

LEIGH RAG

August 2020

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Leigh Business Community

Leigh Business Community AGM

Postponed due to Level 3 restrictions. Will now be held on Wednesday 16th September at Leigh Bar, from 6:00pm for a light meal followed by the AGM at 7:30pm

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We are still hoping to be able to hold our already delayed AGM on Monday 31st August at 5pm in the hall, and welcome attendance of anyone who has an interest in the hall. We are looking for another committee member - are you interested in joining us? You're welcome to talk to any committee member about what is involved. I find that being involved gives me great satisfaction and I enjoy the company of the other dedicated committee members and friends of the hall.

Cross fingers and hope for a speedy recovery from Level 3 for us all.

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

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Well wasn't that 102 days of freedom and normality wonderful, now we find ourselves back in Covid19 level 3 lockdown with the additional stress it places on local businesses, self-employed and family groups. Hopefully with the support of "the team of 5 million" we will be back down to level 2 or 1 before the end of August.

From a Leigh Community Club perspective we have a Quarterly Member and Public Meeting scheduled for Sunday 6th September at the Leigh Bowling Club but that is subject to levels of Covid-19 and we will advise whether this is



going ahead by email and social media closer to the date. Behind the scenes good progress is being made on the Pest Free Leigh Launch scheduled for mid-September. The launch will be well publicized and targeted at homeowners in the Leigh, Matheson's Bay area.

The walkway upgrade between Cumberland Rd and Harbour View Rd is underway and should be completed by mid-spring subject to weather and Covid levels.

We are incredibly pleased with the community support of our Leigh 100 Fundraiser. Being a complete sell out in these tough economic circumstances shows how community minded our local area is. We wish everybody luck in the monthly raffle draw and look forward to communicating what we have achieved for the community with your support.

As a region we are lucky to have wonderful local food producers, and crafts people; lockdown is particularly tough on these sectors and anything we can do to Support Local really can make a difference. Many have moved to contactless ordering and pickup which helps in keeping everyone safe.

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It has been an exciting month of sport for Leigh School. We placed 2nd at InterSchool hockey which was hosted by Leigh School and held at the Warkworth Show Grounds. We competed against our neighbouring schools including Matakana, Warkworth, Snells Beach, Horizon, Wellsford and Kaipara Flats. Our teachers, Emma and Bronte, did an outstanding job organising the event and the PTA made sure the children were well fuelled with sausages and baked goods (thanks to school families). I would like to give a special mention to parents Errol, Megan, and Mikaela, grandparent Tony Shears, and students Abby and Alex for helping on the day.

The following week we went back to the Warkworth Showgrounds for InterSchool Cross Country. We sent our top runners and the competition was tough, with at least 50 children per heat and as always, a bit muddy. Huge congratulations to:

Tui Browne (2nd place, Year 4 Girls), Aria Solaris (7th place, Year 5 Girls), and Poppy Shears (5th place, Year 6 Girls).

Mahurangi Junior Hockey season was well on its way. We have two teams in this years' competition – the Leigh Shamrocks (junior team) and the Leigh Leprechauns (senior team). You may have noticed them practicing Thursday afternoons at the Leigh Tennis Courts. Both teams are extraordinarily strong this year and were off to a roaring start with two wins for both teams! Unfortunately, the season has been put on hold for now. Be Safe Be Kind.

Kate Shears





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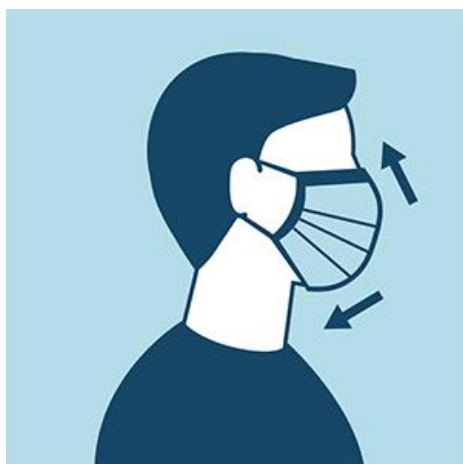
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Local News

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Peter Spence

The Leigh General Store

The shop is keeping regular hours of 7.30 am to 5.30 pm throughout level 3 . If we change to Level 4 the hours will again be restricted This will be advised on local social media and on display at the General Store.

The Health and Wellness Expo scheduled for the Warkworth Town Hall August 23 has been postponed. Details of Place Date and Time to be advised on social Media when it is confirmed.

GOOD SORT

Our GOOD SORT this month is **Richard Scott**, nominated by Joan for his ... 'unfailing willingness and kindness in assisting my 92 year old mother and myself. He is truly an exemplary citizen of our little community' wrote Joan and we at the *Leigh Community Church* agree. Thank you Richard and we have home-baking coming your way.

This column is open for contributions published at the discretion of the editor. Please send to leighragnz@gmail.com or dropped in at the general store attention Helen Parkes Leigh Rag.

Letters to the editor

Postal Services

My name is Lynn Garner. I have been sorting the mail for over 10 years at the Leigh general store. We are very privileged to have a Post Centre at the store which is an agent for NZ Post. Sometimes our mail delivery is late due to vehicle breakdowns. I have had hospital appointments, therefore the mail has not been done on time. We have had complaints because the mail is not done on time, and sometimes we have been ABUSED. Surely there are more important things in life than waiting for your mail to be sorted. Apparently not to some people. All we ask is please to be patient and courteous to all staff. The mail does get done. Just imagine if there is no post centre in Leigh. You would have to go to Matakana or Warkworth. Please treat us with respect at the Leigh General Store and Post Centre. We are, after all doing the Leigh Community a good service.

FACE MASKS



During COVID19 Alert Level 3 and 2, the Government recommendation is to wear a face mask when out in public where you cannot socially distance.

To help you with this several locals are busy sewing masks for you to purchase. They are Tracey Paton, Tamara Sharp, Mikaela Schoevaart, Xavia Healey-Diaz, Waste Free Leigh, and I imagine quite a few more.

Please consider getting a reusable /washable mask, buy local or make your own. Or purchase a box of disposable masks.

The important thing is to have one on hand. If everyone who visited our area locally had to get a mask urgently, we would need thousands on hand. So please get your self a mask or two.

There are great "YouTube tutorials" on how to make inexpensive masks, how to use a scarf or even undies, but please do what ever takes your fancy and keep safe, be kind and look out for the vulnerable folk in our community.

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.

If you have an event coming up, send an email to leighragnz@gmail.com and it can be included in this monthly notification

<i>What date?</i>	<i>When?</i>	<i>What day?</i>	<i>What is it</i>	
28 August	10.00 am	Friday	Cancer Society Daffodil Day morning tea	
28 August	5.00 pm	Friday	Leigh 100 Club Raffle draw	
TBA	7.30 pm	Friday	Kowhai singers concert 'The Rose'	
31 August	5.00 pm	Monday	Leigh Community Hall AGM	
6 September	2.30vpm	Saturday	Leigh Tennis Club Opening Day	
16 September	6.00 pm	Wednesday	Leigh Business Club AGM	
25 September	3.00 pm	Friday	Term 3 ends	
12 October	9.00 am	Monday	Term 4 commences	
17 October	2.00 pm tbc	Saturday	Pest Free leigh Launch	



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Monday 6 - 7pm Dancing with Spinning Sun / Ann Dewey

Tuesday 9.30 - 11am Yoga with Marion Chasteau

Thursday 9:15 to 10:15am Dancing with Spinning Sun / Ann Dewey

Thursday 9.30 - 11.30qm Sewing with Waste Free Leigh (downstairs)

Friday 12 noon to 1pm Nia class (exercise to music and yoga) with Amara Labb

	<i>How much? What?</i>	<i>Where?</i>
	Donation to Cancer Soc	38 Barrier View Road, Leigh
		Leigh Bowling Club
	\$20 school children Free	Leigh hall
		Leigh hall
	BYO Drinks	Leigh Tennis Club
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These are indeed interesting times!

Before we went back to Level 3 restrictions, we managed to get a small handful of new books – we have the latest novels by John Boyne, David Mitchell and A.D. Miller. We also have the new kiwi thriller sensation by Rose Carlyle, *The Girl In The Mirror*. Our new non-fiction title is *Endurance* by Louis Rudd. This book follows the fascinating adventures of Captain Louis Rudd, ex SAS, who has several unsupported crossings of Antarctica.

The Leigh Library has yet to find out if we are getting our full annual funding from Council, so book buying is now on hold as the coffers are low. We await the hopefully glad news that we have continued funding.

There will be no Leigh Library book club this month as Level 3 hopefully ends Wednesday 26th August.

Let's be safe and be kind to each other.

Tracey

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MATHESON BAY NEWS

The recently held mid-winter dinner was a lovely night and it was great to see some new faces there. It certainly was lucky that the date chosen was before the Covid19 level 3 lock-down as both owners would not have been able to attend. During the dinner Ian and Lydia Smith presented Peter Spence with a shovel to help with all the gardening he has instigated in our area. Roger Williams (our helpful engineer) was presented with a hammer for all his help with the ongoing upgrade of the Kohuroa track.

The weeding that Peter started on the Leigh Rd. has been given a huge boost from the 'track group' and has now been planted up in natives donated by Rochford Landscaping. Let's hope the sticky-fingered bugger who stole plants from the community planting in the Matheson Bay reserve leaves them alone, along with the new council planting around the toilets. The contractor said that many plants had died in the district due to the drought. The little garden in the parking bay has been redone too so here's hoping the SUV's that had been taking short cuts over it take more care.

Exciting news on the conservation front. **Pest Free Leigh** (which includes Matheson Bay) will be launching on **Saturday 17th October**. Make a note in your diary to come to hear about the project that joins with many others in NZ in eradicating introduced pests. You'll be given a free easy to use rat trap box for your property and instructions. Pest Free Leigh works alongside the Forest Bridge Trust which has been set up to have a pest free 'green corridor' from Tawharanui peninsular to the Kaipara. Imagine having more varieties of native fauna in our special area.

Louise van Campfort

LEIGH BAR

EST 2014



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Once again Covid-19 restrictions are on us but the move to make Leigh pest free is still planning on a project launch in October.

Join us for our launch event at Leigh Hall on Saturday, October 17 at 2pm.

The event will include talks from local trapping experts and a free trap for everyone from Leigh and Matheson Bay. Traps will come in a trap box which ensures the trap is safe for pets and children.

We are hoping to see a rat trap in every back yard as part of a plan to rid Leigh of introduced predators that take such a toll on our native birds. Other areas that have trapped introduced mammalian pests have seen a huge local increase in native birds and lizards.

Leigh benefits from its proximity to other pest free areas such as Hauturu (Little Barrier) and Tawaharauni and we commonly see tui, kererū, silver eye, and grey warblers as well as other garden birds. This will only get better once we rid Leigh of our introduced predators and these birds can also nest safely here in our backyard. In particular we look forward to the return of the korimako (bellbird) which self introduced back into Tawharanui once all the predators were removed.

Our project forms part of the wider vision of the Forest Bridge Trust to create a pest free haven from the Kaipara to the Leigh coast and for kiwi one day to be wandering through our neighbourhood. As with NZ's response to Covid, it is incredible what great things can be achieved by each of us doing our own little bit right here at home.

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If disturbed they may leave their nests, eggs or chicks, so please don't lift lids on penguin nesting boxes in case they are in residence.

When dog walking around the coastal track it would be great to have your dog on a leash and it would also help if your cats can be kept inside at night.

If you want to spot penguins, you should sit quietly on a beach after dusk using a torch with a red light. Red cellophane over a torch can work really well too. Keep away from the penguin's path so they can continue up to their nest. You may also hear their braying calls.

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July was another quiet month with only six callouts. These were to a structure fire at Tomarata School which was out when our crew arrived, a false alarm at Leigh, setting up a helicopter landing zone at Pakiri and medical calls to Leigh, Cape Rodney and Whangateau.

Training will focus around first aid as we have to provide this training ourselves for the next year with no support from St John Ambulance. As was mentioned in the last Leigh Rag the brigade may buy a full training CPR mannequin which will run alongside the smaller unit supplied by Fire and Emergency.

Be aware that while we are at Covid 19 Alert level 3, our First Responder medical crews will attend all emergency calls wearing extra personal protective gear. This is a precaution and does not mean that there is a Covid 19 emergency.

While it is an open fire season there are still restrictions on what can be burned as listed on Auckland Council's website. If you are lighting a rubbish heap, check which way the wind is blowing before lighting up so as not to smoke out the whole town.

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WHANGATEAU HALL

Musical Events at Whangateau Hall

The Hall and Reserve Committee, in conjunction with the Whangateau Residents and Ratepayers Association, were to host a post-renewal picnic at the hall on Sunday the 16th of August, but this was postponed.

Further details about a new date 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 when restrictions are lifted.

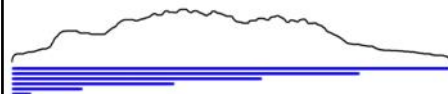
The Folk club is due to resume with a club night on Monday, 31st August. See www.whangateau.co.nz for all your up to date Whangateau Hall News.

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 Leigh Tennis Club Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 26 July 2020. This was an opportunity to acknowledge and thank Geoff Alexander and Deen Hall. Geoff and Deen were instrumental in the revival of the Leigh Tennis Club and particularly with the fundraising and management of resurfacing of the courts in 2017. The new courts have been a terrific boost to the community and are a top-class local amenity.

Our particular thanks go to Geoff and Deen for the hours of work they have given to make this possible.

Geoff stood down after a three-year term as President and Deen similarly relinquished the Secretary/Treasurer role. Liz Jones and Jackie Atkins also resigned as committee members.

Angus Wilderspin was elected President: Richard Gerard Treasurer and Marg Kinder Secretary. A new committee consisting of Marie Dominique Lennan, Viv Wyatt, Jesse van Kekem and Clive Mathers was elected.

Opening Day: On the assumption that Auckland will no longer be in Covid-19 Level 3 lockdown, the Leigh Tennis Club Opening Day will be on **Sunday 6 September 2020 at 2.30 pm**. Current and new members are welcome for social play and socialising – at a distance if necessary!

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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

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 021352588

Leigh Community Preschool - 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 - 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 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

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 422 6209 or Hugh McKergow 422 6219

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