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## Our Bronze Goddess

By Suzanne McFadden



One glittering week in Barcelona, and Whenuapai's swimming sensation Lauren Boyle has become a legend of the sport.

The 25-year-old broke record after record in snatching three bronze medals at the world swimming championships in Spain – equalling Danyon Loader's triple haul back in 1994.

She became the first Kiwi woman to win a world swimming medal – and the first New Zealander for 19 years – with her first bronze in the 400m freestyle. But three medals? Even Lauren herself was stunned.

"I'm so surprised and happy. I really wanted to try and get one medal, I'm thrilled with three; they're all bronze, but I'm still really happy," she told Fairfax NZ after her last race.

But those who know her well knew it was only a matter of time that the dedicated and determined athlete would collect her deserved spoils from the pool.

Her mum, Linda Norman, was in Barcelona to see Lauren win her final bronze

in her favoured event, the 800m free.

"What can I say? Of course I'm rapt for her, and of course very proud," Linda emailed *The Causeway* from Europe. "For her to bring back three medals for New Zealand after 19 years means so much to her.

"I thought the 800 would have been her chance for a medal but she has shown us otherwise."

Lauren - a former Whenuapai School pupil who started swimming at the age of eight - had already proved herself a powerhouse in the pool, finishing fourth in the 800m in last year's London Olympics, and winning the world short course gold in the 800m last Christmas.

But this latest performance was something truly special.

In her opening event of the world champs, Lauren was just 0.26 seconds outside her personal best time in the 400m, but made a huge splash by becoming only

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the fourth New Zealand swimmer to win a medal (joining Loader, Anthony Mosse and Gary Hurring). It was a result she wasn't expecting so early in the meet.

Perhaps her most astounding result, though, was in the 1500m midweek. She stripped more than 30s off her previous best time, in claiming her second bronze.

In her final event, the 800m, Lauren improved her PB by two-and-a-half seconds finishing third behind Olympic champion, American Katie Ledecky, who posted a new world record. Ledecky took gold in all three of Lauren's races.

Lauren is staying in Europe to race in World Cup meets in the next couple of weeks, before taking a well-earned short break. With a degree in business administration from her four years at the University of California, Berkeley, she has yet to decide which lane her future may take her next. But she wants to keep swimming.

Even her mum has no idea what lies ahead. "Her plans for the future, with regards to swimming, are unknown to me at this point. But I'm sure this success will have made her rethink what she would like to do," Linda says.

The Rio Olympics in 2016 are not off the radar, but, understandably, she has yet to commit that far ahead. Right now, she's simply happy to "do something that hopefully people at home are proud of."

## Herald Island Library News

*"Take care of your body. It's the only place you have to live."* ~Jim Rohn

For the month of August we celebrate Heart Awareness week from the 3rd of August, plus World Heart Day on the 27th of August. There are books in the library on health and nutrition to enhance your life for a better lifestyle and energy for a healthier heart.

You can find us at 57 Ferry Parade just behind the Herald Island Fire Station Arts Centre, follow the open signs. The hours of operation are alternate Mondays 2-4pm and Wednesday and Saturdays from 10-12 noon.

Many thanks for the wonderful book donations received. We would also like to advise that we have an amnesty on unreturned books. Your assistance in returning them would be appreciated.

Many thanks goes out to Anne McNeill for her ongoing assistance book listing which is very much appreciative.

Treat yourself and do on pop in to our local library! Christine Henderson is there to assist on Saturdays, as is Bethany and/or Kadea to read to the littlies. On Wednesdays Sue McElroy and her craft ladies open up the library and can give assistance.

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- 16 August** **Open Mic Poetry Night at Kumeu Arts Centre** 7.30-9.30 Wine and nibbles. Gold coin donation RSVP to book 412-9480 or email [thetinshead@clear.net.nz](mailto:thetinshead@clear.net.nz)
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- 15 Sept** **Afternoon Tea for Mature Residents** of Herald Island, 2.30pm-4.30pm in the Herald Island Hall. Please contact the HIR&R if you have turned 65 by then and have never been before. Contact Linda 416-1911.
- Sat 28th Sept - Sun 13th Oct** **Auckland Heritage Festival.**
- 5 & 6 Oct** **'Herald Island Open Day and Heritage Walk'** is part of the upcoming Auckland Heritage Festival. The Fire Station/Library and Museum will be open from 10am-1pm. All residents of Herald Island and those who have yet to discover our treasure are warmly invited to visit. A brochure will be available for visitors with a map showing heritage sites around the Island.
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If you visited Kowhai Beach before the end of June you may have wondered...where are the Kowhai? Presumably this coastal reserve between 21 and 39 Ferry Parade was named for its Kowhai trees. Kowhai produce a wonderful golden display each August and are loved by Tui for their nectar. However, before the planting day on Sunday the 23rd of June, they had nearly all disappeared from the reserve.

That morning, in spite of the rain, seventeen volunteers and two of Herald Island's very own NZ Biosecurity Services Contractors planted over twenty Kowhai, along with over four hundred other plants native to the area. Keep Herald Island Beautiful and Auckland Council worked together on this Kowhai Beach re-vegetation project after volunteers carried out a cleanup there last October.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this project and especially our Volunteer Coordinator, Paul Duffy, for his help and encouragement. Another planting will be carried out in the winter of 2014. Hopefully, in a few years...Kowhai Beach will live up to its name.

*Jan Diprose*

*Chair Keep Herald Island Beautiful*

*Subcommittee HIR&R*







## On top of Grass Mountain

By Norman Dunckley

This is an "oldie" for those from the Village in the early 70's...

After a casual walk up to the letter box, I got talking to a "returned Villager" like myself. We got chatting away as you do. Anyway, to cut a long story short, we decided to go for a walk up the road, being Waimarie Road of course. Going past the houses we discussed who used to live there, and what antics etc. we used to get up to. We stopped at no 51, and before I could say anything, those long lost words smacked me like a wet fish. "Do you remember grass mountain" OMG (oh my god). Grass mountain was totally the coolest and best place to play. Basically, it was a vacant piece of land that had been cleared, and there was a huge mound of dirt in the middle of it. It was about 10 feet high and was totally covered in grass and Toitoe etc., need I say more!!!

So cool for the adventurous 8 year olds, we are talking forts! We are talking climbing. We are talking try and ride your bike up it, digging caves, soooooo cool! When you were at the top, breaking off the Toitoe and using them as spears, throwing them down below.

My friend used to live at number 49, and we would jump the side fence, spend hours there doing what kids do. You could always play on the mountain and other kids would see you and come and play too. At the weekends, the older ones tended to use it for their 'purposes'. Sneaking a smoke, listening to the transistor radio (Hauraki – oh how naughty) so that they wouldn't get caught at the park or beach. I think it was well known as a good 'snog and pash' hideout too.

I remember seeing certain couples holding hands walking down the grass track and then behind the mound.

Grass Mountain had to be an icon of the time, and so cool that someone else remembered it, and good times that were had there for all ages.

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# Whenuapai Village R&R Chairperson's Report 2013

Norman Dunckley

2013 has been an historic year for the Residents of Whenuapai Village and the Resident and Ratepayers Association Committee.

Major achievement for the year would be the final pieces of the jigsaw falling into place with the exterior painting of the Village Hall made possible from the grants applied for from the Trusts Community Foundation. The addition of window blinds and blackout curtains to the back wall and side access now provide a more friendly and practical environment for users. I am sure all existing members and those that have served prior on the committee are proud to see the Hall looking its best.

The community should be proud of this asset and without "bias" probably have one of the nicest halls now operating in the area. Ongoing, the committee is passionate to keep the hall to the standard it deserves. A regular maintenance plan is being drafted to ensure regular servicing and upkeep of the hall. The committee onward has allowed savings provision for investigation into the amount of borer damage within the building structure. The findings of this report/analysis could prove to be costly to rectify.

The committee continued this year and was successful in receiving \$5,000 for hall operating expenses from the Upper Harbour Local Board. While increased patronage of the hall has seen an increase in revenue, outgoing expenditure was still larger than monies received. Next year the committee is expecting there will be a considerable increase to the Hall Insurance with the change to "Replacement Build Policy" now being implemented by the insurance companies. At present the existing insurance is around \$3000. It is possible this could double. Investigation is in progress for a total rebuild cost to achieve an accurate insurance figure.

Thursday December 6th 2012 Whenuapai Village made national headlines being involved directly with the tornado disaster. Many residents suffered personal loss and damage and had to endure no power for 3 days. Iconic landmarks, particularly larger older trees, became victims to the winds and were lost.

The Upper Harbour Board restored Bill Moir Reserve, with the toilet block and play equipment repaired and painted. New metal has been layed on the access drive. Further development is earmarked with a possible fitness trail to be added around the perimeter of the park.

With the loss of the trees at the end of Waimarie Road Boat Ramp the Board is progressing in upgrading the area for the upcoming summer. The major community event of Market Day was postponed as a result of the tornado, and was replaced with a successful Easter event. The community garage sale and annual cricket challenge with Herald Island now appear to be well supported by the community.

Finally, thanking the Committee members who have volunteered their time, not just for the running of the committee but also in events and especially during the events of the tornado.

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### A couple of "Woo Hoo" moments for the Massey High, Senior Boys Cycling team!

The Massey High School Boys Senior A Cycling Team [Tom Coombes, Hamish Jefferies, John Newman-Watts, Lewis Stevens (Herald Island) and Callum McElroy (Herald Island)] took 3rd place in the Team Time Trials, at the North Island Secondary School Championships in Cambridge last month (2sec off 2nd place). And yet another "Woo Hoo!"... Competing at the Auckland Secondary School Time Trial Series on Sunday 4 August, our 'Fab 5', crossed the line and took **1st PLACE!** They also set a new course record of 22min/4sec in a 16km course – *Awesome guys!*



### Tired signs

Did you notice all the 'tired signs' on Kauri Road in July? Near the causeway turnoff, several signposts were having a lie down, a mystery...

## Folder of treasures

We thoroughly enjoy Norm Dunkley's visits to the Fire Station Craft Group. For his generous gifts of fruit and odd crafty bits and pieces, but mostly for the chinwag, his time, and company. Norm popped in one morning and dropped off an old folder with some of his mum's knitting patterns, recipes and cuttings. Among the collection I found this hand written rhyme. I've written out a copy for my mother, it couldn't be more apt, and wish to share it with all the gardeners out there. Many thanks Norm, much appreciated.

*Sue and the crafty gals.*

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Economic activity is now more sustained and broad based, with 17 out of 20 sectors recording gains in the quarter. Auckland grew at a rate of 3.2 per cent in the year to March; along with Christchurch, these two cities are underpinning growth across the country, said Geoff Cooper, Auckland Council's chief economist. Mr Cooper said activity in Auckland's construction, finance and property sectors will likely spill over into other parts of the region's economy, and with time, other areas of New Zealand.

"Auckland house prices continue their upward march, which is buoying consumer confidence and further stimulating demand," Mr Cooper wrote in the latest Auckland Economic Quarterly, released recently.

"We're already seeing a pick-up in activity across the finance, property and real estate and construction services sectors. As building work gathers pace, it will act as a catalyst for growth in various downstream sectors, particularly domestic manufacturing and retail."

The median Auckland house price was \$562,000 in March 2013, up 12.5 per cent from March last year. Signs that migration is rebounding, amid the slowing Australian economy, are likely to support house prices in the medium term.

Some 4,764 residential building consents were lodged with Auckland Council in the 12 months ended March 31 this year. While that's down from the 10-year average of 6,631, it is up from the year-earlier figure of 3,976. This represents the early stages of a construction upswing in Auckland, which will need to continue before house prices ease.

Auckland's consumers are among the most optimistic in New Zealand, spurred on by activity in the housing market. Westpac McDermott Miller reports a consumer confidence score of 119.0 for Auckland, well ahead of the national average of 110.8, and up 13.7 per cent from Q1 of last year. Retail sales rose 1.1 per cent from the final three months of 2012, and new car registrations increased again to just shy of the 10-year average.

Still, lack of job growth continues to weigh on Auckland's recovery, as unemployment remains high at 7.3 per cent. With business employment intentions in positive territory and economic activity looking more sustained, job seekers have more reason for optimism in the year ahead.

## Local Scout Group looking for assistance

The Whenuapai Air Scout Group is in urgent need of adults to become Kea leaders to keep the Kea section running.

Keas are the youngest youth section in Scouting and provides a fun and exciting program for 6 to 8 year old boys and girls for an hour per week.

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But if that's too much for you but you do have a bit of spare time and want to support this community group, we can always use people who can help clean, paint or maintain the den, tidy gardens, sort gear etc. Why not help us help kids?

Contact our Group leader Mark Kirker on 416 4263 or email [groupleader@whenuapaiscouts.org.nz](mailto:groupleader@whenuapaiscouts.org.nz)



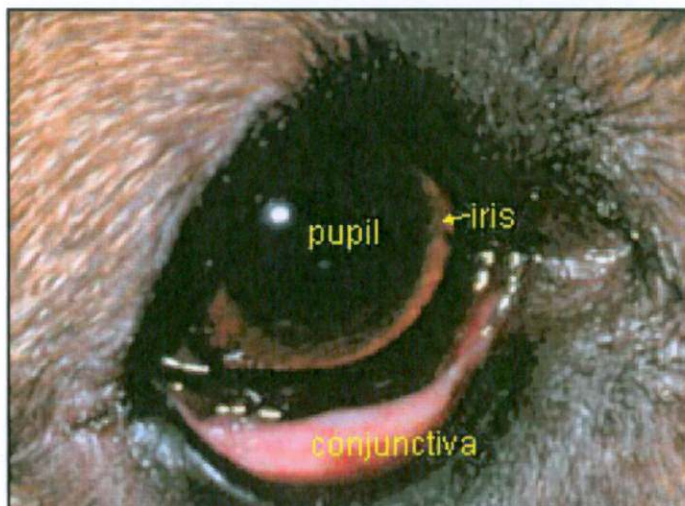


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## Red eyes

Eye complaints are a common problem for dogs. It is not surprising considering they tear around at ground level through long grass and dusty parks chasing scents and balls and the odd rabbit.

Often a red eye is the result of dust and debris causing conjunctivitis with a mild mucoid discharge. If your dog is wide



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All of these symptoms are serious and need Veterinary attention as soon as possible.

There are many other causes of a red eye in dogs, such as eyelid abnormalities, trauma, keratitis, uveitis, and glaucoma. These diseases can have many different causes and be complicated to diagnose and treat, often requiring laboratory tests and referral to a Veterinary Eye Specialist.

All of these diseases are serious and need Veterinary attention as soon as possible.

As you can see, if your dog has a red eye and you have any doubts I would recommend you see your Vet. Eyes are fragile organs that don't work well if they have been damaged and are not diagnosed and treated promptly.

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## Open Mic Poetry Night at Kumeu Arts Centre

To celebrate National Poetry Day 2013, Kumeu Arts Centre is holding a Poetry 'Open Mic Night', all welcome to come along and recite your own or your favourite poetry or to hear others poetry.

Friday 16th August 2013, 7-30pm - 9.30pm, wine and nibbles. Gold coin donation. Poet Dawn Kendall will be MC for the evening.

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# **“Buckets of Whitebait! Just wonderful! Yes here on Herald Island!”**

Welcome to the world of Antonia (Tonia) Dight and Cande Georgina Marshall, both née Dobson, daughters of Theresa (née Tubb) and William Dobson. They are the granddaughters of Mr Fredrick George Tubb and Aida Isobel (née Walton) Tubb.

Since their grandparents bought on Herald Island, both Antonia and Cande have been coming to the Island all their lives. They came to the Island with their mum and dad most weekends and holidays. Tonia says, “They have just enjoyed coming especially after building their home on Herald Island and is so very pleased to be here”.

Cande states that after she got married, they bought a property on the Island because they have always loved it. “We live so close to the water and now so close to the city. That’s why we’re still here really! It’s such a special place.”

Their grandparents arrived on the Island in the 1930’s.

“We never knew our grandmother as she died before we were born,” they said.

“Granddad Fred Tubb worked for a real estate company and bought properties on the Island. He was originally offered the whole island for 1000 pounds but turned it down because they knew they had to be sub-divided and he couldn’t be bothered. Herald Island was called Pine Island at the time.”

Their granddad Fred Tubb came over from London in the early 1900’s. They got married in London with Fred immigrating first, but unfortunately having to spend quite a period of time being separated so that he could get established in New Zealand. Fred was an accountant, and when Aida finally came over they bought a place in Springs Hill. Not long after they then moved to Winton in the South Island. They didn’t know much about farming, but did their best. When the depression struck, things were pretty hard and they had to walk off the land and leave their business. They then moved up to Auckland. Tonia and Cande recall that their

granddad had a sister called Jessie and a brother.

“Our mum grew up in the South Island and Dad went to a school in Wellesley Street in town. Mum was born in 1910 and was the eldest child in the family. Mum was a psychiatric nurse and had two brothers, Adrian who was a Stone mason, and Paul an Engineer; they were all born in the South Island of New Zealand.”

Cande and Tonia’s father William was Australian and an only child. Their father’s full name was William George Dobson.

Tonia and Cande recall that in the 1930’s their granddad bought quite a few sections, some 12 properties on the Island, plus two in Greenhithe.

“After the properties were purchased, he just came in his spare time, the weekends and over for holidays.”

They didn’t live here full time per se, but when grandma died in the 40’s and when granddad retired in the 60’s he lived on the Island permanently.

We enjoyed our time here and remember our granddad having a coal range which kept us warm in the cooler months.”

With joy they recall whitebait and piper a must on the menu, also buckets of whitebait just wonderful.

“We were always very excited about coming up for the holidays. We had picnics and the races on New Year’s Day.

In the early days the Banovich family from Yugoslavia were the caretakers of Herald Island. They had no children and were an elderly couple.”

Cande recalls for quite a while still popping over now and then to Greenhithe to see the family. Both Tonia and Cande recall that there were possibly orchards at Greenhithe too.

Tonia remembers her dad Bill Dobson and Erich Merriman helping to wire the Island when the electricity came. That would have been around 1956ish. Tonia recalls going to school on the



**Theresa, Tonia and Cande**

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**William & Theresa Dobson and Parents Aida and Fred Tubb**

Island for six months while that was happening.

The familiar family names that sprang to mind around that time were Don Reeve's family, the Germans, Gillons, Andrews, Gleasons, Tantaus, Stewarts, Leichmans, Richardsons, Rainhams, Schmidts, Wicks, Johnny Bragg, and people at the two shops.

The Tubbs knew Peter Gillon's dad Paul Gillon and his parents George and Nancy Gillon. They stayed at one of the two army huts at section 213 which were brought up from Epsom. The army huts were mainly used on weekends and holidays.

When medical treatment was needed, this would be attended to when the air force doctor came to the movie theatre himself. If there were any medical problems, the locals knew to go there to be treated. If there was an accident or when urgent treatment was necessary the air force barge would pick up any of the injured and they would be taken back to the base.

Cande has fond memories of coming up on the boat in the weekends, which would at times be quite full, especially if they were coming up with the workers.

Both Cande and Tonia recall going up to Albany by boat to buy meat from the butcher with their mum, going up with the tide and coming home with the outgoing tide.

"Granddad didn't drink as some other locals did. To get to the Riverhead pub and back he utilised the waterways well with the tides, as he would say it was "easy rowing".

When Cande and her first husband got married in the early 1970's they moved onto the Island and with having such a wonderful affinity of the island Tonia followed not long after. Both stated that they just loved the life style of the Island with the fishing, boating and swimming. Cande loved painting, when she

moved onto the Island she had a business and her own salon in Mt Albert. She operated her hairdressing business privately from home and before long was working for the Whenuapai Hair Company. Tonia worked in business and not long after moving onto the Island also worked for the Whenuapai Hair Company.

Their grandparents lived in Nelson Street in the city then moved to Ponsonby.

"When Grandmother Aida died, grandpa was devastated. He loved Aida dearly and at the time, it was legal to



**Mr Fred Tubb, 18 July 1943**

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embalm a loved one indefinitely. She was therefore embalmed and put into a sealed box inside a coffin. She was kept in an area in the ceiling at the chapel that he built for her. It was like a mausoleum. Eventually he retired in the sixties."

As mentioned in Peter Griffin's interview (*The Causeway's July 1999 issue*) with Theresa Dobson (Cande and Tonia's mum), Aida Tubb was unfortunately not to enjoy the tranquillity of Herald Island for long. She died of cancer in 1942 aged 69. A stone memorial to the woman still stands on a Herald Island section once owned by Fred. It reads 'Aida Isabelle Tubb, London 1873'. Peter also mentions that some of the abuse aimed at the family was hurtful. Any public abuse or opposition did not faze Fred or the rest of the family. Theresa puts it simply... "Dad just wanted her to be with him."

Both Cande and Tonia were very adamant and stated implicitly that "Our grandmother was never ever taken out of the box and never sitting at a table or any of the stupid things that people said and wrote" Tonia added, "that she was in a coffin in the chapel up in the ceiling which could be viewed behind a wall."

There were so many silly rumours and both feel that the stories surrounding this need to be straightened out.

"When granddad died in the 1970's, his children decided to bury both their grandparents together in Purewa Cemetery in Remuera, where this matter now rests.

Tonia and Cande remember "An Earthquake once happened on Herald Island when they were little kids 5 and 9 years of age, and we recall people being at the wharf and said they saw the wharf start to undulate. Mum thought that dad should stop rocking the rocking chair, but he said it wasn't him!"



Bill and Theresa Dobson and Erich Merriman



Herald Island Store Fire damage 1951

N.B. Acknowledgement of thanks goes to Mike Hassett for enhancement of the photos taken by Tonia and Cande's family.



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Over time, all Auckland properties of similar value and use will be charged a similar amount of rates, so ratepayers will be charged on a consistent basis regardless of where they live and work in the region.

Rates pay for things such as public transport, events, parks and other community facilities. Auckland Council is continuing to invest more than ever before in the region's communities, delivering more facilities and infrastructure for Aucklanders.

The council last month approved its 2013/2014 annual plan, which includes an average 2.9 per cent rates increase across Auckland businesses and households, well below the 4.8 per cent forecast in the council's Long-term Plan.

For the year ahead, we have identified efficiency savings that have reduced the cost of council operations by \$145 million.

The three-year transition process helps manage the rates changes, with the maximum that rates can rise for residential and farm/lifestyle properties capped at 10 per cent and the lowest they can drop at 2.5 per cent.

Business ratepayers will continue to move from their 2011/2012 rates to their new rates in near-equal steps over the three-year period.

There are many easy ways to pay available, as well as ways to help ratepayers manage payment of your rates, including rebates, remissions and postponement schemes. Please visit our website for more information.

To view a guide to the provisional rates amount on a property, please visit:

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To see likely average rates movements for your locality, please see:

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## The Thin Blue Line



# Crime Prevention

There have been a number of press releases from the Minister of Police, Anne Tolley, and Minister of Justice, Judith Collins, over recent months congratulating the Police for the reduction in crime they have been achieving, year on year.

Recent indications from the rollout of smartphones and tablets to frontline officers, which has been completed across twelve Police districts has shown that this allows officers to spend an extra 30 minutes per shift out in communities, which translates to 543,000 additional frontline Police hours per year, or the equivalent of 354 extra frontline staff, devoted to crime prevention. The Minister of Police says "We now have more Police on our streets, with a 70% increase in foot patrols last year, and the lowest crime rate on over 30 years." Crime has fallen in each of the last three years, and recorded crimes are at a 24-year low.

This is borne out by the information available from the Statistics Department.

### *Types of offences recorded*

Offences can be split into three different categories. This makes a useful distinction when trying to get a sense of how recorded offences affect society. The categories are:

- crimes against person (eg assault, robbery, dangerous or negligent acts)
- crimes against property (eg theft, burglary, property damage)
- disorder and other offences (eg possession of drugs or weapons, public order offences).
- In 2012, 61 percent of crimes were against property. This was down from 63 percent in 2011. Crimes against people made up 16 percent of all recorded crime, up 1 percent from 2011. Disorder and other offences were also up 1 percent from 2011, to 23 percent.
- More importantly however the number of offences in each category fell significantly in 2012, with crimes against property at 61,128 down by 3%. Crimes against people at 229,327, down by 10% and disorder and other offences at 86,558 down by 3%. A total reduction from 2011 to 2012 of 7.4%.

The Government website 'New Zealand Now' describes New Zealand under the heading of "Peace of Mind" thus:

While feeling safe is a luxury in many countries, it's one that New Zealanders are accustomed to.

We're not saying serious crime doesn't exist here - it does - but the rates are lower in New Zealand than in many other countries.

By and large, people are free to live the lifestyle they choose. The law comes down hard on people who abuse other people's freedom of expression and speech, and there's a reliable and trustworthy police force which solves a comparatively high number of all crimes.

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### *One of the world's safest countries*

You'll find New Zealand's relative safety and peacefulness comes up in many international surveys.

*The 2013 Global Peace Index, which compares 162 countries for the risk of personal violence, has New Zealand as the world's third safest country just after Iceland and Denmark.*

In terms of day-to-day living it means that you and your family

can expect to walk or cycle the streets, play in playgrounds, catch public transport and generally do the things you want to do free of fear. Kids can be kids longer, and adults can feel comfortable going about their daily business.

### *Freedom of movement*

Because it's pretty safe and secure, you and your family can feel free to get out and enjoy everything New Zealand has to offer.

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There are also very few animals to worry about - no snakes, scorpions, venomous insects, crocodiles and no dangerous big cats.

With the Government and Police providing the framework there is a tremendous amount we as citizens can do to enhance and improve our communities.

Starting next month The Causeway will bring you information to enable you to assist your community by helping to prevent crime. We will cover Community Support, Personal Safety, Protecting your Property and Charts & Checklists.

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### • 'Ancestry'

Ancestry library edition is a great genealogical on-line resource and has more than 4 billion names in over 3,400 collections to help searches trace their family lineage.

Massey Library – Tues 13 August, 10.30am.

### • 'Beginning Your Family History'

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Waitakere Central Library – Wed 7 August, 2pm

Massey Library – Sat 10 August, 11am.

### • 'British Newspapers Archive'

The British newspaper archive website gives access to over 6 million fully searchable pages, featuring more than 20 UK and Irish newspaper titles.

Waitakere Central Library – Mon 12 August, 2pm

Massey Library – Tues 20 August, 10.30am

Kumeu Library – Thurs 22 August, 2pm.

### • 'Identifying and Preserving Photographs'

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Waitakere Central Library – Fri 23 August, 11am

### • 'Passenger Lists and Immigration'

A family historian's most popular brickwall! Finding when your ancestor arrived in NZ can be very frustrating. This talk will explore some of what is available online as well as resources which may not ordinarily be thought of in relation to immigration records.

Kumeu Library – Sat 24 August, 10.30am.

### • 'Searching for Your Family on the Internet'

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Massey Library – Sat 17 August, 11am

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# Whenuapai Floral & Garden Circle

Eighty four members of the Club were present for the July Meeting at the Whenuapai Village Hall and were informed about the Tulip Exhibition coming up at Eden Gardens on 31 August and 1 September, which promises to be spectacular. Members were also reminded of the need for an organiser for the trips plus the urgent need of a Vice President, as the present President is definitely only filling in and requires someone to learn the ropes while they have the opportunity.

The Guest Speaker was Michael Scott from Scott Base Nurseries, a business started 25 years ago which specialises in propagating ornamental plants, both exotic and native species. These are sold on to other nurseries and online, not direct to the general public. Their main sellers at present are small mondo grass, ficus – a hedging plant, muscari with the purple flower, onyxotis – a reed, buxus japonica and laurapellam "Firedance". These are produced in vast numbers by several different methods, seed, cuttings, division and tissue culture.



*Raewyn thanking Guest Speaker Michael Scott*

In 2011 Michael was nominated for Young Nurseryman of the Year and won the title. Apparently "young" means less than thirty years of age. He also competed in the Competition for Young Horticulturist of the Year. He travelled and worked in England at Hilliers for three months in Hampshire, two hours southwest of London. He visited the Lost Gardens of Helligan (since they were found and restored to their former glory!) He saw the largest Totara Tree in all of Europe, visited the Chelsea Flower Show and worked at Kew Gardens in London. In the Princess of Wales Conservatory, various parts are kept at different temperatures with six different climates overall.

*Until next time,  
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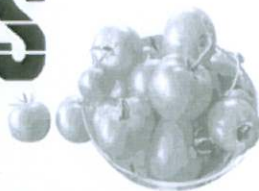


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# Herald Island Garden Club



We were fortunate to have two of our members, Darell Anderson and Linda Hart, demonstrate to us the creative process of scrapbooking and card making. It was very inspiring, as we gained ideas of presenting our photos in new ways; such as a concertina flip folder, or a clever open out origami shape with photos inside, an oversize card or elaborate pages for any type of album. The background, mounts and embellishment ideas were endless; using anything from patterned papers, fabrics and ribbons, to found objects such as dried leaves, feathers, shells or whatever takes your fancy. However attention should be given to grouping for colour and themes for best overall effect. Photos themselves can be cut up like vertical blinds, or jigsaw puzzles or tiles and glued back in place with various backgrounds producing a novel look. The delicate craft of paper cutting and stamping messages for cards renewed our enthusiasm for this old art form.

Patience, a keen eye, and a controlled hand are all extremely helpful to produce anything like the models that were demonstrated. Then we all enjoyed the chance to "have a go" ourselves.

Speaker next month Tuesday 13th August 7.30pm Linda Cartwright "Spring Planting and More"

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August				
3 Sat	0424	2.8	1700	0717 1737
4 Sun	0517	2.8	1749	0717 1738
5 Mon	0608	2.8	1834	0716 1739
6 Tue	0654	2.8	1916	0715 1740
7 Wed	0738	2.9	1955	0714 1740
8 Thu	0818	3.0	2033	0712 1741
9 Fri	0858	3.0	2112	0711 1742
10 Sat	0936	3.1	2151	0710 1743
11 Sun	1016	3.1	2232	0709 1744
12 Mon	1058	3.1	2315	0708 1744
13 Tue	1142	3.1	-	0707 1745
14 Wed	0001	3.1	1232	0706 1746
15 Thu	0052	3.0	1327	0705 1747
16 Fri	0147	3.0	1429	0703 1748
17 Sat	0248	3.0	1535	0702 1749
18 Sun	0353	3.0	1639	0701 1749
19 Mon	0458	3.1	1739	0700 1750
20 Tue	0601	3.2	1835	0658 1751
21 Wed	0659	3.3	1929	0657 1752
22 Thu	0753	3.4	2020	0656 1753
23 Fri	0844	3.4	2109	0655 1753
24 Sat	0932	3.4	2157	0653 1754
25 Sun	1019	3.3	2244	0652 1755
26 Mon	1105	3.2	2331	0651 1756
27 Tue	1152	3.1	-	0649 1756
28 Wed	0018	3.0	1240	0648 1757
29 Thu	0106	2.9	1332	0646 1758
30 Fri	0157	2.8	1428	0645 1759
31 Sat	0251	2.7	1527	0644 1800
September				
1 Sun	0348	2.7	1623	0642 1800
2 Mon	0444	2.7	0818	0641 1801
3 Tue	0536	2.7	1800	0639 1802
4 Wed	0624	2.8	1843	0638 1803
5 Thu	0708	2.9	1923	0636 1804
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