

LEIGH RAG

July 2021

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Newsletter for Leigh, Matheson Bay, Whangateau, Pakiri

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Leigh Lights Festival in conjunction with Mahurangi Lights Adopt a tree.

This year for Mahurangi lights festival, Leigh is doing an Adopt a Tree where people, families, and groups can adopt one of the Leigh School trees to decorate in solar Lights. This is taking place from Friday the 23rd of July to Sunday the 25th. Contact Tony Kelly on 0274 840 408 or Tonykelly50@gmail.com
The best Tree will win a \$100 Leigh Bar voucher.



On Friday the 23rd there will be Food trucks, as well as music and Oli's Light Show at the Leigh School car park and Netball court. Look forward to seeing you all.

We also encourage people to light up their businesses and houses as well..

**Lets light up Leigh for
this winter festival**



PEST FREE LEIGH

pestfreeleigh@gmail.com

Last month we reported a catch of 244 rats and 148 mice over six months. During May our total catch increased to 348 rats and 201 mice. Some people are finding that the bait is being taken yet no catches. This may indicate that mice are coming into the trap, but being lighter, can eat the bait without triggering it. One way to get over the bait issue is to change the bait being used. Nuts, seeds, animal fat and bananas have all resulted in catches. Also, the trap might just not be in a place where rodents pass through; try moving the trap along a fence-line or near a water source.

A huge thank you to the 55% of trappers that report their monthly catch. However, we would appreciate getting even more results, so we get a better picture of the presence of rodents in the Leigh area. Some streets have street coordinators who will contact you each month for your catch results. Others are reporting directly to pestfreeleigh@gmail.co.nz. Whichever way you report, please continue to provide your trapping results at the end of each month.

Some of you may have noticed that some of the wilding pines around the Leigh Harbour have been removed. This work has been carried out by a contractor engaged by the Leigh Harbour Valley Society. This is a significant improvement to this attractive walkway. Unfortunately, our application to the National Wilding Conifer programme, run by Ministry of Primary Industries to remove the larger wilding pines was not successful.

On a more positive note, we were successful with our application to Auckland Council for funding from the Community Coordination Fund. This will enable us to expand our pest control activities into the wider rural area. More on this in the months to come!

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A Big Thank You!

To match the Leigh Bowling Club's makeover of their club rooms, green and surrounds, a fabulous group of volunteers have helped with a big tidy up of the car park.

We have had pine log borders supplied by Keith Greenwood and installed by Ron and Lance; plants supplied courtesy of Liz, Juliet and Steve winning two Community Club raffles which covered costs; and Teresa, Liz, Penny, Juliet and Steve weeding and digging many holes and planting. This is still a work in progress but with Spring just around the corner it is already starting to look better.

Juliet Mantle

Parcel Delivery - Reminder

If you have bought something to be couriered to Leigh **Please check the Leigh General Store and Leigh Motors regularly** for your Items. Goods need to be picked up in a timely manner to avoid congestion in these businesses. *Editor.*

Covid Vaccinations are now well underway with many doctors surgeries now able to book people in for a vaccine.

Contact your GP for advice on when and where you can get vaccinated. Alternately use the website <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/how-to-get-a-covid-19-vaccination/booking-your-vaccination-appointments/> to book through the national system .or phone [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453)

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Pest Free Leigh

Street Coordinators' Evening Thursday 22 July at 7pm

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Pest Free Leigh is holding its first Street Coordinators evening to discuss our trapping progress and success. There are already 15 street coordinators working in the Leigh, Matheson Bay and Ti Point residential areas. We are looking for more!

If you would like to participate in this community initiative, please join us
Contact pestfreeleigh@gmail.co.nz to register your interest.

The Leigh Business Community's AGM is being held next month Weds 18th August. All members will be sent an invitation. Anyone new or interested in attending please contact Jan Scott on 094226681 or email leighbytheseanz@gmail.com

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Regular bookings:

Monday: Waste Free Leigh Sewing 9.30 - 11.30am

Tuesday: Yoga with Marion 9.30 - 11.00am

Nia class with Amara 5.30 - 6.30pm

Wednesday: Yoga with Kaye 6.00 - 7.00pm

Thursday: Spinning Sun dancing 9.15 - 10.15am

Tap dancing 10.30 - 11.00am

Waste Free Leigh Sewing 9.30 - 11.30am

Friday: Nia class with Amara 10.00 - 11.00am

Saturday: Yoga with Kaye 9.00 - 10.00am

Community Meeting

Sunday 25th July, 11.00am at the Leigh Hall.

Agenda - To discuss setting up a local community patrol group based in Leigh and supporting all areas from Birdsall Road through Leigh and to Pakiri.

Any person residing and/or with an interest within these areas is welcome to attend. This patrol group would suit all ages and abilities. Also attending will be a representative from CPNZ and the NZ local police.

The proposal, if there is enough support, is to affiliate this group with CPNZ, Community Patrols of New Zealand. Check them out cpnz.org.

This is a well established patrol organisation running throughout the country with over 5,000 volunteers within 170 local patrol groups. It is fully supported by the NZ Police and provides a huge amount of support to local community groups.

This proposed group would not only be doing patrols both day and night or whenever we think are needed, but would also add to the fantastic local groups already within these communities and offer support to our old, sick, struggling, lonely population, support the local fire brigade in emergency situations if needed, keep a safe eye on our children walking home from school and so much more.

It is not about vigilante justice and a quick fix to local problems, it is about a long term visible presence as a deterrent during weekends, school holidays, late at night and supporting our troubled community members and helping the police do their job by being their eyes and ears out and around the Cape Rodney area.

Of course it all depends on the support we get and at this meeting you will get the opportunity to learn more about how and what this group would do and you will have the opportunity to volunteer and support your fantastic community.

Kevin Lawton



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MATHESON BAY NEWS

A great turnout of people in the area saw 1,150 native plants bedded in on the recent planting day in the Matheson Bay reserve. These will make a real impact, as have the two previous plantings which are well established now. The weather was kind and morning tea was a great chance to hear from everyone about where they live and how long they have been in the area, which was everything from 18 months to over 50 years. Planting finished with a sausage sizzle. It was good to see the newer residents getting involved as many of the old guard will be hanging up their spades in the not too distant future. I know I for one had pretty had it when I got home and I was happy to chill out in the sun with a book for the rest of the day.

The southern carpark is looking much better with new bitumen and bollards. All that's left to be done is the road marking to stop cars parking in the turnaround area and encourage angle parking. Once the grass grows back after the recent storm, it will be a pleasant area again to enjoy.

The Matheson Bay Association AGM was well attended and a new committee was elected. A big thank you to all those who have served over the past few years as much has been accomplished.

The annual Matheson Bay Pot Luck Dinner is on Saturday 24th July at 6.00pm at the Leigh Hall. This is always a fun night and a great chance to catch up with the locals over a mulled wine. RSVP to our new Secretary Yvonne Keesing on mathesonbayass@gmail.com by Tuesday 20th July. Keep warm.

Louise van Campfort

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months. Club day is on Sunday from
3pm. All are welcome to join in and
have some fun on the court.

The Club Annual General Meeting is
set down for Sunday 22nd August at
3pm at Leigh Bowling Club. (See
separate notice in July Leigh Rag).
Ph 021 0721 101.

WHANGATEAU HALL

Music and Events at Whangateau Hall

Spring is coming, which means musical offerings will start picking up again at Whangateau Hall. Coming in August and September we have three great events:

Mon 30th August 2021. Folk Club night with Helen Dorothy and Plot. Helen's original material supported by Paul Symons and Lott Larson. Doors open at 6:45pm for a 7pm start. Floor singers first half, email to request a spot, or claim one at the door. \$10. No pre-booking required.

Fri 10th September 2021. Good Habits in concert. Award winning UK alternative-folk duo featuring cello and accordion. \$15. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. No pre-booking required.

Sun 26th September 2021. Folk Club night with We Mavericks. Original wild folk, entertaining stories and incredible energy. Doors open at 6:45pm for a 7pm start. Floor singers first half, email to request a spot, or claim one at the door. \$15. No pre-booking required

Jenine Abarbanel 021 428 568



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LEIGH WOMENS BOWLS CLUB goes into RECESS

We would like to advise the Community that at our recent AGM, the difficult decision was made to go into recess for one year.

Due to illness and low member numbers we are unable to operate at the present time.

BUT, should you be interested in joining Women's Bowls in Leigh then please make contact with either Ann Dewey or Bev Cassidy or leave a message at the Club Rooms.

We would love to have you join us. We are a fun and welcoming group.

We will reassess our situation at the next AGM on 21st June 2022.

Mid Winter Swim

This year at least 100 swimmers and a break in the weather came together to accommodate us all!

The school raised over \$700 dollars and Waste Free over \$150 so a tremendous effort from all.

Thank you to Leigh School, Waste Free and Leigh Pre-School for all their support.

Wonderful to see so many children participating this year as well as our oldest swimmer, Averill Lovegrove.

A hardy few continue to swim and Jenny Nicholls is completing a swim challenge for **"Kenzie's Gift,"** raising money for young Kiwis facing suffering through illness and grief.

Any support would be very welcome and the all year swimmers will be with her throughout!!



Leigh School

Leigh School is installing a Pump Track! This will replace the carpark, and will be available (outside of school hours) for the whole community. Professional pump track company VeloSolutions will be installing it. A pump track is 'a looped

sequence of swoopy banked turns', with an asphalt surface, making it suitable for bikes, skateboards and scooters. It can be used by anyone from pre-schoolers to adults and will be an exciting asset for the entire community. The cost is approx \$50-\$60k. We would love to talk to anyone that might be interested in providing some sponsorship. Please contact Melissa - 021522648.

What's Going on around here?

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>What is it</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>How much</i>	<i>Where</i>
July 23 Fri	Leigh Lights Festival Event			Leigh School Field
July 24 Sat	Matheson Bay Assn Mid Winter Dinner	Members TBA		Leigh Hall
July 25 Sun	Community meeting re Security Patrols	11.00 am		Leigh Hall
July 26 Mon	Term 3 Begins			
Aug 18 Wed	Leigh Business Community AGM			Invitations for members to be sent
Aug 18 Wed	MPs Visiting the women of Leigh	10.30am		Leigh Library
Aug 27 Fri	Daffodil Day Morning tea	10.00am	Donation	38 Barrier view Rd

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Reporting Community Problems and Safety issues.

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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COVID-19 vaccines

Group 4 will be in age bands and will start on 28 July

- The first age band is people aged 60 years and over — they will be able to book their vaccinations from 28 July.
- The next age band is people aged 55 and over — bookings for this age band will open 2 weeks later, on 11 August.

Depending on vaccine supply and progress with other age groups, invitations will open up to people over 45 years from mid to late August, mid to late September for people 35 plus, with everyone else being eligible from October.

Once it's your turn, you can be vaccinated at any time — there's no cut off. There are more than 2 million people in this group. We need to make sure everyone can have their turn, and we need to pace how we roll vaccinations out. Everyone in this group will have the opportunity to get vaccinated by the end of the year.

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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

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 Tue 2-6pm, Wed 2-4pm, Thur 11am -1pm Sat 9am -1pm. 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 - via committee on 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

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

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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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LEIGH BOWLING CLUB



The Men's Bowling Club recently held AGM resulted in the following election of Executive, Committee & Officers for the 2021 – 22 season:

President: Robert Biscuit McLean.

Senior Vice President: Matthieu Lennon.

Junior Vice President: Scott Wilson.

Secretary: Ian Bradnam. Treasurer: Robert McLean.

Greenkeeper: Lance Michell. Tournament Secretary: Lindsay Duncan.

Match Committee Chairman: Don Richfield.

House Manager: Karen Richfield. Health & Safety officer: John Brooks.

Committee members: Keith Brush, Arthur Gundy, John Brooks,

Gary Ward, Willie Sellars & Linwood Viliua.

Raffles: Kerry Hyde. Publicity Officer: Matthieu Lennon.

The committee look forward to catching you at the Bowling club soon.

The season again is looking promising with the Green in excellent order as we head towards opening day for the new season on Saturday the 4th September, all welcome.

After last years batch of new first year bowlers seeing the club get another Northland title from George Brooks success, it is again great to see another group starting up with 4 first year bowlers lining up to date.

Memberships are due now full playing member \$90.00, 1st & 2nd Year \$30.00, casual/social memberships \$25.00. The monthly membership draws on a Wednesday evening will recommence on 4th August.

Biscuit, President Leigh Bowling Club Inc.

LEIGH COMMUNITY CLUB

It's good to see the range of community based activities happening in the area to brighten our winter months. There were excellent turnouts for the Matheson Bay Mid Winter Swim and the Snugleigh Project run by the Leigh Business Community and the Foundation respectively.

In the wider area we have had Matariki Celebrations as a future new national public holiday and currently we have Mahurangi Festival of Lights coinciding with school holidays

July has also seen the local rollout of Covid19 Vaccinations starting in Wellsford and now including Warkworth. See the official notice in this edition of the Rag for more details.

The main fund raiser for Leigh Community Club this year is to help get a safe public pre-school play area in Leigh on some of the available spare Council Land. At the time of going to press, only a handful of tickets remain to be sold and we thank the local community for the tremendous support it's shown.

Leigh is the only community in the Mahurangi area that doesn't have a public playground for Pre School children.



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LITTLE BLUE PENGUINS – KORORĀ

Volunteers are vital for our project, so a special thanks to all those locals who have given their time to make our project a success. They check traplines, monitor trail cameras, search for penguin nesting sites, provide penguin education, update our LeighPenguinProject facebook page and a whole lot of other important jobs.

This month we would like to thank Paul Smith and Ross Garrick for their expertise in building 21 more trap boxes for DOC200 traps. Also special thanks to Matakana ITM for supplying materials for boxes for our project.

Recently one of our DOC200 traps was moved into a new position within 20 metres of a penguin nest on the Leigh coast. Within a week the trap had caught a stoat. This was excellent news as stoats can be disastrous for nesting penguins and other birds.

Little blue penguins are now ashore again, busy making nests or sitting on eggs. Thanks to all dog walkers who keep their pets on a leash when walking around our beautiful Leigh and Ti Point coastlines.

We now seek funding to take our project to the next step and to help us identify more penguin nesting sites. To do this we need to purchase trail cameras and night vision binoculars. We will then be looking for more volunteers to help spot penguins. If you'd like to make a donation, funds can be sent to 38-9020-0129881-00 with the reference 'penguins'. For more info or to volunteer, please contact us by email on leighpenguins@gmail.com



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You may see some serious tree trimming happening soon which will help prevent the gutters being blocked up and will tidy up the outside a bit.

Our plans to open up another separate hireable room are getting closer.

We anticipate this as being suitable for small group meeting of up to about 8, or for one-on-one support/teaching etc. This room will be available for \$5/hour.

Enquiries or bookings for this small room or for the main hall to Lynn Ph 0272868625 or email to leighhallauckland@gmail.com

KEEP YOUR KIDS AND PETS SAFE

Many local residents have been notified that Auckland Council are extending the Tamahunga area Possum Control to cover the area East of Rodney Road to the sea, (except for the built up areas of Leigh and Matheson Bay). This includes Goat Island, both sides of Leigh Harbour, all of Ti Point and Whangateau East of Ashton Road.

Commencing Mid July through to end of November.

Please be aware that kids and pets touching dead animals that may have been poisoned could potentially be affected. Any queries please contact council 09 3010101 Ashley White

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Leigh Volunteer Fire Brigade

As the weather continues to get cooler, the brigade had a reasonably quiet month with a total of 7 callouts; fires in Leigh and Whangateau, false alarms in Ti Point and Whangateau, and 3 first response medical calls in Leigh.

The first Junior Firefighters programme for the year finished up this month with 10 more budding juniors completing the programme. Our instructors covered a variety of topics including basic first aid, identifying equipment stored on a fire appliance, introductory fire science, using a fire extinguisher, making an escape plan for their home and how to call 111 in the event of an emergency. The programme finished up with the juniors showing off their new skills to their parents followed by a sausage sizzle and presentation of certificates and T-Shirts. Special thanks to Nick and Sarah Torkington, Tony Enderby, Paul Smith and Alan Borich for running the programme this term. Also a big thank you to Mark from EarthPro for his generous donation to the programme and thanks to Steph Roberts from the Simple Sign Man for the T-Shirts.

Training and development of our crew continued this month with Paul Smith completing the Level 2 Lines Rescue course. Next month will see most crew members taking part in a first response medical refresher course which normally occurs every 6 months to ensure crew skills are kept up-to-date. There were a number of disruptions to refresher training courses during 2020 due to various lockdowns which slightly delayed some training so it is great to see schedules slowly returning to normal.

Over the past few weeks we have received a number of messages from members of our community with questions regarding calls to 111 for an ambulance, where Leigh First Response was not called to the incident. This is out of our control as St John's dispatch is responsible for deciding what resources respond to an incident but you can ask for Leigh First Response when calling 111. Thank you to those community members who have raised concerns. As a result we are following up with St John for all of the issues raised to ensure Leigh First Response can respond to medical calls when appropriate. Never be afraid to call for help. If you have an emergency, fire, rescue or medical, call

111 straight away no matter what time of day or night it is.

THIS MONTH'S WINTER FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE

If you have an electric blanket, make sure it is in good, safe working order. And always turn it off before you go to sleep. House fires can be fatal in less than 3 minutes. Have you got an escape plan? If you need help making one get in touch with any of the crew from the station who will be more than happy to help.

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Kia Ora. Recent acquisitions include three very different books by NZ authors: a thriller *Cold Wallet* (Rosy Fenwicke) set in the world of cryptocurrency, with welcome glossary; *From the Centre*, Patricia Grace's illustrated 'touching and self-deprecating' memoir; and *The Abundant Garden* by Coromandel organic gardeners Niva & Yotam Kay, a practical guide to creating and maintaining a regenerative home garden. Feeling the cold? You will appreciate Leigh weather after reading *Frostquake* (Juliet Nicolson) which describes the freakish 10-week freeze Britain endured in the winter of 1962-63. Books donated to commemorate the Library's 150th anniversary are starting to reach our shelves, distinguished by individually inscribed labels. Thank you!

Annual General Meeting of the Leigh Volunteer Library.

All present and future members are welcome to attend the AGM at 4pm, Wed 11 August 2021 in the library.

Jenny Stewart (for Tracey)

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MPs to Visit Leigh

On Wed 18 August, Labour MPs Lubeck and the Hon Jan Tinetti, the Minister for Women and Associate Minister of Education, are visiting Leigh. They will visit Leigh School, then the Leigh Library from 10.30-11.00am.

Brief says: ***“to pay homage to the oldest community library in the region and to meet with the women of Leigh for a brief chat about issues affecting women in the area.”***

They are scheduled to visit Pakiri School at 11.15 before travelling to Wellsford.

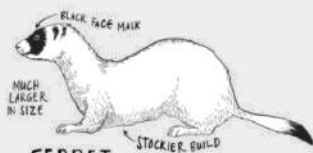
All local women are welcome to meet with Marja and Jan over a cup of tea in the Leigh Library



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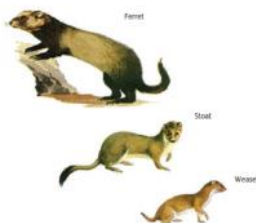


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With a choice of places to eat and many activity options there is something for everyone.

The Leigh Business Community AGM is being held on Weds 18th of August. All members will be sent an invitation. Anyone new or interested in attending please contact Jan Scott. For any information about Leigh Business Community please contact Jan Scott 094226681 or email leighbythesea@gmail.com

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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Our GOOD SORT this month is

Gage Leonard for his enormous and unfailing support of Brittney, following the tragic loss of James last December. Gage not only offered his help but has truly been there helping out on

many occasions, often at short notice and never with any hesitation. You are very much appreciated Gage and deserve to be acknowledged for such unpretentious caring and kindness in our Community. A big thank you and some home-baking from us all at the *Leigh Community Church*



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