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April 2016

A perfect day for the Regatta

Another great day on the water, the HIR&R were able to raise \$279 for our very own Herald Island Playgroup. A huge thank you to Sue Noonan from Harcourts Hobsonville for her generous support of this event again. Along with

prizes for the swimming and kayak races, Sue also sponsored the duck race and best looking raft!

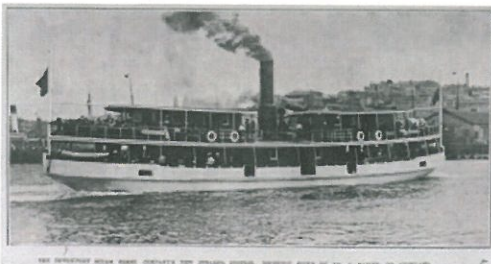
This year we had local band, 'Version 12:58' playing for the locals throughout the day.



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Farewell to the Kestrel



One of our Islands frequent visitors many years ago has sank down at the Wynyard Wharf overnight on March 7, The venerable boat will be hauled out

of the water and the insurance assessors will determine whether the Kestrel's hull can be repaired or scrapped, said Kestrel Preservation Society chairman Mike Alston.

Such a shame as over the years she brought many picnickers to our Island, if the Kestrel is to be scrapped I will try to get a small piece of memorabilia for our Herald Island Museum.



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Circulation 1,200 — pass it on to your friends or tell them to read the Causeway online at www.thecauseway.co.nz

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Kumeu Show 2016



It is at least 10 years since I visited the Kumeu Show, so I was looking forward to attending this year and helping out on a stall. I was on duty on the Sunday and was extremely impressed with the organisation and layout of the venue. The guys on the gate were very friendly and welcoming and clear with their directions.

Using the show programme, I was able to circulate around the grounds and find what was of interest to me without any hassle. I spoke to people from Waiheke Island, Howick, Whangarei and every place in between. Some families had been coming every year for a very long time and were enjoying their day out. It was great to see a cross section of our population attending.

There was an excellent variety of stalls, and every type of food imaginable available. I settled for a bacon and egg roll and chips, yum!

The events that were running during the day were clearly announced, and the children had a wonderful competition hunting out various items around the show. The farmyard was extremely popular with the younger (and older) generation, and the animals were well cared for and very patient. A large area at one end of the grounds was devoted to amusement rides, and the dog agility and sheepdog demonstrations were as popular as ever.

Well done to the organizers for introducing new events this year that are popular with the young ones, rock climbing, Ice skating and freestyle motorcross.

I will definitely be back and for a relaxing, informative and fun day out, come along next year!

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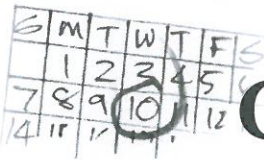


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Calendar

- 15 April** School Holidays Start
- 17 April** **Hobsonville Point Craft Market.** Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HPCraftMarket or for stall enquiries contact Liora 021-026-03793.
- 25 April** **ANZAC Day Parade and Service** The Hobsonville RSA Parade starts at 10.30am from Hobsonville School to the RSA. A service will be held at the Hobsonville RSA from 11am - 12noon. For further information contact William MacPherson 416-7227 or email: hobbysec@xtra.co.nz
- 2 May** **Back to School**
- 22 July** **Open Mike Poetry Nights - (Also 25 Nov 16)** Kumeu Arts Centre, 7-9pm for all members of the community. Entry \$2. Participants are encouraged to come along, recite their own (or their favourite poetry) and to listen to others' works. This can include poetry, song or even one-page stories. Please RSVP: thetinshead@clear.net.nz phone: 09-412-9480.

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Some ideas for the School Holidays

Animates Free School Holiday Activities



Animates, Westgate Shopping Centre, Corner North Western Motorway and Hobsonville Road, Auckland, Thursday 21 April 2016 11:00am and Thursday 28 April 2016 11:00am – For all ages, free admission.

School Holidays are just around the corner and once again we are hosting some exciting activities to keep kids entertained!

Join us at your local Animates on Thursday 21st April or 28th April at 11am. Children can learn everything they need to know about rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and mice; small in size with big personalities.

The sessions are a great way to introduce children to the skills they need to be a nurturing pet parent. Each child that attends will also receive a certificate to take home.

No bookings are required, but make sure you get in early.

Ice Skate Tour



Hobsonville Primary School, 104 Hobsonville Road, Auckland. Monday 16 May 2016 – Friday 20 May 3-8pm and Saturday 21 May - Sunday 22 May 10am-4pm.

Kids (under 16):\$7.00, Adults:\$13.00 - Door Sales Only.

Come enjoy ice skating at Hobsonville Primary School. It's a great, safe and fun way to get active and also an activity that kids can do together with their parent(s) and friends. The Ice Skate Tour travels around with a mobile ice rink in the Auckland Region. All events are open for general public so don't worry if you or your kid(s) are not attending the school. Most events are in school halls but it's an all-weather activity anyway, rain or shine!

Auckland Night Markets

KMart Henderson, Waitakere Plaza, 25 Newington Road, Auckland. Thursday 14 and 21 April 2016 5:30pm – 11:00pm.

The markets are growing in popularity due to their appeal to all age groups. Bring along your spending money, as there is plenty of food, fashion, toys and lots of interesting sights and smells to tempt you.

It's a great night out for the family, and the undercover location means it's an all-weather event. The kids can experience food from other cultures, hear live music and watch performances. Buskers, magicians and dance troupes provide additional entertainment at some events.

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Transport for growth in North West Auckland

Report by
Kevin Casbott

A combined group from Auckland Transport, Auckland Council and the NZ Transport Agency hosted a public consultation in the Whenuapai Hall on Saturday 12 March.

The aim of the consultation was to present some ideas on what the thinking is for future transport requirements to cope with the growth in north-west Auckland.

It was also an opportunity to raise ideas and concerns from the local community. Needless to say topics like upgrades to Brigham Creek Road and a footpath along Kauri Road were commented on. Some of the ideas presented were:

Whenuapai public transport options
Planning is underway for the northwestern busway from the CBD to Westgate. Should we also:

- Extend the busway or bus priority to Kumeu?
- Extend the busway or bus priority to Constellation Bus Station?
- Future proof these for light rail?

Should feeder bus services be provided between Whenuapai and ferries at Hobsonville and West Harbour?

Improved SH16 to SH18 connection

Should a more direct connection from SH16 to SH18 be provided to relieve pressure on Brigham Creek Road?

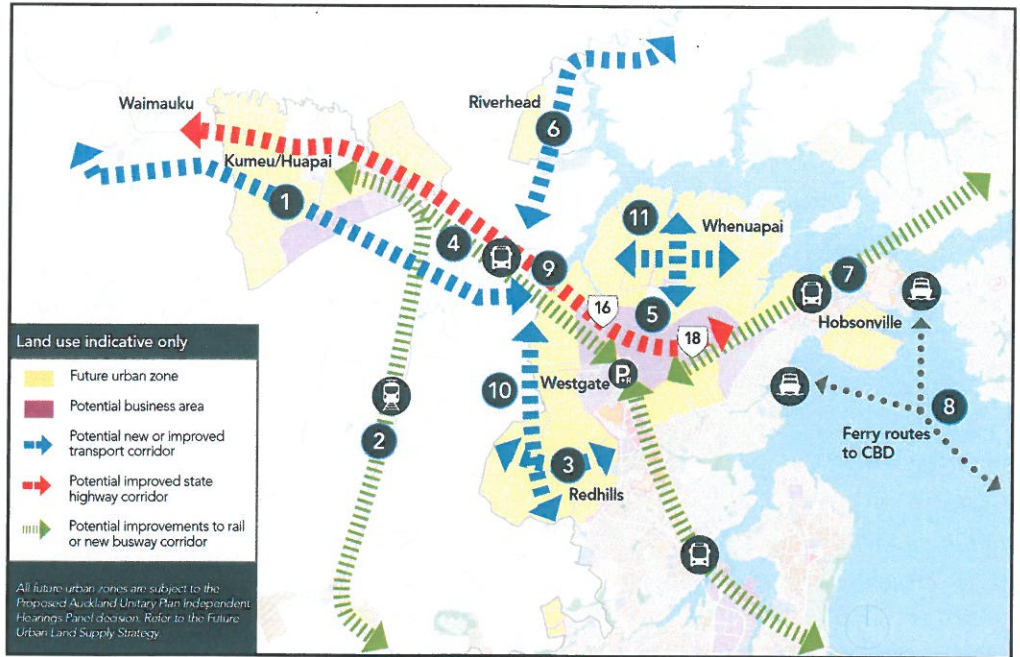
Or should Brigham Creek Road have a major upgrade?

Connections to Redhills and Whenuapai

Which are the key connections for Whenuapai and Redhills?

Potential key connections:

- Northside Drive Extension.



- Fred Taylor Drive-Nelson Road connection.
- Royal Road extension.
- Don Buck Road to Riverhead.
- Totara Road to Trig Road.

This consultation was not about informing the community about what has been decided; rather to signal what is being considered and to ask for feedback.

A lot of what was presented can be found online at: <https://at.govt.nz/.../transport-for-growth-in-north-west-au-.../>

Following this consultation, a second round of consultation will take place in late April/early May 2016. Keep an eye out online or in your local paper for details of this consultation closer to the time.

Transport ideas for Whenuapai and Redhills



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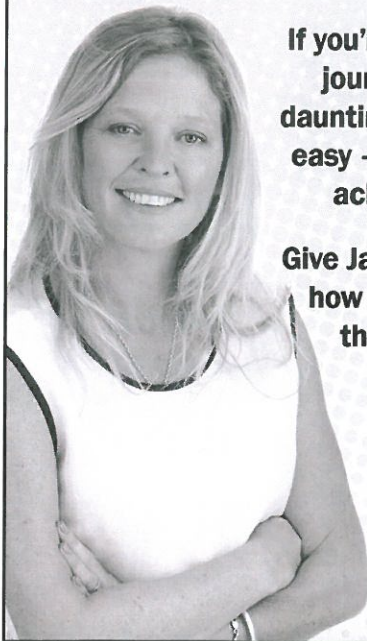
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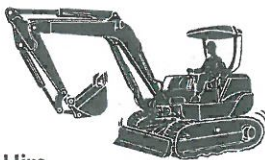
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During April, keep those fallen leaves cleared away as they are a source of infection in the coming season. Earwigs, red spider mite and white fly can damage crops and should be sprayed. Watch out for caterpillars, and white fly who favour hibiscus, poinsettia, gerberas and herbs such as sage and mint, also vegetable seedlings such as squash, melon, egg plant, cabbage, beans, tomato and broccoli.

Natural Spray -

All Purpose pest spray for any leaf eating pests:

1 Garlic bulb

1 Onion (small)

1 teaspoon Powdered Cayenne Pepper

1ltr Water

1 Tbsp Liquid Dish Soap

Chop, grind or liquefy garlic and onion. Add cayenne pepper and mix with water. Steep 1 hour; strain then add liquid dish soap and mix well. Spray plants including underside of leaf. Store mixture up to 1 week, covered and labelled in fridge.

Herbs ~

How wonderful to see so many people using herbs for cooking and first aid in the home. Rosemary can be burnt in a sick room to reduce fevers, is good for high blood pressure as well as a heart and liver tonic. Rosemary tea helps relieve headaches and is a good mouth wash. It is good for mental stimulation and helping the memory along with pine, thyme and sage.

Parsley is best eaten raw every day. It is rich in vitamins and minerals and a good source of iron. Add it to raw juices and it sweetens the breath. Garnish vegetable and meat dishes, mix finely chopped into hot mashed potatoes, add to stews soups salads or sandwiches.

If you want information about a particular herb or are interested in learning more about the use of herbs contact:

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- 1tsp Baking Soda

Method:

Preheat oven to 180degC. Line two baking trays with non-stick baking paper. Place flour, sugar, coconut and oats in a bowl and stir to combine. Make a well in the centre. Place butter and golden syrup in a saucepan to melt, or microwave to melt. Dissolve baking soda in boiling water. Add melted ingredients and dissolved baking soda to dry ingredients and mix to combine.

Roll spoonfuls into balls and press onto prepared baking trays, allowing space for biscuits to spread while cooking. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until firm and golden brown.

Remove to a wire rack to cool, and enjoy!

Makes approximately 30 biscuits.

Hobsonville RSA Parade –

Event details:

Parade musters and assembles outside Hobsonville School at 1015hrs. Fall in at 1030hrs. March off at 1040hrs. Arrive at Hobsonville RSA 1055hrs

Hobsonville RSA Service -

Event details:

Service commences at Hobsonville RSA Cenotaph at 1100hrs. Service finishes at 1200hrs. Parade marchers include RSA members, serving personnel from RNZAF Base Auckland (Whenuapai) and usually representatives from Army and RNZN, local schools and youth organisations, Fire Service and Police. Most of the above marchers and other invitees will lay wreaths at the Hobsonville RSA cenotaph during the service

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Where: Origins Restaurant and Bar, Westgate Shopping Centre.

Ticket Information:

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- Door Sales Only

John Rowles showcases his brand new album "The Greatest Song of All", with 18 new tracks plus some of his greatest hits. Limited to 100 people. Make your reservation phone us on 09-831-0266. Don't miss out, book now!

Waste Free Parenting Workshop

Helensville War Memorial Hall, 49 Commercial Road, Auckland.

Wednesday 27 April 2016 7:00pm – 9:30pm

- Individual Ticket: \$25.00
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Nappy Lady Waste Free Parenting Workshops.

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This workshop has amazing support from your local board, therefore we will have lots of giveaways on the night.

We will show you lots of ways you can reduce waste at home; Introduce you to sustainable household products; Show the environmental impact of the choices you make.

Give you tips and advice on washing, and advice on choosing, purchasing and using cloth nappies.

You can book your tickets <http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/about/ticket-outlets>. There are limited spaces at each workshop, please arrive 20 minutes before the workshop starts.

Massey Laughter Club

Massey Leisure Centre and Library, Corner Don Buck Road and Westgate Drive, Auckland.

Dates: Tuesday 19 April 2016 1:30pm – 2:30pm... more dates: 26 April, 3, 10 and 24 May. All Ages – donation.

At Laughter Clubs we use a combination of laughter exercises, breathing, gentle stretches, and relaxation to bring more fun, good health and less stress into our lives.

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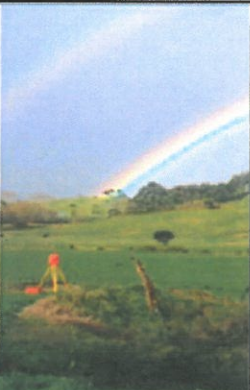
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Live music, raffle and silent auctions during the evening.

Limited number of tickets. Ph/Text: Sue 027-289-0349

(Massey High School Fundraiser for a Spain trip in July)

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Thank you to the kind people on Waimarie Road who gave away free Chokos, and in Dale Road for their free Quinces. While cycling around the area I saw your signs and really appreciate the produce - thank you!

Herald Island Playgroup

Meet at the Herald Island Domain Hall, Ferry Parade on Tuesday mornings from 9.30-11.30am. Please bring a gold coin donation and a piece of fruit from our shared morning tea.

Contact Sarah for information on 021-791-949, email: heraldislandplaygroup@gmail.com - You can also find us on Facebook.

Herald Island Craft/friendship Group

Meet at the Old Fire Station, Ferry Parade on Wednesday mornings from 9.30-12noon. Bring along your crafts if you wish, or just join us for a cuppa and chat. We try to squeeze in a game of Rummy-o before we leave each Wednesday. The group also go on outings, we carpool and head off to a local café or other places of interest if the mood takes us. All welcome. Please note that the Herald Island Library is open to visitors between 9.30-12noon each Wednesday too.

Writers Group has finished it's chapter

Open Mike Poetry Nights

Kumeu Arts Centre, 7-9pm for all members of the community. Entry \$2. Participants are encouraged to come along, recite their own (or their favourite poetry) and to listen to others' works. This can include poetry, song or even one-page stories.

These evenings have an emphasis on creativity and sharing in an open, warm and supportive environment for those wanting to share their love of the written word.

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(Upcoming Poetry Nights: 22/7/16, 25/11/16).

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over 12months!*

Real Estate became the new “quiet news day” story. The situation in Auckland is all over the place, varies by area and unpredictable as ever. Commentary from one real estate brand can be negative on one day and optimistic the next adding to the confusion.

Think it might be worth having a real estate commentary based on what happened, what is set in stone and based on facts! I think readers want to know 3 things: What’s my house worth? What’s happening around me and will it affect my price? Does a landbanker want my property... for lots of money?

Special housing areas aside (as these are mostly approved now) there is a land-grab of sorts in areas of Northwest. I said to someone today, I love the rural feel of the west but when you look around the days are numbered! This provides unexpected windfalls for many with properties in just the right place.

There’s plenty of realities for developers which limit the spread of the landbanking at this point. At Whenuapai, it’s the lack of sewerage. Many of the latest SHA approvals were ex government land. Recently further development was slowed, roading and infrastructure upgrades not keeping up with the unprecedented housing growth.

I think we are in a minor pause in the market at the moment. We aren’t generally seeing a frenzied auction market as we did this time last year. We are however seeing many people; watching, educating themselves and acting... often one buyer per home. We are seeing good prices not extremely “nuts” prices as the norm currently.

March Five of these were purchased by solitary bidders, not pressured by under-bidders. This, I believe puts us in a “normal” warm Auckland market. Now if you present a single level 4 bedroom home on an average section then all bets are off! This low maintenance and durable home scenario is the holy grail for overseas investors, with these expect a minor frenzy, early offers and premium prices... if the buyers see it.

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*Raphael Pl, West Harbour – 4 bed, 2 bath, quiet culdesac. \$855,000 at auction.

*Pyrite St, Westgate – 4 bed, 2 bath, ROW, plaster. \$720,000 by negotiation.

*Harvard St, Hobsonville – 3 bed, 2 bath, single level. \$915,000 pre-auction.

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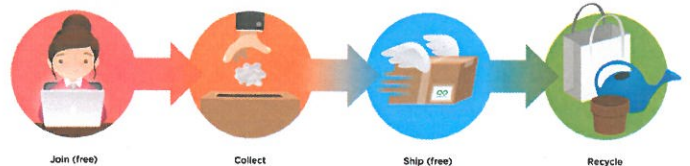
We found a new initiative to recycle these items. Go to www.terracycle.co.nz sign up, print off the post label, attach to your box of items and send off - simple! It's a very worthwhile exercise as part of our everyday recycling.

It was said the main item at the landfill is water bottles, but strangely enough the coffee capsules are now taking top position. What a great responsibility Nescafe and other companies are taking to accept back the packaging for recycling.

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Environmental ambassadors

Aren't we lucky to have these great ladies battling environmental issues for our community in Herald Island. North Parks Volunteer Coordinator; Ashley White from Auckland Council visited the Island. Plans for both the Animal and Vegetation Pest Programme were discussed. A bit of planning work needed, then details will be released for your support



Jan Diprose pictured with Ashley White.

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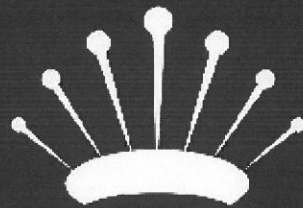
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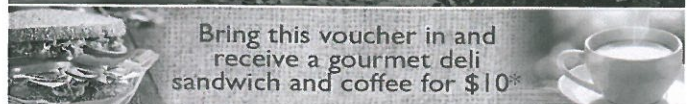
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Herb Group's making a home in Whenuapai

The group held its second meeting in the Whenuapai Hall, on Tuesday the 5th April at 7.15pm. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

Lemon Balm was the 'herb of the month' in April. Diane handed out an informative brochure on Lemon Balm along with recipes. After supper, guest speaker Minette, from 'Meadow Sweet Herbs' spoke to the group on 'Chilli Peppers'. The multitudes of shapes and sizes, the range of exciting colours, and of course their delicious pungent heat has made the chilli popular all over the world. Here's what we learnt...



- The Gulf of Mexico was the birth place of the chilli.
- Christopher Columbus found the chilli on his travels.
- Capsicums, chillis and peppers are all in the same family.
- There are over 70 varieties.
- The five most common, domesticated species are as follows: Capsicum Annuum, Capsicum Baccatum, Capsicum Chinense, Capsicum Frutescens and Capsicum Pubescens.
- In 1912 Wilbur Scoville created, heat measurement units to chart the hotness of a pepper (from mild to extremely hot). This is called 'Seoville Heat Units (SHU) and is still in use today.
- 'Carolina Reaper' is the worlds' hottest chilli, and it appears in the Guinness World records.
- Chilli are easy to grow, all they need is warm weather, water and good soil. Feed the plant when it starts fruiting. Epsom salts, seaweed, and tomato food all work well.
- Preserving: Dry, freeze, smoke, pickle, process or freeze. Any form of preserving works well.
- Culinary: Chilli don't lose their flavour while cooking and can be used in numerous dishes, from salads, casseroles, Asian cooking, stuffed, chilli chocolate, ice-cream, brownies and more!
- Beat the burn! Try taking a little milk, yogurt, sugar, rice or bread if you have burning in your mouth. Do not drink water, it won't help the burn.
- Medical: Cayenne Pepper is extremely versatile and has many medical benefits. Be very careful as hot peppers and chilli can burn if you touch your face after handling them. Tip: rub a little cooking oil on your hands before you chop up chilli for cooking. After handling wash your hands thoroughly, this will prevent chilli juices lingering.

Upcoming meetings:

May 3 – Herb: Horseradish – Topic: Winter tonics.

June 7 – Herb: Tansy – Topic: Insect Repellent.

July 5 - Herb: Ginger – Topic: Soups and breads.

August 2 – Herb: Lemon Tea Tree – Topic: Herbal teas

September – Herb: Rosemary – Topic: Potpourri

October – Herb: Aloe Vera – Topic: Herbs for first aid.

November – Herb: Cinnamon – Topic: Christmas herbal gifts

December 6 – Herbal mystery trip.



**Horseradish
& Tansy**



Whenuapai Floral and Garden Circle

Seventy one people attended the March Meeting at the Village Hall. Paul Sanson was the guest speaker, a brand new enthusiastic Driving Miss Daisy franchisee who covers the Hobsonville/West Harbour/Waimauku area. Paul told us the business began in Canada and is based in Havelock North in this country. He finds it an interesting and rewarding job. Paul has lived in Waimauku for twenty years, was widowed six years ago, and since his two children are now adults, he has the time to enjoy the variations of the job.

Driving Miss Daisy (yes, the name was inspired by the title of THAT movie) is more than just transportation; it is a safe, friendly, reliable driving service. The client is collected from the door, not the gate and help is offered with shopping, luggage or mobility equipment. Whether it be an appointment to be met or a scenic drive to be enjoyed, a lift to the movies or airport pick up or drop off required, even pets taken to vets, Driving Miss Daisy does it all.

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Those of us who went on the trip to Gibbs Farm at Kaukapakapa on St Patrick's Day were very impressed with the many and varied and HUGE sculptures there and the exotic animals, most of which are not seen here outside of a zoo. It is a LARGE property with deer, buffalo, zebra, giraffe, alpaca in enclosures also swans, turkeys, even an ostrich wandering around amongst the visitors. Only open to the public a few days a year, there were at least seven buses and hundreds of cars which had brought around 1500 people there during the four hours we spent in that amazing location. It truly was a farm as you have NEVER seen the like before!!

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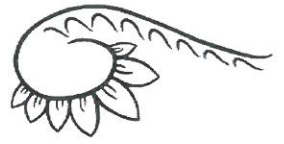
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Glen Eden Library, Meeting
Room, Glen Eden. 7.00pm
\$4 door charge.
Lani Rimington - 818-2161

Tauhinu Sea Scout Group
Rahui Rd, Greenhithe
Keas (Wed 6 - 7pm) Ages 6 - 7
Cubs (Mon 6.30 - 8pm) Ages 7
- 11

Scouts (Thu 6.30 - 8.30pm)
Ages 10 - 15
Venturers (Tue) Ages 14 - 18
Phone 416 4451

Club Physical Toastmasters
Is speaking a barrier?
Dare to make it a strength?
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Early morning and evening
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U3A Hobsonville
Meets 3rd Thursday of the
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Hobsonville Bowling Club
Carol Denton - 416-4860

Upper Harbour Boat Watch
Co-ordinator
Eddie Grassick - 416-8220
Greenhithe
Neil Beken - 483-7323

West City Concert Band
Invites brass and woodwind
musicians to join them on Wed
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Colin Hill - 444-6236

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Open mornings Monday &
Fridays 9.00-11.30
\$3 ~ Non-members welcome
Raewyn Hassett - 416-7304

Whenuapai Air Scout Group
Tim Dunbar - 416-6667

Whenuapai Floral & Garden Circle
Margaret Treneary - 412-8788

Whenuapai Hall For Hire
Jane Paul - 416-1410
bookings@whenuapai.org.nz

Whenuapai Community
Playgroup
Mon 9.30-11.30am, at the
Whenuapai Community Hall
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Veronica - 834-0488

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Clark Rd, Hobsonville
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Chair: Norm Dunckley - 416-8537
chair@whenuapai.org.nz
Secretary: Andy Milne -
021416651
secretary@whenuapai.org.nz

WAITEMATA TIDE CHART

Date	High Water Auckland	Sun Rise	Sun Set
April			
16 Sat	0234 3.1	1503	0647 1754
17 Sun	0333 3.0	1602	0648 1753
18 Mon	0428 3.0	1659	0649 1752
19 Tue	0520 3.0	1751	0649 1750
20 Wed	0607 3.0	1839	0650 1749
21 Thu	0652 3.0	1922	0651 1748
22 Fri	0733 3.1	2002	0652 1747
23 Sat	0812 3.1	2040	0653 1745
24 Sun	0851 3.1	2117	0654 1744
25 Mon	0928 3.1	2154	0655 1743
26 Tue	1007 3.0	2232	0656 1742
27 Wed	1046 3.0	2313	0656 1740
28 Thu	1128 3.0	2357	0657 1739
29 Fri	- -	1213	0658 1738
30 Sat	0046 3.0	1303	0659 1737
May			
1 Sun	0140 3.0	1358	0700 1736
2 Mon	0237 3.0	1459	0701 1735
3 Tue	0337 3.1	1602	0702 1734
4 Wed	0435 3.2	1705	0702 1733
5 Thu	0533 3.3	1804	0703 1732
6 Fri	0629 3.5	1901	0704 1731
7 Sat	0724 3.5	1954	0705 1730
8 Sun	0818 3.6	2046	0706 1729
9 Mon	0912 3.6	2138	0707 1728
10 Tue	1005 3.5	2229	0708 1727
11 Wed	1057 3.4	2322	0708 1726
12 Thu	1150 3.3	-	0709 1725
13 Fri	0015 3.3	1243	0710 1724
14 Sat	0109 3.2	1338	0711 1723
15 Sun	0205 3.1	1434	0712 1723
16 Mon	0259 3.0	1531	0713 1722
17 Tue	0353 3.0	1627	0713 1721
18 Wed	0443 2.9	1719	0714 1720
19 Thu	0531 2.9	1807	0715 1720
20 Fri	0616 3.0	1851	0716 1719
21 Sat	0659 3.0	1932	0716 1718
22 Sun	0740 3.0	2012	0717 1718
23 Mon	0821 3.0	2050	0718 1717

Alcoholics Anonymous
Whenuapai Branch
Meets Tues from 7.30 pm at
Whenuapai School Hall
Margaret - 810-8521

Citizens Advice Bureau
833-5775

Civil Defence - Resident's
Response Team
In emergencies meet at the Fire
Station, 57 Ferry Pde

Community Patrol
Whenuapai, Graeme Barnard
416-4499

Greenhithe Bridge Club
Mon evenings 7.30pm at the
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Gill - 413-8339
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Paul Judd - 416-4194

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Group Meet every Wednesday
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Friendship, crafts and a cuppa.
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Sue McElroy 416-4298

Herald Island Garden Club
Second Tuesday of each
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Lee Barry - 416-3981

Herald Island Hall For Hire
heraldislandbookings@gmail.com

Herald Island Heritage
Sub-committee
Margret Brands 416-7452
heraldisland.museum@gmail.com

Herald Island Library
Weds: & Sat: 10-12noon
Etta Gillon - 416-7638

Herald Island Museum
57 Ferry Parade
Open first Sat of month
10am - 12noon
or by appointment
416-8348

Herald Island Playgroup
Tues 9.30-11.30am
at the HI Hall.
Gold coin donation per child.
Contact: Sarah 021-791-949

Herald Island R&R
Mike Hassett - 416-7304
Annie Sidall - 416-9611

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