

## Huge rebuild underway at Parakai School

Work has begun on a massive rebuilding project at Parakai Primary School.

The project will see the replacement of much of the school, apart from the main block which only opened about 20 years ago and the library.

Already, several rooms have been moved from the school's Fordyce Road boundary and are being set up temporarily on the school playing field for use during the construction phase. While that initial work is done, some children are working in the hall and other available spaces.

The school's existing library building will be moved to the road boundary beside the main building and modernised, while alongside that will be a huge new double-height hall, twice the size of the school's existing facility. Principal Yolanda Choromanski says during the design phase consideration was put into how the local community could use the hall.

The drop-off area in front of the school will be greatly expanded, and a large new carpark added. Yolanda is even hoping to get a fast charger for electric vehicles installed.

Heading off perpendicular to the hall will be another new block with seven classrooms, separated in the middle by a teacher resource room. Each new classroom will have separate 'maker spaces' with

benches, sinks and running water for use with art, science, and technology projects.

The rooms will feature brightly coloured sections, while large sliding doors will enable spaces to be flexible in size and layout.

When finished, the school will boast 11 learning spaces counting the existing rooms.

The existing RTLB (Resource Teacher Learning & Behaviour) building will be relocated behind the new classroom block.

The new buildings' design is the work of Pacific Environments, an architecture firm which has broad experience in the education sector, including the new Huapai School and the rebuild of Riverhead School.

"We want this place to be the pride of Parakai," says Yolanda.

She is hoping the work will all be finished



• An architect's illustration of the new buildings, with the library at centre, the hall at right and the new classroom block behind

in around 18 months, but acknowledges that could extend with delays caused by Covid and building material shortages.

The new buildings have been designed around Parakai School's principle of a thinking-based curriculum - teaching children thinking skills rather than just hard facts, creating a "community of deep thinkers".

Yolanda says the school approaches learning using the Mana Model developed by the Sir John Kirwan Foundation.

"The Mana Model drives how the curriculum is delivered, through the lens of well-being," she says.

"Values are what matter most. The key is to raise great citizens."

Student well-being is foremost at the school, with each week beginning with a Monday 'Positive Start' school assembly.

Yolanda says the school is also "blessed" to have a social worker on-site three days a week - the only school in the South Kaipara to have one - who runs programmes according to the needs of the children.

## Rail Museum reopening

Helensville's Railway Station Museum re-opens this month after a lengthy Covid-enforced closure. It will initially open on just two days each month, the second and fourth Sundays from 10.30am to 3pm.

The museum, at 2 Railway Street, features a large working model railway and other railway exhibits. Admission costs \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, with a \$10 family pass. Eftpos is not available.

The museum's next opening dates will be Sundays June 12 and 26, and July 10 and 24. For more information visit: [www.helensvillerrail.org.nz](http://www.helensvillerrail.org.nz), or email: [helensvillerrailwaystationtrust@gmail.com](mailto:helensvillerrailwaystationtrust@gmail.com).

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## editorial

I had an extremely interesting visit to my 'local' primary school - Parakai School - the other day, catching up with principal Yolanda Choromanski (see front page). It's the school my two daughters went to about 20 years ago, and where I served nine years on the Board of Trustees.

The type of education our children receive today is vastly different from when I went to school, and even from just two decades ago.

Gone are the days of simply learning facts and being able to recite them by rote. Now, the emphasis is on educating children who can think for themselves, teaching them thinking skills rather than just the subject. Having the ability to question why things are the way they are, and how they can be changed, will be invaluable to this generation as they become adults and shape our country's future.

Also gone is the old system of a parent enrolling their child by filling out a form and then leaving their child in the school's care. Now, time is spent with those parents, learning about their whole family and what the family's expectations for their children are at the school.

It's a much more holistic approach to education, where student well-being is at the top of the list rather than perhaps secondary to learning facts, and where the local community is considered a vital part of the education process.

- Dave Addison, Editor

## Council & Library tidbits

Early-bird reminders for dog registrations should be out from June 13. The reduced fee is available until the end of July. Owners can register their dog and pay online at: [aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz), or pay in person at the Council service centre desk.

All Responsible Dog Owner Licence (RDOL) holders are eligible for reduced fees. If you haven't applied for an RDOL before, now is the time to look into that.

A myAUCKLAND account makes it easier to pay rates, manage dogs, and report maintenance problems - plus lots more. Library and service centre staff can help with setting up a myAUCKLAND online account.

Kids Time at the library is now on Wednesday mornings, from 10am to 10.30am. Aimed at under-6s and their grown-ups, each session is adapted to the week's audience. For instance, one week there could be a lot of babies and the next, mostly four-year-olds.

The library's annual Soft Toy Sleepover will be on Tuesday, July 12; more details

next month. Flyers are at the library and on the library Facebook page.

Adults are required to wear masks in the library due to Covid-19. Shelves have been moved to make more space, and family bubbles are asked to stay in their bubbles and keep physical distance from other bubbles.

Locals concerned about bringing their children in for a group session can email: [helenlib@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:helenlib@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz). A one-off session may be able to be organised just for their bubble.

The Helensville library and service centre is open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5pm, and Saturday 9.30am to 4pm.

The hall is open from 9.30am as well. Regular hall or meeting room hirers have access before then through the use of keys or swipe cards. To arrange this, contact Auckland Council venue hire, phone: 09 379 2030 or visit: <https://bit.ly/3wqLxDC>.

Locals can keep up-to-date with library and council matters via Facebook - [HelensvilleLibraryAndServiceCentre](https://www.facebook.com/HelensvilleLibraryAndServiceCentre).

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# Parent Aid celebrating 20 years

Local parent support organisation Parent Aid North West celebrates 20 years in operation this year.

It was started in 2002 by a group of women based in the Helensville area who recognised there was a need for a support system for parents with babies and children under five years of age.

The Parent Aid North West service has broadened and evolved over its two decades, but still delivers a similar service.

"We estimate we have helped more than 2000 families over the past 20 years," says Parent Aid North West chair Ali Seakens.

20 Years' fundraising campaign.

They are asking people to donate \$20 through their Givealittle Page to reflect \$1 for each year the service has been provided locally. Donations can be made at: <https://bit.ly/3MkNFCD>.

"We are mindful that over the past two years both individuals and businesses have seen reduced incomes and increased financial costs," says Ali.

Parent Aid North West provides free practical home help to whanau with babies and children under five years old living in the North West Rodney region.

"Our focus is addressing the needs of parents that are experiencing postnatal depression, anxiety and stress, sleep deprivation, accident, illness, rural isolation or general hardship.

"We assist with household duties, meal preparation, child care, food parcel delivery, and can help with transport so parents can attend medical and well-being appointments," explains Ali.

Parent Aid North West is a not-for-profit

charitable organisation which operates by way of grants, funding and donations. It currently receives no direct government funding. It has eight paid part-time employees who are all mothers themselves and who come from a variety of backgrounds involved around childcare.

"All our home support workers understand that each client's needs will be different, and are incredibly passionate about helping families in our community, says Ali.

"When you are able to assist parents at times of need, ultimately it is to the children's benefit."

The hope is to get 500 people donating \$20 each to raise \$10,000, which will go towards helping more families in the community over the coming years.



• The Parent Aid North West team, L-R: Elanie Claassens, Louise Nasmith, Suzanne McCracken, Diane Pope, Mandy Rhodes, Kennedy Pirret, Kelly Adcock, and Nicki Warhurst

The organisation is celebrating winning \$1000 for taking out first place in Tier 2 of the 2022 New Zealand Charity Reporting Awards. Held by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, the awards recognise excellence in charity reporting.

To mark the organisation's 20th birthday, Parent Aid North West is launching a '\$20 for

## Helensville Show AGM

The Helensville A&P Association will hold its annual general meeting starting 7.30pm at the Helensville Showgrounds on Wednesday, July 13.

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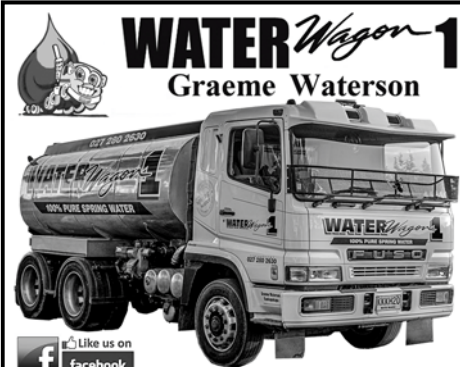


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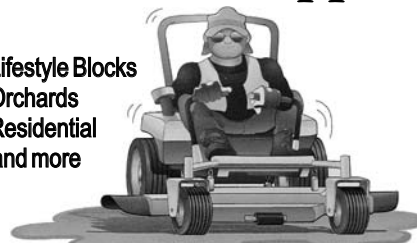


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# Clip clop, clip clop...

The sound of clip-clopping horses' hooves is the first indication Helensville Museum's latest display is something slightly different.

A collection of incredibly detailed models of horse-drawn wagons is now on show in the 'nook', a small room off the side of the museum's courthouse building.

When visitors walk into the room, a motion-activated sensor plays the equine sounds.

The 19 wagons on display - two are just on long-term loan - were made by Henderson model maker Kees van Uden.

A new home had to be found for his model collection when Kees, now in his 90s, moved into a retirement village. His niece, who lives locally, asked on Facebook if anyone knew of a suitable place.

Helensville Museum president Leigh Bosch put up her hand.

She says while the models weren't made locally, they portray the types of carriages used in this area. To that end, they are displayed on shelves along with descriptions and photographs from the museum collection showing similar carriages in use around the South Kaipara.

The level of detail in the models is astonishing, with working springs and brakes, and opening doors and windows. They cover a wide range of wagons, including a Cobb & Co carriage, a DB Breweries wagon, a Hansom cab, and various buggies, sulkies, landaus, and cabriolets.

Along with the carriages - and the detailed horses that accompany some of them - the museum received boxes of other models, which include scale models of full-size furniture Kees made for his home, and various tools and vintage machines.

Kees, who emigrated to New Zealand from The Netherlands in 1960, is a self-taught model-maker who began the hobby

when a teenager. He started making models of vehicles, before shifting his attention to detailed model ships. Then, in the 1980s, he developed an interest in horse-drawn carriages - resulting in Helensville Museum's new collection.



• Some of the wagon models on display at Helensville Museum

Leigh says the museum is coming through the "long process" of treating its entire collection for bug infestations, along with re-cataloguing everything, and estimates the task is now about half done. That means the museum is partially open again, with the courthouse, Hedley House, and Hector Nicholls Barn now all open to the public.

## Workshop on optimising property value

A two-hour Property Value Optimisation workshop will be held on Sunday, June 12 from 9:30am at Kaipara Coast Plants & Sculpture Gardens, just north of Kaukapakapa.

For most people their home is their most significant financial asset, and the workshop will look at maintaining or enhancing it to achieve optimal resale value.

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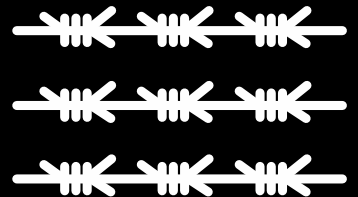
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# Feedback sought on future North West transport options

North West community residents are being urged to provide feedback on long-term transport plans for the high-growth area.

The Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth, a collaborative alliance between Waka Kotahi and Auckland Transport, recently completed a detailed business case setting out long term transport infrastructure to support urban growth in the North West area.

The group has now completed work on the next phase - a mapped transport network that would transform how people move around the North West in the future. The proposed network sets out a number of projects, listed below.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Director Regional Relationships, Steve Mutton says long-term transport connections are vital to support the North West's rapid growth.

"We know the results of not having transport infrastructure included in long-term plans - it is bleak. We want to see the future homes and communities of these high growth areas developed in and around carefully planned transport solutions," he says.

Rodney Local Board chair Phelan Pirrie says the rapid transit corridor in particular

will be transformative for the Kumeū town centre.

"Fast frequent public transport in Kumeū is a future everyone in the community would be excited about," he says. "Starting the planning also now means local businesses and residents can consider any impacts and options early," he says.

Feedback is sought on the strategic projects anticipated for delivery in the next 10 to 30 years, including:

- A future rapid transit corridor between Redhills North and Kumeū-Huapai.
- A station at Huapai with an adjacent park and ride.
- A station near the Kumeū town centre.
- A cycling and walking corridor alongside the rapid transit corridor connecting Whenuapai and the northern part of Redhills to Kumeū-Huapai.
- An alternative State Highway - a new route extending the existing North Western Motorway from Brigham Creek Road to State Highway 16 east of Waimauku.
- A new interchange at SH16 Brigham Creek Road.

More information including an interactive map and feedback form are available online at: <https://bit.ly/38vP0rE>

# Disruption-themed photo exhibition

As a part of the 'Disruption'-themed Auckland Festival of Photography, Helensville Art Centre is holding a show by local photography artists titled 'Disruption Through an Internal Lens'. The exhibition runs until Saturday, June 25.

It will be the centre's first awards exhibition, with the winner, chosen by a guest judge, receiving a \$250 cash prize.

Matariki follows the Festival of Photography with an exhibition in July at the Art Centre.

Artists can either enter artworks which represent Matariki for exhibit in the main gallery, or make works to go on show in the media room gallery which will feature an installation of stars.

"For those who delve in crafts this is an ideal way to display your artistic talent," says Art Centre manager Yvonne Abercrombie. Stars can be in any media, including crochet, painting, sculpture, photography, knitting, collage, or even jewellery.

The centre will run a Star Making Workshop with Jo Dixey on Saturday, June 25 from 10am to 1pm to mark Matariki. Jo will use quilting methods to make Matariki stars which will be included in the media room installation. Email: [manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz](mailto:manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz) to book for the workshop or for an entry form for the Matariki exhibition.

The Matariki exhibition will run for all of July.

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# Amazing path on road to ministry

*Here's the second half of our profile of Helensville's new Māori Anglican minister Jacynthia Murphy, which follows her return to New Zealand after her years in Australia.*

Back in the Hokianga, Jacynthia was instrumental in bringing back to life the tiny 1884 Omanaia Methodist Church. Like Helensville it is a co-operating parish, and she found an Anglican minister prepared to hold monthly services there.

After one service she noticed he appeared unwell. After helping him pack up after the service, she drove him to the local hospital where he held another service, and then was invited back to his home for dinner.

She decided on the spot to train as a priest.

"I told him: 'I've got a cheek to sit in that pew week after week and have you serve me when you are not well. I'm going to put my hand up and train for the ministry so you don't have to do that as often.'"

The minister was thrilled and offered to speak with the bishop about it the next day. The following morning Jacynthia learned he had died overnight, but the minister's wife told the bishop instead, and Jacynthia was brought on board straight away.

She spent the next years completing her theological studies at Te Whare Wānanga o te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, St John's Theological College, and the University of Otago, doing a double major in theology and ministry.

She did all that while still working at the Far North District Council.

"I had to give up a lot of annual leave for studies," she laughs, "but I went into it with my eyes wide open, and loved it. I loved learning, meeting new people, being with like-minded people.

"It was a soup bowl of moments that enhanced my life."

Her ministry has since covered both the Hokianga and Auckland diocese. In the former she often found herself travelling many kilometres to hold services in three different churches in a single day - all unpaid as she was non-stipendary at that stage (although then still working for the Far North District Council).

Jacynthia has held many other roles in the Anglican church in addition to being a parish priest.



She is coming up on five years as the Operations Support Manager for the church's General Synod office, and has served on the governance board of the Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat since 2015.

Last year she presented at the Conference of Peoples (COP) 15 on global biodiversity, and also attended COP 26 in Glasgow on climate change.

Earlier this year she was part of a delegation which represented the Anglican church at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, which focused on climate change and escalating environmental disasters.

She has served on the Council for Ecumenism, and spent a number of years as a scribe for the Common Life Liturgical Commission, working with translators on the te reo Māori version of the Anglican prayer book.

Now, she is holding her ministry as Helensville's first Māori woman priest.

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Locals can now book a court at the Helensville Tennis Club online - whether they are club members or not.

Last year the club raised more than \$15,000 to install a Club Spark court booking system, which allows users to book one of the astroturf courts. It's free for members and just \$5 per court for non-members. Court bookings can be made online at [www.helensvilletennis.co.nz](http://www.helensvilletennis.co.nz), and users get a unique access code to enter the recently refurbished courts.

Auckland Council is undertaking an extensive refurbishment of the club's Rautawhiri Park Pavilion building, due to be completed by the end of July. Once finished the building will again be available for hire by the public for events and functions.

Helensville Tennis Club has had a successful Tennis Northern interclub season, fielding more teams than in previous years. Five teams - the Mens 9, Mixed Doubles 4 and 9, Junior Girls U18b, and Girls Elite (pictured at right) - won their grades, finishing top of the table. Prize giving for the senior teams will take place later in the year at the Albany Tennis Park and the Junior teams' prizegiving will be held at the next club AGM on June 18.

The club provides tennis for players of all levels, within a friendly community. Established in 1913, the club has four fully lit astroturf courts and four hard courts.



# New Anglican minister cont...

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"This is not the first time I've been the first Maori woman - that seems to follow me around," she says. "My ministry has been pioneering in many ways, as a woman, and as an indigenous person."

"This is the second pākehā parish I've served in the Auckland diocese."

Serving in Sandringham she was questioned as to why a Māori priest had been sent "when there were no Māori in the pews". She told them there was a Māori there - her. During her time there she introduced both the Cook Islands and Tongan communities to the church, as well as the Māori Anglican choir.

She explains it was about introducing the congregation to something outside themselves.

"It's really important for churches to look outward and be a part of the community," she says.

"Where once it wasn't thought to be part of the ministry of a priest to attend Lions meetings or go to this meeting or that

meeting and go to all these functions, I see them as imperative.

"This is a community and we are one part. The community doesn't belong to us, we belong to the community. It's about the church being in the community. That's where I come from, I feel strongly about it and I've learnt through my own experience and observations that that is the only way the churches are going to survive."

Jacynthia says since arriving in Helensville, she has received strong support from local Māori.

"I was looking for ways to make headway into marae. Word got out and people mentioned my name and next minute I'm getting texts and messages. That's the kumara vine at work."

"There's this hunger in the Māori community here. That they have discovered there's a Māori minister excites them. They want to have communion, and they want to do that with their pākehā brothers, not by themselves."

To that end, St Matthews held its inaugural Tikanga Rua service in late May.



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# the business

News headlines have been focused on the new government budget lately, and I have been going through it closely to see if this budget will benefit our local businesses in anyway.

With a strong focus on the environment and health there wasn't a lot of room for business support and development.

One budget line that did stand out was the \$100m business growth fund, which will essentially allow businesses to apply to sell shares directly to the government. The government will only ever be a minor share holder, but has promised they would be an "active investor" in small businesses, providing "wrap-around support" and networking opportunities as well as access to growth capital.

This fund is an exciting one for businesses looking to expand but who do not want to get into more debt to fund their expansion. Having the support of an active investor could be exactly what some of our local businesses are looking for. Very little detail is available on how this will work and how businesses will be assessed and valued, but we will keep our members updated once this becomes available.

Matariki is coming! An exciting time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead. And for the first time we will be getting a public holiday on Friday, June 24 which should provide a good boost to business during a particularly slow time of the year - and a much-needed long weekend.

To celebrate Matariki the North West Country Business Association, with funding from the Government's Reactivate Tamaki Makaurau fund, will be running four Matariki Family events across the North West in June and July - Helensville June 5, 12pm-4pm behind the War Memorial Hall; Kaukapakapa June 19, 8am-4pm at the market, Muriwai June 26, 12pm-4pm at the Surf Club; and Huapai July 3, 12pm-4pm at the Huapai hub behind the Art Centre. All these events will be free for everyone and will have live music, food trucks, kids' entertainment, and thanks to Helensville Recycling all the events will be zero waste.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Matariki with your friends and whānau.

- 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](http://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.

June's recipient is Sophie Hart, who chose a \$100 voucher for the House of Patchwork in Helensville.



• Sophie (right) receives her voucher and flowers from Nicky Horsbrough

Sophie was nominated by neighbour Shay Bruce, who says: "She had been amazing this last year. When I was in labour at home she ran out to grab supplies and dropped off dinner for my partner. She brings me amazing baked goods and takes Māia whenever I need a break. I could not have survived some days without her; she is just so deserving of a treat."

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## point of view

This year's Budget sets out the next steps in our plan to build a secure future for New Zealand. It includes a cost of living package which will help ease the pressure for many people in Helensville, and which includes a new temporary payment to help Kiwis earning up to \$70,000 a year facing higher food and power bills.

It also includes an extension to the fuel tax cut, reduced road user charges, and half-price public transport for a further two months - and public transport fares for people on low incomes are being permanently halved. Alongside these measures, we're taking action on supermarkets to make sure Kiwis are paying a fair price at the checkout.

It is important we do what we can to take the hard edges off the global factors that are affecting us here in New Zealand, and these measures will help families in the Helensville area and across the country.



- Marja Lubeck  
Labour List MP in Kaipara ki Mahurangi  
marja.lubeck@parliament.govt.nz

## local board matters

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Either way it seems the costs of a private development are going to be externalised onto the community, either through more traffic misery and costs to businesses, or via higher taxes and rates to cover the costs of infrastructure.

Perhaps government should consider an urgent change to the RMA to put a hold on large scale Private Plan Changes until a national system of infrastructure funding arrangements can be developed.

In the meantime, the Auckland Council Planning Committee should seriously consider declining any Private Plan Changes for the North West until comprehensive transport infrastructure planning and budgets have been prepared.

Watch this space: we will looking for opportunities for the public to let their views be known to decision makers.

- Phelan Pirrie  
Chair, Rodney Local Board  
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# local board matters

Is traffic on SH16 about to get a whole lot worse for everyone from Helensville to Riverhead?

You might be thinking it couldn't get much worse, but if Fletcher Living gets its way traffic along the highway could be about to grind to a complete halt. Those in Helensville, Waimauku, Muriwai, Huapai, and Kumeū will be affected.

The land zoned for future urban development in Riverhead, Kumeu, and Huapai is likely to provide over 7000 dwellings - roughly 20,000 new residents. This future urban land is supposed to be developed over the decade following 2028 according to Auckland Council's Future Urban Land Supply Strategy.

Fletcher Living, which has purchased future urban land in Riverhead, is not prepared to wait for council planning and is lodging what is called a 'Private Plan Change'. This allows developers to change council District Plans, in our case the Auckland Unitary Plan.

Private Plan Changes need to be approved by the Auckland Council Planning Committee, made up of councillors. They can be declined if there is insufficient evidence that developers have addressed key issues such as infrastructure provision.

Timing development allows council sufficient time to prepare planning and budgets for infrastructure to meet the growing community from 2028.

An example of this early planning is the work the Supporting Growth Agency is currently consulting on, including planning and protecting the land required for the \$1 billion alternative route around Kumeū to the future urban land, and the Rapid Transport / Mass Transit Route to Huapai.

None of this work is based on house building starting in the next few years.

There is a glaring hole in the proposal Fletcher Living has presented to the community. How will the thousands of new residents in the area they wish to develop get out of Riverhead, along the Coatesville Riverhead Highway, onto SH16, and then onwards from there?

It is estimated around \$300 million worth

of transport infrastructure will be needed for the 2000 to 3000 houses that can be built in Riverhead. To be clear, neither Auckland Transport nor NZTA have done any planning or business case preparation, and as a result there are no budgets proposed for this work in their 10 year plans. This is because council is working to its own publicly consulted timeline for development.



Council is not keeping up with the investment required for current development and is in a dire financial situation because of the pandemic. There's no room to borrow the additional money needed to invest in new infrastructure beyond what is budgeted.

Central government appears to be dialling back on spending to achieve a Budget surplus, and in the last few weeks Budget discussions saw commentators noting the \$100 billion plus of unfunded infrastructure requirements across the country. National says it would cut taxes and spending, so it doesn't seem like there is the sort of funding required to allow any early development of urban land in our district.

Even if these agencies started planning for this today and the money was available, in the most optimistic estimate construction wouldn't be possible until 2028.

Fletcher Living planning staff claim the long overdue SH16 safety improvements will somehow solve this issue. I can't work out if that is naively optimistic or deeply cynical, as that is a safety project, not one to deal with thousands of new houses. This work may start in 2024 but could be held up for another few years; meanwhile Fletcher Living plans to start earthworks next year.

If Fletcher Living won't pay for everything that is needed, council doesn't have the money, and neither does central government. If the Plan Change is approved, anyone who uses SH16 for business, work or other travel should expect total gridlock within three years.

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community tidbits from town and around

## ■ WAITOKI MARKET

Two special guests will feature at the next Waitoki market, in the Waitoki Hall on Saturday, June 11, from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

Murray van Hoorn is an accomplished violinist who has played with orchestras internationally and is the recipient of the 2022 Daphne Stevens Music Scholarship.

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Market stalls will include baked goods, plants, oils, balms, locally crafted gifts, homemade and used bargains, and preserves. Proceeds from the market go to the Waitoki community.

Prospective new stall holders should phone Gill on 420 3301 or email: waitokihall@gmail.com.

## ■ STAR ATTRACTION - WHETŪ HARAKEKE

Matariki is both the name of the Pleiades star cluster and the celebration of its first rising in late June or early July. Of the nine stars of Matariki visible to us, each of the whetū are associated with an aspect of wellbeing and the environment in te ao Māori.

2022 marks the first year that Matariki has been celebrated as a national holiday. To mark the occasion, locals can visit historic Kaukapakapa Library and learn about the ways of working with harakeke (flax) to create a whetū (star) for Matariki.

The library will be open on Sunday, June 19 from 9am to 1pm in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa market. For more information email Megan at: threehorses@xtra.co.nz, or phone: 021 959 017.

## ■ KAUKAPAKAPA MARKET

The June Kaukapakapa market will be held in conjunction with Auckland Council's Matariki event on Sunday, June 19 from 8.30am to 4pm.

As well as entertainment in the hall from Foster on the tenor sax and the market's regular selection of stalls, food, and coffee, from midday there will be children's entertainment, a live band, and food trucks, with the later closing time of 4pm.

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