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“Planting Day”

~ 2 July ~

Herald Island Domain

9.30am - 12noon

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Hobsonville clocks up 1000th home

Hon Amy Adams - Minister for Social Housing Minister Responsible for Housing New Zealand

New Zealand's biggest housing development at Hobsonville Point has marked its 1000th new home, Social Housing and Housing New Zealand Minister Amy Adams announced today.

Ms Adams was in Hobsonville Point today with Upper Harbour MP Paula Bennett to welcome the proud new owners of the 1000th house.

The \$3.5 billion Hobsonville Point development is delivering around one new home a day for Auckland. Already home to 3000 residents, it's a significant development that's changing Auckland's urban landscape and providing much-needed houses for Auckland families," Ms Adams says.

1000 homes are now completed and occupied, with another 630 under construction. Out of the properties already sold, 409 have been affordable homes – all of which were at or below \$550,000.

It's by far New Zealand's largest and fastest residential housing development.

Over 4000 new homes will be built by the time the development is completed in 2023. Of these around 2780 will be delivered as part of the Government's 34,000 new houses in Auckland under the Crown Building Project."

Hobsonville Point is a master-planned community on 167 hectares of land formerly an air force base. It's being developed by Housing New Zealand subsidiary HLC into 4000 houses. The land was given Special Housing Area status in 2013, with earthworks consented a week later and now 1436 homes have been sold.

Community amenities include park, playgrounds, cycle ways, walking tracks, a Farmers Market, a new primary and

secondary school, and a commuter ferry service to downtown Auckland. The visionary design and architecture has been recognised by numerous awards.

About HLC

• HLC is a 100% subsidiary of Housing New Zealand, governed by its own board of directors.

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Fact sheet: Hobsonville Point

- Hobsonville Point is a master - planned community being developed on 167 hectares of upper Waitemata Harbour coastal land formerly home to the Hobsonville air base.
- Over 4,000 new homes will be built by the time the development is completed. At least twenty percent of the houses in the development will be affordable homes.
- Hobsonville Point is already home to more than 3000 residents
- Around 350 new homes will be built this year, by far the fastest residential development project in New Zealand.
- Twenty per cent of the development will be Axis Series homes.
- Community amenities include the Hobsonville Point Park and playground, cycle ways, walking tracks, a Farmers Market, a new primary school and a new secondary school, and a commuter ferry service to downtown Auckland. The community's visionary design and architecture has been recognised by numerous awards.
- There is a website that offers more information at www.hobsonvillepoint.co.nz

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- HLC operates as an independent, commercial developer and was established to be the lead developer at Hobsonville Point.
- The business has recently resourced up to deal with the expanded projects, which are part of the AHP.

Home sales and construction

• To date, 1,436 homes have been sold at Hobsonville Point at an average price of around \$730,000.

• Of these, 409 have been affordable homes — all of which were sold at or below \$550,000.

• Demand from the market for these homes is still very strong, with 468 homes sold in the 12 months to May 2017.

• While 1000 homes are now completed and occupied, there are around 637 also under construction. Nearly all homes at Hobsonville Point sell off the plans, many before construction has started, due to strong demand.

• The project is forecast for completion in 2023, at which point over 4,000 homes will have been constructed. Of these approximately 3,358 will have been delivered under the Crown Building Programme.

Project Cost

• The completed value of the development is expected to be more than \$3.5 billion.

• The project became fully self-funding from 2014/15, as sufficient funds from land sales had accumulated in the Crown Housing Agency Account to fund future expenditure. Prior to that time capital appropriations had been provided to pay for land purchases and capital development supplemented by land sales revenue.

• Crown Equity (appropriations) in the Hobsonville Point development total \$167 million. Included in this sum is \$121.7 million paid to NZDF for land acquisition in 2013/14.

Axis Series Homes

• Axis Series homes are the affordable homes delivered by build partners, and make up at least 20 percent of homes sold in Hobsonville Point.

• The programme started in 2011 and as at 30 April 2017 has seen 409 affordable homes delivered.

• To date these were priced at or below \$550,000, but this price cap is being increased to \$650,000 to bring it in line with the HomeStart programme for new homes in Auckland.

• In addition HLC and HNZ are aligning the application process with HomeStart making Axis Series potentially scalable for the AHP. These changes will be effective as of 1 July 2017.

• Axis Series Homes are a mixture of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes delivered at apartments, terraced, duplex or standalone homes. They will continue to be delivered at a range of price points depending on size and typology.

• Most Axis Series homes are sold to first homebuyers who meet certain income criteria.

• Buyers also commit to live in the home for 2 years and because of the very strong demand a ballot system is being used to allocate the homes.

Median House Programme

• This is an initiative by HLC to increase the percentage of homes for sale at or below the Auckland Metro Median House Price.

• This is achieved through land sale contracts that require developers to deliver a certain number of Median Homes.

• In the Buckley B and Te Uru precinct, these contracts will deliver over 1000 homes, the majority of which will be priced at or below the median house price.

• This initiative will result in a greater diversity of pricing across Hobsonville Point, which broadens the customer base. The strongest demand continues to be for such more modestly priced homes.



Calendar

- 18 June** **Kumeu Farmers Market, 9am** This is a market with a difference. We are keeping it local and will have an animal petting area for the kids. Make sure you support the market - to be held once a month - 3rd Sunday of the month. If anyone would like to apply for a stall, please contact send us an email: kumeushowgrounds@xtra.co.nz.
- 2 July** **Planting Day, 9.30am - 12pm**, Herald Island Domain, Bring gardening gloves and spade. All welcome. For mor information contact Jan Diprose 416 8348 or Ian McNeill 4166047
- 2 July** **Riverhead Craft Market, 10am - 2pm**
Held 1st Sunday of each Month
- 31 July** **Massey High School Open Night**
- 8 July** **Getting online and staying Safe, 10am-12noon**
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- 8 - 11 Aug** **Fame the Musical, Massey High School 7pm**,
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Upcoming events at the Kumeu Arts Centre

- **30 May – 17 June: Auckland Festival of Photography** (Part of the Fringe Programme).
- **19 June – 1 July: ‘Wild West Coast’**. Paintings by Joelle Bunt.
- **23 June: ‘Kumeu Live’ - Graeme James**. A night of live music for around \$20 and is currently the best kept secret in Kumeu.
- **1 July: ‘Kumeu Live’ - Albi and the Wolves**. A night of live music for around \$20 and is currently the best kept secret in Kumeu.
- **3 July 3 – 15 July: Michelle Demblon**. Muiwai based painter Michelle was born in Zimbabwe and moved to New Zealand at the age of fourteen. Michelle says that... “I take an expressionist approach to exploring landscape, atmospheric natural elements and movement such as dance and the flight of birds, often hinting at the subjects and relying on emotion to reveal the soul of my work. I let intuition lead my practice, and in my current body of work I hope to portray free spiritedness and the ‘inner child’ all of which Muriwai beach bring forth in me.”
- **17 -29 July: ‘Get Fired’ - Ceramics Exhibition**.
- **5 August: ‘Kumeu Live’ - Delia Hannah**. A night of live music for around \$20 and is currently the best kept secret in Kumeu.
- **31 July-12 August: ‘Celebrate the Circle’ - Artwork on any topic and any medium is presented in a circular formate on a cake board**. Come and see the display of adult and childrens artwork.
- **2 September: ‘Kumeu Live’ - AJ Bell**. A night of live music for around \$20 and is currently the best kept secret in Kumeu.
- **16 September: ‘Arts In Action’ – A fun, free childrens art and craft day**.

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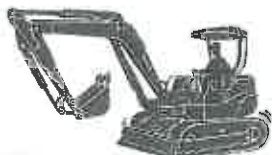
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Predator-Free Herald Island: Results of the baseline monitoring of April 2017

Device	No. Set	No. with detections	% with detections
Chew Cards	71	23	32
WaxTags	73	27	37
Live Traps	13	2	22
TOTAL	157	52	33

In the last issue of 'The Causeway', Jan Diprose described how the Herald Island Environmental Group (HIEG) is implementing the Predator and Weed Free Herald Island programme to transform Herald Island into a safe, green stopover for native birds travelling through the North-West Wildlink. Such a transformation, of course, will also enhance the quality of life of islanders and their pets. Invasive predators such as rodents and possums are a nuisance in properties and gardens, and can also transmit diseases to pets and humans. Although the restoration programme includes predators, weeds and local native plants, in this article we focus on the predators.

Why a baseline monitoring?

Having a good idea about the variety and distribution of the target species, in this case - rodents, possums and hedgehogs, is useful for both the planning and evaluation of the control strategy. For example, it makes sense to concentrate the trapping effort in the areas with more predator activity—but first, we need to identify where those areas are. And later, after a control campaign, having the baseline to compare against is useful to determine if the strategy is working or needs adjustment. Seasons and types of vegetation, as rightly pointed out by Herald Islanders, should also be considered.

What did we do in April?

For the first baseline monitoring on Herald Island, we set detection devices all across the island. A total of 157 devices, mainly WaxTags and Chew Cards (as in the picture) were set and picked up between 20th-30th April 2017. Devices were checked every 3 days on average. The focus was the perimeter of the island, including the causeway and mangroves; however, thanks to the great support of residents we were also able to assess activity in private properties in all of the inland areas. Importantly, no toxic bait was used at any point. Most of the devices were detecting bites rather than catching animals, therefore the exercise is easy to replicate and also cheaper and less labour-intensive than trapping.

What did we find?

Not surprisingly, we detected mice, two rat species (Norway rat and ship rat), hedgehogs and possums, all of which have been present on the island for decades according to Herald Island residents. What maybe a little bit of a surprise is:

- The area with the lowest activity was the causeway.
- The area with the highest activity was the wharf and surrounding areas.
- The large mangrove patches on the NW side of the island are refuges for rats.
- Mice are probably as widespread as rats.

For some residents, the presence of rodents on their property, despite having pet cats and dogs, was unexpected. In fact, cats and dogs will never control rodent populations to zero densities. In contrast, small actions such as upgrading your composting method to a rat-proof one can have significant benefits - for you, your pets and your garden!

What's next?

The next step to complete the picture of the current situation on Herald Island is to understand what people are doing and willing to do to achieve a predator-free status. During the baseline monitoring, we realised that many residents are already very active in the matter, either trapping or baiting or using rat-proof composting. It is important to have a comprehensive map of who



WaxTags and Chew Cards

is doing what, and where, so future community efforts can build on this work and maximise efficiency. The Herald Island Environmental Group (HIEG) is preparing a survey and the goal is to get feedback from every household. Living on a predator free island is an ambitious goal that requires everybody's participation. Many thanks to all the residents that responded to Araceli's flyer, providing information, boat support, tea and scones and precious time. It's all very much appreciated. Local knowledge is invaluable. *Araceli Samaniego, James Russell [University of Auckland], Ian McNeill and Jan Diprose [HIEG]*

For more information on the Predator and Weed Free Herald Island programme, please contact:

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Stored artwork now on walkway

Hobsonville Points Coastal Walkway near Bomb Point has had five posts installed. Each post has a theme: resilience, friendship, taonga, exploration and identity. A plaque explaining the artwork has also been installed.

Trish Burn, former head teacher at Hobsonville North Kindergarten initiated the project with the help of HLC, community artist Janet Holtrigter who worked with the children on the claywork.

Herald Island Library Opening Hours

The Library is opened:

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On 25th April a small group of locals met outside the old Herald Island Post Office, for an ANZAC service, to remember family and friends who have served and still are serving our country. The garden club had already installed a beautiful fabric poppy wreath on what is now the Museum wall and a couple of members felt compelled to lead an impromptu gathering. Other members of the HIGC had shared their wartime

family stories and memories, during the making of the wreath, so on this occasion of the Inaugural 2017 Memorial, members of the Island's community were invited to share their oral contributions. The sun was shining that morning, as about fifteen people stood to honour those they knew personally. A couple of poems were read and all who came were encouraged to share the name and connection of someone dear to them, after a minutes silence, everyone joined together to read "The Ode". It was a rather short, but meaningful ceremony and those who attended were extremely moved.

These are some of the dedications:

Lance Corporal George Gordon Martin WW1

My father left NZ an enthusiastic teenager, a champion in gymnastics and returned an amputee (and smoker, addicted to kindly administered Red Cross cigarettes) I heard him mention those army days only once, saying..."The only heroes of the war were the stretcher bearers." But in later years I found in his war diaries, a moving reference to shooting.... "it was him or me" and... "need to shoot loyal horses stranded in mud". WW2 brought flag dotted maps to our kitchen wall and recently returned young soldiers to our house to unburden their nightmares to father, who was an empathetic listener at all hours. The effects of war are not limited to one generation.

Dawn Elvidge

Sergeant Major Robert Charles Purkis WW1

My Great Grandfather was a member of the Old Victoria Rifles Volunteers in Auckland. In 1915 after my grandmother turned 4 years old, he left to join the 1st Battalion of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade at Trentham. After several months of training and sea travel, he arrived in Egypt. Then on Christmas Day six weeks later, with other New Zealand comrades, he marched seven miles to Mutrah, to fight in what is known as "The Affair at the Wadi Majid" They were the first to lose their lives in that dawn battle! It is with much pride, but sadness that I find his name engraved in the Roll of Honour, in the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

Lee Barry

Johnson William Double, Charles Frederick Double, Harold Ernest Double WW1

I related the history of my husband Richard's maternal grandfather, Johnson, who had been in the Middlesex Rifle Volunteers in 1897 became a member of the City of London Imperial Volunteers, and fought in the South African War in 1900. He went on to serve at Gallipoli in WW1 and convalesced in Malta before being sent back to the front. Then again, he sought service for his country, when he died during the battle of Passchendaele, Belgium in 1917 aged 38 (the father of 12 children). His diary is now in the Imperial War Museum in London. His two brothers also died in WW1, Charles aged 30 at Darmstadt, Germany and Harold aged 16 at the Somme, France. Richard also lost his paternal grandfather in the same war!

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ANZAC 2017 Dedication

Frederick Charles Fenton, John David Fenton, M.B.E., Roy Kerry Tui Fenton, Fauntleroy Aldershot Fenton, Thomas Michael Fenton, Eugene Fenton

My paternal grandmother had brothers one in the Maori Battalion and two in the NZ Army who survived WW1. She was also fortunate to have her five sons (serving in the RAF, the RNZAF, the NZASC, the Maori Battalion and the Fleet Air Arm, the RNZNavy) all survive WW2. Their father, Eugene, was aged 62 years (but said he was younger) when he signed up for military service in January 1942. His keen contribution was to be a bootmaker at Waiouru.

Another member in our joint family served twice at Gallipoli, survived, but faced the harsh war in Belgium.

Margret Brands

Just a common soldier

*He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast
And he sat around the clubs, telling stories of the past,
Of a war that he had fought and the deeds that he had done.
In his exploits with his buddies, they were heroes everyone
And though sometimes to his neighbours, his tales became a joke
All his legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer, for old Bill has passed away
And the world's a little poorer, for a Soldier died today.
He'll not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.
He had a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a Soldier died today.
When politicians leave the earth, their bodies lie in state,
And thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.
Newspapers tell their life stories, from the time that they were young,
But the passing of a simple, Soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.
Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land,
A person who breaks promises and coins his fellow man;
Or the ordinary fellow, who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country and offers up his life?
It's so easy to forget them, for it was so long ago
That the "old Bills" of our country went to battle, but we know,
It was not the politicians, with their compromises and their ploys,
Who won us the freedom that our country now enjoys.
He was a common Soldier and his ranks are growing thin
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For his countries are in conflict, then we find the Soldier's part,
Is to clean up all the troubles, that the others often start.
If we can not give him honour, while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage, at the ending of his days.
Perhaps a simple notice in a paper that would say!
Our country is in morning "Cause a Soldier passed away."*

Fred James Olsen Anderson WW2 Gunner

Dad was a Prisoner of War in Germany. He was captured in Crete, transported by boat to Italy and taken by train to a Prison Camp. Near the end of the war he was one of the thousands of prisoners, forced to march away from the advancing Allies, in what has come to be known as "The Long March". Like many others, he fell beside the roadside and was left to die, but fortunately was rescued by the American Red Cross and sent to England where he spent three months in hospital recovering. Dad died at the great age of 93 in 2011.

Darell Anderson

Captain Richard Alexander Monks Vietnam

Captain Anthony John Booth Vietnam

I chose to remember my closest friend and my brother. They served successively in the same appointment in Phuoc Tuy Province in South Vietnam in 1969-70. They were in charge of the logistic base supporting the deployed ANZAC units by aerial resupply and were therefore constantly exposed to dust-laden air from the helicopter down-wash. As it was later discovered, this was a very effective way of ingesting the highly toxic Dioxin that contaminated the jungle defoliant (Agent Orange) used by the US in that area. Both of these fine young men succumbed to cancer, when in their mid 60s.

Geoffrey Monks

Corporal Douglas Hughes, Corporal Luke Tamatea, Lance Corporal Jacinda Baker, Private Richard Harris, Lance Corporal Rory Malone and Lance Corporal Pralli Durrer Afganistan

My dedication was to these New Zealand soldiers who lost their lives, and those who were severely wounded, in Bamiyan, Afghanistan in 2012 and to all their families.

Private Dion Taka and Private Craig Wilson (my nephew) Afganistan

These two soldiers are still suffering pain and have permanent disabilities. They are now members of our NZ team to travel to the Invictus Games in Toronto in August.

Annie Siddall

*They shall grow not old
As we that are left, grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM*



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Life and times on Herald Island from 1846-1849

Henry and Elizabeth immigrated to NZ from Sydney in 1841, and were married in the old Kororareka church (Russell) on 16th April 1841. Governor Hobson moved the capital of NZ to Auckland and Henry was at the first Auckland land sales when 143 lots were sold. Land speculators arrived from near and far and prices soared sky-high, beyond Henry's means. Eventually Henry bought a small



Elizabeth Holman
1824-



Henry Holman
1812-1892

"What about leasing it?" Mr Wood replied. "The island is less than a quarter of a mile from the mainland. Of course access is by boat."

After a few moments thought, Henry made one of his snap decisions. "Very well, it's a deal, Samuel. I'll lease it for three years."

I was expecting another baby, and the thought of being miles away from a doctor and all my friends was going to be hard to bear.

The first European family to live on Herald Island, excerpts from the book 'With Flags Flying' by Florence Keene (1972) and compiled by Craig Carr, Island resident.

section behinds Wood's Hotel, near the Auckland waterfront, which is where he first met Samuel A. Wood, the first European owner of Herald Island, named Wood's island after him.

Elizabeth Holman wrote, as follows, in a series of letters (excerpts from Keene 1971, pages 71-74):

One afternoon in 1846 Henry was entertaining a few friends in our home. His visitors included several officers from the barracks and Mr S.A. Wood, the proprietor of the Royal hotel, then the best in Auckland. The men had just returned from a successful day at the races. In the background, I listened with tolerant amusement as they began reminiscing.

A little later my attention was riveted on Mr Wood's words as he said to Henry. *"I have a nice little island property at Riverhead and 450 acres on the mainland opposite. I have decided to sell. What about buying it Henry? There is plenty of good wood in the bush there."*

I held my breath. All my friends were in Auckland. But of course Henry was immediately interested. *"An island? Islands have always held an attraction for me."*

"Yes. It's called Wood's Island after me," Mr Wood replied modestly. *"I have built a comfortable holiday house there and laid out the island in gardens and orchards. I have also planted pine trees for shelter. It's a really good proposition."*

I knew Henry couldn't resist the thought of living on an island. He looked thoughtful. *"I don't want to buy an island there, though it sounds attractive."*

By the end of the year [1846] Henry had settled us in at Wood's Island and had built a boat big enough to carry a good size cargo of timber and a few passengers from Auckland. Settlers from the Kaipara and beyond soon made use of Henry's boat service to Auckland. They made smoke signals at Riverhead, Henry then knew to pick them up. It worked surprisingly well. During any spare time, Henry built boats for people on the mainland. He soon had a profitable business.

Mrs Holman had a Maori youth servant named Himi, who lived with them in Auckland and also on the island. Himi was a good help to Elizabeth and her daughter Jessie.

Towards the end of January 1847, my dear friends Dr and Mrs Ford and their children arrived to spend a week with me. I was simply overjoyed to see them....The following day I felt ill, and I realised I must be in labour. There followed a long stormy night on Wood's Island when the wind howled round the shore like a threatening banshee, and the rain lashed relentlessly at the windows. Henry had been up most of the night. The next morning all was changed. Nature, the miracle worker, had touched the island. The sun was shining. A breeze was shimmering across a calm sea, and our son lay sleeping in his crib. I smiled happily at Henry. *"We'll call him Henry after you."* [He was the first European baby born on Herald Island].

Henry was away frequently on his trips to Auckland. He was doing well with timber from the bush at Lucas Creek, and was quickly building up a prosperous business. I spent most of my

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bread. I felt I was now capable enough to cope with the ordinary problems of pioneer life, except for the isolation, which I found hard to bear. Then there was Jessie. Our little daughter had no-one to play with except the youth, Himi. I found that Jessie, now three years old, was speaking Maori as well as she spoke English. Henry was amused at this, it seemed odd to hear our little haired daughter lisping, "Tena koe, e hoa!"

We lived out on the northern point of Wood's Island, near the Lucas Creek. When Henry was away on business at night my loneliness became tinged with fear. There was only a quarter of a mile between the island and the mainland, and at low tide the water was not very deep. Though lumberjacks worked hard during the day, many of them spent half the night fighting. Night after night, I lay awake listening to their shouting and cursing. Many were the times that I imagined I heard the lap-lap of oars approaching the island. I became very nervous. Henry could not understand this. "You've got Himi to look after you while I'm away, Elizabeth." "But [she replied] he's only one Maori boy against a crowd of grown men, rough men, often crazy with drink."

When our lease was nearly up, the crisis came as far as I was concerned. One night when Henry was away, yells, threats, and blood-curdling screams came across the stillness of the water from the mainland. The next morning, Himi had a gruesome tale to tell. "E hoa, they have a big spree last night! All get very drunk. One man, he kill his wife. All the men very wild." Feeling very shaken, I waited anxiously for Henry's return from Auckland that afternoon.

Henry was tempted to renew his lease as he was doing so well with his timber and his boats. However, for Elizabeth's sake, the Holman family moved to Ponsonby in Auckland in 1849.

Reference: Florence Keane, *With Flags Flying*. Whangarei: Centre Print, 1972.

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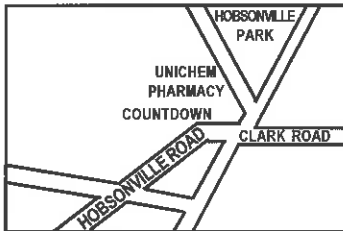
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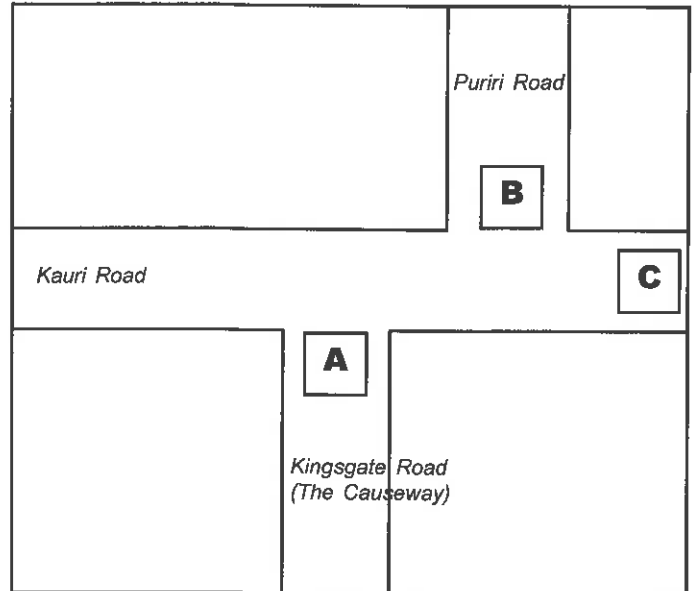
Consideration behind the wheel

A friend recently had an unfortunate accident, so I thought it was a timely reminder about basic road rules.

The intersections of Kingsway Road (The causeway), Puriri Road and Kauri Road (a crossroad with a twist) has stumped many a driver. Puriri and Kingsway Roads have stop signs. No vehicle should move until they have a clear road to pull out into.

Stop means 'Stop', not give way.

Many vehicles have received tickets when police patrol this intersection; so make sure you know the rules.



Correct Move Quiz:

1. All vehicles wish to drive down Kauri Road (towards Brigham Creek Road). Which car goes 1st, 2nd, 3rd?
2. 'A' wants to go to Puriri Road; 'C' wants to go to Puriri Road. Who goes 1st?
3. 'A' wants to go to Puriri Road; 'B' wants to go down Kauri Road (towards Brigham Creek Road). Who goes first?
4. 'B' wants to drive to Kingsway Road; 'C' wants to drive down Kauri Road (towards Brigham Creek Road). Who goes 1st?

ANSWERS:

1. C, B, A 2. C 3. B 4. C

Getting your licence is a big deal. For those of us lucky enough to teach our children how to drive, it's a crazy mix of excitement, anticipation and fear. The child has the excitement and anticipation, the parent has the fear.

Our youngest is learning to drive. We are going over the basics regularly. Little things we all take for granted are a big deal for learners. How far to turn the wheel when you're going around a corner so you don't end up on the other side of the road, remembering to put the indicator on in advance of the pending corner, who gives way to who, following distances, special awareness when passing stationary vehicles, when to pass and when to stop.

When we step into our vehicles we are responsible for a ton of metal we're about to propel down the road at speed, a lethal weapon. Our actions or inactions affect those around us. We must remember patience and practice consideration; it's the only way we're all going to survive out there.

As the temperatures drop, soups are on the menu

Here are a couple of soups to get you started. If you'd like to share your favourite winter warmer recipes with us, drop us a line at The Causeway... Email: news@thecauseway.co.nz

Corn and Bacon Chowder

1 can Creamed Corn
1 can Corn Kernels
50g Butter
2 Garlic Cloves (chopped)
1 Onion (chopped)
2-3 Potatoes (peeled and chopped)
4 Rashers of streaky bacon (chopped)
2 Celery stalks (chopped)
1 Leek (chopped)
1ltr Chicken stock
1/2cup Cream
Handful of corn chips and grated parmesan cheese

Heat butter in a pot and add diced bacon. Cook for a few minutes then add onion and garlic. Salute for 2mins, then add diced potatoes, celery and leek.

Sauté for a few more minutes then add the stock and two cans of corn.

Allow to simmer for about 30mins or until the soup has begun to thicken and the potatoes and leeks have broken down. Add cream and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serve in a warmed bowl, grab a handful of corn chips and crush them on to the top of the soup, sprinkle a spoonful of grated parmesan cheese – enjoy!

Green Goddess Soup

2 Garlic cloves (chopped)
1 Onion (chopped)
2 sticks Celery (chopped)
400g Broccoli
Bunch Kale leaves
Bunch Mint (chopped)
1ltr Chicken or vegetable stock or water
Salt and Pepper
Sour cream to garnish
Smoked paprika to dust on top

Peel and finely chop the garlic and onion. Trim and roughly chop the celery, kale and broccoli.

Heat a splash of oil in a pot, the sauté the onion, garlic and celery for about 2-3mins, cooking for another 5-10min, then blend to a smooth consistency. Return to the pot and bring back to the boil, add salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with a dollop of sour cream on top, add a pinch of chopped mint and sprinkle with paprika.



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Garden Club



Hannah Jack

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She started out when she had her first born, to create a chemical free product that was good for a baby's delicate skin. She has since developed her range to include, hair products, women's skin care (including a coloured lip balm and deodorant) a men's range and medicinal creams. She showed us these products and explained how she made them and what skin problems or ailments they were good for.

Her interest in "Apothecary" started when she was young, growing up in a rural setting, exploring the family garden, but took off when she was looking for a new venture a few years ago. She now grows fields of wildflowers and herbs and gathers weeds and NZ natives, to infuse into a selection of New Zealand sourced organic products, such as avocado or almond oil and beeswax. She also carefully chose the coconut oil she buys from the Pacific, to fit in with these organic values.

You can find Hannah on instagram and facebook @CountryKitchenNZ and her website is www.countrykitchen.co.nz Go online to have a look her beautiful photography and also some good old fashioned recipes, tweaked with updated ingredients. (Previously Hannah was a cook at a well known cafe in Sandringham) She also sells at local markets and online. She has started up some Winter Wellness Workshops in her studio on the farm, sharing her knowledge of plants and showing how to make some of the creams. Of course the sessions include herbal teas and homemade food and a load of enthusiasm for natural living!

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Whenuapai Floral & Garden Circle ~ May



Erica Clarke and Karen Lowther

After the unprecedented small attendance at the April Meeting, it was reassuring to see 73 members arrive at the Hall in May, much more like the number to which we are accustomed. Margaret reminded members that Mother's Day, which was imminent, was the preferred time for planting Sweet Peas. She was also amazed at how much her broccolis, cabbages and cauliflower plants had grown since purchased from the plant stall at our February picnic. It was pleasing to hear that a guest speaker from earlier this year had passed on her compliments on how accurately her talk had been reported in this publication (quite made me blush, certainly made my day, nice to be appreciated!)

Our Guest Speaker this month was Karen Lowther, Manager of Eden Gardens, who, being local and having spoken to us before, was amongst friends. She had recently returned from the United States where she attended the California Spring Trials at Oxnard, near Ventura, where the displays were dazzling. The plant breeders showcase their wares in big and bold style. Some new as yet unreleased plants we have to look forward to are: black ajuga, double petunias, mini petunias, white blackberry, white lavender, and more varieties of gerberas, dahlias and snapdragons. Her only regret was in not being able to take advantage of the generous offer to Help Yourself to any of the items after the event (due to distance and customs restrictions). Absolutely all the samples are left behind for whoever wants to take them home. Even the breakfast offerings were large and colourful being doughnuts of every type imaginable.

Tuesday through Saturday constitutes the working week for Karen and many and varied are the queries and complaints which come her way but if prizes were to be awarded, a top contender would be the visitor who bemoaned there were too many birds and they were disturbing the tranquillity and something needed to be done about them! Since there are a lot of people coming to have ashes of loved ones buried in this lovely old quarry filled with marvellous plants and shrubs, they come from all walks of life therefore flexibility and acceptance are key to managing whatever may happen and the unexpected frequently does. It makes for an interesting workplace at all times. When the tulips are flowering is the most popular time for visitors to Eden Gardens when the place really lives up to its name.

Until next time,

Happy Gardening from Mary Anne Clark

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heraldisland.museum@gmail.com

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June				
14 Wed	1033	3.0	2300	0731
15 Thu	1115	3.0	2343	0732
16 Fri	1159	2.9	-	0732
17 Sat	0029	3.1	1246	0732
18 Sun	0118	3.0	1338	0733
19 Mon	0211	3.1	1436	0733
20 Tue	0306	3.1	1538	0733
21 Wed	0404	3.2	1640	0734
22 Thu	0503	3.2	1741	0734
23 Fri	0603	3.3	1838	0734
24 Sat	0701	3.4	1933	0734
25 Sun	0758	3.5	2027	0734
26 Mon	0853	3.5	2119	0734
27 Tue	0947	3.5	2212	0735
28 Wed	1040	3.4	2304	0735
29 Thu	1132	3.3	2356	0735
30 Fri	-	3.3	1224	0735
July				
1 Sat	0048	3.2	1317	0735
2 Sun	0141	3.1	1412	0735
3 Mon	0233	3.0	1508	0734
4 Tue	0325	2.9	1604	0734
5 Wed	0416	2.9	1657	0734
6 Thu	0506	2.9	1747	0734
7 Fri	0555	2.9	1833	0734
8 Sat	0642	2.9	1916	0734
9 Sun	0726	2.9	1957	0733
10 Mon	0808	3.0	2036	0733
11 Tue	0849	3.0	2115	0733
12 Wed	0929	3.0	2154	0732
13 Thu	1010	3.0	2235	0732
14 Fri	1051	3.0	2318	0732
15 Sat	1135	3.0	-	0731
16 Sun	0004	3.1	1222	0731
17 Mon	0052	3.1	1314	0730
18 Tue	0145	3.1	1412	0730
19 Wed	0241	3.1	1515	0729

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