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Great Daffodil Day Response for the Cancer Society

A fun Daffodil Morning Tea was held at Juliet Mantle's place in Leigh with generous donations for the Cancer Society and lots of yummy food. Due to Covid 19 the date was not the usual last Friday in August but held on October 2ndso we were lucky to be given 3 late blooming daffodils!

Over 30 plus people arrived and we had a perfect day. Many thanks to Blush, Matakana for their special prize donation and our locals Liz Jones for help with food prep and Lynn Mellsopp for her fabulous kitchen duties.

We raised over 800 dollars and members of the Leigh Bowling Club topped it up that night so we collected over \$1,000.00 this time.

Thank you to all and everyone who contributed and attended Judee and Juliet





The Leigh Business Community finally held their AGM on Wednesday 16th Sept after being delayed a month due to Covid. Leigh Bar provided the venue and we were able to share a meal before getting into the business side of things.

Karen Thompson-Smith from Matakana Coast Tourism provided an update on changes to the way we are promoting tourism in the region including partnering more closely with Matakana Information Centre and working with corporate sponsorship to provide funding for a part time resource role that Karen has filled. The Chair and Treasurer's reports were followed by the election of officers with Richard Scott accepting the role of Chair, Stone Meharry as Deputy Chair and Michael Chillingworth joined the committee. Great to see some younger members stepping up to lead the way forward for the next year. Thanks to Alan Macdonald for his role as Chair for the last couple of years and to Penny Garrick who stepped down from the committee. The remaining committee members are Jan Scott (Secretary) with help from Petrina Brenchley, Deen Hall (Treasurer), Judee Hall, Helen Alexander, Peter Scott, Alan Macdonald, Heather Johnson-Lee.

We all look forward to a great summer after a challenging year. Please support our local businesses and recommend them to family and friends.

In our area we have 3 camping accommodation options - Pakiri Holiday Park and Whangateau Holiday Park with tent sites, motorhome sites, cabins and motels and Leigh Central with motorhomes sites, cabins and motels. The Leigh area also has apartments, B&Bs and other accommodation. Places to eat and activities provide options for everyone. In the next Leigh Rag we will profile what activities we offer in the Leigh area or in the meantime, visit our website www.leighbythesea.co.nz to find out more.

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The outside public toilets will remain open during this refurbishment. Note a change of date for the proposed Christmas Craft Market - now to be held on Sunday 6th December. Any interested businesses wanting to sell their goods or set up a display, please contact us to register your interest. This will also be open to community groups and local people who may wish to sell their produce, home-made craft or food items etc. There will be a cafe open, run by the hall committee to raise funds for assets and improvements for the hall. All enquiries to Lynn ph 0272868625 or email leighhallauckland@gmail.com.

The hall should be available again for use all of December, - contact us for bookings or enquiries. School holidays and Christmas will soon be here again, you may wish to utilise our lovely refreshed hall for family gatherings around this time.We're always open to offers. Enquiries to Lynn ph 0272868625 or email leighhallauckland@gmail.com.

Lynn Mellsopp

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Leigh Community Club

It takes a Community to build a track

Spring and a welcome break in Covid levels meant that the planned upgrade to weatherproof the portion of Leigh Coastal walkway between Cumberland Rd and Harbourview Rd could finally get underway. The Project was masterminded and led by our Club Vice President Steve Mantle.

First up was to secure supply of timber, gravel, posts and culvert pipes. Local suppliers ITM Matakana were very generous with great pricing for timber, boardwalk planks and hardware; Staun Popham and Ashley supplied posts for the walkway, Hynds supplied culvert piping; many thanks Bruce Peden. Downers supplied all the gravel for the walkway.

Next step build the wooden walkway over the natural water course: Frick Atkins drove the posts with his tractor mounted post driver, Steve Mantle, Deen Hall, Ross Garrick and David Shapleski cut and drilled and installed the planks for the wooden walkway with extra help by Errol Allbon.

Todd Rochford supplied his digger to cut out the track, Steve Paddison carted and stored the metal and loaded and delivered it to site when needed and provided use of plate compactor.

Finally, the metal was barrowed, raked and compacted by: Pete Hardie, Jenny Nichols, Errol Allbon, Dave Shapleski, Deen Hall, Ross Garrick, lan Johnson-Lee, and Steve Mantle. Juliette Mantle supplied refreshments.



Many thanks to all the suppliers and volunteers. The community feedback and support has been fantastic and already the track is being well used with recent rains. There is still a final layer of stabilizing grid and gravel to be laid to fully complete the walkway which will be done once the gravel has settled. Pest Free Launch update:

This column has been written prior to the weekend and

planning is complete for the Pest Free Launch on Saturday the 17th October 2.00pm at the Leigh Hall. It promises to be another great Leigh community event. Details are covered in the Pest Free Leigh section of the Leigh Rag

Leigh School

Leigh School

The end of Term 3 was all about celebrating Maori language week. The children created kowhaiwhai art, played kemu and hakinakina (games and sports) along with learning lots of new te reo words and phrases. Thank you to local artist Arapeta Ashton for teaching the tamariki how to make Kākahu (Maori Cloak) which the school will gift to Ngati Manuhuri. To conclude a week of Te Wiki o Te reo Maori, the school enjoyed a delicious hangi. Paki paki to Lili, Melissa, Matt, Theresa, Issac, Arapeta for their time and support in making it all happen. Thank you to the Leigh School PTA for funding the hangi.

Last term of 2020! Fingers crossed we get a full 10 weeks of school in as the children would not want to miss out on all the good things planned, including inter school athletics, camp and of course swimming in the pool!

Noho ora mai,

Kate

Our GOOD SORT this month is Paul Smith



nominated by Pest Free Leigh who wrote 'Paul kindly offered to help assemble the 200 rat boxes needed for the Pest Free Leigh launch and helped with the purchase of all material. He then came along over three weekends to help our team cut and assemble the boxes and deliver them to the Leigh Hall for Pest Free Leigh day. Such an awesome contribution to this Community group Paul. The Leigh Community Church have baking coming your way.



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Waste Free Leigh

The Leigh Waste Minimisation sewing group meets Thursdays and Mondays

9.30 am to 11.30 am.

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Leigh Ladies - Real Winners!

The Warkworth Golf Club held its annual Spring Pairs Tournament on Monday 5 October. There was a full field of 46 pairs, with representatives from clubs from Dargaville, Mangawhai, Omaha and many clubs within the Auckland region. The weather was calm and clear and the playing conditions excellent.

Leigh local Helen Alexander and her playing partner Elva Travers won the day with a combined stableford score of 78. Well done Helen!

Other Leigh locals who featured in the prizes were Sue Cook and Ruth King – 15th with 71 points. They just pipped Judi Dooling and her sister Denise Craig who scored 70 points.



Pussy Power!

Now that's got your attention! Yes – we are looking for a bit of "pussy power" to give Leigh and surrounding areas a bit of a spring clean. These are two initiatives to make this happen:

PURRfection – **Pick Up Rubbish Regularly**. As you walk around, there is rubbish lying around. Cans, bottles, coffee cups and manner of discarded items litter our roadsides. Just take a minute pick it up and dispose of it responsibly. Leigh and Matheson Bay will be tidier in a flash!

PAWtential – as you enjoy walking around the coastal and other tracks, take a moment to **Pull A W**eed. Get down deep and dirty and where possible, take it out roots and all. Snuff out its future growing potential and little by little, our walkways will be ready for summer.

There are dedicated groups in Leigh who take responsibility for ensuring our walkways are in a good condition but let's not leave it just to the dedicated few. We can all take some time to make this the tidiest town on the coast.



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Letters to the editor

On October 24th at 11..00am there is to be an installation of a plaque in memory of the 3 missing sisters of the **Shakespear family**, whose graves are in the Leigh Cemetery. Judy Russell, the last surviving granddaughter (there was only the one) is coming from Dunedin, and the family of a great granddaughter (only 2 and the other is in USA) and others connected with Little Barrier island. Lyn Wade and Dick Veitch wrote the book on Hauturu (Little Barrier) where Robert senior was the first caretaker. The family lived there for 13 years. An article on them appeared in an earlier edition of Leigh Rag March 2019

Jenny Scott

This column is open for contributions published at the discretion of the editor.

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Regular events at the Leigh Hall

Monday 9.30 - 11.30pm Sewing with Waste Free Leigh (downstairs)

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

Tuesday 9.30 - 11am Yoga with Marion Chasteau

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

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

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What's Going on around here?

We include in this events that affect the community over the next couple of months. Note these may change due to Covid 19 levels If you have an event coming up, send an email to leighragnz@gmail.com and it can be included in this monthly notification

What Date	What is it	When	How much	Where
Oct 24 -26 Sat Sun Mon	Mahurangi Artists Trail	All weekend		Pamphlets available from Foundation
Oct 25 Sun	Open-Day and BBQ Leigh Tennis Club	2pm	BYO drinks	Tennis Courts Albert Street
Nov 11 Wed	Book Fair and Te Wiki Ako presentations/	3pm—5pm		Leigh School invitation to visit the classrooms.
Nov 18th Wed	Leigh Business Community Meeting	7pm		Contact Jan Scott 0212042999
Dec 4th Fri	Leigh Community Club Christmas Family beach party	4pm to 6 pm		Matheson Bay
Dec 5 th Sat	Smoke on the Coast (Low n slow cooked meat comp)	7.00 am for competitors		Whangateau Holiday Park
Dec 6th Sunday	Christmas Craft Fair and Tea and Treats	10 30 am to 2.30pm	\$10 entry includes tea	Leigh Hall



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David Attenborough's 10 ways to make a difference

It's up to every one of us to help preserve our planet for the future. Here are 10 simple but effective ways we can all do our bit, according to Sir David Attenborough.

RELEASE THE SPIDER

"Thank you to all those who catch and release spiders found in your home," says Attenborough. Even though it's easy to squash uninvited guests, spiders help maintain balance in the environment. Killing a spider means interrupting the natural food chain, and potentially more pests in your home as spiders love to feast on pests such as flies, moths. fleas and cockroaches.

TAKE A WALK IN THE WILD

"There is no wi-fi in the forest but I promise you will find a better connection," says Attenborough. "It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; and the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living."

SAY NO TO PLASTIC

"Globally we currently produce 20,000 plastic bottles per second. Over one million per minute or 60 million per hour," says Attenborough. He describes plastic as "vile" and "horrid" but says "there's a growing awareness of the kind of damage it can do."

STOP WASTE

"Stop waste of any kind," pleads Attenborough. "Stop wasting power, stop wasting food, stop wasting plastic. Don't waste, this is a precious world."

ON YOUR BIKE

"If I can bicycle, I bicycle," says Attenborough. His favourite passion as a teen was cycling across Northern England in search of fossils. He doesn't own a car and has never passed his driving test.

REDUCE MEAT CONSUMPTION

Attenborough is not a vegetarian but he limits his consumption of red meat and seafood for the health of the planet, saying, "Above all, we have to bear one thing in mind – every single mouthful of food and every breath of air we take is dependent on a healthy planet."

DO SOMETHING

"If my grandchildren were to look at me and say, 'You were aware species were disappearing and you did nothing, you said nothing', that I think is culpable," says Attenborough. While not an activist, Attenborough has certainly educated his viewers on the wonders of nature, and also made millions aware of problems from the extinction of species to plastic pollution.

WORK FROM HOME

Sir David hopes working from home becomes permanent after the coronavirus pandemic, which could mitigate climate change. "You can work very, very well from home, and there is no need to have to endure that terrible journey [to work] packed like sardines in tins going into the middle of the city." he says.

RECONSIDER TRAVEL

"Dealing with global warming doesn't mean we have all got to suddenly stop breathing," says Attenborough. "Dealing with global warming means that we have to stop waste, and if you travel for no reason whatsoever, that is a waste."

PLANT A TREE

"Trees provide a home, shelter and food for wildlife, they also benefit us all because they have the ability to capture carbon better than any current man-made technology and of course they produce oxygen!" says Attenborough, "Planting a tree is one of the most positive actions we can all do."



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A reminder that overdue books incur a \$1 a week penalty and if the library is closed, you can return books through the after-hours slot to the left of the front door.

Leigh Library book club is open to Leigh library members and is back up and running and is on the last Tuesday of the month, 7pm in the library. We talk about a book we have read and have lively discussions (not always about books!) and is a fun way to meet other locals.

Tracey

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The stunning Kauri along the Kahuroa stream track have great protection now from two cleaning stations that have been installed at either end of the track by Auckland Council. A bit of beautification around them is needed, but I'm sure with a lick of black paint on the fences and some shrubs they will blend in. The Kauri in this stretch of bush are very special, especially the 'three sisters' growing together. Trapping in the area has resulted in two possums in two days this week which is great. All together around 20 have been caught in the area this year. I'm sure I'm hearing more variety of bird calls, but that could be my imagination.

With a return to level 2, then 1 (hurray!) there are more people up at their holiday houses and enjoying the bay. The water is still a balmy 14 deg so what are you waiting for! I'm sure the regular winter swimmers will enjoy a rise in temperature soon too.

The Pest Free Leigh launch to be held at the Leigh Hall at 2.00pm on Saturday 17th will be a great time to come and hear about the various groups working to rid the area of flora and fauna pests. The Forest Bridge Trust will also explain the wider picture of creating a 'green corridor 'and reclaiming the bush for native species between the Hauraki Gulf and Kaipara Harbour, of which P.F.L are a part of.

The Matheson Bay Association AGM is to be held on Sunday 25th October at 2.00pm at the Leigh Church Hall (next to the Library). This will be followed by tea & coffee and a catch up. New committee members are needed in coming months along with people to open the gate at the beach.

Louise van Campfort

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The push to make the township and surrounding areas pest-free moved forward with the distribution of rat traps at the launch last Saturday. Great to see so many people keen to help make this project a success and a better place for the native birds, lizards and invertebrates to thrive.

If anyone didn't manage to get to the launch, there are plenty more rat traps and boxes available. The wooden boxes for placing the traps in are to keep children and pets safe. Peanut butter is just one product that can be used for bait. Let us know via the Pest Free Leigh facebook group if you have tried other bait successfully. We also welcome photos of your catches or comments and photos of improvements you have noticed to the birdlife in our area.

To keep the project going we also need people to co-ordinate each street or area. If you would like to help please let us know. The main task will be visiting households to see if they want a free rat trap or if they already have one. As well as delivering the trap and and box you would need to show how to bait and set, unset to rebait and placement of trap. It could involve helping households set their trap but also collecting catch data.

While rats are the initial focus, we know that other introduced predators such as possums, stoats and weasels are also in the area. To deal with these the project plans to have a library of other larger traps that can specifically deal with those predators. Once this part of the project is set up the traps will be available "as needed."

I'm sure trapping has increased our bird numbers around Leigh already and once there is a rat trap in every back yard we will see even more improvement.

Thanks again to all who have helped and will be helping in the future. If you would like to volunteer, need a rat trap or have any queries please email pestfreeleigh@gmail.com



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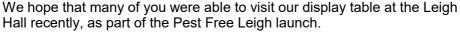
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The cameras continue to record penguin activity but have not recorded stoats, rats, weasels or possums indicating low numbers of these predators. Rats caught in traps at Ti Point have been chewed and cameras filmed at least one cat prowling around the area. We are not sure how this could affect the penguin population, but encourage owners to keep their cats inside at night.

The pest control programme that we have started along the coastline, will now benefit as neighbouring households add traps to their backyards. Just think how great it would be to have no rats, stoats, weasels or possums in our neighbourhood. It's not just beneficial to the wildlife but for us as well. Photo Caption: Todd Landers (Auckland Council scientist) with Jo and her wildlife detector dog Rua searching for penguin sites.

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WHANGATEAU HALL

Musical Events at Whangateau Hall

Whangateau has been full of life with music and workshops happening again, and more scheduled to come.

28 October 2020, Wednesday, Folk Club Night. First half floor singers. Guest: gypsy jazz quartet Club Manouche. \$15. Doors at 6:45, show starts at 7:00. Email to reserve a floor spot. (Note, this is not our usual club night, we will go back to the last Monday of the month in November!)

2 November 2020, Monday. Hoe down hosted by Barry and the Crumpets. Old timey fun and called dances. 7pm, \$20.

16 November 2020, Monday. The Downunder Dogs in concert. 7:30pm, \$10.

30 November 2020, Monday, Folk Club Night. First half floor singers. Guest: Diane Ponzio. \$10. Doors at 6:45, show starts at 7:00. <u>Email</u> to reserve a floor spot.

In addition, the monthly markets are back on. Vendors, swaps, barter, and good neighbourly conversation. Markets run 9am - 1pm on the 3rd Tuesday and last Sundays of the month.

Online tickets and more information available at www.whangateau.co.nz.

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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

Our club opening day will be on Sunday 25th October at 2 pm followed by a BBQ with BYO Drinks. If it's rained off please reserve the following Saturday 31st October at 2 pm. Come prepared to play some enjoyable social tennis and stay on for further conviviality with players and social spectators.

The courts are looking great after the working bee over the weekend. A big thanks to everyone who turned up to help. We've purchased some 2m high windbreak netting (at cost thanks to Brendon Hart of Lee and Hart Pharmacy) that we'll put up once we've braced the poles around the outside of the courts. If you can help with welding please let us know.

We usually play doubles with those who turn up, only a few games at a time, so no one waits too long on the side-line and it is always fun! We encourage all members to join our Club days (every levels welcome) which we are changing this year to:

Thursday from 5.30 pm

Saturdays from 3 pm and on

Thursday 9.30-11 am (contact Liz Jones for Thursdays on 021 0721 101)

We moved the weekend club day to Saturday afternoon hoping that we will get more of our bach owners to join us.

For membership enquiries, contact **Treasurer: Richard Gerard 027 291162**. Looking forward to seeing you all on the courts.

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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 <u>LeighbytheseaNZ@gmail..com</u> or <u>www.leighbythesea.co.nz</u>

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

Pest Free Leigh pestfreeleigh@gmail.com

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) - <u>www.tossi.org.nz</u> 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 <u>sharyncarew@vodafone.co.nz</u> 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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