

LEIGH RAG

JUNE 2024

editor, Lee Parker

email leighragnz@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/leighragnz

proudly serving
Leigh, Matheson Bay, Whangateau, Pakiri
sponsored by the Leigh Community Club

view online at
www.leighbythesea.co.nz

Rewilding Initiative in Matheson Bay

The bays and coastlines along the Hauraki Gulf are suffering for a variety of reasons - mainly over-fishing, climate change, and pollution. Beneath the draping Pōhutukawas and sapphire water is a growing environmental crisis. Dr Kelsey Miller, a research fellow at the University of Auckland based at Leigh Marine Laboratory (Goat Island), spent years studying the increase in kina populations. Kina are carpeting the seabed preventing seaweed growth. However the kina are not directly responsible for this ecological disaster. Due to overfishing natural predators such as snapper and cray fish, kina now overpopulate areas of the gulf. Maintaining a healthy forest floor is essential for marine life to thrive and to “limit the erosion of coastal land, produce oxygen and food, and sequester carbon” according to an article published by the University of Auckland (4 June 2024, *Battle of the Barrens*) detailing Dr Miller’s findings.

Along with her colleagues, Dr Miller is bringing the issue to the attention of community, industry and policy makers. Last month local resident Adrian Roberts attended a community consultation about *rewilding* Matheson Bay. (Rewilding generally involves restoring a natural environment, whether above or below sea level, back to its uncultivated state.) The following pages feature Adrian’s notes from the meeting (abridged and paraphrased).

find out more to support this important initiative:

www.tekohuroarewilding.org | [facebook.com/tekohuroarewilding](https://www.facebook.com/tekohuroarewilding) | <https://tinyurl.com/tkproject>



Matheson Bay Rewilding Initiative

by Adrian Roberts

Community Consultation | 25 May 2024 Leigh Hall

The day was broken into two parts:

1. Introduction & Presentation (Frances Dickinson & Dr Kelsey Miller)
2. Community Group Consultation Process

Introduction & Presentation

The Vision of the initiative is:

Te Kohuroa (Matheson Bay) is a robust and thriving marine ecosystem that contributes to the mauri (life force) of the Te Moanui-a-Toi (The Hauraki Gulf).

The Issues - The Problem

The facts presented by the Rewilding Team and marine scientist Dr. Kelsey Miller were sobering:

- The marine ecosystem in Matheson Bay is under massive ecological pressure.
- Matheson Bay is a popular recreation space for residents and visitors all year round.
- Increasing stress from over-fishing, pollution, sediment runoff and water pollution (surrounding land use and natural characteristics of the land, its hills and shape) have combined to push the marine ecosystem to a dangerous tipping point.
- This situation is exacerbated by climate change as the water temperature increases.
- Matheson Bay's biodiversity is under imminent threat as our once prolific kelp forests succumb to the relentless destruction due to "**kina barren**" (The unchecked increase in the population of urchins that decimate kelp.)
- The primary cause of kina barren is overfishing of predatory species (**snapper & crayfish**).

The Solution & Goals

The **Rewilding Initiative** seeks to work in partnership with Iwi, organisations and community to build a ground up approach to healing Matheson Bay's marine ecosystem. The goal is an inclusive tikanga model that brings guardianship/kaitiakitanga by partnering with science and conservation groups to support restoration efforts, delivering a long term, locally orchestrated community programme that delivers a healthy biodiversity back to Matheson Bay.

Community Consultation Process

The following questions were asked of each breakout group (responses are being collated):

- a. **Challenges:** For this project in this marine space? For the community?
- b. **Underlying causes:** From the perspective of Matheson Bay? Your perspective?
- c. **Possible responses/solutions?**
- d. **Barriers** as the project unfolds?

Summary

Our Bay is under assault from both land and sea, amplified by the effects of climate change. On the present trajectory, Matheson Bay will exist as a **small marine desert**, conveniently situated between the healthy marine reserves of Tāwharanui and Goat Island. It will come as no surprise that the real power to make an immediate impact rests with the public.

Land

- Get involved in supporting plantings and regenerative efforts.
- Sort out the health of your septic tanks and runoff.
- Encourage and support upstream management that reduces sediment runoff entering waterways and bays.

Sea

Leave snapper & crays - take only enough for a feed, target other fin-fish species instead. Snapper and crays must be left in the water to control kina populations to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

Follow the rewilding initiative and if you can support them, please do so:
www.tekohuroarewilding.org

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

What's Cooking in Lara's Kitchen

This recipe features one of my favourite vegetables, Jerusalem artichokes, or *sunchokes*. They belong to the sunflower family. The flavour is slightly nutty, and sweet (like me!) and can be eaten cooked or raw in salads. My favourite way is to simply roast them with rosemary, thyme, garlic, sea salt and extra virgin olive oil. They are rich in many vitamins and minerals, including iron, potassium, vitamins C and B, and probiotic fibre that improves gut microbiome, boosts good gut bacteria and reduces inflammation. Sunchoke are in season (June-Sept) and found at farmers markets and specialty grocers.

Slow cooked beef brisket & truffle, w/ Jerusalem artichokes & charred green beans (serves 6)

Ingredients:

500- 700 ml A Bit Dressy beef bone broth with truffle or quality beef broth (add 2 Tbsp tartufo paste once heated)

1.2-1.5 kgs beef brisket, trimmed of sinew, fat layer remaining

1 large carrot - chopped

1 onion – diced

1 bulb of garlic – halved crosswise

2 sticks of celery - chopped

1 leek – thinly sliced

6 sprigs thyme

3 bay leaves

2 Tbsp cornflour

500gm (approx 14 sunchokes) washed/ with the “eyes” trimmed, cut into 1 inch pieces

Half a savoy cabbage, thinly sliced (use a mandolin if you have one)

300 grams green beans, ends trimmed

fresh thyme

Optional Garnishes:

1 Tbsp preserved lemon - julienned

small bunch of rocket or fresh finely chopped chives

½ tsp fresh truffle to shave over (if you like truffle and can get your hands on them
(use truffle infused oil or truffle salt if not to drizzle or sprinkle over)



a bit dressy

• soups • bone broth • dressings •

 @abitdressy

www.abitdressy.co.nz

 abitdressy

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Instructions: pre-heat oven to 150°C

Season the trimmed brisket with truffle or regular salt, sear in a hot fry pan turning once for 7-10 minutes each side. This will caramelise the meat before it slow cooks in the oven.

Roughly dice your onion/ carrot/ celery and leek. Sauté veggies for about 15 mins until softened, add wine, bring to the boil and cook for about 8 mins until wine is evaporated. Add garlic, thyme, bay leaves and peppercorns. Transfer veggies into the Dutch oven in an even layer.

Bring broth to boil. Spoon out a couple tablespoons into a small bowl, add cornflour and whisk to a smooth paste - then return mixture to the broth. Whisk further to slightly thicken the broth.

Pour broth over veggies until it comes halfway up the side of the Dutch oven and nestle the brisket into the veggies and cover with a lid (or foil if just in a regular oven pan). Braise in oven for 4-4 ½ hours. Check twice in that time and baste with juices.

An hour before serving, preheat second oven to 350°C. Pop your prepped sunchokes into a bowl with thyme leaves, finely chopped rosemary, olive oil and sea salt. Toss to coat. Arrange on a baking sheet in one evenly spaced layer. Roast in preheated oven until tender – 35-45 mins.

Add sliced cabbage to a fry pan with sliced leek and cook on low heat until caramelised and leeks are translucent. 25-35 mins. In the final 15 mins before serving, get a grill plate or heavy bottom fry pan hot. Add a knob of butter or oil and sear your green beans so they get a slight char and are tender yet firm to the bite.

Remove the brisket from the jus and cooked veggies it's been braised in. Reheat the remaining gravy/jus so it's hot to pour when serving. Arrange on a large platter as pictured here. Garnish the artichoke element with slices of preserved lemon or chives, and rocket leaves. Shave truffle or drizzle truffle oil over the beef. Serve immediately. ENJOY!



**GOAT ISLAND
MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE**
THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
NEW ZEALAND
Te Whare Wānanga o Tamaki Mākauuru



**Open
10 to 4pm
weekends, school &
public holidays**
now to 30 Nov

Open everyday
1 Dec to 30 April

09 923 3645
www.goatlandmarine.co.nz



LEIGH LIBRARY

NZ women writers are featured this month (however the library shelves are bursting with many new fiction titles, with popular authors such as David Baldacci, Marian Keyes, Paul Theroux, Richard Coles, Andre Aciman and more).

In ***Dame Suzy D: My Story***, Susan Devoy reveals herself to be 'entertainingly droll and down-to-earth' and far more than a squash champion in describing her incredibly varied life experiences. Dunedin-born Kara Douglas spent ten years on research for ***The Air that we Breathe***, a fictionalized account inspired by her birth father's story of living in Wittenoom, WA, the deadly blue asbestos mining site.

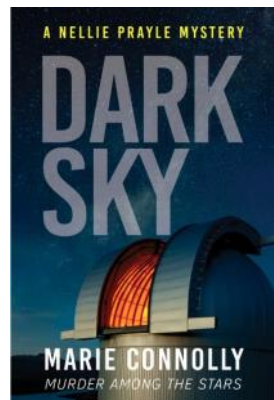
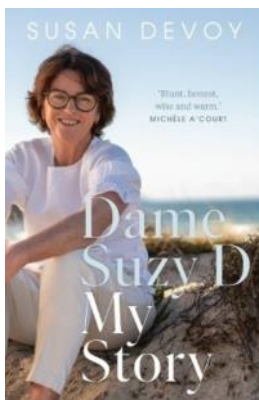
Retired academic writer Marie Connolly's debut novel ***Dark Sky*** introduces Nellie Prayle, young Wellington criminal psychologist, as she helps investigate the case of an astronomy professor found dead at Mt John Observatory near Lake Tekapo, her first homicide. ***Brave Kāhu and the Pōrangī Magpie*** is emerging Hawkes Bay writer Shelley Burne-Field's exciting first book for children. A young kāhu (swamp harrier) called Poto has to undertake a dangerous journey to rescue her baby brother before a flood destroys their home.

REMINDER: Leigh Library's Annual General meeting, open to all, will be held at 4:15pm on Wednesday 10 July in the Leigh Hall supper room. 2024 is the Library's 153rd anniversary!

Jenny

Leigh Library, 13 Cumberland Street email: leighbythesealibrary@gmail.com

Hours: Tues 2-6pm, Wed 2- 4pm, Thurs 11-1pm, Sat 9-1pm



HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY
PREDATOR FREE

GET A FREE TRAP TODAY
pestfreeleigh@gmail.com

LEIGH COMMUNITY CLUB

run by volunteers for volunteers

We recently voted to support the Leigh Community Resilience Group's (CRG) goal of establishing Leigh Hall as an emergency hub for the wider area by funding the purchase of a container to secure emergency equipment. For full details on this project see a separate write up in this edition of The Rag. The Club would also like to acknowledge members Steve and Juliet Mantle who generously donated a generator to supply emergency power for the CRG.

Upper Harbour Track update: Our volunteer maintenance team has completed weather proofing the wooden walkways. Many thanks to Steve Mantle and his team for getting this work complete prior to the arrival of the wet weather season.

As winter settles in many of our members head overseas chasing the sun, while the hardy ones remain hunkered down enjoying our beautiful coastline without the usual crowds. The truly hardy ones are the ocean swimmers who continue their daily or weekly rituals throughout the year. The next opportunity for a community catchup and brisk dip will be at the **Matheson Bay Mid-Winter Swim** (June 23, 10:15 AM) where yours truly will be making his debut along with hundreds of regulars.

The May raffle was the FINAL DRAW for the 2023-2024 fundraiser. Watch this space for the next raffle. Thank you all for your continued support of this valuable fundraiser that puts all the profits back into our community.

Guy Parkes, president

The LLC has two main community communication initiatives:

The Leigh Rag is a monthly local print/digital newspaper highlighting local news and businesses. Join the monthly digital mailing list: email leighragnz@gmail.com, and the Rag Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/leighragnz>. It is also available in print at local outlets from the 20th of each month, and online at www.leighbythesea.co.nz.

The second is the **Leigh Community Group Facebook page**, www.facebook.com/leigh.com. Become a member and volunteer! Contact us today about how you can get involved. Guy Parkes — Chair, Leigh Community Club leighcommunityclub@gmail.com



LEIGH ELECTRICAL LTD
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

JOE ROBERTS
Phone: 021 220 3717
info@leighelectrical.co.nz
42 Hauraki Rd, Leigh, 0985

LEIGH COMMUNITY CLUB

MAY Raffle Winners

1st ticket 28

2nd ticket 85

3rd ticket 60

Congratulations Winners!



Monday Closed
Tuesday 8:00 – 3:00
Wednesday 8:00 – 3:00
Thursday 8:00 – 8:00
Friday 8:00 – 8:00
Saturday 8:00 – 8:00
Sunday 8:00 – 8:00

18 Cumberland Street (09) 422-6035



soups bone broth dressings
www.abitdressy.co.nz

ORDER ON-LINE TODAY
also available at Matakana Market

FB & Insta @ abitdressy

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & DRAFTING SERVICES

RESOURCE & BUILDING
CONSENTS
CONCEPT DESIGNS

NEW BUILDS | ALTERATIONS | ADDITIONS

Geoff Alexander
(NDAT) LBP# 123496

alex.g.h@xtra.co.nz (09) 422-6624



webster|malcolm|law

Trusted
Approachable
Experienced

15 Neville Street, Warkworth
09 425 8037

info@webstermalcolm.co.nz
www.webstermalcolm.co.nz

Report Community Problems and Safety Issues

roadside rubbish, facility damage, trees down, paths overgrown, reserve issues
can all be reported online at:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/report-problem/Pages/report-a-problem.aspx>

HOTLINE 24 hours, 7 days: (09) 301-0101

Illegal fishing ncc@mpi.govt.nz ph: **0800 4 POACHER** (0800 47 62 24)

report a ROAD INCIDENT or UNSAFE DRIVER – *555 and Roadwatch
<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/driving-and-road-safety/report-road-incident-unsafe-driver>

111 to report a water rescue to Police

BIG SWIM CHALLENGE

The Coast Guard is an essential service for all sailors, fishermen and everyone who enjoys water.

To support this important organization, I am taking part in the **Big Swim Challenge** to help fundraise for Coast Guard. I will be **swimming 25 kilometers** over the month of **July**.

I would really appreciate it if members of our community would help sponsor my swim with donations. Please go to the website link or the QR code below to learn more and to make a donation. Your encouragement and generosity is most appreciated.

Thank you!

<https://bigswim.org.nz/h-parkes>

Helen Parkes



FREE Spot Checks for Volunteers

Why Skin Checks?

New Zealand has the highest rate of melanoma in the world. Prevention is best but early detection of skin cancer is crucial for successful treatment. At SunDocs we offer a conveniently located skin cancer clinic in Warkworth.

For the months of June, July and August we are offering free spot checks for Volunteers in the community, such as FENZ, Tossi, Coastguard and more. Please enquire for bookings or further information.



Protect your-self with prevention and early detection of skin cancer, and be empowered to take charge of your health with accessible skin cancer screening.

FREE Spot Checks
in June, July and
August for Community
Volunteers



Call 022 -567 1839 or visit our website
www.sundocs.co.nz

ENQUIRE NOW
022-567-1839

Matakana Grooming Studio

Healthy Pets Naturally
Karen Person

Mb:027 437 7163
Ph:09 422 7486
www.pethaven.co.nz



matakanadoggrooming@xtra.co.nz

GREEN WASTE GARDEN BAGS

Drop off - Pick up
from \$30 each

COMPOST
from \$5 bags to trailer loads

Phone **FRICK**
021 123 0997

Trinity
CHIROPRACTIC



Chiropractic, Physiotherapy, Nutritionist
Massage & Health Coaching

For more information or to book a consultation:
trinitychiro.co.nz or
call 021980852

RayWhite

CAROL CHRISTY

TRUST | EXPERTISE | RESULTS

Carol has a tireless work ethic and an unwavering desire to deliver the best results possible for her clients.

Selling? Or simply curious about the local market? Call Carol today!

022-429-8975

carol.christy@raywhite.com

The Locals Warkworth REAA (licensed 2008)

VANESSA HURLEY
021 828 419
MATAKANA COUNTRY PARK
1151 LEIGH ROAD
WWW.LADYBARBER.CO.NZ

Lady
Barber
HAIRCUTTING SALOON

LEIGH CEMETERY

At the May Cemetery Committee meeting, we decided on two new projects.

The first is long-term: to identify, measure, map and, eventually digitise, all the plots in the cemetery. We do have one map on parchment but there are errors. Also, after a fire destroyed a considerable number of cemetery documents some decades ago, we have only partial records of names, dates and details for both existing grave sites and many of the remaining, unused plots. In addition the committee has recently had to re-measure an as yet unused (but owned) plot and relocate a grave site; both in consultation with the families. If you have family buried in the Leigh Cemetery or have purchased a plot over the years, we would appreciate hearing from you to verify ownership and details of the location (e.g. receipts, letters, and emails).

The second project is to create an interpretive board of selected historical stories about those buried in the cemetery. This is still very much at the 'ideas' stage. Please contact the number below with your thoughts about prioritising the stories, as well as any contribution towards the stories (high resolution photos will be needed).

Over these winter months we are continuing to receive a steady stream of requests for bronze plaques for the two Memorial Walls, mostly as plaques for family members who have passed away. Please contact the phone number below if you have any queries/concerns about the cemetery.

Diti Hill-Denee (0272-777-594)

WASTE FREE LEIGH

waste minimisation sewing group

Mondays and Thursdays 9.30 am to 11.30 am
meeting at the Cumberland Street rooms in Leigh Hall

Come along and help us create fabulous items from rescued fabrics!

COASTAL PAINTERS

interior/exterior

Leigh & Surrounding Areas

Call David 021 156 3461

david@coastalpainters.nz



**ALLEN
ELECTRICAL
LIMITED**

Electrical | Refrigeration | Heat Pumps
(Residential and Commercial)

Call Ray

021 025 22294

Email r.allen@xtra.co.nz

PO BOX 35, LEIGH 0947

WASTE FREE LEIGH SEWING GROUP

We will have a stall at the Mid-Winter Swim (Matheson Bay, Sunday June 23, 10 am). A great annual event that attracts a large number of swimmers who brave the sea to celebrate winter. Our stand will feature items for sale, made from rescued fabrics over the past year. We hope you find something fun at our stand and thank you for supporting our sustainable project. Any one is welcome to come have a look, join us to cut, sew, iron, knit, crochet or make a cuppa on Monday and Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11.30 am. We love meeting new people interested in fabrics and crafts. The proceeds from these sales go to the Leigh Community Club who use the funds for upgrades to local trails and other community projects.

Waste Free Leigh also collects soft plastics and sends them to the recycle centre where they are processed and turned into fence posts or building conduit pipes. We are very grateful to the volunteer drivers who pick the big sacks up from the hall and deliver them to the collection points. If you are interested in our mahi, phone Helen on 021-484-432.

THE LEIGH HALL

New improvements are happening at the hall to make it more comfortable and technically up to date. This is great news for our regular events and rentals. Heat pumps will be installed in the upstairs hall areas which will make a big difference on those wet cold days. We are also exploring connecting to fiber. This will hopefully happen in a month. There is still some outstanding maintenance work to do, but we are working with council to get this scheduled asap.

We continue to host the Whangateau Hall events, until their hall is handed back after some major works. Check The Rag's calendar of events, and the Whangateau Facebook page for gig dates: www.facebook.com/whangateauhall

Unfortunately, we are losing two of our regular fitness classes, but Marions yoga class is still on and going well, and the fortnightly Dancing in the Dark class which is well loved are continuing. If you or someone you know can offer a new class, or want to trial a class for free, please get in touch today. We have had several requests for an early evening class. (Leigh Hall is also available for events, celebrations and projects. leighhallauckland@gmail.com or phone Lynn on 027 2868 625

The **Market Day fundraiser on June 30th is CANCELLED**. A new date will be scheduled sometime in August, watch this space.



Tanya Svendsen
Licensed Salesperson

m: 021 677 744
p: 09 425 0261
e: tanya.svendsen@remax.co.nz

RE/MAX Realty Group

Each office independently owned and operated - Licensed REAA 2008 - Northern Properties Limited

LEIGH VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

The brigade has been reasonably busy over the last month with a total of 10 callouts. There have been 7 medical calls in Leigh and 3 false alarms in Leigh (2) and Matakana.

We have a number of crew members currently training as they prepare for courses in the next couple of months. Leandro D'Andrea is heading to Rotorua in July to do the Qualified Fire Fighter course. Also in July, Alan Borich, Errol Murray and Paul Smith will complete the Senior Fire Fighter course in Auckland. Several crew members are attending development courses later in the year. This has been an exceptional year of training attendance, making the brigade better skilled and equipped to handle emergencies.

We will be holding our **annual honours night on July 27th at Leigh Hall**. This year's event is going to be busy as there are many presentations acknowledging the service to FENZ and our committee. There are a limited number of tickets available for purchase, so if you're interested in coming along, please go to our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/leighfire> in the next few weeks or get in touch with any of our members for more information.

Fire safety tip of the month: lithium-ion battery safety! These days, lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries are everywhere, from e-bikes, e-scooters to vapes and power tools. They are light, compact, and long-lasting, but can be a fire hazard if they are damaged, mishandled, or improperly disposed of. Visit the FENZ website (www.fireandemergency.nz) for some important fire safety tips regarding lithium-ion batteries.

Facebook: leighfire **Instagram:** leighfirenz

As always, stay safe Leigh! Hayley Nessia, Community Engagement



The graphic features a smiling fire alarm pull station on the left. To its right, the text 'Winter Fire Safety' is written in a bold, blue font, with 'BINGO' below it in large, spaced-out, blue letters. Below this, the text 'Let us know how many points you score!' is written in white. At the bottom, there are eight colored boxes, each containing a fire safety tip and its corresponding point value.

Get your chimney cleaned 10 points	Clear lint from your dryer before every use 5 points	Check your smoke alarms are working 5 points	Get electric blankets tested 10 points
Plan and practise your escape plan 7 points	Check power cords for damage 5 points	Keep items a metre from the heater 5 points	Clean your rangehood 10 points

PEST FREE LEIGH

Pest populations have been recorded quarterly using tunnel tracking surveys since May 2022. You may have noticed the black tracking tunnels around Leigh, along coastal paths, around public buildings and open spaces. The results of these surveys tell us where rats, mice and hedgehogs are moving.

Over the last year there appears to be fewer hedgehogs. Mice are most common and rats show a seasonal pattern. In the last survey conducted mid-May 2024, only a few tracking tunnels showed evidence of rats. We are making a difference – keep up the baiting and setting of your traps! Let us know what you catch, even if you catch nothing. Catching nothing tells us just as much as what you have caught.

The results of our quarterly tracking surveys are a key measure that we report to our principal funder, Auckland Council. It demonstrates how the Leigh area is contributing to 2050 Predator Free goals. Over the last few months, Heather Johnson-Lee (our rural coordinator) has personally contacted many rural residents, working with them to establish and/or expand their trapping efforts. A grant from Auckland Council Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Fund has enabled us to provide a variety of traps to target specific pests. If you have land located within the area from Coxhead Creek to Goat Island Road and would like assistance to commence or expand pest control activities, contact rural@pestfreeleigh.co.nz.

Pest Free Leigh continues its presence at local events such as the recent launch of Te Kohuroa Rewilding project. We also attended The Forest Bridge Trust morning tea for trappers and will be at the upcoming mid-winter swim at Matheson Bay (23 June). Come and talk with our trapping experts. We are still working towards achieving our goal of a rat trap in every backyard. Have you got yours?

Thank you for your help, especially the efforts of our volunteers. Remember to send your monthly trapping results (including when you catch nothing!) to your street coordinator or to pestfreeleigh@gmail.com Stay Safe and Happy Trapping!



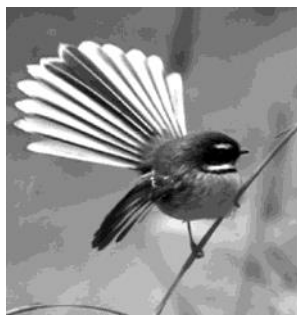


Boogie Nights

7 to 8pm Mondays at Leigh Hall

We turn the lights out, and the music up so you can dance like no-one is watching

Practice new moves. Brush up on old ones.
Great exercise! Great fun!
C'mon, what else would you be doing on a wintery Monday night?



NZ Garden Bird Survey 29 June - 7 July 2024

Commitment: one hour per day during the survey period, find the perfect bird counting spot

Count birds: use a tally sheet to count the number of birds you see or hear

Bird identification: go to <https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz/> to identify birds

Share results: use the form on the above website to submit a final count
the form will be available from **29 June**



PAKIRI BEACH HOLIDAY PARK

Your Slice of Heaven by the Sea

book today! cabins | camp sites | glamping tents | caravan sites | events

escape • delight • relax • unite

info@pakiriholidaypark.co.nz +649 422-6199 www.pakiriholidaypark.co.nz

MID WINTER SWIM



MATHESON BAY

10:15 AM

23 June 2024

contributors:

Leigh School | hot soup, bread, baking

Leigh Preschool | tea, coffee, sausage sizzle

Waste Free Leigh | recycled items for sale

Community Patrol | support and information

Pest Free Leigh | info about traps and pest control

Gold Coin Collection

to support community initiatives!

RAIN OR SHINE

THE LEIGH COMMUNITY PATROL



Another busy month for the Community Patrol with 21 patrols throughout the month of May covering Matakana, Leigh, Whangateau and Pākiri.

On a recent Wednesday afternoon we observed a small yacht floundering on rocks in Leigh Harbour. After making enquiries with the Police and Coast Guard, the owner was eventually located. We are grateful for the assistance from the Marine University and community members, who helped us assist the owner in the successful recovery of his yacht. In the face of strong winds the recovery was not without its challenges.

The patrol has been admirably led by Leigh's Fire Chief, Kevin Lawton for the past two and half years. Kevin has indicated his intention to stand down from the leadership role due to other local and business commitments. His standing down coincides with our **Annual General Meeting on Sunday 23 June 2024 (Leigh Hall, 2pm)**. Kevin will continue to offer his skills and knowledge on our management committee. The Patrol is very grateful for his leadership and steering us well during our start up period.

We are also saying farewell to our Secretary, Julie George, who is also a local well-known personality. She has moved from Leigh after living here for many years. Julie has been a warm, friendly and efficient administrator since our inception. Julie inducted many new patrollers and efficiently handled our administration. Her services will be missed. The Patrol and the community thank you immensely!

A warm welcome is extended to the community, as well as those who would like to join the Patrol, to attend the AGM. After the meeting an afternoon tea will be held in Leigh Hall. We look forward to everyone meeting the team.

We liaise directly with the Warkworth Police. They advise that if you witness or are part of an active/urgent incident please report it directly to the Police via **111**. If **non-urgent dial 105** or call the local **Warkworth Police Station 09 425-8109**.

We are a volunteer organization, servicing Leigh, Pākiri, Whangateau, Ti Point, Goat Island and Matakana.

Thank you for your continued support and positive feedback! It is very rewarding work.

To join the team, contact us today! leigh@cpnz.org.nz

LEIGH COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GROUP

We are thrilled that we can now safely store equipment to effectively operate as a community emergency hub at the Leigh Hall. A huge thank you to Steve and Juliette Mantle – they have very generously donated a generator and accessories for it. This is needed to run water pumps and filters, lights, and a couple of power points in the hall. Steve and Juliette, - your generosity and support is amazing.

Another big shout out to Kevin Lawton and Leigh Builders who sourced our storage unit and negotiated a big discount (and prepared the site for it). Your donation of time expertise and materials is hugely appreciated.

The Leigh Community Club and the Leigh Hall Committee have paid for everything else upfront (\$7,000.00). Donations towards repaying this would be wonderful. If you feel you can help, banking details are below. Note that the Community Club is a charity, and donations to the Club are tax deductible.

Leigh Community Club: ASB 12-3095-0015590-00 Reference CRG. If you require tax receipt, please put your name and phone number in the particulars and code fields or email Leighcommunityclub@gmail.com


Leigh Hall Advisory Committee: ASB 12-3095-0147120-01 Reference CRG

We are a volunteer group that operates within the Rodney East, North and West Resilience Group, and Auckland Emergency Management. In an emergency situation we respond to the local Fire Service and/or Auckland Emergency Management's requests. When required, the CRG will open the Leigh Hall as a temporary shelter, an information station, or a full community hub.

Spread the word that Leigh Hall on Seaton Avenue is the place to go if you need information or help in a civil defense/emergency situation.

Questions? Contact Lynn Mellsopp 027-286-8625
<https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz/>

GET A QUOTE TODAY



MORRELL
CONSTRUCTION
RENOVATIONS
ALTERATIONS
CONSULTANCY

John Morrell
021 663 496 | johnm674@hotmail.com
Grand View Road, Matheson Bay



**RODNEY
SEPTIC
TANK CLEANING**

PETER CAIRNS

Telephone: 09 422 7166

Mobile: 0274 946 370

LEIGH BAR

EST 2014

OPEN TUES - SUN 4 PM ONWARDS

TUES | Burger & Beer

WED | Big Rib Night

THR | Chef's Special

FRID | Happy Hour

SAT-SUN | Sports Weekend

21 HAURAKI RD, LEIGH - (021) 0419-242

CHAPPELL PRINTING DIGITAL PRINT CENTER

LAZER PRINTS | COPIES | BINDING
LARGE FORMAT | SCANNING
SCAN FROM PRINTS
LAMINATING
CANVAS PRINTS

Ray Chappell

0274-300-447 | chaprint@xtra.co.nz



MATAKANA GLASS

TOP GLASS SERVICE

**FAST FRIENDLY
WINDOW REPAIRS**

021 - 027 - 81204

www.matakanaglass.nz

BUILDING SERVICES



FENCES | DECKS | CARPORTS
WATERBLASTING | PAINTING

all work considered

30 years experience

call Bryn today

022-636-9801

SECTION SERVICES

TREES

big - small - difficult
pruned, trimmed, removed

one off section tidy ups

call/text for a quote today

insured | experienced | local

DOM 027-222-1223

**SQUEEGEE
BOYS**



- + Window Cleaning
- + Waterblasting & Driveway Care
- + Home & Building Washing
- + Roof Treatments
- + Gutter Cleaning

For a Free Quote visit our website!
squeegeeboys.co.nz

WHANGATEAU RESIDENT AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION



Whangateau Resident and Ratepayers & the Whangateau Hall Committee will be holding a **Open the Hall and end of Matariki celebration on Saturday 20 July at the Whangateau Hall from 9.30am.**

Leigh School and Preschool will be performing a welcome and songs for everyone to celebrate the end of the Matariki month long celebratory period and as a blessing from the community for the re-opening of the Whangateau Hall after the work by Auckland Council on the roof and floor.

There will be children's games, races and entertainment as well as raffle, BBQ and refreshments. Everyone in the community is welcome to support of this special event.

Kindest regards,
Audrey Sharp, WRRRA Secretary

Keep up to date with **Whangateau Folk Club** gigs by signing up to their newsletter:
whangateau.co.nz/also-on-at-the-hall

MARK THE DATE: 5 July, doors open 7:30 PM at Leigh Hall

Guest Artist: **Daniel Champagne** (pictured) is an Australian singer-songwriter currently touring NZ. According to his bio, he has released 5 studio albums, and has toured relentlessly around the globe with upwards of 300 shows per year. He has also played "some of the biggest festivals under the sun" and has shared "stages with the likes of Tommy Emmanuel, INXS, John Butler, Lucinda Williams, Ani DiFranco, Judy Collins and Rodrigo y Gabriela". www.danielchampagnemusic.com



after-school, weekend art classes and children's holiday arts programs

Adult relaxation Painting Saturdays

1-3pm. Contact for details!

17E Totara Ave Leigh NZ 0985

Mobile 021-0891-6855

foundationleighnz@gmail.com

[FaceBook: Foundation Gallery & Arts Hub](#)

[Instagram FoundationGalleryNZ](#)

greenscapes landscape construction mini excavation



rochford landscapes

www.rochfordlandscapes.co.nz

call today 021-939-117 todd@rochfordlandscapes.co.nz

specialist in outdoor construction and tight access earthworks

NOMINATE A LOCAL GOOD SORT!

The Leigh Community Church has run the *Good Sorts* column since 2013. Nominate someone by writing a few words about 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 LeighRaQNZ@gmail.com**.

The person considered most deserving will receive home baking courtesy of Leigh Community Church

GOOD SORTS



Our GOOD SORT this month is **Juliet Mantle** nominated by Julie Hyde who wrote... *'Many thanks Juliet for the wonderful cleanup of the Leigh Bowling Club Library, it definitely needed it.'* We also know **Juliet** helps tend the Bowling Club gardens which always look tidy and colourful. Thanks for your kind-hearted mahi in this community facility **Juliet**, it is much appreciated. The *Leigh Community Church* has home-baking coming your way.



Auckland Council approved
for septic servicing



HAUS

PLUMBING BY DESIGN

10% OFF

Labour rate for
SuperGold Card
holders



0800 888 380



info@hausplumbing.co.nz

LEIGH GENERAL STORE OPEN 7 DAYS

- ▶ Groceries
- ▶ Ice Cream & Drinks
- ▶ Fresh Fruit & Vegetables
- ▶ Magazines, Postcards & Films
- ▶ Free Range Eggs
- ▶ Hardware & Seeds
- ▶ Bait & Fishing Gear
- ▶ Wine

EFTPOS AVAILABLE
Phone 09 422 6034

INSURANCE



NAUTICAL

BOAT INSURANCE - better premiums
and a comprehensive cover

Ph 03 384 1694 • 0508 NAUTICAL

email: insurance@nautical.co.nz • www.nautical.co.nz

EARTHPRO MATAKANA LTD

TRUCKS ■ DIGGERS ■ METAL

driveways ■ house sites ■ hard landscaping ■ ponds ■ section clearing
farm drainage & race maintenance ■ commercial site preparation
drilling ■ rock breaking ■ retaining walls ■ and all other earthworks

021 557 873 ■ earthpro63@gmail.com

We cover Rodney ■ 25 years experience ■ Locally owned & operated ■ Quality & Service Guaranteed



• WATER PUMPS
• WATER TANKS
• SPA & POOLS

SPLASH
WATER SPECIALISTS

• SALES & SERVICE
• WATER BLASTERS
• FILTRATION SYSTEMS

MM179

GRUNDFOS

AUTHORISED AGENT

We also offer the following:

- ◆ Water Filters
- ◆ Pool Valet Service
- ◆ Water Testing
- ◆ Water Treatment
- ◆ Spray Equipment
- ◆ Mobile & Workshop Services

31 Woodcocks Road, Warkworth ◆ Phone 09 425 9100
E: splashwater@xtra.co.nz

LEIGH PENGUIN PROJECT

If you are a Leigh local you will be familiar with the korora (penguin) nesting boxes which dot our coastline. Some were kindly decorated a while back by local school kids and the korora did seem to like them. Thanks guys! There is much community goodwill in Leigh and people often ask how they can help with our conservation efforts.

How you can help:

- Be observant and communicate changes to our team.
- The sticks placed in front of the box (pictured) are an important indicator to us that there may have been penguin activity. It is important not to touch them, please report if they have been trampled on.
- Nearby sightings of possible penguin poo is a positive sign. Once spotted we can capture video recordings and monitor them more closely to determine numbers and activity.
- We rely on the community to let us know if pest traps are in the right spot and whether they have moved. This vital information helps to stop predators from killing penguins.
- Keep your dog on a lead along the coastal area is crucial. We all love our dogs but they are predators too and if we can love them while intelligently managing their natural instincts, we are all winning.
- Please let us know of any penguin sightings or if you hear penguins, they are very noisy wee things.



Good news: We currently have several penguins back on land exploring their nests in preparation for next season. It is very exciting! We are hopeful for a much better season.

A BIG event on our calendar is the **Enviro Expo June 22 Warkworth Town Hall 9am - 3pm** This exciting event facilitated by Restore Rodney East is a must event to attend. Meet numerous conservation groups displaying interactive exhibits with plenty of activities for children and adults. Come and enjoy the day and say hello to our team. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mary Mangan on behalf of Leigh Penguin Project
leighpenguins@gmail.com

bali
garden

WELLNESS
STAY
EVENTS

292 point wells road
matakana

see website for yoga schedule
www.baligarden.nz

TT

TURBO TONICS

WWW.TURBOTONICS.CO.NZ
local natural anti-inflammatory

STOCKISTS

Leigh Eats

Matakana Farmers Market

Point Wells General Store

Charlies Gelato

Matakana Liquor Center

Northern Waters Oysters



HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY
PREDATOR FREE

GET A FREE TRAP TODAY
pestfreeleigh@gmail.com

COURIER PACKAGES

Leigh Motors is the official Drop-off & Pick-up point for NZCourier
Leigh General Store for NZ POST
Monday to Friday Collect at Leigh General Store or Leigh Motors



In the heart of Leigh Village

*five stylish self-contained motel units five boatshed cabins
all with a retro beach vibe—Boutique Motorhome/Caravan Park*

Function and Events Venue

www.leighcentral.co.nz

Phone: 09 422 6070 Mobile: 021 246 0757

Knitting Group

Thursdays

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Leigh Library

15 Cumberland Street

tea & coffee provided
all are welcome!



Michelle uses foundational, preventative and corrective therapies to facilitate the ultimate restoration of Health & Wellbeing



- Nutrition & Health
- Hair testing & analysis
- Emotional Rebalancing
- Cleansing & Support programmes
- Immunity/Health Check

these processes include testing the physical body and are excellent for people in all states of wellbeing and at all ages to gain insight into their current state of wellness

practitioner only supplements available

Shadze of Lace

Sizes 10-22
locally designed/made clothing

Dressmaking/Alterations/
Repairs

15 Elizabeth St,
Warkworth

ph: 09-425-0515

www.shadze.co.nz

Leigh Church Services



11 AM FOLLOWED BY A CUPPA

ON THE 1ST, 2ND + 3RD
SUNDAYS
EVERY MONTH

ALL DENOMINATIONS AND
VISITORS WELCOME

Ti Point

Reptile Park

**27 Ti Point Road
LEIGH**

please check website for opening hours | <https://www.reptilepark.co.nz/>
Adult \$22 - schoolchildren \$12 - preschooler - no charge - family pass \$60

enquiries@reptilepark.co.nz | 022 350 719



**Leigh
Motors**



**fuel up 24/7
vehicle repairs
WOF & servicing
batteries
tyres
trailer hire
bait & ice
gas bottle swap**

**20 Cumberland St, Leigh
(09) 422 6077
leighmotors2017@gmail.com**

keep it local

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR NEWS, EVENTS AND THE GOS

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LEIGHRAGNZ



Have an upcoming event?

**Get the word out! Put it in
THE RAG!**

email us today

leighragnz@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	TIME	\$\$	PLACE
22 June	Peng Proj Environmental Expo	9-3 pm		WW Town Hall
23 June	Mid-Winter Swim	10:15 am		Matheson Bay
23 June	Leigh Comm Patrol AGM	2 pm		Leigh Hall
24 June	Whangateau Folk Club Night	7:30 pm		Leigh Hall
29 June	Matheson Bay Assoc dinner	6 pm		Leigh Hall
30 June	Matheson Bay Assoc AGM	3 pm		Leigh Hall
5 July	Whangateau Folk Concert	7:30 pm		Leigh Hall
20 July	Whang Open Hall—Matariki	9:30 am		Whang Hall
27 July	Fire Brig Honours Night			Leigh Hall

LEIGH REGULAR EVENTS

WHAT	DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Waste Free Leigh/Sewing Group	Monday	9:30 - 11:30	drop-in non sewers welcome
Boogie Nights - fortnightly	Monday	7:00 - 8:00pm	\$5 leighhallauckland@gmail.com
YOGA	Tuesday	9:30 - 11:30	Marion 021-111-9104
Advanced Contemporary Dance	Thursday	8:30 - 9:30	ON HOLD
Waste Free Leigh/Sewing Group	Thursday	9:30 - 11:30	drop-in non sewers welcome
PILATES	Thursday	9:45 - 10:45	Sam Aley 021-531-355
Knitting at Leigh Library	Thursday	2:00 - 4:00	all welcome

LEIGH RAG

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!

starting at \$100 for 11 issues

email for more info: leighragnz@gmail.com

follow us on FaceBook

www.facebook.com/leighragnz

Community Directory

- Forest & Bird Coastal Restoration Group** - 022-582-2713 Neil Sutherland
- Leigh Bowling Club** - 021-423-144 Ian Bradnam (secretary)
- Leigh Business Community**— leighbytheseanz@gmail.com www.leighbythesea.co.nz
- Leigh Cards 500** - 1:00 - 3.30pm Tuesday, Leigh Bowling Club, all welcome, \$3.00
- Leigh Cemetery Trust** - 027-277-7594 Diti Hill-Denee
- Leigh Church** - 425-8054 (call to book the Church Hall)
- Leigh Community Club** - 021-352-588 leighcommunityclub@gmail.com Guy Parkes (pres)
- Leigh Community Patrol** 021-827-855 leigh@cpnz.org.nz
- Leigh Community Preschool** - www.leighpreschool.co.nz 422-6516 Lucinda van Oosterom
- Leigh Community Resilience Group** - 027-286-8625 Lynn Mellsopp
- Leigh Hall** - 027-286-8625 leighhallauckland@gmail.com Lynn Mellsopp
- Leigh Harbour Valley Society** - 422-6880 www.leighharbourvalleysociety.org.nz
- Leigh Library** – leighbythesealibrary@gmail.com
- Leigh Penguin Project** - 0275-658-817 leighpenguins@gmail.com
- Leigh School** - 422-6031 www.leigh.school.nz Georgia Brebner
- Leigh Tennis Club** – leightennisinc@gmail.com Marie Dominique Lennan (pres)
- Leigh Walking Group** - paddis@xtra.co.nz Valda Paddison (meet Monday at 9.30am)
- Matheson Bay Neighbourhood Assn** - mathesonbayassn@gmail.com Yvonne Keesling
- Pakiri Community Landcare Group** - 021-688-997 (Frankie) or nick@nickmolloy.co.nz
- Pakiri Tennis Club** - pakiritennis@gmail.com, Myles Williams President
- Pest Free Leigh** - pestfreeleigh@gmail.com FB: www.facebook.com/groups/pestfreeleigh
- Plunket** 027-290-1915 Adele (meet 1st Monday of month Leigh Church Hall Contact)
- Rodney Rams Rugby League Club** - 021-0205-8098 Daphne Were rodneyrams@outlook.com
- Tawharanui Open Sanctuary Society** - 585-1315 www.tossi.org.nz Karyn H. secretary@tossi.org.nz
- Waste Free Leigh** 021-484-432 helenp708@gmail.com Helen Parkes
- Whangateau Acoustic Music & Social Club** - www.whangateau.co.nz
- Whangateau Neighbourhood Support** – sharyncarew@vodafone.co.nz Sharyn Carew
- Whangateau Residents & Ratepayers Assn | Whangateau Hall** - 422-6209 Audrey Sharp or Hugh McKergow 422-6219, *book the Hall*: 021-428-568 Jenine Abarbanel whangateauhallbookings@gmail.com

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE & CELEBRANTS

JP - Fay Bradnam 422-6038

JP - Jon Everest 021 354 708

JP - John Marsden 489-0193, 021-509-463

FACEBOOK

Leigh Community Club - www.facebook.com/leighcomm/

Leigh Community Patrol - www.facebook.com/leighcommunitypatrol

Love Leigh - www.facebook.com/groups/loveleigh/

Leigh by the Sea - www.facebook.com/leighbythesea

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

Leigh Rag - www.facebook.com/leighragnz

**Marie-Dominique**021 490 039 | marie.lennan@ljhooker.co.nz**20 Albert Street**

Cosy Living with 3+ 1 brm in consented sleepout with bathroom & cabin.

For Sale By Negotiation**View** [ljhooker.co.nz/F4KHAY](https://www.ljhooker.co.nz/F4KHAY)**79 Hauraki Road**

Timeless with 4 bdrms, 2 bthrms on 1500m2 with Little Barrier Views.

For Sale By Negotiation**View** [ljhooker.co.nz/F3RHAY](https://www.ljhooker.co.nz/F3RHAY)**23a Leigh Road**

Cedar Lock & Leave Condo with sea views on shared section.

For Sale \$850,000**View** [ljhooker.co.nz/F3CHAY](https://www.ljhooker.co.nz/F3CHAY)**9 Ferndale Ave**

Great location and versatile home above a bush reserve

For Sale From \$1,125,000**View** [ljhooker.co.nz/F3AHAY](https://www.ljhooker.co.nz/F3AHAY)