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NZ Order of Merit 2024

Grant Harrison, our very own Onerahi Community Association President, was recently named in the King's Birthday honours list as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM).

Grant's 40+ years of dedication across a range of roles in volleyball was acknowledged by the national award. The Northland Volleyball stalwart said the honour was unexpected and humbling for a range of reasons. "I have received awards as part of team successes, I have been acknowledged for services to volleyball locally and regionally - in particular in coaching - but the significance of this recognition is far wider," Grant said. "It makes me aware of an impact wider than who is in front of you at any given time."

Since the announcement, Grant has been flooded with messages of congratulations "I just want to acknowledge everyone who has made a contribution to this and will continue to do so. My support network of my wife and family has been invaluable."

Grant led Te Puke High School's Senior Girls' team to three national championships in the 1980s which led to his appointment as the coach for the Under-19 New Zealand Junior Women's Volleyball team and as serving as head coach for NZ's senior Women's National team between 1991 and 1996. He became the regional sport director of Sport Northland in 1994, holding the position for 26 years. He has been involved in the development of indoor and beach volleyball, assisting with the National Beach Volleyball circuit, and coaches the Under-17 and Under-19 Northland Inter-Provincial teams.

"I have been fortunate to work in sport and I am enthusiastic about that, and I am grateful to be acknowledged for doing something that is important to me."

He said he developed his love for sport from his father and was also influenced by Phil Merritt, the first volleyball coach who was able to mentor him in the first few years of coaching; and Keith Roberts who introduced him to the science involved in sport. There were a range of other people



Grant Harrison. Photo by Rose Tantau

influential in his roles in volleyball, all important if you have a continuous learning mindset.

"I hope I have passed on a love of sport being more than just what you play, it's about personal development. It gives you a greater understanding of yourself and your capabilities as well as an acceptance of differences. A personal focus of the work I have done has been coaching. I take pleasure in seeing athletes become better people as well as better athletes."

Information from an article by Steven Upfold (Volleyball New Zealand) and The Northern Advocate

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Haere mai,

This edition is jam packed with news about our wonderful community members doing their fantastic work. Thank you to all our contributors who have sent in their touching or good news stories - please keep them coming!

On a more sombre note, we need to acknowledge the passing of Marmite, our local albino Torea (Oyster Catcher). Marmite hatched on Matakoho Island in 2001. He was a familiar sight around the Onerahirahi waterfront and at the Port for the last 24 years. Wendy Giffin noted to the Orbit "I photographed him many times over the years and always looked forward to seeing him, sometimes on his own or sometimes with a group of other Torea. Sadly he seems to have now flown high as he has not been seen for the last couple of years." RIP Marmite.

Nga mihi from the Orbit team



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- Cultivate and nurture the interests of the community of Onerahi
- Promote the district
- Assist residents
- Develop and administer facilities

President's report August 2024

OCA is a small volunteer-based organisation of enthusiastic community members who have the community wellbeing at heart. Meeting monthly, they work towards bettering the Onerahi Community.

Community House and Sherwood Park

Current investigations continue into the installation of security lights around the Community House and Sherwood Park, as well as potential lighting of the basketball court over summer. More passive seating around the playground is also on the radar.

Community Recognition

This edition of the Orbit recognises a number of community members on pages 4 and 5: Brian Powell has received the Onerahi Order of Merit and five community members were acknowledged as Community Champions between February and June.

Funding Grants

Support has been provided to groups involved in work with an environmental focus, with the provision of financial grants to the community group OCLAG (to support with tree planting along the Waimahanga Track).

Successful applications for Community Grants have been received and approved for the following:

- Tarquala Whittaker-Stone who has been involved in a young leaders training opportunity for young women.

- Raurimu School and Onerahi Kindergarten have received funding for a "Green Walk" initiative (see page 5).

Further Funding applications have been received for sports equipment from Onerahi School, Onerahi weeds group and Hardship Grants for some local residents.

If you wish to apply for a grant, please apply by emailing onerahicomunity@gmail.com

to receive a copy of the grants policy and application form. Grants are available for tertiary education; arts, culture and heritage; recreation and sports; environment; youth; community wellbeing; and hardship.

Community Led Projects

Committee members of the OCA are part of the Whangārei District Council's Community Led Projects - they form a Lead Group into Onerahi projects suitable for support funding. A new project has been initiated - this is the refreshing the Onerahi shopping area and providing a connecting place where members can meet, chat and have a coffee. Discussions include the placement of seating and planter boxes, the replacement of bench seating, the painting of railings and the reinstatement of the clock. The disability parking areas will also be refreshed.


Grant Harrison
Onerahi Community Association Chairperson

Walkers needed!

OCA needs helpers who already walk in the areas listed below, or people who want to get a bit fitter while doing community service at the same time! We need you to distribute the Orbit while on your walk. This only happens five times a year, so it's not a big ask. The areas are:

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Onerahi Order of Merit Award to Brian Powell

Brian Powell joined the volunteer fire service 34 years ago. In his words he joined to "put the wet stuff on the hot stuff" and help his community, however like many organisations the role of a volunteer firefighter grew to be much more. Brian found a niche in community engagement finding himself at the local preschools, kindy and primary schools on many occasions with the fire engine to speak about fire safety, the role of a firefighter and taking away the fear that could come with the noise, lights and gear worn.

Alongside volunteering for his community the opportunity arose to compete in stair climbing challenges not only in NZ but also overseas. These events were not only for endurance, and a bit of friendly competition, but also to raise money for charities.

Twenty years ago Brian was one of eight firefighters to climb the Sky Tower in full firefighting gear. Three weeks ago he completed his 20th climb, one of only three to have climbed for the 20 years in a row. Over the 20 years this climb has raised 16 million dollars for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. Brian and his fellow climbers from the Onerahi Brigade raised \$14,391 this year and took out third place in the teams fundraising for teams of six to nine members.

Not content with one fundraising opportunity, Brian decided nine years ago to join the Firefighters Calendar fundraiser for the Child Cancer Foundation. You will see Brian out and about during October to February selling these calendars at markets and local stores. The Child Cancer Foundation receives around \$35,000 per year from these calendars.



Grant Harrison with Brian Powell

Once this finishes Brian then starts the fundraising effort for Leukaemia whilst still holding down a full and part time job, fire calls and family, leaving little time for much else.

Meeting recipients of help from these foundations whilst out fundraising, hearing their stories (whether happy or sad) of courage and survival is what makes it all worth the time and effort. The ongoing generosity of our community, their donations and appreciation, meeting fellow firefighters from other brigades and also from overseas helps keep the passion alive.

Brian's philosophy is that "if you can, you should". He is just one small cog in a wheel of other exceptional people joining together to help make a difference. The hope is that his small contribution may help save a life, ease someone's pain or find a cure.

New Onerahi Community Champions!

February and March - Vanessa Richards & Emerald Paratene

Both girls, who attend Whangārei Girls High School, volunteered twice a week during the months of February and March at the Raurimu Avenue School pool when it was open to the Community. "The opening of the pool to the community was conditional on having a satisfactory swimmer to adult ratio, having volunteers supporting the pool lifeguards was important to maintain the safety standards set by the aquatic centre for managing this", said OCA president Grant Harrison, "We were particularly pleased with the reliability and engagement of both girls." The volunteers were provided with First Aid training and an opportunity to continue working in the pool lifeguard area.



April - Rose Tantau

Rose is treasurer for OCA as well as the booking person for Onerahi Hall and House. Rose spends a great deal of time managing bookings, checking on the hirers, cleaning up after and before users, as well as opening up. She goes the extra mile. She is proud of the facilities that OCA manage and has worked hard over the years to increase the bookings and use.



May - Lesley Bryant

In recognition of her efforts in clearing rubbish from the Wai A Riki stream and weeding and maintenance of the Wai A Riki food forest and community garden in Onerahirahi.

June - Vicki Pemberton

In recognition of her contribution in weeding and maintenance in the Wai A Riki community Food Forest and garden at Onerahirahi.

Congratulations to OCA funding grant applicants

for Kaiarahi walks (Green Walks)

Two of the funding grants for OCA this last quarter have been allocated to Onerahi Kindergarten and Raurimu Avenue school. These grants were provided to implement an environmental program that has education and sustainability components to it. Refer to page 3 for the grant application details.

Funding provided a cart, buckets and picker-uppers for the children. These resources are used to pick up rubbish from the short walks around their school/ kindergarten, which they undertake weekly. It is hoped that people are less likely to drop rubbish in a clean and tidy area and the children learn a bit about "doing their bit" for their environment.

"Hopefully this will mean our tamariki will receive a bit of education about unsightly rubbish being left on our streets, along with a feeling of accomplishment, as they can take care of the footpath and track areas around their school and kindergarten. Already we are seeing a level of excitement and pride in what these tamariki are doing for their community" said OCA Chairman Grant Harrison.



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In addition to the above, members of the public can also search for a JP outside of these hours online on <https://justiceofthepeace.org.nz> and clicking on the "Find a JP" tab. Appointments are required when seeing a JP at home.

Justices of the Peace provide a valuable service for all New Zealanders. Justices of the Peace are appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice following nomination by an elected Member of Parliament. The standard tasks of a Justice of the Peace are referred to as ministerial duties and include:

- Taking oaths and declarations;
- Witnessing signatures;
- Certifying copies/transcripts of documents (including electronic documents); and
- Administering affidavits.

Justices of the Peace serve their community in a purely voluntary capacity. No payment of any kind can be accepted for Justice of the Peace services.

From the Northland JP Association

New bus service for intermediate and high school students

A new dedicated bus service for intermediate and high school students living in Onerahi started on Monday 17 June. The new SchoolLink (SL) routes are:

- SL1 Onerahi to Whangārei Intermediate**
- SL2 Onerahi to Kamo High School**

'SchoolLink' is a new service which aims to provide students with an easy journey to and from school, while freeing up space at peak times on CityLink buses for commuters, families and seniors. The routes go direct to schools in the morning, and then back in the afternoon. (SchoolLink services are only for school students and do not stop at Rose Street terminus.)

There is a standard fare charge of \$1 per trip, using a BeeCard just like on CityLink. The new SchoolLink services are funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency, the Northland Regional Council and any farebox revenue collected.

Councillor Craw from the NRC says an additional route, SL3 Onerahi to Whangārei Boys and Girls High, is also under consideration. "Students on this route should continue to use the existing bus provided by the Ministry of Education for now."

The new SchoolLink timetable, routes and further information can be found at the CityLink website at: citylinkwhangarei.co.nz/schoollink

Information provided by the Northland Regional Council

MP for Whangārei - Hon Dr Shane Reti



We've just wrapped up another quarter of delivering for the people of Whangārei and we're gearing up for an ambitious third quarter. Our Government Action Plan is all about rebuilding the economy, reducing the cost of living, restoring law and order, and improving public services.

We're already making meaningful changes. In the first week of July alone, we made announcements about our plans in housing, education, mental health and fixing the drivers licence delays.

Housing has been a challenge in Whangārei just like elsewhere but now local people are set to benefit from our ambitious new housing growth targets. By making it easier to build up and out, we're tackling the housing crisis head-on. Housing in New Zealand is too expensive because we've made it hard for our cities to grow.

Our Going for Housing Growth plan is about freeing up land for development and requiring councils to zone for 30 years of housing development. Home ownership should be a reality for all Kiwis, not just a dream.

We know that parents want certainty about their kids' progress at school. That's why we're introducing consistent student assessment tools from 2025. These checks will ensure children get the support they need.

The tools are already used by teachers; we're just making them consistent across New Zealand. This step is part of our effort to lift student achievement and set children up for success.

This is the first time we have had a Minister for Mental Health, an area that we know is problematic in Whangārei. Together with Minister Doocey we are focused on ensuring that those with mental health challenges are getting the support they need.

We've announced five mental health and addiction targets to drive improvements. These include faster access to services, shorter mental health and addiction related stays in emergency departments, strengthened focus on prevention and early intervention and a target of training 500 mental health and addiction professionals each year.

Additionally, the \$10 million Mental Health Innovation Fund will open for applications later this month, this will support innovative community providers of mental health services to scale up their already successful operations so they can reach more Kiwis. I encourage local mental health providers to apply early for that funding.

Lastly, we understand that getting a driver licence makes a big difference in a person's life. That's why we're addressing the significant delays caused by increased demand and previous policy changes. This is harming productivity and leaving Kiwis waiting too long. We're committed to fixing this and ensuring an efficient process for getting a licence.

As your MP I am part of a team that is all about action and results. We're making real changes that matter to Kiwis every day and I want the people of Whangārei to participate in those benefits.

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It takes a village ... thank you from Junior Netball



Shelane Wassying

As the winter months approach it means the beginning of the winter sports season. For the Onerahi Junior Netball Girls it means a new season of developing their netball skills and building friendships through their love of netball.

This season there are two Year 5 & 6 teams, the Onerahi CoolCatz and the Onerahi HotShotz. The teams faced some challenges at the start of the season, as the training equipment was ancient. We reached out to the Onerahi businesses for sponsorships and were blown away by the generosity of the local community.

With the financial help of **New World Onerahi** we could ensure every girl who wanted to play netball this season was able to - by assisting where needed, New World ensured compulsory registration fees were paid in full.

Our local **SuperLiquor Onerahi** enabled us to get much needed training equipment - agility ladders, cones, rubber dots and markers to ensure the training sessions are fun and always keep the girls on their toes, as well as colourful personalised water bottles for each girl. Elise Baldwin: "The new equipment really helps with our training, we really appreciate it. Thank you!" Emily Wassying: "I like doing rotations at training cause every station is different, and it's never boring".

ReSport Charitable Trust gifted the teams with preloved training equipment. As well as balls, which the girls get to take home, enabling them to carry on practising at home.

Whangārei Public Storage sponsored brand new training balls for both teams and a match ball for the Onerahi HotShotz. Jahkaila Harris: "Thank you, Public Storage, for the balls. We appreciate them, and we like that they are pink". Amy Biggins: "I like the balls cause they are good for shooting goals. It helps to have lots of balls at training".

Bill Morgan, a caring community member, sponsored the match ball for the Onerahi CoolCatz.

Onerahi Hammer Hardware sponsored new bibs for both teams, keeping the netball girls looking sharp on the court.

Off court **Stitches Embroidery** helped the girls look fabulous in their new jumpers with the new Onerahi CoolCatz & Onerahi HotShotz logos. Julia from **Barfoot & Thompson** sponsored both teams with netball bags with their logos on, ensuring the girls stand out and can not be mistaken for any



other team. Evie Marrison-Pugh: "Thank you, Julia, for our bags. They are so cool and unique."

With the combined financial support received from **Coin Saver, Onerahi Dairy, Onerahi Foodmart & Onerahi Sushi**, both teams received a new player of the day trophy and a new first aid kit. The girls also enjoyed an afternoon of team building by making hair accessories they wear on match days to solidify their team spirit.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored the Onerahi CoolCatz and Onerahi HotShotz, your contribution is extremely appreciated. This netball season is better because of our amazing and caring Onerahi community!!!

From Shelane Wassying, coach of the Onerahi HotShotz



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Taking Northland 'Forward Together'



As Chair of the Northland Mayoral Forum, I know how important it is for our four Northland councils to be working together. When we align our views and speak with one voice, we hold more power and create stronger, more beneficial relationships with our government and partner organisations.

On the 26 of June at 11:59pm, the Brynderwyns finally reopened. A large part of this is thanks to the hard work of NZTA and the contractors involved. In the background, the four councils along with our business communities, freight companies and Northland tourism operators worked together with Northland Inc. to advocate for the importance of this section of highway, and the need to keep Northland open. As we celebrated the reopening, all around Northland there was a sigh of relief as our region felt connected once again to the rest of New Zealand.

Since our election, the Northland Mayoral Forum has collaborated with the Northland Chief Executives' Forum to create a strategic collaboration document called "Northland Forward Together - Te Taitokerau Kōkiri Ngātahi", which Whangārei recently adopted.

As leaders of our region, we are united in making Northland our focus. To achieve this, we're aligning our efforts with the four core objectives to help our engagement with central government.

Critical infrastructure: We advocate for robust roads, utilities, and digital connectivity. Our focus includes SH1 Brynderwyns, a

four-lane Northland Expressway, and access restoration through Mangamuka Gorge. Rail connectivity to Northport and container facility expansion are vital for growth.

Economic sustainability: Northland's potential is immense. Initiatives like the Marsden Point development and sustainable energy sources (such as solar power) drive economic progress. We support local business growth through centers like the Ngawha Innovation and Enterprise Park.

Cohesive society: Balanced regulation, good leadership, and active advocacy create vibrant social and cultural environments. We prioritise housing solutions - urban, rural, and papakāinga - and welcome business-friendly policies tailored to each community.

Natural environment: A healthy environment underpins our community's well-being. We collaborate with tangata whenua and communities to restore local ecosystems. Our vision includes catchment management, wetland restoration, and pest eradication.

The essence of Northland is our people, and how we interact with each other and the environment. The Northland Mayoral Forum will continue to collaborate with central government to empower our community. Through this strong partnership, we will make sure that Northland continues to be heard, seen and valued.

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Wai A Ariki food forest news

Wai A Ariki food forest and community garden has seen some action with the stream being cleaned up with the use of a small digger. Over the years prior to the food forest being established it had been a dumping ground for all sorts of rubbish. The red banana planted on the bank has fruited. Lots happening with the soil from the stream being used to top up garden beds ready for spring planting. Sadly we have lost some well established fruit and native trees and plants to someone's senseless act of vandalism.

A dedicated group and volunteers meet regularly to tackle the weeding and do general tidy ups. Recently we held a working get together and some much needed manpower was provided by a visitor from Peru. We now have established areas for people to drop off lawn clippings to be used as mulch and would appreciate no noxious weeds etc.



There's lots of young plants like chickweed and purslane popping up. They are great to eat and very nutritious. For those that planted watercress in their garden beds you should now find it popping up. A welcome healthy and nutritious boost in salads, soups, casseroles, boil ups etc. We are out in all weathers and anybody who would like to join us is very welcome. A gardening group meets at 10am on Fridays.

Cheers, Wendy



CCTV system donated to the fire brigade

Onerahi Volunteer Fire Brigade has recently received an eight-camera CCTV system from our local branch of Jay Cars. This is in response to reports of late-night unruly behaviour in the vicinity of our Onerahi Fire Station. There have also been reports of cars being stolen in the local vicinity.

The brigade is very grateful for this donation and very grateful to Jay Cars for their assistance.

Contributed by Jeff Pipe and Mike Chubb



Operational Support Firefighter Jeff Pipe being presented with the security System by Jay Cars manager Paul Dyer

Electronic devices and batteries

In today's world, we have more and more electronic devices. These devices have batteries in them, and typically these batteries are rechargeable Lithium-Ion (Li-Ion) batteries.

Li-Ion batteries are used as they are designed to have better charging rates and charged life than other batteries. While they do not require constant replacing they do require extra care. If a Li-Ion battery is damaged or punctured, there is a chance that they could explode or even catch fire. According to FMG Insurance (<https://www.fmg.co.nz/campaigns/lithium-ion-battery-fires>), they have had one client make a house claim worth \$1m due to the Li-Ion batteries exploding while charging in the garage.

To help prevent your electronic devices/Li-Ion batteries from exploding, here are some common tricks you can do.

- Disconnect fully charged batteries and devices
- Avoid exposing devices to heat, moisture, or direct sunlight
- Protect your batteries from strong impacts or sharp objects
- Only use the correct and approved chargers for your device
- Never charge your devices in bed, or on flammable material or surfaces
- Discard damaged devices showing signs of swelling, leakage or overheating, in official disposal areas
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PBRRRA News- Parua Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association

Committee members needed for PBRRRA!



The Parua Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association exists as a group of local residents who work on behalf of our community, to identify needs, raise funds for local projects, and speak up on behalf of Parua Bay and its residents. Currently our committee is dwindling, and we need some more people on board...

If you live in the Parua Bay area, and would like to contribute to our wonderful community, please step forward to join our friendly, pro-active committee. PBRRRA encompasses small subcommittees, which you are able to get involved with- Sports and Recreation, Traffic Safety and Rooding, Beautification, Civil Defence, Community Engagement, and Zero Waste.

If you can spare a couple of hours per month, or have some ideas you'd like to share with us, please email us at paruabayrra@gmail.com We'd love to hear from you.

If you are a Parua Bay Resident and do not currently belong to PBRRRA as a member, please email us so we can add your name to our newsletters and emails, and keep you up to date with what is happening in our community.

We hope you are all coping with winter and the challenges that go along with this season. With climate change causing havoc to our weather, and challenges with our roading system and electricity supply in Northland, now is a good time to check out your preparedness for an emergency, e.g. heavy

rain, flooding, slips, power cuts and even tsunamis. The recent Northland-wide power cut caused us all to check out our alternative heating and cooking facilities.

- Some questions to think about ahead of an emergency-
- Do you have a BBQ, gas hob or alternative to cook on, or heat water?
 - Do you have torches, a battery-operated radio, and means to recharge your phone in a power cut?
 - Do you have 3x days-worth of supplies to keep your family going, should we be cut off from shops or services (including baby supplies, pet supplies, medicines, and drinking water)?
 - Do you know your neighbours? Does anyone live alone, or need some support in an emergency?

BE PREPARED! Please look after yourselves and each other, and enjoy all that winter in the 'Winterless North' has to offer.

Until next time, your PBRRRA Team
Contributed by Barb Green

Retiring Kindy Teacher



- ✓ 10 years at Onerahi Kindergarten
- ✓ 7 years as Head teacher
- ✓ 40+ years teaching experience

Sue Guiney has lived in the Onerahi community for many years with her son Rory (who really is the most well-known Onerahi resident) and daughter Tess (who now resides in Wellington).

Sue was 10 years old when she moved to Onerahi and was enrolled at Raurimu school, where her mother became one of the teachers for a number of years. She has been at Onerahi Kindergarten for 10 years, with seven of those as the Head Teacher.

Through a Northland Kindergarten Association scholarship, Sue travelled to Denmark and Scotland to experience and learn about Nature schools which is her passion. As a result of this learning, she was instrumental in leading the reconfiguration of the kindergarten outdoor play area - to provide a more engaging natural outdoor area.

By living and working in the same community, Sue holds the belief that all tamariki should experience what is happening in their own community and neighbourhood, and as such has introduced many wonderful local initiatives and experiences for the kindergarten tamariki over the past few years.

Having regular excursions with the tamariki to the Onerahi community gardens is one of these initiatives. This entailed the tamariki walking down to the shopping centre and catching the local bus to St Stephens Church and the gardens - helping in the gardens and then returning by bus. Again, catching the bus and going to the Onerahi foreshore to explore when the tide was out during the summer months, visits to the Dragon Fly wetlands and more recently "Green Walks" - where some of the older children go on a weekly walk around the nearby street and pick up the rubbish left by others.

More importantly Sue has led the Onerahi kindergarten team in being more culturally diverse - and much more accessible for our local Māori whānau.

Message from the Police

Northland Serious Crash Unit analyst Warren Bunn bowed out of a 43-year Ministry of Transport-Police career in July. His main message to us is that we need to do significantly more work on changing how we drive. For Warren, after decades of attending thousands of needless road crashes in Northland - hundreds of them fatal - his frustration is evident. Seatbelts, he says, are our cheapest form of life insurance. Wearing them is a no brainer.

In 2023, 38 people died on Northland roads, the highest statistic for decades, which was devastating for all first responders attending the trauma and carnage. This year we've already lost 32. Warren's message is that Road Safety Week starts with every day, every week and every month of the year. It begins every time you sit behind a steering wheel.

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Kia ora Koutou

Adopting our Long Term Plan as a council has been an important process for regaining political clarity and consensus on the work we will achieve in the rest of this term. I have been put back into the governance committee structure, so am happy to be back leading for Climate Change and am also supporting the creation of a youth engagement programme for NRC.

NRC is promoting the use of the Find-a-Pest app, as a way to empower Northlanders to identify and report pests in the environment. We are facing ongoing pressure from new pest arrivals, such as exotic Caulerpa seaweed in the Bay of Islands, and the fall armyworm. Early detection and

reporting enables a more rapid response and means we can achieve better outcomes. If you're interested in building your own knowledge and supporting information for incursion responses you can download the app and check it out - findapest.nz

I will continue meeting with local groups to keep in touch and hear community thoughts, I'm happy to hear from you, please just get in touch - amym@nrc.govt.nz, or find me on facebook: Amy Macdonald - NRC Councillor. Ngā mihi nui,

Councillor Amy Macdonald

Disclaimer - this is my personal opinion and not that of the Northland Regional Council



Parua Bay School Report

It has been a busy term at Parua Bay School with many exciting events and fundraisers.

The children enjoyed 'STRIKE Percussion' a high energy performance group. This experience left children enthralled and many came away wanting to pursue drumming lessons!

In Week 9 we had the much anticipated Year 7 and 8 ball where students from both Parua Bay and Whangārei Heads School had a night of ballroom and line dancing. Students arrived in their finest clothes and danced the night away in the beautifully decorated hall.

Festivities continued later in the week with a Matariki festival. There were lots of tuakana-teina opportunities as students were involved in craft making, kapa haka performances and a delicious hangi lunch.

In remembrance of Anzac Day, students raised \$918 for the RSA to help veterans and their families. Fundraising events consisted of wacky hair days, hot chocolates, completing chores and sponsorship.

We also celebrated Pink Shirt Day which is a national anti-bullying campaign aimed at eliminating bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness.

In week 4 we celebrated Youth Week by holding a food drive. The food collected will be distributed to local families in need of some assistance.



It has been a busy term and we look forward to resting and rejuvenating over the winter holidays. Hope everyone keeps warm and cosy and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on the 22nd July.

Contributed by Renay Brown



Onerahi School report



Kia ora koutou,

To paraphrase the Greek philosopher Heraclitus, the only constant in life is change. In part this is why working in a kura is so rewarding and revitalising. Recently we welcomed change through a new waharoa (entranceway). It was designed by Mike Tupaea and his diverse team of artists, designers, and engineers. In a dawn ceremony surrounded by community members and filled with karakia and waiata, our kura accepted responsibility for the care of this beautiful taonga (treasure). We would like to acknowledge our kaumatua Fred Tito for sharing his time and energy with us, ensuring correct tikanga was followed.

Our waharoa is full of imagery and meaning. Firstly, the image of four fish scales, each representing different elements of our environment. Three scales for the moana, whenua, and creatures that live within those environments. The fourth scale is us. A line connects each element and highlights our important role as kaitiaki (guardians). The imagery of scales also calls to the idea of protection.

Flanking each side as you walk through the archway are mangōpare (hammerhead sharks). They represent resilience, perseverance, and overcoming. As Mike Tupaea said during our morning ceremony, "Don't be like the octopus that gives up and dies, be like the hammerhead shark that fights to the last breath."



Community members walk through and lay their hands on the new waharoa



Mike Tupaea shares his thoughts with the community

The kape pattern (curved like an eyebrow) represents maramataka and the phases of the moon. The idea that life is made up of seasons and cycles. This element ensures that no matter the season you are connected and strengthened as you walk through. An image of kukupa (New Zealand pigeon) is facing to the school. It symbolises the rangatira of Te Parawhau watching over us.

There are many other aspects of this design to unpack and our new waharoa is a perfect tool for learning, a beacon calling people to our kura, and a source of pride to our learning community. Thank you again to the large team of people that contributed to its development.

We hope our waharoa has the opportunity to welcome you into our kura one day. Take care.

Ngā manaakitanga,
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A Busy Summer of Native Tree Planting and Weed Tackling!

Our community has been hard at work tending to gardens and tackling those persistent weeds. The Moth Plant Vine thrived in our warm climate, with many seeds from last season's overlooked pods sprouting vigorously. This brought out the best in our community, as we pulled seedlings and managed vines throughout spring and summer, ending up with heaps of seed pods ready for disposal.

The Onerahi Weeds Group and other enthusiastic locals are now setting their sights on tackling the invasive Taiwan Cherry trees. While their blossoms signal the arrival of spring, they are unfortunately very invasive.

Our new planting project at the carpark end of the Waimahanga Track is flourishing beautifully. Thanks to the Waimahanga Action Group volunteers who worked diligently

last winter, you might have noticed the fresh mulch around the plants. The area looks great, but there's always more to do, so keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities on our page Waimahanga Track Action Group on Facebook!

Thanks to Tiakina's generosity, we've received \$300 to purchase 50 young trees from Forest Floor Plant Nursery. These native plants, known to thrive in our area, will be planted along the track where they'll be well cared for.

Why not take a walk along the Waimahanga Track? It's looking great thanks to the efforts of the Whangārei District Council in maintaining the track surface.



'Out of the Ocean, into the Fire'

A geological tour of Northland by Libby & Peter Urbahn - Part 1



A chance purchase of a book on Northland's geological past led us to a wonderful week of discovering the varied and interesting features that make up the region's fascinating and explosive history. Northland is geologically complex, almost chaotic when you study the geology map,

but Bruce Hayward's book, "Out of the ocean, into the Fire", helped us make sense of the millennia that have resulted in the formation of New Zealand's most northerly region.

We started our trip in Whangarei heading west towards the Kaipara coast passing volcanic Maungatapere mountain lush with native vegetation before crossing the Wairoa River near Dargaville. Our first major geological feature lay 40 km north-Maunganui Bluff.

Four hundred and fifty metres of near vertical cliffs rose starkly from a narrow strip of rocky beach on Northland's mid-western coast. The Bluff is what's left of the eastern flank of the Waipoua volcano, NZ's largest-ever shield (no cone) volcano that existed around 17 million years ago. Apart from a few shellfish gatherers, we were the only ones on the beach as we investigated the old grey basalt lava flows, saw flashes of rich red oxide ash coupled with a conglomerate of rounded pebbles known as breccia. To us, it looked like the sweet treat, Rocky Road. The Waipoua volcano once extended 20km into the Tasman Sea, undoubtedly a truly impressive sight if you happened to be around 17 million years ago.

Next edition - the Koutu Boulders



Maunganui Bluff showing grey basalt, breccia and flashes of red volcanic ash



LEFT: Our volunteers: Mary, Big Jim, Ange, Margie, Stephen, Shona enjoying a table of treats after spreading mulch

Whangārei Camellia Show, 2024

Saturday 10th August 2024

St. Johns Church (the Golden Church) 149 Kamo Rd.

Winter can be grey and cool; but some of the colourful delights of this time of year are the many different flowering Camellias. And when the local Camellia Society hold their annual competitive flower show, you'll see the very best blooms on display – hundreds of them, all in one place.

Public entry from 10.00am until 4.00pm, \$5 entry (and get a free Camellia bookmark!)

Plus: great raffles, and our locally famous trading table.

Got a question about your Camellias? Come and talk to the local enthusiasts, we'll do our best to answer it.

For more information contact David Muir, 027 688 2208 or david.muir@xtra.co.nz



Bob Langford's Art

It was good 'retirement advice' from a friend that set Bob Langford on the path to developing his skills in wood turning from a casual interest into a creative passion.



Bob spent over 40 years working as a primary school teacher in numerous towns and villages around New Zealand. It was a full and busy life and as his retirement to Onerahi approached his friend advised that he should be sure to have a hobby that would keep him active and fulfilled. He chose to concentrate on wood working and it

became the creative purpose that has filled his life since. Bob has honed his craft and perfected his skills over the years by attending various courses and classes. In 2012 he gained a certificate in wood turning by completing a course run by a professional woodturner through the Northland Woodturners and Woodworkers Club based at North Tech. The club also hosts a shop for sale of work to the public just before Christmas so is a good outlet for finished projects.



Bob's work continues to evolve. He undertakes woodworking projects of all types and in all sizes from coffee tables to miniature egg cups. His greatest pleasure is in the 'one off' creation of something special for a friend.

Bob is an active member of the Quarry Arts centre and helps out in their shop where his work is on display and is available to buy. He is also a regular participant in Whangārei Heads Arts Trail and his work is usually on sale at the Easter event.


If you have a commission you would like to ask Bob to consider contact him by emailing bobnjanelangford@xtra.co.nz. Please contact heartsheads@hands@gmail.com if you want to share your creative journey with us.

Seal silly season starts

Don't be surprised if you see NZ fur seals in some curious places over coming months.

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is asking the public to be on the lookout for juvenile pinnipeds (adventurous fur seals, sea lions and seals) that may start appearing in unusual locations. "From June - September we start to see young seals begin to explore their environment, often showing up in unexpected places," says DOC Marine Science Advisor, Dr Jody Weir. "It's not uncommon to find them on roads, in backyards, or even on living room sofas," explains Dr Weir.

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The price of pride

The items came to just under \$4.00, so Jim laid his last \$5.00 note on the counter. Ringing up the purchase, the server said, "That'll be six dollars and sixty-three cents". The customer hesitated, then gently questioned the total. "I guess I overcharged you", admitted the server, who quickly saw the mistake. The second time the amount was figured it was correct, but the change Jim received included a \$5.00 note. Obviously a second error has been made. "Ah-ah, I think I gave you a five, not a ten," said Jim rather meekly, not wanting to cause further embarrassment. "No. This is right," was the abrupt reply.

Later at home Jim carefully reviewed his purchases, and counted the change. Sure enough, he had five dollars too much. So he called the salesperson. "Please let me know if you come up short," he said. "Thank you, but I'm perfectly capable of handling this," came the rude reply as the phone clicked on the receiver.

Foolish pride always carries a price tag. That store lost a mere five dollars, but in human relationships, the cost can be extremely high. The husband or wife who resists saying, "I was wrong, forgive me," pays more than the lawyer's fee if the marriage ends in divorce. Anytime we are too proud to admit a fault, we sacrifice something of value. But the area of deepest cost is in our relationship to God, where we forfeit the joy of His forgiveness and companionship.

Let's not strain our friendliness with others or break our relationship with the Lord because of pride. It just isn't worth it.

Contributed by retired Pastor Ron Brewer, Onerahi.

Beware of Measles!

The Public Health Communication Centre has recently warned that Aotearoa is vulnerable to a national measles epidemic. Child immunisation coverage at two years of age has been falling and is now 83% overall, and 69% for Māori children. This is far below the 95% target level needed to maintain measles elimination. With global measles increasing, more infectious cases will enter NZ putting our people at risk. Measles is a serious illness for people of any age, including pregnant women. In the 2019 outbreak, 35% of cases were hospitalised for treatment. The NZ 2019 outbreak spread to Samoa causing 5707 cases and 83 measles-related deaths.

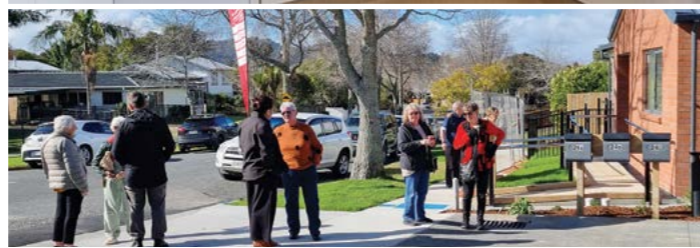
Five new Onerahi homes from Kāinga Ora

During early July the Whangārei Kāinga Ora team invited the Onerahi community for a cuppa, and to view their newly finished homes at 24-26 Ross St (before whānau moved in).

Kāinga Ora has finished five homes at this location. The new two-bedroom, standalone homes are warm, dry and modern; and built to Homestar 6 standards for energy efficiency and sustainability. All the homes are fully insulated, double-glazed, and come furnished with carpets and curtains. Off-street parking has also been incorporated into the development.

Four of the homes include accessibility features such as level access and wider hallways to better accommodate people with additional mobility needs.

Rose Tantau from the Onerahi Community Association went to view two of the homes. She took some photos to share with you and noted to the Orbit that the houses are perfect for the elderly or those with disabilities.



The Southern Lights

We have a fantastic photo sent in by Shavarn Rossiter of the Southern Lights from Beach Road in Onerahi. Shavarn was blown away by the visuals when the solar storm happened in mid-May. "Onerahi Beach Road southern lights - wow! What an experience this was to be there in the moment and see this from the naked eye. Then I got my phone and put the camera on night mode and captured these beautiful photos." One of them is included here - thank you for sending them through to the Orbit Shavarn!



The Southern Lights from Beach Road, Onerahi

Matariki Celebrations

On Sunday 23 June a dawn ceremony was held at St Stephen's Church to celebrate the rising of the Matariki star cluster. Wendy Giffin said that "It was a lovely crisp morning with a brazier blazing and a circle of around 40 people standing around it. Matua Fred Tito led off the proceedings. There were several speakers during the gathering. We also remembered and acknowledged those who were no longer with us. We had sign language interpreters for members of the deaf society who were present. It was very multicultural.

After the closing we were treated to a scrumptious breakfast prepared by Multicultural Whangārei."



NRC rates rise of 15.94%

The Northland Regional Council adopted its new Long Term Plan 2024-2034 in late June.

The adopted LTP formally confirms the council's previously reported decision to continue funding emergency and rescue services and regional sporting facilities.

The vast majority of the almost 2,300 submissions received were from those keen to see the funding continue.

Neither of the activities fall under the remit of legislative responsibilities for a regional council, but are services

delivered for 'community good'. With the additional rates the public had requested included, the total rates rise for the 2024-25 year is 15.94%, or \$81.20 per annual rates bill.

Other new work being funded by the NRC includes biosecurity programmes, flood management, climate action and emergency management. The newly-adopted LTP is available at: www.nrc.govt.nz/LTP2024

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Tues 17 Sept - Tuesday 1 October	Silver Festival Whangārei
Friday 20 - 27 September	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week
Tuesday 24 September	CommUnity After 5 - Event Funding and Sponsorship - From funding applications to bringing on board event sponsors, the WDC panel will pass on the knowledge they have from years of experience. 5:30 - 7pm, Cafler Suite, Forum North, 7 Rust Avenue
Sunday 29 September	Daylight saving begins
Monday 30 September	National Short Story Competition - The winning three stories will receive cash prizes and be published by the Northern Advocate. See conditions and entry form at https://northlandauthors.co.nz
Saturday 19 October	Bully Breed Parade 2024 - Parade of all dogs at Barge Park - see Facebook for more details closer to the time

REGULAR EVENTS

<p>Jolly Dodgers Scooters group - If you are keen to join up call Wendy on 021 031 7781 or Denise on 022 087 4955</p> <p>Love Whangarei Monthly Clean Up - Check our FB page for upcoming events. https://www.facebook.com/LWMCU</p> <p>Matakohe/ Limestone Island Volunteers - 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. Bring your lunch. Home by 2pm</p> <p>Men-Tall mental health support - Monthly Barbershop chats - every third Monday of the month, from 6 30pm, at Brothers barbers in Kamo. A support group for men dealing with everyday struggles. Contact Josh MacFarlane, 021 0255 1594 or josh.macfarlane@mentall.org.nz</p> <p>Onerahi Crafting and Quilting - 9.30am - 12.00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month at St Stephens Church Hall</p> <p>Onerahi CoastLine Action Group - Volunteers meet for an hour a week on Sundays (Summer: 7-8pm; Winter 4-5pm.) Would you like to help us regenerate neglected council reserves? Contact Valerie Green-Moss 0210672760 or Brian McLachlan 4363660</p> <p>Onerahi Garden Group - Get to know your fellow green fingered neighbours and join us for morning tea. Onerahi Community Hall on the 3rd Friday of each month at 10.00am</p> <p>Onerahi Indoor Bowling Club - Every Wednesday 6.45pm to 9.30pm in the Onerahi Community Centre Hall. All are welcome. If you want to know more, contact Susan on 021 248 9989</p>	<p>Onerahi Sit-Fit - At Hope Onerahi Church, 137 Onerahi Road, Mondays 10.30 am</p> <p>Onerahi Hall market - First & 3rd Saturdays of each month (and also other Saturdays - provided that the OCA has not organised another hall user) 8am-12pm. Plants, garden produce, jams/pickles, art/craft, 2nd hand goods etc. Inside stall fees \$12; Outside stall fees \$9; Kids stall fees - inside \$6, outside \$5. Phone Jenny (09) 436 0009 (preferably in the evening) to book a space</p> <p>Parua Bay Village Farmers and Crafters Market - Open every second Sunday (July 14, 28 and August 11, 25) between 9am - 1pm; Parua Bay Community Centre, 1341 Whangarei Heads Road, Parua Bay</p> <p>Repair Cafe - Volunteers will repair most things for a koha. Every third Saturday of the month, 1.30 - 4pm, Reyburn House at the Town Basin. For more info, look at the Facebook page or email karen@force.org.nz</p> <p>Wai A Ariki Food Forest Gardening Group - meets 10am on Fridays - everyone welcome</p> <p>Whangarei parkrun - A fun event where you can "run, walk or roll" every Saturday. It's a 5km course starting and finishing under Te Mate A Pohe Bridge in Port Rd. It's free to enter by going to https://www.parkrun.co.nz/register. We are there by 8am, come and join us. Open to all no matter what speed or age you are</p> <p>Whangarei Scottish Country Dance Club - The Scottish Country Dance Club meets every Thursday at the Onerahi Community Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome. If you want to know more before arriving, call Fiona on 437 1817</p>
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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	Jos	027 315 6490
Taurikura Hall	Meg Mclsaac	09 434 0096

Whangārei District Council Hotline: 0800 932 463 | Onerahi Police (09) 436 0222

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Aviva	For free 24/7 support line, call 0800 AVIVA NOW (0800 28482 669)	Safe to Talk sexual harm helpline	0800 044334, text: 4334, email: support@safetotalk.nz
Elder Abuse Helpline	0800 32 668 65 Open 24 hrs text: 5032, email: support@elderabuse.nz	Sensitive Claims ACC	0800 735 566
Family violence info	0800 456 450	Shakti - for migrant and refugee women	0800 742 584 Open 24 hrs
Gandhi Nivas	Supporting men to be free from violence 0800 426 344	Shine domestic abuse services	0508 744 633 Open 24 hrs Live webchat is also available
Hey Bro helpline	Supporting men to be free from violence 0800 HeyBro (439 276)	Rape Crisis	0800 88 33 00
Need to talk?	Free call or text: 1737 for mental health support from a trained counsellor	Victim Support - support for men and women	0800 842 846 Open 24 hrs
Oranga Tamariki line: for concerns about children and young people	0508 326 459, email: contact@ot.govt.nz 1737	Women's Refuge crisis line	0800 733 843 Open 24 hrs
		Youthline	0800 376 633, free text: 234, email: talk@youthline.co.nz