

LEIGH RAG

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Leigh & Districts Ex Services & Community Club

Welcome to spring! Martin and I have been driving from Queenstown to Auckland this week and it has been so beautiful. Spring has sprung the length of the country. Daffodils, magnolia, camellias and all the fruit blossom has been quite delightful. Not to mention fields of bouncing lambs.

At our last meeting Jud Croft spoke about his lifelong interest with all things marine and gave us a glimpse of the lectures that he gives onboard cruise ships. Thank you Jud for such a fascinating talk which was greatly enjoyed.

The new contractors that have taken over from Recreational Services have forgotten about the wharf area so the community club has emailed the council to remind them. Also the council have started cutting back the vegetation on Frost Road so the drainage upgrade can't be all that far away.

The October meeting will be held on Sunday 1st at 4pm in the Bowling Club. We will be asking members for suggestions for community projects which the club might get involved with. I look forward to seeing you there.

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At the AGM all current officers agreed to continue on in their roles for another year bringing stability to the group. It was decided to keep the subscriptions at the 2016 level, however it was also decided to introduce an "associate membership" for people who wanted to identify and network with the business group, but who were not currently operating a business in the Leigh area - this sub was set at \$25 allowing them to attend all meetings and social events, but with no voting rights, or advertising. Contact Jan Scott if you are interested.

The suggestion was made from the floor that the business community consider a new category for trades people in business in the area, so it was agreed that the committee would investigate this - we would love to hear from any trades or service people interested in this.

The main achievement over the past year was a re-branding with a new logo "Escape to Leigh", followed on by the creation of a new website with more up-to-date features and content....this work is still underway. Social media is getting a re-refresh at the same time, and now there is a new logo, the brochure is going to be re-printed this year - please contact us if you want to be in this brochure. Next year will focus on installing some very large highway signs to encourage people to take the Leigh route "Escape to Leigh" being the theme.

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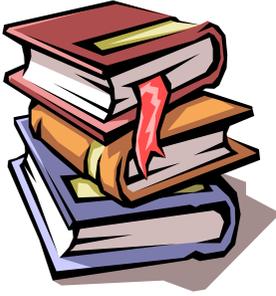
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Also, some new gardening books (since Spring is here!) by Paul Bangay, Xanthe White and Isabel Gabites and the new Nadia Lim cookbook.

The Man Booker shortlist has been announced and we have some of them already on our shelves. Locals have donated some fantastic books and they've nearly all been processed.

The garden has been given a spruce up by a team from the council and is looking very trim and tidy.

When tidying the library shelves recently, a few of us were comparing how we sort and shelve our books at home. Some sort by category, others by colour and size, others with no system at all. It did make for an interesting conversation as we all had very different styles that worked for us and our living spaces. The thing we all agreed upon ... it was vital to have a wee stack of books by the bed!

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Our girls have been creative this term, with the Brownies finishing the 'Science Fun' badge and starting 'Creative Arts'. The Pippins have completed their 'Pippins Art' Badge and have begun working towards the 'Walk A Mile In Another Girl's Shoes' badge. This badge makes the girls aware of those with a disability and their everyday life. We have looked at being alike and different and also Seeing As She Sees. Our Guides have been taking part in a variety of challenges for the Ultimate Challenge badge and are now looking to complete their Exploration Challenges in the four areas of Community, My World, Global and Outdoor Exploration.

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*Fay Bradnam
Leader*



Great Daffodil Day Response for the Cancer Society

A fun Daffodil Morning Tea was held at Judee Hall's place in Leigh with generous donations for the Cancer Society and lots of yummy food.

Special thanks to Faye and Ian Bradnam and Rose Humphrey for early morning pickings of gorgeous daffodil blooms.

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New teachers had arrived in the district. Miss Mary Campbell was appointed to a temporary position at Ti Point School on the corner of Ti Point and Leigh Roads. She was relieving for Miss Shanahan but later in 1919, Miss Campbell became the school's sole charge teacher. Mary "loved the country and the country dances."

Charles Clarke recorded in his diary on 1st August that "the new teacher, Mrs Knowles, her three children and her mother arrived on the ferry. She taught at Omaha Little School (on School Road, Leigh) until 1920.

A petition had circulated supporting the repair of the sheep pens in the village. Mr D.M. Kempt had signed it but since had considered the Council should look at using the "forgotten Market Reserve at Leigh which might be useful to the people. Part was at present used for a vegetable garden and part for a tennis court." However, The Council had not received any petitions so no further action was taken.

Any thoughts from readers where the Market Reserve was? Possibly behind today's library or the Church hall?

Leigh "Then and Now" by Bethea Frost; Diaries of Charles Clarke at Warkworth Museum Archives; Rodney and Otamatea Times, September-October editions, 1917.

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Still waiting for the ground to dry out a bit so we can get our working bees underway again. The hope is that we'll get the last bit of the coastal walkway reserve cleared ready for planting next autumn, and then there is work to do up the side of the harbour.

Auckland Council is to be congratulated for the thorough job they did removing mothplant (kapok plant) from the wharf sea cliffs - at our request. It was a big job and they'll do a follow up in a few months time.

The Matheson Bay residents' enthusiasm for removing roadside agapanthus is to be applauded. It is great to see this pest plant going, and hopefully more people will "join the movement!" Again, it is good that Auckland Council gave practical support to this project.

If you'd like to help with our working bees, please get in touch with me (details on back page). We always need more people as our project to restore the coastal margins of Leigh needs people power!

Neil Sutherland

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Kia ora koutou,
First off, two lots of thanks to the community. As always the attendance and support of the Kapa Haka at the Mill night was excellent! We raised \$1120 and that will be put towards the fees for our kaiako Whaea Danyelle. The raffle winner was Brenda Walton.

The other lot of appreciation goes out to all of the wonderful people who came along in the rain to help out on our recent working bee. A giant pile of bark was spread through the playground, the sandpit was refilled, weeding done, and installing some of the children's art was completed. The outside of the school is looking colourful, spic and span!

The arts project (with help from a number of community volunteers), has just been completed and the children are looking forward to presenting their various works of art at Grandparents Day on 20 September.

Our official classroom opening event has been postponed till the final landscaping around the buildings is done. Date still TBC.

Ngā mihi nui,

Melissa and Leigh School

Right: Volunteers helping out at working bee.

Below right: Jade Flaherty teaching fabric arts.



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The art gallery will be opening on the 26 October as a pre-launch to the wood and stone symposium in November showcasing some of the artists.

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Editorial

Well, another three years have rolled by. Are we better off than three years ago, or not? Whatever your view is, it is time to cast your vote to help ensure that your voice is heard.

This year we again have advance voting. This means you can vote prior to election day. The nearest advance voting place to Leigh is Matakana Community Hall, 43 Matakana Valley Road. Advance voting is on Wednesday, 20 September from 9am-4pm; Thursday, 21 September from 9am-7pm; Friday, 22 September from 9am-4pm. Votes can be also be cast early in Warkworth at the Masonic Lodge (above Westpac Bank), 12 Baxter Street from 9am most days.

By now you should have received your Easy Vote Card in the mail with details of candidates etc. If you haven't received it by now you need to notify the Electoral Officer on 0800 36 76 56. You can still register up till Friday 22 September.

When voting take your Easy Vote Card with you to make the process as simple as possible.

This election shows the signs of being close so every vote will count this year. Remember you can vote for a local candidate in your electorate and also for the party of your choice. MMP makes it possible to vote for two different parties in this respect.

The important thing is of course to get out and vote. There will be much discussion on the election after it is finished and the winner is announced. If you don't vote you'll just have to sit on the sidelines and not have a say on the result—at least for the next three years.



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Come along to our AGM at the Leigh Bowling Club on Sunday 8 October 4.30pm - meet other members and be a part of an active club.

Anyone wishing to join should contact the Secretary – Deen Hall – djhnz@gmail.com or pick up a form from Leigh Eats or Hookers Real Estate, Leigh.

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With this wet winter there has been lots of plant growth. Just have a look at your street number outside your house and ensure it can be seen. If it can't be seen or you don't have one then do something about it.

It's getting near daylight saving and this is the time to check your smoke alarms to ensure they work. Remember they could save your life in the event of a fire. It would be great to see every house in Leigh fitted with one. The worst possible scenario for the Leigh brigade team would be to have to attend a fatal house fire. If you don't have a smoke detector or think yours doesn't work, contact Tony on 09 422 6127.

The brigade has lost one of its long-serving members, brigade life member Barry Davies who served for 34 years including time as the brigade's deputy fire chief. Best wishes to Barry in his retirement.

We have a couple of new recruits in Mark Brockie and Brook Sanderson who are going through the process of learning the basics of emergency response before tackling a recruit firefighter course. There's always room for extra recruits, so if you think you'd like to give firefighting a go come down to the fire station at 7pm on Tuesday night and have a look at what we do.

*SFF Tony Enderby
Brigade Secretary*

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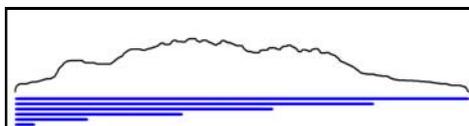
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News from Whangateau Acoustic Music and Folk Club

September's club night special guests are The Remarkables bluegrass band from Auckland. Doors open at 6:45pm for Floor Spot sign-ups. Show starts at 7pm, \$10.

There are two full concerts coming up this spring as well, Albi and the Wolves on November 3rd and The Danberrys on December 3rd. With November guests Rhode Works, and January guests The Lonely Heartstrings Band, spring and summer are very full of Americana Music.

But we'll swing back towards UK Folk with a visit from acclaimed harpist Esther Swift in February. Visit www.whangateau.co.nz for information on all the great things going on at the hall, and to sign up for our occasional newsletter.



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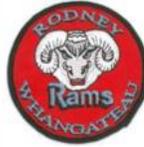
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Good Sort of the Month

This month our GOOD SORT is **Sarah Calder**, nominated anonymously for her behind-the-scenes work for the Leigh School Kapa Haka Group. For 4 years at least, Sarah has co-ordinated bookings, fund-raising and communications with parents. She has washed the costumes, sourced accessories and balanced the books. Always thinking of the kids, Sarah is the one who makes sure they have been fed before performances. Awesome work Sarah, the *Leigh Community Church* is delighted to bake for you.

Do you know of a special person in the Leigh area who deserves acknowledgement? Please write in a few words their good deed or thoughtfulness, including their name, address and phone number and drop it into the Leigh General Store in an envelope marked "Good Sort" or email the Editor at enderbys@xtra.co.nz. The person considered most deserving will receive home baking courtesy of Leigh Community Church.



Rodney Rams

The Rodney Rams would like to extend an invitation to the community to drop into the new clubrooms on 23 September to share with us in celebrating the opening of our new building. The formalities will begin at 10am, followed by morning tea and then family fun activities throughout the day, including entertainment, music, food and sports. If you can't make it during the day then call in later on in the afternoon or in the evening. There will be meals available, the bar will be open and there will be live music.

Leigh Church Services

All denominations and visitors are most welcome to join with us each

Sunday at 11 am.

There is also a prayer meeting every Sunday at 10.30am.



All welcome

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Community Directory

Forest & Bird Community Coast Care Group – a community initiative to restore Leigh's reserves and bush areas through monthly weeding and planting bees Neil Sutherland 09 422 6001

Graffiti Coordinator – Lionel Anderson 021 795 306 call or txt with location of graffiti

Leigh & Districts Ex Services & Community Club - meets 4pm, 1st Sunday of month at Leigh Bowling Club. Anzac Day Service and Community Matters. New members welcome. President Lucy Harris 021 202 8932

Leigh Badminton Club – anyone interested in re-starting this club please call Dennis Humphrey 09 422 6625

Leigh Bowling Club - to foster fellowship and the game of bowls. New members welcome. President Biscuit McLean 027 590 4829 or secretary Dave Johnson 09 422 6560

Leigh Business Community - meets 3rd Wednesday of month Jan Scott 09 422 6681
secretary@leighbythesea.co.nz web www.leighbythesea.co.nz

Leigh Cards 500 - 1pm - 3.30pm Tuesday, Leigh Bowling Club, all welcome, \$3.00

Leigh Cemetery Trust -Secretary Joyce McCormick 09 422 6893

Leigh Community Preschool - 09 422 6516 www.leighpreschool.co.nz

Leigh Girl Guides, Brownies & Pippins - Fay Bradnam 021 0279 0161

Leigh Hall - Bookings / enquiries Bernie Middleton 021 396 6194

Leigh Harbour Valley Society - 09422 6880 www.leighharbourvalleysociety.org.nz

Leigh Library – ‘The Cottage’ opposite Leigh Store. Librarian Tracey Lawton
021 825 818 / 09 422 6944 Open Tues 4-6pm, Weds 2-4pm, Sat 9.30am-midday

Leigh School – 09 422 6031 www.leigh.school.nz

Leigh Tennis Club – enquiries at Leigh Eats or Marie Dominique 021 490 039

Leigh Walking Group - meets Mondays at 9.30am for interesting walks throughout the Rodney, Kaipara and Auckland regions. Hugh McKergow 09 422 6219

Leigh Women's Bowling Club - meet Tues, Oct-April, for friendly bowls. New members very welcome. Olive Gravatt 09 422 6273 or Wendy Brooks 09 422 7963

Matheson Bay Neighbourhood Assn - Secretary Peter Spence 021 404 529 or
mathesonbayassn@gmail.com

Pakiri Community Landcare Group - Frankie 021 688 997 or nick@nickmolloy.co.nz

Tawharanui Open Sanctuary Society Inc. (TOSSI) - www.tossi.org.nz Secretary James Ross 09 422 6760

Whangateau Acoustic Music & Social Club - www.whangateau.co.nz

Whangateau Neighbourhood Support – Sharyn Carew sharyncarew@vodafone.co.nz

Whangateau Residents & Ratepayers Assn meets 7.30pm, 2nd Tuesday of month at Whangateau Hall. Audrey Sharp 09 422 6209 or Hugh McKergow 09 422 6219

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE & CELEBRANTS

JP - Fay Bradnam 09 422 6038

JP & Wedding Celebrant - Dr John Peebles 021 974 247

JP & Marriage & Funeral Celebrant - Barrie Mason 021 683 747

Celebrant Annie Mellor www.fabulousweddingnz.com Ph 027 9297767

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