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Play your part in a Pest-Free Whenuapai



Paul Herbert with the rat traps for Whenuapai Village.

By Suzanne McFadden

While we're generally happy to share the uniqueness of Whenuapai Village with most living creatures, almost all of us will draw the line at rats and possums.

"Most people in Whenuapai will have a rat on their property," Paul Herbert says. "We had one in our compost, and in the end, we gave up on the compost."

But now Paul has developed a strategy to send the rats packing – and its one that all Whenuapai residents can help with.

The "Pest Free Whenuapai" initiative has been born out of the Whenuapai Restoration Group, established in the village nine months ago to restore our reserves, inviting more people to use them, and also encourage bird life to return.

It's a steadily growing collaborative group of local volunteers, which received funding from the Upper Harbour Local Board last year. That funding was primarily for pest eradication.

The Restoration Group began by clearing

privet, wattle and other weeds from the Waimarie Beach Reserve, and recently planted 100 low-growing native plants in their place. Paul has been working with Anna Bane from Auckland Council, who successfully applied for funding to draw up a three-year restoration plan for Whenuapai.

Attention has now progressed to the Pest Free Whenuapai project, developed in partnership with Richard Chambers from Gecko NZ Trust. Richard and Paul will speak about the plan at the Whenuapai R & R AGM on Tuesday, August 22.

Some of the restoration group volunteers have also stepped forward to become "Pest Free Champions". They are the people who you'll meet at your door.

"Rather than giving people a notice or putting it on social media, we thought we would have a more neighbourly approach and knock on people's doors," Paul says.

Residents who want to take part in the

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rat eradication strategy can purchase the pet-proof bait stations, and a year's supply of poison, for \$25. The project will also have rat traps available for \$6, but Paul is encouraging people to use the baits, which have proven more effective. "If you're worried about your cats and dogs eating poisoned rats, it would take a lot of them to affect them. And there is an antidote to the poison if they do," he points out.

In August, there will be a co-ordinated launch of the eradication



The Whenuapai Restoration Group after planting 100 native plants at Waimarie Beach Reserve last month.

plan. Residents will put their bait stations out along their fence lines on the same night, and then check the four baits inside a week later. After two weeks, everyone removes the traps.

"You put the stations out for two weeks every two months — four times a year," says Annette Mitchell, Paul's partner and co-ordinator of the North-West Wildlink project. "The rats get smart — if they see it there all the time, they'll just move next door."

Not every property in a street needs to have baits or traps out — they can be 100 metres apart to be efficient.

If some residents who want to take part are not financially able to buy the eradication tools, the Whenuapai Restoration Group may be able to donate them. The Auckland Council will also put out bait stations in the Waimarie Beach Reserve and Malcolm Hahn Reserve to help with the initiative. The pest eradication project aims to encourage more bird life back into Whenuapai — like the declining species of banded rail and marsh crake.

The North-West Wildlink project aims to create more safe and healthy habitats for native wildlife across Auckland — making stepping-stones from the Waitakere Ranges to the islands of the Hauraki Gulf. On the current map of these nature stepping-stones, there is a large "bald patch" across Whenuapai.

"We are really concerned that with the intensification of housing that's looming, it's going to be so important to protect the green spaces we have," Annette says.

If you're a Whenuapai Village resident who'd like to take part in the Pest Free Whenuapai project, but you haven't received a knock on your door, you can email Paul at paulh0411@gmail.com or leave a message on the Whenuapai Facebook page.



Calendar

8-11 August Fame The Musical – Massey High School, 7pm, Tickets available now!

14 July-6 August NZ International Film Festival – Film screenings around Auckland. See nziff.co.nz for further information.

31 July-12 August Kumeu Art Centre Exhibition, 'Celebrate the Circle'. Open Hours: 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday (winter, July/August), 10am - 3pm Saturday.

22 August Whenuapai R&R AGM on Tuesday August 22, in the Whenuapai Hall, from 7pm.

27 August Whenuapai High Tea for Hospice event in the Whenuapai Village Hall. I've pencilled in Sunday, August 27, at 2pm. Please let me know if you are able to come, and feel free to bring family or friends - and of course a plate, and a donation to the North Shore Hospice if you wish. There will be another fun quiz with a great prize.

2 September Bushcare Day at Kowhai Beach Reserve - 10am to 12noon. Meet outside 23 Ferry Parade, Herald Island. Bring gardening gloves, trowel and spade for weeding and planting. All welcome. BBQ provided. For more information contact Jan Diprose 416-8348 or Ian McNeill 416-6047. Kindly sponsored by Kaipatiki Project.

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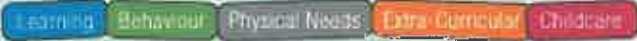
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For more on this story read <https://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/nor-west-news/94723491/extension-planned-to-turn-kumeu-arts-centre-into-a-destination>



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Rats take centre stage at the Whenuapai R&R AGM

Ridding Whenuapai of vermin will be one of the hot topics at the Whenuapai Ratepayers & Residents Association AGM on Tuesday, August 22.

Richard Chambers of Gecko NZ Trust, and Paul Herbert from the Whenuapai Restoration Group, will speak at the annual general meeting at the Whenuapai Village Hall, from 7pm.

Gecko NZ Trust is a not-for-profit organisation focusing on offering advice, encouragement and resources to individuals and communities, to support them in creating beautiful environments.

The trust has been helping the Whenuapai Restoration Group, in particular with its PestFree Whenuapai initiative, which Paul oversees.

That initiative will see Whenuapai villagers encouraged to put bait stations and traps on their properties to try to rid the area of rats.

The AGM is a great opportunity to come and meet your R & R representatives, and help shape the special community we live in. We want to hear what you want for the village, and how we can help achieve that.

We encourage residents to join the association on the night. It's \$5 per household, or \$2 for individuals and pensioner couples.

In the past 12 months, the committee has worked hard to ensure our community has had a voice in the future plans of Whenuapai, and to make sure the village's needs are not ignored in the process.

We've also succeeded in securing funding from the Upper Harbour Local Board for a new septic system at the Whenuapai Hall, and ensured we have saved the beautiful Totara tree in Malcolm Hahn Reserve at the same time.

And of course, we're always encouraging new members to join our friendly committee.

Our mission statement is: The Whenuapai Ratepayers & Residents Association is a volunteer-led, not-for-profit group which seeks to honestly represent, promote and protect the interests of our community. We endeavour to preserve and improve Whenuapai's unique social, cultural and sporting heritage, and provide a voice on issues affecting our community's wellbeing and environment, without commercial or political influences.

A supper in the hall will follow the AGM.

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Painting rocks "Rocks!"

On Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 July The Causeway sponsored a Rock Painting Workshop during the school holidays.

We had a great couple of days with a group of awesome kids and a heap of really amazing painted rocks were produced. A perfect activity for the wet days we had. Some of our rock painting artists are pictured below.

Many of the children took their rocks home to hide, but we still have about 40 odd painted rocks to be hidden in our local parks or reserves. If you'd like to hide some cool, painted rocks in a park near your house, pop into the Herald Island Fire Station on a Wednesday or Saturday morning between 9.30-12noon and collect some rocks. Many thanks to the families who participated, you rock!



I made it with two days to spare!



SeaCharger has been on display at the New Zealand Maritime Museum in Auckland City since her retrieval from the Pacific Ocean earlier this year.

SeaCharger is a solar powered vessel made of fibreglass and plastic. She is 2.31mtrs long, weighting 22.7kg and has a speed of approximately 2.5 knots. Her creators had plotted her courses. The first trip, travelling from California to Hawaii, which she completed on July 22nd 2016, then a trip from Hawaii to New Zealand. Unfortunately she had problems, she lost steerage in part due to fouling. Weighed down by barnacles, her rudder broke and the vessel ended up at the mercy of winds and currents and got within 300 miles of the East Coast of New Zealand, just days out.

The GPS on SeaCharger was still transmitting her position and she was lucky enough to be rescued by a passing container ship, 'Sofrana Tourvilleen on route from Honiara to Tauranga, New Zealand. She was debarnacled and hauled on board, with dings and scratches, but still basically intact. The ship had received SeaCharger's location coordinates from the owners as they were nearing the area. Since then, SeaCharger has been on display. The vessel has been sunning herself, in a prime position on the stairwell platform, overlooking the Auckland Harbour at the Maritime Museum.

The owners are activity fundraising to have SeaCharger brought home. They have a donations site online and are also selling T-Shirts to raise the \$2,000 plus cost to get her home. For now, SeaCharger is resting up before hopefully being packed onto another container ship, for her final trip home to the United States.

For the full SeaCharger story checkout the website: www.seacharger.com or, if you wish to support SeaCharger's return home, checkout the fundraising website: www.customink.com/fundraising/bringseachargerhome

Summary...

In 2013, a group of hobbyists set themselves a challenge, to be the first to send an autonomous, solar powered craft across the Pacific Ocean. Overall, SeaCharger travelled a total of 6480 nautical miles and spent 155 days at sea. This is a remarkable achievement for such a small craft and represents an important development in the advancement of technology for unmanned surface vehicles.

I think it's an amazing story about backyard inventors, giving it a go. It's been a privilege to follow SeaCharger's travels.

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Herald Island Environmental Group (HIEG) call for interest

As the HIEG gains momentum with the fantastic work of 'Bringing back the birds' the first suburb in Auckland to become predator and weed free, we have decided to form another supporting arm - regenerating our waterways.

We are now inviting people who have the skills and are interested in forming a core group to strategise and develop action steps in this momentous task. If you are keen to be involved, please get in touch with Charissa Snijders, The Terrace, who is acting as the spokesperson for this project.

Email: charissa@csaarchitect.co.nz, mobile 021-309-593.
Please contact Charissa by 11 August 17. The first step will be for the core group to meet and work on the strategy and collate information to be ready for an Open meeting with key stakeholders in the Upper Harbour catchment at the Herald Island Hall in early October. The ultimate vision would be for the Upper Harbour to have an agreed strategic plan with yearly action targets so that we can all work together in regenerating our waterways and ensuring that The Upper Harbour Local Board and Auckland Council make this a key project and financial priority.

Connect Herald Island Getting online and staying safe

It was a great turn out at our first 'Connect Herald Island' workshop on Saturday 8th July 2017, where we learnt about getting online and staying safe.

Louise Taylor, who heads the project, aims to connect people having trouble using online tools, particularly the elderly, with others who can enable them. She hopes this will help the older generation get online to keep in contact with family and friends.

Our first workshop had both groups of people – the knowledgeable helped novices get online with good security systems in place.

We wish to thank Megan Walker for running the first workshop and Mike Hassett and Geoff Polglase for their help with the session.

Our tips for getting online and staying safe can be found on our 'Connect Herald Island' Facebook page, where you are free to post any questions.

We're planning another session on Saturday 9th September 2017 from 10am – 12 noon to discuss getting on the 'cloud' and backing up your files.

You're welcome to bring tea and cakes and invite anyone who may be interested.

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Housing and Home Loan News for July 2017 House prices falling in Auckland, but not everywhere

House prices continued to edge lower in Auckland during the slowest mid winter month and are cooling in surrounding areas.

But prices remained buoyant and activity was robust in some major cities that are still benefiting from the tailwind of Auckland's boom through 2015 and early 2016.

The outlook for interest rates also moderated through July, and the prospects of a centre-left Government likely to significantly increase housing supply and reduce tax advantages for housing also receded.

Real Estate Institute of New Zealand figures show the house price index for Auckland fell 0.5 percent in June and fell 0.3 across New Zealand. The index for Auckland is down 3.2 percent from its peak in mid 2016. Prices also fell slightly in Taranaki, Northland and Bay of Plenty. The effects of the Reserve Bank's 40 percent deposit requirement for rental property investors is still rippling through the most highly valued cities in the market.

But prices were particularly buoyant in June in Waikato (up 1.1 percent), Gisborne/Hawkes Bay (up 2.3 percent) and Wellington (up .8 percent) as these centres still play catch up on the 60-80 percent price rises seen in Auckland from 2012 to 2016.

The underlying drivers for house prices remained robust. Migration rose to yet another record high of 72,300 in the year to June. Wholesale interest rates edged lower through July as global and local inflation pressures eased. New Zealand's annual inflation rate fell to 1.7 percent in the June quarter from 2.2 percent in the March quarter and prices were actually flat in the quarter itself.

The Reserve Bank itself is still forecasting that it will not raise the Official Cash Rate until late 2019. Economists had forecast the OCR would start rising in mid 2018, but the weaker than expected June quarter inflation data caused many to think the Reserve Bank's cautiousness was justified for now.

Yet again, inflation is failing to fire globally despite relatively robust economic growth and unemployment falling below five percent. The increasing use of apps that drive down prices in previously domestically sealed industries such as taxis, advertising and accommodation is effectively evaporating the services sectors into the globalized cloud. This globalizing services in the same way that manufacturing was globalized from the 1980s onwards, in the way that manufacturing was globalised from the 1980s onwards.

Banks have also stopped increasing their margins and putting up mortgage and term deposit rates. During late 2016 and early 2017 the big four Australian banks were concerned about a widening gap between their lending and deposit growth locally. Led by ANZ, they increased their fixed mortgage rates by 30 to 50 basis points by March 2017. But those rate hikes have eased off.

But ANZ said in mid-July that the gap had closed and the pressure was coming off as interest rates globally had stopped rising and term deposit growth has picked up.

The big banks have started advertising discounted deals again and rate hikes have stopped.

The political outlook for house prices has also improved.

The bottom line:

House price inflation has slowed nationally and prices fell a bit more in June Auckland and some surrounding cities, but not much elsewhere.

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.

The Reserve Bank is unlikely to be able to introduce a DTI 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.



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Planting Day ~ More food for native birds in the Herald Island Domain

By morning tea time on Sunday the second of July 2017, eighteen Herald Island Environmental Group volunteers had planted one hundred and forty more local native plants in the Herald Island Domain, another step towards restoring the island's unique natural environment, the provider of food and habitat for our native birds and wildlife.

Local native plants provide food for our native birds in the form of nectar, fruit, seeds or insects. Some examples from the species planted that day are Coastal Astelia, Whitey Wood (Mahoe), Kowhai and Manuka. Coastal Astelia supply fruit for Silvereye and Tui from February to May. Mahoe produces purple berries from February to April, which Silvereye, Tui and Wood Pigeon (Kereru) eat. Kowhai, when in flower from September to November, provide nectar for Kereru and Tui. Manuka has insects on its bark, branches and foliage; providing year-round food for insect eating birds such as the Grey Warbler, Fantail, Silvereye, Kingfisher and sometimes Tui.

This planting now supplements others in our reserves and road berms that were specifically planted with local native plants to demonstrate and enhance the island's unique natural environment.


For example, in 1993, the Herald Island community planted Pohutukawa on the causeway and in 1998, children from the Herald Island Holiday Programme planted Pohutukawa and Flax at Kingsway Reserve South. These plants provide nectar for Silvereye and Tui from November to January.

Similarly, the road cuttings below 43 - 47 The Terrace and 2 The Terrace, were planted with local native plants in 1998 and 2002 respectively, to help preserve Herald Island flora and to provide a low maintenance vegetation cover that minimises weed re-infestation. The Manuka on these banks provides year-round food for insect eating birds.

Kowhai Beach Reserve, first planted in 2013, has a wide range of local native plants that are still establishing. Birds can find food there from Coastal Astelia, Flax, Cabbage trees, Kowhai, Pigeonwood, Nikau and Coprosma (Karamu). Cabbage trees provide nectar and then berries for Kereru, Silvereye and Tui between January and April. Kowhai supply nectar for Tui from September to November. Kereru feed on Pigeon wood berries from November to April, Nikau berries from December to January and Karamu fruit from January to May.

Thank you to everyone who made this latest planting possible. Auckland Council and Jan Diprose for plants, our Parks Ranger Anna Baine for plant ordering, flyers and spades; Anne McNeill for flyer delivery, Sue McElroy for signage, Ian McNeill for Facebook promotion, the Herald Island Residents and Ratepayers Association for sponsoring refreshments, Anne Johnson and Sue Larmer for helping set out the plants, Mike Hassett for photography and Facebook posts, Ian and Anne McNeill for serving morning tea and the eighteen volunteers who worked hard putting plants in the ground on the day. You have all helped provide more food for our native birds in the Herald Island Domain.

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To celebrate our wonderful people an insight of our helpers lives can be revealed by going down memory lane and thought to include in our news this month some readings or excerpts from our Library diary from around this time a decade ago when we were operating Mondays/Wednesday and Saturdays. Thus mainly featuring Mate Peterson who has since passed on and Ann Thompson who is celebrating a very special birthday this year. Both with great thanks assisted in the library for many years.

14th July 2007: Hi There! 6 customers. 2 enquiring if Wednesday is no longer a library Day?! I assured him that it was. Please ring Gay for "Due Date Forms and have the Category books updated" Bye

18th July 2007: Had grandchildren last week was school holidays. I don't have anyone to cover me for things like this. Who left the note about the zip heater? We never go there, not us. 2 customers so far, have done Bio's will start on deletions of old Non Fiction (on bottom shelf of green shelves) I'm going to stand out in the sun to warm up for a few minutes. Margaret Brands came in at the last minute, went away satisfied and laughing. Bye Bye

21st July 2007: Yes I see the notice was going to write a big

"NOT US", but thought that maybe it was a message from you, and put it back to the side. I sometimes have not long had breakfast and certainly don't need anything while I'm here. If I am thirsty I usually bring something from home, which is not often. Yes Margaret is a great customer to have come in. Did some dusting in "N" Very quiet except for the rain on roof. Ugh!! By the way a warning I shall be away 15th Sept to 13th of October. See You Later Bye

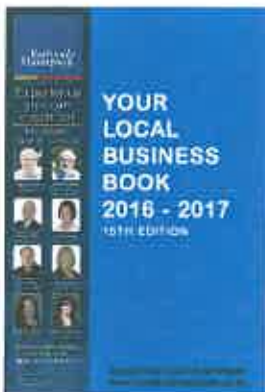
25th July: Gay came in and took books and lists away to reprint. Brought in several sheets of due dates as well. Signed up new member from Whenuapai had a long talk with him. Received two boxes of books from him as well. I'll try Christine Johnson for your dates; hope she can help 4pm o'clock now going home. Ta Ta"

Thanks to our dedicated librarians weather wise through good days and bad the library apart from Public Holidays and school Holidays is opened on Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.00am to 12.00noon, so do pop in we would love to catch up over a cuppa. The books we have here have been donated by the people for the people and what a wonderful range we have. Our DVD's and Audio books are pretty good too.

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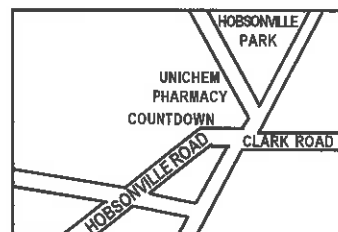
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The Helensville Citizens Advice Bureau says it's had a number of inquiries in recent weeks over potentially defamatory comments made on online community forums.

Some of those cases are now proceeding through the courts, which will be costly, not just financially but also in terms of time, energy and stress on both sides.

To avoid getting yourself in such a position, here is a brief guide to online defamation:

Someone has said something unflattering about me online what can I do about it?

Firstly, contact the person and request the statement be removed. If they won't, then contact

NetSafe on 0508 NETSAFE or netsafe.org.nz/report. They may be able to help liaise with the site host to have the material removed. You might also seek legal advice.

Can I sue someone for spreading lies about me?

Yes, but you will need to prove that:

- you are the person the statements are about (even if you're not named outright, if people who know you would know that you're the person being talked about, that is enough)
- the statements are untrue and have damaged your reputation
- the statements were published (either online, or via email or in a printed publication).

Unless you're a business, you don't have to prove you've suffered any actual loss, but if you win the court case you could receive damages.

I'm being accused of defamation. What is my defence?

You can make a defence if the statement:

- is true
- and is your honest opinion.

But, it's important to realise that it's not up to the person suing you to prove the statements are untrue, rather it's up to you to prove their truthfulness.

For instance, if you accuse someone of dodging their taxes, they wouldn't have to prove that they have always paid tax, it would be up to you to prove that they haven't.

It's also worth noting that you don't have to be the person who made the original post to be accused of defamation.

In a recent landmark case in Switzerland, a Facebook user who 'liked' a post accusing another man of anti-Semitism and racism was convicted of defamation because the judge ruled that by liking the posts, he supported their content.

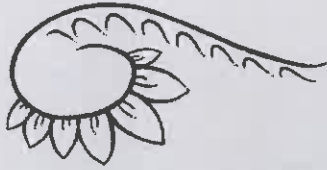
Website hosting sites (ISPs) may also be accused of defamation if they don't take down the offending statement. For instance, if someone else posts comments on your Facebook page, you could be liable.

So, carefully consider the costs before making that Facebook post in the heat of the moment.

Ask yourself are there better ways of dealing with this grievance?

For more information contact the Helensville CAB, 09 420 7162 or NetSafe.

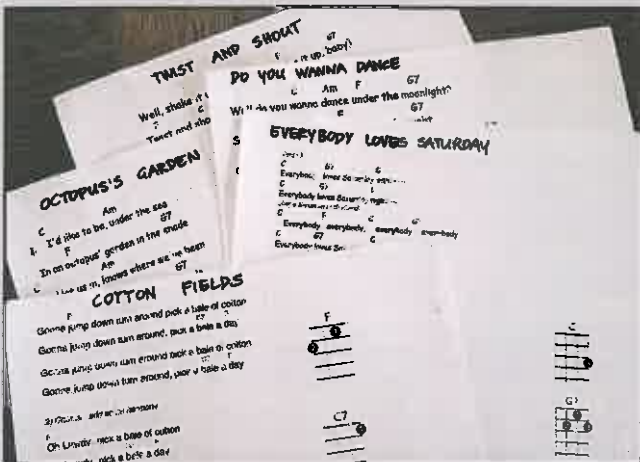
Herald Island Garden Club



Well... we do have fun on our AGM nights! The business side was all done and dusted quickly. The Club certainly gets through a varied lot of activities. Summer

months see members out visiting gardens and in winter months we are motivated by speakers, who share their individual passions. During this last year we have learned about herbs, Indian cooking, tropical flowers, botanical creams and made an ANZAC wreath, with a bit of socializing as well. The club is also responsible for handing out flowers at the Herald Island Christmas parade and looking after the Museum garden. We meet in the Fire Station, in the evening of the second Tuesday, every month. New members are always welcome.

The evening's entertainment was to learn Ukulele. Lee is a primary school music teacher and is used to teaching ukulele to a class load of students and also takes a contingent to the annual Ukulele Festival. She started the session at the beginning for the novices and in no time had everyone strumming and singing along, to some all time favourites. It was only a taster, but we all felt the satisfaction of learning something new. Some members picked up more advanced chords and didn't want to stop! Music is a great soother, but as we all found out, a real energizer too.



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Lynda Cartwright from King's Garden Centre was our Guest Speaker. She works two days a week at the Henderson branch and is involved with U3A and does volunteer work in the community. She has a degree in Horticulture and an interest in alternative medicine, loves plants and started working at Palmers twenty years ago.

She has cared for others' gardens for a long time, as many as 33 at once, but is retiring now and handing over that business to her daughter, therefore looking forward to having more time for her own gardening.

She thought it a little unfair that cute animals get so much time, interest and attention when there are so many marvellous



Lynda Cartwright and Lorna Taylor

plants about with few to sing their praises. Lynda spoke of the resurgence in popularity of indoor plants in particular, string of pearls (or pea plant), chain of hearts which I know as Rosary vine (because of the knobbly tubers which form on the stem reminding one of the divisions between the decades on Rosary beads) and Hoya which has those lovely wax like flowers which look too perfect to be real and give off exquisite perfume when they finally open, proving they are natural.

We who live in the West of Auckland were not surprised when Lorna said she found friendlier people in this area, that she

considered on the whole customers are much less rushed than in other suburbs. Some tips that we were given included: Plants need to be admired and not ignored. When considering pruning your roses, leave them to hip first. Spray with "Glow" which is good for fruit trees as well, especially at the end of winter, which most of us are looking forward to since we have been experiencing so very much rain.

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Hobsonville Bowling Club
Carol Denton - 416-4860

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

Whenuapai Air Scout Group
Tim Dunbar - 416-6667

West City Concert Band
Invites brass and woodwind
musicians to join them on Wed
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High

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416-6886, email:
westharbourtennis@xtra.co.nz
Open mornings Monday &
Fridays 9.00-11.30
\$3 ~ Non-members welcome
Raewyn Hassett - 416-7304

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& Garden Circle**
Margaret Treneary - 412-8788

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Jane Paul - 416-1410
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Whenuapai Pony Club Inc.
Clark Rd, Hobsonville
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Jan Shackell - 416-7818

Whenuapai R&R
chair@whenuapai.org.nz
Secretary: Andy Milne -
021416651
secretary@whenuapai.org.nz

WAITEMATA TIDE CHART

Date	High	Water	Auckland	Sun Rise	Sun Set
August					
6 Sun	0611	208	0941	0715	1739
7 Mon	0658	2.9	1928	0714	1740
8 Tue	0741	3.0	2008	0713	1741
9 Wed	0823	3.0	2048	0712	1742
10 Thu	0904	3.1	2129	0711	1743
11 Fri	0946	3.2	2211	0710	1743
12 Sat	1028	3.2	2254	0708	1744
13 Sun	1113	3.2	2341	0707	1745
14 Mon	-	3.2	1201	0706	1746
15 Tue	0030	3.2	1254	0705	1747
16 Wed	0123	3.1	1352	0704	1747
17 Thu	0221	3.1	1457	0703	1748
18 Fri	0324	3.1	1603	0701	1749
19 Sat	0428	3.1	1705	0700	1750
20 Sun	0531	3.2	1804	0659	1751
21 Mon	0630	3.2	1858	0658	1751
22 Tue	0726	3.3	1950	0656	1752
23 Wed	0818	3.4	2039	0655	1753
24 Thu	0907	3.4	2126	654	1754
25 Fri	0953	3.3	2212	0652	1755
26 Sat	1038	3.3	2257	0651	1755
27 Sun	1122	3.1	2341	0650	1756
28 Mon	-	3.1	1207	0648	1757
29 Tue	0025	3.0	1254	0647	1758
30 Wed	0111	2.9	1345	0645	1759
31 Thu	0200	2.8	1441	0644	1759
September					
1 Fri	0253	2.7	1540	0643	1800
2 Sat	0349	2.7	1635	0641	1801
3 Sun	0446	2.7	1726	0640	1802
4 Mon	0539	2.8	1812	0638	1803
5 Tue	0627	2.9	1856	0637	1803
6 Wed	0713	3.0	1938	0635	1804
7 Thu	0756	3.1	2020	0634	1805
8 Fri	0839	3.2	2102	0632	1806
9 Sat	0923	3.3	2146	0631	1807
10 Sun	1007	3.3	2232	0629	1807
11 Mon	1053	3.3	2321	0628	1808
12 Tue	1143	3.2	-	0626	1809
13 Wed	0012	3.2	1237	0625	1810
14 Thu	0107	3.1	1337	0623	1811

Trade/Professional & Services List

Accountant	Jackie McConnell	021-373-498/837-2463	Insurance	Fundagroup Insurance Brokers	416-9944
Accountant	Roger Hadfield - Mclsaacs	09-414-4050/0274-869-755	Insurance For Life	Wendy Crenfeldt	021-848-844
Accountant	Sharyn Ryan	0274-959-150/416-7067	Interior Design	Armstrong Colour Design (Alison)	021-412-417
Animal Healing	www.animalhealing.co.nz	832-9273	Law Office	Davenport's West	027-474-5073/ 836-4099
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Automotive	Tech Autos	416-1554	Loans	Fundagroup Insurance Brokers	0274-386-387
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Bed and Breakfast	Totara Waters	416-8272	Medical	Westgate Medical Centre	833-3134
Bookkeeping	DanjelleMcKay	027-397-3120	Midwives Out West	Hsn Medical Centre	0800-633-364/8368-616
Builders/Project Managers	Waller Projects	416-7643/021-802-845	Mowers & Chainsaws	Jim Bolton	416 8714
Building Contractor	Doug Third	021-411-13709/416-7646	Paint, wallpaper etc.	Guthrie Bowron	09-441-4384
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Chiropractic	Christopher & Noelene McMaster	412-5536	Plaster/Stop or Skim	Ken Knox	027-478-5253/817-6385
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Cleaning	Mrs Mop - Anna	0220-684-836	Physiotherapist	Hobsonville Physiotherapy Clinic	416-4455
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Clothing Alterations Kim	SewEzy	0240-739-399	Playgroup	Whenuapai Village (Sonia)	416-5346
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Coffee	Coffee CAN	www.coffeecan.nz	Plumber	Plumb Tight	022-416-6061
Coffee	Deli Brothers	416-9926	Plumber & Gasfitting	Hyflo	027-224-0872
Coffee	Local hero Coffee Works	022-645-4776	Plumbers & Roofers	Laser Plumbing, Whenuapai	417-0110
Computer Problems?	Norwest IT Services	0274-388-603/416-5129	Podiatrist	Linda Tulett	021-202-9883/09-282-1227
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Electrician	Streamline Electrical - Chris	021-488-274	Real Estate	Glenn Savery	027-499-8415/832-0832
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