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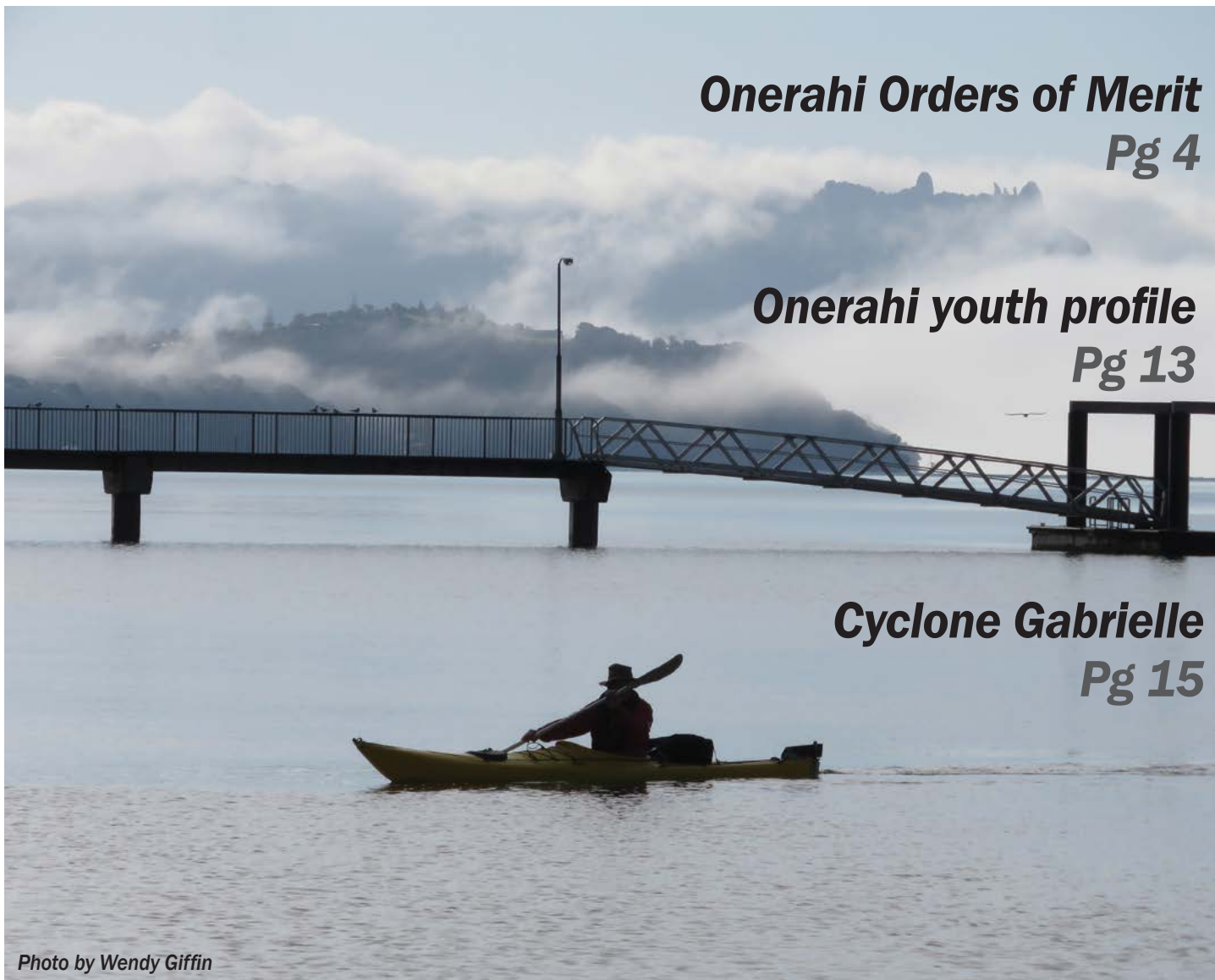


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Welcome to 2023. Given our bumpy welcome to the new year from the weather, we hope that you and your family are well and safe.

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President's Report

Onerahi Orders of Merit

The OCA had the pleasure of acknowledging two long term community contributors just before Christmas. Fiona Raymond from Onerahi Rugby Club and Spence Penny, the recent Community Constable, were acknowledged with an Order of Merit each. More details are included on page 4 of this publication.



Youth Day

Also prior to Christmas, an activity for young people was held to get some feedback from our youth about things that they like and dislike about the Onerahi community; and to gain an idea of what clubs or activities they enjoyed. Similarly, the feedback is included in more detail on page 19. OCA thank New World for their sponsorship for the day, and the Fire Brigade for their assistance in running the event.

Community Led Projects

The Community Led projects lead group have met and discussed the feedback from community consultation including feedback from Youth Day. Three main possibilities were discussed-

1. Swimming opportunities: Community partnerships with schools for use of their pools (swimming classes, lifeguard training etc.)
2. Community spaces: Create a community space next to the Onerahi Library – a cafe, food market, event space e.g. movie nights
3. Environmental/climate education: Carrying out simple actions or projects (such as noxious weed identification and disposal) or planning for community resilience

We are keen for feedback from the community about pursuing these options as projects. For feedback please email ccoca@xtra.co.nz.

Onerahi Community Facebook Page

These examples above are how OCA are looking to recognise activity in the community and get feedback on how we can impact the lives of people in the Onerahi Community. The Onerahi Community Facebook page is a great avenue for feedback and comments. These pages are regularly scanned and will include links to administrative forms that currently are hard to get out to people. The Community hall and house

have seen an upsurge in interest for bookings for community activity.

The recent bad weather

Top of mind for many has been the significant impact to the Region with the February cyclone and storm systems hitting the area hard. Evidence of the impacts can be seen still. However the human impact is often unseen. The Onerahi Community Hall was set up as an initial evacuation centre but thankfully it wasn't needed. I must acknowledge the resilience of Onerahi community members in the face of sometimes significant damage, power cuts and isolation. It was most gratifying to hear of, and see, the willingness of people to help out others. The OCA is keen to hear about people that went out of their way to provide assistance to others. There is still plenty to do and it may take some time to remedy some of the damage.

Grant Harrison
OCA president

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Dragonfly Springs damaged by Cyclone Gabrielle

Onerahi's award winning taonga and education resource, Dragonfly Springs Wetland Sanctuary, sustained a lot of damage from Cyclone Gabrielle. Jeremy Busck and his team of volunteers have spent countless hours over the years restoring the wetland, and had to double down again after the cyclone, "There's so much cyclone damage to be cleared. Coping with all of this on top of regular Sanctuary maintenance work is daunting for us Seniors. All help big and small is much appreciated." A number of Saturday morning working bees have been held, with the community turning out to help. The walkways are open again now, but there is much more work to do. If you want to help, get in touch via Facebook - Dragonfly Springs Wetland Sanctuary. The photos show the team at work dealing with the damage.



ABOVE: Jeremy has the chainsaw

ABOVE RIGHT: Volunteers arrive

MIDDLE RIGHT: More to take out

BELOW RIGHT: Wood and Brush coming out



Onerahi Order of Merit Awards

Onerahi Order of Merit Awards were presented by the Onerahi Community Association at a ceremony in December 2022. The awards for 2022 go to Spence Penny and Fiona Raymond-Paikea.



Spence Penny

Spence was a long serving Community Constable for Onerahi. His recent retirement prompted the opportunity for the OCA to recognise his efforts in working with the Onerahi Community to make it a safer and more pleasant place to live. He was a link to a number of families in need and a strong shoulder for some; becoming a cohesive force within the community. During his time as Community Constable, Spence gained a lot of respect from a broad reach of people in the community. Spence told the Orbit he had "enjoyed his time engaging with, in particular, young people; trying to get an understanding of their situations that often led to some behaviours." At all times Spence had the wellbeing of the community and its members as the driving force for his work. He has many memories of young people and families he has engaged with and is happy that he has made a difference in a number of lives.

Fiona Raymond-Paikea

He uri ahau nō Ngatiwhatua, Te Uri O Hau, E tipu ahau ki roto i te hāpori on Onerahi. Fiona is chairperson and club coordinator for the Onerahi Rugby club. She has been part of the club for 36 years starting out as a player aged four "The club is motivated to help provide a safe, enjoyable and inclusive rugby experience to the families of Onerahi similar to what I experienced as a child. I love giving back to the community and people who have laid the foundation for the future generations. Success for me is in the smiles on the children's faces." Fiona acknowledged her mother for inspiring her by demonstrating her commitment to the community, allowing Fiona to recognise the importance of serving people to bring about positive change.

200th Kiwi released from Matakoho/Limestone Island

By Pam Stevens



Naming ceremony at Onerahi Yacht Club



Jo showing Sampa-the kiwi to tamariki at the Matapouri Marae

There was great celebration recently when the 200th kiwi graduated from the kiwi Creche on Matakoho/Limestone Island. This time, it was to enrich the Tutukaka wild kiwi population.

Dawn saw the accredited kiwi handlers catching the kiwi on the island, then fitting each with an ID chip and a transmitter for monitoring their health and future dispersal. After some quiet time in boxes the kiwi were barged to the Onerahi Yacht Club, where a large crowd of children and adults waited patiently for the opportunity to view them.

Te Parawhau named the 200th kiwi, Te Ao Tahi, with a special naming ceremony. Deputy Mayor Phil Halse spoke on behalf of Whangārei District Council. He was joined by other District and Northland Regional councillors as well as those representing Golden Bay Cement, which has long been supportive of the island project.

The kiwi then travelled to Matapouri marae with representatives of Te Parawhau Hapū and Friends of Matakoho/Limestone Island. There, Te Whānau Rangiwakaahu received the kiwi, naming the breeding pair Aorangī and Tawhiti after two of the islands in the Tawhiti Rahi/Poor Knights group. By the end of the day, kiwi handler Todd Hamilton had spoken to well over 450 people, describing kiwi characteristics and strongly emphasising the importance of dog control to ensure kiwi survival.



Te Parawhau and Friends of Matakoho Limestone Island representatives with kiwi Te Ao Tahi. Photo Kieran Pullman

Once a strategic pā and still a significant whenua for Te Parawhau Hapū, Matakoho/Limestone Island is now a designated Whangārei District Council reserve; and for the past 34 years, has been managed by the volunteer group, Friends of Matakoho Limestone Island. The current island ranger, Jo Skyrme, lives in the island cottage with partner Darin, who kayaks over to the mainland each working day.

Matakoho/Limestone, this jewel in our harbour, is the only operational kiwi creche in Te Tai Tokerau. Home to upwards of 50 kiwi at any one time, mostly gifted by Ngāti Hine when they're just 2 or 3 weeks old. On the island they roam free until they're big enough to move back to managed (heavily trapped) areas of the mainland. Over the last 10 years a large number have gone to the Whangārei Heads Landcare group, which started with 80 kiwi and this year counted over 1200!

Te Parawhau representative, Fred Tito, said it was amazing to see the 200th kiwi leave the Island and acknowledged Ngāti Hine and Ngātiwai for their part in helping Matakoho Limestone Island reach such a significant milestone.

Volunteer of the year

Congratulations to Alison Vesey who is the Friends of Matakoho Limestone Island volunteer of the year. Alison has been volunteering with FOMLI for 14 years. She is a keen outdoors person, who enjoys hiking and keeping active - volunteering on the Island is a great mix of both! Alison is a valued member of the FOMLI 'volley' crew, who meet on the first Wednesday of every month. FOMLI volunteer days are open to the public, please email limestonerangers@gmail.com for more information.



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Kia ora Koutou!

We had water water everywhere this summer, but a lot of it was brown! During the election campaign I said the

upcoming Freshwater Plan Change was a key reason I wanted to be your councillor. This plan change is a review of all our rules and regulations for freshwater, it's how we can manage impacts on waterways to improve the state they are in. It's our chance to turn the dial on pollution and degradation, and create a healthy Northland environment for our kids.

The work is developing detailed targets and rules, so for it to be meaningful we also need to lift our eyes to the future state we are moving toward. I'm motivated by a future where our harbours and estuaries are clean and clear, even when it rains heavily - I know lots of people around Onerahi are upset to see great plumes of brown in our harbour as rain washes silt down our rivers. There are others who want their local shellfish beds to be abundant and safe to eat, and I've got a friend who hopes her kids will be able to safely swim in the creek she swam in when she was growing up. What does a better freshwater future look like for you?

With that collective vision in mind, we then need to map the pathway there - what must we do to ensure we achieve our goal? NRC has two groups providing information and knowledge to support a first draft. The Te Taitokerau Water Advisory Group and Primary Sector Liaison Group are both giving advice for council to consider, we are beginning to work through their reports now.

It's so complex and it's so important. As we develop this draft Freshwater Plan we will put it out for community feedback. From June this year we will be asking you for your perspective, because we will only succeed if we are all committed. You can read lots more and get involved, visit nrc.govt.nz and search "freshwater plan".

Enjoy Autumn! Always happy to hear from you - amym@nrc.govt.nz, or find me on facebook: Amy Macdonald - NRC Councillor.

*Ngā mihi nui,
 NRC Councillor Amy Macdonald
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Alice joyfully swimming

Introducing WDC Councillor Holmes



engineering, consenting and funding (and once confirmed, resources on the ground to do the work). Repairs of this scale may need to be funded through Annual Planning or Long-Term Planning, so will roll out over many months or years. The cost of rebuilding is likely to be reflected in future Whangārei District rates.

Let's hope autumn is less eventful than our miserable summer, and there will be more positive news to share the next time I contribute to this publication. In the meantime, I can be contacted by email cr.holmes@wdc.govt.nz or you can call me 021 083 08331.

I also plan to produce the occasional newsletter which will summarise and highlight key issues and seek your views. To sign-up to the newsletter, please email me. I also plan to hold regular "café clinics" where anyone can stop by for a chat. I will publicise these events on my Facebook page.

Councillor Patrick Holmes

*Standard disclaimer -
 These are my personal views and not those of the Whangārei District Council nor WDC councillors*

This is the first article I've written as Councillor for the Whangārei Heads ward, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted in the local elections. Whether or not you voted for me, your participation in the local government elections is crucial. I will be working hard to listen to, consult with, and advocate on behalf of all residents in my role as your elected representative.

This summer has been a wash-out! Cyclone Gabrielle storm hit the Northland Region, and the Whangārei Heads area in particular, during the middle of February. The heavy rain, high winds and storm seas caused significant slips, subsidence and coastal erosion. This resulted in widespread damage to the roading network and infrastructure.

In the Whangārei Heads area there was damage to roads, flooding and numerous trees down across roads. Large scale slips occurred on the main road at Reotahi intersection, outside the Mania Club, at the Whangārei Heads School Road. The high sea levels during the storm also caused damage to the coast along the roads and in Urquharts Bay and Urquharts Bay Road.

All this damage is currently being cleared and will be investigated and monitored to determine best options for repair. Initial estimates for costs incurred during this storm event across the whole District are close to \$20m. Additional Government Funding has been promised to assist Council with the recovery costs but it's early days in the recovery process and the true costs are impossible to accurately predict until the assessment work has been completed.

Immediate priorities are to ensure residents have their transport, water, waste and other infrastructure needs met. Some projects will require significant

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Cleaning up... Again

Kia ora and ciao Onerahi. We're all still feeling the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle, and I know many of you in the Onerahi area were significantly affected.

While I know we still have some way to go with the clean-up and repair efforts, I want to thank all the contractors, Northpower, Civil Defence and Northland Regional Council, Kaipara, Far North and Whangārei District Council staff who worked behind the scenes.

To all the community helpers and volunteers – and we know there were many in the Onerahi area – we thank you. Your offers of hot showers and cups of tea to those without power were invaluable. You came out with your spades and brooms, you offered your help with fallen trees and you checked on neighbours and friends. Whether you picked up a chainsaw or picked up a phone, we thank you. Your actions strengthen our community.

Our focus is now turning to reviewing our response efforts and building back better. That means we need to make smart decisions backed by good data from scientists, engineers, and infrastructure planners.

Aligning this good data with the five key projects from

our Northland Mayoral Forum will be easy. We already have 'connecting Northland' as number one on the list, and number four is 'upgrading existing infrastructure'; such as power, communications, and access. It is now time to have Central Government

come in behind us and back the Council's decisions going forward, by giving funding and support where needed.

With regards to funding, we are fortunate to have been 'adopted' by two fellow councils: Kapiti and South Wairarapa District Councils. These councils are sending donations from their communities directly through to our Mayoral Relief Fund, to support our community in this time of need. Our Mayoral Relief Fund provides emergency financial support

in response to major disasters that cause significant damage and disruption.

The fund is only available to those affected by the severe weather in February 2023, and is a "last option" fund, for people who have exhausted other sources of funding such as Civil Defence, the Ministry of Social Development, Work and Income, Ministry for Primary Industries, and private insurance. You can read more about the Mayoral Relief Fund on our website, at www.wdc.govt.nz/Relief-fund, or call our friendly Customer Services staff for help.

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Now is the time to make brave choices for our future

From Cape Reinga in the far north down right down to the Wairarapa, the recent weather events have wreaked havoc on millions of lives. While there's a long road ahead for many in Northland, we will get through this, together.



Right across Te Tai Tokerau, families and businesses have suffered enormous loss and hardship. It has been heart-breaking for all of us to witness. But as tough as it has been, we've also seen incredible community spirit as well as countless acts of bravery and service by first responders, neighbours and friends. Our local Onerahi Fire Brigade responded to 28 callouts in 48 hours, up from the usual few every week.

For many of those I meet, the stress is huge. Growers, farmers, business leaders, flood victims, and the principals dealing with their children, all show stark signs of strain.

Stress shows itself in many ways. Some people weather it, others struggle. Still others resort to an angry denial that anything is wrong, or insist the blame lies with someone else.

We have to take climate change seriously. As we move through the immediate response, the cost of the recovery and rebuild phases are becoming clearer. It will be significant – a multi-billion dollar price tag is ahead of us, but as a country, we're in a strong financial position.

We have huge, painful decisions ahead, about where we live, how we live and what we fund from resources that are painfully limited. The good news is that there are already solutions within our grasp as ordinary Kiwis. Some require individual action, others change from corporations and industry, and, yes, we will need to elect governments (local and central) who are prepared to redirect resources and take the big, unpopular decisions that will require change and sacrifice from us all.

If we are brave, it will lead us to some hard and challenging places, requiring yet more courage. We are going to have to tolerate new ways of operating and upend old certainties. If we are not brave, however, our children will face a future bleaker than I personally can tolerate. What I know of Whangārei is that we are brave enough, and we can do it if we put our minds to it.

As the proverb goes, the best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago; the second-best is today.



Cyclone Relief

Financial support is available to those who have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.

If you have been evacuated, unable to work, are a food producer or farmer, or your business has been impacted, help is available.

If you are in financial difficulty and looking for guidance on what help is available to you, please get in touch.

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From your Member of Parliament Dr Shane Reti

Welcome to the new year and what a wet summer this has been. I can't recall when we have been so green at the beginning of a year. The growers tell me the rain has made the grounds undriveable for tractors and the weight of water has damaged the underlying crops that would have eventually been turned into silage. This will of course have an impact on winter feed. Local stone fruit and flower growers have also been impacted by wind and rain which will severely affect their industry. All of this unfortunately looks like adding to the already crippling cost of living. One of the more obvious consequences of the wet weather has been the impact on our roads. The "goat track" that is State Highway 1 from Whangārei to Auckland eventually failed at the Brynderwyns and we were cut off. Last week Whangārei Heads School called me out to look at the school and the road which have been affected by the weather. The cracks in the footpaths and the road and the temporary blue water pipe were obvious to me. I spoke with local Councillor Patrick Holmes and Mayor Vince Cocurullo and they were up to date with the issue and now my role is to lobby central government for support which I am doing with relish. We know climate change for Northland will bring extremes and so we need to be doing our best to minimise this while at the same time future proofing Northland infrastructure. The economic future of Whangārei and Northland is closely tied to the rural sector. I sense a combination of weather events will likely make it a challenging year.

IT updates and should we do them?

In today's digital age, we have electronic devices everywhere, from phones to vacuum cleaners and toasters, and with many of these devices their operating systems (the language controlling the device) are constantly evolving and updating.

Therefore, keeping electronic devices up to date is essential to take advantage of the latest features, security patches, and bug fixes. Not doing so can leave your electronic devices vulnerable to malicious attacks and expose your sensitive data. For example, Microsoft's operating systems like Windows 10 and 11 are constantly updating behind the scenes with the latest security patches as threats become known to them.

Some operating systems updates often bring new features and bug fixes that can improve the overall performance of a device. For example, Apple releases regular updates for their phones, tablets, and computers, that often improve the speed and stability, as well as introduce new features that the device couldn't do before.

It is not just Microsoft and Apple which do updates, from time to time, I get asked to look at people's TVs and find that a new update has been released, which includes the TVNZ+ channel along with other channels.

The main thing is keeping your electronic devices up to date, not only protects your device, it can also unlock extra features, and doing so ensures that everything is running efficiently and securely.

If you have any questions or concerns do contact your local IT person, as many things can be solved over a phone call and a chat.

Tamaterau Beach parking upgrade

Work commenced on 13 February 2023 on the Tamaterau Reserve main car park. The construction is scheduled to finish around late March/early April 2023.

Background

With more people visiting Tamaterau Beach every year, and less separation between people and vehicles, the chances of an accident between a child and a trailer were increasing. Vehicles driving across the grass from the car park to the beach were eroding the edge of the car park, making it more prone to flooding and erosion on spring or king tides, and also damaging shellfish under the gravel on the beach. Following approaches to Council by Discover Whangārei and the community, money for this project came from government's Tourism Infrastructure fund in 2019. Public meetings about the design were held in 2019.

Concerns raised included environmental damage, the way the bay and reserve are used, problems with the old infrastructure, ways to improve the area, and ways to tell the history of the location. Specific consultation and engagement was also undertaken with the three hapu of the area; Ngāti Pūkenga ki Pakikaikutu, Ngāti Tu, and Ngāti Kahu o Torongare.



The project

A new concrete driveway replaces the old gravel one up to the hall. An accessible car park will be added and there will be a general tidy-up around the hall and plantings around the stream. Bollards, including four carved by mana whenua, will be installed around the main car park to keep vehicles off the beach and make the area safer for beach users. The two-metre wide strip of grass between the car park and beach will be refreshed and the gravel in the car park will be renewed. Drainage will be improved to control stormwater flows and protect the stream from stormwater coming from the car park.

Funding target for first response vehicle met

Whangārei Heads Fire Brigade have met their funding target to fund a First Response vehicle & some Fire Station extensions at their McLeod Bay site.

Jack Broome from the brigade has thanked everyone involved "Whangārei District Council, Onerahi and Whangārei Heads Lions Club, and the great community of wider Whangārei Heads; all take a bow & be proud...we express to everyone a VERY BIG THANK YOU".

The all important First Response vehicle has been painted fire brigade red and will soon be completed with signage,



a medical kit and fire-fighting Fit-out. Jack expects the unit to come into service early in 2023. In addition, he notes that "Volunteer Fire Brigade Station extensions can now be drawn to current specifications with inevitable planning decisions & implementation underway for tenders to be called in due course. Whilst we have achieved our funding target, there remains uncertainty of final cost. Yet to be finalised is the actual internal fit-out of the Station."

DR SHANE RETI QSM
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Change of season brings increase in rat numbers



The change of season signals a drop in temperatures but an increase in rat numbers, making it the perfect time for Onerahi residents to grab a free backyard trap.

"As we say goodbye to summer and welcome in the new autumn season, we can expect to also welcome a few unwelcome pests onto our properties," says local Predator Free Onerahi group member Mark Garry.

"Predator Free Onerahi still has a limited supply of free rat traps, which have been supplied by Tiakina Whangārei, so this is the ideal time to set up a trap in your backyard and prevent rodents from making themselves at home in your houses, sheds and composts as they seek warmer places to nest.

"We are regularly stationed outside New World Onerahi and have given out hundreds of traps over the last year, so we are expanding our trapping network across Onerahi which is great news for our native bird population."

As well as supporting people to maintain their own traps in their backyards, Predator Free Onerahi is servicing and maintaining traps and bait stations in spaces throughout the suburb to ensure that the movement of introduced predators is restricted. Passionate locals are leading the following projects and are actively seeking other Onerahi residents to join:

- The Waimahanga Track has regular trappers that maintain stations along a section of the track below George Point Road to the first bridge. This is complemented by the newly formed Waimahanga Track Action Group which has started managing weeds at the northern end of the track. They meet on the fourth Saturday of every month and are always looking for new helpers, get in touch with onerahi@tiakinaWhangarei.co.nz if you would like to join.
- The Beach Road Rat Management group is maintaining trap stations around the rock wall and regular monitoring has shown a huge decline in rat population, which benefits the predator free Matakoho/Limestone Island by reducing the risk of rat invasion from the mainland.
- Traps and bait stations around the Old Scout Den on Beach Road have been regularly refilled and serviced.

There are currently over 330 pest management devices recorded on TrapNZ in Onerahi. Tiakina Whangārei encourages everyone to register their trap on TrapNZ to help identify where the gaps in the network are, and also to understand how many captures there are in the area. If you need a trap or would like to get involved in any other way, please get in touch with the Predator Free Onerahi group: onerahi@tiakinaWhangarei.co.nz

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Onerahi Youth News Tarquala Whittaker-Stone

Being healthy and active has always been the norm for Tarquala. Growing up in Onerahi saw her outside a lot exploring her local environment and taking part in as many things as she could. Schooled locally at Onerahi Primary school she quickly became involved in as many activities as she could – she was one of the young people that unpacked and assembled the bikes for the new bike track when it was put in. At High school and intermediate she continued this trend finding herself in many school sport teams both school based and wider representative teams. At Whangārei Girls High School she discovered the sport of volleyball and went on to make it a focus. She was selected into the NZ U17 Beach Squad, which went to the west coast of America for games and training for two weeks; following this tour she was included in the NZ U17 Indoor volleyball team which toured Australia.

Tarquala acknowledges a lot of her drive and commitment comes from her strong whānau connections. "The values that we learn at home and at the marae stand us in good stead", she reflects.

Despite her selection she remains grounded and continues to be involved at club and regional level.

Her involvement goes beyond the playing of the sport as she is active in coaching younger players and teams, is a regionally qualified referee and is strongly involved in the delivery of community volleyball. "I think Tarquala demonstrates the leadership values that we seek from young people – there are many already who have benefitted from her involvement with their sport" says her volleyball coach Grant Harrison. "I suppose I was very lucky to come across someone who wasn't satisfied with just playing."



Her leadership is evident in these situations and in early 2020 Tarquala was selected for a Blue Light Youth Leadership Camp at Whenuapai Airbase. At this she topped the group as well as taking out the People's Choice Award (selected by all the other candidates). She is a member of the Onerahi Community Association and Northland Volleyball Board, where she brings a youth perspective.

From her perspective Tarquala reflects on the satisfaction she gets from her involvement "I know there are plenty of kids out there who have limited opportunities, I am pleased to be able to do a bit to help them. I get so much out of seeing the joy on their faces and hearing their enjoyment when they are involved in their sport. I love being with them, having real fun as they grow up."



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with Libby & Peter Urbahn



When a well-travelled friend suggested we swim with crocodiles during our adventure in Australia's magnificent Northern Territory, I was shocked that anyone in their right mind would consider something so reckless. However, back then, I did not appreciate the difference between saltwater and freshwater crocodiles. Now I'm aware that only saltwater crocodiles pose a problem for us humans, I'm no longer alarmed if someone suggests swimming with crocodiles.

Freshwater crocodiles or freshies have long narrow snouts with rows of razor-sharp teeth. Their dentition means they are highly unsuited to munching on people while salties they have massive square jaws that can readily swallow a kangaroo, a cow or, from time to time, a small human. Each year, at least a couple of croc attacks occur in northern Australia mainly because we humans take unnecessary risks like swimming in billabongs where salties frequent or standing or wading knee-deep in crocodilian waters.

Our first swim with freshies occurred at Wangi Falls in Litchfield National Park, southwest of Darwin in the Northern Territory. Though a few saltwater crocodiles enter the plunge pool at the base of the falls during the wet season, the rangers relocate them well before tourists venture into the park. The timid, much smaller freshies remain in the pool all year but keep to themselves on the far side. The only time they might take a nip is if you tread on one. Of course, that's most unlikely as freshies are shy and retiring and keep well away from us boisterous humans.

The first time I entered the plunge pool at Wangi Falls, I felt extremely nervous knowing I was sharing the space with crocs even if they were freshies. What if the rangers had missed just one saltie? The image kept playing around in my mind as I gingerly floated with a dozen other tourists, all of us clutching our foam plastic noodles for protection just in case and, of course, talking loudly, fifty-to-the-dozen. Grateful I didn't suddenly feel anything nudging my dangling feet, I even relaxed and enjoyed the entire experience, though I must admit I felt immense relief as I waded back to shore and the sanctity of my towel and deckchair.

During my half-hour in the water, I never saw a crocodile, though I kept a watchful eye out for anything unusual, like a pair of googly eyes heading towards me at speed. What an incredible experience to share the home of crocodiles in their natural habitat. Try it sometime. You will be thrilled at your courage and achievement, but please make sure they are freshies, not salties.



Libby and Peter at Walker Creek, Litchfield National Park



Warning sign at Wangi plunge pool



Pete heading out into Wangi plunge pool

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Cyclone Gabrielle report from the Fire Brigade

Due to the wet weather (and all our residents being very fire wise) our year started off very quietly. For the year to the evening of 12 February we had just six call outs.

Two were ambulance co-responses, one was a false alarm activation, two were cars in ditches and another one a car on fire.

Then Cyclone Gabrielle called in. From about 5:00 pm Sunday 12 to Tuesday evening (about 48 hours) we had 28 callouts. The vast majority were trees fallen on roads and houses. There were however at least 3 houses about to lose their roofs that we were able to secure in some way. In Raurimu Ave we had a hazardous chemical incident where rainwater landing on an unknown powder reacted by giving off fumes. At one point it spontaneously ignited.

We tried very hard with two chainsaws using both the Fire Appliance and Ute to keep the roads passable during the storm. We finally had to concede defeat at 2 am on Whangārei Heads Road after a very large tree fell. It was way beyond our capability.

Our dedicated crew got wet and tired and so very hungry. It was quite an operation on station, with other members and partners/families rallying around helping feed those who returned, getting gear dried best we could. Only on rare occasions did it get quiet enough for us to chance going home. Most of the time we rotated crews and had a presence on station the whole time. A big deal with just 16 operational members.

I will take this opportunity to thank all our brigade and their families for their support. It can be an anxious time for our members' families to be at home without their firefighter partner at home with them.

Further there were many in the community who offered help, brought in cake and other food, sharpened our chainsaws and offered help in some way. Thank you all. You made our day.

The tragedy in Muriwai, where two firefighters lost their lives, is a reminder that not all can be what it seems. At night especially we can not see what is going on in the background. We can't tell if the tree next to the one we are cutting isn't going to fall on us.

We appreciate the tokens of condolences left at our flagpole and on social media. Attending the minute's silence. Greatly appreciated.

Our objective was to help and assure, to keep the roads passable for emergency access. In the end Parua Bay was cut off that 1st night. A timely reminder for all to have a

'Get Through' kit available - help just may not be able to come.

On a happier note, the day before Gabrielle we had an Open Day. It was great to see so many people come along and meet us. Even greater to see so many willing to join us. We have received applications from an excellent group of people and will process their applications over the next few weeks.



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Onerahi Cemetery is a mess

The beautiful avenue of Pohutukawas that leads visitors into the Onerahi Cemetery provides a worthy framework for a restful place.

The Whangārei District Council is responsible for our reserves. Unfortunately, budget restraints mean that only the basic maintenance is done. Stephen Jenkins (Cemetery Manager WDC) has informed the Onerahi Weeds Group that although a clean up of the fence line bordering Whangārei Heads Road is planned, no date has been set for the work.

Do you have a loved one in this Cemetery? Would you like to contribute to the upkeep of this special place?

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Wai A Ariki News

Visitors from the Northland Edible Garden Trail were recently welcomed to Onerahi's Wai A Ariki food forest and community garden. The Trail features inspirational edible gardens throughout Northland that are open for the public to meet the gardeners, have a chat, look, learn and be inspired to grow fruit and vegetables in a sustainable way. The trail features everything from small urban gardens, to rural lifestyle blocks to commercial growers; and includes demonstrations and workshops.

Buck Beech-Cullen, the Wai A Ariki kaitiaki, was on hand to show visitors around and share his immense knowledge and passion for growing, not just edibles for humans, but food for birds and insects as well. Here he is discussing what and how to grow with Andrea, who is keen to get 'leafing' for the future.

The community garden is open to visitors during daylight hours.

Entry is free, and any weeding is appreciated!



Onerahi School Report

Kia ora e te whānau,

We would like to acknowledge the horrendous weather we all experienced at the beginning of the year. Our kura was very lucky and managed to come through mostly unscathed. Staff came in and spent a day clearing debris and making sure the space was safe for tamariki to return. As I write this we have had a couple of full weeks back at school since then and everyone has been in high spirits and ready to learn. In this article we will look at some of the highlights from the beginning of Term 1, 2023.

This year one of our new initiatives is the formation of our first Kaupapa Māori class. This rōpū pulls in students from across the school and meets every day to explore Tikanga Māori and Te Reo Māori. It is tightly connected to Maramataka (Māori lunar calendar) and offers a range of experiences to the 30 students taking part in it. The class has started exploring hauora (well-being) through Whare Tapa Rima and how it connects to who we are. Whare Tapa Rima offers an understanding of hauora through five dimensions: Taha Tinana (physical), Taha Hinengaro (mental), Taha Wairua (spiritual), Taha Whānau (connections to people), and Taha Whenua (the land). You can look forward to more updates about this new initiative as it continues to grow.



Competition and mutual respect in action at our Year 5-6 Swimming Sports

On the 7th of March we held our Year 5/6 swimming sports. It was a beautiful day where students could showcase some of the skills that had been developing with our swim instructor Sarah. We had a slightly delayed start to swimming this year, not just due to the weather but also due to our pool undergoing some repairs. Thankfully it is still up to the task and tamariki were able to take part in a number of events focused on both competition and participation. We saw fierce competition but also fair play, with competitors congratulating each other after their races. Next up is the interschool competition and we wish our representatives all the best.

A couple of other learning opportunities our tamariki have taken part in are EPro8 and working with Whitebait Connections. After an internal competition, EPro8 sees two teams of students heading off to compete in the E-Pro8

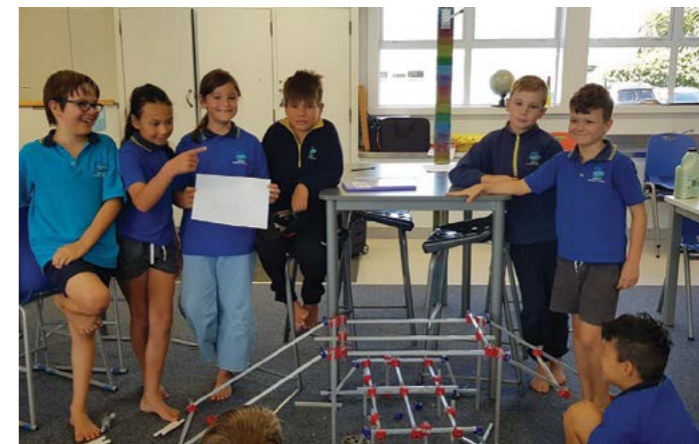


Kaimahi working through the clean-up process post-cyclone

challenge. This technology challenge is all about building, designing, and problem solving. We wish our tamariki all the best. Whitebait Connections is visiting our Year 4 classes to begin their learning about healthy waterways. Tamariki are learning to be kaitiaki of our streams, monitoring their health, and preparing for field trips that will allow them to put this learning into action.

Lastly, we are going on a huge whole school hiko on Tuesday the 28th of March. We will be busing into town and each team will be starting at a different point around the Loop. We will be bringing as much of our community with us as possible and if you see us out there, feel free to come up for a chat. Pōtae on, sunblock on, and we will see you out there.

Ngā manaakitanga,
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Tamariki sharing their EPro8 technology design with their peers

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The Jolly Dodgers

A proposed mobility scooter riders group for Onerahi



Shirley and Wendy

The Onerahi Orbit has been approached by local mobility scooter riders Wendy and Denise, who wondered if there were others in Onerahi who would like to get together for scooter outings. For many people living with mobility and disability issues there are not many opportunities for social get-togethers in Onerahi, and life can get quite lonely, especially if you are unable to drive.

Some ideas for outings include a visit to the airport Cafe 'The Apron' for a cuppa, Huckleberry for a delicious icecream, venturing along the Boswell/Waimahanga track with maybe a stop for a picnic and of course picnicking at the waterfront. For the more adventurous, a trip around the loop and even down to Mair park has been suggested.

Wendy ended up with a mobility scooter after not being able to drive for a few months following surgery "I'm not an inside person, so having a scooter saved me going 'nuts' from not being able to get out and about. The first time I went along the Boswell/Waimahanga track was amazing." Wendy met up with another fellow scooter rider, Shirley, at the Onerahi shops and mentioned the idea to her. Shirley was keen to join too. As a lot of people are not on social media, please spread the word about the Jolly Dodgers. If you are keen to join them for outings please contact Wendy on 021 031 7781 or Denise on 022 087 4955.

Inside the Dyslexic Mind

Local Parua Bay author Laughton King's fourth book 'Inside the Dyslexic Mind' will be published this month (April) by Exisle Publishing (Dunedin, Sydney), both in New Zealand and Australia. His books explore and celebrate the reality, the strengths and the difficulties of being dyslexic.

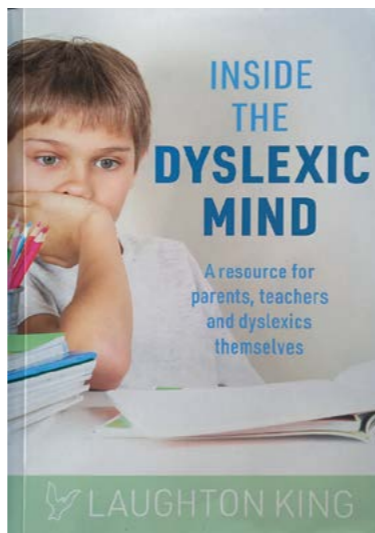
His book is written to be read, and to be useful for the parents and teachers of dyslexic children, and for dyslexic people themselves. It is written without academic jargon, in everyday language, and with simple pen illustrations to assist the understanding of the pictorial dyslexic brain.

"It was written from my own experiences as a dyslexic person, and from 45 years working with dyslexic students in New Zealand in my role as an Educational Psychologist." says Laughton "Perhaps it is the teaching system that is in deficit, not the learner".

Working from his early background as a mechanic he developed the crisp analogy of a diesel child sitting in a petrol classroom. As well as legitimizing the pictorial, 'diesel' thinking/learning style; Laughton also asserts that this is not a learning difficulty, but a legitimate (albeit different) thinking style, that can even be seen as having enhanced problem-solving capacity.

"We have robbed society of a major positive, creative, contributing sector - simply because their style is pictorial and practical, rather than being intellectual and academic. In doing this we have promoted linguistic thinkers to the top of the social pile, and relegated non-linguistic thinkers to the status of 'also-ran'."

His book will be available from local bookstores in May. Laughton's blog (which will become the basis of his next book) has been ranked in the 25 best dyslexia blogs in the world - have a look at <http://laughtonking.blogspot.com/>



Onerahi Youth Day

6 December 2022



The day was run by the Onerahi Community Association to provide an opportunity for the young people of Onerahi to have a go at a couple of activities; as well as providing the association with insights into what Onerahi is like for them. This feedback will be used to help with the planning for any Onerahi projects that concern youth.

The day was supported by New World with provision of some kai - sausages and fruit kebabs (made by the kids). The free sausages were a great hit with everyone! The Fire Brigade managed the BBQ and ran a water slide down the bank at Sherwood park.

Youth told the OCA committee members about what they like about living in Onerahi, what they didn't like, and were given an opportunity to say what they think is missing.

Approximately 80 youth took part in the activities and about 75 provided feedback. The playground, the skate park, their friends and family, the good people in the community and the sports available featured highly on 'Why I like living



Havanna and Koa in charge of the ideas buckets

in Onerahi'. What was disliked was the bullying, vaping, yelling, not having enough to do, fighting, tagging, rubbish, crime, fast drivers and mean people. What was missing was identified as a community swimming pool, a water park, a bigger playground, more shops, a BMX facility, a bigger/more skate parks, walking tracks, more sports opportunities, and a sports stadium.

The 8-12 year olds were the biggest group on the day. Ideas raised by this group not already catered for included roller skating /rollerblading and horse riding. There was some discussion about providing options for sponsoring some children/clubs/gear/gear swap to allow youth to try out a variety of sports and to make existing sports clubs more affordable for families.

Further fun activity days are being planned to provide opportunities for youth to try out existing clubs and activities.



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Off the back of an amazing 2022 season Onerahi Football Club is shaping up for a brilliant 2023.

If you haven't played before or it's been a while, don't hesitate, come for a kick around!

Contact via the Onerahi Football Club Facebook page, onerahifootballclub@outlook.co.nz or our website for information and registration details.

Onerahi CoastLine Action Group

By Valerie Green-Moss

The Onerahi CoastLine Action Group (OCLAG) of volunteer weed-busters has been active around the pathways and reserves of Onerahi, assisted recently by two Northern Regional Council summer interns, students Jonny Beech and Maria Secker, who have been studying for a degree in Environmental Science at NorthTec/Te Pukenga. They've been clearing ground on the perimeter of the old pa for our plantings next winter, tackling Morning Glory along the Waimahanga Track (near the Pah Road roundabout) and mulching and weeding around Stephen's Point. They've helped spread manure, donated by the Whangārei A&P society, after their recent show. Jonny and Maria have also been identifying Myrtle Rust - yes, sadly it's here in Onerahi.

We've also been joined by people from the PaperMill Trust, who gathered ginger for turning into hand-made paper, so we cleared some of this smothering weed and provided a good resource for the PaperMill - a win-win!

OCLAG regular volunteers meet for an hour per week (currently Sunday evenings, 7-8pm). We clean up overgrown council reserves, prepare ground for new native plants, plant them during winter then follow up with maintaining our existing plantings. Hard, but rewarding work when we see neglected areas transform into attractive bush! Would you like to join us? Contact Valerie Green-Moss 0210672760 or Brian McLachlan 4363660

We would like to acknowledge the Onerahi Community Association for their donation of \$500, their support is very much appreciated.



Ginger Gathering. L-R Jane Winton, Moana Balani, Casey Hawkins-Attwood (front), Keegan Bridges, Becky Caughley, Brian McLachlan, Jonny Beech and Maria Secker.

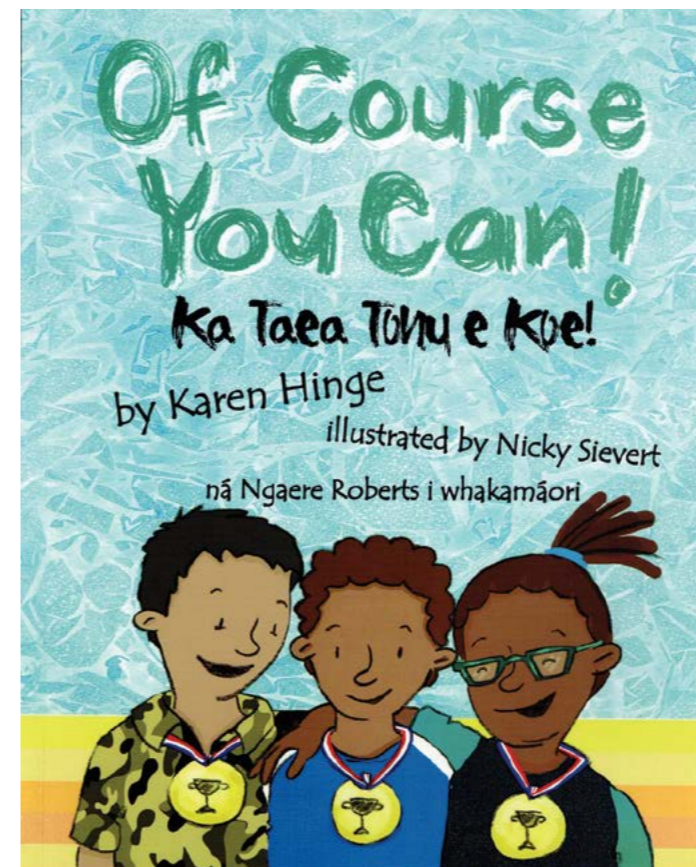


Mothplant removal on Beach Road. L-R Jonny Beech, Valerie Green-Moss, Judy Hamilton, Maria Secker.

'Of Course You Can! Ka Taea Tohu e Koe! A bilingual Children's Book by Karen Hinge

Karen Hinge is a school teacher and a long-time resident of Onerahi where her three children, now adults attended Onerahi Primary School.

Karen Hinge's latest published children's book, 'Of Course You Can!' is a story of a young boy, Jeremy, feeling very nervous starting his new school, 'his tummy had that swirly-whirly feeling.' Problems arise for Jeremy joining some class activities, 'I can't play that - I can't reach it,' he says. But his new school friends encourage him and come up with ideas so Jeremy is involved in all activities, games, Kapa Haka and even the school cross country run telling him - 'of course you can!'



Jeremy's classmates' enthusiasm changes and they become concerned and fear the worst when Jeremy insists on going swimming. 'You can't swim. You'll sink like a rock. It's too dangerous, you can't kick your legs.' But Jeremy launches himself into the pool.

This picture book is aimed for children six years and above and shows to readers an awareness of those that are 'different'. Jeremy is in a wheelchair. Themes throughout the story are of diversity, kindness, empathy, problem solving, courage and a can-do attitude.

The story was originally presented bilingually in English and Te Reo Māori. The text is now also available in English/Tongan, English/Samoan, English/Niuean. This book was awarded - 2021 IBBY Outstanding Book for Young People with Disabilities.

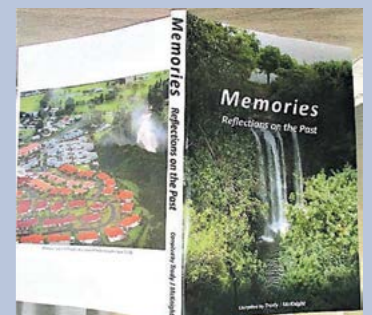
Karen Hinge's first published children's book was in 2007. This unique children's story, 'Elephant Trouble' is based at the Auckland Zoo where Burma the elephant has gone missing. The story follows the search for Burma throughout the zoo with the environment and animals depicted as the Auckland Zoo layout was at that time.

- Elephant Trouble by Karen Hinge - Illustrated by Roger Twiname.
- Of Course You Can! Ka Taea Tahu e Koe! By Karen Hinge, illustrated by Nicky Sievert.

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Onerahi and StarJam



Kyson Andrews

StarJam opened their first Northland workshop in May 2021 with Shayla Thomas from Onerahi as one of the first dance tutors. Shayla brought an incredible energy to the team, with passion for dance and the Jammers. StarJam shared with the Orbit that Shayla left their team at the end of 2022, "... the impact she made on our Jammers was immeasurable. During her final workshop with her Jammers, Kelsey, Lydon and Ben serenaded Shayla - in front of all of the Jammers, their carers

and the StarJam team - with a song they had written about the amazing work she had done with StarJam and how much they would miss her and love her."

Shayla Thomas responded "Working alongside StarJam has been such a fulfilling experience. Our Jammers are full of life and ready to learn anything we throw their way. StarJam has allowed me to get out into the community and meet some amazing people with epic dance moves. Star Jam to me means inclusivity. Everyone is welcome, everyone can kanikani (dance) and Waiata (sing), and everyone is loved and valued".



Left to Right: Keegan, Imogen, Shayla and Gabriel.

Kyson Andrews from Onerahi joined the StarJam

workshop this term. It has taken him a couple of weeks to settle in but during his third workshop he became the MC for 'Spot the talent' and chose the final song of the evening for our group chill down. He's a pro!

StarJam is a nationwide not-for-profit organisation that uses music, dance and performance to empower tamariki and rangatahi with disabilities. Weekly workshops are a space for Jammers (young people) aged 6 to 25 years to express themselves and unleash their potential. If you would like to support the workshops, please email info@starjam.org or visit: <https://www.starjam.org/donate>

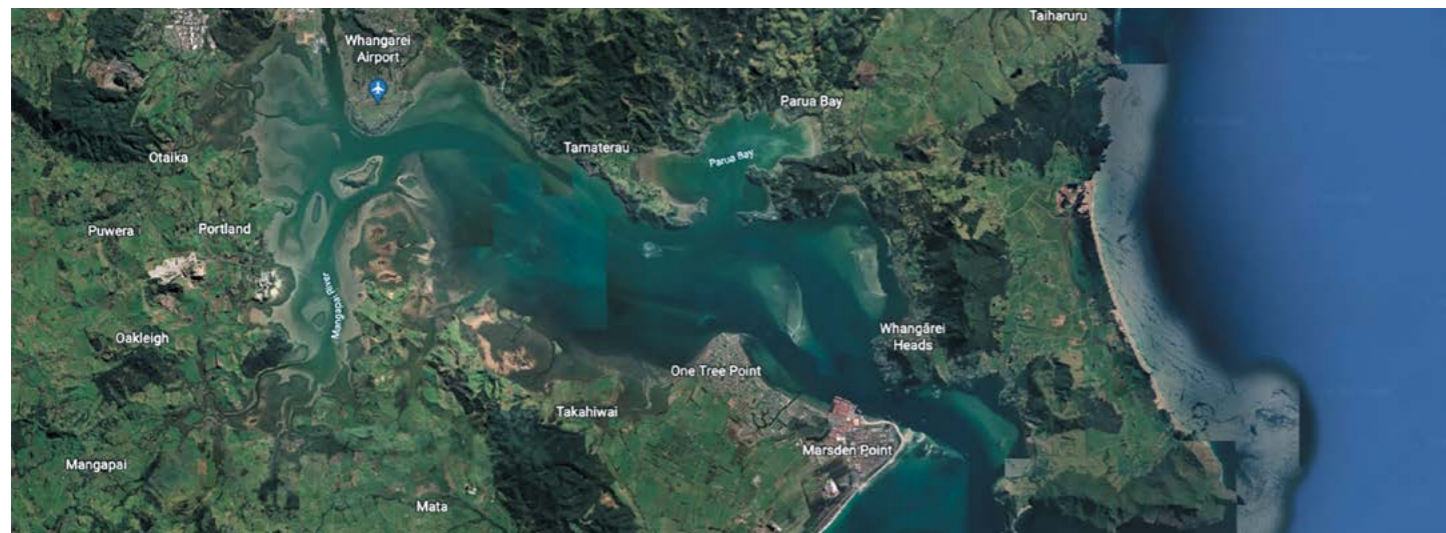


Left to Right: Lydon, Ben, Imogen, Kelsey and Maddy, Samara at the back and Shayla in the front.



SUMMER TIDE TABLES

Download your own copy of tides tables for Northland at <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/resource-library-summary/publications/coast/northland-tide-tables/>



Whangārei harbour, compliments of Google Earth. Note the channels

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LegaSea invests in fish for the people

What is LegaSea? LegaSea is a non-profit organisation and a wholly owned subsidiary of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council (NZSFC). They stand for abundant sea life, a diverse marine ecosystem, and more fish in the water for the benefit of current and future generations.

Over time it has become increasingly obvious that inshore fisheries are depleting and the marine environment is under stress, meaning it is less productive than in the past. There is poor control over catch limits and land run-off. This has led to an upsurge in regional initiatives to use the Resource Management Act (RMA) to control fishing activity in coastal waters.

Rebuilding our coastal fisheries to abundant levels is essential if we aspire to restoring biodiversity in a healthy marine environment. Fisheries are depleting worldwide due to insatiable demand and New Zealand is no different. LegaSea believes that our current fisheries management system needs to be reformed "New Zealand needs to take a more environmentally focussed pathway aimed at restoring our depleted marine life," says LegaSea Project Lead Sam Woolford.

LegaSea aims to achieve this through the use of a number of strategies including:

1. Campaigning for precautionary decision making to ensure abundant fish populations and a vibrant marine environment. A large part of this is providing the tools so

people can make their voices heard on issues affecting our marine environment, and providing reliable, well-researched data to inform the development of solutions to restoring abundance to our coastal waters.

2. Implementing longer term projects designed to inspire behavioural and systemic change. These include projects such as FishCare, aimed at reducing people's impact on the marine environment, and Kai Ika, a successful food recovery initiative that distributes edible fish parts that were previously discarded as waste.
3. Improving communication and media to produce informative video content to support projects and campaigns. This elevates public awareness of the serious issues facing our coastal fisheries and marine environment, and inspires change.
4. Securing funds and support. LegaSea generates the funding required to stay focused and resourced to advocate for the community's environmental and fishing interests.

"We have a great opportunity to address the depletion, to restore abundance and pass on a thriving marine environment to our next generations. We are in this for the long haul. Changing embedded behaviours will take time and that is why so much effort is going into getting other groups and fishing interests on board," adds Woolford. Have a look at www.legasea.co.nz for more information.

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Upcoming dates and events

Thurs 6 - 13 April	Passover
Fri 7 - 10 April	Easter weekend and Whangarei Heads Arts Trail - see page 15 for the advert
Sat 15 April	Onerahi Cemetery Work Hour - A clean up of the cemetery (see page 15) starting 10 am. Please express your interest by contacting Chrissie at Onerahi Weeds Group 021353792 or Onerahiweedsgroup@gmail.com. Refreshments to be provided by Onerahi New World
20 April	End of Ramadan
25 April	ANZAC Day. Check the Whangarei District Council website for information on dawn services
Sat 6 May	The Coronation of King Charles III
Fri 12-14 May	International Rally of Whangārei. Cars will be on display from 5pm on Friday with the official opening at 5:30pm. Live rally commentary - access via Dave Culham Drive Email - info@rallynz.org.nz Phone - 09 276 0882

Regular Events

Jolly Dodgers Scooters	The Jolly Dodgers scooter group (pg 6) - If you are keen to join up call Wendy on 021 031 7781 or Denise on 022 087 4955
Matakohe/ Limestone Island Volunteers	Matakohe/ Limestone Island volunteer day is on the first Wednesday of every month. The group leaves from the Onerahi Jetty at 9 am. Volunteers work on a variety of jobs to suit whatever volunteers feel like doing. A happy bunch! Bring your lunch. Home by 2 pm
Onerahi CoastLine Action Group	Volunteers meet for an hour per week (currently on Sunday evenings, 7- 8 pm). Would you like to join us? Contact Valerie Green-Moss 021 067 2760 or Brian McLachlan 436 3660.
Onerahi Sit-Fit	Hope Onerahi Church, 137 Onerahi Road, Mondays 10.15 am
Onerahi Hall market	Saturdays 8 am-12 pm until the last weekend of the July school holidays (Sat 15 July) then fortnightly. Plants, garden produce, jams/pickles, art/craft, 2nd hand goods etc. Inside stall fees \$11; Outside stall fees \$8; Kids stall fees - inside \$5, outside \$4. Phone Jenny (09) 436 0009
Onerahi Family Fishing Club	Held at Onerahi Tavern (Beach Road). Contact Pete Codlin at the tavern
Onerahi Darts Club	Ages 14+ welcome. Held at Onerahi Tavern in the Portland Lounge on Tuesday nights (contact Kelly Codlin at the tavern)

Want your free community or sporting activities highlighted here? Let us know when and where by emailing onerahiorbitmagazine@gmail.com

Onerahi Orbit is not responsible for any events listed here that are cancelled for any reason. Please check with local event organisers to see if the event is confirmed or cancelled

Venues available for hire in Onerahi, Parua Bay and Whangārei Heads area

Onerahi Community Hall & Community House	Rose Tantau	ccoca@extra.co.nz 021 157 0980
Onerahi Bowling Club	Roger Kerr-Davis	027 390 7185
Onerahi Rugby Club	Fiona Raymond-Paikea	onerahirugby@yahoo.com. The Onerahi Rugby Club has had a recent facelift and renovation, and is available to other clubs and sports groups to use - please call us on 021 228 5982.
Onerahi Soccer Club	Fiona Ellis	onerahifootballclub@outlook.co.nz
Hope Church	Secretary	09 438 1667
Raurimu School Hall	School Office	09 436 0820 Ext. 2
St. Stephen's Church Hall	Paul Doherty	021 189 4797 or 09 436 0207
Tamaterau Hall	Dorothy Gatland	021 119 0089
Parua Bay Community Centre	Kirsty	bjandkirsty@slingshot.co.nz
McLeod Bay Hall	Norma	09 434 0909
Taurikura Hall	Meg McIsaac	09 434 0096

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