

LEIGH RAG

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Leigh Community Club

I would like to encourage everyone to get onto the council website and give their thoughts and opinions about the parks and reserves in Rodney, especially our local ones. If you value these open spaces let the council know! The page of the website is given below. The form is simple to complete, there are three questions which they are asking.

What do you like to do when you visit this park? What do you wish you could do when you visit this park? And, is there anything else you would like to tell us about this park? If you're not IT savvy, get a friend or relative to help if you've got something you want to say.

For those who are able to do 150 steps, then the new track (stairway) from beside the cemetery is now open and takes you down to a little beach which I'm sure will be very popular with swimmers.

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Lucy Harris

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The width depends on the size of your rat trap but you should also consider the width of the wire mesh that can be inserted into a slot in the wooden sides. Another way for the wire mesh if the top and sides are even, is to use screws or nails at the bottom to act like a hinge and another at the top to hold the mesh on with a nail that can be removed when checking your rat trap.

You can see plans for building rat trap tunnels with good instructions on

<https://blog.doc.govt.nz/2017/10/19/how-to-build-a-backyard-trapping-tunnel/>

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Until now people either called their local police station or they called 111 if they wanted to get hold of Police. Quite often people called 111 just because they wanted to talk to someone even if the matter wasn't urgent.

To keep New Zealand as safe as possible, they have introduced 105 so people know how to contact police for non-urgent situations.. You can use 105 to report things that have already happened that don't need urgent Police assistance.

You can call 105 from both mobile and landline phones. It's a free nationwide service available day and night for New Zealanders and overseas visitors.

You can also go online to 105.police.govt.nz to report: Theft in a public place - Theft from a car - Intentional property damage - Shoplifting - Lost property or to get an update on a report already made or add to an existing report.

Just remember to always call 111 in an emergency. The new 105 service is only for Police non-emergencies. Call 111 when:- A crime is happening now – and the offenders are still there or just left - Someone's in danger or badly injured - There's a serious risk to human life or property - You see a major public hazard, like trees blocking a road - Any of these things are happening now or have just happened. 111 is also the number for Fire and Ambulance. A simple rule of thumb for when to call 111 and when to call 105 is this: If it's happening now, use 111. If it's already happened, use 105.

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These wintery months may have precluded some of us from getting out and about so much in recently weeks but it is great that the hall is still being used several times a week.

The committee hope to facilitate more community events over the spring and summer—watch this space.

We are also thinking that a regular indoor sports evening might work, - we have the equipment for table tennis, badminton, darts and indoor bowls. What interest is out there for this please?

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JOINING THE DOTS

Earlier this month the Forest Bridge Trust had a community workshop to map out a pathway for birds, lizards etc — from Tawharanui to Tamahunga. Amazingly, more than 150 people came to listen to the research and give their ideas about which bits of the natural environment should be included in the corridor—whether public land or private, covenanted or not.

The same issue exists for Leigh. The more we can connect and protect areas of natural bush, the better it will be for our native wildlife. The workshop highlighted how important it is for people to remove pest plants, and remove animal predators from their land. It also highlighted how many wonderful private citizens are doing just that; seeing the bigger picture of everyone working together to restore our environment. It is needing the help of everyone more urgently than ever before.

Neil Sutherland

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Thrillers: Knife by Jo Nesbo, One Good Deed by David Baldacci, The Never Game by Jeffery Deaver, Whatever It Takes by Paul Cleave, The Moscow Sleepers by Stella Rimington, Good Girl Bad Girl by Michael Robotham

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Others To Note: You'll Never See Me Again by Lesley Pearce, City Of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert, The Carer by Deborah Moggach, Necessary Secrets by Greg McGee, One False Move by Robert Goddard, The Guardian Of Lies by Kate Furnivall

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Tracey Lawton

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The drains in and around Matheson Bay are being cleaned out and those that have been done are sporting a bright yellow dot.

The installing of anti-slip mesh on boardwalks in the Kohuroa stream track has been completed and a successful clearing of weeds surrounding the new planting in the reserve was well attended. Council came to the party with a large green waste bag which they collect. This is a great help for volunteer groups with weeding, as disposal is costly. The plants are thriving and more will be planted in the future.

Two hardy swimmers are enjoying the 15deg. temperatures in the bay and us dog walkers are more than happy to cheer them on from the side lines each morning.

I, and several people from Leigh, attended the Forest Bridge Trust workshop held in Matakana recently. This is an exciting program that is aiming at creating bush corridors connecting Mangawhai in the east to the Kaipara Harbour in the west. The trust is encouraging and helping land owners and groups with protection, planting and pest control. Our area, although not part of a major group, has three small groups as well as individuals trapping from Ti Point to Goat Island which is a great start.

One group is working towards trapping along the coast from Ti Point to help with nesting little blue penguins. Council will be running some training in trap and bait setting in the coming weeks. It has been decided that no poison will be used in this area. For more information on The Forest Bridge Trust check out their website on www.theforestbridgetrust.org.nz We are very fortunate to have Little Barrier so close and as removal of animal pests progresses more bird life will settle in the area.

Louise van Campfort

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Leigh School

Over the holidays Leigh School held their annual DISCO at the Sawmill Cafe. It was a great evening out with plenty of dancing and eating by local families and some from afar. A huge thank you to Jesse Van Kekem for being the best MC, Peter Browne for his hot DeeJaying skills, and to the PTA

for organising the event and all the delicious food. A special pakipaki to the children who got on the dance floor and reminded us how fun it is to cut loose. The school raised +\$800!

This term the children are learning about how people record the past in different ways, why story telling is important and how the art of story telling has changed over time. As part of their enquiry they visited the Warkworth Kauri Museum. It was a very enjoyable visit for everyone and the old telephones proved to be particularly interesting!

Everyone has been keeping fit with cross country practice and the hard work paid off last Wednesday. We held our school event and believe it or not, the weather was beautiful. Congratulations to Emmy and Noah (Y6), Poppy and Douglas (Y5), Calla and Eli (Y4), Tui and Patrick (Y3), Pepper and Noa (Y2) and Hanna, Alissa and Aotea (Y1) who all came in first place!

We welcome Whaea Melanie (Medland) to Te Waipuna. She is a specialist new entrant teacher and will be teaching three days a week while Rachel (Waterhouse) takes on the role of Acting Principal.

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Whangateau

This month at the Whangateau Folk Club, we've got our regular club night on Monday, 26th August. No guest artist this month, so it's floor singers all night, and then a bluegrass jam, or short performance by The Papis.

Floor singers are invited to perform two songs or for a maximum of eight minutes (to give everyone a chance). E-mail jenine@torkington.com to sign up for a floor spot, and make sure to check www.whangateau.co.nz for information on upcoming events at the hall.

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One thing about fire brigade callouts is the inconsistency of them. July started with five callouts in the first two weeks then there were no further callouts for a month. July's callouts were to a scrub fire at Whangateau with the others all medical calls to Leigh, Ti Point, Goat Island and Whangateau. Over the past month our crew have all completed the First responder Refresher courses run by St John Ambulance trainers. To keep this level we need to spend a full day training every six months. This means we are able to provide a higher level of support to a patient before the ambulance arrives.

With the ambulances attending more and more calls there is often a major delay or the ambulance is diverted to a more serious call. Our crews are now often in attendance at medical calls for over an hour.

Remember that we are volunteers and give up working time to attend calls. If you are on scene or have called an ambulance for a family member or a

neighbour please don't obstruct or interfere with the crews as they attend to a patient. We are called by St John to all medical calls so if you see a fire truck arrive instead of the expected ambulance please treat our team as you would the ambulance staff. I know that almost all locals already do this.

Now the days are getting longer we will have more training time outside on Tuesday nights. If you think you may be interested in becoming a firefighter, come along to the fire station at 7pm on a Tuesday night.

Tony Enderby

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Fire Training Scenario

Some of the Leigh Volunteer Fire Brigade members had the opportunity to train in a real fire scenario recently when a house that was to be demolished was burnt down by FENZ training instructors.

Brigade members from Leigh as well as Matakana, Warkworth, Mahurangi East, Wellsford and East Coast Bays also attended. Hopefully the valuable skills gained are not needed to be put into practice locally.



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Doggie "Do's"



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NOMINATE A LOCAL GOOD SORT

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 at LeighRagNZ@gmail.com.

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Leigh Business Community

On Thursday, 15 August, we held our AGM at the Leigh Bar. There was a chance for social drinks at 7pm then the meeting began at 7:30pm. A new committee was appointed with most being existing committee members willing to carry on. Our website and brochures continue to be a great way to attract people to the region and we have some exciting new initiatives to continue to promote Leigh. It was great to have our neighbours, the managers from Whangateau Holiday Park join us for the meeting. Thank you to all members for your support over these past 12 months.

Although Leigh is a small community, having our own voice for Leigh businesses is a real asset for this community. We continue to face challenges, see change and work towards progression for the area - all of this results from a hard working small volunteer group so a big thank you to all our present and past committee members. Also thanks to the members and community support enabling LBC to retain its own identity.

This week, LBC arranged a meeting for accommodation providers to meet with council and have an open discussion to voice concerns over changes to rating charges. While there were no expectations that the rates increase would go away, everyone came away from the meeting better informed of the process. All Leigh businesses are dependent on having accommodation for visitors and friends for activities and functions in Leigh.

Working together is essential for Leigh's business future. We welcome all new businesses and trade services, even if you have been around for a while, now might be a good time to get involved with the direction of our business community. For any further information or assistance, please contact the **secretary Jan Scott 094226681** or LeighbytheseaNZ@gmail.com

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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 Bowling Club - to foster fellowship and the game of bowls. New members welcome. President Biscuit McLean 027 590 4829 or sec. Glen Walker 09 422 6486

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

www.leighbythesea.co.nz or email LeighbytheseaNZ@gmail.com

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

Leigh Cemetery Trust -Secretary Joyce McCormick 09 422 6893

Leigh Church - Church Hall bookings please Phone (09) 425 8054

Leigh Community Club - meets 4pm, 1st Sunday of month at Leigh Bowling Club.

Organises Anzac Day Service and Community Matters. New members welcome.

President Lucy Harris 021 202 8932

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 Historic Group currently being formed email historyleighbnz@gmail.com

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

Plunket meet 1st Monday of month Leigh Church Hall Contact Adele 0272901915

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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