

LEIGH RAG

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The Leigh Business Community Committee is now back to regular monthly meetings with our next meeting being our AGM on Wednesday August 19th at 7:30pm - all welcome. Any businesses interested in finding out more or joining our group, please get in contact with Jan Scott (jiscott65@gmail.com) so you can receive details about upcoming events including the AGM.

We are also looking forward to supporting the progress being made by Matakana Coast Tourism to promote the region. We have had a great response to some of our recent Leigh by the Sea Social Media promotions but we are also part of a wider community and we can all benefit from any joint publicity for the region.

Leigh Business Community AGM Wednesday 19th August at Leigh Bar, from 6:00pm for a light meal followed by the AGM at 7:30pm

Forest & Bird Warkworth Area Pest Free Talk

7.30pm Thursday 20 August

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LEIGH BOWLING CLUB

Well the summer season is now behind us and the bowling season at the Leigh Bowling club is officially over, although Covid-19 also had a hand in finishing the bowls season early this year unfortunately! The year has gone pretty quick, and we have seen some great bowls played and the odd not so over the last season of bowls. With it comes the annual general meetings, and as most members of any club know without volunteers who help run their clubs, we would be lost. With that in mind a big thank you to all the past executive & committee members of the Leigh bowling club for all their work, dedication and efforts in helping run the club for the 2019 – 2020 season.

The men's AGM was held on the 14th June with the following results being made for the positions of executive & committee members for next season.

Patron: B J Gravatt **President:** R W McLean

Immediate Past President: W Waru **Senior Vice President:** M Lennan

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Treasurer: R McLean **Northland Delegate:** R W McLean

Greenkeeper: L Michell **Chairman Match Committee:** R Perry

Tournament Secretaries: R McLean & L Duncan

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Committee: A Gundy, K Brush, G Ward, T Wyatt, J Brooks.

The club membership fee has been kept the same at \$90.00 full playing members & \$25.00 social member, subs due now.

A full copy of the minutes are available on request at the club through the club secretary.

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Kind regards Biscuit - President Leigh Bowling Club Inc.



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The hall has been busier than usual recently, and it is fantastic to see so many family get-togethers and kids birthday parties happening. Also it's great that The Foundation have provided a fabulous week of school holiday creativity, especially mid-Winter when outdoor activities may not be as appealing.

We await the Council and Rodney Local Board decision on timing of planned major work on the hall. Until we hear a start date we are continuing to take bookings and will communicate with all users when we hear more.

Our AGM date is set as Monday 31st August at 5pm at the hall. We have a small and enthusiastic committee who run the hall on behalf of Council, with great support from the Council Rural Hall Advisor who just happens to live in Leigh. We would welcome you to join us on the committee or as a hall support friend.

Keep an eye out for some great upcoming events at the hall and elsewhere in Leigh, there's lots happening out there.

We're always open to offers. Enquiries to
Lynn ph 0272868625 or leighhallauckland@gmail.com

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Thank you to everyone who braved the wind and rain and came down to Matheson Bay for the annual Mid-Winter Swim! A special shout-out to Leigh Central, Kaye Muller and Ringawera Bakery for their very generous donations. The school raised over \$800 to be used to purchase new books.

Congratulations to ALL the children of Leigh School – we had 100% participation in the school cross country run! The winners will go on to the inter-school race being held Wednesday, 5th August at the Warkworth Showgrounds. (In order girls, boys; 1st, 2nd, 3rd).

Year 6 Poppy, Gigi, Lotta and Jeremy, Maddoc, Joe

Year 5 Aria, Calla, Friija

Year 4 Tui, Ada, Paige and Ceri, Carlos

Year 3 Lola, Pepper, Molly and Noa, Tane, Kaito

Year 2 Winni, Hanna, Minna and Aotea, Hunter, Otis

Year 1 Maia, Oliva, Molly and Matai, Tai, Tom

This year the event was extended to include a successful fundraising colour run. After the cross country races, students changed from house colours into whites and ran a fun and challenging course whilst being doused in Holi colour. Lots of laughter ensued with the teachers joining them for this final lap. Thanks to everyone who sponsored the children.

CatchIT Schools held a parent evening for the children of Te Moana to learn about how they can be involved in making Leigh pest free. CatchIT is an educational programme run by the University of Auckland and the Forest Bridge Trust for primary-school children to learn about science and data analysis in a hands-on conservation setting. It teaches children and their whanau how to identify pests, how to use traps safely and humanely, and provides trapping booklets along with Timms and DOC 200 traps.

Thank you Liz and Katie from the Forest Bridge Trust!
School is back in session Monday July 20th (Term).

Kate Shears



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Local News

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We had a huge turnout of “not so brave”! locals but these gave huge support to both fundraising groups.

Thank you Leigh Central for supplying tea and coffee and to the Leigh Community for supporting this event



A group of local motorhome owners met at Leigh Central in June for a mid winter get together.

This group encourages people who have motorhomes or caravans to get to know others in our area with similar interests.

Although a wet weekend, we managed a walk around the harbour and had a fantastic shared dinner in Leigh Central.

Thank you to Leigh Central for hosting this and going out of their way to ensure all had a very enjoyable weekend.



Congratulations to local Leigh Teen Cailen Rochford who has just won the '2020 NZ 29er Sailing Nationals' on the weekend.

He is 15 and sails the double handed boat with Mattias Coutts.

With a huge fleet of 40 boats and variable conditions it was testing racing - there were even a few olympic medalists out there to compete against.

Cailen has been sailing the 29er for two years and is now moving into the next class. His next goal is to place at the Waszp Worlds in Wakatere in April. This new boat is a foiling single handed boat and a relatively new class.

Look out for his fundraising efforts to support him in his new class.



DAFFODIL DAY AUGUST 28TH

On behalf of the Cancer Society save the 28th August for a great morning tea at 38 Barrier View, Leigh.

There will be prizes, coffee, tea and cake so bring a friend and see you there at 10.00am.

Juliet, Tricia, and helpers



What's Going on around here?

Winter means there are fewer community activities.

We include in this events that affect the community over the next couple of months.

This is what is coming up.

<i>What date?</i>	<i>When?</i>	<i>What day?</i>	<i>What is it</i>	
20 July	9.00 am	Monday	Term 3 commences	
22 July	4.00 pm	Wednesday	Leigh Library Annual General Meeting	
26 July	2.30 pm	Sunday	Leigh Tennis Club Annual General Meeting	
26 July	11 am—4pm	Sunday	Fabric Rescue event	
31 July	5.00 pm	Friday	Leigh Community Club Draw #1	
8 August	6.00 pm	Saturday	Matheson Bay Assn Potluck Dinner mathesonbayassn@gmail.com	
19August	7.30 pm	Wednesday	Leigh Business Community AGM	
20 August	7.30 pm	Thursday	Trapping progress Forest Bridge Trust	
28 August	10.00 am	Friday	Cancer Society Daffodil Day morning tea	
28 August	7.30 pm	Sunday	Kowhai singers concert 'The Rose'	
31 August	5.00 pm	Monday	Leigh Community Hall AGM	



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	<i>How much? What?</i>	<i>Where?</i>
		Leigh & Pakiri Schools
		Leigh Library
		Leigh Bowling club
	Gold coin entry Koha for donated fabrics	Matakana Hall
		Leigh Bowling Club
	RSVP	Leigh Community Hall
		Leigh Bar - meal from 6.00pm
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**The 149th AGM
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Wednesday 22nd July
in the library – all welcome.**

Library life feels like it has returned to normal. We have some great new books for June/July. There are new fiction titles by long time favourites Isabel Allende, Lionel Shriver, Nicky Pellegrino, Michael Connelly, and Camilla Lackberg. We have a copy of the winner of the 2020 NZ Fiction Prize – Aue by Becky Manawatu. New non-fiction books range from Frensham: A New Zealand Garden to The Ratline by Philippe Sands which is a fascinating investigation following the trail of a Nazi fugitive.

The Leigh Library book club is back and will meet again on Tuesday 28 July 7pm. Come and share some of your favourite reads from the library

Tracey Lawton

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MATHESON BAY NEWS

The participation in the area when things are on is great and the annual mid-winter swim was very well attended despite the weather being less than perfect. Another 50 people turned up at the Matheson Bay Reserve for the planting of 1000 native plants on Saturday 4th July. This was completed in record time in under an hour, much to organiser David Edwards delight! There were 10 children who collected all the pots for the two council contractors who were surprised to find the plants had been positioned before they arrived. Everyone was treated morning tea and delicious baking from Barbara Edwards. It was a great time to meet people from the area. The plants put in last year have done well considering the drought and a few replacements were put in. Plants the Leigh School pupils planted are getting established nicely too.

The contractors are still laying fibre optic cables in Matheson Bay and many of us had no phone or internet for 6 days. A bit concerning when you have no mobile coverage either, but it is all up and running again and they have left the area nice and tidy.

There's still people swimming and the divers are enjoying the clear water. Most missed the pod of dolphins cruising past the other day. A reminder for bach owners that rubbish day is now Monday.

The Matheson Bay Pot Luck Dinner is on Saturday 8th August at 6.00pm at the Leigh Hall. RSVP to:

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PEST FREE LEIGH

Progress has picked up a pace since the end of Covid restrictions with regular meetings of the Pest Free Leigh Team and we are getting ready to 'go live'.

We are arranging a formal launch of Pest Free Leigh on Saturday, 17 October between 2-4pm at Leigh Hall. The launch will include talks by pest control experts and free traps for residents of the residential areas of Leigh and Matheson Bay. Please put the date in your diary but there will be more information nearer the time.

We are pleased to announce that we have engaged a co-ordinator for one day per week who will provide support to the PFL team as we work towards our community roll out of the first stages of the project. Thanks to Auckland Council for funding this role.

The first stage of the PFL project will be to create a 'safe zone' for our native wildlife by supporting intensive rat trapping throughout the residential areas of Leigh and Matheson Bay. To achieve this we want to see a rat trap in every backyard and we will support the community to make this happen. Once the rat trapping is underway we will work with the community to also target stoats, weasels and possums although with smaller numbers and larger home ranges, these species, won't require anywhere near as many traps.

In order to meet our aim of making Leigh and Matheson Bay rat free, we really need help from within the community to help make this happen. In particular we are looking for local 'street co-ordinators' who might be willing to work with their local street to help get a trap into every backyard, to help your neighbours with any issues around trapping and to help collect catch data. These are likely to be the most critical people in making PFL work, so if you think you might be interested in helping, I would love to hear from you.

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Motion cameras have picked up penguin activity and are vital for us to learn more about them. We thought penguins came ashore at dusk and left at dawn, but the cameras are showing us that they are active at a lot of odd hours during the night.

Since mid June, we have recorded a pair of penguins returning to what was most likely their nesting site last season. Numerous videos show them coming and going, preening and with nesting material in their beak. Our cameras are set to record at night only and will activate when there is movement. Date and time are recorded and each camera is set to record for 45 seconds with a 5 second interval.

The cameras are important for showing what predators are lurking in the area at night. So far a few mice and rats have been recorded and an extra rat trap added to one spot.

By reducing their predators we are hoping penguins and other bird numbers will increase.

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The brigade had a quiet start to June with no callouts for the first week and a half. It then became busier with nine callouts to the end of the month. These were to a false alarm at Matakana, a car fire at Omaha Valley, a vegetation fire at Big Omaha Wharf, a search and rescue at Whangateau, set up a helicopter landing site at Ti Point, a diesel spill at Whangateau and first response medical calls to Leigh (3).

Brigade members are back to full training and we've even managed to get together for a couple of social events post-Covid. We were set for first responder training under St John Ambulance but Covid delayed this and St John have now put all first responder training for fire brigades on hold for 12 months. Hopefully this will be sorted out but in the meantime we plan to practise our first aid skills on station. This may mean purchasing our own CPR mannequin, as one from Fire and Emergency has been promised for more than 12 months and still not arrived. Fits in with the replacement fire truck which has been promised for much longer and not seen either.

Remember we are still at Covid level one and our crew could attend an emergency wearing extra protective gear. This is a precaution and does not mean that there is a Covid emergency.

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WHANGATEAU HALL

Musical Events at Whangateau Hall

Whangateau Hall has been returned to community hands after receiving a fresh coat of paint and a shiny new picket fence! It's looking very nice, and all ready for a new season of fun events. The roof of the hall was not painted because it is scheduled for replacement soon.

The Hall and Reserve Committee, in conjunction with the Whangateau Residents and Ratepayers Association will be hosting a post-renewal picnic at the hall on Sunday, the 16th of August. More details about that will be posted to the website, Whangateau Facebook page, and the Love Leigh Facebook page. The hall is now ready to be hired for your social gatherings. Folk club will resume with a club night on Monday, 31st August. See www.whangateau.co.nz for all your up to date Whangateau Hall News.

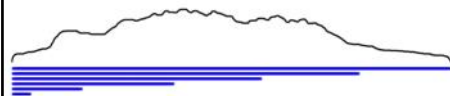
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NOMINATE A LOCAL GOOD SORT

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 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 Tennis Club

The wintry weather has discouraged play over the last month. There are, however, sunny days when a few keen members have a hit up.

Over the winter months, members play twice weekly – 9.30 am (or later if cold) on Thursday morning and 3 pm on Sundays.

It is great that the Leigh school children can practice hockey on the Astroturf at the Leigh Tennis Club. This is an all-weather surface and means that our kids can have access to a surface similar to where they play in Warkworth.

The Leigh Tennis Club wishes to thank and acknowledge Todd Rochford of Rochford Landscaping for his generous contribution towards the new driveway. The driveway is a huge improvement to the court surrounds. The provision of all-weather access is a real bonus during wet weather.

Reminder to all current and prospective members – the Leigh Tennis Club Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday 26 July at 2.30 pm at Leigh Bowling Club. This is your opportunity to hear on the status of the club and to participate in management of the Club.



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This is your local publication. The Leigh Rag is administered by the Leigh Community club and edited by volunteers. We would love to hear your stories and add to our local news segment. We are also looking for items of interest from Pakiri, Ti Point and any local organisations: histories, stories, upcoming events and things to celebrate.

The Leigh Rag is put together on the 15th of each month and items need to be in before then for inclusion.

New advertisements can be included but that copy needs to be with the editor by the 12th of the month.

Please help us make the Leigh Rag relevant and interesting by sending news and stories. Maximum 300 words or 200 plus photo. Email:

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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

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Leigh Community Club - meets quarterly, Anzac Day Service, Interesting speakers, council communication, care of walkways, beaches and more.
leighcommunityclub@gmail.com President Guy Parkes 021352588

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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 paddis@xtra.co.nz

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

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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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