

# LEIGH RAG

**April 2021**

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**Leigh Community Club**  
**"LEST WE FORGET"**  
**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**  
**MEMORIAL WALL LEIGH CEMETERY**



**11am Sunday 25th April 2021**  
**Dame Trelise Cooper officiating**

**The March from Kowhai Street Assembles at 10.45 am**

Anzac Service attendees are invited to the Bowling Club after the Service for refreshments, please bring a plate towards a shared lunch



## PEST FREE LEIGH

[pestfreeleigh@gmail.com](mailto:pestfreeleigh@gmail.com)

The Pest Free Leigh team have been working hard to get rat traps into backyards across the Leigh, Matheson Bay and Ti-point community. A huge **thank you** to the 200 residents who have taken on the challenge of looking after a trap. Our collective efforts have resulted in the removal of 75 rats over the months of November to February. Although the numbers are still coming in, the tally for March looks to be higher still. A friendly reminder that **trapping results for March are now due**.

With the change in season rats, and other pests may be looking for dry places to shelter or an easy feed. It's a good time to check that your trap is baited and set. We still have traps in store for those that would like to join the Pest Free Leigh team. You can contact us at [pestfreeleigh@gmail.com](mailto:pestfreeleigh@gmail.com).

The next challenge for the team is to extend our network to target other pest species, including weasels, stoats and possums.

### LEIGH HALL AGM

AGM Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the hall, 10.30am followed by a morning tea.

Advance nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer and committee members can be made to [leighhallauckland@gmail.com](mailto:leighhallauckland@gmail.com) Yes, we would love to have a couple more people on committee, but promise not to put pressure on anyone enquiring. Hope to see you there.

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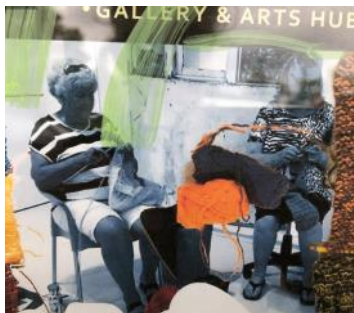
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If 50 knitters knitted 2 meters each we would be there in no time!!!  
The scarf is an artwork that speaks of community, solidarity and



warmth and we need more keen knitters, beginner's welcome. Wool and needles available from the gallery. We need stall holders as well \$30 a stall. Proceeds go to KIDSCAN.

Lets make this a great community arts event and one the kids will FONDLEIGH remember.

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### RESULTS OF THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CLUB 100 RAFFLE March Draw

1st Prize \$300 #59

2nd Prize \$150 #77

3rd Prize \$50 #31

Congratulations to Jackie Atkins,  
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The April Draw will be held on Sun-  
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## THE COMMUNITY CLUB

Leigh Community Club AGM held at the Leigh Hall in March was well attended and saw the election of 2 new members Peter Spence and Jo Brooks. Liz Jones stood down as Treasurer and the role has been taken up by existing committee member David Shapleski.

We would like to thank and acknowledge Liz Jones for the excellent work as Treasurer and also the many extra volunteer hours she put into the Club. The new committee is.

Guy Parkes President, Steve Mantle Vice President, Judi Dooling Vice President & Secretary, David Shapleski Treasurer.

Committee Members; Helen Parkes, Ross Garrick, Lucy Harris, Deen Hall, Peter Spence, Jo Brooks.

The next Club event is the Leigh Anzac Day Service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> at Leigh Cemetery 10.45 am for Parade fall in, 11.00am for start of Service. We are very pleased to have Dame Trelise Cooper officiating.

Anzac Service attendees are invited to the Bowling Club after the Service for refreshments, please bring a plate towards a shared finger food lunch.

Our Next 100 Club raffle tickets will go on sale at the Bowling Club on Anzac Day for the monthly draws starting in July.

In March the Club organised a very successful "Families in Parks" event facilitated by Kaipatiki Communities Facilities Trust. The event targeted families with young children. Held on the school fields the Kaipatiki Trust provided play equipment and large outdoor construction blocks and provided the staff to setup and run the event  
Contact: leighcommunityclub@gmail.com.



# MATHESON BAY NEWS

Easter weekend was surprisingly quiet, but the few freedom campers (including a tent) in the reserve were woken up by the enthusiastic band of 'weeder's' and mulchers who descended there to finish clearing grass and weeds from the plantings. A great job done rounding off the work commenced last year. Morning tea was enjoyed by all on completion.

The area is looking great and the plants are thriving. More planting will be done later in the year. The water is still fairly warm and with the heavy rain this month the stream has had a bit of a clean out. I'm always surprised at the number of people who choose to swim the day after the stream breaks through as I doubt that the water is particularly clean after farm run off or old leaky septic tanks has built up.

There have been sightings of Myrtle Rust on Manuka in Auckland by the scientists researching the disease. This disease appeared several years ago and affects pohutakawa. If you think you have seen it, don't touch the plant, but take a photo and report it to [info@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:info@mpi.govt.nz). It would be tragic for it to get a hold in our area with all our lovely native trees. If you are unsure what it looks like go to [www.myrtlerust.org.nz](http://www.myrtlerust.org.nz)

With Glen Dalton (Chairman), and Peter Spence (Secretary ) standing down at the AGM in June, MBA are looking for new blood to take over. There is also one vacancy on the committee. None of these positions are too onerous as it's not like we're running Shell Oil or such. A big thank you to those stepping down and for all their input over the past few years

Trapping is continuing at a great rate with many rats caught last month. It's as if they have come out of hiding since the holiday crowd have left. If you need a trap contact me on 4226844 or email [pestfreeleigh@gmail.com](mailto:pestfreeleigh@gmail.com)

*Louise van Campfort*



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# WHANGATEAU HALL

## Music and Events at Whangateau Hall

This month at Whangateau, Creative Matakana is back with their annual workshops from the 3rd of May through the 7th. See <https://www.creativematakana.nz/> for full information and booking information.

At time of press, we have not yet scheduled our mid-month concert, but are hoping to bring back Looking for Alaska after they had to cancel their March club night spot due to illness. Keep an eye on the website and facebook page for dates for that!



May club night is Monday the 31st. Our guest this month is local talent John Green, better known as front man for the band The Screamin' Larkins. This will be his first foray onto the Whangateau Folk Club stage and I'm sure it will be an interesting show. Put that on the calendar!

As always, information about booking the hall, and upcoming events can be found at

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*Jenine Abarbanel*



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# Leigh School

## Skate Competition

It was thought it wouldn't go ahead while watching the rain pour from the dreary sky last Saturday, but true to Leigh's unique weather habits, the sun shone in all its glory on Sunday morning. The Skate Competition was ON!

On Sunday 11th April the Leigh skatepark hummed with novices and pros of all ages, eager to show off their skills to the community.

And what a turn out it was!

An initiative first created by eager skaters of Leigh School; Calla Shears & Tommy Birch along with former students Poppy Shears and Joe Haggitt, the Skate Competition was designed to inspire young riders and bring much needed attention to the state of Leigh's Skate Park. Donations were in support of the ramp repairs, kindly done by John Stewart, Helen Williams and Nick Shears leading up to the event, and spot prizes kindly donated from Leigh Eats, Merchants of Leigh, Honey by the Sea and Summer Sessions, there was something for everyone!

The day began divided into age groups, each rider getting 2 x 1 minute rides to show off their skills. Tim Haggitt was the man behind the blow horn making sure everyone knew where to be and a special thanks has to go to our judges, Pat and Asher who awarded the riders on Raddest Move, Most Epic Wipeout, Crowd Favorite and Best Overall. There were smiles galore with even a 2 year old spotted, showing off their moves!

Certainly a hive of activity that I am sure will be a hit in the years to come! Listen out for any competitions in the future, or for your chance to make a difference and improve our local Skate Park

*Georgie Brebner*



## What's Going on around here?

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

<i>What Date</i>	<i>What is it</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>How much</i>	<i>Where</i>
Apr 25 Sun	ANZAC Day Service	11.00 am		Leigh Cemetery
May 2 Sun	Leigh Harbour Valley Society Repararian Restoration	9.00 - 12 Lunch provided		Private Land Contact society
May 2 Sun	Leigh Hall Working Bee	10.00—1.00pm		Leigh Hall
May 3 Mon	Term 2 Begins			Leigh School
May 6 Thur	AGM Leigh Hall	10.00 am		Leigh hall
May 22 Sat	Library 150 yr Anniversary	TBA		Library then Refreshments at hall

### Helpful Contacts

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We notice complaints on local social media about local issues, that can be dealt with by going direct to the **Auckland City Council** who have a range of ways for you to report a problem They cover Maintenance of public facilities or spaces, Transport parking and roads, Environment and Marine pollution, Illegal rubbish dumping, Graffiti, noise pollution, wandering dogs and marine vessel incidents. These can all be reported online at <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/report-problem/Pages/report-a-problem.aspx> or you can phone 09 301 0101 Hotline 24 hours, 7 days

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**For other COVID-19-related queries,** email [covid-19response@health.govt.nz](mailto:covid-19response@health.govt.nz)



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## 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

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month - Jan Scott 422 6681  
[LeighbytheseaNZ@gmail.com](mailto:LeighbytheseaNZ@gmail.com) or [www.leighbythesea.co.nz](http://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](mailto:leighcommunityclub@gmail.com) President Guy Parkes 021352588

**Leigh Community Preschool** - 422 6516 [www.leighpreschool.co.nz](http://www.leighpreschool.co.nz)

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**Leigh Hall** - Bookings / enquiries phone Lynn Mellsopp 027 2868 625 or email [leighhallauckland@gmail.com](mailto:leighhallauckland@gmail.com)

**Leigh Harbour Valley Society** - 422 6880 [www.leighharbourvalleysociety.org.nz](http://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](mailto:leighpenguins@gmail.com)

**Leigh School** - 422 6031 [www.leigh.school.nz](http://www.leigh.school.nz)

**Leigh Tennis Club** – [leightennisinc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mathesonbayassn@gmail.com)

**Pakiri Community Landcare Group** - Frankie 021 688 997 or [nick@nickmolloy.co.nz](mailto:nick@nickmolloy.co.nz)

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**Pest Free Leigh** [pestfreeleigh@gmail.com](mailto:pestfreeleigh@gmail.com); [www.facebook.com/groups/pestfreeleigh](https://www.facebook.com/groups/pestfreeleigh)

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

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**Whangateau Acoustic Music & Social Club** - [www.whangateau.co.nz](http://www.whangateau.co.nz)

**Whangateau Neighbourhood Support** – Sharyn Carew [sharyncarew@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:sharyncarew@vodafone.co.nz)

**Whangateau Residents & Ratepayers Assn** - meets 7.30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at Whangateau Hall. Audrey Sharp 422 6209 or Hugh McKergow 422 6219

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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](mailto: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](mailto:LeighRagNZ@gmail.com).

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# LEIGH BOWLING CLUB



The season of bowls is almost completed with the Friday Night Rollups and now the Business House bowls completing their season. We only have the one main season sponsored tournament to complete weather permitting?

The Oaks on Neville & Bridge House sponsored Business house bowls at the Leigh Bowling club had its final day & prize giving last Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> April).

Due to Covid19 restrictions and being rained off twice during the season we finished the round robin, 5 games short, so a shortened version of the bowls was played amongst the teams on Sunday, to ensure that all the top finishing teams had played each other at least once. Again, some close games and the odd upset result completed the competition with a prize giving following.

Taking out this year's competition were Leigh Bar who were only beaten once, closely followed by Leigh Motors in second & Old Spice in third spot.

In the lower section with reversed placings saw Kanematsu take out the top spot, Brady & Co in second, & Carrfield's 1 & Denton Builders 3<sup>rd</sup> equal

Wednesday night membership draw has been struck once in April so far, and missed once so has jackpotted to \$100 next week.

Look forward to catching you at the Bowling club soon.

Biscuit

President Leigh Bowling Club Inc.

## LEIGH BAR

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## LITTLE BLUE PENGUINS – KORORĀ

Little blue penguins, kororā, come ashore for a two to three week period, between December and March for moulting. Known as a 'catastrophic' moult, all their feathers are lost and replaced. Little blue penguins are especially vulnerable to predators during moulting, as they cannot swim or feed, and do not leave their burrow until the new more 'waterproof' feathers have grown in.

During April and May the kororā that reside along our coast should have completed their moult and be back at sea. Hopefully, they are finding plenty of food and fattening up, ready to come ashore again sometime between June and December for breeding.

The Leigh Penguin Group are working to protect this threatened bird. There are now around 70 penguin boxes secreted away in locations along the coast from Ti Point around to the Goat Island Marine Reserve. These artificial 'burrows' offer a relatively safe alternative for penguins seeking somewhere to rest, moult or nest. Using trail cameras, the group have also located a number of natural burrows along our coast, where penguins make their home. In addition to providing safe homes for penguins, the group are also working to reduce the number of predators. There are now more than 180 monitored traps along the coast. A team of more than 20 volunteers work to keep the traps baited and set. The kororā thank you!



A pair of little blue penguins investigate one of the artificial nest boxes, prior to the 2020 breeding season.



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## Leigh Hall

### Thank you:

After 4 years of being the Auckland Council Rodney Rural Hall Advisor, Jo Heaven has moved to another position within Council. This committee and the local community owe Jo a huge thank you for not only performing her role wonderfully by being our advocate in Council, but also guiding us through the sometimes convoluted pathways within Council, she always knew exactly who to contact to get the information / communication that was needed and got results. I believe that the whole community has benefitted from her special interest in our great facility. Thank you Jo, we are indebted to you – all the additional hours put in and phone calls willingly taken by you outside your work hours, nothing was too much bother for you. The new contact person who takes over this role has very big shoes to fill. We wish you well in your new role.

Another huge thank you goes to Bernard Dooling. who renovated the trophy cabinet – and it looks magnificent. The cabinet is now on the wall just inside the main entrance, and we hope to have some interesting items on display from time to time as well as dusting off the indoor bowling club trophies.

### Working bee:

Yes, that time of year where the weather is cooler, the tanks are fuller and the hall needs a bit of TLC to set it up for the Winter months ahead.

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10am to 1pm** (or whatever time you can spare). We need:

- Handymen/women with basic tools to hang curtain tracks and curtains and do minor fixup jobs. Scaffolding is available, - do you have a good head for heights?
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# Leigh Volunteer Fire Brigade

The busy start to the year has continued into March with the brigade responding to 14 turnouts overall. Those turnouts were false alarms (2) in Leigh and Point Wells, fire calls (2) in Leigh, rescues and vehicle related calls (3) in Matakana, Whangateau and Pakiri. The remaining calls (7) all medical related in Leigh. Over the month we also had the Westpac Rescue Helicopter in attendance twice to transfer patients to hospital.

After the disruptions of COVID-19 lockdowns during 2020 and also at the beginning of this year, the brigade has been busy getting stuck into training to keep crew skills up to date. There have been a number of training scenarios held in and around the Leigh area as well as filling up the station engine bay with smoke for search and rescue training. Also, medical training scenarios and theory sessions have been greatly enhanced with CPR training resources that were purchased towards the end of last year with the assistance of community funding which is greatly appreciated.

The brigade is currently in a good position with its membership, however, with our three recruits about to complete their training to become firefighters we'll be after more people to join the crew. If you think you've got what it takes and are keen to learn some great skills and be part of an awesome team, come to the station any Tuesday at 7pm and give it a go.

Paul Smith Brigade Co-Secretary



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Kia ora Notable among new books is local author Madeleine Eskedahl's crime novel 'Blood on Vines' (Matakana setting!); 'Klara and the Sun', Nobel Prize-winning Kazuo Ishiguro's eighth novel; 'Spellbound', the final book in Catherine Robertson's Gabriel's Bay trilogy, and Southland dairy farmer Tangaroa Walker's inspiring 'Farm for Life: Mahi, Mana and Life on the Land'.

The library is preparing to hold an event on Saturday 22 May to celebrate 150 years of continued operation since its establishment in May 1871, including unveiling an historic information board on library grounds, displays of library and early settlers' family history with light refreshments in the Hall. Keep an eye on local publicity for details or contact Sheryl Corbett 0226811785.

Just a reminder that we encourage all who come to the library to use the Covid Tracer app or manually sign in.                      Jenny Stewart (for Tracey)

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# Leigh Community Preschool



“He waka eke noa. We are all in this together.”

As we wrap up a busy first term, we wanted to share some of our focuses and updates. ‘Together time’ has been a focal point to help tamariki and kaiako foster relationships. We see the benefits of our tamariki learning alongside each other, with respectful interactions and a sense of togetherness. The ritual ‘together time’ has created excitement for our tamariki as they become a part of the process. They gather when they hear the gentle dong of the bell, a candle lit and welcome everyone with a song “Hello, how are you today?”.

We had our AGM in March where we welcomed Tanja Lohr and Sarah McRae to our committee. We also farewelled Maria Mugica as Chairperson, as her family are now moving on to Leigh School. We give many thanks and aroha to Maria and her family for the time they have given to ensure preschool is well looked after and cared for. Our new Chair person is Harriet Greer who will have Maria Lovegrove as support in the position. Congratulations Harriet we look forward to working with you.

We had a working bee where we undertook a massive clean-up of the gardens, refilled our sandpit, and installed office furniture. We also had two fundraisers this term with a beautiful flower and face painting stand at the inaugural Buzz festival and a pre-loved clothing sale. Thank you to our amazing committee for all the hard work organising these events, and thank you for all the donations, time and support from our preschool whanau and lovely Leigh community.

Leigh Community Preschool caters for children 6 months-6 years. Please contact us if you would like to have a visit for Term 2!

Arohanui, Leigh Community Preschool Committee



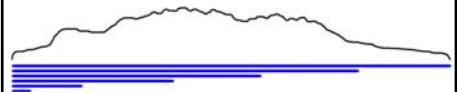
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