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Dolphins in our neighbourhood

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- don't approach a group of dolphins if three or more boats are already within 300m of the group.
- manoeuvre your boat carefully. Do not obstruct their path, cut through a group, or separate mothers from calves.

From a boat or swimming:

- avoid loud or sudden noises that could startle dolphins.
- don't swim with dolphins when calves are present.
- don't try to touch the dolphins or feed them.
- co-operate with others so all may see the dolphins without putting them at risk.

Set nets:

If you are set netting always remain with your net. Remove your net from the water if dolphins are seen in the area.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DOLPHINS AND HOW TO REPORT SIGHTINGS

DOC is a good reference point for further information:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/marine-mammals/dolphins/bottlenose-dolphin/>

You are encouraged by DOC to report sightings:

Reports of sightings are always valuable and help increase DOC's knowledge of dolphin distribution and movements around New Zealand.

Reporting sightings to DOC is one way of supporting research on coastal whales and dolphins.

Either call DOC on their conservation hotline 0800 DOCHOT (0800 362 468). Or you can also report a sighting online.

Include as much information as possible with your sighting:

- the date, time and location (GPS coordinates if possible)
- the number of dolphins and estimated sizes
- the direction they were travelling
- take photographs or video if possible.

The iNaturalist (<https://www.inaturalist.org/>) is a fascinating website which relies on global citizen input.

As a citizen science platform it's a good place to post observations of marine life and to learn about what else has been seen in your neighbourhood. Sightings posted there are recorded by DOC.



Dolphin sightings off our foreshore



Photo credit Janine Carr

Whenuapai and Herald Islanders were in for a treat when a group of dolphins came up the tributaries in late June, sparking a flurry of social media posts and some great photos.

The bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) is the species most commonly seen in the upper harbour. Sightings in the western Hauraki Gulf typically occur between April and June.

While it seems there's been more sightings in recent years in the Herald Island/Whenuapai tributaries compared to decades past, that could well be due to smartphones and social media shares. It could also be a habitat shift.

Clinton Duffy, Technical Advisor from DOC's Ecosystems Team says habitat shift by bottlenose dolphins has been documented in the Bay of Islands.

"The cause of the shift is unknown but the potential causes suggested by the researchers were (i) a shift in prey distribution, (ii) avoidance of disturbance by boats and (iii) a change in the age structure or social composition of the dolphin population that meant the proportion of their time spent in different parts of the bay changed over time.

"Any or none of these reasons could

apply here," says Clinton.

He says bottlenose dolphins feed on a wide range of pelagic (species that spend most of their time swimming well above the sea floor or near the surface) and demersal (bottom-living) fishes, octopus and squid.

"Having said that I'm not aware of any scientific studies of their diet in Hauraki Gulf, or Waitemata Harbour," says Clinton.

Stingrays have been caught in nets in our tributaries and locals have said they have been a source of food for the dolphins. Clinton says he hasn't heard of any recorded cases where this has happened.

In the tributaries the dolphins are probably after flatfish, mullet and kahawai, he says.

However DoC is always after more sightings and facts to add to their dolphin knowledge bank (see:How to approach dolphins and report sightings on Page 12).

International research shows that the lifespan of dolphins can vary between countries. For example, in Florida (USA), dolphins live to about 25 years of age, while in South Africa they may live in excess of 40 years.

In New Zealand, the size of a newborn dolphin is around 85-1.3cm in length and an adult 1.9-3.9m.

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Upper Harbour Local Board is developing a "Local Parks Management Plan" and your feedback is required by 30 August 2019. Further information on Page 6



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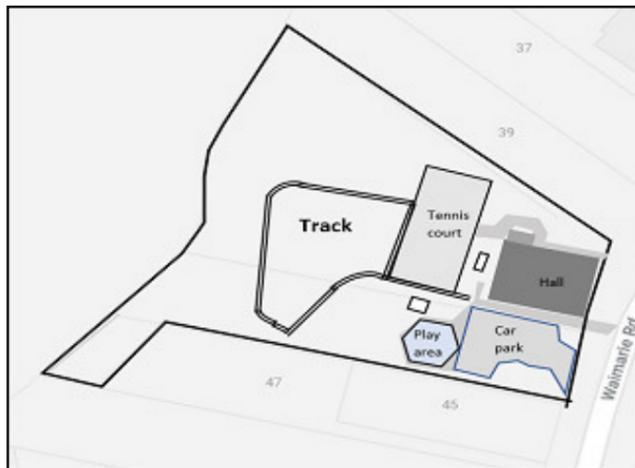
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New loop track for Whenuapai

The bush area behind the tennis courts at the Malcolm Hahn Memorial Hall Reserve will soon have a new walking track. Auckland Council and the Upper Harbour Local Board has approved a loop track.

The walking track will enable the community to enjoy the bush area by providing better access to the bush in wet conditions and the paths will be wider and user-friendly. Currently, the bush area is overgrown and the existing track is muddy and unutilised.

The Whenuapai Ratepayers & Residents Society has been working in partnership with the Council to create a track which will be enjoyed for years to come. It's estimated that work will start on the track in January 2020.

LIVING WHENUAPAI has already started to rid the area of weeds and pests. They anticipate a weed clearing program for the reserve will happen over the next 12 months by a series of working bees, so check out their Facebook page to find out the dates of these if you would like to help out.

An idea for the future is that funding could be sought for a viewing platform linked to the track which would overlook the Upper Harbour.

As Whenuapai continues to grow it is important that our local parks are well maintained and are as welcoming as possible.

Haydon Mattson, Chairperson Whenuapai R&R

Boy racer chaos at Bill Moir Park

It was disappointing to see that boy racers broke the barrier protecting the entrance of Bill Moir Park and proceeded to drive around the field inflicting serious damage to the grounds. Whenuapai residents have previously raised their concerns with the Upper Harbour Local Board about the disruptive behaviour. They tore down the Auckland Council sign and did burnouts in the carpark.

The good news is, the barrier has been repaired and residents along with the Ratepayers & Residents Society are working with Auckland Council to prevent this happening again. Historically, Bill Moir Park was donated to Auckland City, so let's work together to keep our parks safe for all to enjoy.

*Haydon Mattson,
Chairperson
Whenuapai R&R*



Garden companion restored

With our Garden Club still in winter recess, this month I bring you details of our former gardening companion.

Many of you may have seen our familiar red van around the Village and environs, but not recently. Postman Pat has been retired and has undergone quite the transformation!

Since we no longer have the need for our trusty vehicle to transport ourselves and our tools to various properties about the place and that sometimes the only time it moved was to get our car out, we considered it time to let the van go. Through Norman Dunkley, from whom we had bought Postman Pat a decade ago, we heard there was someone very keen to restore the vehicle from workhorse to show pony.

Sad though it was to see our vehicle go, it was great when we saw it all shiny and looking like new again. Dave took the opportunity to get behind the wheel one more time. Postman Pat served us well and kept all the tools in the back behind the grill so no danger when manoeuvring corners, and brought many a smile to the faces of children around about. Now Postman Pat has a new home to shine in.



Postman Pat renewed

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Herald Island Garden Club



In the winter we hold our AGM, which is the chance to reminisce over the past year. We shared memories of visiting seven gardens, some around our neighbourhood and others at Coatesville and Snapper Rock.

We were also highly motivated by a variety of speakers including; a member who toured Canadian and Alaskan gardens, an informative beekeeper, a keen orchid grower, a dedicated native plant propagator from the Enviro Group, an amazing intrepid traveller and a passionate local who makes plant-based shampoo bars.

We gardeners are also foodies and enjoy socializing at our annual lunch and yearly dinner with partners.

After the meeting we relaxed and over a scrumptious supper, went on a virtual tour of Hobbiton Gardens. Lee Barry guided us through her summer visit, when she was surprised at how full the vegetable plot looked, when the nearby farms were so parched. Apparently there are at least four full time gardeners who work in the early hours every morning, before everyone arrives. Also the planting of heritage fruit trees laden with fruit and old-world bramble hedges, all added charm. Of course the tool sheds, scarecrows, seed and store houses and garden equipment left lying around, all added to the village atmosphere.

The delightful Hobbit homes certainly had the 'cute factor' with colourful planting that enhanced their quirky characters and most had grassed or wildflower roofs. Although it is an overcrowded tourist attraction, the attention to detail and continual upkeep certainly made it worthy of recommendation.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, in the Fire Station. If this sounds like your thing, please do come and join us.



Calendar

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24 August - Whenuapai PTA fundraiser
 Horse Racing, Raffles, Auctions! The evening will be held in the Whenuapai School Hall and starts at 6.30pm. ADULTS ONLY. BYO drinks and food.
 Entry \$5.00 - Tickets available from the Whenuapai School office.

25 August - Living Whenuapai's next planting day at Waimarie Beach Reserve August 25th at 2pm.

30 August - Public submissions close for Local Parks Management Plan. Auckland Council (Upper Harbour Local Board). It's important to have your say. Refer Page 6 in The Causeway for details and how to submit.

October - Local Body elections

20 November - 7.30pm Herald Island Residents & Ratepayers - AGM - Herald Island Hall

Regular Weekly Groups...
Tuesday - 'Herald Island Playgroup' in the Herald Island Hall 9.30-12noon. Gold coin, plus a piece of fruit for a shared morning tea.
Wednesday - 'Wednesday Craft' in the Herald Island Fire Station from 9.30am-12noon. All welcome, drop in for a suppa and see what we're doing.

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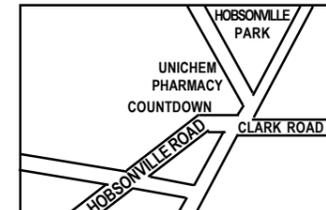
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Annual Report 2018/2019

This year we have been busy, held some exciting events, had new challenges, completed hall improvements and come up with new ideas. My highlight of the year was the annual Easter Hunt with a large turn out and plenty of eager children keen to find a chocolate egg. We put a lot of time and effort into organising such events and it is good to see the community getting involved.

The Whenuapai Hall

The hall has been as popular as ever and bookings are up. It's great to see that the community are using this facility. With the help of funding from the Trusts, we have just installed new LED lights in the main hall, kitchen and side room. The hall floor will be polished in the next few months. We are always looking for ways to make the hall more user-friendly to all users. We have just installed two security lights at the hall's rear entrance so users can safely enter at night.

We have been communicating with Auckland Council to upgrade the hall's Building Warrant of Fitness and to make the hall accessible to the elderly and disabled. After a long process of negotiating the lease, a 25-year lease is just about to be signed. The Upper Harbour Local Board have given approval for the car parks at the front of the hall to be included in the lease. Furthermore, Kirk Campbell did a very good job at facilitating the installation of the new septic tank system for the hall. The new septic system will also be included in the lease. We are looking at getting funding for an inbuilt overhead projector which will allow all users to play movies, show photos and presentation.

The hall does face some challenges. There is a significant amount of rot in the hall weatherboards, which need to be repaired or replaced. We have had a quote from a reputable local builder who believes the weatherboards are coming to the end of their life and he recommends we reclad the hall. The cost of fully reclad in the hall is about \$136,000. This will require applying for a building consent, with the hall being out of action while works are carried out. The committee will work closely with the Auckland Council, the Upper Harbour Local Board and the various community funders who will hopefully help fund the project. It is the committee's vision to replace the existing weatherboards with a similar product to ensure the hall keeps its historical look.

Local road repairs

The quality of road repairs and advance notification from Auckland Transport have been poor. It has been an ongoing struggle to gain common sense answers from Auckland Transport. We have requested Auckland Transport provide us with notification of any planned works in the area. However, Auckland Transport has failed to comply. We will endeavour to work with Auckland Transport to provide feedback on Whenuapai roads.

Local Parks Management Plan

We are working with the Upper Harbour Local Board in developing a Local Parks Management Plan. This plan will include all the parks and Reserves managed by Auckland Council. The Upper Harbour Local Board has requested some feedback. We will send out the Upper Harbour Local Parks Management feedback forms for the community to fill out shortly. As Whenuapai is growing and the Unitary plan will allow more high density living in our area, it is important that we make sure we have quality open spaces for our community to enjoy.

Local environment

We are also working with Auckland Council in improving the bush area behind the hall. We are in the process of reviewing the historic plans to see if they achieved the outcome. Once we have further information, we will post this on our Facebook page, hall

Working towards a pest-free environment on Herald Island

We are in an ideal situation to aim for a "Pest Free Environment," given our geographical location.

In 2012 Richard Hursthouse from 'Forest and Bird' spoke to members of our local Garden Club about his role in developing Tuff Crater, from a wasteland to a natural habitat for native birds.

At that time there were already a strong group of volunteers on Tiritiri Matangi, planting a haven for many birds that most Aucklanders had only seen in books.

Also, in the Waitakere Ranges DOC had set up 'Ark in the Park' to create a "mainland island" to operate predator control, which would allow existing forest and therefore birds, to recover.

Between the two locations, different groups had started to focus on their own community pest programmes and so the North-West Wildlink (Hauraki Islands, Hibiscus Coast, North Shore, Waitakere) was coming to fruition.

Conveniently Herald Island was right in the middle of the North-West Wildlink flight path! A dedicated Pest Group was established and we were encouraged to create that vital link.

Seven years down the track, we now have our neighbours, Whenuapai, Paremoremo, Greenhithe and Hobsonville Point, with their groups up and running, which certainly helps the cause.

Obviously as this grows, with encouragement from the media, Council and Government, we can feel confident in a really good outcome. The Herald Island Environmental Group is well under way, achieving good results, but we can't get complacent!!

We still need to focus on eradicating possums, mostly found in large trees and rats appear to be on the move looking for better homes and menus. So please try to discourage them by removing any cosy debris piles and not leaving any food sources outside. Remember to contact Rob Purchase 021-421-794 if you have sighted possums or rats recently, to get one of our keen team to help you, with a trap or servicing your property.

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Herald Island Library News

"What is success? It is being able to go to bed each night with your soul at peace" - Paul Coelho

Local Children's author Joan Joass will be launching her first book within the next two months at the Herald Island Library. Joan is an avid fossil enthusiast and with her vast experience in this field shares her expertise, her fantastic photos and stories about her exciting fossil hunts.

The book caters for 9 to 14-year olds and with Christmas around the corner it may be the very book to buy for young fossil enthusiasts. Joan has a picture book for us to look out for called "The Long Drop" which is also about to be released. So, watch this space!

There is nothing more enthralling than coming across a book that you cannot simply put down! The book I'm referring to is one called "Thrive" written by Ariana Huffington (from The Huffington Post) a person who I have heard only positive things about, but not really had the time to check out until now.

I found the book in our very own library alongside one called "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg who is a fantastic role model to all women whether it's in their professional lives and or for personal fulfilment. The book has been a tremendous success. Both books were recently donated.

In "Thrive" as described by Sheryl Sandberg, the author "Ariana urges us to get in touch with who we really are so that we can live life on our own terms. From the importance of sleep to the imperative to listen to our own inner voice to ways to deal with the daily crunches we all feel, this book lays out a path for each of us to look within and make our lives more authentic and fulfilling."

Breaking and/or preventing bad habits is one that struck a note with me and I felt Ariana's ways with dealing with the issue although poignant can very effective.

She notes that habits "good or bad, once established, rapidly grow roots and entrench themselves in our lives. And that's the problem - habits are a lot easier to learn than to unlearn, easier to bury than exhume."

Here she gives an example one of which I have seen many years ago on a poster in my youth and so pleasantly, like a long-lost friend so pleased to once more embrace.

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.

One is evil. "He is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego."

He continued, "The other is good- he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith. The same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed" - Cherokee Legend.

Overall the book "Thrive," noted as "Redefining Success and creating a happier life," is a must read as with Sheryl Sandberg's book "Lean In." Both books are enlightening and inspirational.

On HI Library matters, contact: Etta Gillon On 09-416-7638 or email heraldislandlibrary@gmail.com.

Remember we are open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to midday. Pop in for a cuppa, we always welcome newcomers.

noticeboard and write an article in the Causeway.

We are working closely with our local member of Parliament Chris Penk, who is helping us have the Waimarie Road Beach Reserve formally classified as a Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. For some background information, it appears when Waimarie Beach Reserve was passed over from the Waitakere City Council to the Auckland Super City Council it should have been reclassified before it was passed over. Unfortunately, the Waimarie Beach Reserve is classified as a legal road and is now controlled by Auckland Transport. This is an unacceptable ownership structure and does not take into account how the community has historically used and cared for the Reserve.

Community

We are always looking at new ways to encourage the community spirit and participation in our community events. The majority of our events are non-profit events, which we put on to keep Whenuapai community spirit alive. Traditionally we have charged an annual membership fee to join our association. However, we would like more of the community to be involved and to receive regular updates on changes that might affect them. Therefore, we propose that it be free to join our association with the hope we can sign up more members on our email database and communicate directly with the community through our Facebook page.

We look forward to everyone attending our future events such as the Great Whenuapai Quiz night and our Christmas Lights event. Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much!

Haydon Mattson, Chairperson

Whenuapai Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc

Causeway Clips

Update on measles outbreak in Auckland

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very serious. In its latest update on 26 July there were 262 confirmed cases in Auckland.

Lessen the impact of measles in our community; ensure children (and adults) are up to date with their MMR vaccinations. If you don't have immunity and are born after 1 Jan 1969, you should get one free MMR vaccination immediately from your doctor.

If you are concerned about measles call the Healthline on 0800-611-116 or phone your local GP. Please don't just turn up to a GP at an after-hours or emergency department, as you could potentially infect others.

Waterwise - saving water (and money!)

Watercare is advising that while it expects some wet weather in July/August, "the dry start to the year means there is a big shortfall of rain to make up for." "That's why we are encouraging Aucklanders to be waterwise this winter," says Watercare.

Top tips:

- Wash full loads of laundry whenever possible. This will save water and energy.
- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth or shaving. You will use around 1 litre of water instead of 5 litres
- Use a bowl to scrub vegetables in the kitchen sink. You can pour the water on your plants.
- Check for leaks. Small drips leaking from your toilet cistern. - Put a few drops of food colouring in the cistern. If colouring ends up in the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Have it repaired.
- Consider installing a shower head with a low flow rate. Check its water rating label - the more stars, the more water efficient it is.
- These tips are also relevant for those on tank water.

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WHENUAPAI WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Upper Harbour Local Board is developing a local parks management plan. This plan will include all Whenuapai parks managed by Auckland Council and your feedback is required.

Your feedback is valuable information that will be used to make important decisions about our local parks.

It is **important** that everyone in the community provides feedback to ensure our parks are well looked after in the future.

Feedback must be received by 30 August 2019

The instructions are simple:

Open the link: www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/loveyourparks - Click on the Upper Harbour Board Park Consultation

STEP 1

Insert your details

STEP 2

Select a park on the map from the list that appears when you move & zoom in on the Whenuapai Village.

(To give feedback on more than one park, select "Save" and select the next park)

Whenuapai main parks: Waimarie Beach, Malcolm Hahn Whenuapai Hall Reserve, Bill Moir Park

STEP 3

Then answer the questions

What do you like to do when you visit this park?

Things to think about: Exercise, use the playground, socialise, admire the view, enjoy nature, play sport, walk the dog, relax, picnic

What would you like to do when you visit this park?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this park?

Things to think about: Improved utilities such as picnic tables, benches, BBQ areas, toilets, playgrounds, exercise or sports equipment, walking paths, rubbish bins, lookout areas and artificial shade areas. Maintenance such as improved field drainage, level sports playing fields and regular mowing.

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about parks in your area?

Things to think about: More parks - as Whenuapai's population will substantially increase over the next 10 years.



The Whenuapai Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc
Bringing Our Community Together

Four things you can do to make a difference to your environment this weekend!

On the 27th June, the Whenuapai hall was packed with enthusiastic locals keen to learn how they can make a difference to our environment. The evening was hosted by Living Whenuapai and Gecko NZ Trust and was kicked off with a glass of wine.

Chris Ferkins, from Gecko Trust, pointed out that our neighbourhoods are slowly changing. Once upon a time, our fences were low and a recognised place to chat and stay connected with our communities.



However, many of us would have all noticed that Whenuapai, like other communities, is slowly changing. Boundary fences are becoming larger and privacy trumps neighbourly relations. Dealing with infestations of weeds was a neighbourhood problem and communities worked together to clear areas where they became a problem.

Chris believes it is totally do-able to work together once again to rid Whenuapai of those pesky unwanted weeds.

What is an environmental weed?



Environmental weeds are plants that are growing outside of their natural environment where their growth rate can get out of control. They compete with, and sometimes dominate, native plant species. They can spread very rapidly through private properties and public reserves. These plants can be beautiful – in their own home. But their home is not here in NZ. They can create havoc in NZ making the bush less able to function, less healthy and a threat to our wildlife and plants that are found nowhere else in the world.

Chris's presentation focussed on 6 common weeds in the Whenuapai area: Tradescantia (Wandering Jew), climbing asparagus, wild ginger, pampas grass (sometimes mistaken for Toi Toi), Woolley nightshade and moth plant.

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These types of weeds can be eradicated by either toxins or manual methods, or a combination of both. The 3 main types of toxin sprays that are used (not using brand names) are:

- Glyphosate
- Triclopyr
- Haloxyfob

Need help or want to be involved?

Talk to LIVING WHENUAPAI if you have questions or would like further information:

info@livingwhenuapai.org.nz, and of course like us on Facebook: @Livingwhenuapai

“Empowered communities caring for each other and the environment

Living Whenuapai will share more information on how to clear environmental weeds in our area in the next edition of The Causeway.

Come join us at our next Planting Day at Waimarie Beach Reserve – Sunday August 25th 2pm – don't forget to sign up for our emails!

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