

Daffodil Day

Friday August 28th

Fundraising event on behalf of the Cancer Society
Friday 28th August for a great morning tea at
38 Barrier View Rd, Leigh.

There will be prizes, coffee, tea
and cake so bring a friend, adonation and see you
there at 10.00am Juliet, Liz, Steve and helpers.



LEIGH PENGUIN PROJECT

Kororā Little Penguins Make Themselves at Home

There is some encouraging news for our local little penguin population. Volunteers monitoring nesting sites have recently checked nesting boxes and natural sites in the Leigh and Ti Point area and found signs that the birds are settling in for the breeding season.

Current estimates suggest there are five to seven penguins nesting around Leigh, at least two in the Ti Point area, and three at Goat Island. While not every nesting box contained a penguin during the daytime inspections, others showed clear signs of activity, including nesting material and plenty of penguin droppings, indicating boxes and natural nest sites are being used.

Little penguins are resourceful nesters. They may choose specially built nesting boxes, but they prefer to make their homes in natural crevices, caves, underground burrows, between rocks, or tucked beneath dense flax bushes. They will also nest under buildings.

Between May and June, adult penguins come ashore to prepare their nests, usually returning to the same burrows year after year. Their determination is remarkable. Some waddle up to 1.5 kilometres inland, scrambling over rocks and climbing cliffs as high as 300 metres in search of a safe place to raise their chicks.

At this time of year, adult kororā are usually out at sea feeding or in their burrows. Adults share incubation duty and many are on eggs now. They typically return to shore under the cover of darkness, arriving after dusk to avoid predators. Nest cameras have been placed at some sites to monitor their activity. The information collected by volunteers helps us better understand and protect our local little penguin population. You may also have noticed some new Auckland Council signs clarifying the need to keep dogs on a leash and under control. Please avoid disturbing nesting areas and enjoy the privilege of sharing our coastline with these remarkable seabirds. Maria Gill

Parking Charges at Goat Island

Goat Island parking fee feedback closes 9th September.

This month DOC is consulting with locals about the introduction of parking charges at Te Hāwere-a-Maki/ Goat Island. The plan is to introduce the charges from December 2026. There are two drop-in sessions at Leigh Hall to learn more about the proposal:

Thursday 13 August, 3 pm to 6 pm and

Tuesday 18 August at 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

More information on consultation is available on the notice board at Leigh General Store or click [here](#) for the DOC media release. To give feedback goatlandpaidparking@doc.govt.nz

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Whangateau Resident and Ratepayers Association

Rock n Roll Disco Dance on Saturday 15th August 6.30pm at the Whangateau Hall - \$5 entry Fundraising. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Whangateau Know and Share Your History Morning

- Saturday 19th September at 10am Whangateau Hall.

This is an opportunity for the community to get together and share information about the history of the Whangateau Harbour area.

We hope this might lead to a publication of Whangateau History maybe by telling personal stories that are relevant to the area.

Everyone welcome. Morning tea provided.

Whangateau Hall News: Folk Club

Coming up at Whangateau Hall:

31 August 2026 Monday. August Club Night with special guests King & Power.

Before there was the Auckland Céilí Band, there was King & Power.

On Monday 31 August, for the first time in nearly 5 years, Paul King & Chris Power step out of the full line-up to perform as a duo — the way they started. Joined by fellow Céilí Band member Lucy Burrows on fiddle, it's three-fifths of Auckland's favourite folk act going back to their roots as a singing act, with occasional tunes.

First half floor singers, email whangateaufolk@gmail.com to claim a spot.

Tickets are \$15 cash or bank transfer. Doors will open at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.

More information about all events at Whangateau Hall can be found at whangateau.co.nz/calendar. Book tickets for all shows by emailing whangateaufolk@gmail.com.

Whangateau Pool Club (TBI) Championships

Date: Sunday 16 August 2026 Tables open: 11am Muster Time: 12.15pm
Tournament Starts: 12.30pm

Entry Requirement: must be a Whangateau Pool Club member to enter
Tournament Format:

- Women's championship singles
- Men's championship singles
- All-Player doubles championship (partners hat drawn)

Info for Women's comp:

- 1st round 8 players Womans comp: straight shoot out
- Win that 1st round, go on to Club Champs
- 2nd goes into Plate Comp
- Each player gets minimum 2 games each

Info for Men's comp:

- 1st round knockout "straight shootout" from 16 players to 8 players
 - Winners go onto Club Champ 1/4, semis, finals which is best of 3 racks
 - Plate Comp on after Women's Final. Straight shoot out to final, then best of 3.
- Organiser contact: Richard Keen 0275936437

If you haven't already please renew your membership fees, if you would like to join please come along to a Thursday night at the club! Club queries & Private Function Hire availability please contact our Club Secretary Kelly Tepania: rodneyrans@outlook.com



Rodney Rams Rugby League and Sports Club

August is going to be a huge month at Rodney Rams with several events on as well as our regular Thursdays shared korero, kai and fun pool table banter.

Masters Team Update: We are hosting the final games for ARL Masters Module Auckland Northshore area on Saturday 29th August first games start 2pm and last round 3pm with 8 teams playing: Rodney Rams, Hibiscus Coast Raiders, Waitemata Seagulls, Glenora Bears, New Lynn Stags, ECB Barracudas, Northcote Tigers and Glenfield Greyhounds.

Please come support our local Mighty Rams Masters team and enjoy a fun family day at the club with delicious kai, games and raffles and our local Warkworth Jacko of all trades DJ Jak to kanikani the night away!

LEIGH HALL REPORT

The Leigh Hall is still undergoing major upgrades to become an emergency hub. Starting August 17th and for some weeks work is being done on the installation of extra water tanks, water pumping and filter shed, a new septic system and the completion of the solar panel installation. THESE ARE MAJOR UPGRADES AND SOME DISRUPTION MAY BE EXPERIENCED. Please be careful around the working area. We will put notices up and inform hall

users of any power or water disruptions.

We are delighted with the improvements made to date and hope that our regular users are happy with them. We are sepecially pleased with the removal of the curtains and the installation of blinds on all the windows. **Sunday 23rd August** at the Leigh Hall, Market, focus on fresh and preserved produce, food and plants. Contact leighhallauckland@gmail.com Please support this initiative.

The hall is your local asset and is there to benefit all the community. If you would like to run an activity, public or private, please contact our booking officer to find more information or book. Lynn Mellsopp on leighhallauckland@gmail.com or phone 027 286 8625.

YOUTH GROUP

Young people from 13 to 19 years old are welcome to come and just "hang out" once a week, doing various activities that they choose and just being with others. All sorts of activities happen, from pickle ball, basket ball shoots, table tennis, roller skating, art work and card games.

All teens are welcome to join us then

4pm until 5.30'ish each Monday

Phone Di: 021108 5423 for enquiries



Leigh Community Club 100 raffle

The final draw of the LCC 100 Club 2025/2026 Raffle was held at the Leigh Bowls Club 5 Aug under the guidance of Steven Mantle (LCC Committee).

1st Prize: Ticket No. 30

2nd Prize: Ticket No. 61

3rd Prize: Ticket No. 85

The winners are contacted individually for distribution of the prize monies.

Our New Raffle 2026/27 will be available soon. Please watch for opportunities to buy a ticket.



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PEST FREE LEIGH

Leigh Planting Programmes

Over the past two months Pest Free Leigh volunteers have been hard at work removing weeds and planting native plants at two sites in Leigh. In June, *Watsonia* (a bulb weed) and various other noxious plants were removed from the reserve overlooking Matheson Bay at the end of Matheson Bay Road. This was followed by a planting program on 13 June in which 50 volunteers planted 800 native plants. Drop by and take a look – it is a beautiful site with extensive views over Matheson Bay and beyond. We have also been tidying up a section that is a paper road reserve on Pakiri Road opposite the end of Seatoun Avenue and Leigh Hall. It was overgrown with weeds and had been utilized as a dumping ground for what looks like decades. Improving this site will improve the northern entrance into Leigh, from Goat Island and Pakiri. Volunteers have been hard at work removing Woolly Nightshade, Moth Plant, Gorse and Blackberry plants together with assorted rubbish. Planting of 140 native plants, propagated by Kate McConnell, took place in mid-July, and a fence was erected (to keep out sheep). Weeding and planting was done by a group of 18 enthusiastic volunteers who did a great job. If you are interested in helping, please contact us (pestfreeleigh@gmail.com) – the more the merrier!



LEIGH CEMETERY COMMITTEE

There are 2 matters that the committee would like to share with Leigh Rag readers: The first is an appeal to families of deceased relatives, with graves in the cemetery, to maintain the grave site and keep it looking attractive and free of weeds. If you need help please contact us and we will do our best to respond. If you are looking for family vases and jars, I have a box of clean, washed containers. Please contact me at the email address below and I will return the vases and jars.

The second matter is the increasing number of people who wish to bury ashes under and around existing family graves and headstones in the Leigh Cemetery. This is entirely legal and you may bury the ashes of up to 6 relatives under one headstone. However, it is vital that you contact the committee before burying the ashes as this is a legal and notifiable burial and may differ considerably from the date of death. We need to record the ash burial under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964. Please ring the number below if this relates to you. Diti Hill-Denee - 0272777594

LEIGH FIRE BRIGADE

A much busier month for July with call-outs:

10 x medical calls, 3 x false alarms and one public assistance.

We celebrated Steve Paddison's 50yrs volunteering to Leigh fire brigade towards the end of July and it was a great turn out, shared with members of the Brigade family and friends.

What an achievement. Well done.

Congratulations to Keelan and Mark for successfully completing the recruit firefighter's course in Mount Wellington. They are officially now the rank of firefighter. They passed with flying colours, showing great credit to themselves. Well done to all the other brigade members who helped them prepare. Great work.

With spring just around the corner, no doubt everyone will be outside getting their properties ready to enjoy all the sunshine. So remember to unplug your cordless tool batteries once fully charged. (These have been known to catch fire when over charged)

Clear any old dead grass from the lawnmower before you start mowing. (This can create a lot of heat causing a fire to occur)

If you are preparing a burn pile, please ensure you choose a safe space. Keep away from low tree branches, powerlines and buildings. Think about easy access to water should you need it.

Tuesday evenings at 7 pm are our training nights.

New recruits are always welcome to come down and have a look and see what we do.



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LEIGH COMMUNITY PATROL

Community members often ask what the Leigh Community Patrol does, so this July update explains the patrol's role, highlights Police support, shares a six-month activity snapshot, and outlines how locals can get involved or report concerns.

Police support - One of the most important aspects of the Patrol is the liaison we have with the NZ Police. It is very important that the patrol forms a positive working relationship with the Police. Recently the patrol made a presentation to the Rodney Local Board with the aim of obtaining a grant from the community funds budget to assist in the ongoing activities of the voluntary Patrol group. To this end we asked the NZ Police for an endorsement of our activities, this they were happy to provide in a written submission which we provided to the Board.

In summary the NZ Police said the following:

"The Leigh Community Patrol provides a visible and reassuring presence throughout our region. Volunteers dedicate their time to prevention patrolling our roads, recreational areas, business districts, and coastal communities, helping to deter crime, reduce antisocial behaviour, and support emergency services when needed. Their proactive approach contributes significantly to maintaining the peaceful and welcoming environment that residents and visitors value.

The benefits of the Leigh Community Patrol to our area are substantial including crime prevention, crime detection and community re-assurance. By reporting incidents, monitoring high-risk areas, and supporting Police initiatives, the patrol contributes to reducing preventable incidents across the region." This endorsement shows the value of our volunteer patrol group to the community.

Six-month activity snapshot

Throughout the past six months the patrol has busily carried out the following:

109 Voluntary Patrols

414 Patrolling hours

5224 kilometres travelled

How the patrol helps locally

Over the last six months, the patrol has responded to a wide range of local issues. These have included assisting travellers and broken-down vehicles, supporting Ministry of Fisheries matters, helping around incidents involving boats running aground and bringing numerous issues to the attention of Auckland Council. The patrol also continues to provide reassurance through regular area patrols, support at community activities, and liaison with there tail sector to promote a safer local environment.

Get involved

If this article inspires you to join the Leigh Community Patrol, please contact us at leigh@cpnz.org.nz. Your enquiry would be most welcome.

Community safety reminder - This month's safety reminder is when to use 105 and when to call 111.

Use 105 on your phone or email 105.police@govt.nz to report things like:

- You or someone you know has been hurt or threatened
- Your house has been burgled
- Your car or bike has been stolen
- Someone broke into your car
- Someone has damaged your property
- You've lost your wallet or phone
- Driving behaviour or an incident that you have seen
- Someone has shoplifted or driven off without paying
- You suspect a scam or drug dealing or other suspicious behaviour
- or want to provide any other information onto Police

If something you're worried about is happening now or has just happened, or if you or anyone's safety is at risk, call 111 immediately.

If you can't decide if it's a real emergency and you're still worried, call 111 and ask us. In addition, *555 to report urgent traffic incidents on your mobile phone.

LEIGH LIBRARY

North Woods author Daniel Mason's new work is *Country People*. Miles Krzelewski, a devoted husband and father struggling with his stalled PhD, moves to Vermont with his family hoping to finally find direction in his life. Amid enchanted forests and eccentric locals he becomes entwined in a strange local legend.

The Great Wherever by Shannon Sanders follows Aubrey Lamb who travels to Tennessee after her grandfather dies leaving behind a valuable plot of family land. Aubrey must navigate a web of eccentric relatives, greedy developers, and long-buried family secrets as the decision is made on whether to sell. A 'Greek chorus' of ancestral ghosts provides commentary on the proceedings

Contrappasto, the new novel by David Eggers spans six decades telling the story of the lifelong, turbulent relationship between 'Cricket' Dibb, a talented but passive draftsman, and Olympia Argyros, an eccentric and fiercely independent artist. As Olympia finds sudden fame in New York's art world, Cricket remains on the periphery navigating his own professional journey.

A Twist in the River by Stig Abell follows former London detective Jake Jackson as he investigates the suspicious death of a local man found drowned in the river running through a quiet village. Jake discovers that the victim was an avid internet sleuth obsessed with a decades-old cold case involving a missing person from the same area. *Psychological thriller, Three Reasons for Revenge* by Dervla McTiernan centres around three tailored destructive packages delivered to a psychologist, a socialite, and a single father, leading to an extraordinary case for D S Judith Lee.

Murders and Mojitos by Garath and Louise Ward is a complex, entertaining final installment in the BookShop Detectives saga set during the Napier Art Deco Festival. The retired undercover cops investigate a murder related to an old nemesis.

Daughters of the Sun and Moon by Lisa See follows three resilient Chinese immigrant women navigating the harsh, violent landscape of late 19th century Los Angeles. *Mrs Dickens* by Emily Howes follows the unravelling marriage of Charles Dickens and his wife Kate. As Charles becomes increasingly fame-obsessed, Kate struggles to maintain her dignity while raising 10 children and facing public humiliation.

LEIGH COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GROUP

Recently we took part in a local sharing evening with our closest emergency Management groups at Matakana, talking with the Matakana Volunteer Fire Brigade. We already have a close connection with our fantastic Leigh Brigade, but any different viewpoint and confirmation of the same viewpoint is useful for our planning.

We also attended a Rodney Emergency Management sharing and learning day in Helensville - again a lot of new information and different viewpoints were shared.

We hope to use this information by doing a Desktop Planning (practice) day involving our volunteers and the community. Look out for details in the next Rag or on facebook. In a world of increasingly disruptive weather patterns, Leigh has been fortunate that no recent serious weather events caused long term and widespread damage and outages, and while we were on standby a few times, we did not need to open the hall as an emergency hub.

However, we continue to prepare our group and the Leigh Hall in case we need to open the hall as a hub as a place to go for information, advice and to get immediate needs met in an emergency situation.

WASTE FREE LEIGH REPORT

We are very proud to have been nominated for the Tamaki Makaurau Zero Waste Awards, for growing the movement.

Please ensure that you do not include any household rubbish, dirty or wet plastics in the soft plastics bins. It does take us some time to sort if there is contaminated material. Glass bottles and food tins must not be put into our aluminium can sacks.

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It's been fun for Leigh Church to enter a team in the Leigh Central Quiz competition. Our success rate is OK. 2nd, 6th, 6th and 2nd. Thank you to Alan and Jasmine for hosting this. For contact details call Jackie 0211782967

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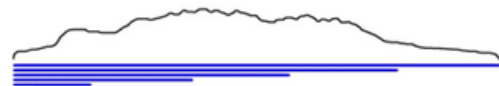
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Regular events in Leigh

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What	Where	Day	Time	Details
Waste Free Leigh Sewing Group	Leigh Hall Cumberland St	Mon Tues & Weds	9.30 – 11.30	Drop in. Non sewers welcome
Leigh Cards 500	Leigh Bowling Club	Tues	1:00 - 3.30	All welcome \$4
Youth Group 13-19 year olds	Leigh Hall	Mon	4.00 - 5.30 pm	School Terms
Pilates	Leigh Hall	Tues	5.30 - 6.30pm	Sam 021 531 355
Advanced contemporary dance (On hold until October)	Leigh Hall	Thurs	8.30 – 9.30	Ann 021892678
Pilates	Leigh Hall	Thurs	9.45 – 10.45	Sam 021 531 355
Knitting club	Leigh Library	Thurs	2.00 – 4.00	All welcome
Preschool playgroup	Leigh Church Hall	Fri	10 - 11.30	Contact Zoe

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MATHESON BAY NEWS

Winter so far has spoiled us with a run of cold but beautiful days. The Bay has been fairly quiet apart from the dog walkers, the ever faithful Leigh swimmers and those just enjoying the calm of the beach and water.

The council has done a makeover of the children's play area. Although the footprint of the playground has been reduced, this allows more grassed area for picnickers in summer. The play equipment has been spruced up and new mulch spread. It's great to see how much children enjoy using this area especially in the afternoons.

Interesting to note that as the weather has cooled the number of rats and mice being caught has also dropped off substantially. For those who trap, please keep checking and baiting as numbers will start to grow again once the weather warms. (Like us, rodents like to be dry and cozy on cold winter days...)

DOC has proposed paid parking will be introduced at Goat Island to help with summer congestion. Please check their website for information and any input that we as locals can provide.

While the hum of chainsaws and mulchers echoes in the Bay as gardeners tidy up for spring, the sprouting of freesias, jonquils and daffodils heralds the start of warmer weather and the potential for a long, hot summer - according to the weather boffins.

Let's wait and see...



Reminder, Help shape the future of Ti Point Forest. A community vision for coastal forest restoration

Please scan the QR code to view the Story Map and share your views. Feedback will help inform ongoing discussions with Auckland Council, the Local Board, mana whenua and technical advisors.

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Scan here to share your views on the Ti Point Forest Project.



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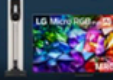
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