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Joanne Stevens

Haere mai,

The weather in autumn in Whangārei is goldilocks weather. The long, still days mean it's pleasant to get out and about - it's not too hot, not too cold, not too windy, not too wet (yet). The colours of the sea and trees are somehow more intense. This makes it a great time to get active and make the most of the good weather before winter sets in. During April, it's also still just hot enough for a swim on a good day, and the fishing is usually exceptional through April till May.

We hope you enjoy, and are informed by this publication during these times of uncertainty and change. Set aside for a time (while you enjoy this publication) the worries of Covid, of Ukraine, of climate change, of food, housing and petrol price hikes.

Get outdoors to enjoy Onerahi and Parua Bay with family and friends over the Easter break; love one another.

Make the tough present situation more bearable by remembering that these times too, will pass.

"Hope is a match in a dark tunnel, a moment of light, just enough to reveal the path ahead and ultimately the way out."
Judith Rich

Nga mihi from the Orbit team.

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Onerahi Community Association Report

Onerahi Weeds Group receives funding support from Onerahi Community Association

The Onerahi Weeds Group is an informal group whose purpose is to suppress and eventually eliminate the moth plant (Araujia hortorum, aka Kapok vine) from the Onerahi peninsula.

The group has received \$275.00 for use on the Moth Plant project from the Onerahi Community Association. The money enables them to secure labour to continue picking moth plant pods; and also doing weeding of the small vines (which will save a lot of work next season).

Onerahi Community House and Hall upgrades

Julie Dennis of the Onerahi Community Association has worked tirelessly to get this project up and running, and now that it's completed, everyone loves it! On behalf of the Onerahi Community Association and the users of the Onerahi Community House and Onerahi Hall, we would like to thank the Whangārei District Council and Affran Khan for co-ordinating the upgrade of the toilets and installation of the disability toilets in both the men's and women's toilets. The installation of heat pumps in both the house and the hall were also sorely needed.



Members of the Onerahi Weeds Group have attended several community markets (Onerahi, Whangārei Growers Market, etc) to raise awareness, promote their objectives and recruit volunteers, achieving good results.

If you would like to join with others to work on weeds in Onerahi, just get in touch via onerahiweedsgroup@gmail.com



E Tu Onyx

The E Tu Onyx roopu is focussed on community led initiatives in Onerahi that involve physical activity. In our next edition we will include a deeper look at the group. As a taster, current projects include:

- A pontoon off Beach road
- The Raurimu Avenue Slip-n-slide day located near the Pah Road beach road intersection.
- Airport Open Day/Fun day
- Friday night "game on" activities for the community at Sherwood Park (supported by Whangārei Youth Space, Touch NZ and Volleyball Northland along with product supporters such as Onerahi New World and others).

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The huge number of cases of Covid-19 now being reported means the Ministry of Health is unable to manage Covid-19 like it used to. When you test positive, the Ministry should text you a form and ask you to fill it out. You need to complete the form even if you've been isolating. The form is about meeting your welfare needs just as much as it is about contact tracing.

If you don't get this text within 24 hours of uploading your positive RAT result to My Covid Record, call the dedicated COVID-19 Healthline on 0800 358 5453 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). There are glitches in the system as it's relatively new, so if you fall through the cracks be proactive and call.

The self-service form covers three main topics:

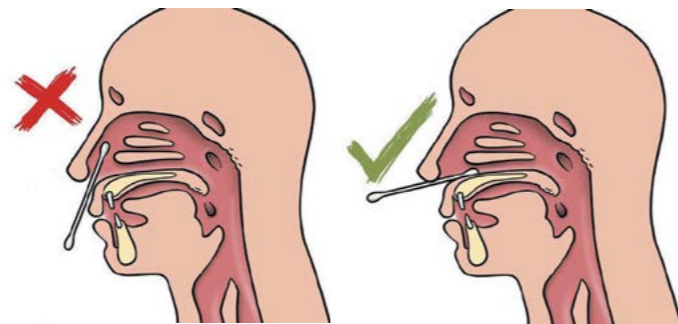
1. Details about your Covid-19 symptoms and medical vulnerability - so that you get the level of medical care and support you need
2. Details about your isolation circumstances
3. Any potential high-risk exposures - these are exposures that took place in locations that have a high risk of transmission and the potential to infect vulnerable populations like the elderly.

If you've tested positive and haven't filled in the form, you're wasting resources that could be focused on helping those actually in need of assistance; because the tracers will have to spend time trying to get hold of you to check that you are okay. This places a significant burden on the team of case investigators, who are there to ensure no one slips through the cracks. If you contribute to their burden by not answering the form you make their job harder and you increase the chances that someone who's at real risk will not get the support they need.

On the other hand, if you act quickly and fill out the form, you're helping the entire country manage Covid-19 better. You take pressure off the phone lines, and let the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Development focus on the people who need help. This can reduce the unnecessary suffering some people and families experience while isolating. It can also potentially save lives, by ensuring that those most vulnerable are getting the care and attention they need.

If you test positive, have a Covid-19 welfare need, and no one has contacted you yet - call Work and Income's COVID-19 Welfare line for free on 0800 512 337 (8am to 8pm, 7 days a week) to get support. Don't tough it out.

Source: <https://thespinoff.co.nz/> : 'Tested positive? Here's why it's so important to complete your Covid tracing form' and 'Back of the nose, not up towards the brain: Where to place a RAT swab'



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Improved pull-over bay at Tamaterau

The pull-over area at Tamaterau is currently being upgraded to provide a safe space for overtaking.

Anyone headed towards Whangārei from Whangārei Heads will be able to pull over easily on an asphalted surface and find an improved one-way area with a marked bus stop, parking, more space for the central huge Pohutukawa tree, and improved access to the Tamaterau Domain.

Traffic management has been occurring in the area and will continue until the development is complete. Once complete, the speed limit here will return to being 50 km/h.

This \$304,000 project is supported by the Tourism Infrastructure Fund. The design was completed by Hawthorn Geddes engineers & architects ltd. They are Northland's largest locally owned, full service

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2022 is cranking away and at council we are currently working hard to bring Northland's perspective to the major legislative change being fast progressed by the government - RMA reform, local government reform and the Emissions Trading Scheme, just to name a few. What looks good on paper in Wellington needs to be tested and critiqued for the real world here in Northland, so reviewing proposals and making submissions are a big focus right now. NRC Councillors continue to work from home, so my eyes are a bit square after each full-day zoom meeting, but there are benefits too like being able to hang out the washing in my lunch break!

It was great to see so many people discussing and submitting on the scallop fishery review being run by NZ Fisheries and MPI. I learnt a lot from discussions with concerned divers, sharing their observations and thoughts on

best management. I also participated in two informative zoom meetings with community members and Rikki Solomon [Honorary Fisheries Officer and Whangārei Harbour Tangata Kaitiaki]. We wait with interest to hear the MPI decision.

The NRC 2022 Whakamānawa ā taiao Environmental Awards are now open (until 10 April) for nominations! In previous years there have been plenty of awesome local environmental groups celebrated in these awards. I encourage you all to nominate those wonderful individuals and groups as a way of saying thank you! You can check out last year's winners and nominate for this year online, at <https://awards.nrc.govt.nz/>.

As always, I'm happy to hear from you - amym@nrc.govt.nz, or find me on facebook: Amy Macdonald - NRC Councillor. Ngā mihi nui,
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Disclaimer - this is my personal opinion and not that of the Northland Regional Council.



Rescue Helicopter at Onerahi Airport



Onerahi Airport 1967 from 'Onerahi Way Back When'



Onerahi Airport 2021

Whangārei District Council decided on 11 November last year that they supported in principle the relocation of the Northland Emergency Services Trust (NEST) rescue helicopter moving from Kensington Park to the Onerahi airport. Before the final decision is made, Council staff have been asked to develop a communication plan to engage the Onerahi community.

There is no decision made yet on the location of the new helicopter base at Onerahi airport.

Some Onerahi residents are not happy about Onerahi Airport being the next base for the rescue helicopter. At Council's first meeting this year, they handed over a 350 signature petition opposing the move. Warren Thomas, who spoke on behalf of the group, noted that they supported NEST, but that the Council should "hit the pause button" because "we consider relocating NEST from one residential

area to another is a fundamentally flawed decision." Mr Thomas noted that "The Council will be repeating the Kensington experience of years of complaints and problems."

Whangārei's industrial area had been the closest runner-up when alternate sites were being looked at before the 'in principle' decision was made.

Onerahi Airport supports a variety of operators from private aircraft owners to helicopter operators, aircraft maintenance providers, rental car providers, airline and air charter providers, and a café. The airport website notes that 'noise from aircraft can be a nuisance to some, whilst others love to see the aviation activity and state it as one reason why they live here.' To mitigate against noise nuisance the airport has, through consultation, developed a Noise Management Plan which includes noise allocation. This is a system where there are defined inner and outer noise control boundaries. This is so that any residents who live within these boundaries can know what levels of noise to expect. It is also incumbent on the airport to ensure that these levels are not exceeded.

Council has also been investigating options for a new potential future airport within the district. This is because the existing airport at Onerahi has the shortest commercial runway in New Zealand, and the current ATR72 aircraft cannot operate from Onerahi due to its short runway. Civil Aviation Authority requirements may also change, causing problems for the Onerahi airport which has no runway safety areas and a hill to the north of the airport.

Sources:

Whangārei District Council website | Whangārei District Airport website | Susan Botting, The Northern Advocate, 1 March 'Opponents of moving Northland Rescue Helicopters to Onerahi want pause while alternative sites looked at'.

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- **Case** - This is typically made from aluminium, which has a 450w power supply in it. The larger the power supply the more USB devices that can be plugged into the computer. The case comes with one fan, but more fans can be added.
 - **Mainboard** - This is the main part of the computer. It does not like dust nor overheating. This part also connects the various other parts of the computer.
 - **Central Processing Unit (CPU)** - The brains of the computer. There are two manufacturers of processors - AMD and Intel. Both have their benefits; I recommend Intel.
 - **Graphics Processing Unit (GPU)** - This is what puts the image on the screen, sometimes the GPU is on the mainboard, for gamers the GPU is on a separate graphics card. A good graphics card will set you back around half the price of the computer.
 - **Ram** - This is typically the temporary storage of the computer, for Windows 10 and 11 I would recommend a minimum of 8GB Ram, computers can be sold with much more.
 - **Hard Disk Drive (HDD)** - Typically today most HDD are M.2 or Solid-State Drives (SSD) which have no moving parts. Most people only need a 256GB Drive, and for those who are gamers a minimum of 1TB is recommended.
- Laptops and Desktops, all have the same six parts, just laptops are a lot smaller and portable. When the time comes and you go shopping for a new computer, do make sure to explain what the computer will be used for, otherwise contact your helpful computer tech.

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Police Report

Hi to all the readers of the Onerahi Orbit. You know you've reached middle age when you're cautioned to slow down by your doctor, instead of by the police. I saw this quote and thought it was quite funny until I realised I may be getting to that point!!

I recently had cause to slow down but not from my doctor's caution or the police. Let me explain - Te Araroa is the trail that runs from Cape Reinga to the Bluff - some 3000km of on and off road hiking, where you carry in a pack everything you need to last you the five or so months that it takes. My son Josh had walked from Bluff to Whangārei and was going to complete the ±400km from Whangārei to the Cape during February. I decided to join him and February the 1st saw us embark on our journey together which started from Urquhart's Bay at Whangārei Heads and on day one took us over the Te Whara track, along Ocean Beach and Kauri Mountain beach where we finished the day at Harambee Road, Taiharuru.

After 11 days and averaging about 21 km every day I was definitely in need of a break and took a whole day off. Sometimes we need to slow down and just enjoy where we are at, and pause for a breath (literally) before acting. Recent countrywide and world events happening around us may have happened differently by slowing down and pausing for a breath.

Currently and until further notice our public counter at the Onerahi station is closed due to the current COVID situation. If you have an emergency situation ring 111. If you have a query please either ring the Crime Reporting line on phone number 105 or report to the Whangārei Police Station on Lower Cameron Street, Whangārei.

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Parua Bay Placemaking

This is the Parua Bay Residents And Ratepayers Association's (the Association's) summary of the Parua Bay Placemaking programme. The Association is an incorporated society set up to support and promote improved amenities and services for Parua Bay, while keeping its essential character. We are a non-political volunteer group that represents people in the Parua Bay area.

'Placemaking' is a process Whangārei District Council (Council) is using in parts of the district experiencing a lot of growth. It aims to produce a plan that sums up what's important to people in an area, identify facilities and services that are lacking and how to safeguard what makes an area special. This then should link into Council's decisions on funding, so that's where the money hits the road for local communities. It's a process used to engage with the local community of an area, to form a plan to 'inform how an area will change, grow, and develop over the next 20 to 30 years.' Importantly, where an area has one of these plans, it's likely to have an influence on Council funding and planning decisions for some time.

The Association sees placemaking as a valuable tool to gauge current community aspirations for Parua Bay. We believe this plan should highlight the need for improved: road safety; footpaths; and amenities and facilities (inc. sports hub). In particular we support a range of beautification works, a new skate park, a playground for young children and greater use of Council recreational land as public open space.

Placemaking presents a great opportunity to recognise past and current community aspirations, particularly in the light of population changes. In 2013 Parua Bay had 1,068 people. This more than doubled in five years to a population of 2,421 (2018 figures). Similarly, in 2013 the population was

projected to reach 2,852 by 2041, whereas Council now predicts Parua Bay to grow to 3,493 by 2048.

That's a lot of new people looking to make contacts and learn about the area. It's also a lot of increased demand on services, facilities, infrastructure and natural resources.

To help Council write a Parua Bay plan, they are currently seeking the views from people that live, work, play, go to school or are otherwise involved with Parua Bay. If you value the Parua Bay area, have views about how it should grow, have better facilities and amenities, then we encouraged you to have your say via the Council website questionnaire by 5pm, 6 April: <https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Whats-new/Have-your-say/Parua-Bay-Placemaking>

The placemaking process is a great opportunity to share history and stories from the past e.g. Located in the rohe of Ngatai, Parua Bay is connected to one of the oldest hapu in Whangārei, Ngati Tu. The historical Ngati Tu marae (area known as Solomon's Point) was known as Rahuikuri (meeting of the dogs). It got this name as local chiefs would meet there in the long grass wearing dog skin cloaks, and from a distance it looked like a gathering of dogs. Historically, there was an overland waka route that went through Parua Bay, linking the upper catchment of Pataua estuary to Whangārei harbour!

Some old coach roads that historically connected Whangārei Heads settlements can still be accessed and offer great future potential as walking and biking tracks.



Murdock Ross receives Civic Honour from the Mayor

Whangārei District Council has awarded a Civic Honour to Murdoch Ross in gratitude for his contribution to the Whangārei, Parua Bay and Whangārei Heads communities.

Born into one of Whangārei Heads' first Scottish settler families, Murdoch was destined to be an integral part of the Heads' community, although few could have anticipated the extent and impact of the contribution he would make.

Murdock's commitment to kaitiakitanga led him to covenant a significant and sensitive area of his land in Parua Bay. He engaged in weed and pest eradication and fenced wetlands with the aim of encouraging the return of native flora and fauna to the area by providing food and habitat for bees and birds.

Well known and respected in the community, in the early 1980s, Murdoch was elected to the role of chair of the Parua Bay Hall Committee. This was a huge achievement and expression of faith in his abilities, given the monumental task required at the time to revitalise community interest in managing and using the hall. He proved he was more than up to the task. At Murdoch's instigation, and in collaboration with other prominent residents, the idea was floated for an expanded community centre, including a gymnasium and squash courts, meeting rooms, large kitchen facilities and adjacent bowling club and rugby fields.

This bold move for a small community gained momentum thanks to Murdoch's negotiating skills and diplomacy.

He also made a substantial contribution to fundraising for the project, donating proceeds from bull servicing hire and

gifting Ross family land from adjacent farms to accommodate the much-expanded complex.

Murdock remained chair of the Parua Bay Community Centre for many more years, ensuring the smooth operation of the centre and the completion of improvements to the land. In 1998, the Ross family established a charitable trust to administer the sports ground adjacent to the hall on family land, with Murdoch donating a portion of profits from cattle sales to the trust to help in the administration of these sports fields.

In 1992, Murdoch co-ordinated community interest to get the much-needed Parua Bay Medical Centre built and the doctors' surgery established in the village area.

Murdock's determination to pursue goals, his strength of character and resolve are qualities from which we can all learn. His is a familiar face and smile around the Parua Bay village where he is universally respected and liked.

It is something to be celebrated for a person with disabilities to rise above their significant challenges to put the service of others ahead of their own needs, and Murdoch Ross is such a person.

Source: Whangārei District Council



Murdock with his namesake kiwi

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Foreshore rats attract Joint Community Initiative

A thriving rat population along Onerahi's Beach Road foreshore is to become the area of focus for a joint community predator control project, with support from residents being sought to ensure its success.

For a number of years, trappers from the island's restoration project, 'Friends of Matakoho-Limestone Island (FOMLI)' have been trapping the Onerahi foreshore area to reduce the risk of unwanted invaders reaching the motu (island).

At the same time, conservation project Tiakina Whangārei has been supporting local residents to get involved in backyard predator control by supplying rat traps and advice, as well as coordinated projects in public areas. 'Predator Free Onerahi' was launched last year, with the goal of Onerahi becoming Whangārei's first predator free suburb.

Tiakina Whangārei Manager Dai Morgan says recent surveying showed high numbers of rats living in the rock walls along Beach Road, between the Pah Road roundabout and the Onerahi Yacht Club.

"Our detection devices showed a strong rat population in the area, which is of real concern to Matakoho-Limestone Island, as well as the local community, as families often spend time in this area with young children, swimming and having picnics. It's not nice to think there are so many rats nearby when children are playing at the beach."

Matakoho-Limestone Island is home to a kiwi creche, where young kiwi are able to grow healthy and strong before being returned to the mainland as adults. The island is also home to a growing variety of threatened native fauna that have

been gradually reintroduced, including banded rail, New Zealand

dotterel, moko skink and forest gecko. To date, volunteers have also planted over 155,000 trees on the island.

Michelle Martin says Matakoho-Limestone Island is within swimming distance of mainland pests, which can threaten these precious species.

"Despite efforts from volunteers over a number of years, the Beach Road waterfront has been a problematic area to trap rodents. We are hoping that with the support of local residents, Tiakina Whangārei and the Whangārei District Council, we can work towards the placement of fixed pest control boxes around the rock walls to permanently reduce the rat population. This will help to protect our taonga on the island, such as kiwis, skinks, geckos, native bird species and plants."

Dai Morgan believes support from local residents is the key ingredient in the project.

"We'd love to hear from anyone who is keen to get involved, and we'll also be keeping the community informed of our plans via our Tiakina Whangārei facebook page and using letterbox drops. We hope people will see the benefits and be keen to help, for both the local community, and our special neighbours living over at Matakoho-Limestone Island.

Those interested can email me at onerahi@tiakinawhangarei.co.nz."



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Council may consult on 31% water rates increase

The Whangārei District Council consulted on and implemented a 3 per cent rates rise as part of their Long Term Plan 2021-31. However, the decommissioning of the Marsden Point oil refinery means Council will lose more than \$25 million in water income over the next decade. Council general manager corporate Alan Adcock said the income loss was "massive" for the Council. The income loss will kick in from April. Lost income between then and the end of June would be "absorbed" into existing budgets, Adcock said.

But this loss of income, combined with more than \$900,000 in extra annual costs resulting from the national Three Waters requirements, brought the need for potential water rating increases of up to 31 per cent.

A formal decision will be made by Council on whether to go for the 31 per cent water rates increase proposal before 1 April, and this will be consulted on as part of the Annual Plan 2022/2023 public consultation process.

A potential 31 per cent increase - from \$2.38 to \$3.03 per cubic metre/1000 litres of water - would mean Council's water service would be breaking even. It would mean the average Whangārei domestic water consumer would go from paying \$414 to as much as \$518 a year for water.

Source:
<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/whangarei-facing-25m-water-income-loss-when-marsden-point-oil-refinery-shuts>



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- **Tobacco Plant berries**
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- **Ivy**
- **Jasmine**
- **Japanese Honeysuckle**
- **Tradiscantia etc**

It is better to do something than nothing at all. Our rates cannot cover the cost of removal of all weeds. When many people pitch in the job becomes less onerous.

The Onerahi Weeds Group has been busy in Onerahi especially over the past two months. You may have spotted people working on roadsides and reserves. Moth plant flowers showed up early this season and so did the pods. Many bags of pods have been gathered. Places where moth plants have burst their pods over previous years continue to have seedlings appear. It isn't long before the vine is back up the host tree or fence and once again the pods shed their seeds.

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Not all Real estate agents are equal, and not all will strive to

get you the top dollar for your biggest asset – here are a few tips on making sure you get the right one:

- **Communication:** are they prompt, clear and engaged when answering your queries and arranging meetings?
- **Personability:** do they make an effort? How they interact with people will impact buyers' perceptions of your property.
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From your Member of Parliament Emily Henderson MP for Whangārei

In Onerahi, you see real New Zealand, from young whānau to retirees. It's got great community spirit, with its own Onerahi Order of Merit, good community amenities and a stunning position. But life isn't always easy, and hardship always hits the most vulnerable hardest.

2022 is shaping up to be another challenging year. After two years of the pandemic, the resulting global economic uncertainty and the horror of war in Ukraine are impacting our economy. No one on the planet is immune, but this Government's approach has put us in a solid position. We will keep following our values: People first. Tax cuts benefit the rich far more than anyone else and prevent governments from investing in economic stimulus and the social safety net. I'm not prepared to lose another generation to the failed policies of tax cuts for the rich and austerity for everyone else. Our policies are making and will make a real difference to Onerahi whānau for generations to come. Our approach is multi-faceted.

While COVID makes things tougher, we've been working hard to boost household incomes, including historic increases to main benefits. From April 1 almost 60% of families will get an increase to Working for Families on average \$20, Superannuation to increase \$52 per fortnight for a single person and \$80 for a couple, and benefits to increase up to



a further \$35 a week, along with Petrol excise duty and road user charges both cut by 25 cents a litre for three months.

Housing has a major impact on wellbeing: Cold, damp houses are directly linked to kids getting preventable diseases like rheumatic fever. We're making sure rental homes are up to scratch through our Healthy Homes Standards, and funding insulation and heat pumps through programmes like Warmer Kiwi Homes. We're also helping over a million people stay warm with the Winter Energy Payment.

Children's long-term prospects need improving too: We've made doctor's visits free for all children under 14. Our free school lunches programme is providing healthy meals to heaps of Whangārei schools, including Onerahi Primary

and Raurimu Primary, ensuring kids have the energy to learn. When I spoke with Raurimu recently, the nachos, vege muffins and fresh sandwiches were a hit, and tamariki are also getting the hang of trying new things like chicken donburi. We've also put free period products in all schools and kura, so period poverty won't stop girls attending school anymore. Children's mental health is also key. Whangārei will be piloting the Mana Ake mental health support programme developed after the Christchurch earthquakes, and our students already benefit from the new Counselling in Schools programme started late last year.

All our young people deserve to be happy, healthy and to live their best lives. I'm looking forward to continuing our work.

Photos of students at Raurimu Avenue School




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Marsden Point decommissioning

There are several stories that align from the image that I use here of Onerahi Road. The first is the cost of living and the big part that the price of petrol pays.

I'm sure we have all been shocked at what it now costs to fill the petrol tank. With inflation predicted to rise and Russian oil instability this could all get worse with obvious impacts on the vulnerable and the least able to afford.

This then segues to the next story, the decommissioning next week of Marsden Point. This seems like a terribly short sighted action when the same reasons it was built are revisiting us today.

There are many effects for us in Whangārei. First, the direct effect on job losses which are in the 100's. Second is the indirect or ripple effect on the local economy. These are the Whangārei based industries that rely on Marsden such as

truckies, cafes, engineering firms and motels. Third, we now know that Marsden paid \$25M a year to Whangārei District Council for water rates which will almost surely pass to ratepayers.

Finally, when you look at the bitumen on the road in my image, well that came from Marsden Point also. NZ Refining at Marsden Point needs to be considered as a nationally strategic asset and even though I don't want to trade off regions, I believe it is more strategically important than the Australian owned Rio Tinto smelter which enjoys substantial government relief. Maybe that funding could have been better used to mothball and future proof Marsden Point.

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Birds of Onerahi

Photographer: Wendy Giffen



Bar Tailed Godwit (Kuaka) come to New Zealand every summer from their breeding grounds in the Arctic. The journey is 11,000km and is non stop as they cannot rest or feed on the way. This lone Godwit was spotted on the Onerahi waterfront, but there are hundreds at Kauri Mountain Beach.



White Fronted Tern (Tara) with their juvenile spotted on the Onerahi waterfront. They are also known as the kahawai bird.

Matakohe-Limestone Island: Ranger Jo's Report

Kia ora, from the windswept but comparatively calm shores of Matakohe Limestone Island, after the passing of cyclone Dovi. The worst of the casualties was a 40ft yacht washed up on the Northern side of the Island. Otherwise we survived relatively unscathed.



Skink monitoring

With the help of NorthTec students Phoebe and Isabella, I have been able to make a start on the Island's reptile monitoring.

Moko skink monitoring was a huge success, catching, marking, and releasing 46 individuals over three days, more than three times the number caught on any previous monitoring occasion. Surprisingly, we caught a further 3 moko skinks while monitoring Suteri, re-confirming that moko are doing very well, and have seemingly dispersed far and wide across the motu.



Isabella (Left) Phoebe (right) holding Moko skink

We were also happy to find a Pacific gecko sheltering in one of the new arboreal ACOs that were installed in September. Opportunistic sightings of Pacific and Forest gecko were made on several occasions throughout 2021, however, gecko are incredibly cryptic making them hard to monitor.

Phoebe and I have been monitoring Suter's skink, New Zealand's only native egg-laying skink. It lives in the splash zone around rocky shores and will swim and dive while hunting for prey. Suteri are notoriously hard to monitor, which is why we were so heartened to catch and release TWO large individuals over three nights of trapping. I did have concerns for the persistence of this species on the Island, and was very happy to discover that they are still here.

Our traps also turned up 11 shore skinks (released in 2007), and many copper skinks which were the only native skink inhabiting the Island when restoration began.

Kiwi monitoring

Todd Hamilton, Lesley Bagent and her trained kiwi dog, Yagi, came and spent two days on the Island towards the end of January. Yagi helped us to sniff out and find several new kiwi which we have transmitted and I will continue to monitor for the next little while.

Pest control

The traps have remained reasonably quiet, with Paul catching three rats on Knight Island in the last month. Our community buffer zone trappers from Onerahi, and David Kay at Onemama and Tapu Point have recently shared their 2021 trapping data with me:

Onerahi community trappers 2021 trapping records:
Possums: 10, Rats: 169, Hedgehogs: 7, Mice: 38
Onemama and Tapu Point 2021 trapping records:
Possums: 18, Rats: 63, Stoats: 4, Weasels: 5, Feral cats: 7
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TOP: Moko skinks
MIDDLE: Pacific gecko
BOTTOM: Suter's skink

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From Onerahi to Sark: Part 6



October is looming and the Sark Seasonal Species is preparing for the Mass Autumn Migration to only they know where. In our case, Sarkees seem to know more about our plans than we do. "Hello, you alright? We've heard you are staying." This is news to us. It's a strange phenomenon that Sarkees know so much more about our lives than we do.

October arrives. The winds are blowing, ferries are being cancelled and

scoan sales are plummeting, so it's time for Perla and Perla to hang up our aprons and join the migration of the Sark Seasonal Species. The final week becomes a week of sad lasts: last run along the cliff tops to La Coupe, last meal with friends, last donkey walk, final blackberry forage, last curtsy to Queen Sarah and so the lasts went on.

I'm so sad as I board that familiar ferry for the last time, saying good-bye to the craggy rocks, the lighthouse and the coastal paths. It's like leaving a very dear friend. As I pass I say a silent good-bye to Little Sark and La Sablonnerie – the very reason why I took on the adventure – and the friends I am leaving behind there. It is not lost on me that I cried on the very first ferry trip over to Sark as I felt so alone and here



I am 10 months later, crying because I am leaving. I reflect that it is the kindness of others that has helped to lodge Sark firmly in my heart. Kindness has sent me on unexpected life paths, for which I will be forever grateful. Perla and I are very quiet with our own thoughts and I say a silent ka kite ano Sark, thanks for the good, the bad and the downright ugly experiences.

Within the hour two kiwis arrive in Guernsey, a place that has become very familiar to us. And so begins the transition from seasonal workers to tourists for Jules and Perla. The physical transition from the peaceful, quiet leafy lanes with tractors, horse drawn carriages and cycles to sirens, cars, street lights, tube stations and the London masses isn't easy and there is the temptation to scurry back to peaceful Sark. But we scoan bakers are made of stronger stuff.

You can read more on my blog: julesfromnewzealand.com

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Easter Weekend! The Whangārei Heads Arts Trail

The Whangārei Heads Arts Trail takes place each year at Easter on the Saturday and Sunday from 10am until 5pm. There is an online version of the trail map on the Arts Trail website - Whangareiheadsartstrail.org.nz and a printed version will be available at Flames Comfort Hotel, The Apron - Onerahi Airport, Heads Up Adventures - Waikaraka, Parua Bay Tavern, Smith & Local - Parua Bay, New Day Cafe - Parua Bay, McLeods Takeaways - Reotahi, The Bach - Reotahi, all the community venues on the days of the event and The Hub and Creative Northland Offices. This year there are over 40 artists participating, with eight new local artists who we introduce below:-

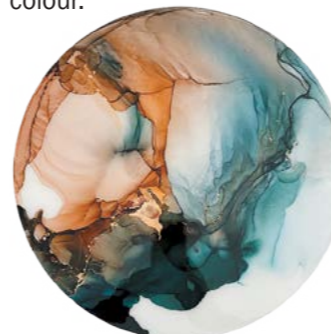
Betsie Lombard, Multi-media Artist

My life has taken many twists and turns and after an intense professional career, I have returned to art full time. This has taken the form of painting, sculpting, ceramics, soft stone carving, mixed media and glass art. I am eternally curious and passionate about human and animal forms, nature and colour.



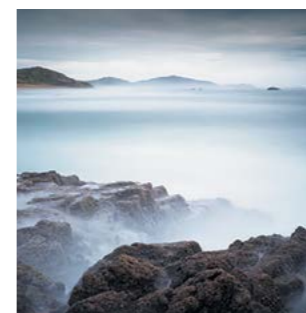
Clarisa Dunn, Painter

Art and craft has always been my passion since I was a child. Due to lockdowns, I found I had the time to experiment using alcohol ink and resin on board, which I am really enjoying. I can't wait to show my artwork in this coming Art Trail.



Dan Hitching, Photographer

Kia Ora, My name is Dan Hitching and I'm a photographer based in Parua Bay, New Zealand. My images are mostly from local areas and are primarily seascape and ocean themed. I'm drawn to the minimalist and abstract nature of the environment I photograph. My processing aims to try and bring that representation to life in a fine art form.



Sally Spicer, Painter

My work consists of figurative portraits painted in oil and watercolour. Using a mixture of personal family and found vintage photographs, I create scenes that appear to inhabit both the past and the present, exploring youth, childhood, memory and nostalgia. I live in Onerahi with my family and have a studio at home.

Jos Polman, Weaver

I have been weaving for a while (about 30 years) but the Arts Trail is the very first time that my work will be exhibited. Whatever happens during the Arts Trail weekend, I have enjoyed the process of working towards it. I hope that Arts Trail visitors will enjoy seeing the work.



Rebecca Moore, Printmaker

I work from my kitchen bench in my McLeod Bay home, sketching and carving on the wood or lino blocks that will later be rolled with ink and hand pressed to paper to create the final works of art.



I was born in Whangārei and spent my childhood on the shores of Whangārei Heads.

Lesley Swan, Glass Artist

While living in Tasmania I discovered the art of glass bead making to add to my passions. Using a propane oxygen torch, a kiln and imported Murano glass I slowly added the ancient Venetian tradition of glass bead blowing to embellish my one of a kind jewelry.



Susan Brandso, Multi-media Artist

My artwork started due to my love of the form of shells, driftwood and aged wood. Living by the sea at McGregor's bay I take regular walks along the beach collecting treasure to make my art work. I predominantly make items for the garden and outdoors. I would love you to come and see what I have made.



Re Covid: Creative Northland are monitoring the situation and will make a call if it is to be cancelled, two weeks out from the event. Cancellation notices will be via every online/personal notification means we have available to us.

Raurimu Avenue School Report

Returning to kura for 2022 we were expecting a bit of disruption with omicron hitting, but have managed to so far get through without too much. Lots of outside lessons and sports have been implemented to break from mask wearing and to ensure plenty of fresh air.

We returned to freshly painted courts with fun games on them and lots of new sports equipment. We had a class acquire a pet that has zoom meetings with them. They adopted a duck from a rescue rehabilitation centre. Monroe is an albino duck that cannot be returned to the wild, so they will be fundraising and donating money to assist with her care and she zooms the students with her carer for them to be educated about the work they do.

Our senior students are our environmental warriors and are tackling the problem of pollutants in our harbour and what we can do as community members to make a difference.

We are taking each day and week as it comes at the moment. Hopefully next term we are through this phase of covid and can really start making plans for the future.



Zoom meeting with Monroe our adopted duck

It's Never Too Late To Learn!

By learning new things, you challenge your brain. Research from the University of Auckland has revealed that exercising your brain is just as important as a physical fitness regime. You can improve your chances of maintaining a healthy mind by managing your health, daily exercise, eating a healthy diet, getting sufficient sleep, staying socially engaged and learning new things.

A false perception is that after a certain age you will struggle when trying something new. The opposite is true. Older adults are just as capable of learning new things and

thriving in new environments. Plus, they have both the wisdom and life experience to make an effective contribution and the time to enjoy activities outside of work and family. In fact, keeping busy as you age can help keep you young.

There are added benefits when you pursue interests that connect you with others. Being both active and social helps to keep your mind sharp. Learn something new and expand your social network at the same time.

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School's Arts Trail

Artwork contributed by students at Onerahi After School Care and Raurimu Avenue School.

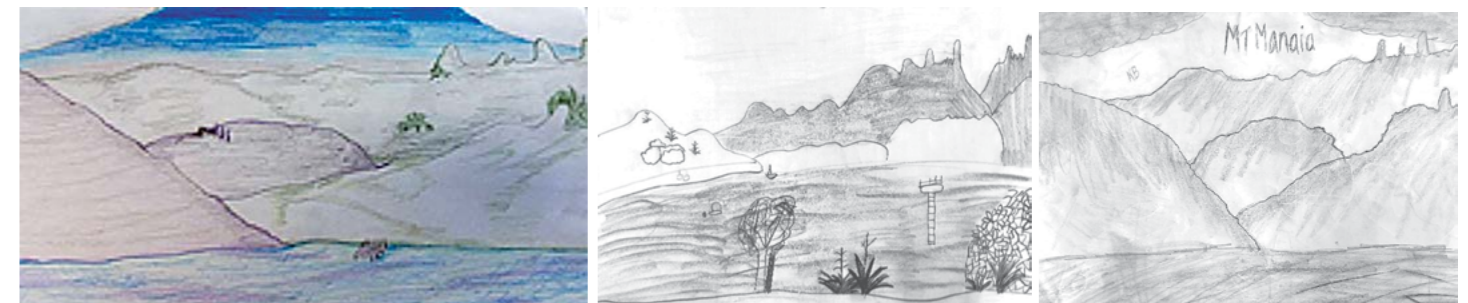
Inspired by the Whangārei Heads Art Trail, we decided to have our own arts trail!

Apologies to all the students who sent through artworks that aren't printed here...we couldn't fit you all in! Please send us more works, we love your art...don't stop exploring and enjoying it!



Left: Self Portraits

Below: Sketching our harbour and Mt Manaia from the Onerahi Lookout



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Onerahi School Report

Kia ora e te whānau.

We hope that as you are reading this, you and your loved ones are safe and well. We would like to acknowledge our community for being so proactive in their approach to slowing the spread of COVID-19 and keeping us well informed. At the time of writing this (10th of March), we are seeing a surge in confirmed cases in our community and earlier this week we had a quarter of the school not onsite. Like you, we look forward to when we can all be back together.

While there have been some disruptions to the beginning of the school year, it has still been incredibly successful. There have been lots of exciting learning experiences for our tamariki to take part in, a few of which I would like to highlight today.

Connecting with our local whenua is a huge part of Onerahitanga (the Onerahi way.) Understanding the importance and history of the land around us has our tamariki making connections to their own lives and whakapapa. This term all our Year 6 students went on a hikoi to the trig station at the end of Cartwright Road. The view is spectacular and we highly recommend taking your whānau for a hikoi up there if you get the chance.

Connecting with the whenua can also involve shaping our environment. At school we want people to know they are in Onerahi, in Whangārei, and in New Zealand when they come onsite. We have lots of projects in action around this but one I wanted to highlight today was our environmental garden extension. Students had a say in planning this new space as well as getting involved with the digging and planting. This new space will be used to learn outside, experience nature, and perform at our new outdoor amphitheater.



I also wanted to highlight kai. Preparing and sharing meals with others is a great way to build connections. We have started our Garden to Table programme this term. Children in Room 13 take turns either tending to our school gardens or preparing the meal for the whole group to enjoy. Throughout the process tamariki are learning about manaakitanga and the process of growing food, preparing it, and eating together. We also have Ka Ora, Ka Ako / Lunches in Schools which ensures every child receives a healthy lunch each day.



Our Newsflash team is up and running. This is a collection of students united by their desire to create digital content. They prepare a weekly news show about the events in our school. Next Orbit it will be the tamariki who will take over writing duties. Please look forward to that.

Until then, stay safe and well. He rā ki tua. Better times are coming.

Ngā manaakitanga,
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Tu	16:44	0.7	We	17:15	2.6	Th	17:24	0.5		12:38	0.7
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6	05:05	0.9	14	05:46	2.7	22	05:55	0.7	30	01:01	0.8
	11:23	2.8		11:52	1.0		12:13	2.9	Sa	07:28	2.9
We	17:24	0.8	Th	18:11	2.7	Fr	18:15	0.6		13:25	0.6
	23:46	2.8								19:55	2.9
7	05:48	1.0	15	00:10	0.9	23	00:51	3.0			
	12:01	2.7		06:35	2.8		06:51	0.8			
Th	18:05	0.9	Fr	12:41	0.8	Sa	13:08	2.8			
				19:02	2.8		19:10	0.7			
8	00:26	2.7	16	00:59	0.8	24	01:50	2.9			
	06:32	1.0		07:22	2.9		07:51	0.8			
Fr	12:39	2.6	Sa	13:28	0.7	Su	14:08	2.8			
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Day	Time	m	Day	Time	m	Day	Time	m	Day	Time	m
1	01:48	0.8	9	01:22	2.6	17	02:10	0.6	25	03:32	2.9
	08:13	2.9		07:38	1.1		08:29	3.1		09:31	0.8
Su	14:10	0.6	Mo	13:40	2.5	Tu	14:35	0.4	We	15:58	2.7
	20:40	3.0		19:47	1.1		21:05	3.2		21:54	0.9
2	02:32	0.8	10	02:14	2.6	18	03:02	0.5	26	04:28	2.9
	08:55	2.9		08:31	1.1		09:21	3.1		10:27	0.8
Mo	14:52	0.6	Tu	14:34	2.5	We	15:25	0.4	Th	16:58	2.7
	21:21	2.9		20:42	1.1		21:56	3.2		22:52	0.9
3	03:15	0.8	11	03:09	2.6	19	03:54	0.5	27	05:21	2.8
	09:35	2.8		09:26	1.1		10:13	3.1		11:20	0.8
Tu	15:33	0.7	We	15:35	2.5	Th	16:15	0.4	Fr	17:53	2.8
	22:00	2.9		21:41	1.1		22:48	3.2		23:46	0.9
4	03:56	0.9	12	04:05	2.7	20	04:47	0.6	28	06:11	2.8
	10:13	2.8		10:21	1.0		11:06	3.0		12:10	0.7
We	16:12	0.7	Th	16:36	2.6	Fr	17:05	0.5	Sa	18:43	2.8
	22:38	2.9		22:39	1.0		23:42	3.1			
5	04:38	0.9	13	05:01	2.7	21	05:41	0.6	29	00:36	0.9
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What's Been Happening With Sail Northland Recently?



Sail Northland finished off the 2021 year with a Breakaway Holiday Programme at Parua Bay for a week. Marsden Yacht & Boat Club also hosted a day at One Tree Point and everyone who attended had lots of fun swimming, kayaking and sailing.

There was a 2022 Holiday Programme for beginners and those wanting to become more confident on the water (8-18 year olds) followed by sessions for the more confident sailors (Intermediate & High School Sailors - Year 7-13) the following week. Mahurangi College joined us for 2 days where we paired up with Whangārei Boys' High School and Whangārei Girls' High School Team Sailors with a training regatta in preparation for the Regional and National event planned in the coming months. The weather was amazing and it was great to see everyone became more confident, while having fun times in and on the water.

Our term 1 After School Sailing Programme has had a great turn out and it was great to see old and new faces join us. The Twilight Sailing on Thursday nights is well attended and a great place to see parents sailing with their kids and become more confident with sailing around a course.



The Sail Northland Team took on a new project working with schools (with the support of Marsden Yacht & Boat Club) at One Tree Point and in the Kaipara Area at Lake Waikare Events Centre (Kai Iwi Lakes) with the help and support of Yachting New Zealand. We really appreciate all the help and support from everyone, especially our volunteers to make this happen and giving schools in these areas opportunities to Have A Go as part of the Kōkōkaha Programme.

We are very lucky to have Matt Smith (our Head Coach) on board with us this year with the support of part time coaches Sarah Hall, Hana Maguire, a team of high school assistant coaches and our amazing volunteers to keep the programmes ticking along. We will be offering sailing opportunities in Term 2 (after Easter) this year and welcome enquiries for people who are keen to have a go or register their interest with us at sailnorthland@gmail.com or 027 774 9145.

Sarah Ihaka & The Sail Northland Team



Message from the Onerahi Community Church

by Pastor Wayne Johns

Thinking of Covid, it has been a hard road for our country. How do we move forward as a nation after sinking into fear, division and competing narratives? Can our land heal?

Easter is an opportunity to bring faith into the situation. Jesus died on the cross for our sins by willingly humbling Himself (Philippians 2:5-11). Let's consider the need for humility in order to come through the social consequences of the pandemic.

Humility and Flexible Thinking. As the Covid situation changes, we must change with it.

Humility and Our Mistakes. People have been hurt and relationships damaged. But what's happened in the past doesn't have to lock us into a fixed state. Friendships can be rebuilt if we are humble enough to admit our mistakes and overreactions.

Humility and Forgiveness. No fractured relationship can heal without forgiveness,

and forgiveness is impossible without the decision to forgive. Easter reminds us that God's forgiveness is available if we have faith in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross to atone for our sins.

The pathway of healing for our community is the pathway demonstrated at Easter: humility that brings to pass a bright future through the flexibility to change, the willingness to admit our mistakes and the courage to forgive.

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Coming dates & events

April / May 2022	
April 6	Consultation closes 5pm - Parua Bay Placemaking: online Whangarei District Council survey of what people want from the plan. https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Whats-new/Have-your-say/Parua-Bay-Placemaking
April 10	The NRC 2022 Whakamānawa ā taiao Environmental awards close: Northland Regional Council awards recognising environmental work being carried out by groups. See awards.nrc.govt.nz
April 15-17	Whangarei Heads Arts Trail
April 15-18	Easter weekend
April 25	ANZAC Day Dawn Parade 2022 4-6 am: Whangarei Returned and Services Association Inc. (RSA) are holding their annual ANZAC Dawn Parade and Service with an anticipated audience of approximately 6,000. The parade is scheduled to assemble at the RSA on Hannah Street, before marching to Laurie Hall Park for the Dawn Service. At the completion of the service the parade will return to the RSA.
April & May	Dates not confirmed at date of print: Consultation on the Whangarei District Council's Annual Plan 2022/23 including potential changes to water rates, rating components, fees and charges, and capital projects.
May 11-14	International Rally of Whangarei 2022
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 and Whangārei Heads area

Onerahi Community Hall & Community House	Julie Dennis	09 436 4439 or 021 034 9943
Onerahi Bowling Club	Roger Kerr-Davis	027 390 7185
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Hope Church	Secretary	09 438 1667
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St. Stephen's Church Hall	Paul Doherty	021 189 4797 or 09 436 0207
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