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Joanne Stevens

Haere mai,

Welcome to the summer season, the best time of the year in Northland, and a time when we can hopefully relax and celebrate with our friends and families after a hard 2021.

The cover of this issue of your Orbit shows images of the amazing reconstruction of what was the dangerously crumbling sea wall on Onerahi Beach. This Whangarei District Council project was carried out in spring by digger operator Warren Gill, and local photographer Rose Tantau captured the action. Read about the new pontoon coming to Onerahi foreshore (p3), due to the efforts of many people. Without volunteers and workers like these, many of the amazing projects you read about in the Orbit would not be possible - thank you all.

Have a wonderful summer, look after each other, and stay safe.

Nga mihi, love and season's best wishes to all from the Orbit team.

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Birds of Onerahi

Photographer: Wendy Giffen



Torea fossicking for food; the albino bird hatched on Onerahi Beach about 20 years ago



An unusual visitor - Pacific reef heron on Onerahi waterfront

Pontoon on Onerahi Foreshore

The placement of a swimming pontoon on the Onerahi foreshore, adjacent to the jetty on Beach Road, is planned for Saturday 11 December. The pontoon was a community idea, and it is expected to be popular with Onerahi youth.

A working group, E Tu Onyx, has planned this to provide an opportunity for young people to be active. The pontoon has the support of the Whangarei District Council, Onerahi Fire Brigade, Onerahi Community Association, and a number of individual volunteers who have contributed their time and knowledge.

Youth members of E Tu Onyx have said "It'll be cool; on hot days the wharf is packed with young people and everyone enjoys swimming."

"It was important to get this project completed by this summer," the E Tu Onyx spokesperson indicated; "it's part of some wider projects to engage the young people of Onerahi in activities in their area."

Other activities include Pop Up Volleyball and Turbo Touch in parks around Onerahi, a Touch module at the Domain, and the Slip'n'Slide Day in late February, at the end of Raurimu Avenue.

For more information, and to find out how you can become involved in E Tu Onyx or the pontoon, call or message Ryan on 027 588 5867



Christmas Hours

Saturday 18 December 8am - 8pm	Wednesday 22 December 7.30am - 8pm	BOXING DAY 8am - 8pm	Thursday 30 December 7.30am - 8pm
Sunday 19 December 8am - 8pm	Thursday 23 December 7am - 8pm	Monday 27 December 7.30am - 8pm	NEW YEARS EVE 7.30am - 8pm
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Teacher Janette Steel asked some Year 5 and 6 students to write about their lockdown experiences in August.

Here We Go Again

It's been two weeks since Jacinda Ardern told us all that we were going into lockdown. My dad is getting his masters in psychology, and working a part-time job marking essays from home. My mum is a doctor, she works 3 days in public and the rest in private practice. Private is cancelled so she's been at home a lot.

First of all, we've been playing card games, like Cheat. The whole family plays Cheat. You play the game by taking turns putting cards in the middle, the first player puts a chosen number of aces, second player puts a two and so on. If you don't have the card then you cheat, by putting a different card down than what you said. If another player catches you cheating they call, "cheat!" and they pick up the pile. It was really funny to see my brother try to cheat.

I've also been reading a lot of books that I got for my birthday, like "Wings of fire book 10", "The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas", "From The Cutting Room of Barnaby Kettle" and "Quidditch Through Out The Ages". I especially liked "From The Cutting Room of Barnaby Kettle", because it's very strange and out of the blue.

We've gone on two walks so far because Mum really doesn't want to see anyone. On the way, we saw Devon and Robbie, and we chatted. Mum said we weren't allowed to touch the swings on the beach just in case somebody else had, so instead, we climbed on the rocks, which was super fun. It was really nice to get out of the house.

Today I made some banana chocolate chip muffins with old squishy bananas. They turned out really well.

I've also been skateboarding a lot and trying to do an ollie. For my birthday, which was 2 weeks ago, my dad made me a skate ramp which I've been practising on. My dad has also been skateboarding with me, he's getting quite good.

I can't wait to come back to school!

Isabella Malcolm

Here We Go Again

First, what really annoyed me was being stuck with my little brother. Most of the people with little brothers and sisters will agree with me here, otherwise it's been quite ok. I have played a lot of board games, all of which I lost. We have been doing a lot of work at the place where we are building our new house and we have upgraded our tree house. I have got a lot better at handball by playing it a lot. My feelings towards this lock down are a lot better than the last one. There are a lot fewer cases and I'm having a lot of fun with my family. Also I have been doing some outdoor activities including a skipping stones on water competition which made me curious to do a project on the science behind it. So next time I plan to win!

Marshall Robinson

Here We Go Again

At home it has been a bit boring not being able to see my friends but I get to play lots of football and games. Me and my friends all play a game with voice chat and video calls so we still see each other here and then at home.

We have school assignments and work to do which is fun, I've been helping my brother with his homework and school stuff. In return he plays games with me so it's all good ;)

I really hope we get out of this lockdown soon, but it is always better to be safe. There are still heaps of fun things to do, such as making cardboard forts and playing around. Me and my mum have been doing gardening and exercise classes online too. I have been having a great time with my brother as well, we've been doing lots of games of soccer and hide and seek. Every second day me, my mum and my brother walk up a mountain right by our house. It's awesome when you get to the top! My brother and Grandma have done some very cool baking and lots of cakes and they're delicious.

I hope everybody is at home so everybody stays safe!

Liam Murphy

Here We Go Again

On Tuesday 17th of August there was a Covid-19 community case which put the whole of New Zealand in lockdown. I was very surprised at how fast we were put in level four lockdown. It was all going well until BOOM! LEVEL FOUR LOCKDOWN! GO! GO! GO! I was just shocked. More and more cases came and here we are now at our homes in lockdown and this is what's been going on at my house.

Every day I do two big laps around my property to keep fit and healthy, my mum and dad are still working at the hospital, my dogs are super cool, my siblings are having Zoom meetings every day and I'm doing my homework Miss Steel sent to all the year 5 & 6s. My siblings and I are all playing a game called 2 square a lot more and we FaceTime our cousins that are in Wellington (they're in lockdown as well) and play Minecraft with them. Overall I think lockdown is fun because you can stay home and play with your siblings, and it's also bad because of all the sick people and everything.

Ben Barton

Here We Go Again

Lockdown again, not fun, sitting around, doing nothing all day, can't go anywhere, can't see your friends. But you can stay in your PJs all day and eat food whenever you want, but not as much as you want, because we are limited on food. Sadly, it was Charlotte's birthday in lockdown and she was sooooo excited for her birthday party. Luckily my birthday was a bit before lockdown. I was going to go go-karting with my family on the 29 August. Go-karting is my favourite thing to do. I have only been once in my neighbour's go-kart. At the start of lockdown, I was kind of happy because we don't have as much school work to do. Mum said that we might go down to level three soon but I don't think so. There have been so many cases.

Sophia Candy

Onerahi Kindergarten News

Onerahi Kindergarten is your local kindergarten. Next year we are offering exciting new changes to our service. From Thursday 13 January 2022 we will be open 48 weeks a year and will no longer close over most of the school holidays. This change is in response to the evolving needs of our community and will better meet the needs of working families.

We have a large, well resourced environment inside and a lovely, natural outdoor space offering lots of different areas of play and challenges for tamariki.

Our teachers are qualified professionals who intentionally provide a challenging, stimulating programme to meet the needs of our individual tamariki. We are part of the National EnviroSchools network and have received our Bronze accreditation.

We are very proud of this acknowledgment, as sustainability has been part of our everyday practice for many years.

You may have seen our tamariki in their Hi-vis vests out and about in the community on our regular community excursions. Fostering a sense of belonging, connection, and knowledge of our local community is part of our philosophy.

We are taking enrolments for next year now. Please ring to arrange a visit, meet the team and see our kindergarten in action.



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Onerahi Volunteer Firefighter: Kylee Mangu

Onerahi resident Kylee Mangu became a volunteer firefighter three years ago, and loves it so much that she plans to train to become a qualified firefighter, earn her Class 2 driver's licence to be a driver/pumpy, and eventually become a paid professional "firey".

Kylee's interest in firefighting began through a friend who is a firefighter. It appealed to her as a vocation where she could help others. "I've been through some hard times myself," she said, "so I thought I'd like to be there to help people who are going through a bad experience, and give them a positive outcome."

The physical aspect of the work appeals to Kylee - she has done two Skytower climbs, and regularly trains at the gym - firefighting can be heavy work. Her best experience so far was being part of the crew at a controlled burn - a house at Parua Bay was donated to the Fire Service for practice, giving firefighters valuable first-hand experience of fighting a house fire, under controlled conditions.

Joining the Fire Service gave Kylee an opportunity to do something for herself: as a busy mother and wife, and Whangarei District Council employee, much of her time is spent looking after other people. Firefighting means Tuesday nights are spent training with the Onerahi Volunteer Fire Brigade, so with that plus call-outs and training courses, she relies on and appreciates the love and support of her daughter, husband, family, and friends.



The True Tales Books of Onerahi and Whangārei Heads

Did the authors of the True Tales books of Onerahi and Whangārei Heads have any lofty ambitions when they started on their first books? Not really. We started the books because we were convinced they would be a popular community resource, and one that gives an added appreciation of the local area. They are not-for-profit books and have a lot of community volunteer time involved.

The books have added amazing insights to the way we were. We ask for passing bays on busy sealed roads, our forefathers and mothers had to walk! Or row the dinghies. Look at descriptions of the older houses and the importance of the big coal range stove in the kitchens, with preserving and hunting needed to survive.

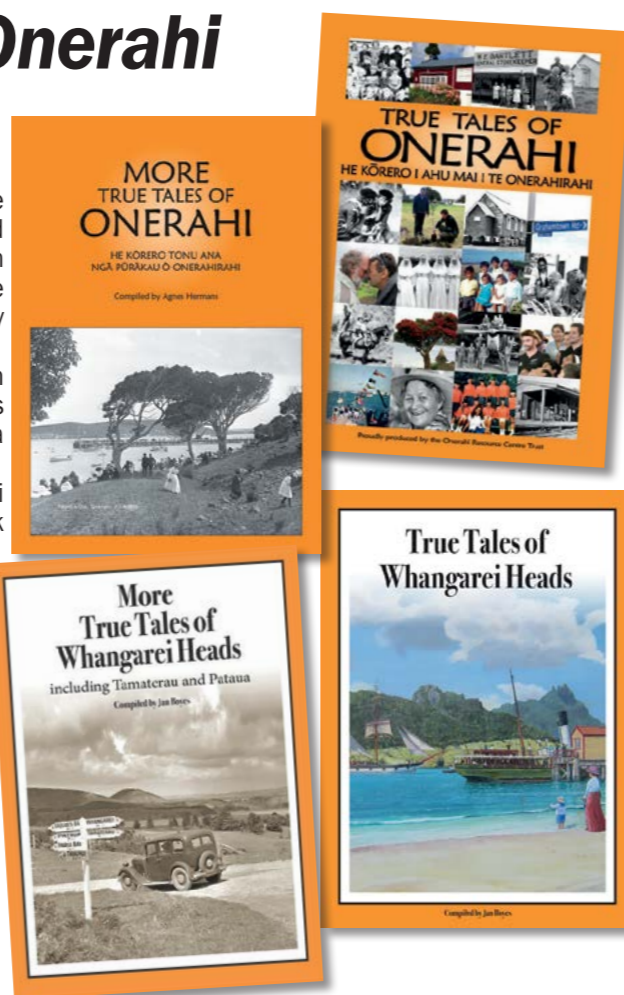
Look at what was planned for the Harbour in 2000! (in 'More True Tales of Whangārei Heads') Thank goodness most of it didn't happen - though maybe a national monorail system wouldn't be too

bad! As well these books share some fun times in the past, and special events that happened in the district, or family stories. The tales have so much variety; they are so random!

There are two editions of both the Onerahi and Whangārei Heads books, with the second written a few years after the first.

All are available at the Onerahi Book Shop and the Kamo Book Inn (which stocks all the True Tales books. The Onerahi book can also be bought at Onerahi New World and on Trademe. The Whangārei Heads book is available at Gas Parua Bay and The Deck, McLeod Bay.

Jan Boyes



Don't believe the hype: Safeguarding our essential water services

Emily Henderson, MP for Whangārei

For over twenty years, councils and governments have been discussing New Zealand's water woes. For all those years, it has been acknowledged that nationally we are sitting on an infrastructure time bomb, with pipes, pumps and ponds wearing out, and the challenges of population growth, housing construction and climate change encroaching. Yet no one has been able to agree a plan.

Kiwis expect clean water when we turn the tap, but around 38,000 New Zealanders get sick annually due to failing drinking water services, in some cases dying as a result.

About \$185 billion is needed to fix, upgrade and maintain New Zealand's critical water infrastructure over the next 30 years. Currently, 43 of the 67 councils do not have the revenue to cover current water services operating costs, let alone once infrastructure starts failing.

While Whangārei District Council has, thankfully, invested much more than most, our neighbours are not so fortunate. To say this isn't Whangārei's problem is a dereliction of duty to our neighbours - and it also underestimates the issues we too face in the years ahead.

Peer-reviewed modelling predicts that, without reform, by 2051 the average annual cost per Whangārei household for drinking water and waste water services will increase to \$4,060.

Costs include the 10 Whangārei wastewater treatment plants whose consents expire in the next decade. Getting new consents to meet current environmental standards will be expensive - for ratepayers.

Northland-wide, councils operate 30 wastewater treatment plants. Of these, 13 discharge into fresh water, eight into the ocean, and nine onto land. By 2019, five were already operating on expired consents, with a further 16 due to expire by 2029.

Further, many of our water systems are behind in their testing: we do not actually know how safe they are.

As a government, we cannot tolerate this risk. We plan to bring water services together under four large bodies with the scale to raise the cash and expertise to fix the problems that, individually, councils lack, without those massive rates rises.

Whangārei will not lose out: our council not only receives \$38 million in "better-off" funding, but also approx. \$90 million to acknowledge its unique low-debt position. Further, under Three Waters, ratepayer cost projections reduce from \$4,060 to about \$800.

Don't believe the hype: water assets will remain ours; councils will continue to collectively own them under the new entities. The new system makes it harder to privatise our assets

than now. There is no threat to the jobs of council employees currently working primarily on water services. In fact, upgrading infrastructure will create more local jobs in construction.

It's understandable that council wants to protect its role in water services, but in my book it's the long-term interests of ratepayers that really deserve protection.





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Police Report

Hello to all the readers of our local magazine - Onerahi Orbit. It has been a number of years since I have written a column for the Orbit so here's a brief reintroduction to myself and my colleague. Two of us work out of the Onerahi Community Police Station which is in the carpark area next to Onerahi Super Liquor on Onerahi Road. There is plenty of off-street parking so if you want to see us, finding parking is not a problem.

My colleague here is Sam Davidson and I am Spence Penney. Between us we have at least 20 years experience in policing the Onerahi area, which extends from Mackesy Road through Onerahi to Parua Bay, Ocean Beach, Taiharuru, Pataua South and halfway over Mount Tiger, off Owhiwa Road. We work Tuesday to Friday, with one of us working on Saturday. If you see our police ute outside the Station, we are in. Please note that we do get called out to jobs, so if the ute is not outside the Station we are either on days off, or out attending to a job, in which case you may phone and leave a message on our phone, 09 436 0222 and we will reply to you as soon as we can.

We are coming into our holiday period of the year now; here is some general advice for the Christmas/New Year period. If you are going away from home here are some things to think about - COVID (I know you probably don't want to think about it!!). Think and plan for being away on holiday and in an Alert Level 2 area for instance, and if the alert level upgrades to a 3 or 4 do you have a plan to get back home safely and easily? While away from home, have you ensured that your home is secure and neighbours know when you are going, when you are getting back, and have your contact phone number if needed?

Cancel the mail or have it held or collected by neighbours, and same with any paper deliveries.

Make sure you have your house and belongings insured and easily identifiable - take photos and record any serial numbers, and keep these records in a safe place. If you are driving distances for your holiday make sure your car is safe and fit for purpose, and drive slowly and with consideration for other road users.

All the best to you and yours for the holiday season, from Spence and Sam - Onerahi Community Police Station



Mayor Sheryl Mai



Tēnā koutou katoa, In True Tales of Onerahi there is an introductory piece written by respected Kaumatua Taipari Munro, recounting the tale of twin sisters Reitu and Reipae. I encourage you to find a copy of True Tales of Onerahi to read the story in full, but the tale goes that the sisters were travelling north from the Waikato on the back of a Kārearea (New Zealand falcon) heading for marriage to Chief Ueoneone. The great bird landed on a beach that became known as 'Te Onerahirahi-A-Reipae' or 'The Beach of Reipae's Quick Overhearing', now shortened to 'Onerahi'; and the wider area became known as 'Te Tauwhanga-A-Reipae' or 'The Waiting-Place of Reipae', now shortened to 'Whangārei'.

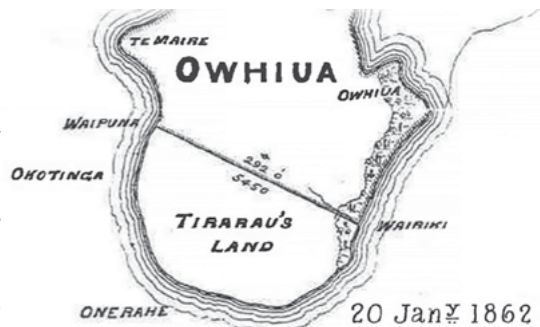
The wider Onerahirahi area has a rich history as a hub for industry and transport, which continues right through to this day, being the site of our District's only commercial airport. Kauri gum diggers set up camp in the early 1800s, followed later that century by those making a living from the cement works on Limestone Island. With the cement works came infrastructure, including shops, bus and ferry services, a wharf and a busy train line, the remains of which form the popular Waimahanga Track, which in turn connects to the much-used Onerahi Shared Path leading into Whangārei city.

There have been many changes in and around Onerahi over the years: Limestone Island is now a wildlife sanctuary, and the train and ferry services to Onerahi ended nearly 100 years ago. However some things haven't changed. The township is still a much sought-after residential and commercial area with an enviable location close to both city and harbour.

Looking to the future, Onerahirahi will benefit from many of the actions in our newly-released Growth Strategy which provides a vision for how our District will grow and develop over the next 30 years. These actions are designed to ensure that our planning, decision making and investment in infrastructure is coordinated, leading to a more sustainable future for us all. You can find the Growth Strategy on our Council website, or in all library branches, and I encourage you to look at what we have planned for our District.

The famous whakatauki 'ka mua, ka muri' (walking backwards into the future) means we move forward while remembering, honouring and learning from our past. Onerahirahi has a proud history, and as we move into 2022, I look forward to an equally bright future for Te Onerahirahi-A-Reipae.

Sheryl Mai - Mayor of Whangārei



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Newberrys Christmas message

Summer holidays, Christmas, and New Year are for most of us happy times. But for those who have lost a loved one, this time of celebration can also bring reminders of their loss as they remember happier times in the past with the one who is no longer with them.

We at Newberrys would like to suggest you take time to give a thought to those who have died over the past year, and reach out to the bereaved person to let them know you're thinking of them: grief often goes on long after the support dwindles, and although they are still mourning, it seems like everyone else has forgotten.

At this time of year when cards are traditionally sent, it is thoughtful to include a few words of sympathy, remembering the deceased, sharing a fond memory, and letting the person know that you remember and care. Or perhaps phone and have a personal chat - giving your time shows that you care.



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Can you imagine a predator free Onerahi?

There are now nearly 300 traps in the Onerahi area thanks to the efforts of an expanding group of community volunteers who are helping to bring Predator Free Onerahi to life.

To keep this momentum building, the project is looking for volunteers to fill the role of Community Leads, helping to distribute traps and encourage and support neighbours.

Increasing the number of Community Leads is vital to the success of the project. Mark Garry (owner of Pacific Coast Kayaking) has signed up as a Community Lead in Onerahi, allowing him to share his passion to help Onerahi become predator free.

How did you initially get involved in the Predator Free Onerahi group?

"It was a no-brainer to get involved and after seeing the Tiakina team down at the Onerahi New World, I learned more and set up three trap boxes at the back of my section. Success came easily and now I'm hooked. I'm learning more about pest behaviour and getting excellent information from the group, so the enthusiasm is easy to maintain.

"Talking to others, I find there's universal support for a predator free Whangārei. I've been distributing traps around Onerahi and encouraging people to get involved. As a relief teacher, I've been chatting to eco-warrior students at Whangārei Intermediate and I find that pest control is a very good fit with curriculum units on Sustainability and Kaitiakitanga, which are embraced by our young students. There have been traps set around the school and students monitor them themselves.

"I believe this is the way of the future. Students could really

feel empowered when addressing this and other environmental issues. They could really make a difference."

What drives you personally to do this mahi?

"Seeing a pile of broken bird eggs at the bottom of my puriri tree year after year really fired me up to go after rats and possums which do so much damage to our birdlife, as well as stoats of course.

"As a sea kayaking operator, I've noticed massive degeneration and loss over the years in bush and wetlands, not to mention pollution of our estuaries. I've come to realise as I end my paid working life, it's time to pay back and pay it forward to the next generation. And, I might as well be more active while doing this work, too.

"There's so much to do but with everyone involved, a Predator Free Whangārei is an achievable goal so that's the key.... we're all in this together!"

In your opinion, why is it beneficial to Whangārei to be a predator free city?

"I believe the number one benefit would be reestablishing our native wildlife to its former glory, especially the birdlife. There'll also be massive forest areas and wetlands that will recover and our biodiversity will improve, as will our own mental health.

"Our community will be united to take an active interest in repairing our environment and caring for our waterways and bush overall. If we're all more aware of our environment and keeping it safe, we'll be encouraged to tackle other threats, too - pollution, waste, dumping, plastics and plant pests.

"When tourism returns, Whangārei will become known as a destination for nature lovers, walkers and people wanting to explore our healthy ecosystems. Whangārei Heads and the Bream Head Trust have led the way and are receiving national and international recognition (and funding) for their work. We'll extend and build on this model to make all of Whangārei predator free.

There is no doubt that controlling pests has economic as well as social value.

"Give back to the environment in a very significant way while improving your own mental and physical health. It should not be forgotten that rats are carriers of disease and not only damaging to wildlife but damaging our homes and food as well. Together, rats and possums and other pests cause significant economic damage."

If this story has inspired you to get involved with the Predator Free project, please get in touch with us today! info@tiakinawhangarei.co.nz



Can you imagine a Predator Free Onerahi?

Our new Predator Free Onerahi sign is a great reminder to get involved and help our beautiful suburb become predator free!

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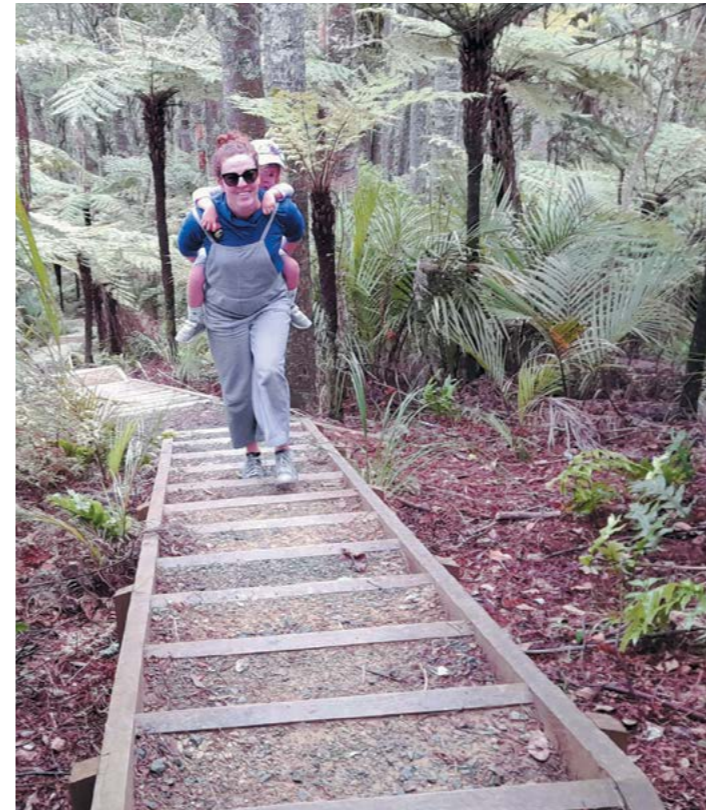
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Carrying some extra baggage uphill on the Taheke Falls loop track

Kia ora Koutou!

Well life is a bit unpredictable lately! I think we're all getting better at going with the flow, enjoying our freedoms when we have them, and appreciating simple things like time with friends and family. The spring rain and sun has given my winter plantings a wonderful boost, I can practically see the garden growing as I sit at my desk at home.

With summer here, the Regional Council's weekly monitoring of popular coastal swimming spots is underway from 6 December. Locally we have monitoring sites at the Beach Rd playground in Onerahi, at Tamaterau, Pataua South, and Whangārei Heads. The results are posted in the "Can I Swim Here?" section of the LAWA website - www.lawa.org.nz. Coastal water quality is directly influenced by activities on the land - so we must also focus on improving water quality by reducing sedimentation and runoff. A key tool is the NRC Environment

Fund which supports landowners to fence and plant waterways and wetlands, and we see great results here in Northland.

To stay happy and healthy in these changing times I'm committed to swimming in the sea and walking in the forest more often.... A couple spots we've enjoyed family walks are the Taheke Falls loop track (pictured), a beautiful DOC reserve on Pataua North Road. In April this year Kiwi were released at Taheke by Kiwi Coast and Taheke Landcare, proudly supported by NRC and DOC. A bit closer to home is the Kauri Mountain track (on Kauri Mountain Rd) which has been upgraded in an NRC Kauri protection project - improving the track and installing boardwalks to protect trees from kauri dieback disease. I highly recommend both walks if you're looking for somewhere to get your heart rate up, be in the bush, and reconnect with nature.

Take care out there in the summer season! It's a wonderful time but can also be hectic, so we've got to remember to look after each other in our lovely little community. As always, I'm happy to hear from you if you have questions or issues you'd like to raise - amym@nrc.govt.nz, or find me on Facebook: Amy Macdonald - NRC Councillor.

Ngā mihi nui,
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Matakohe-Limestone Island: Ranger Jo's Report - October 2021

Tena koutou, I hope this report finds you all well. It has been a funny couple of months on the Island. Usually at this time of year school group enquiries and group bookings would be starting to increase for a busy summer ahead. Alas, with Northland and the rest of the country going in and out of Covid levels, advanced planning is impossible. So my current calendar is still looking pretty empty. The silver lining is that I have more time to spend working on behind-the-scenes projects.



Silvereye with flax pollen on its head
Photo: Michelle Martin

Visitors, volunteers, and other comings and goings

There has been a smattering of visitors to the motu recently: individuals and families arriving via boat and often kayak. Unfortunately, one family group decided to bring their dog on to the island for a picnic, setting up right in front of the NO DOGS sign. Upon approach I was told 'this dog would probably see a kiwi and run the other way'. Dogs are the biggest cause of adult kiwi deaths in Northland and ANY dog can and will kill a kiwi if it is not under control. Lesley Baigent is running a free two hour 'Know your Dog' workshop on behalf of Kiwi Coast, December 12th. To register, email Lesley@kiwicoast.org.nz.

A couple of groups came over before we moved into alert level 3. Some NorthTec students came to help Isabella with her

plague skink project as part of their third-year Biosecurity paper. Dwane Kokich also accompanied a family group keen to adopt a spot on the island. Adopt-a-spot is a scheme where people can choose an area that they will monitor and weed.



Volunteer day on 6 October finished August's work cutting and clearing old rolled-up fences out of the grass. After lunch we cleared debris around the old barge area hoping that dotterels will take up residence/nest there again. As a side note, I heard and then saw a dotterel pair on the old barge about a week after we did this work; however, I haven't seen them since. Hopefully they decide it's a good place to come back and raise some mini dots.

Flora and Fauna

Excitingly, I am now a grandma after Sir Ed successfully hatched at least one chick on 2 October. He has since chucked in the towel on dad duties and appears to be back living his best life adjacent to the sandspit.



After a slow start to the season, we have had three kiwi chicks arrive on the Island via Todd from Backyard Kiwi. It had been a while since I'd handled a kiwi chick and I'd forgotten how small and cute, but also how vulnerable they are. Sadly, one of the chicks destined for the Island was nobbled by a stoat before Todd could get to it, a harsh reality for 95% of kiwi chicks born on the mainland.

I have recently noticed what I assume is seagrass growing around the low tide mark at the small beach next to the all-tide berth - a sure sign that the health of the harbour is continuing to improve.

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Volunteer of the Year

FOMLI has an incredible group of dedicated volunteers, many of whom have been coming to the Island for a very long time, dedicating countless hours to the cause. Around this time of year we award the MLI 'Volunteer of the Year' award to one - this year it's Alan Jones who has been volunteering on MLI for around 10 years. Alan is always good humoured and is usually off getting stuck into a task before I've had time to put my boots on. He often has a kind word to say behind the scenes and is a genuinely lovely person to be around. Thanks for all your hard mahi and support Alan.



Alan Jones, MLI Volunteer of the year

Keeping our communities together

As I write this we have reached another daily record for positive coronavirus cases in this Delta outbreak and our resilience as a country is being tested. People are saying to me that we were already being pulled apart as a country before Delta over issues of identity politics, gender politics and iwi politics. On top of this has now been added vaccine politics with two classes of people apparently, the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. Older people are saying they cannot recall a time when we have been so divided. It is times like these that we need to anchor on the things we share in common before we dwell on the matters that keep us apart. We have a common shared history. A proud history where we played our part in many world conflicts and continue to maintain a reputation for being fair minded stewards of the rules based international order. A proud history where we fought for the right to hold different views alongside absolutely equal requirements for respect and to observe respectful pathways to resolve our differences. No one invited coronavirus into New Zealand. Coronavirus wears no political colours. There are still some tough times ahead. I heard one kaumatua say this week particularly relating to Maori vaccination rates "we won't kawakawa this one away" meaning coronavirus is more dangerous than a traditional kawakawa leaf infusion might be able to manage. On a foundation of our shared history and mutual respect I also have trust. I have your back and I have trust that you also have mine. My view is that all of this too will eventually pass and our shared common history, respect and trust will be some of the levers for the shape that we eventually end up in.

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Brook Benton - Onerahi Plumber

You might have seen the H2O Plumbing Solutions van around Onerahi - its striking black and white design stands out. And so does owner Brook Benton, who has been in business for only six months, but is in such demand that he is already looking at taking on an apprentice in the new year.

Brook began his plumbing career when he left school at 16, and after 12 years he has wide experience in all types of plumbing, all over Northland.


H2O Plumbing Solutions is a small

family business (Brook's fiancée Melissa looks after the books), based in Onerahi, specialising in residential and commercial plumbing, and will tackle any plumbing work, from Maungatoro to the top.

Brook's service is more personalised than you get from larger firms: being the owner-operator, he discusses his clients needs directly with them before carrying out the work himself. Brook prides himself on keeping clients fully informed about when he will be at their job, and also keeps his vehicle well stocked

with parts to save customers from high mileage costs.

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- 1 July House fire in the Avenues area (2nd alarm level). Notable because a car parked over the nearby fire hydrant
- 8 July Smoke in vicinity
- 15 July Porowini Avenue fire reported (was smoke alarm from cooking)
- 20 July Kitchen fire Ngaio Street
- 24 July Memorial Drive - house fire (none found)
- 31 July Bellbird Ave - garage fire (false alarm)
- 6 Aug Medical call
- 8 Aug Riverside Drive - motor vehicle accident
- 15 Aug Whangārei Heads Road - motor vehicle accident
- 17 Aug Hotel on Hatea Drive - kitchen fire (03:40 am)
- 19 Aug Sprinkler alarm - Court House
- 20 Aug Residential alarm activation - Onerahi
- 23 Aug Cartwright Road - rubbish fire
- 23 Aug Large fire seen from Harambee Rd at night
- 25 Aug Taiharuru Rd - smoke in vicinity
- 28 Aug Old Onerahi Rd - alarm sounding (called twice on same night)
- 31 Aug Bellbird Ave - flooding
- 1 Sep Maunu Rd - alarm sounding
- 4 Sep Abbey Cave Road - car accident
- 11 Sep Whangārei Heads Road. Person collapsed, jammed bathroom door closed
- 17 Sep Whangārei Heads Road, Parua Bay - car accident
- 23 Sep Whangārei Heads Road, Parua Bay - medical call
- 25 Sep Beach Road - overheated sauna causing concern
- 27 Sep Church Street - rubbish fire lit in lookout carpark
- 10 Oct Noone Close - alarm sounding
- 18 Oct Parua Bay - medical call
- 18 Oct Fire and loud bangs Morningside
- 18 Oct Whatitiri Rd, Poriti - fire reported (farmer burning felled trees)
- 20 Oct Medical call
- 22 Oct Medical call
- 23 Oct Rust Ave - car accident
- 24 Oct Parua Bay - car down bank
- 24 Oct Clotworthy Cres - petrol spill
- 29 Oct Beach Road - medical call

34 calls for the four months. Of note above, you will see that we have responded to a lot of calls outside Onerahi District. While we are the Onerahi Volunteer Fire Brigade, we, like all other brigades, will respond to wherever we are needed. This could be just to increase the response size at a significant event, or that a neighbouring brigade is already busy at another call.

A couple of calls were to large farm bonfires, burning felled trees. These fires are allowed but when lit at night they are visible from a long way off. People at quite some distance can get concerned and think it may be a house on fire, so rightly call us. It would be good if these fires were notified to Fire and Emergency by the owner in advance. It could prevent us getting a false call if the location given shows a notified fire.

Medical calls are as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding between FENZ and St John. We will automatically co-respond to any call-out involving respiratory or cardiac problems. The faster help can arrive at such events the better chance of a good outcome.

Last year when we went into COVID lockdown our calls markedly decreased. Most activities were curtailed to prevent emergency services having to respond and unnecessarily exposing personnel. This year we didn't really see that sudden drop in calls. In fact it seemed a bit busier for a while. It is best for us in such times if people curtail burning rubbish etc. One notable fire in this period was a vegetation fire that required a helicopter response. So much for keeping everyone isolated, and a good lesson that even in a wet winter we can still get vegetation fires out of control.

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Tech Talk

It's that time of the year again, where the family photos are dragged out, and we start looking at all our digital photos, working out where to put them and whether we should create photobooks.

As we start this process we ask, what is the best way of backing up these photos for future reference? Closely followed by, how do I back up my photos?

When backing up digital photos or videos we need to know that not all media (what we backup onto) will last forever. Backups started out on floppy disks in the 80's and then moved to CDs and ZIP drives in the 90s, then DVDs, USB sticks, and external Hard Disk Drives (HDD) in the 2000s. Each time we

change media the storage ability gets larger; however they all do fail and typically at the worst time.

Computer media like to be stored in a dry cool place, not the fridge, and not in direct sunlight nor next to speakers or magnets. Doing this will help them last longer; however not all of us have air-tight safes or air-conditioned rooms, so we need to always check that our media is in the best place for it to last.

I do have some clients who create photobooks through different cloud-based (Internet) software programs like snapfish.co.nz and Vistaprint.co.nz, to name just two. Cloud-based storage is another way of doing backups, and relies on you making sure that your account is big enough to hold all the data. Cloud-based storage is very common today and has mostly replaced USB sticks. Businesses use it to store and update their files for staff needing portable up-to-date information as they travel.

Cloud-based storage can be anything from Microsoft's OneDrive, Google Drive and photos, iCloud storage, Dropbox, and various other storage platforms. Typical cost starts from \$0 per month for 15GB of stored data to up to \$60 per month for unlimited storage. For most of us who have thousands of photos, USB sticks are an affordable option, and cost from \$50 for 128GB storage (approx. 32000 photos depending on photo quality and size).

One thing to remember - if the photos and videos mean a lot to you, make more than one copy of them, and keep them in different places. Talk to your IT expert to get the best advice relevant for you.

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Onerahi to Sark: Jules' (mis)ventures Part 5: Perla and Perla In the Kitchen

By sheer default I am living my dream. The old saying, 'be careful what you wish for' comes to mind, but in this case, in a good way. Astrid and I have found ourselves living at Beau Sejour, a 16th century stone 3-storey home with horses and carriages passing our gate regularly. Think Miss Bennet and Mr Darcy. As cook (but I like to think of myself as head chef) I am able to wander around the palace gardens, picking the daily herb requirements, buying tomatoes at the palace garden shed, chatting with the gardeners, stroking Florence and Ruby, the donkeys, and yes, living the dream. This is what I had hoped for, and by sheer grit it has come to fruition.



But don't be fooled. We are talking hospitality industry and seasonal workers (us) so there's the general feeling that you don't have to be nice to them (us) as they will be gone soon and we'll possibly never see them again; so we are having our battles with Bully Front-of-House Lady. There's no "how do we get the best out of our staff" or, "we value your thoughts". It's more, "you are in the kitchen and we are front-of-house, so it's up to you, really, but we want this". "Why are you crying, you are not a child?" after a particularly bad bullying session. So in came the chip fryer, live lobsters, the breakfast 'muffin' which after midday miraculously turned into quiche and salad, and some pretty harrowing days. We refused to kill the lobsters and the whole island got to know about the 'soft' Kiwis. We labelled the whole affair Lobstergate and I'm sure the Sarkees are still

talking about it to this day. After one particularly bad day, Astrid and I had settled to watch the one TV channel we could find and by a strange quirk of fate chef Gordon Ramsey was attacking a poor chef, Perla, who was not coping with his new ways in the kitchen. She was in tears and both Astrid and I were feeling extremely sorry for her. After that, to make light of sometimes stressful situations we called ourselves Perla and Perla. Perla, I think your scones (pronounced scoans) are burning. Thanks Perla, can you help with 3 chips, 4 scoans, 2 lasagne, 3 ploughmans, 2 choc milkshakes and 5 crab sandwiches for table 8? Gosh, sorry Perla I'd love to but the dishes are mounting and we are running out of

plates and Bully Front-of-House Lady is yelling at me to come and clear some tables.

Despite Bully Front-of-House Lady and the incredibly busy days, we had each other and were able to laugh at our escapades. Our social life was on the up. Memorable occasions were a stunning Tchaikovsky piano recital in the palace drawing room, an after Sheep Racing Day function (memorable because the band was so drunk that their rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody was laughable), evening picnics in the palace gardens (we were trusted with a key), swimming in beautiful rock pools, visits to the local pub for G&Ts, meeting people who stayed at the B&B part of our house, doing my bit for the Britain in Bloom competition, doing the Kiwi barby thing at an outside Shakespeare event in the palace grounds, and being invited to Jo the head gardener's for dinner. Jo made a point of providing Sark lamb and I suspect it was an island contribution as everyone seemed to know that Jo was having the Kiwis for dinner.

We are indeed living the dream. Our scoans are the talk of the Channel Islands and people come to Sark just to try our cream teas. What they don't know is that the chickens are getting fatter on our burned failures.

But the end of September is looming and that is when the mass migration of hospitality workers happens. We have some decisions to make: should we stay or should we go? It was always my plan to leave at the end of the season, but I am starting to really like this gig. There's an opportunity to rent a lighthouse, so we start looking at possibilities. We are asked to stay. The island kinda likes us. We are making nice friends and even the table tennis club welcomes me despite my continuously poor performance with the bat.

I wished for this life and I have it. Do I want to give it up? Decisions need to be made. No pressure.

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As the population of Whangārei Heads continues to grow we are delighted to find more new artists joining us each year. It's amazing to see the diversity and quality of work that is produced right on our doorstep. WHAT society is always ready to welcome new members. We are an inclusive society happy to embrace work in all media and at all levels of skill. Our single most important requirement is that work is made by the artist/creator here in NZ.

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The reserve's guardians are a dedicated team of rangers, trust members and volunteers who devote many, many hours to working for the reserve. Formally established in 2002, the trust will be 20 years old next year.

Recently a significant effort has gone into supporting a colony of grey-faced petrels/oi, that is trying to re-establish a breeding colony on steep terrain at the eastern tip of the reserve. We are hoping they will become permanent residents just like at Matakoho/Limestone Island off Onerahi. We have a small group of recently hatched chicks, and Adam, our head ranger, says he's going to have three months of sleepless nights!

Our annual shoreline plantings, obvious at Busby Head, had to be halted in 2017 due to myrtle rust. However, we are now able to restart our planting programme and one of our latest ventures has been to establish a nursery to supply our own plants using seeds sourced from the reserve.

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We really appreciate your ongoing support.

Sail Northland News - November 2021



Another season of sailing has begun, so after a couple of weeks into it, we thought we would share what is new at Sail Northland:

- A new Head Coach - Matt Smith
- A new RS Feva - a big thank you to Pub Charities for funding this purchase
- A new Intermediate Class
- A new twilight season on Thursday nights - 5.30 - 7.30 pm - for those of you who already sail or have been on one of our Learn to Sail courses - \$25 per session per person
- and new volunteers that have joined our amazing team

Welcome to Matt who has been settling in well, and has begun the huge task of boat maintenance with the help of Alan & Billy, to prepare us for the busy season ahead. The classes are getting into the swing of things; it's great to see our returning sailors again this term and get back out having fun on the water.

We really appreciate the support and generosity of the

Whangarei Cruising Club, and we are enjoying having a new compound area at Parua Bay.

A couple of dates are still available for School Sailing & Group Bookings/Team Building sessions. If you and your staff would love to join us for a fun day out on the water at Parua Bay, we would love to work with you to organise your group, to give sailing a go and have fun on the water.

We have a range of sailing boats and kayaks to get you out there having fun, and can personalise your day to suit your needs.

There are also a few spots left on our Junior Get on Board, and our new Thursday Intermediate class sessions.

Please contact us if you would like to know more.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or visit our website, <https://www.sailnorthland.org.nz/> to keep up to date with our courses and find out what our sailors have been doing.

Sarah Ihaka & the Sail Northland team



Volunteers For Our Sail Northland Team - Can You Help?

We are always keen to have new people join our amazing team to help out with our courses, especially experienced sailors to help with sessions during the day. If you would like to know when our next training session is, or more about being part of our awesome volunteer team, please contact us at sailnorthland@gmail.com or phone Matt on 021 0882997

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Coming dates & events

2021

December 4	Onerahi Beach Clean-up. 1.30pm. Contact Bob Smith (09) 436 3681
December 11	Pontoon placement on Onerahi foreshore (see page 3)
December 12	'Know your Dog' - free 2hr workshop, Lesley Baigent, Kiwi Coast. email Lesley@kiwicoast.org.nz to register
December 20	(latest) School year ends
December 22	Twilight Christmas & Craft Market, Onerahi Hall, 4 - 7pm, stalls available, phone Jenny, (09) 436 0009
December 22	Summer solstice - longest day
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Boxing Day

2022

January 1	New Year's Day
January 31	Anniversary Day
February 6	Waitangi Day
February 14	Valentine's Day

Regular Events

Onerahi Sit-Fit	Hope Onerahi Church, 137 Onerahi Road, Mondays, 10.15 am
Onerahi Hall Market	Saturdays 8am-12pm, September - mid-July. Plants, garden produce, jams/pickles, art/craft, 2nd hand goods. Stalls available from \$7, phone Jenny, (09)436 0009

Venues available for hire in Onerahi & Parua Bay area

Onerahi Community Hall & Community House	Julie Dennis	09 436 4439 or 021 034 9943
Onerahi Bowling Club	Roger Kerr-Davis	027 390 7185
Onerahi Rugby Club	Fiona Raymond-Paikea	onerahirugby@yahoo.com.
Onerahi Soccer Club	Fiona Ellis	onerahifootballclub@outlook.co.nz
Hope Church	Secretary	09 438 1667
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