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Our Motorway Opens!



TIP: Tell any first time visitors to take SH18 and get off at Exit 9 (same number going either East or west). That is Brigham Creek Rd Roundabouts

Seven months early, under budget and faster travel times to the Shore and City have arrived; with the opening on 6th August of the new SH18 Motorway to the Shore and SH16 extension towards Kumeu.

Regrettably PM Keys had another commitment opening the Viaduct development so the time for public walking and cyclists all became a little crushed, but thousands enjoyed the occasion and saw first-hand the vast area this now opens up for commercial and residential development between Hobsonville Road and the Motorway.

And where has the traffic gone from Hobsonville Road? Down to around 11% of the past numbers, at last report. Brigham Creek Road traffic numbers are about the same and expected to stay that way for some time.

Two Herald Islanders worked on the project. Dave Cox has to oversee the landscape and plantings for the next couple

of years, and my tour of duty as Liaison Manager is about to wrap up.

Watch out for the new pedestrian/cyclist bridge to be built over the motorway behind Westgate (at long last). HEB Construction have recently been awarded the contract, and also expect to take months off the projected build time; so we may have another milestone to open within the year. The pier being built in the middle of the new SH16 extension will remain just a pier for a couple of years it seems; until the Council proceeds with the construction of Northside Drive off Trig Road through to Fred Taylor Drive (was SH16) and the boundary of the new Westgate/Massey Town Centre.

Meanwhile enjoy the new \$220 million motorway. Rated the smoothest drive in New Zealand and it looks great (the orange walls will get better when the plants grow and more artwork is added - we live in hope!)

Noel Rugg

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Local cars suffer break-ins



During the last week in July our normally peaceful and safe haven suffered rather a blip, it was definitely not a good week for eleven car owners!

Eight on the Island and three in Whenuapai had their windows broken and items were taken, hugely annoying and rather expensive. Fortunately only two of the cars were actually stolen, one being found soon after, abandoned down the road, probably due to a near empty fuel tank.

Note that other areas in Waitakere City have been similarly affected with car crimes, so it's not just us! The message from the Police is to be vigilant about not leaving any valuable items in your vehicles when parked anywhere including outside your home address. Also please report any incidents to Police no matter how trivial they may seem, they believe that a significant number of 'Theft ex car' incidents are never reported. Please report even if vehicle is damaged but nothing is taken, and one can always take the car to Henderson Station where they will try to get fingerprints.

Excellent communication between residents and the Neighbourhood Support network in this area allowed us to very quickly alert others about the events, so if you would like to become a member and receive these updates, please ring.

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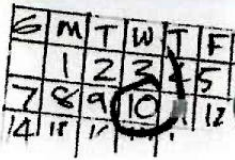
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Calendar

- 04 Sept** Hobsonville Point Farmers Market Spring Festival
- 17 Sept to 2 Oct** Auckland Heritage Festival
- 25 Sept** Start of Daylight saving
- 25 Sept** Car boot sale Hobby RSA
- 25 Sept** Diwali Festival Waitakere Trust Stadium.
- 28 Sept** Herald Island R&R AGM
- 02 Oct** Keep Herald Island Beautiful clean-up 9-12
- 13 Nov** Great Greenhithe Garden Tour

Herald Island R&R AGM Wednesday 28th September 7.30pm Domain Hall

All residents of Herald Island and the surrounding area are invited to the AGM and Public Meeting on Wednesday 28th September in the Herald Island Domain Hall.

We have two important Guest Speakers:

Brian Neeson, Chairman of our Local Upper Harbour Board. He will assist in bringing you up to date with our negotiations restoring the tidal flows around Herald Island (causeway culvert of bridging), plus progressing the Christmas Beach stormwater relocation of outlets in preparation of sand restoring.

Karl Nuttal will explain what the Emergency Sirens are all about, how a number of emergencies can affect us. Also the expanded role Herald Island could play in the event of Auckland having a serious event.

Remember the Sirens test will sound on Sunday 25th September to coincide with daylight saving. Do you understand what the three different sirens mean? In the interests of your safety, you should!

This is an important meeting. Make sure you get there.

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Chairman, Herald Island R&R

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Passing



Another long time Herald Island resident has passed away. Margaret Blake of The Terrace on the 2nd of August. *The Causeway* sends their condolences to the family.

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A fine nose for wine

By Suzanne McFadden

The Westies Wine and Cheese Challenge was a mellow, earthy and well-rounded success; and hopefully most of the sell-out crowd at the Whenuapai Village Hall walked away with more than a hangover.

Winemaker Shayne Cox from Corazon Wines in the Henderson Valley was the host of the night's wine tasting, and gave us a generous sample of six of his highly-acclaimed wines, including the gold medal-winning Syrah.

An experienced vintner, Shayne was also generous with his knowledge on how to enjoy wines and what to look for in a good drop.

Then it was up to the teams to put that knowledge to practice in the wine and cheese challenge, trying six mystery wines and six mystery cheeses.

Anne's Team from Herald Island had the best nose for both delicacies, followed closely by the Pinot Posse from Waimarie Road.



For those who were wondering what the mystery wines were: Tora Bay Sauvignon Blanc, with grapes from Martinborough; Montana Chardonnay, Gisborne; Saint Clair Pinot Gris, Marlborough; Mill Road Pinot Noir, Hawkes Bay; Corbans White Label Shiraz, (grapes from Adelaide); Selaks Merlot, Hawkes Bay.

It was a fantastic night out, and it was also a great fundraiser towards our latest efforts to refurbish the Whenuapai Hall. Our thanks go to West Harbour Wines & Spirits, Hobsonville Pharmacy, Horticom, Luxury Meats, Fruit World, Baba's Curry Café and CML Construction for donating prizes, and of course, The Nautilus, Orewa for again providing the big prize of the night – an accommodation and Waiwera pools package, won by Sonya Hoyes.

Next on the calendar for the Whenuapai R&R is our annual Spring Clean day on Sunday, October 2; we're also looking at another popular Spring Garage Sale in early November.

Then it will be time for one of the highlights of the year in the Village – the Christmas Lights ceremony on December 3, followed by the Whenuapai Market Day on Sunday, December 4.

If you're interested in booking a table for the Market Day, email Suzanne on suzanne@whenuapai.org.nz

Herald Island Library news

Too Cold? Spring is in the air Soooooooooooooooooo don't sit in the dark!! ☹️ Take a big breath!!! Lighten the load!! Springs here!

Fight the old cobwebs off, warm yourself up, stretch your legs and take a good leisurely walk! It's not hard! ☺️ And come on in and see what we have got to offer at your local library.

We're just behind the old fire station, right next door to the old post office at 57 Ferry Parade.

So on Saturdays bring your little children along and the older ones too. They can come on their own, and just head on in and choose their own books too.

We have a huge selection to keep you all busy reading for weeks! Months! Years! The wide range of books available should tempt any avid readers. Thinking of some of the old classics!! You will be pleasantly surprised at the vast number of classical and entertaining books that we have on our shelves.

We're open on Wednesday and Saturday from 10.00am to 12 noon.

If possible we'd love to open on Mondays from 2pm to 4pm so if you can help we would like to hear from you. We are always very appreciative of assistance and for volunteers on the other days too.

On the Wednesdays the craft group in the fire station, man the library so pop your head in and say Hi! They're always willing to help you chose a book.

Looking ahead, from November until the end of February (excluding holidays).

We will have 'Nana Etta's' Reading/Singing and Nursery Rhymes, Saturday mornings from 10am to 10.30am.

We would love to see you! Remember we are there for you! So come on in and make our day!

We have a minimal charge of only two dollars for the whole family to the end of the year. I know Peanuts! ☺️ But we do want your patronage.

A big thanks to the Kitt family for their wonderful collection of Agatha Christie and Ngaio Marsh books that we received.

If you have any queries, or should you want to volunteer your help please phone or leave a message with Etta on 09-416-7638.

Keep smiling, yours in reading Cheers!

Hobby RSA News

The restaurant is open from Wednesday - Sunday 5-30pm to 8.30pm for Dinners. Lunch is Fridays only.

Kitchen Specials:

Thursday Night - Fish Meal \$10.00

Friday Night - Roast from \$10.00 to \$17.00

Sunday Night - Sirloin Steak \$12.00

Coming Event - Karaoke Competition

There will be a Big Screen TV for major Rugby World Cup Games.

New Membership Available.

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Craft Group happenings

If you wanted to use the library on Wednesday 3 August I'm sorry but the Craft group had gone painting. Once in a while we have a crafty outing and this time we visited Paint the Earth in Albany. You choose a ceramic piece and paint your own design. There was a wide range of things from serving dishes of all sizes, mugs, tea pots, egg cups, bowls, soap dishes, vases and ornaments. Something for everyone. You buy the piece and the paints and firing are included. If you weren't game enough to go freehand there were stencils to help you out. Instruction was available at all times and well as an instructive video. Three days later the piece is ready to pick up. We all chose something different and it was great fun. Even if the photo shows an intense concentration! If you would like to know more visit www.painttheearth.co.nz

Congratulations to Ana on the birth of Naren on the 14th of July we hope to see her back at the craft group soon. We have another new member Peggy from Herald Island but still have room for more.

Herald Island Playgroup needs resources!

The Playgroup has a new committee and desperately needs, craft materials, paper, glitter, toys, dolls, blocks, containers, anything! All donations appreciated. Please phone Sharon on 416-8933.

Bumper Stickers for Ladies:

Behind every successful woman is herself
 Oh my god, I think I'm becoming the man I wanted to marry!
 Ginger rogers did everything fred astaire did, but she
 did it backwards and in high heels
 A woman is like a tea bag...you don't know how strong
 she is until you put her in hot water
 I have yet to hear a man ask for advice on how to
 combine marriage and a career
 So many men, so few who can afford me
 Coffee, chocolate, men ... some things are just better rich
Don't treat me any differently than you would the queen
 I'm out of estrogen and I have a gun
 Warning: I have an attitude and I know how to use it
 Of course I don't look busy...I did it right the first time
 Do not start with me. You will not win
 All stressed out and no one to choke
 I can be one of those bad things that happens to bad people
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Doggie grooming demo



If you love and care for your dog (don't we all), this was a great time to find out how to do it a little better! Not just washing, brushing and clipping but natural nutrition, signs of stress and general wellbeing.

Duna was the perfect model, well behaved, turning obediently in every direction to allow Angela to demonstrate and discuss all the techniques of grooming a dog. She also brought along all the grooming and nutrition products available for sale.

This was a trial event to test interest but unfortunately it was not well attended, maybe a different night in the summer months would have been a better option?

Sincere thanks to Angela, a NZ Master Groomer, for such an entertaining evening.

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The cold weather often makes the dogs curl up into a ball and stay curled for long periods to remain warm. This tight posture will create tension in some muscles and tendons, creating a stiffening in the joints which often manifests as slow rising and stretching before moving. Usually, as the muscles and tendons ease and warm up, walking becomes easier.

It is important if you have an older dog to ensure they have a comfortable bed out of draughts and up off cold concrete. Also make sure they get up and move about 3-4 times a day.

There are many natural products that you can administer to your dog for stiff joints such as glucosamine and chondroitin, however if stiffness and lameness persists throughout the day it is best to seek a Veterinary opinion to determine the likely level of discomfort. Your Vet will examine and prescribe an appropriate course of anti-inflammatories or other drugs for you pet, if this is indicated.

Remember if you are seeing a significant difference in your pet's mobility with the cold weather please do something for them, I am sure they will love you even more than normal if you do!!

Jeff Jowsey B.V.Sc.

Hobsonville Vet Clinic 416-6751

Help Wanted

The annual Keep Herald Island Beautiful tidy up will take place on Sunday 2 October from 9am to noon. Please assemble at Kingsway reserve with your muscle and gardening tools! Morning tea will be provided. Let's try and do better than last year with a larger turnout of folk willing to spend a few hours keeping our wee corner of paradise up to scratch. If you have any queries or need more information please contact Jan Diprose 416-8348

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IN 2010 our son Callum was enrolled at Massey High School. He choose to take German as one of his subjects due to the family connection, his Grandad was born and brought up in Berlin.

Mrs Angelika Niall was his German teacher.

Early that year Mrs Niall floated the idea of a school trip to Germany in April 2011, this gave parents and students a year to save. Six students from Massey High School German classes took up the opportunity.

After discussions at home, it was decided that I accompany the group as a parent helper, and that Callum and I would extend our trip by 10 days to visit some of our fallen family, in war graves through Belgium and France. We would also visit an elderly relative in the UK before flying home.

After much planning and fundraising the trip was on and the rest so they say is history...

TEXT DIARY~

2 April - We are safely in Melborne, great flight.

3 April - Hi Sue and Kad's we are safely in Dubai. We have been in darkness until now. What a long trip. Some sleep, good food.

3 April - It is 6.30am Dubai time, not feeling too bad. The terminal is 2km long. The kids are exploring and I am babysitting. I don't need to go shopping.

4 April - Yes, we are here all safe and well. Just had a lovely meal and evening. Stade is very pretty and historic.

5 April - An interesting day tour of school and a guided tour of the town centre. The town is 1200yrs old. Tonight we had a party for the host families. Tonight Callum is very happy. I met Iris his host mother she is very nice. Callum has been fixing bikes. Tonight he was entertaining 4 German boys. Tomorrow we visit Petra's village.

6 April - Hi we have had a great day visiting Buxtehude a neighbouring town and school where Petra comes from. Hamburg tomorrow. Have you JP's mobile number.

6 April - Had a great talk to Klaus (*Sue's second cousin*). He can't meet up, too busy working. Contacted JP, he is meeting us off the train tomorrow morning.

NB: (JP was a Massey High School Cycling Coach - Callum & Laura are in the Cycling Team. JP continues to have dealing with the school and sends cycling emails from Germany. Sue organised for us to meet him while we were in Hamburg).

7 April - Weather was grey, but not raining. Shirt under jacket. Playing golf with Jakob, Heinrich and Anna. Later green cheese tonight. Two varieties with ash in it I think. The children liked their gifts. Jakob wore the hat to school today. Amazing architecture and model railway. Bus to Bremerhaven tomorrow. I have sore calf mussels from the miles of walking but good otherwise. Am going to get something for Kads birthday here in Stade on Friday.

7 April - JP was a very nice person, spent over 2hrs with us in the city. Has a German wife. Easier to live in Germany.

8 April - Went to Bremerhaven today. Fine with cold wind. Have a small present to sort for Kad tomorrow for her birthday. Have you seen Facebook today. (*German trip photos on a Facebook page to keep families in touch*).

To be continued next issue....

A fantastic history lesson ~ German language trip 2011 by Inver McElroy

On April 2nd, 12 students from Massey High School and Rutherford College travelled to Germany accompanied by two teachers, a brother and a parent (me). We landed in Hamburg 29 hours after leaving Auckland and were taken by our hosts to their homes in and around the town of Stade. This town dates back 1200 years and has been kept very original. A new house looks 300 years old although houses outside the old part are more contemporary. I was lucky enough to stay in the old town and I had a leisurely 5 minute stroll to school with my host Heinrich, the English teacher at the Vincent-Lubeck-Gymnasium (the local school). On our way we passed over, what was the city moat still full of water; the city wall has long since gone. Our students met at school each day, had lessons with their hosts and then we went on tours, the first day a tour of Stade, the following day we had trips to Hamburg, Bremerhaven and the neighbouring town of Buxtehude. Buxtehude is where Petra, the teacher from Rutherford College grew up and went to school. It has two claims to fame, the first is that a children's story 'The Hare and the Hedgehog' (English version of 'The Hare and the Tortoise') originated. The second point of interest was the English saying 'going to Timbuktoo' the German say 'going to Buxtehude'.

After a wonderful, busy and social week we took the ICE train (Inter City Express) to Berlin. Nothing like our trains, we cruised at 230km/h which felt like we were only going 50km/h! The country side was interesting very flat, no fences around the fields as all the stock are housed inside, and wild deer everywhere. As we approached Berlin and crossed into the old East, the buildings changed in style with many being the slab sided concrete monstrosities.

We arrived at the main station in Berlin and were again met by our hosts this time from the Luise-Henriette-Schule Gymnasium (school). The Massey High teacher Angelica was a student there. My host Christine was also an English Teacher and she gave me a tour around Tempolhof which has the old Berlin airport where the Berlin Airlift took place in 1948. West Berlin at that time had been completely shut off by the Russians, no food water or power. Volunteer pilots (mostly American) flew

over airspace commonly known as 'The Airbridge' and dropped off supplies to the people, everything even a coal fired power station. A plane landed every two minutes, and they kept it up for a whole year! An amazing feat. The kids called the plans 'Raisin Bombers' because they dropped raisins and lollies for the children. My father-in-law was one of the children waiting on the air field.

On the Saturday night and Sunday I was fortunate enough to have a tour around the centre of Berlin with our teachers and their hosts who were very knowledgeable on the history of Berlin. You could spend weeks wandering around this central city area much of which has been restored since WWII.

During the week the group visited historical sites including Check Point Charlie and the Television Tower, visited magnificent Department Stores and became adept at catching the trains and buses. We all met up at the school daily and most days I rode the 8kms on a bicycle, a really nice ride alongside canals and through



The Team at Auckland International Airport - 2 April 2011

parks. Bicycles are a problem in Berlin because there are too many of them! But they certainly are a great way to get around. Most of the northern part of Germany is flat and there are bicycle paths all over the country making it safe and easy to ride.

After another busy week we again boarded an ICE train, this time down to Munich.

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Looking back . . .

By Norm Dunkley

Taking time to smell the flowers!! After the few cold and windy wet weeks, we have had the pleasure of some bitterly cold frosty mornings but lovely sunny still days. To the roar of lawn mowers and hedge clippers. The dusting off of outboard motors and giving them a run. Yes even a few brave souls out there on that water doing some water skiing.

Like everyone I took to pottering around outside and I just love this time year. Just to sit in a sunny spot and catch a few rays while reading a book. Probably the icing on the cake has to be, just pottering around on a still sunny day and the waffling smell of freesia's and jonquils that fill the air. Yes I did have to stop for a minute and check to see if was the ambi-pure, but nope that's Nordic forest.

I love how I can open the windows to a couple of the bed rooms and let that gentle outdoor scent just drifts through the nets. Who needs air fresheners when natures doing it all for you.

Flying in and out of the house all week, leaving at dawn and back at dusk, finally the weekend and to walk out and see the front lawn a mass of colour of creams, yellows, pinks & purples.

I guess in the 50years that the family has been here the bulbs have had time to spread and seed. Just like when I used to go see the wild flowers in Perth, for that short period of time, nature turns on a show. Miles of crappy dusty Ozzy outback desert is transformed to pure colour that you really have to just stop, look, sniff and smell the flowers.



I picked the last of the kiwifruit before the birds got them, and while I was sorting them on the ground, you catch a whiff of something sweet and takes you off guard, you look around to see if someone is close by or something, but its just a puff of a breeze and that scent of violets that's blows past you.

To me it's like swimming down the back, and you're swimming along and you find that warm patch of water and then you're forever trying to find that spot again. You're splashing about and movement has disturbed it but for a minute that one spot was like a bath, felt so warm and good.

My grounds and garden won't ever win any prizes or be in any magazine and I've accepted the fact that next owners landscaping will involve a bulldozer, a designer house & gardens. But while the old bulbs and flowers remain for a few weeks every year and put on their show, I make sure to take the time and smell the flowers.

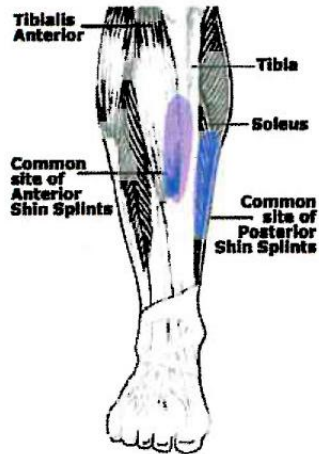
Physio speaks ...

Shin Splints

'Medial Tibial Stress Syndrome' more commonly known as Shin Splints defines the condition in which stress, over time, causes injury to the medial (inside) part of the tibia (lower leg). It is very common with high impact athletes - runners, netball, basketball, etc.

What causes Shin Splints?

The pain associated with shin splints is thought to correspond to the area where the soleus muscle of the calf attaches to the lower, inner shin bone. Repeated unaccustomed loading of the muscle attachment to the bone can cause an inflammatory response. This in turn can lead to breakdown of tissue with a spectrum of injury which sometimes can lead ultimately to stress fracture.



What are the Symptoms?

Pain located on the medial (inside) part of the lower leg

Pain initially on running which may ease during early phases but deteriorates with late phase

Pain may be related to training on exceptionally hard surfaces

Pain may linger after cessation of the offending activity

May be associated with tight calf muscles

What are the underlying causes?

Typically this is an overuse injury but there are some common underlying causes:

Training load – Too much too soon/hard surfaces

Poor biomechanics/running technique/muscle balance issues

Poor calf flexibility

Poor shoe condition or incorrect shoe selection

How is this managed?

Most important is identifying which factors are contributing to the underlying cause. It may be necessary to reduce the training load or cross train to allow healing of tissues. **Physiotherapy management may include:**

Soft tissue manipulation / massage

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Gait analysis – We now have the ability to perform slow motion digital kinematic analysis of your running technique. This gives valuable information to improve running efficiency and help you run faster and pain free. Speak to Craig for details.

If you think you are experiencing Shin Splints, early management ensures your best chance of recovery. Call us at Hobsonville Physiotherapy for assessment, treatment and advice. Sports injuries are covered by ACC. We are able to generate ACC claim forms with no referral necessary

Craig is a resident of the Greenhithe community. He has worked with Cycling NZ, NZ football, NZ Knights, Waitakere United and coaches youth football for the Greenhithe Junior FC. He is also on the executive for the Auckland Branch of Sports Medicine NZ.

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Franco – Argentina, 17 years old

Franco is described as a friendly and fun individual who likes making new friends. He is passionate about rugby and practises three times a week. Before rugby he played tennis for four years. Franco likes the countryside and would like to follow in his father's footsteps being an agricultural producer. School is important to him and he works hard to get good grades.



Maria Clara – Brazil, 17 years old

Maria Clara lives on a cattle ranch in Brazil with her two parents, brother, horses and dogs. She enjoys many things, from designing clothes to handball to skiing and horse riding. She describes herself as a friendly, down-to-earth and social young lady. She applied to go on exchange to experience a new culture and improve her English. After high school she would like to enrol at university and study to become a lawyer.



Gonzalo – Paraguay, 17 years old

Gonzalo lives in Paraguay with his parents and two older brothers. He loves the country life and often goes with his father to their farm, where he enjoys riding horses. He is interested in how the farm is run and likes to get involved with the farm work. When he finishes high school he would like to study agronomy. He enjoys playing the guitar, biking and in summer likes to go fishing and swimming. He is a happy and honest teenager and is looking forward to coming to New Zealand.



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MMP, are you for it or against it?

In previous months we gave an overview of the forthcoming referendum on MMP introduced by Justice Minister Simon Power and provided details of the options which electors will have to choose from. We then explained what will happen next depending on the result of the referendum, and this month we will give you information on other related matters.

Do not leave it until the last minute to get an understanding of what this will mean to you and your community. A bad choice now could effect you and your community for many years to come.

The Causeway Team

How will the public be informed of the alternative voting systems?

The Electoral Commission will undertake a public information campaign to inform voters about the referendum, the alternative voting systems, and the provision for a review of MMP. This campaign will provide information about the referendum and the details of the alternative voting systems. The campaign will aim to present information as simply as possible for voters to have a good understanding about the referendum and the options. It is intended that this campaign will stimulate public debate and raise awareness about the referendum.

How will the referendum be administered?

The bill provides that the referendum will be administered by the Electoral Commission in accordance with rules set out in the empowering legislation. These rules include technical provisions about, for example, who can vote, how they can vote, the role of election officials, and how the vote is counted and officially reported.

Are there any rules around advertising for or against any of the referendum options?

The bill provides that anyone advertising for or against any of the referendum options will need to include their name and address on the advertisement (a promoter statement).

If the promoter of a referendum advertisement spends more than \$12,000 during the regulated period, the promoter will need to register with the Electoral Commission. The commission will publish a list of registered promoters. Referendum promoters will also be subject to expenditure limits. Each referendum promoter will be able to spend up to \$300,000 in the regulated period.

A registered promoter who spends more than \$100,000 during the regulated period will also be required to provide returns of their expenses to the commission. Promoters will not be required to provide returns of their funding sources to the commission.

This goes further than the advertising rules in place for the 1992, 1993 and 1997 referenda, where there was no expenditure limit and no need to register with the Electoral Commission. All that was needed was a promoter statement.

What about changing the size of the House, the Māori seats or the fixed South Island seats?

For the purposes of the 2011 referendum, three aspects of New Zealand's electoral system will remain the same in the descriptions of each of the voting systems. The referendum is not proposing any voting systems that change the size of the House or the provisions relating to the Māori seats and the fixed number of seats for the South Island:

The size of the House will be at least 120 members.

There will be no change to the basis for determining the number of the Māori seats. The number of Māori seats is based on the number of Māori voters on the Māori electoral roll.

More information

More information about how referenda and elections are run in New Zealand can be found at www.elections.org.nz.

Mutterings from the mangroves

- Water Rat was sorry to see such a poor turnout to the Doggie Grooming Demonstration. It was very interesting even to a humble rat.
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Turning back time Front Page September 2001

Whenuapai Air Scouts are on the move! Ian McNeill Chairman, Parents Support Committee of the Whenuapai Scout Group wrote about "A home at last" and the relocation of the Scout Den at the corner of Puriri and Kowhai Roads. The Whenuapai Air Scouts had been without a permanent home since their inception in 1958. After many years of planning, the group is moving it's facilities to Defence land in Whenuapai village. RNZAF Base Auckland is providing this assistance as a good neighbour, to support both the youth of the local community and those with an interest in aviation. While scouting numbers were declining in other areas around Auckland, the Whenuapai group quickly became one of the largest groups. They now boast large numbers consisting of Keas, Cubs and Scouts. This is a reflection of the quality of leaders who come forward to work with the young people, the tremendous support from the parents, from the committee and the local community. The Whenuapai air Scouts would also like to acknowledge the support of both Whenuapai and Herald Island ratepayer group and funding from ASB Charitable Trust, Waitakere Licensing Trust, Hobsonville RSA, *The Causeway* and COGS.

Many local companies offered to assist with the relocation project as a means of showing their commitment to youth in the community. The Whenuapai Air Scout Group would especially like to thank Craig Walker Building Removals, Wrightson Kumeu and Pinepac for their generosity in assisting with this project. Without commercial and community support, the group would not have been able to provide quality Scouting experiences for our local young people.

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Hobsonville point news update

- * The Catalina Café will also be open in the evenings from Wednesday 7 September.
- * The Farmers Market is opening on Wednesday evenings (3-7pm) from 7 September.
- * To celebrate, the Farmers Market will be holding a Spring Festival on Sunday 4 September. Get ready for a fun family outing filled with more stalls of fresh food delights, and activities to keep the kids entertained with Old McDonalds Farm bringing along some of their farm animals. Perfect for a special 'Father's Day' outing.
- * Hobsonville Point is excited to be representing Auckland's unique culture and heritage by taking part in the much anticipated Auckland Heritage Festival, which runs from 17 September to 2 October 2011.

Perfect for a family outing, walking group or scenic escape with a friend; get along to Hobsonville Point on Saturday 17 September for a guided walk around the rich landscapes of the Waitemata Harbour. If you can't make it on Saturday, be sure to pop in some time during the rest of September for a self-guided walk. Both opportunities to experience Hobsonville Point by foot are free.

The New Zealand Traditional Boatbuilding School based at Hobsonville Point is also taking part in the Heritage Festival. Boat lovers will be fascinated by the myriad of maritime restoration projects in progress.

On Friday 23 and Saturday 24 September from 10-11am people are encouraged to come along to the New Zealand Traditional Boatbuilding School, 14 Buckley Avenue, and for a gold coin donation can be taken on

a guided tour of a traditional boat building workshop/school. The New Zealand Traditional Boatbuilding School was founded in 2005 and is dedicated to providing tuition, expertise and resources to ensure that the heritage, knowledge and skills of traditional boat building in New Zealand is maintained for future generations.

For more information visit www.hobsonvillepoint.co.nz/news-publications/

Share your story at Hobsonville Point

Here ye! here ye! If you were once a resident of the former Hobsonville Airbase, come forward with your tale. The Hobsonville Land Company is in search of great stories from former residents that will be placed on 'way finding' posts for people to read as they walk around the site. The 'way finding' posts have been created by the New Zealand Traditional Boat Building School based at Hobsonville Point from old telegraph poles, utilizing local skills and second hand materials in the process. Visitors to Hobsonville Point and future residents will get a sense of Hobsonville Point's rich history and get a taste of life back when the airbase was in full throttle, with land and sea based aviation a way of life. Anyone who would like to share their stories can email Kathleen at kathleen.waldock@hlc.co.nz or phone 09-261-5280.



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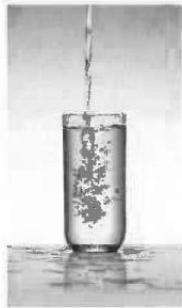
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As the fabric is produced for Stampin' Up!, we did of course have to co-ordinate it with other products to make crafting easy. For each fabric suite you will find matching colours in ink, card stock, designer series paper, buttons and some fabulous new ribbons.

Another great piece of news – most of our products have stayed the same price and some, like the Big Shot and its accessories have come down in price!

As always with a new catalogue we have the addition of another 5 "In-Colours" that I am already in love with. Here's a little sneak peek of the new colours for you.....

Aren't these birdhouses so cute? I made them using the Mini Milk Carton Die and all the embellishments were made with punches or the Big Shot.

These would make great decorations for the Christmas Tree with a treat inside. Would you like to come play with all of this great new product? Then pop along to one of our Launch Parties! Thursday September 1 at 7.30pm OR Friday September 2 at 10.30am at 61 Sapperton Dr, Henderson. Cost: \$10, includes making 2 special projects, prizes & morning tea/supper.

New Catalogues will be available to purchase for just \$10.00 (usually \$15.95)

We are holding the launch parties at Callena's in Henderson, however if you are unable to make this, let me know and I will see if we can arrange something that may suit you better. Spaces are limited so book your place NOW! Ph 550-5690 or 021-0277-4544

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Shayne is a long term resident of West Auckland, starting his winemaking career on vineyards in Whenuapai 20 years ago. That time, tractor driving and grape picking has led to an extensive winemaking journey working both nationally and internationally, managing projects in France, Italy, and Chile as well as for some of NZ's leading wine companies.

Shayne established Corazon Wines in 2002 and has built the annual production to 2000 cases under the 'Single Vineyard' label using fruit sourced from premium vineyard sites around NZ.

"New Zealand should be proud of our wines and the progress we have made as an industry" says Shayne "Kiwi's are a clever bunch and I have learned a great deal here, but my experiences in Europe have also play a great part in the style of wines I make"

Stylistically Shayne looks for complexity, harmony and elegance



in the wines. He aims to produce wines that partner well with food and have a sense of place at the table.

Most of fruit received is hand harvest, batch fermented and released as single vineyard offerings.

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Corazon has also been regularly approached to do contract winemaking for local vineyards. "We deal with 10 varietals in total and have managed to achieve some excellent awards for

our clients and ourselves over the years." Says Shayne "It's a fascinating and very busy job, people often have little idea of the work and skill that goes into a glass of good wine."

To help explain the winemaking process Shayne and Kumeu resident Ben Naden have produced an entertaining one hour documentary called "Passion and Patience, a Wine Story" It shows the entire winemaking process from go to whoa. It has already received excellent reviews from some of NZ's leading wine writers and is recommended viewing for any wine enthusiast.

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Lively Letters . . .

Hi,

I just want to congratulate Kellie and Pauline Marie at Walk in Paws Dog Grooming at 7 Brigham Creek Road. This is a relatively new business in the area and as we have a dog, thought I would try them.

My dog has never been groomed professionally in her life, and always has had a fear of being bathed. So I decided to give the new business a try. From the moment I made the phone call to Kellie I knew it was the right move. Kellie explained all about her business and asked if she could come to my home and meet Maggie so it would not be so frightening for her on bath day. She came round and spent time with her gaining Maggie's confidence, and we chatted about what I wanted done on bath and grooming day.

The following Saturday I took Maggie to her boutique and left her (somewhat dismayed!!) to Keillie to do what needed to be done.

When I went to collect Maggie, I picked up a dog which looked like mine, but was so much more beautiful than when I left her. They had done an amazing job she looked and no doubt felt a million dollars.

I can thoroughly recommend this new business, it's so nice to have something in this area of this standard.

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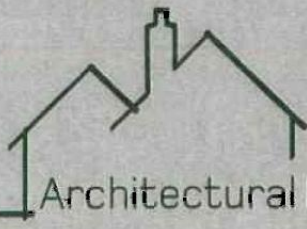
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Herald Island

From hairdresser to commercial gerbera grower that was the leap that Justine Miller and her family made in 2008 when they bought a property in Waimauku. The original plan was to look for somewhere to set up a Bed and Breakfast. Instead they went for an established gerbera growing business. The place looked fine and seemed a good business venture but after the sale went through the owners gave up looking after the plants and by the time Justine took possession the plants were in such a state that



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they had to throw them all out and start from scratch. It was hard work but with the help and advice from fellow growers they increased the plastic houses from 600sqm. to double that. They sprayed to get rid of any pests and bugs and installed an imported a growing system called Wormlatham. It's all computerised to help get the best growing conditions in the houses. 18-25 degrees are ideal but in summer it can get up to 35degrees. The best growing medium is coco peat and pumice; they don't like wet feet, the soil should be dryish. Nutrients are essential for good blooms and colour. An interesting fact - the colour can be affected by the nutrients fed to the plants. Also they need more feeding in summer. Gerberas originally come from South Africa. Today Holland is the biggest grower.

At present they have 6,500 plants, and grow 30 different varieties in all colours. The most popular colours are pink, red and yellow. They grow the standard gerberas which need to be wired to stop the flowerhead from flopping over and minis, which are about half the size. Flowers can vary from a simple daisy shape to ones with wider, thicker petals, or double petals, giving a fluffy look to the flower. The plants are grown from tissue and a small plant will take six weeks to mature and produce blooms. Usually a plant will keep on producing flowers, about eight per plant. Gerbera plants can last for up to five or six years if they are well cared for.

Being a small family business their gerberas don't go to a market but are sold directly to a list of clients. Justine said with hindsight she would cut down on the number of different varieties grown as sometime it is difficult to fulfil orders.



Gerberas are susceptible to powdery mildew, botryose, white fly, thrips, spider mite and leaf roller fortunately not all at the same time. They cope with any pest by intensive spraying. And keep a log on what works best for different bug problems.

Some varieties grown are Don Juan, Mont Blanc, and Monet to name a few.

They can be grown indoors as well as outdoors, but they need a sheltered warm sunny spot. If grown in pots they can be moved close to a wall for shelter and heat. Gerberas as cut flowers do not need a lot of water as this rots them and it should be changed regularly.

Justine gave a great insight on how to succeed in a totally new business field, with no experience. It has been quite a challenging learning curve with lots of trial and error but thing are now coming right.

Next month sees our celebrity speaker of the year Xanthe White. She will talk about her experiences at the latest Chelsea Flower Show. The door fee will be \$8 and bring a healthy appetite as there will be a delicious supper. Our tea towels will be on sale as well as the usual trading table and raffle. See you on Tuesday 13 September.



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Whenuapai Floral & Garden Circle

Ninety-nine people attended the August meeting at the Village Hall on a warm afternoon. We were shown slides of entries in the Melbourne Garden Show, the biggest in the world, held in March and the Chelsea Flower Show, which is the most prestigious, in May. These were accompanied by descriptions of various aspects of the pictures we were seeing by Jo McCarroll, the editor of the New Zealand Gardener magazine. She has a background in journalism and began gardening when she bought her first house.



Succulent courtesy of the New Zealand Gardener magazine, photographer Sally Tagg

The pictures were lovely and gave us an unimpeded view of various styles, from "reflections" to a tapestry effect with the colours of flowers and foliage flowing one into the next, and water features including a water wheel. There is a renewed interest in growing one's own food and also living with the garden as a changeable space, a place to enjoy that is not too much of a chore to maintain.



Until next time, keep warm, spring will be here soon, *Mary Anne Clark*

Jo McCarroll, the editor of the New Zealand Gardener magazine.

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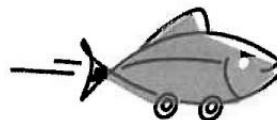
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Village Wanderings

by Norman Dunckley

The Wine & Cheese challenge proved to be a great success with everyone taking part and having an enjoyable night. Thank you to all those that attended and for your support. Some great prizes were won with the quick fire draws and of course, the Nautilus/Ramada Orewa donating that nights stay and Family pass to Waiwera Hot pools. Remember these people support our events, so if you're looking for a weekend escape or a get away, consider sending some business their way. Also a big thank you to the other companies, Horticom, Hobsonville Wines & Spirits, Fruit World and Hobsonville Pharmacy for their prize donations. Local business supporting local events.

I've been asked by a few people if I could publish the Whenuapai Trivia & History Quiz that took place on the night.

1. Whenuapai Bus Service, later to be called the Whenuapai Bus Company started operation in on what date? – *11th March 1946*
2. Construction of Whenuapai Airbase began in 1937, as a base for the 12 new *Vickers Wellington* Bombers purchased by the NZ Govt.
3. 1957 Whenuapai School foundations where laid beside the airbase, where the school stands today, BUT where was the school originally planned to be built? *Kennedy Road, Kumeu*
4. Anderson & O'Leary or Pinepac, ITM as its known today was established in what year? *1943*
5. The Southern Cross network cable that's links NZ to the rest of the pacific group for data transfer i.e.: the internet, building is located on what Whenuapai Road? *Brigham Creek Road (green building)*
6. February 1971 Pupils at Whenuapai School on a trip to Bethalls Beach found? *A yellow bellied sea snake*
7. The year is 1952, What 3 International Airlines fly into Whenuapai Airport? *Pan Am, Canadian Pacific & British Commonwealth Pacific Air* (in 1952-TEAL (Air NZ) operated flying boats via Auckland)
8. The causeway connection from Herald Island to Whenuapai was built in what years? *1957/58*
9. March 27 1965, Whenuapai made National Headlines because? *TEAL Electra crashed on the runway killing 2 crew.*
10. Herald Island was also known as Pine Island because of its sheltering pines when tourists and day trippers would visit the island. The Island also had another name when it was owned by SA Wood and later the Devonport Ferry Company? *Wood Island*

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