raise enough funds to build a small, wheelchair-accessible, fully insulated home at the back of the property so Zoey can be close to family for support and to keep her healthy, safe, and warm.

The Givealittle page can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3z4pq7o>.

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editorial

The recent public meeting, billed as an 'open day', to discuss the proposed Helensville solar farm was something of a lesson in how not to run such an event. Held in the Helensville War Memorial Hall and attracting around 100 locals, the organisers made some glaring mistakes.

The first was they had no sound system. When the official presentation (in reality largely a PR exercise) started, probably three quarters of the audience couldn't hear what was being said. Presenters had to be continually prompted to speak up, but many in the audience still had trouble following the proceedings. Second, while they had a screen with images projected on it, it was too small and too low for many in the audience to see.

Thirdly, and probably most significantly, no-one stood up at the start and said "we'll make our presentation and then answer questions". The result - constant interjections from the floor, which meant the presentation got continually side-tracked.

I also don't think the representatives from HES Aotearoa, the company set up to build the \$60 million, 100ha solar farm on the site of a dairy farm between SH16 and Mangakura Road, and the other presenters were prepared for the level of animosity displayed by some audience members. While there were one or two people clearly in support of the project, the majority either muttered or loudly vocalised their opposition. Some of that opposition was valid, while some was clearly either misplaced or misinformed - such as the woman who vehemently complained the solar farm would be "right in the middle of town", whereas it is plainly on the outskirts.

Events like this are something of a no-win situation. The rabid opponents are never going to accept the project no matter what concessions (if any) are offered by the developers, while those in support seem content to conveniently overlook the potential drawbacks.

And in the end, the decision whether the solar farm goes ahead or not will lie with the powers that be. Whether the public can influence that decision remains to be seen.

- Dave Addison, Editor

Applications open for local music scholarship

Born in 1926 in Helensville, Daphne Stevens was a musical stalwart in the Waitoki community. Since starting her piano teaching career at the age of just 15, she was involved in teaching and performing piano for more than 70 years, supporting and encouraging hundreds of students and local musicians.

Her services to music were recognised in 2017 with a Queen's Service Medal.

Alongside her lifelong passion for teaching and learning music, Daphne had a dream to one day set up a scholarship supporting local young musicians.

When ill-health struck and she was no longer able to teach, Daphne decided to make her dream a reality.

With the support of friends, her lawyer, and the Auckland Foundation, she established the Daphne Gretta Mary Stevens Community Music Scholarship Fund, which each year awards \$3000 to an individual or small group who want to develop their skills and contribute towards promoting music in the South Kaipara community.

Applications for the 2022 scholarship open on Monday, August 15, and can be made online at: aucklandfoundation.org.nz.

Previous scholarship recipients include Billie Hart (2018), Tweed (2019), Samuel Wilcox-Brown (2020), and Leon Reynolds (2021).

Daphne Stevens passed away in December 2020.

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Exciting role for young ballerina

Lots of young girls dream of being a ballerina. It's a dream coming true for Woodhill's Grace Te Aotonga.

Eight-year-old Grace, who attends Parakai School, is one of just 20 young dancers chosen from a couple of hundred children who auditioned for the role of 'child extra' in the Royal New Zealand Ballet's upcoming production of Cinderella.

Grace's mum Esther says the 20 chosen children have been split into two casts, sharing the shows between them.

"Grace is very lucky to have been chosen for the cast doing three out of the five shows, including opening night (Wednesday, August 10) and the final Auckland performance," she says.

She will be performing in front of audiences of more than 2200 people in the Aotea Centre's Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre - the Royal New Zealand Ballet's home venue.

Grace has been dancing with 'Mrs Zoe'

at her Helensville dance school, Danceville, since she was just three years old.

Danceville is temporarily closed until next year while Mrs Zoe has a baby, so in the meantime Grace is dancing at Dance 24/7 in Westgate.



• Grace Te Aotonga

- photo: Stellanova Photography

She does ballet, jazz, contemporary, and troupes, and started dance competitions at the end of 2020.

"[She] is very happy that competitions are finally happening again this year as she loves being on stage," says Esther. "A lot of competitions were cancelled during lockdown and the uncertainty of being able to run during red light."

Esther says Grace is looking forward to meeting and dancing with professional ballerinas.

"Grace loves all forms of dance and would love to be able to dance as a job - whether that is a professional ballerina or a dance teacher, she's not sure yet."

Her Cinderella performances will require hours of rehearsal, and Esther says the week of the shows will be "a very long week with rehearsals and a few late nights".

As well as the Auckland shows Grace is performing in, the production is touring Wellington, Napier, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

Election feature

Next issue we plan to bring you a special election feature, with messages from the candidates standing for the Kumeū Subdivision of Rodney Local Board, and for Rodney Ward councillor, in the Auckland Council local body election.

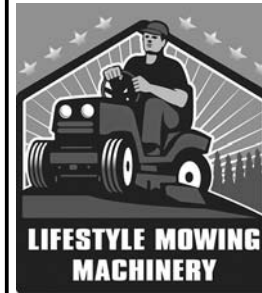
The election date is officially Saturday, October 8, but as it is a postal vote, voting will start on Friday, September 16.

Our feature should give you a bit of background on the candidates to make it easier for you to know who to vote for.

Candidates who would like to take part in the feature should email: dave@helensvillenews.co.nz

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Life membership after almost three decades as a Lion

Long-serving Lions Club of Helensville member Chris Clark has been made a Life Member of the International Association of Lions Clubs

He was given the award at the local club's final meeting to wind-up the July to June year recently.

Chris has been a Lion since 1993 and served as club president in 1997, 2007, and 2018. He was the club's secretary for two terms, from 2015 to 2017 and again from 2019 to 2022, and held the post of treasurer from 2002 to 2006.

Over the years he has filled almost every leadership role in the Helensville Lions Club.

Chris has also served Lions at District level as Zone Chairman from 2019 to 2020, and this year as the District Global Service Team coordinator.

A well known Helensville farmer, Chris has worked in several other occupations. As a young man he was a merchant seaman, traveling to many parts of the world. After settling in New Zealand his jobs included working as a sales representative, and with wife Sue he owned a dairy in Papatoetoe for three years.

Since 2016, his major contribution to Helensville Lions has been organising the club's popular book fairs.

He spends countless hours in his farm woolshed sorting books into categories and packing them in banana boxes ready for the next fair - and then re-sorting the leftovers after each sale. Chris has also sold books for the Lions Club at the Kaukapakapa market almost every month for 10 years.

The book fairs are a huge fundraiser for Helensville Lions. In the last five years alone income from the fairs has totalled more than \$75,000 - all of which the Lions have used to support various local community causes.



Chris (left) receives his life membership from Vice District Governor Elect Peter Henderson

The life membership isn't the first award presented to Chris by Lions.

He has received several Lions District awards including the 'Quiet Lion' trophy in 2014-2015, and this year the 2022 International President's Award.

The Life Membership Award was a complete surprise for Chris, who received it from Vice District Governor Elect Peter Henderson, from Warkworth, following an address by Helensville Lion Scott Osmond.

Sue Clark was presented with flowers for her support over the years. Their son Graham and his wife Jenny, along with Chris' granddaughters Evie and Bee, were an additional surprise, having been invited along to share the occasion.

As it was the end of the Lions year on June 30, the opportunity was also taken to present Club President Roland Ostring with a Life Membership to the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust in recognition of his three-year term in office. During his tenure Roland shepherded the club through three difficult years during the Covid pandemic, and spent long hours working on the annual Lions Community Directory.

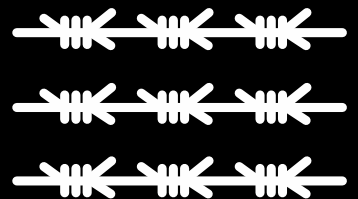
New Lions Club President, Peter Hepburn was welcomed into the position.

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Chance to vote for local businesses in NWC awards

Voting in the 2022 North West Country Business Awards closes on Friday, September 2.

While the awards cover the entire North West Country Business Improvement District area, which stretches from Riverhead up to Kaukapakapa, many Helensville and Parakai businesses have become finalists.

In the Health & Beauty category, three Helensville companies - Lash Envy, Mr & Mrs Smith, and Topcoat Nail & Brow Boutique - along with Pike Hair Boutique at Parakai are finalists. The three other finalists in that class are Kumeū businesses Aneia Warner Salon, Phoenix Beauty Therapy, and Roots to Ends.

In Hospitality, both the Liberty Brewing Tap Room and WOW Sushi in Helensville are finalists. They will compete against Hapunan Filipino Cuisine and Just Jess Boujee Bakery, both from Huapai, Kumeū businesses Morepork BBQ and Zacs Pizzeria, and Sweet Retreat of Muriwai.

There are only two finalists in the Not For Profit category are both from Helensville - Parent Aid North West and South Kaipara Good Food - as are all three finalists in the Rural Services class: Cleaver's Edge, PGG

Wrightson, and River Valley Meats.

Local retail businesses have done well too, with four finalists in the Retail category: Dulux Helensville, Helensville Paper Plus Select, Parakai Foursquare, and Unichem Helensville Pharmacy. The other finalists are all Kumeū retailers: Doctor Dog NZ, Floral Muzik Florist, Gently Loved Markets, Stihl Shop Kumeu, and The Source Bulk Foods.

Parakai businesses Kaipara Coast Learn to Swim and Skydive Auckland are finalists in the Recreation & Leisure category, joined by Good from Scratch Cookery School at Muriwai and KC Fit of Kumeū.

Helensville Mechanical Services gets a nod in the Manufacturing & Trade Services section, along with Blackout Electrical at Waimauku and Kumeū businesses GT Marine and NJC Equipment Hire.

Finally, in the Professional Services category local real estate agent Jana Mills of Prestige Realty is a finalist. She will compete against Little Miss Enchanted and PWR FIT Studios, both from Kumeū, and Huapai-based Marbles - People & Culture Hub.

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Kaukapakapa farewells local paper after 25 years

Kaukapakapa Kourier editor Deborah Stites has called time on the local newspaper she started back in 1997.

Initially established for the local ratepayers' association, Deborah took over ownership after the first couple of years. At the start it was produced quarterly, but soon switched to monthly (excluding January) and grew to six pages and a circulation of around 1500.

The final issue, Number 252, came out in May.

While not a trained journalist, Deborah has a degree in English and teaches writing at Massey University's Auckland campus at Albany.

Also taking up her time is her lifestyle block - she jokes the piece of land has been a sentence of "25 years of hard labour".

Between work and looking after the land, she decided the paper had to go to allow enough time for everything else.

Deborah does not use any social media, and



• Deborah Stites

because of Covid has been working from home since last August. She says that means she has become out of touch with community activities and events, making production of the paper even more difficult.

"I had rather hoped to sell the Kaukapakapa Kourier," she says, but when she advertised for expressions of interest for someone to take it over, the only responses were from people looking for a paid job.

And she points out the paper has "never been financially viable" and has required her to prop it up personally over the years.

While she agrees it is a shame for the paper to close after a quarter of a century, she is philosophical about it.

"I'm not upset about it. In my mind I've finished with it already. That's fine with me."

She has enjoyed getting to know people in the community through running the Kourier, and discovering the interesting stories many of them have.

She says she has never really considered herself a 'journalist' as she couldn't bring herself to report on stories that may cause people distress or invade their privacy, preferring instead to focus on 'good news' and local people and events.



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Intuitive artist's solo exhibition

Thomas Hogan will be exhibiting his artistic abilities in his first sold exhibition in the Helensville Art Centre from August 6 to 27.

Thomas is a 'differently-abled' artist who has been painting alongside Pauline Denton, coordinator of L'Arche Mount Tabor's Helensville Arts and Activities Programme, for more than a decade.

Pauline, who is curating Thomas' exhibition, says he "goes into a beautifully meditative state as he paints."

"It is such a privilege to observe Thomas creating beautiful pieces of art in his own unique style."

"His work is very intuitive, and that is the name of his exhibition. I've seen his works on a feature wall and they look amazing!"

Pauline says many see people like Thomas as 'disabled' and fail to see their unique abilities. She says he is a prolific creative for whom painting has "a real therapeutic value".

Often making more than a dozen

paintings during a two hour session, Thomas has produced a huge body of work, much of which will be on display at his exhibition.

The exhibition will be open 10am to 4.30pm Wednesday to Friday, and 10am to 2pm on Saturdays. It will be a 'cash & carry' exhibition, with most pieces costing around \$60.

As well as one-on-one painting sessions, the activities programme includes drama, skittles, music and sing-a-long, choir, hand bells, card making, educational table games, and a weekly dance.

All sessions are open to anyone who is differently abled, and costs are very reasonable.

For more on the programme, email Pauline at: paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com.



• Differently-abled artist Thomas Hogan

Upcoming art exhibitions, classes

Helensville Art Centre's opening night for its Matariki exhibition was well attended.

"We warmly encourage the community to come to our opening nights, they are a great way to connect, meet our local artists, and be involved in what's happening at the art centre, says manager Yvonne Abercrombie.

The gallery's August exhibition is for Cindy Vida, with an opening night on Friday,

August 5 from 6pm to 8pm.

Cindy will also be running a three-part workshop series on abstract landscape painting using acrylic. Spaces are limited so phone Yvonne on 021 126 8041, or email: manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz.

After fully-booked classes in the July school holidays, the Art Centre will continue Creative Matters holiday programmes in the next holidays, and also over the Christmas holiday period. Details on booking will be on the Art Centre's Facebook page and website.



• 'Ko Tenei He Putatara' (War Trumpet) by Kiro Jason, part of the Matariki exhibition

The Art Centre will hold a member's 'Storyboard' exhibition from September 2 to October 1. Details and an entry form are on the website, or email for details.

The centre is also taking bookings for exhibitions in 2023. Artists interested in holding a solo show can call in to the Art Centre, or email for more information.



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Gerrie recently opened the local branch of MTF Finance based at Kumeū and servicing the South Kaipara area - a company she first started with 10 years ago at its Penrose office.

It's a far cry from her first business in the village of Alford in Surrey, England. Gerrie had met her husband Grant, originally from Hamilton, through show jumping in the United Kingdom. Together they set up their training and competing company.

"That business taught me professionalism, resilience, motivation, and above all how to effectively communicate to horses and humans!" she says.

While not coming from a "horsey" family, Gerrie says her parents supported her passion as a hobby growing up, then she went on to study equestrian and business management at agricultural college.

The family moved to New Zealand in 2006 seeking a fresh start and a better lifestyle. Since then Gerrie has been a regular competitor at Woodhill Sands, along with her two daughters.

"Grant just rides for fun to the beach as we do also. It's very special to have that opportunity to ride in such beautiful places, not something we could ever do in UK."

That lifestyle includes living on a lifestyle block at Bethells Beach where they keep four horses, 25 cows, eight sheep, and two dogs, Huntaway/Collie cross Fern, and Lowchen/King Charles Spaniel cross Monty.

Back in New Zealand, Gerrie was on the hunt to buy a new business, and got into MTF through Grant's father, who had a long association with the company.

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Museum visit a big adventure for sleepover toys

For Anne Coppell, Senior Librarian - Children & Youth at Helensville Library, it's the highlight of her year.

And she goes all out to make sure the annual Soft Toy Sleepover is an event the toys will never forget.

"[It's] the highlight of my year - and, I hope, the highlight for others," she says.

This year the toy's 'people' signed permission to travel forms, as Anne had an out-of-area road trip planned - to Auckland War Memorial Museum Tāmaki Paenga Hira.

"It was hard dragging ourselves away from Haumanu, an art installation in the Imaginarium - but the wonders of Weird and Wonderful awaited!

"The toys enjoyed exploring, but we managed to keep track of them all," quips Anne. The toys were all decked out with official Auckland Libraries name tags.

Anne and the toys laid wreaths at Pou hi Te Whatu-ā-mahara, carved by Bernard Makaore, who also carved Rei Puta Waewae Tupuna which resides beside the library entry, and at the Bomber Command Memorial.

"As we are based in the Helensville War Memorial Hall, we felt it important to pay our respects at the Auckland War Memorial Museum," says Anne.



• Anne and toys laying wreaths at Pou hi Te Whatu-ā-mahara (top) and Bomber Command



Then the toys took the chance to meet the recent newcomer to the museum, Peter the T-Rex.

"He is very large," says Anne. Almost all of the toys had their photos taken with Peter - one was a bit too scared!

After a dinner of pizza, Anne, the toys, and volunteers Ellen (driver), Richard (photographer), Nana Kate, and Nora the Tall went back to the library.

Anne read the toys the book 'Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna, the Very First Chicken', written by Douglas Rees and illustrated by Jed Henry, then the toys were tucked in to stay the night.

"Everything went swimmingly, and all the toys had a wonderful time.

Anne says the day after the sleepover was nearly as exciting, as the library was one of the locations for the school holiday rock hunt organised by local Police (see *Helensville News* July issue).

"The toys helped me hide the rocks in the library," says Anne. "One of the rocks really made itself scarce and took nearly three hours to find! Well done that family, for their persistence."

Photos from the toy sleepover and museum visit are available on the library's Facebook page.

After a busy July, Anne says a more relaxed August will be welcome - although that relaxation may not last long, with library staff in advance-planning mode for participation in October's Arts in the Ville Festival.

Helensville library and the council service centre is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 5pm, and Saturdays from 9.30am to 4pm.

The main hall building is also open from 9.30am, though regular hall and meeting room hirers have access before then through the use of keys or swipe cards. If you need to arrange this, contact Auckland Council venue hire on phone 09 379 2030, or visit: aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/community-venues/Pages/default.aspx.



• Volunteer photographer Richard Joseph photographing toys on Haumanu



• Started toys get up close and personal with Peter the T-Rex



• Pizza for dinner!

CAB meeting will focus on Good Food

Locals will be able to learn about South Kaipara Good Food's nutritional and wholesome difference at the Helensville Citizens Advice Bureau's annual general meeting.

Gemma Donaldson, chief executive of the non-profit organisation, will be guest speaker at the event on Monday, August 22, from 10am in the Kaipara Memorial RSA rooms at 49 Commercial Road.

Gemma will explain how South Kaipara Good Food (SKGF) supports the community by providing access to good food and empowering people with the skills, confidence, connections, and resources to be self-sustainable food-wise.

"We're about building up mana, getting people back on their feet, encouraging community connection, and proving this is a community that cares," she says.

The SKGF kai packs with recipes make a difference for people who are going through the stresses and strains of life.

The organisation provides services through programmes like Kai Collective Te Awaroa and the Food Secure Plan. It is

dependent on donations from funding grants and local donors.

So far, the collective's team of volunteers has made and delivered more than 7800 kai packs and 430 Covid isolation packs.

The food secure team rescues food from all over the South Kaipara, co-ordinates cooking classes, and plants community gardens through the Kai Grow initiative.



• Helensville Community Constable, Senior Constable Melissa Haven (right) with Constable Ursula Lincoln, carrying boxes for delivery by South Kaipara Good Food

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Local renting advice available

Locals with renting issues can get free advice from the volunteers at the Helensville Citizens Advice Bureau.

CAB secretary Rani Timoti says lots of renting problems occur because people don't know their rights and responsibilities as tenants - or as landlords.

Regular issues the CAB deals with include questions about rent payments, bond refunds, disputes over damage and inspections, as well as problems with mouldy, damp housing.

Rani says there are a few key things to remember, especially the legal requirement to have a written tenancy agreement.

"The agreement is your 'go-to' if you have any disputes," she says. "It sets out the terms that you agreed to with your landlord."

Keeping a record noting any changes to the agreement, such as adding or removing any co-tenants, is also advised.

Rani says if renters have any problems, the best thing is to raise them with the landlord as soon as possible.

"It's good to put any issues in writing, so you have a record," she says.

Rani adds there is a wealth of information about renting rights on www.cab.org.nz, or contact the local CAB branch on 09 420 7162 or email helensville@cab.org.nz. Or visit the Helensville CAB office at 27 Commercial Rd between 10am and 1pm Monday to Friday.



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What is it? Museum wants to know

Helensville Museum wants to know what this mystery piece of machinery pictured below is. Contact Leigh Bosch (at left, talking with museum visitors) on 09 420 7881.



from the archives

What was happening this month in Helensville 10, or even 20, years ago? We've trawled through our archives to bring you the highlights from past issues.

■ 10 Years Ago: Aug 2012, Issue # 147

Our front page featured articles about a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Commercial Road, Puriri and Kowhai Streets (which still hasn't happened), and the Western Pioneers winning the North Harbour rugby championship.

Other major articles included:

- 21-year-old Jordan Bradly elected as the youngest Helensville Show president.
- A profile of the new chef at the Riverside Restaurant in Commercial Road.
- Art Exhibition to be part of the four-day Helensville 150th Anniversary.
- Two long-serving women members made life members of the Helensville A&P Association, and two others given Outstanding Service Awards.
- Remake of the movie The Evil Dead being filmed at Old North Road location.
- HIPPY children hold their mid-year celebration.

- Around 300 spectators attend a burnout competition held in Mill Road.
- Parakai mechanics Davey Leach and Noel Bodle start business again after a three year 'retirement'.
- Farewells to two well-known locals, lawn bowls supremo Ivan Kostanich and leading talent scout Mary Throll.
- CAB Helensville receives \$4500 grant from the Lotteries Commission.

■ 20 Years Ago: Aug 2002, Issue # 38

This issue led with an article about Helensville's Janet Heron, who came second in an international speech competition held in Nassau in the Bahamas.

Other articles included:

- An update on plans to move Helensville Museum to its present site at the River Reserve.
- A report from the Helensville/Parakai Urban Ratepayers Association.
- Helensville's Madge Balderston receives a 40-year Volunteer Service Medal from NZ Red Cross.
- Obituary for Ian McLeod.
- Helensville & District Historical Society hold open day in the War Memorial Hall.

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the business

Voting for the North West Country Business awards is now open. If you haven't voted yet and know a great company in Kaukapakapa, Helensville, Parakai, Waimauku, Huapai, Kumeū or Riverhead that you think deserve some recognition, please check out our website to cast your vote!

Our business awards have been on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions, meaning no awards were held in 2021 and the last awards evening was in 2020. Well overdue, these awards are an important date on the business calendar for many businesses and we are excited to be able to hold them once again.

Winners are decided through a combination of rigorous judging, mystery shoppers, and public votes. The awards process also provide participants with valuable feedback on what they are doing right and what they can do to improve on their customer experience, meaning that even the businesses that don't make it through to the finals still get a huge amount of value out of the awards.

Talking about voting, as you are probably aware our local government elections are just around the corner with voting opening in September.

The make-up of our Rodney Local Board is hugely important and can make a difference to our everyday lives, the look and feel of our communities, and how effectively our rates are spent. And from a business point of view, an effective Local Board is vital to our growing local economy. If you know anyone that isn't already enrolled to vote, or if this is the first time they will be eligible to vote, then please encourage them to do so. Voting is important - so have your say.

- Mark Dennis
Chair

North West Country Business Assn



making the difference

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, 92 Commercial Road, Helensville 0800 or fill out the form online at: nickyhorsbrough.harcourts.co.nz. The lucky recipient will receive a \$100 voucher for a local business of their choice plus a bouquet from Love Flowers.

August's recipient is Anna Harding, who chose a voucher for Unichem Pharmacy in Helensville.

Lee was nominated by Jenny Thompson, who says: "I would like to nominate my friend Anna Harding.

"Anna Harding is the type of friend who always has your back, she surprises my family and I by dropping round baking, flowers, and honey and lemon juice when we were unwell. She keeps in regular contact with me, giving me advice, courage, and friendship. Anna deserves this recognition, and I would love to see her get it."



• Anna (left) receives her flowers and voucher from Nicky Horsbrough

We Care Community Trust Grant Funding

In this tough time we are here to help

We Care Community Trust is a recently licensed gaming machines society operating from The Kaipara Tavern in Helensville.

We Care has funding available for qualifying organisations in the local community.

Applications are now being received and considered by the Directors of We Care Community Trust in accordance with their authorised purpose statement and the funds that are available. Applications close at the end of each month for consideration the following month.

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from our local MP

Greetings! As you will likely already know, the Auckland Council elections are coming up in just a couple of months. I would respectfully but strongly encourage you to get out and vote to have your say on the future of our communities.

You might be surprised at just how much power local government has. Then again, if you've had to battle the bureaucracy you may already be all too aware!

From the rates you pay, environmental considerations, cultural events, local playgrounds and parks - these are all within the remit of local government.

In my view, empowering the local board to make more decisions and have much greater budget would be a positive step in the direction of local control. At the moment, more decision making power rests with the governing body located in the city centre. That's a story for another day, however, as it's still important to influence the system in its current form.

At the risk of stating the obvious, local government also sets its own rates. Getting value for money will be something that's important to many readers of *Helensville News* in the squeezed middle.

As your local MP, I always value the opportunity to work alongside local representatives on local issues, so that collectively we can make a difference for our constituents.

While I'm not in the business of endorsing any particular candidates, I can at least encourage everyone to take this local election seriously. Just as in parliamentary elections, you'll have the chance to vote for the candidates you believe will best represent your priorities.

To be able to make an informed voting decision, I recommend you take the time to approach candidates with your questions and ask them to make their own case to you. They should be pleased to have this opportunity.

It's easy to make idealistic arguments in favour of citizens and ratepayers exercising their right to vote. You might be persuaded by the notion that democracy has been hard earned throughout the ages - costing much blood, sweat and tears - or simply want to take part so you can complain afterwards! Whatever your motivation, this is your chance to participate.

Best wishes to everyone, including of course those who put themselves forward to represent.



- Chris Penk

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point of view

Last month the Minister for Transport announced that as part of the Government's \$1.2 billion investment into the transport sector from the Climate Emergency Response Fund, the Government was funding a \$350 million Transport Choices Package which aims to help provide Kiwis with a range of sustainable transport choices across our communities.

The Transport Choices funding would benefit Helensville as the programme is also designed to make public transport more attractive, reliable and easier to use.

This fund is intended to support the rapid-rollout of 100km of safe urban cycleways with a focus on quickly developing protected on-street cycling lanes through road space reallocation.

As well, the fund is designed to develop walkable neighbourhoods by investing in pedestrian facilities like raised pedestrian crossings, footpath widening, low-speed zones, and encouraging safer and more sustainable travel to schools.

From the feedback my office has received, I know Helensville residents want improvements and services that will give them more choices and ease of transport.

So, if you have any suggestions you think will help develop a more sustainable and user-friendly transport system I encourage you to send your suggestions to my office or pass them on to your Rodney Local Board member for the Minister's office to consider.

I would like you to identify any transport-related needs that could be funded from the Transport Choices Package that your community would benefit from, and bring the potential projects in the Helensville area to my attention.



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councillor comment

This month I have been working hard to get a number of repair jobs completed around Helensville. The lights outside Countdown were out for weeks; it was an NZTA asset, not an Auckland Transport problem, but I stepped in anyway to get them fixed.

Same with the lights at the bridge near the Helensville Bakery. They have been not working for months making walking across the bridge at night unpleasant and unsafe.

It has been a mission to get such a simple task actioned with Vector, NZTA, Fulton Hogan, and Auckland Transport all pointing fingers at each other about who should change the light bulbs!

There have also been footpath trip hazards fixed near the chemist, outside the Helensville doctors, and also on the Mill Road bridge.

Auckland Council isn't overly proactive about maintenance repairs and it tends to rely on residents logging complaints. So if you spot any issues you're not happy about, please feel free to see the friendly staff at the Council Service Centre (beside the library) and ask them to log a repair job on your behalf with the Council - or you can phone the Council toll free on 09 301 0101 and report the issue.

A gentle heads-up - I will be asking for you to consider voting me into office as your councillor in this year's October local body elections.

Despite some unsavory actions from toady political allies of the Goff regime I have held firm and refused to sell out my principles of wanting Rodney to get back its fair share of rates, rather than bowing to the actions of others to support Goff to rate us all again with targeted rates for the self-gratification of elected politicians to 'hang their hats on'. Plus I have argued that money can be found by Council getting back to its core business.

I will continue to genuinely put Rodney first, work collaboratively with the Local Board, our Members of Parliament, our community groups, and local ratepayers with an overall goal to have Rodney's rates being spent back in Rodney.

All communities matter and each

deserves a fairer share of the rates they pay spent back in their area.

Helensville is an important country cousin of Auckland central, and we deserve our voice to be heard as equally as any other community.

I have met individually with each of the Mayoral candidates, explaining Helensville's different issues, our finances, and the lack of transparency where rates, our development contributions, and the fuel taxes are being spent. These are figures I have continuously battled Phil Goff to release to all Aucklanders, broken down by individual electoral wards or suburbs.

Finally, as I mentioned in the May edition of *Helensville News* I have asked each Mayoral candidate to make one firm promise.

When the Auckland Super City was being designed, the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance recommended an Independent Service and Performance Auditor be appointed.

The idea was to have a public watchdog to hold both elected members and council staff to account to actually deliver on the Super City efficiency promises, with the power to fully investigate and independently comment on Council's performance at any level, and at any time, across the organisation.

The auditor would also have additional powers to publicly report and comment on their findings completely independently of any political spin doctoring, political pressure or self-interest from council staff. Neither Len Brown nor Phil Goff sought to appoint the job.

It will be interesting to see if any of the contesting mayoral candidates promise to do this during their electioneering.



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community tidbits from town and around

■ HELENSVILLE FLEAMARKET

The next Helensville community flea market and garage sale will be held on Saturday, August 13 in the Helensville War Memorial Hall from 9am to 1pm.

The market will feature bric a brac, second hand clothing, vintage tools, vinyl records, books, baby clothes, toys and games, retro items and collectibles, and second hand household goods. The Helensville Lions Club will be selling second hand books, DVDs, puzzles, and games.

Preference is given to local sellers, while charities and community groups can get a free space to sell. Prospective stall holders should email photos and/or descriptions of what they plan to sell to: remu@xtra.co.nz.

■ WAITOKI MARKET

Colin and Bronwen Cambier of Wainui Valley Mushrooms will be the guests at the next Waitoki Village market on Saturday, August 13.

Exotic mushrooms not only taste good but are reputed to support cholesterol reduction, blood, immune system, and memory, and are full of antioxidants. Visitors to the market will be able to take some home, or get a kit and grow their own.

Colin and Bronwen have raised their family locally and are building a locally-based business to provide fresh mushrooms produced in an environmentally friendly way to the local community - currently pink and grey oyster mushrooms and NZ Lions Mane are available.

Waitoki Market will also have a big selection of pantry fillers from local producers including Anya's fermented foods, traditional pickles, jams and sauces, and cakes and biscuits. Plus there will be the usual wide range of plants, oils, balms, locally crafted gifts, homemade and used bargains.

The market will run from 8.30am to 12.30pm in the Waitoki Hall. All proceeds from the market go back to the local community.

Prospective new stall holders should

phone Gill on 420 3301 or email: markets4waitoki@gmail.com.

■ HELENSVILLE PLANTING DAY

A second planting day at Helensville River Reserve will be held on Sunday, August 21, starting at 9.30 am. The planting is organised by Auckland Council and supported by Helensville Lions Club and other community volunteers.

Volunteers should bring water, suitable rain-proof clothes and shoes, and gloves, and should enter the walkway beside 104 Commercial Road (by the old Helensville Post Office) and follow the path. A barbecue lunch will be provided.

■ 25 YEARS OF THE KOURIER

Kaukapakapa Library will celebrate 25 years of the Kaukapakapa Kourier local newspaper when it next opens on Sunday, August 21 from 9am to 1pm.

Witness to all that happens in Kaukapakapa, the Kourier has reported on the changing community as it has grown from a small rural village to a dormitory suburb for North Auckland over the past quarter century. Now editor Deborah Stites, a frequent part of local events with her ever-ready camera, is stepping back from the role. Kaukapakapa Library will have back issues of the Kourier available for visitors to look through. For more information email Megan at: threehorses@xtra.co.nz, or phone 021 959 017.

■ KAUKAPAKAPA MARKET

The next market is on Sunday, August 21 from 8.30am to 1pm. There will be fresh local produce, native plants and trees, artisan food and preserves, fresh coffee, donuts, cakes, pies, ice cream, handmade crafts and art, knitting, skin care, gifts, jewellery, collectibles and bric-a-brac, and the Helensville Lions books and sausage sizzle. Plus there's live music and free hair plaiting for the children. For more information phone Sarah on 0274 831 542 or email her at: sarah@riversidecrafts.co.nz.

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