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Jazz, bonnets and the great Easter Egg Hunt!



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Cool cars on display in the domain

Local resident, Bernie Cox, was one of such a good turnout. many locals checking out the hot rods on display. There were over 50 cars parked in the Herald Island Domain on Sunday 9th April, a real treat for locals and a perfect day out for Harbour City Hot Rod Club's annual cruise. The club celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year, so it was great to see

Live music provided by local band, 'Nine 2 Fivers' could be heard around Herald Island, and draw in a crowd. The atmosphere was relaxed while locals chewed the fat with car enthusiasts (more photos page 9).

The event was proudly sponsored by Sue Noonan from Harcourts Hobsonville.



Bernie Cox, Herald Island resident

ANZAC Day

Local parade and service

Hobsonville RSA Parade

Address: Hobsonville School - 25/04/2016 (10.30am)

Associated RSA: Hobsonville RSA

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

Hobsonville RSA Service

Address: Hobsonville RSA - 25/04/2016 (11.00am)

Associated RSA: Hobsonville RSA

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

cenotaph during the service

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Easter Eggs, Bonnets and Jazz

The Easter bunny came early to Whenuapai Village for the Great Easter Egg Hunt and Jazz Picnic.

After horrendous weather the week leading up to the picnic, the sun shone and hundreds of locals poured into the Malcolm Hahn Reserve to listen to great jazz from the North West Trio.

The kids had great fun hunting through the jungle behind the hall, finding ribbons, which were magically transformed into Easter eggs, while adults indulged in hot crossed buns – all kindly donated by the Upper Harbour Local Board.

One of the highlights of the day was the Easter bonnet and Mad Hatter's hat competition, with fabulous prizes donated by The Causeway. All of the hats created by Whenuapai kids were fantastic, making it a challenging task for the judging panel to determine the winners.











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25 April ANZAC Day 14-30 April School Holidays

Auckland Council -Help shape the future of Whenuapai

Whenuapai has been identified as a priority development area. The Whenuapai Structure Plan was adopted by the council in September 2016. The next step is to begin implementing the structure plan through a plan change to the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in part).

Auckland Council is now seeking feedback on the Draft Whenuapai Plan Change. Feedback opens on Monday 10 April and closes on Sunday 14 May 2017.

Event information is available from the following venues:

29 April Countdown NorthWest

10am-2pm, (Drop in information stall)

30 April Countdown Hobsonville

10am-2pm, (Drop in information stall)

2 May West Harbour Ferry service from Hobsonville Marina

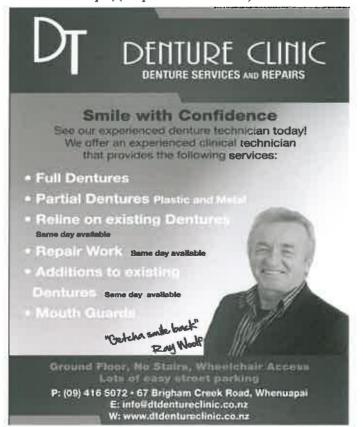
7am-10.30am, (Drop in information stall)

4 May Hobsonville Primary

7.30-pm-9.30pm, (Information session)

7 May Hobsonville Farmers Market

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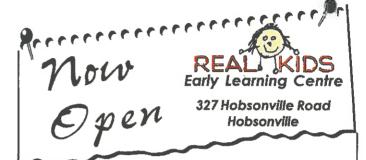
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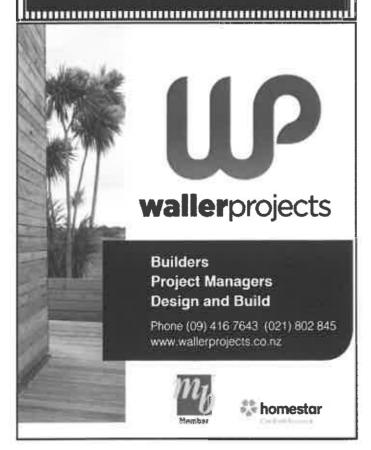
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ANZAC Day at the Memorial

The first Anzac Day didn't include a dawn service or the wearing of poppies; those traditions were yet to begin. Instead people gathered at town halls, schools and churches to remember those who returned from Gallipoli, and those who were left behind.

New Zealand sent more men to fight in the First World War per head of population than any other nation. Of those killed, almost a third were buried half a world away in unmarked graves.

Following the war, subscriptions were raised to construct the Auckland War Memorial Museum. The Museum opened in 1929 and became a symbolic meeting-place for Aucklanders to honour and commemorate the fallen.

Anzac Day Services -

Dawn Service 6am, Civic Service 11am, Court of Honour Join us this Anzac Day for the Dawn Service, Civic Service, as well as tours, performances, and special displays.

One Tree Hill College Chorale

Tuesday 25 April, approx. 6.40am, directly following the Dawn Service WWI Sanctuary, FREE

The award-winning premier boys' choir from One Tree Hill College, directed by Terence Maskell, presents music for Anzac Day.

Auckland Youth Choir - America Joins the War

Tuesday 25 April, 8.30am, WWI Sanctuary, FREE

Listen to the Auckland Youth Choir perform works by American composers as a response to the US joining World War I. The two works are 'Five Negro Spirituals' from Michael Tippett's A Child of Our Time and Randall Thompson's 'Alleluia'.

No Man's Land screening

Tuesday 25 April, 7.30am, 9am and 1.30pm, Auditorium, Level 2, FREE

Watch this groundbreaking film that commemorates the First World War. Led by acclaimed New Zealand composer John Psathas (ONZM), the project brings together the descendants of opposing forces and reunites them on the battlefields of WWI in friendship and musical solidarity. John Psathas will talk about the process at the 1.30pm screening.

Poppy Badge-making

Tuesday 25 April, 11am-3pm, Weid and Wonderful, FREE Bring the kids along to colour and create their own poppy badge.

Play it Strange presents Peace Songs

Tuesday 25 April, Approx. 12pm, directly following the Civic Service, WWI Sanctuary, FREE

Since 2008 the Play It Strange Trust has run a very special songwriting competition - the Peace Song Competition. Listen to past winners including; Ashy Batchelor, Holly Cramer-Roberts, Emma Cooper-Williams, Katie Ashworth and Kelly Harris - all performing their own songs in the theme of peace and what it means to them, our young New Zealanders.

Auckland War Musum

Lest We Forget Poetry Competition Finalist Readings

Tuesday 25 April, 1pm, WWI Sanctuary, FREE

Meet the finalists of our Lest We Forget Poetry Competition and hear them read their competition entries.

WWI and WWII Tours

Tuesday 25 April, 7.15am, 8.15am, 9.15am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

Join our experienced guides and explore the stories of both World wars. Meet at the Big Red Arrow in the Grand Foyer.

Library War Collections Displays

Tuesday 25 April, 6.45am - 3pm, Library, Level 2

Discover WWI stories through photographs, diaries, letters, and ephemera.

Military Service Research

Tuesday 25 April, 6.45am— 3pm. Pou Maumahara Memorial Discovery Centre, Level,

Explore this newly opened gallery where you can find out more about a serviceperson using Online Cenotaph and other library resources. A medal and badge identification service will also be available between 6.45am and 11am.

Dome Tours

Tuesday 25 April, 2pm - 4pm, the Atrium by Lifts 1 and 2 Join our informative guides for a tour of our Events Centre on Level 3 with its stunning 360 views.

Entry to the Museum is FREE to everyone on Anzac Day

Enjoy a coffee or meal after the Dawn Service at Columbus Cafe, where there is no holiday surcharge. Buy a poppy here at the Museum to commemorate our Anzac Soldiers, with all proceeds going to the New Zealand RSA.

Anzac Day Services: questions and answers

Attending the Dawn or Civic Services this Anzac Day? We've put together some information to help you with arrival times, parking, and public transport options.

See the website for further details:

http://www.aucklandmuseum.com

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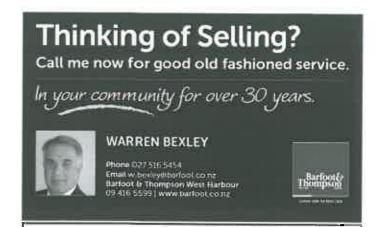
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2Tbsp Boiling Water



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Bouquets for Hobsonville Kitchen

Kad picked Hobsonville Kitchen for our special Sunday brunch spoil, as she loves their smoothies. We ordered off their breakfast menu Berry Crepes, Eggs Bene and The Breakfast along with

Antioxidant Smoothie, Flat White and pot of Earl Grey. The waitress was attentive and the meals were on our table in no time, they were generous and delicious.

The cafe had a steady flow of customers making the most of the fine, early autumn day.



The Hobsonville Kitchen has dairy and gluten free options available. It has a well-stocked cabinet of savoury and sweet food, along with a sit down menu.

The brunch would have been perfect, bar one slight mishap. We had an unfortunate accident with the smoothie, it ended up spilt all over the table. Extremely disappointing for Kad, but no problem to the staff, it was cleaned up smartly and replaced with another on the house.

Bouquets for Hobsonville Kitchen, we'll be back.





Budget Footnotes Preparing for an interview - Part 3 of 3



Remember to relax - be friendly and polite:

The interview is your chance to tell the employer why you are the right person for the job.

It's normal to be nervous - but try to relax. Be friendly and polite and try to keep good eye contact. Listen carefully to questions you're asked and give positive and honest answers. Check your notes if you need to and take more notes if you want. If you don't hear or understand something ask the interviewer to repeat it.

At the end thank the employer for the interview and ask when they will be making a decision.

When you get the job:

There are quite a few things to think about when you start a new job. Or instance you'll need to find out

- What day and time you start, and the hours you'll work
- Where to go and who to ask for on the first day.
- What you need to take (like tax and bank account numbers)
- How the wages are paid and when.

When you are settling in:

Those first few weeks are an important time when others will form a lasting impression on you. Here are some tips for making a good

- Be honest and dependable be on time, get all your work finished, be prepared to do more than you are asked to do and help others if you can.
- Be polite and friendly introduce yourself, shek hands and remember names.
- Learn quickly ask if you don't know and take notes if you need to.
- Learn the rules find out the health and safety rules, and unwritten rules about how things are done in your workplace, and make sure you follow them.
- Solve your own problems don't ask for help every time something does wrong - try to figure it out first, then check to see if you are right.
- Keep home and work separate until you know what the boundaries are at work.



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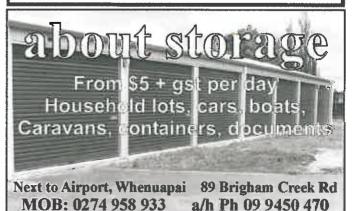
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Herald Island Library News 2017

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Our Happy Herald Island Book Club helpers amongst our Herald Island Library's assortment of books.

As our main librarians Christine and Etta work full time we thank Clare, Deborah and Gill as above assisting in one of the library's major tasks of the rearrangement of books into the appropriate genres and in alphabetical order. This job is pretty arduous and can be time consuming and definitely not for the faint hearted. Thank you.

Thanks to the help of Jacquie Knowles, new shelving were acquired and a lot of painting and

decorating plus installation from Mike Hassett the Herald Island Library is looking fantastic.

We have had to cull a lot of old damaged books to make room for new ones. Please bear with us as it's organised chaos at the moment and we hopefully should be fully re categorised and listings completed by the end of the year. Hence our members should one day be able to access the listings of our library books /Audio Books/DVD's and puzzles online and order from them. We thank Ann McNeil for her continued support in helping the library with her assistance in our Library Cataloguing.

The quality of the range of books received to date have been excellent and pleased of the condition that they have arrived in. We have an array of a good variety of DVD's to keep the idle busy

Clare, Deborah and Gill who helped sort books in the library revamp

and contented.

A new section has been devised to display our range of Books as voted by New Zealanders that have been listed on the 2016-2017 Whitcoulls Top 100 Books "Must Read". Although we do not hold all the books listed but we still have a few to keep you well appeased.

Pop on in and have a cuppa on a Wednesday with our Craft Ladies and or on the Saturdays with either Etta or Christine who are always pleased to help with any queries that you may have.

Remember we are not opened on Public Holiday weekends or school holidays.

We are always open to accept offers of help on Saturdays for those who are willing to help for an hour or a couple of hours. Please telephone Etta Gillon on 09-416-7638 or email herald.island.library@gmail.com

Wednesdays: -9.30am to Midday Saturdays: -10.00am to Midday

Thanks to Ann McNeil the library will be open:

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At Discovery Parks, we've learnt (sometimes the hard way) that we all do things in very different ways. Caravanners are definitely no exception.

Caravanners are a great bunch but no two are alike. So for a bit of fun, we've narrowed down some of the most common caravanner personalities and exactly how you can spot them.

Does one of the below types of caravanners sound like someone you know? How many have you spotted at your favourite holiday park?

The Novice

The first time caravanner. Give them a clear berth when they're reversing into the caravan park.

The Chiller

The Chiller has no plans and is happy to go with the flow and see where they end up every day. They are often found sitting in a deck chair, with a beer, staring at a large body of water.

The Planner

Loves an itinerary. They relish the opportunity to fine tune every nitty gritty detail of a holiday and has every second, of every day planned out.

The Budgeter

Pinches every penny! You're more likely to find them parked by the side of the road at night than in an actual holiday park.

The Repeater

We all know one; The Repeater goes back to the same holiday park year after year. They've had a standing booking on a particular site, on the same weekend, for the last 20 years.

The Complainer

Expects everything to be exactly like it is at home. Complains when it isn't.

The Group

These are the people that only seem to ever travel in a group. Often found taking over the camp kitchen or the BBQs. Don't park next to them unless you want to be kept up all night!



The 'Maybe Next Year'

They retired, bought a caravan, but the caravan has never actually left the driveway.

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The 'No Kids Allowed'

Loves peace and quiet. Never travels during school holidays.

The Vintage Caravanner

Most likely aged between 25 & 35 and probably travelling close to home in case the vintage van doesn't make it and needs repairs.



The Adventurer

Takes the road less travelled. More than once their kids have contacted the local authorities because they went bush for a few days and lost phone reception.

The Techie

Goes caravanning just so that they can buy new caravan gear. Attends multiple days of the Caravan & Camping Show. Always has the latest gadgets and accessories.

100 Days Project

Are you up for the challenge?

I must admit I'd never heard of the 100 Days Project until a teacher mentioned it the other day. If you've got some creative juices, let them rip!

The project is open, young and old can take part. The basic idea is you produce something every day for 100 days.

For example, if you're a writer or a poet, write a paragraph, or poem, or slogan, or some inspirational words every day for 100 days.

If you're into photography or art, choose a topic, say light and dark, animals, the sea your choice and take a photo or paint a small picture about that topic each day.

Even musicians or dancers can enter, imagine coming up with some dance moves, some lyics or a small piece of music each day. Put it all together after 100 days... it could be amazing!

The 100 Days Project starts on the 22 May and finishes on 29 August 2017. You register online (100daysproject.co.nz), \$15 entry fee and they encourage you to upload some of your work during the 100 days onto their website.

This is a really amazing challenge, hundreds, maybe thousands of people could be entering and working on their projects while you work on yours.

It would be amazing if some locals entered the challenge, let me know if you have. It would be neat to keep in touch and hear about your progress. One hundred days is a long time, I'm going to give it a go, email me if you have too!

If there's a few of us, I'm keen we hold our own exhibition in the Herald Island Fire Station as well when the project is complete. It would be fabulous to see what locals can produce!

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This is part of the SKIP positive parenting project which emphasises the six things children need to grow into happy, capable adults. SKIP focuses on families with children under 5 years old and the principles are so good that they can be used with any age group and in any relationship.

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Top 10 mistakes first homebuyers make

By John Bolton, Squirrel Mortgages

Getting into your first home is hard, especially in the Auckland market. After successfully guiding over 1,500 young (and not so young) people through the process we have noticed the same mistakes being made over and over.

By avoiding these mistakes you will reduce your risk and increase your chances of getting ahead.

1. Poor account conduct

This is when being silly or forgetful with your money can come back to haunt you. Your home loan won't be fully approved until the bank has seen your bank statements. Dishonoured direct debits or going into unarranged overdraft can make you look like a risky prospect and you could be declined especially given how ruthless bank's are on "credit issues" these days.

The way they see it is if you can't manage your money well before you get a mortgage then there is no way you will afterwards. They have a point!

2. Looking in all the wrong places

A number of first home buyers start their hunt looking at properties (and going to auctions) well above what they can afford. Eventually they get buyer fatigue and end up buying the first thing they can, which is never a great way of approaching it. It's getting better with the market swinging back to buyers and auctions getting passed in. You can now often buy through price by negotiation so take advantage of that! We're starting to see buyers get better deals.

3. Putting offers on the wrong houses

If a place seems too good to be true, it usually is. Do some basic checks yourself before getting an inspection - look under the floor for dampness or rot and look for repairs. Anything that looks like a "Leaker" likely is a leaker. They're a risky proposition even if the agent can convince you it's not leaking now, you'll end up with the same issues when you come to sell. Unless you know what you are doing (i.e. a builder) don't touch them!

4. Kiwisaver

If you are using Kiwisaver, get on to it early. We find that solicitors can sometimes forget to do their bit of the process. That can make it a mad rush at the end and more stressful than it needs to be. Get on to it early and get the forms signed and completed to be ready to withdraw your funds. If in doubt, we can help keep you on track.

5. Not allowing for upfront costs

You will have between \$1,500 and \$3,000 of upfront costs when buying property. Make sure you factor this in to your budget. Also make sure you get a quote from your lawyer. We've had plenty of clients get burned by the old family lawyer because they never asked about the cost. Lawyers should cost \$900-\$1,500. The worst I've seen was close to \$4,000 for a simple purchase. You'll also need to fork out on building inspections (about \$500 each), maybe a valuation (\$800-\$900) and then there are moving costs. Also allow a bit for deferred maintenance you didn't pick up when buying. I had to replace the laundry tub within a week of buying my first house, the pink curtains also went along with the mirrored wall in the bedroom!

6. Under estimating borrowing costs

Banks will approve you for more than you can reasonably afford. It's important to have a realistic budget and to plan on higher interest rates. Putting your head in the sand simply creates problems later. Interest rates are at historic lows. You need to be able to afford your mortgage when rates eventually go back up to

6% (Check out: Why NZ interest rates are set to rise).

7. Changes in circumstance

If you are going to have kids, travel overseas, go back to study, or join a hippie commune - work out what that means in advance. Dropping to one income or a change of career can smash your ability to service the mortgage. Plan ahead.

When house prices are going up it doesn't really matter but you don't want to be forced to sell if prices are going the other way. House sales volumes are down (less liquidity) and things are taking longer to sell. Don't become a statistic! If you need insurance, we can help with that.

8. Paying the minimum

If you only pay the minimum you will not get ahead and your mortgage costs will increase when rates go up. Try and pay extra from day-1 or at the very least have a plan.

9. Choosing the lowest rate

The lowest rate is often not the cheapest option - they can often come with hooks and hidden costs. Now that rates are starting to go up, the 1-year rate will always look best. In reality longer term rates will perform better and give you more certainty.

10. Buying "interest free" stuff for the house

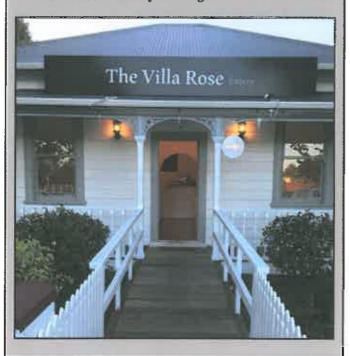
Once you have a mortgage it gets harder to repay other debts. Although a hire purchase might be interest-free (and you might absolutely need it for your kitchen) at some point it needs to be repaid and will then impact on how easy it is to live with your mortgage. Debt is a trap. The more of it you have the harder it is to pay back. Don't kid yourself; the TV or car is not an asset!

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From the Kitchen....



Coriander/Cilantro Coriandrum sativum

This delicate aromatic herb is the 'International Herb of Year for 2017'.

Growing conditions may be biennial. Generally, once the summer heat and dryness hit, this herb bolts off to seed and dies. **Generally**, it grows between 80cm to 1m in height and if regularly harvested, can be quite bushy.

Growing: Coriander likes to grow near Anise, dill, chervil, cabbages, carrots and it dislikes growing near Fennel. It is wonderful to attract beneficial insects whose larvae love to eat aphids, plant it near any of your plants which are bothered by aphids.

Parts Used: Foliage, roots and seeds.

Harvesting: Leaves right through the growing season. Roots, as required, best in young plants. Seeds, as they swell and mature, usually in autumn.

Therapeutic Actions: Foliage: Carminative, digestive stimulant, nutritive, antispasmodic, antioxidant, antimicrobial, antiseptic, diuretic, antifungal & anti-inflammatory.

Seeds: Carminative, digestive stimulant, nutritive, antispasmodic, antioxidant, antimicrobial, antiseptic, diuretic, antifungal, blood-sugar regulator, lowers blood pressure, detoxifying and anti-inflammatory, early research indicates it can be useful in cancer treatments.

Medicinal Uses: Roots and Foliage; Digestive stimulant, culinary, blood-sugar modulator, blood pressure & cholesterol modulator Seeds: Indigestion, bloating, diarrhoea, blood-sugar modulator, blood pressure & cholesterol modulator, heavy metal detoxer (inc. mercury) & culinary.

Dosages: Using Coriander: The leaves & roots; in cooking predominantly, both as a main ingredient, or as a garnish. The seeds; in cooking, but also in compresses and capsules. **Culinary Uses** Both the foliage and seeds are well known as culinary ingredients. The seeds are included in some alcoholic beverages, including Chartreuse and some Belgian beers. The seeds are used an ingredient in curries, stews, marinades, spice mixes such as dukkah and also in spice blend for preserving foods. Try this pesto recipe.

Coriander Pesto from Susun Weed (http://wisewomanmentor.com/wise-woman-ezine/4299657)

1 cup fresh, unwashed cilantro greens, no stalks, 3-6 large cloves garlic, peeled, salt (this is really important, as it helps grind the herb), extra virgin olive oil, at least a cup.

Coarsely chop the coriander & garlic. In a pestle & mortar or a kitchen wiz put a layer of greens, a bit of garlic and some salt, repeat. Add oil, blend well. Add more greens, garlic and salt, blend. If it looks too dry, add more oil. Repeat until the machine is full or you have used all your greens.

Cautions & Contraindications: Coriander seeds and herb are generally considered safe, though there are some who are allergic to Coriander. Care is required with anything more than culinary amounts if you are on blood-regulating or diabetic medications.

*Advisory Note: This text is given as a general guidance. If any adverse reactions occur or symptoms persist, please contact a qualified Medical Herbalist or Doctor immediately.

(Extract from the Herb Federation of NZ Data sheet)

- Hobsonville Herb Group

Herald Island Garden Club



We were fortunate to choose a fine Saturday after so much rain, to visit the Kaipara Coast Plant Centre and Sculpture Walk.

The plant centre is ideal, especially if you are searching for some quirky outdoor items and it also has a cafe to relax in after some retail therapy, or after checking out the exhibition. The secluded valley trail is extensive, so the printed guide to the sculptures, which includes a map, is great, as it shows several options for a gentle wander or longer bush walks. The fencing, gates and hard landscaping are creative in themselves and the pathways on different levels, create vistas across areas including an orchard, potager gardens, pond, mown lawns, native bush and even a waterfall. The sculptures range from some local schools creative recycling projects, to budding artists, community initiatives and full blown professional sculptor's works. Many of the pieces were inspired from nature... animals, birds, fish, insects, trees but others are more contemporary installations. They range from small art arranged in shelters to oversized works that need the large space to show them off to advantage. Materials include stone, wood, metal, glass, plastic, ceramics and recycled "stuff".

Now... gardeners tend to be a bit innovative themselves, so it was not surprising that some members were inspired to go home and get creative!







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Whenuapai Floral & Garden Circle

Sixty six members attended our second meeting of the year. Members were reminded that annual subscriptions are now due and to please pay as soon as possible. Margaret then read a verse with the theme to "seize the day". Once all the usual business had been dealt with, we were given a talk about bromeliads, which included being shown how to make new plants from the pups of the parent. Mother and daughter team Diane and Lucy Timmins enjoy propagating this popular plant but warn it is best to protect one's arms before working with them. A pair of long socks, with the feet cut off, will save one from getting badly scratched.



Pictured are Lucy, Di and Karen

At their commercial nursery they sell to Garden Centres and landscapers. Bromeliads have been a family obsession for many years and Diane told us that her mother had an extensive collection

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Billbergia is a genus of flowering plants in the family Bromeliaceae, subfamily Bromelioideae which was named for the Swedish botanist, zoologist, and anatomist Gustaf Johan Billberg. Billbergias have marbled patterning on their leaves and while green when grown in the shade, they become red when

exposed to full sun. Bromeliads need protection from frosts therefore a good idea to keep them in pots so they can quickly and easily be transferred to a warmer place when the temperature drops. They are susceptible to copper which can leach out of timber in the rain so watch where you place them. Bromeliads are popular for the instant look they give to an area of garden since they appear as if they have been growing there for a long time.

A porous mix is best when potting on bromeliads. One third each pumice, peat and pine bark works well. With added food, use of standard potting mix is fine. Add slow release NPK 14/11/14 or quarter strength Orchid fertiliser weekly in the growing season. Bromeliad pups can be planted on immediately after being separated from the parent plant. Water based liquid nails can be used to attach little pups to driftwood to make an attractive display which will thrive best in bright shade. Don't forget to use those old socks for protection!

Until next time,

Happy Gardening from Mary Anne Clark

Fish the Family Dish

Snapper and Kingfish caught out off the Herald Island Community Trust Wharf on Saturday morning 20th March on the turn of full tide. Daniel and Alan from Royal Heights exceeded their expectations when Alan landed a big Kingfish. The Kingfish put up a good fight after taking a Snapper bait. Daniel caught the two nice eating sized Snapper.



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