Community Directory

Forest & Bird Coast Care Group - a community initiative to restore reserves and bush areas through monthly weeding and planting bees - Neil Sutherland 422 6001

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

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

Leigh Bowling Club - to foster fellowship and the game of bowls. New members welcome. President Biscuit McLean 027 590 4829 or Secretary Glen Walker 4226486

Leigh Business Community - meets 3rd Wednesday of month - Jan Scott 422 6681 LeighbytheseaNZ@gmail.com or www.leighbythesea.co.nz

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

Leigh Cemetery Trust - Secretary Joyce McCormick 422 6893

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

Leigh Community Club - meets quarterly, Anzac Day Service, Interesting speakers, council communication, care of walkways, beaches and more. leighcommunityclub@gmail.com President Guy Parkes 0213 5888

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

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

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

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

Pakiri Community Landcare Group - Frankie 021 888 997 or nick@nickmolloy.co.nz

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

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

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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 422 6209 or Hugh McKergow 422 6219

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Leigh Rag

Leigh Rag - The Leigh Community and compiled and edited by Helen Parkes 22 Harbour View Rd Ph 021484432 Please submit contributions before the 15th of each month. Email to leighragnz@gmail.com

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View the Leigh Rag online www.leighbythesea.co.nz/news-events

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Now that we are under Covid-19 Level 1 arrangements, tennis can resume as normal. We are all familiar with the requirements of hand sanitising and would ask you to take care when opening gates at the club. The big news for the Leigh Tennis Club is the new concrete driveway. This was completed soon after Lockdown. This is a great improvement and will allow easier, cleaner access to the courts.

A big thank you to Jesse van Kekem for managing this project.

We hold regular club times – 9.30 am Thursday morning and 3.00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons during winter months. If you are not a member and would like to play tennis, non-members can have access on a casual basis at $5 / person by prior arrangement with a committee member whose contact details are displayed at the clubhouse. Prospective new members can contact Marie-Dominique ph 021 490 039 for membership forms

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Leigh Community Preschool
Smooth sailing for Leigh Preschool post Covid-19 lockdown
Helping our children and whanau settle back in to preschool during such uncertain and stressful times was far from day-to-day for the teachers and children at Leigh Preschool.
Government regulations called for temperature testing for all parents, caregivers and children entering the preschool, alternative ways to sign children in and out, and endless sanitising of hands and surfaces to keep everyone safe. Despite these challenging hurdles to settle the children during already anxious times, the teachers took it all in their stride ensuring the children were coming back to the same safe, happy, and calming place that they remembered before the pandemic.
Over the past couple of weeks, the children have enjoyed being in one happy bubble, combining the ‘under two’s’ and ‘over two’s’. Together they have enjoyed lovely sunny days in the garden, caring for their ‘babies’, navigating obstacle courses, getting mucky in the sandpit and water features, freaking the teachers out with their biking antics and enjoying quiet time with the wonderful books, songs and indoor activities.
The teachers and staff have been important role models for our preschool families. Staying calm and offering guidance and support for our children have certainly helped them adjust to this “new normal”. Thank-you so much to the wonderful staff and teachers at the preschool. The Covid-19 crisis has been a great reminder about how lucky we are to have such a wonderful preschool in our community.
As some of our children are turning five and moving on from ‘little school’ to ‘big school’, we have space to welcome new ‘over two’s’. Our ‘under two’s’ is currently full, however please feel free to contact us to go on our wait list. We can be contacted at 09 422 6516 or email: info@leighpreschool.co.nz
Leigh Hall
We are so happy that the hall is fully available again without limits on numbers and that regular classes and meetings are happening. A degree of normality has returned. So if you feel like you need some yoga or want to extend your fitness or enjoy your dancing, regular groups are meeting for these well-being activities. We can put you in touch with these groups. The sewing group for those who can sew and those who can’t are currently meeting in the lower rooms on Monday and Thursday mornings. Anyone is welcome to join in.
There have already been a few family get-togethers since we got to Level 1 COVID-19, and if your family is long overdue to have a celebration, contact us to enquire about availability and our very reasonable hall hire rates.
Whangateau Hall is currently having work done on it and we are delighted to be able to help their regular hirers out as an alternative venue.
The Council renewal project is still on hold, - Council need to revisiting funding issues and timing of all of their projects, but we have high hopes that the major work planned will still happen this year.
We will be holding our AGM about the end of July and will advertise this date in Love Leigh and the next Rag. Maybe you have time on your hands and could help out on our committee or in some way? We’re always open to offers. Enquiries to Lynn ph 0272868625 or leighhallauckland@gmail.com

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**NOMINATE A LOCAL GOOD SORT**
The Leigh Community Church has run the Good Sorts column since 2013. 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 [LeighRagNZ@gmail.com](mailto:LeighRagNZ@gmail.com). The person considered most deserving will receive home baking courtesy of Leigh Community Church.

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**WHANGATEAU HALL**
**Musical Events at Whangateau Hall**

The renewal project at Whangateau has begun, and so far the weather is cooperating. With any luck the work will be completed in the scheduled 30 days. The hall will be painted the same colours as it currently stands, and the fence will be replaced exactly as it was previously. The old fence has been distributed throughout the Leigh community, and you are likely to see bits of it make appearances in your neighbours’ gardens or just around the corner.

The Hall & Reserve committee are planning a reopening celebration picnic on August 16th. All are welcome. Folk Club will also resume in August. More information will be posted to our website and Facebook pages.

You can make hall bookings for dates after mid-July via our website or by emailing [whangateauhallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:whangateauhallbookings@gmail.com).

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**Leigh Community Club**
Leigh Community Club over its history has been able to enhance the local area by running a series of projects run by volunteers, supported by local businesses and by fundraising for materials. Some recent Projects include:
- Upgrade of signage of Leigh Harbour Walkway
- Reinstatement of Kowhai Rd Reserve with new seating overlooking the Harbour
- Additional bench seating opposite the Leigh Store

This year’s project is to build an all-weather walking track on the paper road between Cumberland St and Harbour View Rd. This paper road is an extremely popular part of our walkways in the summer, however it becomes waterlogged and unusable in the wet winter months. This project will make it a year round walking path.

We have the volunteers in place and commitment from local businesses on discounted materials but unfortunately Covid19 lockdown has meant we have not been able to run our usual fundraising raffles.

To that end the LCC Committee has decided to start a different sort of Fundraising; the Leigh Community Club 100 Annual Prize Draw. Proceeds go to community projects such as the one outlined above. See the front page of the Leigh Rag June Edition for full details of raffle.

If you and your whanau love the local walks and want to support making Leigh a better place for all please consider supporting this initiative by buying a ticket.

**LCC Club Meetings**
The next Leigh Community Club Meeting will be at Leigh Bowling Club Sunday the 5th July 2020 at 4.00PM. Open to members and the public the meeting will be promoted by Email to members and on the Leigh Community Group Facebook Page.

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Leigh School.

Leigh School is back in full swing. The children were certainly ready to see their friends and many parents were happy to get a break. To celebrate and share some of their lockdown home-schooling Kaitiaki projects (a sustainability project to improve the school or community) the senior class held a Te Wiki Ako evening last Wednesday. There were some very impressive projects on display including solar energy, tidal energy, bird boxes, a bug hotel, pest management, bike stands, planting and composting, kelp fertiliser, and homemade disinfectant. Well done to all the children who worked hard over lockdown.

Sport is such an important part of a child’s life so it is great to see the Leigh School tamariki getting back to it. Basketball has resumed and you may see quite a few of the students on the courts bright and early Tuesday and Friday mornings. They all love the sport and according to Coach Sarah, they are progressing very well. Thanks Sarah for getting this going again.

Mahurangi Junior Hockey will also commence after the upcoming school holidays and run throughout Term 3. Leigh School has always participated and this year we have a senior term coached by Kate Shears and a junior team coached by Peter Browne and Jake Brebner. They are ahead of the game and have already been practicing Thursday afternoons on the Leigh Tennis courts.

The children are also practicing cross country each afternoon and gearing up for a Colour Fun Run and interschool competition.

The Yummy Apple Sticker promotion is going ahead this year. If you enjoy apples, please save the stickers on individual apples and/or the bag. Each sticker is worth money to be spent on sport gear.

The Leigh School PTA held its AGM last Wednesday. The school thanks Helen Williams and Carrie Fowler for their leadership over the past year. They have stepped down as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. The current roles are held by Kate Shears (Chairperson), Emily Williams (Treasurer), Maite Serna Bermejo (Secretary), Keria Fenton, Kara Winter, Awa Gilgiren and Sarah Torkington (Summer Festival). Welcome to all the new and returning members.

Hope to see you all this Sunday at the annual Mid-Winter Swim. Leigh School will be selling hot soup and bread, sausages and baked goods. Come along and support a great community event.

Kate Shears

LEIGHT BOWLING CLUB

The Leigh Bowling club Green is closed for the Winter, however the bar is open as usual for member and visitors. Work is continuing on the green and surrounds in preparation for the next season.

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After a quiet period through the Covid-19 lockdown things heated up for Leigh brigade during May with 15 callouts. These were to structure fires in Whangateau (2) and Matakana, a tree down on Pakiri Hill and an animal rescue at Helensville which we were called to incorrectly. There were vegetation fires at Cape Rodney (2) and Ti Point, a tractor accident at Cape Rodney and assist police at Cape Rodney with an unexploded piece of ammunition. There were also 5 first response medical calls to Leigh (3), Whangateau and Ti Point.

With the return to Covid level one we can return to the fire station and get back to training again. Hopefully Covid has been eliminated although we will still take precautions at medical calls so you may still see us in extra protective gear.

Now there are no fire restrictions just be careful when lighting rubbish fires. We are getting called to some of these where passers-by or neighbours see smoke and assume the worst. Make sure your neighbours are aware of the fire and also where the smoke goes. It may save us getting called out. We welcome two new members, Martha Stafford and Hayley Nessia to the brigade. We are probably now as strong as we have been for quite a few years. Hopefully the weather will stay good and our team can get out and train again on Tuesday nights.

Join a special local project!

The Leigh Community Club wishes to engage a paid Project Co-ordinator for its predator control project. This is a part time role for approximately 8 hours a week.

The Co-ordinator will support the Leigh Community Club and the network of conservation groups by:

- Supporting the establishment of a new predator free initiative in the residential townships of Leigh and Matheson Bay
- Liaising with and supporting the existing pest control groups within the Leigh area
- Establishing a network of interested groups by promoting communication and collaboration within them.

The Leigh Community Group has funding for this role from Auckland Council until June 2021 and indicative funding for 2022. Further funding may be forthcoming from other sources. Should this additional funding eventuate, there will be a commensurate increase in hours engaged.

We are seeking applications from those with skills in project management, community co-ordination and engagement, reporting and monitoring skills.

If you are interested in this role, send a short c.v. outlining your suitability to leighcommunityclub@gmail.com by 30 June 2020.

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What's going on round here?
Now that we are operating under Covid-19 Level 1, we have resumed the monthly calendar. We include in this events that affect the community over the next couple of months. This is what is coming up.

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**GOOD SORTS**

This month our GOOD SORT is Peter Spence and I'm sure you have all noticed how busy Peter has been as you drive down the hill out of Leigh towards Kohuroa Stream. He has been tirelessly cleaning up the Matheson Bay bush edge which is part of our beautiful Matheson Bay Native Bush Reserve. Thanks Peter for this great initiative and tremendous amount of hard, physical work.

The Leigh Community Church are delighted to bake for you.

### Leigh Penguin Project

The aim of our project is to help protect little blue penguins or kororā as well as other native birds, insects and trees. To do that we have now set up five traplines and have over 15 volunteers who regularly check traps. So far, over 350 predators have been caught and this includes 11 stoats, 24 weasels, 18 possums and over 250 rats.

New Zealand had a wealth of unique birdlife, many that don’t need to fly as there were no native mammal predators before mankind arrived. It makes you wonder why so many problem animals were introduced into New Zealand.

Rabbits were introduced for food and game and as early as 1870 were identified as a threat to farming. The pressure was then on to introduce stoats to control the rabbits. Scientists warned about the danger to our birdlife, but were ignored and stoats were introduced in 1880. It only took around six years for our birdlife to decline drastically.

Possums were introduced for the fur trade in 1837. It was not successful initially but 20 years later they were introduced again successfully and now there are millions. Their diet consists of mostly leaves, fruit, berries and buds. This means they compete with our native birds but also affect native trees. In 1993 possums were filmed predating eggs and chicks and the danger to our native birds was realised.

The best way to help our flora and fauna is to trap in your own backyard or nearby. If you’d like to learn more about trapping please don’t hesitate to contact us.

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Now that we are in Covid-19 Level 1, the working group under the auspices of the Leigh Community Group and led by Chris Floyd has met to plan the scope for the predator control work programme.

The major first step will be to engage a project coordinator whose role will be to support the establishment of a new predator-free initiative in the residential townships of Leigh and Matheson Bay. The second aspect of this work will be to liaise with and support existing pest control groups within the Leigh area by establishing a network to communicate and collaborate between these groups.

The co-ordinator role will be advertised within the local community over the next two weeks. We would encourage those with skills in project management, community co-ordination and reporting and monitoring to apply.

Auckland Council has approved funding. The approved amount, however, was for less than we had sought. This means we will need to modify the programme of work undertaken in the first year. Our application to Department of Conservation is still pending and a decision is likely to be known in July 2020. Should the DOC funding eventuate, the scope of work will be expanded appropriately.

Already there is keen interest in pursuing co-ordinated trapping and plant pest control in the wider Leigh area. The Leigh School, together with Forestbridge Trust, are encouraging parental involvement in trapping. Many individuals are reporting success with their backyard traps and following lockdown, plant control activities are underway before winter rains arrive.
As well as our successful landscape construction and mini digger services, we are now offering a Greenscape division offering:

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- Revegetation and wetland installation
- Lifestyle block maintenance
- Lawn installation
- Planting services
- Lawn installation
- Section clearing and waste removal

The LBC members are excited and relieved (like everyone else) that we are finally out of lockdown and back to business nearly as normal. All businesses are now open and operating normal winter hours. We all greatly appreciate the support we have been receiving from locals keen to help us recover from a very difficult time.

While we are confident that this local support will continue, many have lost significant income from overseas tourists, and so we are now re-focusing on domestic tourism to keep the income up. To this end, the Leigh Business Community has launched an exciting promotion on the "Leigh by the sea" Facebook page - this competition is open to all and simply asks people to post a very short video explaining what they would like to do up here in Leigh given the chance to come. There are significant prizes that include accommodation, food, activities and local produce, and the competition will run until the first week of July. It is called "Escape to Leigh, two for two" (two people for two nights). If you have not seen it, then we are hoping as many Leigh locals and friends share the post on Facebook to expand our coverage as widely as possible - check out on www.facebook.com/leighbythesea it is a pinned post so should be easy to find.

Finally a special shout out to Richard and team at the Leigh bar who are looking to stay open 7 days a week over the winter with many meal specials to tempt us all - thank you Richard - we appreciate having this option over the winter, and I know that many of the locals are supporting you all the way.....regards Alan LBC
Well, bach owners have been enjoying the new freedom of level #1 and the area has been quite busy again. The weather has been lovely with enough rain to boost the tanks.

A big clean up has been happening along the reserve on Leigh Rd. thanks to Peter Spence and helpers. This area was a no-mans land and full of ginger and brambles. It is now looking great and ready for planting in natives to extend the bush. Tod Rochford of Rochford Landscaping is kindly donating several hundred dollars’ worth of plants and once these have arrived, a planting bee will get into action. An enthusiastic environmental group of students from Leigh School are weeding and planting in the lower reserve around the prostrate pohutakawa near the bridge. They will plant this up and maintain it which is great. The new planting alongside this will hopefully happen in the next month. Date to be advised. Trapping in the reserve and surrounding area is still resulting in possums and rats being caught.

Peter, our secretary, walked around Matheson Bay recently, updating the database to include the new people in the area. Hopefully they will be able to come and meet their neighbours at the mid-winter pot luck dinner, sometime early August. The date for this will be in the July newsletter. If you’d like something to do before then, The Annual Matheson Bay Mid-winter Swim is on 21st June at 10. 15 am. See you there!

Louise van Campfort

Please Don’t shoot the messenger

Parcels in Leigh are sometimes problematic. The Leigh General Store is an agent for New Zealand Post and as such can only handle items that are sent via NZ post. At present there is a delay in parcels due to the increase in volume following lock down. Please be patient and contact the supplier if you have a problem with a late delivery or have the sender do a Track n Trace. ALMOST ALL OTHER COURIER Items are delivered to Leigh Motors if not direct to your address. Leigh Motors offer a parcel holding facility as a courtesy to the community. They are not an agent of any courier company and if they didn’t hold your parcels then they would be returned! Please be respectful when collecting parcels, or if your parcel is not there contact your supplier

NOTE: There have been occasions of abusive language and disrespect to couriers and staff dealing with parcels. This is not acceptable. We may lose the very generous service if this continues.
Kia ora Leigh Library community
Well the library has been open again for two weeks and books have been snapped up off the shelves. At this stage, we are no longer taking details for contact tracing, and all we ask is that you use the hand sanitiser on arrival, and please don’t come to the library if you are feeling unwell.

We have some great new books with more coming as the publishers are able to get deliveries back to normal. A couple of my favourite authors have some new offerings. Sebastian Barry has written a sequel to Days Without End, Maggie O’Farrell has created a story around the son of William Shakespeare, and Anne Tyler’s new book is called Redhead By The Side Of The Road (what a great title for a novel!).

There are a couple of new thrillers as well as a novel based on the life of Nancy Wake. We have a fabulous new cook book by the ever popular Australian Women’s Weekly featuring slow cooked recipes, a new book about how to get a better nights sleep, and a look at the secret and dangerous world surrounding cocaine.

All being well, the Leigh Library book club will reconvene on Tuesday 30 June 7pm. Should be lots of books to talk about …!

Cheers Tracey

A big thank you to everyone from the Council and contractors who worked on our fabulous library after lockdown. The much needed work will keep this heritage building looking fresh and in good working order for years to come.