

LEIGH RAG

March 2021

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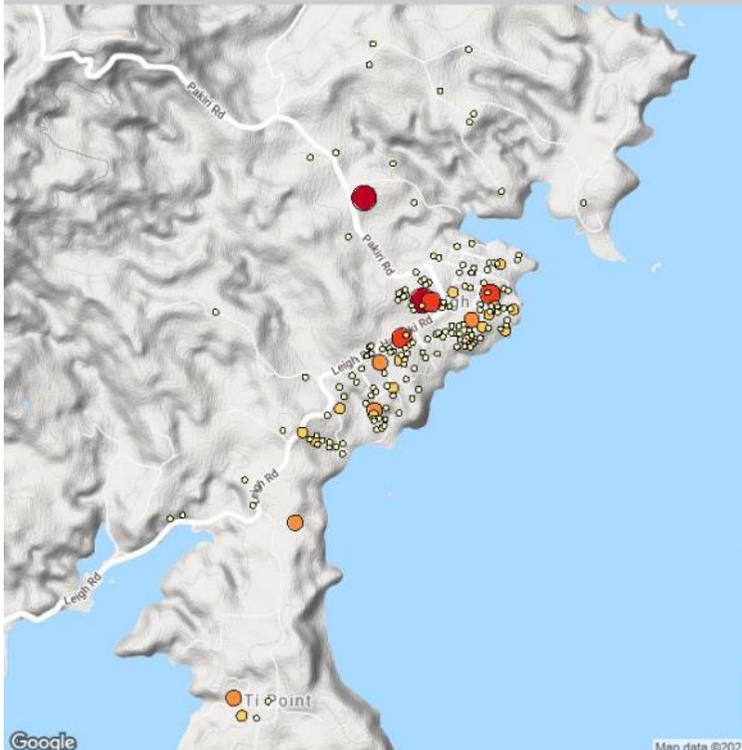
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PFL Rats Caught
1st November 2020–31st January 2021



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PEST FREE LEIGH

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In just three months, Pest Free Leigh has distributed traps to almost 200 properties in Leigh, Matheson Bay and Ti Point. By the end of January, these traps had already accounted for 78 rats and other pests; making the region a safer place for native birds.

A gentle reminder that the **results for the month of February are now due**. We are receiving reports from almost 60% of the traps distributed – please report your results each month even if that result is ‘no catch’.

There appears to have been an increase in rat activity and rat catches over the past couple of weeks. Now is the time to make sure you check your traps at least once a week and top up those baits! You can also vary the bait you use: as well as the old faithful peanut butter and cheese, we have had reports of catches on banana, pet food, mayonnaise, nuts and ‘leftovers’.

We have more traps in store so if you are not yet part of Pest Free Leigh and would like a free trap, please get in touch at pestfreeleigh@gmail.com.

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Congratulations to Juliet Mantle, Brook Sanderson and Biscuit McLean
The March draw will be held at the Leigh Bowling Club on
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The sewing group are up and running again Monday and Thursday mornings downstairs. The hall is available for hire at reasonable rates. E.g. a family lunch get together or kids birthday party is \$50 for 4 hours. Its much easier to clean up than at home and there is tons of space for kids to run around on a wet day. *We have plenty of tables and chairs and a great kitchen. Are you thinking of starting a new activity at the hall but not sure if it you will get enough interest? Talk to us about "try-it" hall hire fees.* Leighhallauckland@gmail.com or ph Lynn on 0272868625 / 094226797

Watch Facebook and local noticeboards - we need a bit of help with a working bee. Date to be advised.

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THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CLUB

The Leigh Community Club held its AGM on Sunday 14th March 2021.

This is a summary of the Presidents Report for 2020 activities:

The first Club community event for the 2020 occurred in January when Helen Parkes organised a Families in Parks Event at Leigh school playing fields in conjunction with the Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust, for all families.

Then COVID 19 struck, and Lockdown was upon us.

For LCC the advent of Covid 19 Lockdown meant that our initial focus was ensuring that members were informed of how to get access to essential supplies and wrapping support systems around members who did not have access to technology or were not able to drive.

All normal club activities were put on hold with no public meetings or committee meetings allowed. Anzac Day was cancelled as were all public events. The Committee focused on getting information out through emails, the Leigh Community Group Facebook page and through the Leigh Rag. Even the Leigh Rag had to go online because we could not print or distribute paper copies.

From a fundraising view with no public meetings the old meat raffle was out.

The Committee decided to launch 100 tickets at \$100 each with monthly draws.

This was well supported by Club Members, many local residents and weekenders and was fully subscribed

Planning got underway for the walkway upgrade between Harbour View and Cumberland to make it an all-weather track. And applications for Council, doc and community grants focused on pest and predator eradication in the area.

A small team was set, up ably led by Liz Jones and the club was successful with grants from ACC and Doc for a Rat eradication project. With support of the local trapping groups already established in the area we launched a new group called Pest Free Leigh headed up by local Chris Floyd

A rat box build team was established and supervised by Ross Garrick, and with generous access to Tracey and Kevin Lawton's building premises, almost 400 rat boxes were built.

The official launch for Pest Free Leigh occurred at a very well attended meeting at Leigh Hall as soon as Covid restrictions were lifted and now over 200 rat traps have been deployed in the Leigh and Matheson Bay residential area.

With a break in Covid levels, the Track's team, under Steve Mantle with lots of support from local construction and landscape businesses, completed the building of the all-weather track. It just needs one more layer of matting and scoria. This track is already being extremely well used.

Waste Free Leigh co-ordinated by Helen Parkes made reusable face masks for the local community during lockdown. Assorted bags, aprons, beach wraps, tablecloths and some knitted items were made for the mid-winter swim stall, the Xmas craft stall and the Pop up shop at the end of the year.

The year wound up with the annual Xmas Beach party for the local kids and families where once again the Leigh Business Club members donated time and supplies for a sausage sizzle.

These activities could not have been achieved without the great work of the Committee and the mini army of volunteers that helped on all the projects.

MATHESON BAY NEWS

With two more lockdowns there have been more people escaping Auckland and heading north to beaches. The beach reserve was locked by council and freedom campers were asked to leave. Most were compliant, though not all were happy to go. It has been quite nice having the beach less crowded.

Last February Joe and I started trapping in the upper end of the Kohuroa reserve and caught a total of 4 rats, 12 possums and 2 hedgehogs during the year. The rats are now getting more of a hammering with all the Pest Free Leigh trap boxes out around many of the streets in Matheson Bay. Check out the Leigh By The Sea website and you can see the map where traps have been set and the catches. We could do with more street co-ordinators so that traps can be given out along Matheson Bay Rd. and Leigh Rd and data collected. Nearly all the 200 trap boxes that Pest Free Leigh had made have been given out and more are being built. This is a great project to be part of to help with the conservation of the flora and fauna in our lovely area. I don't know whether the trapping has anything to do with it, but there seems to be more Kereru and birds around. We had a little rifleman hit a window the other day. Luckily it was not flying fast and was uninjured, making it back into the bush.

We watched with interest the recycling rubbish truck trying to turn at the end of Spray Crescent. A boat trailer has been parked on the side of the road which left the truck little room to manoeuvre. I don't think these large trucks have been designed for our rural roads.

Louise van Campfort



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LEIGH BOWLING CLUB

Congratulations go out to the Leigh Bowling club's first year players, Ian Bradnam, George Brooks & Steve Mantell, who travelled North to Whangarei to play in the Northland Centre 1st Year championships.

Some great bowls were played by first year club members from across Northland vying to become Northlands first Year bowling Champion for 2020 – 2021 season.

After a full day of knock out bowls, George Brooks, from Leigh Bowls became the 2020 -2021 season Northland Champion 1st Year bowler.

Winning a Centre title doesn't come easy, as its been around 18 years since the Leigh Bowling club has been able to have success in winning a Centre title.

So congratulations again to George Brooks for putting Leigh Bowling club back on the map within Northland.

Over the next couple of months, the following Leigh players who have won the respective club titles will head North to see if they can add some more centre titles to our clubrooms and we wish them well.

Singles: Glen Walker

Pairs: Stu MacDonald & Mike Barretta

Triples: Stu MacDonald, Lance Michel, Gary Robertson.

Fours: Kerry Hyde, Glen Walker, John Brooks, Gary Robertson.

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Kind regards

Biscuit

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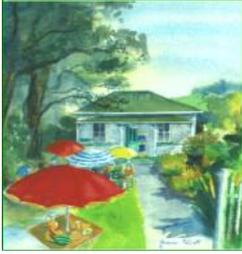
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We have lots of new books for you : thrillers by Linwood Barclay and Greg Hurwitz; Joanna Nell's The Great Escape From Woodlands Nursing Home was recently reviewed on RNZ; NZ author Stephanie Johnson's new novel 'Everything Changes' which is mostly set in the old Brynderwyn café; Tom Scott's Searching For Charlie Upham is a fantastic read, as is the memoir All The Young Men by Ruth Coker Burks. And more ...

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Mar 21 Sun	Working Bee Weed clearing Leigh Harbour Valley Society	9.00—12 noon		Leigh Harbour Foreshore
Mar 21	Families in Parks	10.00 am		Leigh School Field
Mar 25 Thur	Operatunity 20th Anniversary Show	11.00 am	\$37 Adult	Warkworth Town Hall
Apr 2 Fri	Good Friday Public Holiday			
Apr 4 Mon	Easter Monday			
April 16 Fri	End of School term			
Apr 25 Sun	ANZAC Day Service	11.00 am		Leigh Cemetery
Apr 25	Riparian Restoration Leigh Harbour Valley Society	9.00 - 12 Lunch provided		Private Land Contact society

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Community Directory

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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
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

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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; www.facebook.com/groups/pestfreeleigh

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

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Leigh Historical Photographs NZ - www.facebook.com/groups/739949979454558

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What's on at the Leigh hall:

Regular bookings:

- Mondays:** Waste Free Leigh Sewing 9.30 - 11.30am
Tuesdays: Yoga with Marion 9.30 - 11.00am
Nia class with Amara 5.30 - 6.30pm
Wednesdays: Yoga with Kaye 6-7pm
Thursdays: Spinning Sun dancing 9.15 - 10.15am
Waste Free Leigh Sewing 9.30 - 11.30am
Friday: Nia class with Amara 9.30 - 10.30am
Nia class with Amara 11.00 - 12noon
Saturday: Yoga with Kaye 9.00 - 10.00am

Letters to the editor

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

Please send to leighragnz@gmail.com .

If you have an event to promote or something pertinent to the Pakiri, Leigh or Whangateau communities please let me know.

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.

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GOOD SORTS

Our GOOD SORT this month is **Kevin Lawton**, a very generous volunteer in our Leigh Community. Ross from Pest Free Leigh has nominated **Kevin** following the completion of 400 rat trap boxes. He wrote " **Kevin** allowed the team to build all the traps in his new facility, use his power and all the power tools required to do the job. He also helped with the build process on a number of occasions. Building of the two batches of rat trap boxes for the Pest Free Leigh Project would have been a much more difficult job without the kind & generous help from **Kevin & Tracey**." Thanks Team Lawton, the *Leigh Community Church* have home-baking coming your way.

WHANGATEAU HALL

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To help our local penguins our group has set up traplines to reduce their predators. We are lucky that so many volunteers have offered to regularly check the traps and rebait them and many thanks to them for their help.

We started with funding from the Leigh Community Club to purchase some rat traps for the Leigh Coast. Later the Rodney Local

Board added traps alongside the Ti Point Walkway for us to monitor. Funding through the Department of Conservation's Community Fund has enabled us to take this further. We now have over 180 traps along the Ti Point, Leigh and Goat Island coastlines and more than 20 volunteers who give up their time to check the traps.

So far over 600 predators have been caught. Although mostly rats, there have also been some stoats, weasels, possums and mice. The results of catches are recorded on the Catch IT website.

Little blue penguins are mostly out at sea now, feeding over the next few months. It's great that when they come ashore this year, they will have a lot less predators to compete with.

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We are currently fundraising so we can employ a contractor/abseiler to remove the smaller wilding pines along the coastal walkway.

If you can assist at any of our working bees or would like to be rostered to help with our trapping efforts, please contact Kathryn Erikson by texting her on 0211566190 or emailing kathrynerikson@outlook.com. Alternatively, if you are unable to assist in person but would like to make a financial contribution towards our restoration efforts and/or read about the society's achievements to date, please go to our website for details

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Leigh Volunteer Fire Brigade

February was another busy month for the Brigade with 16 callouts and yet another Covid disruption. The callouts (none Covid-related) were smoke showing at Cape Rodney, fire on beach at Ti Point, child locked in vehicle at Pakiri, assist ambulance with patient lift at Leigh and a false alarm at Leigh. The other calls were medicals to Leigh (6), Whangateau, Goat Island, Cape Rodney and Matheson Bay (2). The Westpac Rescue helicopter attended two of these callouts and evacuated the patients.

Our biggest disappointment was having to postpone the fire brigade open day due to the uncertainty around Covid levels. We will notify the new date once it is decided. Our new CPR training mannequin and indestructible training mannequin will be demonstrated on the day and a specialist kitchen fire demonstration unit will be on site. Look forward to seeing everyone at this event.

Thanks go to Helen Parkes and her incredible sewing team for protective bags for our specialist fire helmets.

In spite of Covid now being back to level 1, our team may still arrive to an emergency in protective clothing. This is a precaution that follows Fire and Emergency protocols.

The brigade is fairly strong at the moment but there's always room for new recruits. If you think you'd like to see what we do and whether you could be part of the team, come down to the fire station at 7pm on Tuesday night.

Tony Enderby
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Leigh Library 150th Anniversary

Established 27 May 1871 and still going strong in May 2021

Saturday 22 May at 11am

A date & time to put in your calendar

The Leigh Library subcommittee of Wendy Brown, Jenny Stewart and Sheryl Corbett have spent months researching and planning for the event and now it is fast approaching.

It may seem a little early, but we're drawing your attention to this celebration which we believe is of historical importance to our local area and should be recognised appropriately.

In 1871, Charles Septimus Clarke, a settler, held a public meeting at his house, to gain support to form a library. This was successful and a committee for the Omaha Library was formed and the first committee elected that night.

Since then, the library has been open continuously for 150 years. No mean feat through various wars, depressions, Spanish Flu, Global Financial Crises, Covid 19 Pandemic to name a few!.

Note: For newer residents, the area including Whangateau, Lew's Bay, Tramcar Bay, Matheson Bay, Leigh and Pakiri was named Omaha - Big and Little. The present Omaha was a stretch of white sand covered with shrubs and small trees.

The descendants of these founding fathers are still notable families in our area and the wider Rodney area and we would really like you to note the date and spread the word to all your aunts, uncles, 1st, 2nd & 3rd cousins to come along, take part and learn further of your forebears and their connection to the library.

Founding Fathers of 1871: Charles Clarke, William, James + Joseph Greenwood, Angus & Alex Matheson, John Wyatt, John Witten, Middlewood Kirkbride, James Anderson, Capt Picken, Joseph Battersby.

Immediate Descendants: Bradnam, Dunning, Torkington, Meiklejohn, Cruickshank, Anderson, Birdsall, Ashton, Gravatt, Whitaker.

Please contact Wendy Brown 09 422 6202 for further information or if you have any relevant library history we can use.

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Leigh School



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Sunday 28 March at 1pm, entries close at 12.30pm

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If you are keen to join us but lack confidence/stamina or would like to transition from pool laps, come along to our **'Intro to Ocean Swimming'** sessions most **Fridays, 9am at Matheson Bay**. We'll start in the shallows parallel to the beach, then strike out for the pontoon. and maybe even beyond. If breathing is a bother, bring a snorkel and mask.

Or join our latest get-together on **Tuesdays, 9am at Matheson Bay**. We swim triangular loops around the bay, each measuring 750m.

If you'd prefer something a little more adventurous, we organise longer safaris at Goat Island, Cape Rodney, Ti Point, Whangateau, Pt Wells, Omaha and many other salty places.

To find out more about upcoming swims, events, tips, videos, books and swimcations, join our social media platforms or WhatsApp, and/or receive newsletters via email: Facebook:

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