

LEIGH RAG

October 2021

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Auckland Transport (AT) will be undertaking road resurfacing along Hauraki Road, Leigh as shown on the map below. This work is necessary to maintain the quality of the road. Road resurfacing work involves removing the existing surface layer, applying structural asphalt in some areas, a sealing membrane, a new asphalt surface layer and new line marking to the finished road surface.



Work is scheduled to take place on **28th & 29th October 2021**. In the event of bad weather, the work will move to the next available shift.



PEST FREE LEIGH

pestfreeleigh@gmail.com

The lockdown in Auckland has meant that most of us are restricted to our own environs with limited ability to move outside our immediate area. One positive outcome is that we have had more time to appreciate the birdlife in our own backyards. We can also ensure that rat traps at home are baited ready to catch any passing rodents.

Pest Free Leigh is a small cog in a bigger wheel of environmental control that is occurring in the Rodney area. The Rodney Local Board has commenced a landscape wide project covering the land area from Puhoi to Te Arai – Restore Rodney East. This project is looking to coordinate all the volunteer, Council and government mandated projects focusing on improving our natural environment. Within the immediate area around the Cape Rodney peninsula, there are many volunteer groups that work to enhance this beautiful coastline we all enjoy. Locally our Forest and Bird colleagues have two active projects – the Little Blue Penguin Project, which is now seeing some success from two years of pest control, and the Coast Care Group that work to control weeds and plant natives. Around the harbour, the Leigh Harbour Valley Society earlier this year commissioned a contractor to remove the small wilding pines along the DOC coastal path, while they continue to work towards forest restoration. Goat Island Trappers are also pest trapping.

What is evident from all this activity is that it is making a difference. We regularly see kereru, tui, kaka, kotare and other native birds in our gardens. Our trapping efforts are contributing! Thanks for continuing to support the project by keeping your traps baited and set. Please send your monthly trapping results (including 'zero' catch) to your street coordinator, or to pestfreeleigh@gmail.com. Stay safe and happy trapping!

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GOOD SORTS

This Month we are acknowledging the expertise of **Bernard Dooling** for our GOOD SORT. Earlier in the year **Bernard** very kindly took on the task of completely renovating the original Trophy Cabinet in the Leigh Hall. Numerous hours were spent on this project and the restored cabinet is now back in place. A huge thanks and some delicious home-baking goes to Bernard compliments of the *Leigh Community Church*.

If anyone has information about the origins of this Trophy Cabinet, the Hall Committee would be pleased to hear from you.

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Due to ongoing covid restrictions and total uncertainty with anything anymore, we have made the difficult decision and given up and turned to drinking instead. No, just kidding but tempting isn't it?

LCP has been progressing well with setting up our structure and is moving forward with online training and putting plans in place so we can start operating some patrols this year hopefully.

We are starting to seek out some funding from government and other grant schemes and will be instigating local funding and sponsorship ideas soon also.

We have more members joining as I write and thank everybody that has given and shown support to date.

Hopefully loads more positive news next month.

Kevin.

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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

LEIGH TENNIS CLUB

To cope with these unusual times, the Leigh Tennis Club held its Annual General Meeting via Zoom on Sunday 26 September. The online technology allowed members to be present for the meeting, ably chaired by the President Angus Wilderspin. The Club is in a good financial state and during the year completed a significant project – concreting the driveway.

A new committee was elected consisting of:

President	Angus Wilderspin
Vice President	Marie-Dominique Lennan
Treasurer	Richard Gerard
Secretary	Marg Kinder
Committee	Jesse van Kekem, Robbie Blair, Anette Goetter & Viv Wyatt

Clive Mathers stepped down from the committee after serving two years. He was thanked for his work taking responsibility for court and premises maintenance.

Invoices for membership fees have been sent to current members. Club fees remain unchanged from the 2020/2021 season:

Family \$100 including children under 18 years old
Senior \$50, Junior \$30 Non player, social member \$20

While we are still in Covid-19 Level 3.1 lockdown, up to 2 households and up to 10 people can play as long as players can keep 2 meters apart and masks are on for those not playing. We will advise you of an opening day for the season when the levels will allow it.

In anticipation of the new season starting, the Club has arranged coaching. This will be available for children aged 6 and over and adults on Friday afternoon/evening. Classes will start with 6-8 years old at 3.45 pm; 9-13 years old from 4.30 pm and adults from 5.45 pm for all levels. This is a great opportunity to join our club, get the feel for tennis or brush up on some lost skills. If you are interested in joining and coaching, please contact Marie-Dominique on 021 490 039 or email leightennisclubinc@gmail.com



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MATHESON BAY NEWS

The call of the shining cuckoo last month was lovely to hear as I always feel the bird heralds the coming of Summer. Such a little gem to have flown all the way from the Solomon Islands. No doubt it will be looking for grey warbler and fantail nests to lay its eggs. The Tui are also going a bit crazy at the moment and are taking on our resident Keruru in the flowering kowhai tree, which they consider theirs alone. During level 4 lockdown it was great to see a royal spoonbill in the Kohuroa stream snuffling up food. We are certainly blessed up here with birdlife and it is hoped that with the ongoing trapping it will only increase.

Now that we are in Level 3, the beach reserve and toilets have been opened again and we have just had a huge influx of people from south of the tunnels coming up fishing and diving. It was a bit strange after such a quiet winter followed by weeks of lockdown. People are keeping to the rules (except the freedom campers who are not supposed to be here yet) which is good to see and the added bonus of picnics has been well received. The beach is changing every day, but still has a large pile of sand at the southern end. The hardy winter swimmers have been out and I'm sure I will too once the water gets well above 13 degrees.

Let's hope by next month we are all vaccinated and can enjoy everything the area has to offer, at least at Level 2. Stay safe, mask up, get the jab!

Louise van Campfort

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Forest and Bird COMMUNITY COAST CARE GROUP

Next time you go to town, look for the buff coloured flowers on the road side bushes on Leigh Road. It's the Kumerahou or Pamaderris Hamiltonii, named after the local botanist who did much of the early research out on Hauturu. Walk the Leigh Harbour and enjoy the Rewarewa in flower and the orchids looking like they might soon be in bloom, but also there are some quite rare shrubs along the walkway too. Go out onto Cemetery Point, and look for the grass like plant that looks like a miniature toetoe. It's another little 'local gem'. It's interesting to see some of these less common local plants appearing in some of the newly established gardens around the village, even being used as hedging/screening plants, but all contributing something to our natural environment.

Hopefully our group will be back in action soon.

Neil Sutherland.

Leigh Hall

The Leigh Hall committee have been advised by Auckland Council that the hall will remain fully closed until Covid-19 Level 3 - Step 2, hopefully not too far away now. In the meantime, enjoy the outdoors and we'll see you back as soon as we can re-open.



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Mon Oct 25	LABOUR DAY			NZ
Thur Oct 28	NZ Shake Out Drill	9.30am		NZ wide

This is your platform

Do you have an event, activity or notice for the community?
Please let us know by emailing leighragnz@gmail.com for inclusion in the next edition on the Calendar or an item to be considered for publication. Our Stories are important as our unfolding history of life in the region.

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North Shore Hospital Emergency Care 0800 809 342

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No matter where you are in NZ, 111 is the number to call to report a water rescue to Police.

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Leigh Bowling Club - to foster fellowship and the game of bowls. New members welcome. President Biscuit McLean 027 590 4829 or Secretary Ian Bradnam 021 423144

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 Diti Hill-Dene 027 2777 594

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

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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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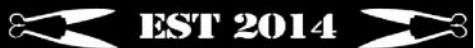
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LEIGH COMMUNITY CLUB

Lockdown in Leigh, Covid 19 Review 2020 -2021

Last month I wrote somewhat optimistically that we may soon be at the end of the last lockdown event of Covid-19. However the Delta strain has proved incredibly hard to knock back and now we have moved to level 3.1, the NZ Government has turned to a strategy of maximizing vaccination rates rather than Covid-19 elimination. Schools remain closed and the likely date of reduction in restrictions of movement is very much in the air.

The Leigh Community Club has suspended all activities whilst we remain in Level 3.1, including monthly raffle draws as they require to be physically witnessed.

We continue to publish the Covid-19 NZ timeline as an archival record of these very unusual times we are in.

Covid 19 Timeline (Source Wikipedia)

On 28 February 2020, New Zealand confirmed its first case, a woman in her 60s

On 29 March 2020, New Zealand also reported its first coronavirus-related death, a woman in her 70s

On 21 March, the Government introduced a four-tier alert level system, which placed much of the country's population and economy into lockdown from 25 March.

By 31 July 2020, there were 20 active cases (all resulting from overseas travel)

Following 102 days of no community transmissions

On 4 September 2020, after 98 days with no deaths, the country's 23rd death from COVID-19.

On 25 January 2021, New Zealand identified its first community spread case of COVID-19 since November 2020

By 31 March, there were 72 active cases in managed isolation, bringing the total number to 2,497.

On 17 August, the Ministry of Health announced one new community case of COVID-19 in Auckland. The Government moved the country into Alert Level 4 effective 11.59pm 17 August 2021.

By 30 September, there were 272 active cases (256 community cases and 16 at the border), bringing the total number to 4,273 (3,917 confirmed and 356 probable). There are 3,974 recoveries while the death toll rose to 27

At the time of writing on 15.10.21 the number of cases are 4,897 a daily increase of 66.

Leigh Rag is planning a commemoration edition to mark the end of the lockdown stage of Covid 19, whenever that may be.

This is where you have the opportunity to tell your story.

For everyone it is different and every story is unique and worth telling.

If you want to tell your personal story and how the Leigh community enriched your life, please write your story in an email to yourself and your family and copy Leigh Rag, Email: leighragnz@gmail.com

Include any photos or videos that help tell your story. LCC will look at compiling and distributing this as a Leigh Historic Archive.

Covid 19 is the biggest and most impactful black swan event since WWII.

Let's record our local history for future generations of Leighites.

Guy Parkes Chair Leigh Community Club



LITTLE BLUE PENGUINS – KORORĀ

While we take a compulsory Covid Break and let the penguins get on with their most important job of nesting and breeding, (and hopefully fledging), a focus on what is happening to the Kororā population nationally is timely.

Kororā numbers are declining and some known factors are:

As soon as juvenile penguins fledge Mum and Dad are off and the chicks are on their own at sea. If they are not in good health their fat stores are often insufficient to sustain them while they master food gathering.

The catching of fish by humans is depleting penguins' food source. Climate change is thought to be a key factor in causing mass 'die off' events. As temperatures rise Kororā do not adapt well to the warmer water.

Opaque water makes it difficult for penguins to locate food. As a result the increasing frequency of storms and rough seas cause death by starvation.

Predator controlled penguin colonies (Leigh) are doing much better than unprotected ones. In many places dogs are the worst problem, but near Punakaiki on the West Coast, the birds' worst enemy is vehicles. A 3km fence has now been built along the coastal side of the main road to reduce road kill!

Our Leigh project is too new to have good population data yet. However as anecdotal information suggests the birds were more plentiful in days gone by, we need to consider how these national population trends relate to here.

Neil. For the Kororā Project team and its trappers.



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Our mental wellbeing is kept strong because we have good family, neighbours and local friends who phone in or wave as they walk past. We know we are not alone. I am extremely grateful to our very generous neighbours who leave veg on the back fence or at the gate. A fish or two have recently been left on the door step. These amazing acts of kindness help keep our spirits up and keep us positive. We do our walks, take photos of the amazing birds that are visiting our garden and walk a harbour trap-line once a month for a change of scenery. The visit to see grandchildren at a park was double edged; lovely to see them, very hard not to be able to hug them. We will learn to live in this new environment. Be kind to each other, stay strong, notice the nature around us. We live in a very nurturing environment, enjoy it. I look forward to seeing smiling eyes every time I go to collect my mail. I hope my eyes smile back. Ed.

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It's really great to see our community sticking to the Ministry of Health guidelines and staying safe in their respective bubbles during these uncertain times. With the Level 4 lockdown during September the brigade only responded to 2 incidents. Both were first response medical incidents in Leigh.

With lockdown rules in place, our crew have still managed to keep training sessions going, albeit in team bubbles of no more than 10 people, to ensure skills are kept up to date. Crew members have also been in weekly contact with each other via online video conferencing meets so that everyone can stay in touch, not only for training purposes but also supportively. With movement and social interaction reduced it's important to check on friends and loved ones to make sure they are doing ok.

As we come into finer weather and with many people having the time to do a few jobs around their properties, if you are planning on having a burn off for any reason such as getting rid of garden waste, make sure you check for fire restrictions. Just visit <https://checkitsalright.nz> for further information.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER

- ♦ Fire moves incredibly fast – a house fire can kill within three minutes. Keep your smoke alarms in working order by pressing the button to check.
- ♦ Make a household [escape plan](#) so you can get out safely during a fire. Always keep keys in deadlocks on doors and windows.
- ♦ Don't leave the room when cooking. If you need to, remember to switch off before you walk off.

Paul Smith Brigade Co-Secretary

New Zealand ShakeOut *Whakahaumaru Aotearoa*

New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi,

Thursday 28 October at 9:30am.

Drop, Cover and Hold for 30–60 seconds: While you are doing the drill, take note of what might be happening around you in a real earthquake. Think about what you might need to do to prepare for a real earthquake

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LEIGH EATS SOLD!

We have sold the business and building. First things first, thank you to the wonderful Leigh community for your amazing support and Aroha over the last 6 years, it has been a privilege for us and our boys to come back to Leigh and open our shop with such incredible support to get us through quiet winters, crazy summers and trying covid times. And a HUGE thank you to our wonderful supportive staff, past and present. The new owners (from the local area) do not want to run the business and have an excellent opportunity for anybody who may be interested. We have agreed to post the following on their behalf. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts, we are around for a wee while yet to say our goodbyes then we will see you at the beach!

Much love Rach, Wax and the amazing staff at Leigh eats.

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Kia ora,

I would like to be writing this article about opening the library soon but we are obviously unsure about when that will happen. When we move down to level 2, the Leigh Library will reopen. There will be protocols that we are obliged to follow such as people scanning or signing in, mandatory mask wearing, using hand sanitizer on arrival, keeping a 2 metre distance where possible, a maximum of 3 library members in the library at the same time, and no children under 12 years old.

We won't be able to open the first day of level 2 as there are some jobs that need to happen before we open but for the first week we will be able to offer longer opening hours and open more days so that everyone is able to come in and stock up on some fresh reading material.

If you still have books that were due back before or during lockdown, please return them asap using the return slot to the left of the front door. If you owe money for lost books, please pop an envelope with details through the return slot also. We begrudge using our limited dollars for replacing books when there are so many great new books to buy.

We have lots of fabulous new books to share with you when we reopen and it's been fun to get back in book buying mode.

I would like to thank Jenny Stewart for taking on the librarian role at short notice and for much longer than anticipated. She's done an amazing job and I'm very grateful. Isn't that one of the beautiful things about living in Leigh? We have a caring and clever community. Hope you're all keeping well and hope to see you in the library soon.

Tracey



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Homebuilders Family Services

Tena koutou,

As we head into another week of Level 4 lockdown, Homebuilders Family Services are available for family support and advocacy.

Our phone is checked every day between 9 - 12 pm. (09) 425 7048
Other numbers that are helpful, confidential, and run by trained counsellors are;

0800LIFELINE or you can text HELP (4357)

Suicide Crisis Helpline – 0508 828 865

Healthline – 0800 611 116

Depression Helpline – 0800 111 757 or free text 4202 or

email www.depression.org.nz which includes The Journal online help service.

Anxiety NZ – 0800 269 4389 (0800 ANXIETY).

Alcohol and Drug Helpline – 0800 787 797

Gambling Helpline – 0800 654 655

Women's Refuge Crisisline – 0800 733 843 (0800 REFUGE)

For Youth, services include;

Youthline 0800 376 633 or Free text 23

thelowdown.co.nz – or email team@thelowdown.co.nz or free text

5626 What's Up – 0800 942 8787 (for 5–18 year olds).

Phone counselling is available

Monday to Friday, 12noon–11pm and weekends, 3pm–11pm.

Noho haumarū



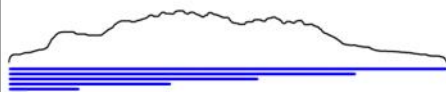
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Leigh Business Community

The Leigh Business Community held their AGM on-line last month. The new committee for this year is Chairperson Richard Scott (Leigh Bar), Secretary Petrina Brenchley (Whangateau Holiday Park), Treasurer Deen Hall (Motu Vista) and Committee members Mike Chillington (Ti Point Reptile Park), Jan Scott (A Coastal B&B), Heather Johnson Lee (Leigh Central), Peter Scott (Leigh Apartments) and Helen Alexander (Daniel's Reef B&B).

A big thank went to Jan Scott for her Secretarial roll for the past 9 years and to Alan Macdonald for his past President roll and for their services to the Leigh business community.

The Leigh Business Community is a varied group that encourages and supports local businesses.

For any information please contact Petrina, email leighbytheseanz@gmail.com

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THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CLUB 100 Club RAFFLE Results

Due to Covid19 Level 3 restrictions
the Draw has not been held.
The Community Club will catch up on
draws when we are able to.
Notice of time and date will be on the
fb pages for loveleigh and the
Leigh Community Group page
followed by results.



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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