

November 2019

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Wandering Dog problem

We love dogs here in Leigh, but are increasingly aware that a few free roaming dogs are creating a bit of a nuisance. Many Social Media posts have reported dogs on the loose or Sheep that have been injured in the area. Please ensure that your dog is under your control and not making itself unwelcome or behaving badly.





Leigh Hall

The Leigh Hall Committee gives special thanks to Chris and Colin Cruickshank for the donation of their beloved 100 year old piano. Special thanks to Paul, Dave, Masashi and Junior from the sawmill Brewery who lent us their strength to move the piano for us. We really appreciate your assistance. We are now on the lookout for a piano stool, if you know of one available please contact Lynn Mellsopp. We are holding a high tea on 30 November to help raise funds to purchase some white-ware for our kitchen, 10am – 2pm. It is shaping up to be an awesome event with a great historic display and lots of delicious food served on beautiful fine china. The hall committee has plans for some new activities like movie nights and are setting up to deliver these in the near future. *If you want to hire the hall for a function or activity please contact* Lynn Mellsopp 027 2868 625 or email

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Leigh Community Club

Today we took our lunch to Matheson Bay to enjoy the sun and as we sat there, the pontoon was delivered. :-) I expect everyone is making their plans for Christmas and summer, certainly in the community club we are busy. The weekly workshops continue every Tuesday evening, making Christmas gifts and cards is coming up in the weeks ahead.

This week I enjoyed the Beetopia session which was really interesting. The club is holding two Christmas events; the first is the High Tea in the Leigh Hall on 30 November from 10-2pm. This is a fund raiser for the hall and we hope that everyone including the older members of Leigh will come along and enjoy the historic display and yummy cakes. The second event for children, families and everyone in Leigh and Matheson Bay, is the Beach Christmas Party on Friday 6 December 4 - 6pm, this is free, Santa will be there, races and games for children. Please bring your own picnic to eat and drink. Before you go Christmas shopping, don't forget the sewing group has made

high quality, attractive fabric bags and reusable veggie bags which make great presents.

Great for posting to friends or using instead of wrapping paper!

Westpac Emergency Helicopter were unable to attend our November meeting, but they have just confirmed that they will definitely be at the next meeting, on Sunday, 1 December at 4pm.

They will bring some amazing video of the crews in action, so come along and learn more about what they do.

Everybody welcome.

Lucy Harris

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Where our waste went to:

PLA was sent to We Compost to be commercially composted

Serviettes and plates have gone to Angela's worms

Food went to Angela's chickens

Bamboo skewers were home composted

Cardboard was recycled through council bins

Glass was recycled through council bins

Cans were recycled behind the Leigh Hall

General recycling was recycled through council bins

Wooden spoons and ice cream sticks to be used as plant labels

Landfill into the Skip bin at the Leigh Hall

Compost PLA		Glass	Cardboard Cans		Reusable	Other recycle Landfill		Diverted	Total
11.00	1.00	82.00	15.25	4.50	0.50	3.50	29.00	117.75	146.75kg
7.5%	0.7%	55.9%	10.4%	3.1%	0.3%	2.4%	19.8%	80.2%	100.0%
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Overall it was a success for our first attempt at a zero-waste event. As always, you learn a lot from each experience and we can improve even more next year. In the end we diverted 80.2% of our waste!

Special thanks to Angela for helping me. Alaina George and Leigh Preschool



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Kia Ora

Leigh Library invite the community to our annual Christmas luncheon on Friday,13 December at the Leigh Church hall. We would love to see you there. We are also selling our tickets for our annual Christmas raffle so look out for us outside the Leigh Store.

Again, more great new books for summer reading: Lee Child, Michael Connelly, Elizabeth Knox, Edna O'Brien, and Laurence Fearnley all have new books out and we have them! Plus the new Donna Hay cook book and Elton John's new memoir... So much to read at the moment, and so

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Waste Free Leigh Workshops At the Leigh Hall 7.30pm Tuesdays

The last of the Free workshops for the Waste Minimisation Project

Nov 26th repurposing , remodelling clothes,

Dec 3rd Christmas crafts using recyclables.

Dec 10th recycle crafts .

We unfortunately do not have funding to offer workshops in 2020.

If there is a need we can offer learn to sew evening sessions at \$20 per head with a minimum of 5 people.

The free sewing bee will continue on Thursdays 9.30am-11.30 am, if you are wanting help with your sewing project, advice or want to come and help us make bags for the shop, or assist with the other community projects please drop into the sewing bee and have a chat.

Helen Parkes





On 1 November, Auckland Council brought into effect common bylaws for dogs in reserves and beaches for the entire council area.

Pakiri and Goat Island beaches are designated dog free at all times.

Thus Matheson Bay is the "go to" place for dog owners in the Leigh area. Most owners grasp the way to behave; however, there have been recent incidents of dogs running



free across the beach and reserve, barking continually and disturbing users and swimmers.

In Summary: **Playground area** – Prohibited at all times.

Near Playground and within reserve area – ON Leash at all times.

The beach: Summer [1 December-1 March] and Winter [2 March-30 November].

SUMMER – Prohibited 10am-5pm; OFF leash 5pm-10am

WINTER – OFF leash ALL times.

David Edwards reports about the planting in Matheson Bay reserve:

"Our planting and weeding efforts seem to be working out well. The plants generally are looking healthy with the onion weed starting to look a little less healthy as temperatures increase.

Auckland Council contacts have indicated our plans for planting 1000 plants next year are being finalised and the first spraying is scheduled for this month or early December. Planting is still scheduled for the first Saturday of May 2020 on the section adjacent to this year's planting event"

Peter Spence





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LEIGH BOWLING CLUB

Season 2019/2020 is under way!

Our green is playing superbly. We have already held our first centre tournament and some club matches. We are looking forward to a great season of tournaments including our new junior 2x4x2 open event.



Leigh & Districts Community Calendar 2020

Our little community runs several significant events throughout the year like the Leigh Fishing Contest, the School and Pre School Galas. At the recent Leigh Community Club committee meeting we discussed the idea of compiling a calendar that would record all forthcoming events. This would help to plan events and muster the volunteer effort that goes with them.

We will publicise the calendar dates through Leigh Rag, Leigh Community Group and Love Leigh Facebook groups and on the community noticeboard opposite the Leigh General Store.

If you know the date of your main events, can you email <u>leighcommunityclub@gmail.com</u>

So your events can be included in the calendar, can you let me know by 30 November 2019.

Liz Jones



Leigh Penguin Project

Earlier this year a little blue penguin came ashore at the head of Leigh Harbour, but unfortunately did not survive. We aren't sure why it died but it is a sign that penguins do come ashore there. Penguin nesting boxes have been placed around the harbour with the hope of giving them more protection when they come onto land to nest.

To further protect penguins around the harbour it is important to reduce their predators such as stoats and rats and although a small amount of trapping is being done this will be increased next month.

Before predator traps are added, we are putting out tracking tunnels. These tunnels will be left in situ for 3-4 weeks so that any predators can get used to them. Then we will add ink cards with peanut butter to lure them inside. Mice, rats and stoats that go into the tunnels for peanut butter will leave their footprints on the ink cards for us to evaluate and give us a good indication of what is around. Even insects, like weta, snails, lizards and birds can enter tunnels for just one night before being collected. Plans



are to redo the ink cards at least every six months.

Once trapping begins, our native birds around the harbour, including little blue penguins will have a chance to thrive. Possums will also be targeted which will further help our birdlife as well as our native plants.

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Jenny Enderby





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October was an average month for brigade members with only six callouts. These were to a structural fire in Matakana, smoke showing at Leigh, false alarm at Goat Island, a motor vehicle accident at Whangateau and two first response medical calls to Leigh.

Be careful when lighting up rubbish heaps before the closed fire season which begins on 1 December. It only takes a few sparks to get blown into dry kikuyu grass which quickly gets out of control.

Guy Fawkes Night started with our team training on grass fires which changed to a real callout for the same thing. Luckily that was the only one. This summer



looks like being dry with plenty of windy days so if you have left over fireworks why not save them until next Guy Fawkes.

A lot of our training this summer will be around scrub and grass fires and although we always hope that it won't happen it often does.

If you think firefighting might interest you, come down to the fire station at 7pm on a Tuesday night and have a chat.

Tony Enderby

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The waka Ngahiraka and Fa'afaiti anchored in Leigh Harbour on 30 October on the way to Whangarei during the Tuia – Encounters 250 programme Photograph by Helen Parkes





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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 Women's Bowling Club

Hosts a Roll Up at the Leigh Bowling Club in Albert Street on most Tuesdays at 9.30 am to midday. All welcome to come along and have a go, bowls provided, please wear flat soled shoes. We are looking for new members - \$30 for your first year.

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secretary@leighbythesea.co.nz or www.leighbythesea.co.nz

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Leigh Community Club - meets 1st Sunday of the month. Anzac Day Service, Interesting speakers, council communication, care of walkways, beaches and more. leighcommunityclub@gmail.com

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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 - 422 6880 www.leighharbourvalleysociety.org.nz

Leigh Library – 'The Cottage' opposite Leigh Store. Librarian Tracey Lawton 021 825 818 / 422 6944

Leigh Penguin Project 0211671524 or email leighpenguins@gmail.com

Leigh School - 422 6031 www.leigh.school.nz

Leigh Tennis Club – leightennisinc@gmail.com

Leigh Walking Group - meets Mondays at 9.30am for interesting walks throughout the Rodney, Kaipara and Auckland regions. Valda Paddison <u>paddis@xtra.co.nz</u>

Leigh Women's Bowling Club - meet Tues, Oct -April, for friendly bowls. New members very welcome. Bev Cassidy 4226599

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

Pakiri Community Landcare Group - Frankie 021 688 997 or <u>nick@nickmolloy.co.nz</u> Pakiri Tennis Club Contact Linda Taylor (Secretary) on 021 242 7459

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