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November 2017

## Turn on the lights, and learn how to save a life

Lights, defibrillator, lolly scramble action! There's a lot to celebrate in Whenuapai Village to round out 2017, on Friday evening, December 1.

First, we will have our new defibrillator, which will be available for everyone in the village and surrounding area to use in an emergency.

The Whenuapai R&R has purchased the AED (automated external defibrillator) with the help of a grant from the Trusts Community Foundation. It's a vital piece of equipment in a community like ours. Each year more than 2000 New Zealanders suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital. Using an AED within 3-5 minutes of collapse can help increase the chance of survival by up to 40 percent.

The AED will be located inside the village hall. When people in our area call the St John Ambulance after someone has suffered a cardiac arrest, they will be given instructions on how to access the equipment. St John will be giving a free 15-minute demonstration on how to use the defibrillator in the Whenuapai Village Hall on December 1, at 7pm.

It coincides with our annual switching on of the Christmas Lights at the hall, which will take place on dusk.

We will also be having a lolly scramble for the kids and Christmas mince pies for the adults. So bring a drink, friends and family to the village hall from 7pm, and celebrate our great little village community.

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## Halloween enjoyed by many on the 31st



Jeshu, Meghna and Ayaan. More Halloween photos on page 11

## Community Christmas Market Day

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# Herald Island Environmental Group

Christmas Beach is part of Auckland Council's new Safeswim initiative



With the rising concern from individuals, communities and those in governing positions around the quality of our waters, changes in transparency are happening. One such initiative is being launched this November – the new Safeswim programme.

Safeswim is a year round monitoring and forecasting programme to give Aucklanders information about the water quality of their beaches as well as up to date information on additional risks like tides, wind and other health hazards like jellyfish. It delivers transparent and real time data that is more accurate than the previous retrospective reporting previously used.

The purpose of Safeswim is to inform beach users about water quality and other aspects of beach safety so that locals and visitors are aware of the quality of the water at a given time. Currently, there are times when Christmas Beach is not safe for swimming. Christmas Beach will have a new sign installed to direct beach users to the WebApp ([safeswim.org.nz](http://safeswim.org.nz)). There, they will be taken to a predictive model for Christmas Beach that meets international performance standards. Over time, monitoring of this model will be undertaken to validate and refine the forecasts.

The more Council knows about the quality of the water the more they can do to mitigate and ultimately regenerate our waterways. To help this, Healthy Waters (Auckland Council) are undertaking ongoing investigations into the water quality at Christmas Beach. The intention of these investigations is to identify sources of pollution and rectify them.

In conjunction with the growing intensification happening around us, we need to acknowledge Auckland Council's willingness to address the impacts of wastewater and stormwater flowing into streams and beaches whenever it rains. Another Council initiative soon to be announced is the Healthy Waters programme, to which the Herald Island Environmental Group is now an acknowledged stakeholder. Over the next few years, we will be involved in working with Council and other stakeholders with the goal to deliver 21st century standards around our waters.

To be effective, this can't be an 'us and them' scenario. As residents, we also have a role in cleaning up our waterways – and we all need to actively take responsibility for what enters the waterways. If you are interested in taking an active role, please contact Charissa at [charissa@csaarchitect.co.nz](mailto:charissa@csaarchitect.co.nz).

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# Calendar

## NOVEMBER

**15 - Herald Island AGM** – 7.30pm at the Herald Island Hall.  
**24 - Whenuapai School Twilight Car Boot Sale & Carols** – 5pm onwards. Kapa Haka, music, coffee, bake stalls, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle and more!

## DECEMBER

**1 December – Xmas Lights** - From 7pm, switching on the Xmas Lights and Lolly Scramble PLUS demonstration of Whenuapai's new defibrillator (7pm), at the Whenuapai Village Hall.

**2 – Community Christmas Market** – In the Herald Island Hall from 10-2pm. Tables for hire \$10 each. Contact: Sue 027-289-0349. All proceeds from table hire will be donated to the Salvation Army

**17 - Christmas Carols** – In the Herald Island Hall, further details will follow.

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- The Stewart family



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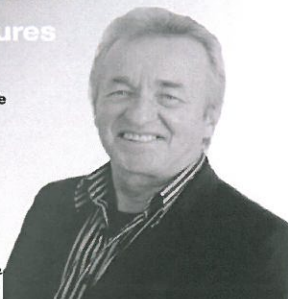
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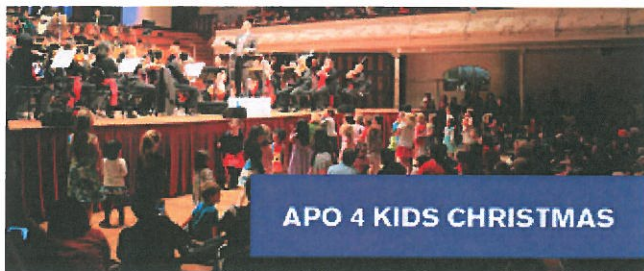
Well it's back, but in a new location. The noticeboard was previously at home next door to the dairy on Puriri Rd. But with the removal of the fence, we've had to find a new spot for it.

You can now find village news and events posted outside the Village Hall on Waimarie Road. There's a combination lock so you can post notices of your own. To get the combination, text the phone number that's listed inside the noticeboard.

But only community news please - no business cards or commercial notices. Notices will be cleared at the end of every month. Thanks to Whenuapai R&R chair, Kirke Campbell, for installing the noticeboard in its new spot.



## APO 4 Kids Christmas 2017



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# Bring back the birds project



A group of interested locals attended the bird count workshop on Saturday 14th October. Abi Hill, a second year ecology student discussed objectives for the Herald Island 5min bird count. Basically it's a monthly project that will build up a picture of birds in several areas of Herald Island. The more people who participate the more areas we'll be able to cover.

Coordinator, Jilleen Lockie, will collect monthly information from people interested in participating in the project. If you weren't able to make it to the workshop contact Jilleen for a form and information sheet to get started.

Abi told us to pick an area on our property with good visibility in all directions and quietly stand and using the form supplied, note birds and bird sounds for 5 minutes. We watch and listen standing in the middle of a 20 metre radius (around and above you). We were advised to avoid the 'morning chorus' and the late afternoon/evening when the birds are settling in for the night.

The group decided to all do our 5 minute survey on first week of each month, for 1 year. It's a commitment, but as one of the guys in the group piped up and said, "it's only 1 hour over the whole year".

It will be fun, I'm sure we'll brush up on our bird knowledge and their 'tweeting' sounds. Actually we've been giving a website where we can identify birds and their sound which could be very useful for a start.

If you'd like to join the bird count project contact: Jilleen Lockie phone: 416-1006 / Email: jilleen147@gmail.com

## A bit of bird trivia

1. Which bird has the biggest eyes?
2. Which is the only bird that can fly backwards?
3. Which bird lays the largest egg in the world?
4. What is a group of crows called?
5. Approximately how many times can a woodpecker tap in a second?
6. Which of the following is one of the world's few toxic birds? Bulbul, Hooded Pitohul, Puffbird.
7. With an average length of around 2 inches (5cm), which is the smallest bird in the world?

Answers:

1.Ostrich, 2.Hummingbird, 3.Ostrich, 4.A Murder, 5.17-20 times, 6.Hooded Pitohul, 7.Bee Hummingbird.

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- The Reserve Bank has forecast an unchanged Official Cash Rate through all of 2017 and all of 2018. It does not see the first hike until late 2019.
- Banks have stopped lifting longer term mortgage rates and now also see the OCR on hold until late 2018 after weak inflation and growth figures. Some are tentatively lowering some special mortgage rates and advertising more after the gaps between their lending growth and deposit growth rates narrowed to
- The Reserve Bank is unlikely to be able to introduce a debt to income limit in 2017. It has to do lengthy consultation and it has said it would not use the tool right now even if it had it because of the market's moderation.

### MORTGAGE BORROWING STRATEGY

With average mortgage rates barely moving in the past month, our favoured views have not shifted at all. From a "lowest is best" perspective, the 1-year rate still stands out. And this is consistent with our expectation of the OCR being on hold for an extended period. Longer-term rates remain very low by historic standards and offer certainty. Some borrowers may wish to spread risk by borrowing over a number of fixed terms. The

downside is that we struggle to see where inflation is going to come from to necessitate major lifts in the OCR.



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Over the years there has always been support for the Museum but some of the volunteers have moved away to retirement places and we now have several slots which we need filling. Can you help? You will be partnered with an experienced volunteer. The duty involves showing people around the museum and in the process you will learn a bit about the rich history of Helensville. There are so many stories to tell of the brave settlers who came to this place.

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**Big Teddy Fridays**

Big Teddy Fridays have been running in Whenuapai for the past two months, and they've already built a strong following. The playgroup, which runs from 9.30am to 11.30am, is for babies through to four-year-olds, and their parents or grandparents, who live in or around the Whenuapai area. The cost is a gold coin donation. If you want to know more, you can go to the Facebook page @bigteddyfridays.

**The Kumeu Art Awards 2017**

We are really looking forward to hosting the first ever Kumeu Art Awards here soon. The entries have been flooding in and the deadline is now closed. We've received entries from a wide range of artists, some of who we have exhibited here previously and lots who haven't. There are some superb entries, which we look forward to displaying for the public to view. The work really highlights the creativity and talent of the arts community around us.

We are hopeful that lots of you will come to the awards ceremony on Saturday the 11th of November at 7-9pm to hear the judge's decision, when the awards will be presented. It will be a chance to celebrate the artists involved and the first opportunity to purchase the artworks on display. Entry to the award ceremony is completely free. Beer is being generously provided by Hallertau brewery and wine will be discounted to us by the Hunting Lodge.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our other sponsors, who have made this Awards possible. If you cannot make it to the ceremony you must come along to the exhibition which will run from Monday, the 13th - 25th of November.

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### Childrens' Dance Spectacular Being Performed In November

Tania Foster School of Dance based in Whenuapai and West Harbour are currently working hard on their show items, this years' show theme is "Stories in Dance" where all classes will perform items from a well known story or story book character.

Over 200 local children will be involved in this spectacular to be held at the Bruce Ritchie Theatre, Massey High School on 25th 26th November.

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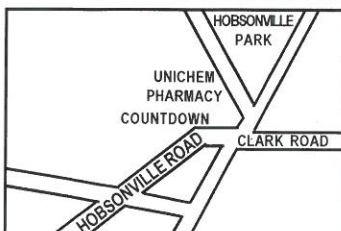
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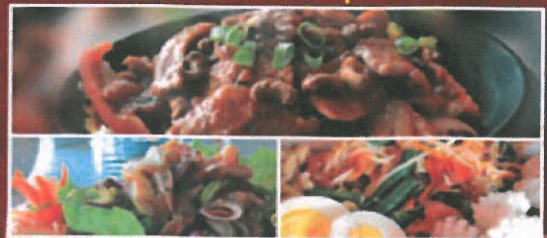
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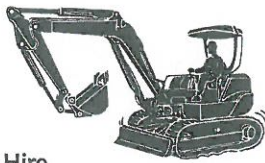
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# Stage one of the community herb garden in Whenuapai

On Sunday 15th October about 10 members of the Hobsonville Herb Group met outside the Whenuapai Village Hall with hats, gloves and spades in hand. The group got stuck in and spent a couple of hours preparing the new herb garden in the Malcolm Hahn Reserve. We were lucky with the weather, and many hands made light work. We were kicking back with a cuppa and shared lunch before 12 noon, a great start to the community project.

Coordinator, Diane Griffin has obtained funding for the project and the support of the herb group members. Once the garden is established we hope the community will enjoy the fruits of our labour.

The Hobsonville Herb Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 7.15-9.15pm in the Whenuapai Village Hall, Waimarie Road. New members are welcome, \$5 entry. Bring a small plate of food for a shared supper.

For further information phone: Diane 416-3095 or Text/ Call 021-135-9613 / Email: [hobsonvilleherbgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hobsonvilleherbgroup@gmail.com)



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**and Coben Hoskins – 5 years.**



**Prize winners (8 years & over):**  
**Lucy Harding – 11 years, Ollie Goss – 8 years and**  
**Trey Shepherd – 9 years.**

Another awesome Halloween night!  
 Congratulations to all the prize-winners,  
 I'm always amazed at the creations and  
 spooks that come out of the woodwork,  
 well done to your all.

Many thanks to my team of helpers on the  
 night, Sam, Amethyst, Thomas, Matthew,  
 Natasha and Kadeea my wonderful judges  
 and Mike for all the photos. You'll find over  
 a hundred pics on Facebook (Herald Island  
 Community page).

Also thanks to Etta our local librarian and  
 the team who manned the Herald Island Fire  
 Station Library on Halloween night. I hope  
 you had as much fun as we did.

See you next year,  
 Witchy-poo



1. Tara Kymani Rangimarie.
2. Amethyst Harvey, Natasha Welch, Kadeea McElroy,  
Thomas Marlow and Matthew Copeland.
3. Spooky Red Riding Hood with Georgia Tulloch.
4. Jack having a ride on the tractor with Inver McElroy.
5. Alexa, Stella and Aiden Hogg at the Fire Station.

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# Herald Island Library News ~ November 2017

*"It's easy to stand with a crowd, it takes courage to stand alone" - Anon.*

Welcome to our Library!

If you happened to have called in to the Library on the 31st October it was well adorned by our local queen of ceremonies Sue McElroy and her daughter Kadeea and helper Bea Green.

The Herald Island Halloween event is an annual tradition well patronised and thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Thank you to all who contributed and participated in making 2017 Halloween night a special one!

The Library this month takes a wee peek at an Italian place named Barga (no not bugger), "The most Scottish town in Italy," after the hills and reminiscence of Scotland (additionally, there are



many red telephone booths lying around Barga's streets.) A photo of one which was taken by two of our well-travelled locals Murray & Raewyn Brown noting it "a British telephone box next to Kennedy Park in Barga, in a small hill town near Lucca in Tuscany". Not dissimilar to our excellent one next to the Library on Herald Island. Barga is a quaint town of centuries-old traditions, dating to the Longobard era in the early middle Ages (6th-8th centuries), Barga lies in a striking location between the slopes of the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines and the majestic Apuan Alps. The population in 2010 was approximately 10.5k and growing. The kaleidoscope of colours, mild climate, myriad artworks and the warm welcome of the people add to the sheer beauty of the Barga Mountains.

Barga is dominated by its castle, which is perched on a rocky spur displaying the traditional structure of the medieval town protected by walls and only accessible through three gates: Porta Reale, Porta Macchiaia and Porta di Borgo. Walking through the narrow streets and tiny piazzas that withstood the test of time, you realize just how haphazard the old edifices are, lodged within a spider's web of walkways. Take via Del Pretorio and narrow streets and cart tracks open up left and right, proof of medieval buildings and unusual views as far as piazza Ser Barchesano, when the beautiful facade of the Duomo di San Cristoforo Cathedral appears before you. Barga adds to its rich cultural life of summer jazz and opera festivals, regular international contemporary

art exhibitions, outdoor markets, and a gem like theatre founded in 1688, in addition to a city life that is vibrant, diverse and will take any excuse to celebrate. Whether it is the Porcini mushroom season or the chestnut harvest, there is always something there to keep you amused.

Barga is honoured and is named as one of 50 Most Beautiful Villages in Italy and noted as one of the best distinguished Tourist Destinations and home to a sophisticated blend of town and Country. This medieval city is set in the beautiful mountainous northwest corner of Tuscany and situated on a spur overlooking the mid-Serchio River Valley. The place is spectacular for its lovely tree lined roads with Florentine Villas and its still evident today in its pride of their great love of their culture, art, language and architecture. This place is well known for its superb food, pecorino cheeses, wild boar, vast chestnut forests, and wine but more so

for its Grappa liqueur line with several versions of the traditional aperitifs including their mandarin liqueur which is served in winter with a twist. It's also famous for its delicious rum called "Leone70" which is the company that produces it, goes back over 100 years and yes its alcohol content is 70% proof. Fortunately, Leone 70 is used judiciously, a nice warm kick to coffee, on a cold morning or evening and I suppose which may account for the warm friendly temperaments around and wonderful atmosphere. It is a real shame that I didn't get the Browns to throw one in their bag home for a good tasting or two. Hopefully one day we will too enjoy the roads like this most travelled. Credits: - ("Highlight Visit Notations from Visittuscany.com") & (Wikipedia) & photo by Murray Brown (Whenuapai)

The Library has been recently gifted with a wonderful new notice board with great thanks to Mike Hassett and Ian McNeill and the H.I.R & R team. Take note it's on the right

with all the new notices as you go into the library - It's very much appreciated by all who use it. Thank you!!

Our sincere condolences go to Ian & Jo Stewart and all of Roy Stewart's family. We pay our highest tribute to one of our frequent visitors to our library Roy Stewart. Roy would pop in to say hi and would always greet us with a wonderful smile. He was never short on stories of the old times and what he was up to. It was very sad to note that he was so looking forward to reaching the grand age of 90, but unfortunately it was not to be. He was such an icon and one of our great fathers and pioneers of Herald Island!! He will be truly missed. Much Alofas from all of us at the Herald Island Library.

Remember we are open Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.00am to 12.00noon

If you are not able to walk to the library we are happy to home deliver any books/DVD's CD's of your favourite shows/film/author just leave your name and phone number by email or phone and we will contact you ASAP.

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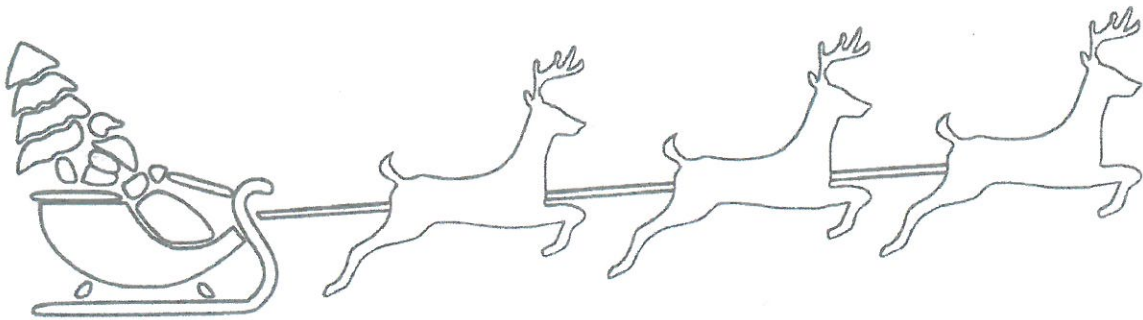


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# The Causeway

## Christmas Colouring-in Competition



### ***What you have to do:***

- Colour in the picture.
- Name your Pukeko Bird.
- Write a short story (a paragraph or two) about what your Pukeko Bird is doing, where he is going.
- Put your name, address and contact phone number on your drawing.
- Pop your entry in the 'Herald Island Fire Station' mail box. You'll see it on the right hand side of the big red doors.
- Entries must be received by: **Sunday 26th November 2017**

### ***All drawings will be on display at the:***

'Community Christmas Market' at the Herald Island Hall, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.

### ***PRIZES will be awarded in three age groups:***

0-4yrs, 5-7yrs, 8yrs and over.

***Good luck!***





# Community Christmas Market Day



**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
10am-2pm  
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*Let's celebrate the season!  
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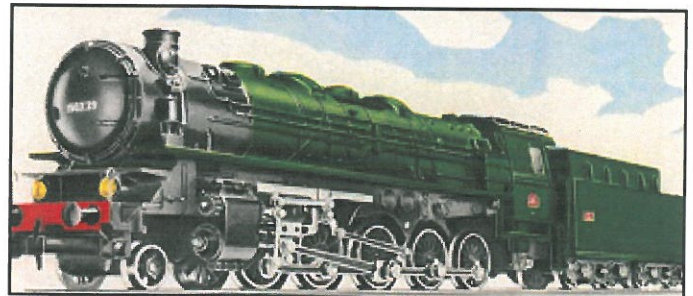
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## Westgate Model Train Show



**Sat 18 & Sun 19 Nov 2017, 10:00am-4:30pm**  
**Westgate Shopping Centre, Fernhill Drive, Massey.**  
**Adult: \$5.00 / Child (up to 14): \$2.00**  
**/ Family (parents with children): \$10.00**

Train displays for the modeller and all the family at Westgate, by Pizza Hut, near Event Cinemas. See map for exact location.

HO and N scale trains operating all day with a variety of scenic backdrops. Also an unusual large scale 1 gauge train. Six layouts from the Auckland Marklin Club and the Western Districts Model Rail Club and individual enthusiasts.

The main display features 28 metres of double track with multiple long trains operating. Scenes include a working quarry, a wedding, a Hundertwasser-themed village, a busy station, a logging camp with its own train, a complete town with lighting and a fountain, an accident scene and deep river gorges.

A table top electric train set is provided for children to operate themselves, learning how to control speed, reverse direction, and couple and uncouple wagons.

As well as enjoying the displays, you have the opportunity to learn about modelling from enthusiasts and to join a club. Dust off your forgotten engines and rolling stock lying at the back of the cupboard and bring them along. See if they will run and what they may be worth. Advice on repairs can be given.

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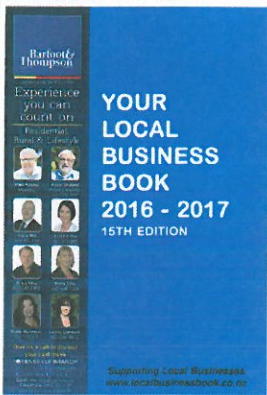
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The church was built of pit sawn Kauri in 1875 as a combined church and school, it was the heart of the district.

The first five Hobsonville settlers were the trustees:

Joshua Carder, Rice Owen Clark II, Joshua Ockleston, Thomas Scott and William Sinton. The Trustees are buried in the graveyard, along with other members of Hobsonville settler families, they include Anderson, Boyd, Luckens, Midgley, Williams and Wiseley.

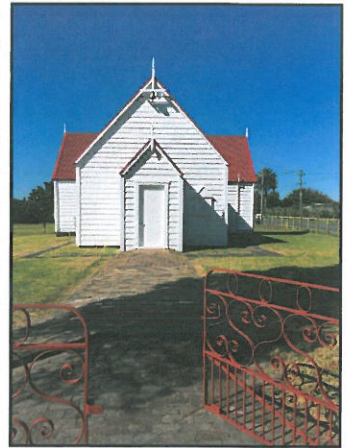
The Church and graveyard is looked after by us, the Hobsonville Church and Settlers' Preservation Society (Inc). We are volunteers and descendants of the settlers who are keen to maintain our heritage Church and graveyard.

We are always keen for new settlers to Hobsonville, Hobsonville Point, Scotts Point and Whenuapai to join us and become part of our Hobsonville heritage.

Please visit our website: [www.hobsonvillechurch.co.nz](http://www.hobsonvillechurch.co.nz)

We are also on Facebook. For all bookings or viewings please phone: **Leanne Midgley 021-688-164** or Email: [hobsonvillesettlerschurch@gmail.com](mailto:hobsonvillesettlerschurch@gmail.com)

The Hobsonville Church & Settlers' Cemetery is situated at **1 Scott Road, Hobsonville, Auckland.**



## Westgate Santa Parade



**Westgate Shopping Centre, 2-20 Fernhill Dr, Massey.  
Saturday 25 November. 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Come down to Westgate Shopping Centre to watch the 2017 Santa Parade and help welcome the festive season.

The parade features floats, colourful characters and an appearance by Santa Claus along with all his friends!

There will be spot prizes given out prior to the parade, so make sure you arrive early. The parade route takes approximately 30 minutes to pass any given point. A gold coin donation upon entry is welcomed, with proceeds going to Variety – The Children's Charity.

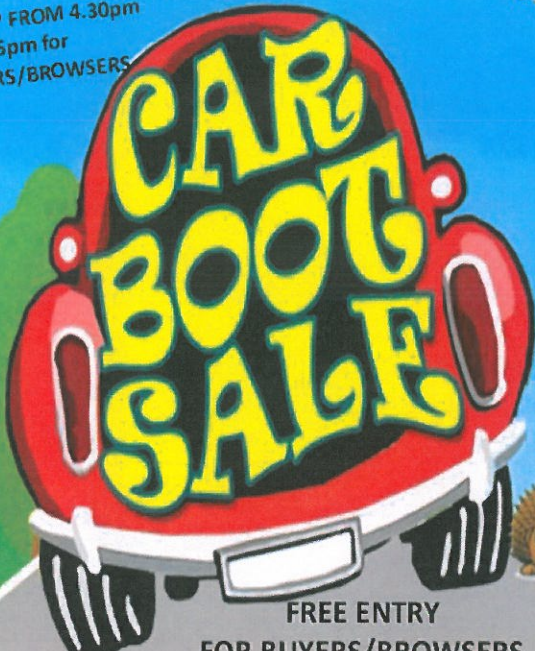
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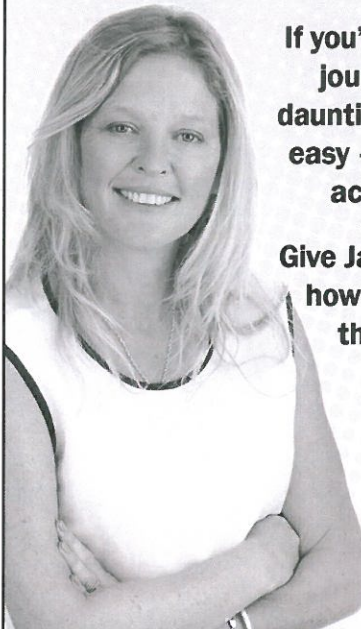
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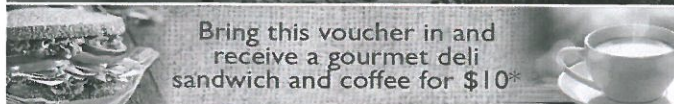
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Wyman Coutts.

Two thousand, four hundred and twelve New Zealanders died in the Passchendaele Offensive from 31st July to 10th November 1917. At the Battle of Passchendaele on 12th October 1917, eight hundred and forty six New Zealanders were killed in action. It was New Zealand's darkest day.

This symbolic field of 2412 personalised White Crosses that were installed in the field in front of the Auckland War Memorial Museum commemorated all those men.

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow – between the crosses, row on row." Fields of remembrance service and sacrifice.

We attended the Passchendaele commemoration service, at the Auckland War Memorial Museum along with many others on October 12, 2017. The symbolic crosses were sobering. Among the masses we found one of our own, Lance Corporal Wyman Coutts, 10th NZ Reinforcements, who died of wounds in France on October 17, 1917 aged 22 years. Wyman was Kadeeas great, great uncle.

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Kadeea McElroy found Wyman's memorial cross among the 2412 crosses in the field of remembrance in front of the Auckland War Memorial Museum.



Auckland War Memorial Museum.

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# Herald Island

## September

In September, club members were thrilled to visit *Victoria J* on the North Shore. This is a fashion design workshop and retail store known as the Wrap Boutique in the Green Gables shopping complex in Mairangi Bay. They offer a "made to measure" service but also do small production runs. It was a fun night starting with wine and nibbles. Victoria the designer and Tracey her right hand woman, showed the "off the rack" collection and members were able to try garments on and either choose to have another made in a different fabric, or have that particular one altered.

The small design business are very well known for their wrap dress collection, but also specialise in designer corporate wear, stylish uniforms, mother of the bride and casual daywear. You can find them online at their website or facebook page. This quote taken from their website sums the team up well. "*Victoria J's design ethos is to create beautifully cut, easy-to-wear fashion garments using exquisite, often limited-edition fabrics. Everything is designed and manufactured in NZ in strictly small runs to ensure exclusivity to our clients.*" This club meeting was a big hit, special thanks to Tracey, who lives locally.



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# Garden Club

## October

In October, daylight saving had arrived, so a garden trip was on the agenda. We visited two club members in Greenhithe. The first was Glenys; who utilized the shady brick wall entrance, to grow a stunning row of yellow cliveas.



Along the south side of the house, she had used railway sleepers to edge a pathway and lush hydrangeas were now in full bud. In the back garden, one corner provided wind protection with a coprosma hedge and water feature in a large pot and the other used natives. In between, the patio with splashes of potted colour and lawn made a great outdoor living space. A small vege plot was positioned close to the house in the sun and herbs were grown in front of the warm north facing brick wall. What an amazing

use of small space.



Next was Chris; the front lawn, highlighted a beautiful cherry tree in full blossom and at the boundary corner, a hedge provided a wind break and place to hide a seat. The side lawn,

was edged with roses, hibiscus and flowering shrubs, underplanted with bulbs and ground cover, popping with colour as the seasons change. In the back garden, Chris had positioned a shed to one side of the outdoor space, but on an angle to the house. This was a clever plan to utilise each wall as a mini climate for; dwarf fruit trees and herbs (sunloving north) orchids, bromeliads and ferns (shade loving south) the one facing the house for favourite ornamentals and the last one lawn access. Along the back fence were several citrus, underplanted with asparagus and behind the shed a surprisingly big vege plot. The south boundary fence close to the house, got sun and gave shelter for the large grape vine and also the firewood, composters and worm farm. Chris managed to fit loads of edible and colourful plants in her well thought out garden. Thanks to both ladies for a great visit!



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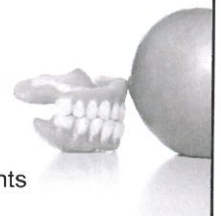


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# Whenuapai Floral & Garden Circle



Mary King with irises.

There were 57 members present at the Whenuapai Community Hall in Waimarie Road for our October Meeting when a member of our group, Mary King, was our speaker for the day. Her topic was her passionate interest and she shared her love for irises. The history of the Iris is rich, dating back to Ancient Greek times when the Greek Goddess, Iris, the messenger of the gods and the personification of the rainbow, acted as the link between heaven and earth. From the earliest days irises were used to make perfume and as a medicinal remedy.

Mary is a member of the New Zealand Iris Society, which was formed in November 1950, and its objectives are to encourage, improve and extend the study and cultivation of the Genus Iris and to collaborate with Iris Societies in other countries to regulate the nomenclature, classification and registration of irises. There are many Irises, some bearded, some not. The shadings and markings on the flowers are designed to point the way for the bees which pollinate them.

We learned that Irises flower almost throughout the year since with different varieties blooming at different times there are flowers for nearly every season. The Evansias or crested Iris bloom in Spring and are named for Thomas Evans who introduced them to England in 1794. The Roof Iris from Japan is so called because it is actually grown in the thatch on the roof in it's native China, binding the medium of thatch and clay together, therefore not taking up space in the ground so valuable for growing edible crops. The root of the roof iris is ground up and used in face powder.

Some Irises are even grown in water. They like their feet in water but not to be flooded. This type is from the Louisiana family. Then in summer the Siberian hybrid flowers. It has flowers that resemble exotic butterflies. Mary had pictures of many varieties to show on the big screen which were an absolute delight. Most Irises hate lime and prefer acidic soil in which to grow. Whatever your preference it seems there are many different types of Irises, each more colourful and attractive than the last.

We were warned about African Club Moss which is a PEST. African Club Moss (*Selaginella kraussiana*) forms extensive mats on damp forest floor. Dispersing quickly, it grows on tree trunks and tolerates a wide range of conditions, including hot, cold and deep shade, although it does need wet ground. Originally from southern Africa, it was first noticed in the wild in New Zealand in 1919. It can form part of a cycle which leads to weed invasion of bush – because it tolerates shady forest floors it smothers native seedlings, opening up the area to other weeds such as vines.

Until next time,

Happy Gardening from Mary Anne Clark



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3 Fri	0711	3.1	1933	0614	1955
4 Sat	0801	3.2	2022	0613	1956
5 Sun	0850	3.4	2112	0612	1958
6 Mon	0939	3.5	2203	0611	1953
7 Tue	1029	3.5	2254	0610	2000
8 Wed	1120	3.5	2347	0609	2001
9 Thu	-	3.4	1212	0608	2002
10 Fri	0041	3.3	1308	0607	2003
11 Sat	0138	3.1	1406	0607	2004
12 Sun	0237	3.0	1507	0606	2005
13 Mon	0339	3.0	1608	0605	2006
14 Tue	0441	2.9	1706	0604	2007
15 Wed	0541	3.0	1801	0603	2008
16 Thu	0637	3.0	1853	0603	2009
17 Fri	0728	3.1	1941	0602	2010
18 Sat	0814	3.1	2026	0601	2011
19 Sun	0857	3.2	2108	0601	2012
20 Mon	0937	3.2	2149	0600	2013
21 Tue	1015	3.1	2228	0559	2014
22 Wed	1053	3.1	2306	0559	2015
23 Thu	1131	3.1	2345	0558	2016
24 Fri	-	3.0	1211	0558	2017
25 Sat	0025	2.8	1253	0558	2018
26 Sun	0108	2.8	1339	0557	2019
27 Mon	0154	2.7	1428	0557	2020
28 Tue	0245	2.7	1521	0556	2021
29 Wed	0342	2.7	1616	0556	2022
30 Thu	0442	2.8	1711	0556	2023
December					
1 Fri	0543	2.9	1804	0555	2024
2 Sat	0641	3.1	1902	0555	2025
3 Sun	0736	3.3	1956	0555	2026
4 Mon	0828	3.4	2051	0555	2027
5 Tue	0920	3.6	2145	0554	2028
6 Wed	1012	3.6	2238	0554	2029
7 Thu	1104	3.6	2332	0554	2030
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