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Editorial
This publication is yours, it is created each month by a few volunteers to serve the needs of the people who live in or visit our local area of Whangateau, Ti Pont, Matheson Bay and Pakiri. The editorial team are always looking for items of interest to our reading audience and to visitors to our area. We would love to hear about things that have an impact on our communities and historical items that we can learn from.
If you have an upcoming event that you know about a month or so out please let us know, we can include items of interest and help you out. Advertisers deadline for new ads or copy changes 12th of the month, articles by the 15th.
The Leigh Rag is available at the Leigh store, and a copy is given to pupils of Leigh School. An electronic version is available on the www.leighbythesea.co.nz website.
We hope you enjoy the items we include here and would love to hear from you about how we can serve you, our community best. Please email leighragnz@gmail.com and let us know what you think.
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It's not just art though...”
Introducing Foundation Gallery & Arts Hub. The brainchild of Hillary Austin and Richard Calder, (in consultation with local artist Awa Gillgren), Foundation will be opening in Leigh very soon. The search for a studio space for Byron Bay artist Hillary in her new home of Leigh, led to the idea of creating a shared artist studio, which led to the idea of a gallery which then led to the idea of a community space which finally led to Foundation. It will be based in Totara Road next to King Tide Tattoo, just along from Leigh Central.
Soon to be serving up a range of Art exhibitions, Community workshops, Children's art classes, Life drawing classes, Creative enterprises, Dr Sketchy, Dance in the Dark, Community art projects, Artist studio, Men’s shed - Tool Time Tuesday, Women’s shed - Weave and Wine Wednesday...and more to come. Hillary says: "We are making this space from a real desire to enhance the heart beat in our little town. It is all about encouraging creativity and community. We are currently making this 'from air' so are looking for lots of help and sponsorship. We will be posting (on facebook), the things we will need - like Vinyl Flooring, Lights, Volunteers for a working bee on Easels, Partitions and Signage. If anyone wants to donate or volunteer skills, or knows businesses or benefactors please let us know. We hope to open before Christmas and will start with our children’s art classes so the kids have great things to do through the holidays!” Keep an eye on the facebook page or email: foundationleighnz@gmail.com, or simply call in if you see someone in the gallery space.
Leigh Hall
The Leigh Hall Committee is delighted to now have two new water tanks installed, perfect timing for upcoming summer events. The hall has a number of regular activities each week, Yoga and dancing to help keep you supple and fit and a sewing bee for community connection and service.
The hall houses community property from past groups which are waiting for an enthusiast to pick up and run again. There is indoor bowls equipment in good order and well stored, badminton gear and a table tennis table and some paddles. So let us know if you are prepared to organize a group and get some games sessions going.
The committee is wanting to establish a “Friends of Leigh Hall” group for those of you who want to see the hall well used and can occasionally offer some support for chair set up breakdown for community events, funerals, or help at working bees to keep our hall in good condition. Please contact Helen Parkes if you are interested to be put on the Friends of the Leigh Hall register. helenp708@gmail.com.
We have a projector and screen now available as well as tables, chairs and full kitchen with cutlery, crockery, and glassware. If you are interested in utilising the hall or its facilities please contact Lynn, phone 027 2868 625 or email leighhallauckland@gmail.com

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Recently Auckland Council biodiversity organised a conservation dog to explore alongside the Ti Point Coastal Walkway. Rua, the dog, was trained by Jo, to sniff out penguins and other birds. Rua identified 16 places where little blue penguins were either nesting or had recently been. It was thought that there may be twice that number along this coast.

That’s very good news for our group of volunteers who regularly check predator traps and penguin nesting boxes.

With help from the Rodney Local Board, we have set up traps along the coastal walkway to help reduce penguin predators like rats and stoats. Once these pests are controlled the penguins have a chance to increase numbers back to previous populations.

Another main predator of penguins are uncontrolled dogs, and this is one of the reasons to please keep your dog on a lead at all times. It only takes a few seconds for a bird to be killed, injured or disturbed. Jenny Enderby

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Roaming Dogs

We currently have a problem with roaming dogs in Leigh including cases of a dog attacking another dog or a person.

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- **Most unusual**

Adults section/ Kids section

Thanks to Angela Wayne from Mike Pero who put sunflower seeds in our mail box last year. This gave me this idea as lots of people grew them last year.

I planted mine on the 22 September and had my first flower 27 December.

Katrina Hunter
Barrier View Road resident and local QEII National Trust representative, Chris Floyd, is keen to bring together the great predator control efforts already underway in the community and help extend the control towards a vision of Predator Free Leigh.

Chris will reach out further to the community over the coming months but for now Chris would love to hear from anyone in the Leigh and Matheson Bay area who is already engaged in community predator control (ie beyond their own individual property) and particularly anyone who would be interested in supporting Predator Free Leigh at a community level.

Chris can be contacted at chrisfloyd@inspire.net.nz or 021 066 2165.
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Kia Ora
September, October and November are when publishers release their top books for the Christmas season and so there are quite a few new books in the Leigh Library this month.
We also have Max Hasting’s new book ‘Chastise: The Dambusters Story 1943’.
For the children we have new books by Stacy Gregg, Kate DiCamillo, Rhys Darby, Dav Pilkey and Chris Riddell.
Hope you’re all enjoying these lengthening days – perfect spring weather and time perhaps to check out our many gardening books?
Leigh Library Book Club Tuesday, 29 October 7pm.

Tracey Lawton

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Nov 12 Beetopia talk. Repeated
Nov 19 Make a child's craft apron from an old shirt or pillow case.
also Working with flax  max 4 participants register 021484432.
Nov 26 Repurposing , remodelling clothes,
Dec  3  Christmas crafts using recyclables.
Dec 10  Recycle crafts.
10.30 am Saturday Morning
Nov  2  Clothes Swap  morning. Bring up to 20 items of good used clothing
and swap with others Kids mens and womens. $2 fee to participate tea and
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Other workshops for re-using timber under consideration – updates on “love
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The planting done on the western part of the reserve earlier this year is looking wonderful. 500 plants are growing well, possibly due to the regular watering from above and the relatively mild winter. Planning is proceeding for a bigger area to plant next May – hopefully about 1000 plants next time. We are looking to come out a few metres towards the beach from the existing area planted plus coming out from the fence along the western side, creating something of an “L” shape. This will form a backdrop of low growing and medium height natives around the edge of this reserve.

Please diarise the first Saturday of May, 2020 (backup on the following week if needed) for this fun morning.

More work has been completed on the Kohuroa Stream track which runs from the back of the reserve up to Leigh Road. Anti-skid mesh has now been added to the parts of the boardwalk as required. I have noticed a lot more people walking this track and many have commented about how fantastic this walk is. Comments like "hidden Gem" and "Stunning". If you haven't walked this track lately I can personally recommend setting apart an hour to fully experience the track, stream and cascading waterfall with family and friends.

Peter Spence / Lynn Mellsopp

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Rodney Rams

Rams Masters & Cricket team had their prize giving together this year. Along with Rams netball girls who joined both teams in celebrating. Both teams had a range of awards including player of the year, DJ of the year and more. Masters player of the year was Craig Lees, who not only had an outstanding year league wise but had been instrumental in moving forward with Rodney Rams juniors. Mike Lima, Trevor Burnett, Taite Panui, Ropata Marshall, Tamati Kemp all collected awards along Cleo Penman-Weller winning DJ of the year.

Follow Rodney Rams on Facebook @RodneyRamsSportsClub
Whangateau Hall

No club night in October, instead we're having a concert from the profoundly talented Missy Raines.
No events in November as the Auckland Council undertakes some renewal maintenance inside and outside of the hall. Our next event is a full concert from Catherine "BB" Bowness and Alex Rubin.
More information about the hall available at:
www.whangateau.co.nz

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Leigh Women’s Bowling Club

Hosting a Roll up at the Leigh Bowling Club Albert Street on Tuesdays at 9.30 am to midday.
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September was a pretty quiet month for brigade members with seven callouts. These were to a slip across the road on Pakiri Hill, vegetation fires at Matakana and Takatu and a motor vehicle crash at Tomarata where the new Westpac Helicopter evacuated a patient. The other callouts were medicals at Goat Island, Leigh and Whangateau. With daylight saving now on us we'll have a bit more time in the evenings and hopefully the weather will improve a little too. It's also the time that smoke detectors should be checked as these little gadgets are often the difference between getting out of your house alive or not in the event of a fire at night. If you need help checking a smoke detector just contact any brigade member. It would be nice to know that every house in Leigh and the surrounding area has a working smoke detector.

The brigade recently celebrated our Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Lawton's award of his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal at our Employer of Volunteer Fire Brigade Members evening. Great night with lamb on a spit.

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 and see what we do and whether you could be a part of it.

Tony Enderby
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Leigh Community Club

With start of Daylight Saving, it really feels as if summer is on the way. The Leigh Community Club has finished making Swim Bags and aprons for the Leigh School, these were all made from donated fabric and volunteer time and effort, it's such a pleasure to be able to do things like this that make a difference to so many.

Digby's Seat outside the General Store, is in need of some TLC, we are looking for volunteers to give the seat a lick of paint before summer. Contact Steve Mantel or me 0212028932 if you can help. Thank you!

The Family Beach Christmas Party will be happening again in early December, date to be decided. There is also going to be a High Tea in the hall as a joint event between the Leigh Hall and the community club, open to all and will be a fund raiser for the hall.

The next community club meeting is on Sunday, 3 November at 4pm and we have people from the Westpac Emergency Helicopter coming to speak to us about the work they do. We've all seen the helicopter in action, so come along and learn more about it. Everybody welcome.

Lucy Harris

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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.

The person considered most deserving will receive home baking courtesy of Leigh Community Church.

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Leigh Waste Minimisation News

We are delighted to have presented Leigh School with a swim bag for each child within the school as well as 30 cash bags for use at their fundraising events. Special thanks to Trelise Cooper who donated fabric which we used for these items. Thanks also to our team of volunteer cutter and sewing crew who have done a great job for our project. Remember we meet to sew for the community Thursday mornings 9.30 am to 11.30 am Leigh Hall meeting room (downstairs). We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Photo: Rachel Waterhouse Acting Principal, with Betty Howell, Janet Wyatt, Helen Parkes and Patricia Gundy showing bags and aprons.

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

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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 historyleighnz@gmail.com

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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. Bev Cassidy 09 422 06599, Lynne Rodgers 09 4250 272

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 rodneyrams@outlook.com

Tawharanui Open Sanctuary Society Inc. (TOSSI) - www.tossi.org.nz Secretary Karyn Hoksbergen 09 585 1315 email secretary@tossi.org.nz

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