

## Sculpture to mark town entrance

Helensville is to get a dramatic town entrance sculpture, courtesy of the Helensville Lions Club and renowned local sculptor Jeff Thomson.

Standing seven to eight metres tall, it's hoped it will be located on one of the grassed areas in front of Helensville Museum in Mill Road.

The colourful sculpture will depict an aerial view of the Helensville area, showing the Kaipara River, railway, and main roads and township areas. It will be mounted up high on a support designed to look like a kauri tree trunk.

The sculpture was the idea of Lion Dennis Cummings, who says Lions members voted almost unanimously for this design from several options provided by Jeff Thomson.

"I've often thought over the years that we should have something," says Dennis. "There's nothing [currently] to welcome people to the town."

He adds the Lions club is "very keen" on the project, which should help engender pride in our town, while at the same time recognising the work of probably



• Jeff Thomson (left) and Dennis Cummings with a prototype model of the sculpture

Helensville's most famous artist.

The Lions Club has pledged \$20,000 toward the project, which Dennis expects to cost \$60,000 in total. A large part of that cost will go on things like engineering design, resource consent, and health and safety, plus the main structural construction which will have to be done by a qualified engineer.

Dennis expects it will take 12 to 18 months to raise the rest of the funds for the sculpture, and then Jeff says it will take another "good six months" of work to actually create. The Auckland Council public arts team is helping Jeff with all the regulatory requirements.

Jeff stresses the existing design is a

prototype "which will definitely change".

"That's what I like, to keep changing it until I come up with the best design," he says. "It's very early days, but I think the concept will work well."

He has met with local iwi and is looking to incorporate Māori references into the design, probably in the form of printed-on patterns on the structure. The whole structure will be "enriched with layers of patterns and designs".

While based on an aerial view of the area, Jeff says the final version won't be to scale and will be quite abstract.

"It will have realism, but also abstraction."

Because of its large size it will probably be made in aluminium - rather than the corrugate iron Jeff is better known for - and the design is full of holes which will help reduce wind resistance.

The prototype model plus design sketches will be launched to the public, at a yet to be determined location, during Arts in the Ville over Labour Weekend.

Jeff has works in collections, museums and art galleries throughout New Zealand and overseas, and this latest project won't be his first 'town entrance' job either - he created in 2000 the well-known giant gumboot sculpture in Taihape.

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## editorial

I hate politics. I really do.

Supporters of political parties, of whatever flavour, can be so one-eyed about things it makes me cringe. Each side seems to think the other side is going to destroy our country, and only 'their' party will see things right. They've been talking like that for as long as I've been able to vote - about 45 years - and probably since well before that, too.

And guess what - over all those years, no government of either stripe has ruined New Zealand. Sure, there have been ups and downs, but on the whole we are still a country that works reasonably well and is in many ways the envy of much of the world.

Yes, there are plenty of things which could currently be better, such as the cost of living, housing and fuel prices, the medical system ... but look around the world and you'll soon see these aren't uniquely New Zealand problems, they are for the most part world-wide.

Starting on Page 10, we have an election feature with candidates telling us a bit about themselves and their party policies. Of the major parties, only ACT declined to take part. Hopefully this feature may help you to at least become more familiar with our candidates, and perhaps help you decide who to vote for.

As I see it, most of the major parties have some good ideas and some bad ones, so it's a matter of balancing those off against one another.

And now I'm going to bang my head against a brick wall and ask people not to blindly vote for a party, or to be selfish and only think of what's in it for them, but rather try to consider what's best for all of New Zealand and vote accordingly.

- Dave Addison, Editor

## Chance to win Jeff Thomson sculpture

The prize for the annual treasure hunt being held as part of this year's Arts in the Ville festival over Labour Weekend will be a floral bouquet made from corrugated iron by local sculptor Jeff Thomson.

It will be on display during the three-day arts festival, but the location wasn't known at the time of going to print.

The treasure hunt clues will be flowers in odd places throughout the town.

Helensville Museum will have two artists on site - Adrian Cook and Megan Williams - over the weekend. The museum will also be holding an exhibition of old flour sacks embroidered by local artists.

Blacksmith Chris Ellwood (pictured at right during last year's Arts in the Ville) will be returning with his forge this year, running an interactive display creating items during the event. He'll be found in Leda Daniel's studio garden.

Brochures, including a map of all venues, will be available online in early October at [www.artsintheville.co.nz](http://www.artsintheville.co.nz), and at the artists' studios and Arts in the Ville headquarters during the event.



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# Tribute drive for 'Mr Thrifty'

The Kaipara Classic Car Club is putting together a memorial car run for Lindsey Raine - known to most locals as Mr Thrifty - who passed away recently.

It's open to anyone who wants to remember Lindsey - not just car club members.

Lindsey operated his Mr Thrifty auto supplies business for many years in Helensville, initially in Railway Street before moving to a large shed behind his house in Parkhurst Road. He was renowned as a source of often hard-to-find parts and fittings, seemingly always able to quickly put his finger on whatever his customer wanted from the huge stock in his shed.

Locals wanting to take part in the run should meet at the Black Pete's carpark at Parakai at 11am on Sunday, November 5. The drive will leave at 11:15am, heading through Helensville township and then down to the Huapai Tavern for those who wish to have lunch or a drink while sharing memories and listening to stories of Lindsey's antics.



• 'Mr Thrifty' Lindsey Raine with his giant pet steer, Hoover

Lindsey was well known in this area and club members would love to see as many locals as possible help them acknowledge his passing by taking part in the tribute run.

## Golf Club's 75th birthday

Helensville District Golf Club will mark its 75th anniversary over Labour Weekend, with three days of events planned.

The club was incorporated as a society on August 18, 1948 and has been holding events throughout this year to celebrate the ensuing 75 years. Those celebrations will culminate with more formal events over the long weekend.

On Saturday, October 21 there will be a formal lunch with guests including former presidents, mens and ladies captains, 9-hole convenors and patrons, along with life members, current committee members, and long standing current club members.

The club will launch a publication celebrating its 75 year history at the lunch, and everyone attending an event over the long weekend will receive a complimentary copy.

An 18 Hole golf day with a shotgun start at 9am followed by a lunch and a guest speaker will be the feature event for Sunday, October 22. It's open to all current 18-hole members of the club and some invited former members. On Labour Day Monday, October 23 there will be a 9-hole golf day with a shotgun start at 9am followed by a lunch, open to all current 9-hole members of the club.

A wide range of 75th Jubilee branded memorabilia will be available, including polo shirts, golf balls, golf towels, pitch repairers, ball markers and the anniversary booklet.

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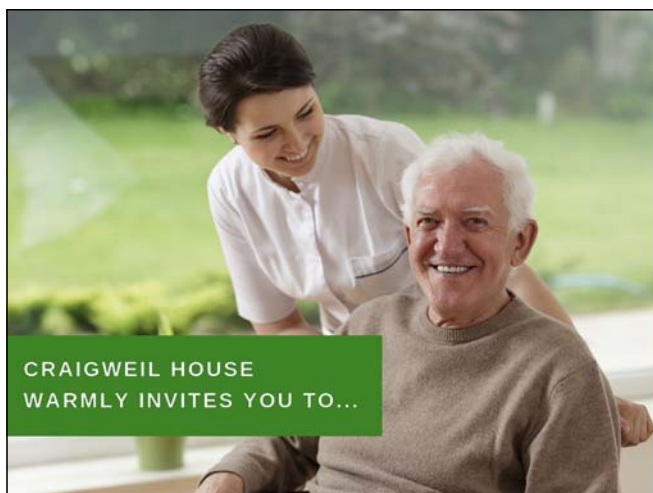
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# Temporary closure of Kaipātiki Reserve facilities

The public toilet, old playground, and campground at Kaipātiki Reserve in Parakai will be closed until late November for construction work on the redevelopment there.

While that work is on, public toilets are still available in Helensville at Creek Lane and Rautawhiri Park.

The project is being undertaken by Te Poari o Kaipātiki ki Kaipara, a co-governance between mana whenua, Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara, and Auckland Council.

"We appreciate our community's understanding and cooperation during the temporary closure period," says Te Poari chair Tamaki Mercer.

When complete the redeveloped reserve will feature:

- A new playground which incorporates māra hūpara (traditional Māori play elements);
- A basketball court;
- Barbeque and picnic table spaces;
- New public toilets, paths, and enhancements to the reserve entrance and parking;
- Improved campground access;
- Soft landscaping and planting;
- Improvements to site drainage.

Te Poari aims to deliver a world-class recreational facility which aligns with the

unique natural surroundings of Kaipātiki Reserve, incorporating sustainable design elements to maximise benefits for the community.

Tamaki sees the park's transformation as an important investment.

"This major capital works playscape project at Kaipātiki Reserve represents an important investment in the local community's recreational infrastructure," she says.

"The playscape will serve as a dynamic and innovative space, designed to inspire cultural connections with the stories of Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara, imaginative play, physical activity, and environmental awareness that forms a major kaitiaki (caring) for the taiao (environment)."

Signage has been placed around the reserve to guide visitors and pedestrians towards alternative routes during the construction, and safety fencing has been installed. Display boards with more detail about the project are situated at the reserve.

"We are all humbled to witness the transformation of this historic place and are committed to bringing together top designers to connect Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara pūrākau (stories), encourage active outdoor space and a deep connection with the natural environment," says Tamaki.

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# Kaukapakapa School 150th

Kaukapakapa School will celebrate its 150th anniversary with two packed days of events later this month.

The celebration will be held on Friday, 27 and Saturday, 28 October.

Following registration on the Friday, participants will be able to visit the classrooms from 9.30am to 10.30am to see the school's learning environments.

After the supplied morning tea students will put on performances. At midday there will be a Flag Ceremony, something which has happened at the school's previous anniversary celebrations as a time to remember past pupils and history.

In the afternoon attendees are invited to visit the Kaipara Coast Sculpture Garden, where lunch will be available.

The Saturday is the school's official anniversary day, and is being combined with

its annual Agricultural Day. Students' animals will be judged from 8.45am.

At 10.30am there will be a Young Farmer competition with a difference. For Years 6 and 7 pupils, the competition will feature activities based on the past.

The senior kapa haka group will perform at 11am, followed by speeches and a dedication to former principal, the late Tony Westrupp. Music and lunch will follow, with raffle prizes announced and presentation of the animal cups at 1pm. From 2.30pm to 4.30pm the bowling club will be open for guests to have afternoon tea and a chat.

The 150th celebrations will finish with a three-course Anniversary Dinner complete with a live band and dancing.

Online registrations are still open at: [www.kaukapakapa.school.nz/150th-anniversary-2023](http://www.kaukapakapa.school.nz/150th-anniversary-2023).

# Library, service centre may close

It is looking likely that Helensville Library and the Auckland Council Service Centre may have to close towards the end of October and into early November so more remedial building work can be carried out as part of the ongoing revamp of the Helensville War Memorial Hall complex.

Notices of any closures will be listed on the Facebook page at: [facebook.com/HelensvilleLibraryAndServiceCentre](https://facebook.com/HelensvilleLibraryAndServiceCentre).

"Before making a special trip to visit us, it may be worth checking if we are open," suggests Anne Coppell, senior librarian for children and youth.

The best ways to do this are:

- Phone Auckland Council (open 24/7 and toll free): 09 301 0101.
- Phone Auckland Libraries: 0800 695 427.

October means spring, which in turn means planting time for gardens. The library currently has a gardening display of both books and magazines with planting tips, design ideas, and garden themes.

There's also have a sneak preview of the 2024 Helensville Show's horticultural and floral classes.

Regular library events:

Kids Time: Wednesdays, 10am to 10.30am, for under 6s and their grown-ups to share songs, rhymes, and stories.

Crafternoon: Thursdays at 3.30pm. Sessions for both adults and children are a chance to learn new skills, teach others, and chat.

Book Chat: Fourth Thursday of the month at 10am, a chance to share books you've read with fellow readers.

The Library and Service Centre is open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5pm, and Saturdays 9.30am to 4pm

## Trade & free community sites for Helensville Show

Trade sites for next year's Helensville Show on February 24 can now be booked for both commercial sites and food stands.

Also available are 10 free sites for local community not-for-profit organisations and clubs, which will be allocated on a first in, first served basis.

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# Alan Hargreaves passes away

## Alan Arnold Hargreaves

July 21, 1939 - September 3, 2023

Alan Hargreaves, who was involved in many aspects of the local community including the Helensville Rugby Club, the Helensville Railway Museum Trust, ratepayers associations, the Odd Fellows Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, and the Helensville A&P Show, passed away in early September.

Alan was born at Takapuna on July 21, 1939. The middle of three brothers, he was raised on a farm at the end of Onereri Road near Kaiwaka, and by all accounts had an idyllic upbringing.

He was educated at home via correspondence for the first few years until a local school opened. During those first years his parents often had to hunt high and low for him when it was lesson time; he had a favourite hiding place under a daisy bush beneath the windows. That was also a go-to place for smoking a stolen cigarette!

The school on Onereri Road was a one room affair catering mostly for the extended Hargreaves family and was still standing there in a paddock through till the late 1980s.

After his primary school years, Alan went to boarding school at Kaikohe where he studied among other things agriculture, something he was very passionate about his entire life.

He then worked on the family farm, specialising in raising pigs, taking them to shows and winning lots of awards including Royal Show grand champion several times. He even judged livestock at some shows.

There are stories from around that time of drives with mates to dances in Whangarei

and Auckland, masking the smell of alcohol on his breath not because of the police but because the girls wouldn't dance with him if they smelt it. He was a big hit with the ladies - at least according to Alan himself!

The Hargreaves' homestead was by the water's edge of a bay in the northern part of the Kaipara harbour, which led to a passion for boating - particularly speed boat racing. The family would travel with their launch and speed boats to attend regattas all over the harbour. At one stage he held the trophy for the fastest boat on the Kaipara.

People cruising the Kaipara sometimes used to anchor in the bay and occasionally would come to the house. One such family was the Hansons of Helensville with their boat full of teenage girls. By all accounts it was love at first sight when Alan clapped eyes on eldest daughter Joy; the feeling was mutual.

Their courtship was a long-distance affair involving bus and train rides between Kaiwaka and Helensville, the train travel possibly driving Alan's interest in Helensville's railway



• Alan Hargreaves

history in his later years.

Alan and Joy married in St Matthew's Church in Helensville on April 20, 1963, and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

They lived in a small cottage on the Hargreaves family farm until moving to Helensville in 1965 to share milk for Joy's father, and a couple of years later they purchased the farm from him.

Life wasn't easy financially in those days and Alan worked hard to ensure his wife and sons Keith and Rod were provided for.

In 1980 the farm was sold and the family

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moved to a 25 acre block at Parakai.

Although this brought about a change in occupation Alan could never shake his farming passion, so he established the Kaipapa Red Devon cattle stud on his new land, and in the following years purchased other blocks of land to extend the herd.

He and Joy also grew feijoas for market, a legacy of his experiments with growing kiwifruit, grapefruit, tamarillos, and feijoas in their earlier years on the dairy farm.

After the move to Parakai Alan wasn't quite sure what he wanted to do for a living.

He was talked in to becoming an insurance salesman by a friend and was within days of signing up when approached by someone from Wrightsons Real Estate who suggested selling real estate might be his calling - which turned out to be the case.

He worked with Wrightsons selling real estate in the local area for next few years, then shifted to Bayley's Real Estate handling commercial and industrial property throughout West Auckland - saying that he loved his job so much he would dream about it at night. His crowning achievement was brokering the land deal that led to the establishment of the Westgate shopping centre.

Alan retired from real estate in 2007 but still called in to the office once or twice a week for the next few years, helping to broker deals and mentoring new estate agents.

A busy man, Alan didn't let retirement slow him down much. He was always off to one of the properties to check stock, feed hay, mend fences, weed spray, or attend meetings. He told his nurses in the hospital that he couldn't possibly stay there as there were too many things that needed doing.

In 2008 Alan and Joy built a new house on one of their blocks on the South Head peninsula with sweeping views over the Kaipara Harbour. They lived there until

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earlier this year when they moved to the Parkhurst area to be closer to town.

Alan loved travel, both in New Zealand and overseas. He and Joy travelled extensively overseas and in later years took family with him to share those experiences. Right up to the end he was planning a family holiday to Fiji and it was only his ill health that stopped that happening.

Alan was also a rugby fanatic. He played the game from a young age right through until no longer physically able to. When he and Joy moved to Helensville the local rugby club was defunct so, with a group of fellow enthusiasts, he set about establishing what is today known as the Helensville District Rugby Football Club.

He coached and managed teams and worked hard in the administration of the club and was made a delegate to the Auckland Rugby Union. Son Keith remembers in the 1970s being shown the Ranfurly shield, secreted away under Alan's bed!

In later years Alan was made a patron of the rugby club, and was also a founder of the North Harbour Rugby Union. In his final weeks at home he had been eagerly looking forward to the beginning of the 2023 rugby World Cup.

In 2003 Alan took on the role of leading the running of the Helensville Railway Station from the late Arnold Gosling and his partner Gail Oxtan. They had purchased the station in the early 1990s from NZ Railways. Under Alan's leadership a Charitable Trust was formed to preserve the 1881 station, which is registered as a historic place.

Alan managed the railway station building tenancies, ensuring a steady stream of income used to maintain the station building - the 'old girl' as Alan called it.

Next, he led a project to construct the Helensville Railway Museum, which opened in 2013 and welcomes many visitors, both locals and visitors to the town.

He resigned as chairman of the Helensville Railway Station Trust after 20 years earlier this year due to ill health. He became Patron of the Trust, and will be honoured by the museum building being named for him.

At the Helensville A&P Show, as well as exhibiting his Red Devon cattle, Alan used to organise the entertainment, was the announcer before Hilty, and helped organise the 100th Show in 2002.



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## First CAB co-ordinator calls in



This is 90-year-old Jennie Thomas, who was Helensville's first Citizens Advice Bureau co-ordinator way back in 1991.

She's pictured with current CAB manager Rani Timoti, who she caught up with when she and her husband Glynn, 91, called in to visit the recently-relocated CAB.

Jennie and Glynn were treated to a tour of the new Commercial Road premises and a cuppa and chat with Rani and the day's rostered volunteers, Frank Bosch and Andrea Kumerich. Photos were taken for the organisation's archives.

As well as being Helensville CAB's first co-ordinator in 1991 Jennie also started the town's budgeting service and food bank.

The visit was something of a walk down memory lane for Jennie, who said in her day there were only four volunteers and the main client enquiry was people seeking help with paying bills.

The elderly couple were impressed with the spacious new premises compared to the tiny venue the CAB originally operated from.

Jennie began her CAB 'career' as a volunteer at CAB Mt Eden as she wanted to give back to her community. She was awarded a QSM for voluntary service.

The Thomas' have lived in Whangamata for 32 years, and called into the CAB following a visit to see family in Whangarei.

In an email the day after their visit, Glynn said it had been a boost for Jennie's morale - and added he felt all volunteers should receive a QSM medal.

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# Out of zone enrolments

Up to 20 places are available for out-of-zone Years 0-8 students at Helensville Primary School for next year.

Applications for the 2024 out of zone places close on Sunday, October 15 and should be in writing to principal Richard Bennett at: [principal@helensville.school.nz](mailto:principal@helensville.school.nz).

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- Applicants accepted for a special programme (there is currently no such programme);
- Siblings of current students;
- Siblings of former students;
- Children of former students;
- Children of board employees or board members;
- All other applicants.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of available places, students will be selected by a ballot on Wednesday, October 18. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three working days of it being held.

## 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: Oct 2013, Issue #160

Our front page covered the moving of Helensville's historic cairn with its commemorative plaques from its old home outside the former Helensville Borough Council building on the corner of Commercial Road and Rata Street to a new site by the entrance to Helensville Museum.

Other articles included:

- Historic steam train Diana, with 300 people on board, visited Helensville on a trip from Waiuku.
- Seven-week touch rugby competition starts.
- Museum holds heritage-based fun activity day as part of the Auckland Heritage Festival.
- Helensville A&P Show offering a limited number of free trade sites for local community groups and not-for-profits.
- New home-based early childhood education service called Kids Create starts locally.
- Locals get chance to see giant Clydesdale horses ploughing at Peacemakers in Parakai.
- Two local markets start up, a Helensville Farmers Market at the showgrounds, and a regular market in the War Memorial Hall.
- Candidates for Rodney Local Board in the Auckland Council elections have their say.
- Former long-time local resident John Old celebrated his 100th birthday.
- Ten Helensville Primary children compete at the North Island Primary and Intermediate School Ski Championships at Whakapapa.
- Railway Museum to open in December.

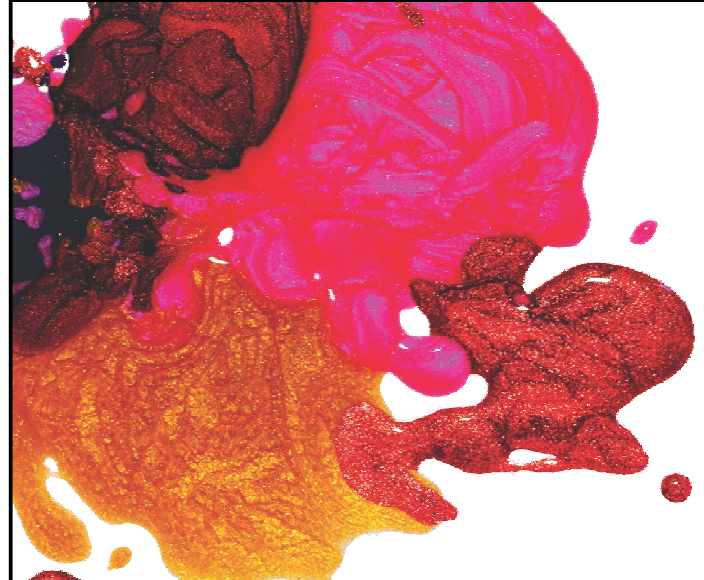
### ■ 20 Years Ago: Oct 2003, Issue #51

The lead article was about work starting on the relocation of Helensville Museum to its new (present) site at the Helensville River Reserve, following years of fundraising and planning, and weeks of delays because of bad weather.

Other articles included:

- Third Spring Fling, held at the Shelly Beach garden of Jeanette and Hilton Jones, a huge success.
- Helensville A&P Association to hold a Garden Party fundraising event at the Mangakura Road garden of Marie and Murray Narbey.
- Changes to local touch rugby competitions.
- Careful consideration recommended on Rodney transport options.
- After a success inaugural event, the Helensville Trolley Derby will return for 2004.
- Parakai School teacher taking part in Targa New Zealand Rally.

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# Helensville Electorate candidates

Helensville News asked the candidates in our Kaipara ki Mahurangi and Te Tai Tokerau electorates contesting the General Election on Saturday, October 17 to write around 250 words on any subject they wished - introducing themselves, party policy, local issues etc. The responses of those who chose to take part are printed below, in alphabetical order, to help you to decide who to vote for. Candidates for ACT, Democracy NZ, and NZ Loyal declined to participate.

■ **Hūhana LYNDON**  
Green Party Candidate (Tai Tokerau)

Born and raised in Tai Tokerau, I'm firmly committed to the North and the well-being of our entire community. As an advocate for He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti o Waitangi, I seek to provide connected local voice on issues of significance for Tai Tokerau hapu and iwi. I am a strong believer in equity for all and improving outcomes for our peoples.



I have a diverse career portfolio in health, education, and primary industries at operational and governance levels and have stood twice in local government elections. I am hapu and iwi connected and accountable, my kaupapa is constitutional transformation underpinned by He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

As CEO of Ngāti Hine Forestry Trust

while working with Billion Trees, I implemented a mānuka plantation training programme that saw 640ha of mānuka planted by Ngāti Hine trainees. I also implemented cadetships into the Trust's kiwifruit orchards and secured research funding for the development of the first Indigenous Forestry Transition Plan for the 5600ha of the Trust's corpus underpinned by mātauranga o Ngāti Hine.

As CEO of Ngātiwai Trust Board I lead the iwi's strategy for the protection of taonga on land and sea underpinned by WAI 262.

I take a collaborative leadership approach, which was demonstrated in the Ngātiwai and Ngāti Hine Covid-19 response - tiaki tangata, whenua, me te moana.

My priorities are:

- Constitutional transformation implementing Matike Mai.
- Climate change adaptation planning with hapu and iwi of Tai Tokerau.
- Sustainable economic development – Tai Tokerau requires significant investment in infrastructure.

■ **Jenny MARCROFT**  
NZ First Party Candidate

I'm proud to be your NZ First candidate for the Kaipara ki Mahurangi electorate.

I'm an Albertland descendant. The Albertlanders

settled on the shores of the Kaipara harbour in the 1860s. I love my historic family connection to this region. I have lived in the Warkworth/Matakana region for the past two decades, my daughter grew up here and she's now studying animal science at uni.

I'm a former MP, serving between 2017 and 2020. I worked in the media for 30 years so you may know my voice as a radio newsreader for many years. Recently I worked in the new Auckland Mayor's office



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**Kua Eke te Wā.**

**Hūhana Lyndon** ✓  
for **Tai Tokerau**

Party Vote **Green**

Authorised by Miriam Ross, Level 5, 538 The Terrace, Wellington.

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**NEW ZEALAND FIRST** ✓ PARTY VOTE

Authorised by H. Howard, 41 Jervois Road, Ponsby.



# have their say

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as part of Wayne Brown's transition team.

Living locally, I'm passionate about our region but also aware of the issues we face. The state of our local roads is a cause for much frustration and I'm committed to working with Auckland Council to advocate for our region.

A recent survey for the Retirement Commission found that 55 percent of kiwis are struggling to make ends meet. Crime is rampant and we are more divided than ever.

NZ First will tackle the greedy foreign-owned supermarkets charging more for groceries here than they do back home, and we will remove GST from basic food including fruit and veges, meat, poultry and fish.

NZ First believes in practical, pragmatic solutions based on common sense.

This election I'm asking for your Party Vote to bring certainty, experience and common sense back in Parliament.

## ■ Chris PENK

*National Party Candidate (incumbent)*

It's been an honour to serve this area as local MP for the past six years.

At the time that I succeeded John Key in 2017, this electorate was named Helensville but more recently it's become Kaipara ki Mahurangi. Whatever the name and boundaries, though, the people of Auckland's rural northwest are a pleasure to represent.

In advocating for Helensville and



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**Guy Wishart**  
for Kaipara ki Mahurangi

**Labour**

Authorised by Rob Salmond, 187 Featherston Street, Wellington.

**Chris Penk**  
For Kaipara ki Mahurangi

**National**

Authorised by Chris Penk,  
134 Main Road, Kumeu 0810.

# Candidates have their say cont...

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surrounding areas, I've found that the decision makers in Wellington have often proven slow to understand our needs.

Central government must provide better rural roads and other transport infrastructure, as well as a strong local economy that provides good jobs. Enabling people to support their own families through good employment will always be the best form of welfare, after all.

And of course through strong rural economies such as Helensville we'll be able to afford public services that we all rely on, such as health care and education.

Prior to entering Parliament I was a naval officer and a lawyer, so I understand the need for great teamwork and advocating strongly on behalf of others. And as a father of two young kids, plus a husband and dog owner into the bargain, I'm keen to ensure our next generation has great opportunities.

That's why I'm so keen to keep working alongside community groups, local government representatives and everyone else who works really hard to make this area what it is.

I would love to keep taking that message to Wellington once more. Please vote this October!

Cheers, Chris Penk

## ■ Guy WISHART Labour Party Candidate

Guy Wishart, a Kumeū local who is a Rodney Local Board member, award winning musician, science educator and qualified horticultural consultant, is the Labour Party candidate for the Kaipara ki Mahurangi electorate.



Guy's election pledge is to work on better infrastructure for an electorate that has seen new urban housing developments without the corresponding infrastructure such as roads, transport, and flood protection that has been needed to make this a great place to live.

He is deeply concerned about the possibility of a change of government that will likely fuel unproductive, inflationary property speculation in the region.

As a Rodney Local Board member, Huapai-Kumeū Lions member, active in the local emergency network and Kumeū Community Action, he has as a local the first hand experience in understanding what is needed to redress this imbalance.

"Our family have had our house flooded three times in the past two years, which has made me more determined to work for the resilient infrastructure needed to support our electorate."

He says: "other parties talk about developing greenfield rural land in our electorate, but a failure to spend on local infrastructure, particularly transport, has already led to a deep sense of frustration for the residents of Kaipara ki Mahurangi."

Guy is seeking election to build on the lasting local initiatives of the only current MP living in the region, Labour list MP Marja Lubeck, who retires at this election.

## Clothes swap raises \$22k

The seventh annual Kumeū Clothing Swap & Shop in September raised almost \$22,000 for Parent Aid North West.

Co-ordinator Bex Holland says the event also raised "a huge amount of awareness and knowledge about the services this fantastic local charity provides to support young families in our North West community".

She says hundreds of clothes swappers contributed an "awe-inspiring" volume of clothing. As well as clothes to swap or buy, the event featured coffee and food, live music, and a raffle tickets.



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# Art Centre back home after 10 month closure

A planned closure of six weeks for building work which turned into 10 months is finally over, with Helensville's Art Centre back in its true home beneath the Helensville War Memorial Hall.

"We are absolutely thrilled," says manager Yvonne Abercrombie.

The Art Centre has spent the past months operating from space at Helensville Museum.

"We are so grateful to the museum for accommodating us for so long," says Yvonne. "They have been so

welcoming and friendly and it was also great to experience what they do. We hope to continue the relationship we have started with the museum for future collaborations."

First up back in its own premises is a member's exhibition, which runs from October 11 to 30 with a special opening

event on Friday, October 13 from 5 to 7pm. The show will run during Arts in the Ville at Labour Weekend, an opportunity for member artists to gain exposure to the wider public. The exhibition will be open for extended hours for Labour weekend, Sunday and Monday 10am to 2pm.

In November there will be an exhibition by Yvonne and Kiri Abraham, curated by Jeff Thomson and representing the artists behind the operation of the Art Centre. It will run from November 8 to December 2.

Workshops and classes are starting up again in October, with information on the centre's Facebook page and website: [artcentrehelensville.org.nz](http://artcentrehelensville.org.nz).

Also, proposals are now being sought for 2024 exhibitions. Artist wanting to hold an exhibition are asked to get in touch.



# Big Little Local event to benefit Parent Aid

All proceeds from this November's Big Little Local event will go to Parent Aid North West.

Parent Aid North West is a not-for-profit organisation that provides free home help to parents living in North West Auckland (anywhere from Kumeū to Glorit) with a new baby or preschooler.

The second Big Little Local event will be held on Saturday, November 11 from

10am to 3pm, based at the pavilion at Rautawhiri Park.

A free, family-oriented event, the day will feature plenty of prizes and giveaways,

silent auctions, food and more, as well as local business stalls.

Businesses which haven't yet secured a spot can contact the organisers at Harcourts Helensville on 09 420 7663 or email: [helensville@harcourts.co.nz](mailto:helensville@harcourts.co.nz).

"It's a wonderful opportunity to get your business in front of our community, while having a fun day out," says Harcourts The

Difference manager Nicky Horsbrough.

More information, including a listing of the businesses who will be at the event, is online at [www.helensville.harcourts.co.nz](http://www.helensville.harcourts.co.nz).



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# Million tree milestone passed

The Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) programme has passed the milestone of one million native trees planted or contracted to go in the ground this winter.

As of September 20, the figure stood at 1.1 million, with 28 local businesses and nurseries accredited as KMR suppliers.

The numbers for the programme to date are impressive:

- An estimated 180,000-plus hours of new work created;
- 57 people trained as KMR Field Advisors (many from local iwi/hapū);
- More than \$11.3m in project value underway or completed (supporting local, nature-based employment);
- More than 550km of fencing completed or contracted;
- 97,000 hectares managed under KMR Plans;
- 300 hectares planted or contracted to plant in natives.

KMR leader Justine Daw says she is proud of her team and the community for hitting such a notable target just 18 months after the KMR programme began.

Work is now underway to fast track the planting of the next million trees, with KMR working with more than a third of the estimated 1,500 pastoral landowners in the Kaipara Moana catchment.

Now the KMR programme is expanding its efforts by partnering with landowners to

tackle erosion across the landscape.

Justine says in its first 18 months of operation KMR co-funding has largely focused on fencing and planting projects near waterways, but this will now expand into the planting of erodible hill slopes.

"To achieve our goal of halving sediment into the Kaipara Moana over the long term, we need to support a wider set of sediment-reduction activities," she says.

"This will include co-funding for native forest planting and assisted native regeneration, protection of existing native forests, and support for the establishment of poplar poles and some selected exotic species that are demonstrated to help stabilise moving hillsides."

KMR is now calling for Expressions of Interest by November 13 from landowners who want to take action across the 6000km<sup>2</sup> Kaipara Moana catchment.



• KMR's Justine Daw

## Crossword answers

**Across:** 7. Sombrero 8. Rack 9 Falsetto  
10. Aids 11. Siesta 14. Ice cap 15. Gas 16. Gemini  
18. Tubing 20. Plan 21. Alphabet 24. Czar 25.  
Electric.

**Down:** 1. Rota 2. Abuses 3. Teat 4. Motorist  
5. Grease 6. Acid rain 12. Idealize 13. Agitated  
17. Ignore 19. Blasts 22. Peek 23. Exit.



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## Free diabetes course

A free course for locals living with Type 2 Diabetes will be held in Helensville on Saturday, November 18.

The Diabetes Self Management Education course will be presented by a diabetes nurse educator and a dietitian, with support from a podiatrist and a health psychologist. It is aimed at helping people better understand the causes of diabetes and how to maintain or improve health when affected by the illness.

The course will be in the St Matthews Church lounge, 60 Garfield Road, Helensville from 9am to 3pm. Registration is essential. Contact Margot McDonald, phone 09 448 0019 or mobile 021 818 568, or email dsme@comprehensivecare.co.nz.

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# Whānau Fun Fair

Helensville Primary School is holding a Whānau fun fair on Saturday, October 28 from 10am to 2pm - and the whole community is invited.

There will be food trucks, a coffee cart, games and a festival atmosphere, with performances from the school's kapa haka and Pacifica groups. A wide range of food will be on offer including paella, turkish pide, donuts, a sausage sizzle, slushies, candyfloss, and mussel fritters.

Stalls will include baking and produce, a sponge throw, a ring toss, a coin toss, and face painting. More entertainment will be from a bouncy castle and inflatable obstacle course, a ping zero gaming trailer, a dunk tank, kids arts and crafts, and the police will be holding a speed run challenge. There will also be quick fire raffles and silent auctions.

# Monthly market

The Kaukapakapa market will be held at the Helensville Showgrounds on Sunday, October 15 from 8.30am to 1pm.

Mike Lea will provide live music while people browse the stalls, and there will be free hair plaiting for younger visitors. Local art, crafts and gifts, natural dog and people products, preserves, fresh fruit and veges, and used bargains will feature among the stalls and there will be a selection of food at the market café plus the Lions sausage sizzle, coffee and ice cream.

No dogs, except for assistance dogs. A gold coin donation for parking would be appreciated, with proceeds to the Helensville/Kaukapakapa scouts jamboree fund raiser.

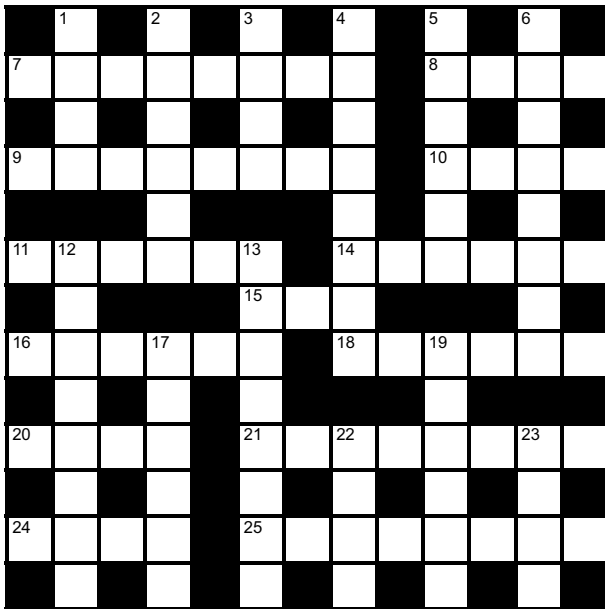
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# crossword



### Across

- 7. Broad-brimmed straw hat (8)
- 8. Tiered shelves (4)
- 9. Forced high notes (8)
- 10. Helps (4)
- 11. Midday nap (6)
- 14. Polar top layer (3,3)
- 15. Chatter (3)
- 16. Third sign of the zodiac (6)
- 18. Flexible pipework (6)
- 20. Scheme (4)
- 21. Kind of soup (8)
- 24. Autocratic ruler (4)
- 25. Exceptionally tense (8)

### Down

- 1. Roster (4)
- 2. Mistreats (6)
- 3. Baby's bottle feature (4)
- 4. Driver (8)
- 5. Lubricant (6)
- 6. Polluted precipitation (4,4)
- 12. Put on a pedestal (8)
- 13. Excited (8)
- 17. Discount (6)
- 19. Explosions (6)
- 22. Secret look (4)
- 23. Way out (4)

### ANSWERS

See Pg 15 for this month's answers.

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