

LEIGH RAG

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Editorial

Our phone rang and when answered there was a delay before an electronic voice said, "Good bye." On other occasions there was just a click as the caller hangs up. Just what these calls are is anyone's guess but calls and emails that are supposedly from banks, IRD etc are usually scams. Banks and Inland Revenue do not call asking for your details. If it's a phone call just hang up and if it's an email, delete it. Do not give anyone your personal details such as bank account numbers and especially passwords.

It's a sad indictment on society that these scams have proliferated and catch out many unsuspecting people. If there is a number on your cellphone that you don't know, don't be tempted to phone back – not all are overseas numbers and you could end up paying a huge bill as someone profits from your calling back.

New Zealanders have lost hundreds of millions of dollars over the years to scams. Sadly the people that benefit to the tune of billions of dollars from selling computer systems and hardware seem unable or unwilling to stop scams.

Service providers also struggle to cope with the spam emails that appear with monotonous regularity.

If you are unsure the email came from the person you think it did, then click on the little arrow alongside the sender's email address. You will soon realise if it is not right.

I've reached the stage where I treat all as possible scams and delete them. This has meant that genuine emails sometimes get ignored, especially when they have no subject line. Maybe one day the scam and spam problem will get sorted but I'm not holding my breath waiting.

Tony Enderby

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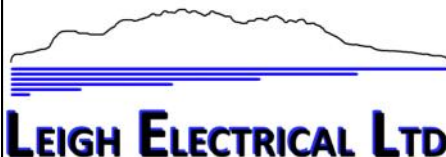
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2018 Leigh Fishing Contest Results

Junior Category

Snapper Heaviest, 2.85kg, Jackson Stuart

Average Weight, 1.05kg, Harry Nairn

Kahawai Heaviest, 2.15kg, Huruki

Kurimasa; Average weight, 1.78kg, Harlem Rawhiti

Trevally Heaviest, 1.49kg, Sophie Joblin

Average weight, 1.10kg, Georgia Barnes

Average weight, 1.10kg, Faith Lima

Sprat Heaviest, 0.15kg, Oliver Hogg

Most Unusual, (Squid), 0.03kg, Leeroy Harvey

Open Category

Snapper Heaviest, 10.65kg, Shane

Reynolds; 2nd Heaviest, 8.19kg, Wade

Styler; Average, 1.35kg, Anthony Lima

Kingfish Heaviest, 11.5kg, Duane Paul

Average, 7.90kg, Michael Nisbet

Kahawai Heaviest, 2.81kg, Herb Harrison;

Average, 1.83kg, Stanzo Bird

Trevally Heaviest, 2.40kg, Clayton

Elsmore; Average, 1.24kg, Paul Gifford

John Dory Heaviest, .10kg, Darrell

Goosen

Other fin fish (Bonito), 3.00kg, Brent Riggs

Female Angler Heaviest Fish (Kingfish), 9.25 Kg, Joy Munrow

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Leigh Business Community

The Leigh Business Community was involved in the inaugural quiz night at Leigh Bar on Wednesday 2 May. More than 60 people were involved from across the wider Leigh community.

Leigh Bar owner, Richard Scott, prepared a great lasagne and salad meal for everyone to enjoy before we got down to the serious business of pitting our brains against each other. With ten teams of six (some had a few extra members that led to fines) we battled it out over eight rounds of questions from a wide range of subjects. Answers could be bought for \$5 and by the end of the night the 'Naughty Jar' had raised \$130 for the Leigh Volunteer Fire Brigade members from fines and bribes.

Overall, the best results for the teams came from the general knowledge round and the worst results were from the food and drink round. At the end of the night, the Marine Discovery Team named 'Norfolk'n'Chance' were the winners and received a \$100 Leigh Bar tab. In second place and receiving a \$50 Leigh Bar tab were 'The 6 G's' representing Carrfields. Rose Wilkinson from 'Pakiri Paradise on the Ridge BnB' won the door prize and the 'Party Penguins' team received the prize for the best dressed. The biggest winner was a great community event for Leigh.

Thanks to Alan Macdonald for organising and running the quiz and to Richard Scott and Leigh Bar for hosting us. Richard plans to run a similar quiz monthly with the next quiz night on Tuesday 5 June. Tables can be booked and tickets purchased at Leigh Bar. Subsequent dates will be announced after each quiz and advertised on the Leigh by the Sea website.

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Results from Quiz Night at Leigh Bar

1st prize: Norfolk N Chance - Marine
Discovery Team - \$100 bar tab
2nd prize: 6 Gs - Carfields - \$50 bar tab
Door prize: Rose Wilkinson - Pakiri Paradise
on the Ridge - French Champagne



Above Right: Norfolk N Chance
Left: Best Dressed Team: Party Penguins



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Change is inevitable isn't it? But it's not always welcome, and we are sorry to say goodbye to a staunch supporter of the Leigh Library. Kath Lowe has moved to the Waikato and we will miss her. She was a regular patron of our wee library and donated many fabulous books. She also donated a Christmas cake to us each year to share. We wish her well and no doubt she will find a new local library to support.

Did you know when you walk in our front door, right in front of you are our newest books? We keep these front and centre. Next to the checkout desk are some large print and audio books that we exchange with Warkworth Library regularly.

Amongst the new books this month is a ripper called Educated by Tara Westover. This memoir is both compelling and horrifying. Her family are Mormons and her parents believe the government are out to get them. Consequently, she and her siblings didn't have birth certificates, they didn't go to school, and spent hours preparing food in case of a siege. This is just the beginning of an incredible story.

We also have the new book by Damien Lewis – SAS Ghost Patrol, and 1983: The World At The Brink by Taylor Downing.

The children's corner is looking full, we have some amazing books. Geronimo Stilton stories, Lucky Luke comics, the latest by David Walliams, and some fabulous books for teens. Look forward to seeing you at our lovely Leigh Library.

Tracey Lawton

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4pm, Wednesday 13 June,
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MATHESON BAY NEWS

With the water temperature at 18 deg, swimmers are still enjoying their dips and using the pontoon which has not been removed yet. The south side of the beach has had rocks placed to shore up the bank and stop erosion from high tides and easterly storms. New grass has been laid, but the pole with the 'dog sign' has gone west!

Matheson Bay Road upgrade is still progressing with a great new footpath and kerbing and channelling on one side. Highway Stabilisers have been busy removing old seal in parts, laying gravel, lime and new seal. Although not quite finished the road is certainly a lot smoother. Not so for Spray Crescent which has had another lot of patches to add to, or replace those done this time last year. As many of the instructions on the road (which were sprayed on last November) have faded, it is hoped that they will also be attended to. Council have been notified of resident's concerns.

Upcoming Dates

Saturday 2nd June, 1pm.

Lower Kohuroa Stream Track weed bee and flame tree removal.

Sunday 3rd June 2pm

AGM Leigh Hall

Saturday 30th June, 1pm.

Weed walk around Matheson Bay,
Annual Mid-Winter Dinner.

Saturday, 28th July.

Any other weed activity if needed.

Sunday, 29th July

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Anzac Day was fine and sunny so we were able to hold the service in the cemetery and although a tui didn't join us this year, plenty of other residents and visitors did.

The Reverend Ellen Bernstein, Sir Jim McLay and Bruce Borthwick, from Warkworth, Matakana and Snells Beach respectively, plus of course the Kapa Haka Group from the Leigh School and Leigh Volunteer Fire Brigade all contributed to an excellent service.

All their contributions were greatly appreciated. Thanks as well to the committee and others who all did so much to make the day run smoothly.

It's good to hear that the Department of Conservation have finally repaired the walkway around the harbour and also that council have agreed to mow the grass in Kowhai Terrace which is part of the coastal walkway. Repeated requests and complaints have paid off, thanks to everyone who helped.

Next monthly meeting in 3 June.

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GOOD SORTS



Our **GOOD SORT** this month is Azar Atkins of Leigh Motors, nominated by Delwyn who wrote, "Azar was kind enough to stop what he was doing to help an elderly resident with her car at home as she couldn't get it to the garage."

He also unloaded her groceries and after fixing her car problem Azar went the extra mile and washed and cleaned her car at no extra cost. Now that is service on a whole other level and very much appreciated. Thank you Azar, the community are grateful to you and your team".

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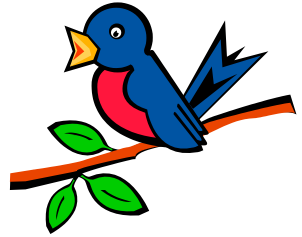
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Great to see the coastal track around the head of the harbour repaired. A good chance for people to get out and reacquaint themselves with that 'Leigh gem' of a walkway. Good to know that DoC has also done its annual pest plant eradication through their bush areas around the harbour. The Leigh Harbour Valley Society also had a working bee to eradicate pest plants in the bush area of the paper road at the top of the harbour a couple of weeks ago. We're lucky in Leigh to have so many groups putting money and effort into maintaining our coastal environment.

The Community Coast Care Group had a very satisfying planting last Saturday. The weather held off for us (bar a little bit of drizzle) and we had all our plants in by 10.30am. Tremendous thanks to the dedicated helpers from the Leigh community who turned up. That about completes the major planting areas along the coastal walkway/cliff top area. A great feeling, given it is nine years since our project started, and those first areas we did now look fantastic. Special thanks to Auckland Council for their supply of plants and ongoing support and of course to the Leigh Ex-services and Community Club.

We'll have one more working bee and then call it off for winter.

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Leigh School



Term 2 at Leigh School means the start of hockey season. This year we have a junior team coached by Kate Shears and a senior team coached by Rachel Waterhouse, both managed by Helen Williams. They practice once a week either at lunchtime or after school, and they play every Saturday, rain or shine, at the

Warkworth Showgrounds turf. Good luck for the upcoming season!

Leigh School children were very fortunate to spend a beautiful morning last week celebrating "International Firefighters Day" with our very own Leigh Volunteer Fire Brigade and fire truck. Many of the children have parents/grandparents who volunteer, some of whom came to the school to talk about fire safety and answer questions such as "Have you ever rescued a cat from a tree?!" A few lucky kids and one lucky teacher got the chance to hold and spray the fire hose. Many thanks to all those who participated.

Leigh School is currently involved in a national program promoting overall health and wellbeing of students. Well-being not only includes physical health, but also mental and emotional health. There is a direct link between a student's level of well-being and their achievement. A survey will be circulated to our school whanau regarding our health curriculum.

The refurbished pool has been a great success over the summer but is now closed for winter. If you have a key could you please return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Friends of Leigh (formerly PTA) will be holding their AGM on Monday 28 May at 3:15 in the school staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

Leigh School is collecting Yummy Fruit Company stickers which can be found on individual apples as well as bags of apples. If we collect enough 'stamps' we are eligible for free sports gear. If you enjoy apples and want to support the school, you can save and drop the stamps off at the school office.

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Charles was in his seventies and still working hard, and often walked to Whangateau and back. Through the autumn months, he had been cutting down the tea tree [now known as manuka]. His son Willie fashioned clothes props from them. He gathered these into bundles which he tied with flax. He hauled two bundles at a time to the wharf.

Charles “*pulled and collected*” the pieces of remaining teatree (sic) which were fed into the charcoal kiln which Willie fired up each month. At the end of May, the kiln had only turned out 29 sacks of charcoal as much wood had not burned. Charles sewed up the sacks. On the 6th June, the steamer took all the props and charcoal to Auckland.

Charles Clarke’s diaries.

Sheryl Corbett

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The start to Term 2 has been very busy and exciting at Leigh Preschool. We have welcomed two new teachers Evangeline and Makaylah, with a third teacher (Angela) starting this week. They have settled in nicely, adapting to our teaching philosophy and bringing with them a wealth of knowledge, new ideas and lots of fun. The children have been welcoming and embracing. Our head teacher Jess will be leaving us in early June after six years at

Leigh Preschool. We thank her for all her inspiration and effort at preschool and wish her the best on her new adventure.

Over the school holidays Awa and Ra very graciously donated their resources and time to paint a beautiful mural in the Hauturu bathroom. The mural looks amazing and adds a bit of colour to the freshly painted walls. Thank you so much!

The children have started the term with lots of creativity and imaginary play. They love dressing up, story telling, and role playing. The odd rain shower has meant the designated mud-kitchen actually has MUD! This means lots of messy play and water so please dress your child appropriately and make sure they have a spare set of clothes in their backpacks.

Just a reminder to our preschool whanau that there is a no peanuts policy. This includes peanut butter, peanuts and any snack bar/ball that contains peanuts. Thank you for your respect on this matter.

Hard to believe we are into Week 3 of this term. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to pop in during hours, have a look around and talk to any staff. We are here for our community!

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By now everyone must have noticed the work going on at the fire station. Walls have been ripped out, strengthening of beams, concrete being poured and a multitude of other changes taking place. Hopefully by early July the work will be finished but in the meantime, access to the fire station will be restricted under health and safety regulations.

Brigade members were happy to see the return of our fire truck from the workshops. Although it is the oldest in the area it is reliable and small enough to fit up some tight driveways. This is a bit of a problem as the wet summer produced great growth in trees and other vegetation. If your driveway is a bit overhung with trees have a go at trimming them or give one of the contractors in the Leigh Rag a call to help. In some areas houses which should have been saved have been lost to fires when the local brigade could not get their truck close enough quickly.

Everyone should have working smoke alarms and their chimneys swept for winter. If you need help with checking smoke alarms give one of our members a call. These devices really do save lives as anyone who watched the TV1 controlled house fire on Seven Sharp a few weeks ago would know.

We could do with a few more keen recruits who could train up to become firefighters. 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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Our Good Sorts column has run for a number of years, sponsored by Leigh Community Church. Many fantastic locals have been the Good Sort of the month over the years but there are others out there who also deserve the award.

If you know someone like this who has not yet been nominated, 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

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North Shore Hospital Emergency Care, 24 hours 7 days Shakespeare Rd, Takapuna 0800 80 93 42

Shorecare Accident & Medical, 24/7, Ground Floor, Sovereign House, Smales Farm Takapuna 09 4867777

National Poison Centre: 24 hrs advice 0800 76 4766

Depression Helpline 0800 757 111;

Damage to, or problems with Auckland Council property: 09 3010101 or enquiries@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz- and send a photo if necessary.

Auckland Transport 09 355 3553 www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz

Northlink Health enquiries for Home Help Ph 425 9999

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.



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Community Directory

Forest & Bird Community Coast Care Group – a community initiative to restore Leigh's reserves and bush areas, monthly weeding, 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 sec. Dave Johnson 09 422 6560

Leigh Business Community - meets 3rd Wednesday of month Jan Scott 09 422 6681

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 phone Lynn Mellsopp 027 2868 625 or email

leighhallauckland@gmail.com

Leigh Harbour Valley Society - 09 422 6880 www.leighharbourvalleysociety.org.nz

Leigh Library – 'The Cottage' opposite Leigh General Store. Librarian Tracey Lawton 021 825 818 / 09 422 6944 Library Hours as follows:

Open Sat: 9.30-1pm; Tues: 2pm-6pm; Wed: 2pm-4pm; Thurs: 11am-1pm

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

Pakiri Tennis Club Contact Linda Taylor (Secretary) on 021 242 7459

Rodney Rams Secretary Amy Weller 021 138 1407 rodneyrans@outlook.com

Tawharanui Open Sanctuary Society Inc. (TOSSI) - www.tossi.org.nz Secretary

Karyn Hoksbergen 09 585 1315 email secretary@tossi.org.nz

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

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JP - Fay Bradnam 09 422 6038

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