

Otuihau News

THE TIKIPRIDE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Who will you vote for?

All candidates standing for local government positions within the Otuihau News distribution area were approached and asked to share with our readers the 'top priority changes' they want to achieve over the next three years. Of the 44 candidates approached 28 responded to the question. Have a look at pages 10-18 for those candidates who got back to us with their aspirations and plans for our communities if you vote them in.

On Monday 19 September TikiPride is hosting a 'Meet the Candidates' evening at Te Ora Hou conference room, 104 Corks Road at 6:30pm. You are invited to attend. At this

event you can hear first hand what candidates think - and you'll get supper too! Be informed and then use your vote wisely. Be aware that this is a respectful event, no bullying or rudeness will be tolerated.

The people elected to regional and local councils make important decisions about our daily lives, our environment and the future development of our community. They set and collect rates, oversee development planning and building, and provide services like roading, water, rubbish collection, pest control, civil defence, parks and economic development.

Over the next week or so you should receive in the mail your voting papers from the Whangārei District Council. If you don't receive them, please request special voting papers. The last day to enrol to vote in the local elections is Friday 7 October.

Key upcoming dates

- 16-21 September - Voting documents are sent to all enrolled voters
- Monday 19 September - Tikipunga 'Meet the Candidates' evening
- Saturday 8 October - Voting closes at noon

Remember!

If you are posting your vote, make sure it is in the mail BEFORE 4 October

If you'd like to deliver it in person, ballot boxes will be at both of the Council's Customer Service Centres from Friday 16 September 2022 to 12 noon Saturday 8 October 2022.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

for the Whangārei District Council
and Northland Regional Council
elections 2022

Monday 19 September,
6.30pm

Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Road,
Tikipunga • Supper provided

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TIKIPUNGA COMMUNITY TRUST

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The Tikipunga Community Trust, which operates as Tiki Pride, had its AGM on 8 August. The committee re-appointed the existing Office Bearers: Don McDonald-Spice as Chair, Helen McGregor as Treasurer and Kathryn McKenzie as Secretary. It also created a new office, Lynne Meldrum as Vice Chair. One new Trustee was appointed, making seven Trustees in total.

Tiki Pride meetings are open to all. They take place on the 2nd Monday of every month at Hope Church, cnr of Kiripaka Road & Otuihau Crescent, starting at 7.00pm. The September meeting will be replaced by our 'Meet the Candidates' event being held on 19 September. The Trust will meet for business again at 7.00pm on Monday 10 October.

Tiki Pride - Chairperson's Report August 2022

It has been another busy year for Tiki Pride and I am so thankful to the Tiki Pride team for the many hours of work people have put in to make the Tikipunga community a great place to live and visit. We have seen a solid commitment to our monthly meetings and tireless work in between. A special thanks to Helen McGregor who has looked after our finance, and Kathryn McKenzie for all her paperwork. The team has continued to look after a number of projects.

Swimming Pool Project – Making Tikipunga High School Pool Available

The pool has been covered in previous Otuihau News editions but we wish to acknowledge that our ability to make this facility available to the community safely is helped by a core group of volunteers that support the CLM life guards. This summer CLM trained a group of Tikipunga High School students as lifeguards and pool attendants. Once again we provided free swimming lessons for up to 40 children from 5 to 12 years of age. Our partnership with Tikipunga

High School, Whangārei Community Leisure Management, Whangārei District Council and Sport Northland provides a great model of collaboration.

Summer Safe

Helen and John McGregor rolled out the summer safe programme, on a few of the busiest holiday weekends, with the help of loyal volunteers after the contractor became ill. The donations received were recycled as high school scholarships and grants for local sports and cultural groups, or for other needs identified by the community. It is time to relieve Helen & John from the responsibility of keeping the programme going. Please check out page 26 for more on this.

Community Led Plan (CLP)

Tiki Pride and the CLP team are currently working on welcoming signage for Tikipunga, or Tukua o Punga (the non-corrupted name for the area), placing seating on the walking/cycling track, creating a measured running or walking space around the park, and wayfinding information at a number of locations. Thanks to Claire from Whangārei District Council for her continued support.

Community Advocate

Tikipride continues to advocate on behalf of the community to keep our road speeds safe, ensure a suitable bus service and deal with issues around crime and graffiti. We are thankful for the commitment of Councillors Gavin Benney and Tricia Cutforth for their regular attendance at meetings. Thanks to MP Emily Henderson for her continued input.

Tiki Pride is not a closed group and we welcome anyone who has a passion and commitment to ensuring that Tikipunga is a great place to live and visit.

*Don McDonald-Spice
Chairperson
2022*



artists with something to say . . .







art exhibition & auction



VENUE: Hangar Gallery - 14 Cross St - Whangarei
Tues 1st Nov - Sat 12 Nov 10am-4pm daily
Auction 2pm Sat 12 November 2022

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Local crime – update

The Tikipunga Community Trust has been following up community concerns about the rising incidence of anti-social behaviour in our area, and invited Senior Sergeant Christian Stainton to attend the Trust's recent meeting.

Questions were asked about how the Whangārei Policing Units were addressing the problem and how our community could best respond to what's happening.

Snr Sgt Stainton explained how the Whangārei policing teams were allocated and that our crime rate was no higher than other districts, on a per population police/ratio basis. He also said that the police units themselves are keen to build positive relationships with groups such as our Community Trust, schools, the City Safe Project, marae and the Whangārei District Council itself, to improve their overall perspective on crime patterns across the region. Whangārei's existing CCTV network is being expanded, and private citizens are

being encouraged to play their part by incorporating household security cameras into the network.

Snr Sgt Stainton encouraged members of the community to be pro-active in reporting issues, such as tagging, directly to the Whangārei District Council, either by phone or via their website page, and to upload photos of the tags if possible. Reports of anti-social behaviour should be phoned in directly to the police on 111 if the incident is happening at that time, or via the #105 hotline to pass on anonymous information. He encourages the community to report all issues of concern, as all reports are taken seriously.



Cr Gavin Benney with Snr Sgt Stainton



Stock photo of tagging

Building a secure future for Whangārei



Being an ex-Tiki High kid, I'm always keen to meet the next generation. Recently I visited with the Associate Education Ministers Jan Tinetti and Kelvin Davis, sharing the school lunch provided through the government's lunch program. Tiki employs local parents to cook and they make sure everyone sits down together and shares kai – and it was delicious.

We've faced a huge crisis in the last few years and while New Zealand has navigated it much better than most, it's often hit our kids harder than us adults. We need to ensure that the disruption won't hurt their life chances.

Education is the key to unlock the future of our rangatahi. That's why we set up the free lunch program, and why we provide free period products in schools: Money can't be a barrier to education. We're also giving flexibility in students' NCEA assessments, acknowledging Covid disruption.

We know some whānau still struggle with getting their kids back into school. Recently Tiki High helped design a campaign to encourage kids back, led by their own students. The students talk about how much they miss their mates, and how much their mates are missing out on. It's not about blame: It's about recognising while it's been really frightening, now's the time to get back out there.

Meanwhile, government's focused on supporting the community through the cost of living crisis that came out of Covid: Right now, inflation is pushing up prices around the world, with most countries, including Britain and the US, facing much higher inflation rates than us. While New Zealand can't control the worldwide pressures behind inflation, we can ease cost of living pressures on Tikipunga whānau, and we are.

We've introduced a new cost of living package for workers earning under \$71 thousand, extended our fuel tax cut and half price public transport, and we're working to ensure supermarkets price goods fairly.

While inflation is high, other economic



Lunches made on-site employ five local people, and offer three lunch sittings so everyone can sit down and share lunch with their year levels, including teachers

measures are hopeful: Unemployment in Northland recently hit a 15-year low. Work-readiness and job-training programmes like Mana in Mahi and Flexi-wage are having a real impact. Over 1000 Northlanders got off a main benefit and into jobs lately, and they didn't need the outdated incentives or regressive sanctions National is saying it will introduce. We know most people want to work, and with the right support they can.

It's no secret Whangārei has long-standing challenges, with around 40 per cent of Jobseeker Support recipients in Northland having health conditions or disabilities impacting their ability to work, but we'll keep supporting people to achieve their potential. For example, we're investing a big chunk of cash into making it easier to get a driver's licence, which is essential for 70% of jobs, and we've supported more than 200,000 Kiwis through apprenticeships and trades training.

We still need to do more, and that's why the Government is working hard to introduce Fair Pay agreements to help vulnerable workers negotiate with employers. This month Minister Michael Wood is coming to Whangārei, so our community get a chance to have their say on FPAs.

I've got my regular red stall at the Tiki Markets every fortnight, so do come down and have a chat while you get your veges.

Helping Tikipunga with the cost of living

Find out more at labour.org.nz/costofliving

Emily Henderson
MP for Whangārei

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Farewell message from Tricia Cutforth, Denby Councillor

The time has come the walrus said...

Well folks, as I come to the end of my third and final term of Council, I have a few thoughts to share about my nine years as a Denby ward Councillor.

Firstly, big ups to the good people who keep Tikipride, your local community association, ticking along (oops, no pun intended!).

These people organise local events, distribute this newsletter, help manage the influx of visitors to Otuihau / Whangārei Falls during busy times, and initiated Tikipunga High's swimming pool being open during summer holidays. They ensure that Council knows what's going on in your community, and advocate on your behalf.

So, credit where credit's due - to those volunteers and to Kathryn, I say - thank you for all your work on behalf of Tikipunga residents. To Tikipunga residents I say - get involved with Tikipride!

To Tikipunga residents I also say: in this Council election, you get to vote for 5 people to represent you across the city - not, as in the past, three to represent the Denby ward (Tikipunga, Otangarei, Kamo, Whau Valley).

I don't care who you vote for (well I do, but...) - but do vote!

Whoever you vote for, I guarantee you will end up with a mix of people with different views and skills around the Council table, making decisions, large and small, that will have a big influence over our day to day lives, whether we realise it or not.



Tricia Cutforth with her cat Ella-Mia

Please bear in mind that Councillors do not turn into different beings once we are elected! But we certainly get way more information about issues than the general public, and we have to take account of many different factors and often weigh up competing priorities.

We also have to operate within a fixed budget - just as in every household. We are very conscious that most (not all, but most) of the money we are responsible for comes from you - our neighbours- our friends - ourselves!

All Councillors try to do what we can, with the best use of our skills, knowledge and judgement, to make Whangārei a better place.

Just like every community, neighbourhood, and even family, we may have different ideas about how to go about that, or what 'better' might look like. Through often robust discussion and debate, we get to a shared - or at least majority - decision about what that means, with every issue.

That's called the democratic process. Personally, I wouldn't have it any other way. Tikipunga, I thank you for your support.

Vote
NICK JACOB
for Mayor

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Are you aged 16-19 years?

Want genuine help to regain self-confidence, cultural connection, life skills?

Want skilled support to find employment/training specific to you? You want Mauri Mahi, Mauri Ora!

Mauri Mahi, Mauri Ora is a client centred holistic approach to securing sustainable employment opportunities for rangatahi. This kaupapa consists of an 8 week intensive personal and career development programme, including budgeting, first aid, driver licencing as well as employment preparation and support into work/study. Upon completion a further 10 months long-term manaaki tangata (pastoral care) is provided for those already employed or those still searching.

Points of difference:

- Individualised approach making for effective delivery.



Tawhana Terry with rangatahi

- Māori models of health and development as frameworks for delivery of a holistic service.
- Combines mātauranga Māori in a contemporary context with proven tools for career development.

Mauri Mahi, Mauri Ora is funded through He Poutama Rangatahi and is available for rangatahi aged 16-19 years who are not in employment, training or education.

We are recruiting for our November intake but spaces are limited. If you know someone who would benefit from our kaupapa, please give me a call Tawhana on 0800-MAHI-UP, visit www.ngaaratonui.co.nz or pop down to Te Ora Hou Northland, Corks Rd, Tikipunga.

Diversity | Community | Innovation

Shaquille Shortland

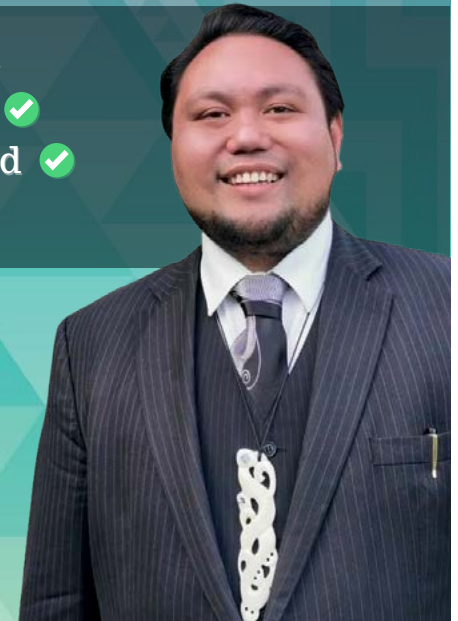
For Mayor of Whangarei ✓

For Whangarei Urban Ward ✓

Not for ourselves alone

- Fresh new community centric approach
- Strong commitment to youth, the elderly and diverse ethnic communities
- Local, national and global experience in governance
- Broad knowledge base and upbringing in Te Ao Māori.

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TIKIPUNGA HIGH SCHOOL

Successful learners – the only option

On Monday 13th June we celebrated the opening of Hātea, our new teaching and learning spaces. These have been several years in the making. Delays from COVID-19 couldn't dull the celebrations. We were delighted to have them blessed by Matua Joby Hopa, mana whenua from Pehiaweri Marae. The kura has also been gifted korero from mana whenua which is proudly displayed as Taonga in the new learning spaces. Dignitaries at the blessing included Director of Education Hira Gage, Emily Henderson (Tikipunga High School Alumni), Board Members and local iwi.

These beautiful spaces were designed with significant input from our kaiako. They have been designed to encourage collaboration and learning. Our values are visible throughout the spaces which is also important as they are the basis of who and how we are. Our students deserve learning facilities of this standard.

We are fortunate that our growing roll, particularly in the junior and middle school, have enabled this. On Thursday 17th June we held our student-led whānau learning hui in Hātea. It was wonderful to have our whānau



ABOVE: Principal - Alec Solomon and Whaea Ngawai Shortland



ABOVE RIGHT: Joby Hopa, from Pehiaweri Marae, blessing the new block, Hātea



RIGHT: Touring the new classrooms

in Hātea as we value the partnership we have with them in the educational journey of our tamariki.

The new learning spaces are a celebration for all students, past, present and future.



Tikipunga Real Estate Report

Real estate is part of our daily lives and constantly in the news. Second only to Covid, surely nothing has made more headlines in the past few years and the message usually tends to be sensational: House prices are skyrocketing! House prices are falling! Rents are unaffordable! No chance for first home buyers! Investors are out!

Market changes are nothing new and, for most of us, won't immediately affect our daily lives. Taking a long-term view, making wise decisions and taking action at some point can, however, dramatically change our future tomorrows, as this true story illustrates:

The caravan was beautiful. It was 1983 and Tom put most of his inheritance into a brand new, \$16,000 home on wheels, the rest into updating the family car to tow it.

Tom's brother, Kevin, received an equal inheritance, topped it up with a \$15,000 mortgage and bought a new but very basic bach at a beach around 90 minutes' drive away from home.

Both families enjoyed years of summer holiday fun, often together at the bach, but Tom's also had some fantastic holidays in the caravan all over New Zealand.

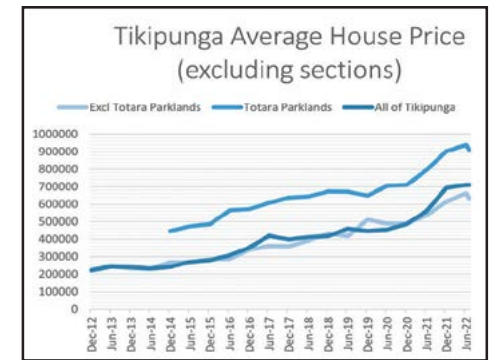
For Kevin, the three hour return trip to the beach was quite an expensive commitment in both time and money but he felt the family's good times enjoyed each summer were worth the cost and effort.

Fast forward to 2022: Tom's family has long since outgrown the caravan so he sold it a few years ago, pretty well worn out, for \$9,000.

Kevin's kids are all now parents themselves and the bach remains a holiday base for two more generations of family and friends. It was never about trying to make a fortune but a very similar place next door recently sold for... wait for it... \$3.5 million!

I can't think of a better example of the long term benefit of owning property vs spending money on depreciating assets or, even worse, lifestyle.

While Tom's decision seemed reasonable at the time, in financial terms his \$24,000 inheritance is now worth virtually nothing. Kevin's, on the other hand, has averaged an



increase in value of nearly \$90,000 EVERY YEAR for the past 39 years, more than most people retiring now have earned over their entire working lives.

Even if the value had followed New Zealand's general trend of doubling every 10 years his \$39,000 purchase would now be worth over \$600,000. How useful would that be today?

So, what is your property-related plan for this month, this year, the next five years? Wherever you are on your real estate journey I'd love to help with your next step. Call me anytime.



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Shaquille Shortland

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Whangārei community within the next three years?

As Mayor, I want to broaden and diversify the perspectives of our council and community through new innovative engagement strategies to make sure we are on the ground working with the people to address the issues that we are facing. The rise in rates and crime, fixing the roads and infrastructure, bringing business back to the CBD, addressing climate issues, protecting our water health and native trees, homelessness and having one of the highest youth suicide rates in the country! All this alongside COVID, it has been a hard few years.

However, the one thing I would want to achieve that is essential to have and will greatly assist on every other issue mentioned is unity, within our community and our council. Only then will we be able to come together and work on solutions to build on the legacy of Whangārei for our next generation.



Nick Jacob

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Whangārei community within the next three years?

My top priority is to make Whangārei better for all. An inclusive Whangārei.

- Make it easier for families to build minor dwellings to support their loved ones struggling in an overpriced housing market by removing development contribution costs for families.
- Reduce the cost of living, reduce traffic pressure and emissions with free public carparking for car poolers, promoting community organised point-to-point minivan transport from surrounding communities.
- Develop a self-funding scheme to generate local power resilience through solar panel installation on homes.
- Fighting crime by partnering with agencies and communities like never before.
- Bring back Waiorū boot camps and other solutions to help young people re-start their lives away from gangs and drugs.
- One thousand people living in the City in the next three years in low level apartments.
- Grow family and community connectivity, working together to develop and implement big, brave dreams for our District.



Fiona Green

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Whangārei community within the next three years?

My name is Fiona Green. I am standing for Mayor and Whangārei Urban Ward (Councillor). I am Ngāpuhi/English/Scottish/Portuguese, an experienced administrator, artist, social justice and community advocate, author, and hold a Bachelor of Education from Massey University.

I want prosperity for Whangārei - and that can only come from you - the community - connecting with me - and providing the solutions - to act on and feed forward. One way to achieve Prosperity can come from you helping me end a culture which I believe fails to address councillor accountability and financial mismanagement. I can do this through policy and targeted professional development - but as a community I need your help to make this change too - through written feedback. Let's make a difference. Working together - for change. Getting results for Whangārei. www.fionagreen.net



Brad Flower

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Whangārei community within the next three years?

We need to get a grip on Council expenditure to ensure we are getting long term value for money, not just chasing the cheapest price. Any potential rate increases need to be kept affordable and justifiable.

We need to look at committed expenditure and assess if it is a 'need' or a 'want' and defer non-essential works.

We need to ensure the Whangārei District is the best place it can be for those that live here by ensuring we have quality infrastructure, transportation, facilities and housing development opportunities. Most importantly we need to ensure the district is safe.

We need to get the councillors back working as a cohesive team and away from being divisive and dysfunctional, regardless of our individual views we are all here because we believe we can add value to the community, and we can only achieve this by working together.



Ken Couper

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Whangārei community within the next three years?

My first and top priority as a new mayor for Whangārei would be to work with the new councillors on our first annual plan.

As a new council we inherit the long-term plan, however as newly elected members the annual plan is our first opportunity to have a hand in shaping the strategy as the council goes forward.

I would expect the new strategy to look at value for rates paid, the creation of jobs, affordable and healthy homes, supporting families and households, protection of our environment and creating a safe family friendly city.



Vince Cocurullo

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Whangārei community within the next three years?

Whangārei has always been my home and I am vested in the community's growth. I want to see Whangārei be the home for all those who choose to live, work and retire here. As Mayor this means keeping opportunities local. Encouraging our families to stay local with work and study opportunities and ensuring Whangārei remains a great place.

To do this we must work together to:

- Stop the theft of our three waters from Central Government
- Put community at the heart of what we do
- Invest in roading, infrastructure and services
- Tackle anti-social behaviour
- Support businesses to stay local

And most importantly to keep local democracy local. Together we can make Whangārei a safe place, together we can break down barriers.

Visit votevince.co.nz to understand more about my views and my collective vision for Whangārei.



Mike Budd

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Whangārei community within the next three years?

One of my top priorities for change as Mayor for Whangārei District will be to create a structure to deliver responsibility and accountability ownership for your local ward councillor(s). Currently your councillors are bogged down by excessive paperwork and in-house meetings. I want your elected members to have time to ensure you are effectively represented in the Chamber by them. To do this they need time to communicate, listen and represent your voice. As Mayor I would ensure their work schedule has at least one day a week to attend to local ward issues and meetings. My history has seen me lift customer satisfaction through constant and clear communication. As a ratepayer, you are a customer of the council. To achieve the greatest good for the greatest number, you must get the best from your councillors. The mayor's job is to lead an effective team.

MĀORI WARD



Zhairn Zee Tana

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Whangārei community within the next three years?

In one word 'INCLUSIVITY', these next 3 years I want to achieve bringing in more inclusivity into our district. This means allowing pathways to papakainga for iwi Māori to return home to lands and opportunities to develop those lands for residential, commercial and traditional use, making available urban space for development with community, council and iwi co-creation. This means pathways to purpose for students to access study, go into apprenticeships, education and the retention of those students and their skills in our region. This means pathways to integration for people entering our district, coming from overseas, from out of district and from incarceration, to commit to strategies around reintegration without judgement, with absolute encouragement and tikanga consideration. This means pathways for our pakeke to be able to live wholesome lives with access to nutrition, food, health, wellbeing, social, tikanga services to meet the needs within their own comfort and community.



Deborah Harding

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Whangārei community within the next three years?

These are the areas that I would like to effect change in
1) Equitable resourcing and connectivity for our rural/coastal areas. Acknowledging that there are smaller populations in these areas and therefore limited income. However, this should not be a barrier to having improved community infrastructure. I would endeavour to work hard within council, marae, hapū, iwi and local communities to prioritise grass roots solutions.
2) Council Co-governance Housing Strategy. Within this period, I would expect to see the implementation of this strategy with more affordable housing, transitional and emergency accommodation and Papakainga opportunities on Māori land, through a collaborative agency "hub".
3) Planetary Health. I expect to see a roll out of a diverse range of projects from the Climate Adaptation Strategy on how our communities can best get prepared for the ongoing tumultuous naturally occurring challenges to our environment and yet still uphold sustainable economic growth.



Shaquille Shortland

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

As a councillor for Whangārei Urban Ward, my top priority will be creating opportunities for authentic engagement with all parts of our ward so that we can advocate for where change is needed and vote accordingly.

It looks like heading to the Tiki markets on the weekend, to Pehiāweri Marae on a Tuesday for waiata joy or any of the many other community initiatives going on to return the sense of community. In Tikipunga, just the other day there was a knife point robbery at the dairy, safety is paramount and with a strong sense of community it would make it a much harder place to commit crimes when everyone has each others backs, even yours!

Over the next three years I want to build more meaningful relationships with the community, with individuals who want to work together to make Whangārei the best place it can be for its residents.



Carol Peters

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

From what I hear, Tikipunga needs affordable housing. Safe dry homes for everyone. The ability for the next generation to buy a house. Affordable housing is my top priority for this community. Council has a role in meeting that need.

Community safety is my second priority, including ensuring safety on walking/cycling paths. We can also respectfully negotiate local signage better.

Speaking as an artist, board member of Creative Northland, and co-founder of an online market for local organisations, I will thirdly prioritise Council backing small businesses – like the many home businesses in Tikipunga.

From my work in establishing Food Rescue Northland and 155 Whare Awhina, I know getting food and encouragement to those in need is essential for all areas of Whangārei. I'm standing for a second term on Council because we can do more to make Tikipunga – and Whangārei – more welcoming places for all our residents.



Marie Olsen

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

As a wife, mother, and nurse, I have cared about people all my life, it is for this reason that I have decided to run for council.

I am so angry with how this council carries out its business in such an underhand manner. Honesty and transparency are paramount to me, and I will work hard to ensure that these expectations are met.

We need a council who engage and listen to the views and concerns of ratepayers, who will stand up to central government and not buckle when government act against the best interest of communities namely, the Three Waters bill.

Communities matter, when ratepayers are struggling to make ends meet the council needs to be prudent with its spending. Things need to change!

Thank you for your support. Vote for Marie Olsen.

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2022 Local Elections

WHANGĀREI URBAN WARD

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LOCAL ELECTIONS



Glen McMillan

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

I think in the next three years the priority should be on giving youth more to do more sports and better public facilities aimed at younger people. Crime is a major issue as is safety in order to enjoy our community we need to feel safe I think we need more cameras as a deterrent.

City safe and community patrols need more support. Rate increases need to be kept under control; The community is struggling I would like to see council provide safe places also for our older people to gather. Broken footpaths and run-down green areas need attention.

Community funding, I think there needs to be a change in criteria for funding. Better public transport options for outlying areas.

Tikipunga community needs support for a local food bank or growing co op needs support, feed people are generally happy people. To wrap up Safety, Support, Food Sharing Cooperation.



Fiona Green

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

My name is Fiona Green. I am standing for Whangārei Urban Ward (Councillor) and Mayor.

I am Ngāpuhi/English/Scottish/Portuguese, an experienced administrator, artist, social justice and community advocate, author, and hold a Bachelor of Education from Massey University.

I want prosperity for Tikipunga. I want all of Tikipunga to be included in Whangārei District Council's Community led projects and to ensure their voices are heard and feedback considered in any decision impacting them. I don't want Tikipunga Community missing out on anything that's going to lead to prosperity or may hinder prosperity. So please, please, please connect with me.

Let's make a difference. Working together - for change. Getting results for Whangārei.
www.fionagreen.net



Jayne Golightly

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

As your current Denby Ward Councillor I will continue to work towards our vision for a safer, more connected Tikipunga. I want a ZERO tolerance to graffiti, having an environment that we can all be proud of is in my opinion key to a thriving community. I want Tikipunga to be able to accommodate existing residents through housing provisions, infrastructure and high public amenities.

Footpaths must be improved and maintained with safe streets a top priority. Introduce some street calming infrastructures. Complete the upper Hatea walking and cycling link.

I want to improve the connectivity to surrounding areas and make sure our residents are well connected to schools, green spaces, shops and recreational areas.

Tikipunga is a high growth area and we need to better understand how we accommodate our growing population without losing the strong "community" feel we all enjoy in Tikipunga. Re-elect Jayne Golightly to be YOUR voice.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS



Graeme Gallagher

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

My name is Graeme Gallagher and I am running for Whangārei Urban General Ward in the upcoming election. If I am elected I will push for better infrastructure in the Tikipunga area.

Roading is in a sorry state and needs a huge upgrade, water, wastewater and sewage all need to be addressed. I believe these areas can be addressed and kept up to a higher standard by changing the way council does business with contractors. I think we need to go away from the cheapest quote wins the job to a system of contractors quoting in the knowledge that they are responsible for the job upkeep at their cost for a period of time ensuring better quality materials and workmanship.

Roads should be milled and repaired properly and potholes should only be for quick repairs to be fixed properly not left or continuously patched.



Paul Doherty

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

"Stronger together". E waka eke noa.

My top priority is finding new ways of working with your community - that are open and transparent - where we can find innovative solutions that will build resilience, inclusion, safety and sustainability. My background as a civil engineer and as executive director of a national cycling advocacy body has given me good technical skills. My governance experience includes serving on our local school board and the Onerahi Community Association (Secretary/Treasurer). I am currently Administrator/Deacon for the Onerahi-Manaia (Anglican) Local Shared Ministry Unit and I am on the Anglican Care Centre and the Northland Urban Rural Mission boards.

Another priority for me is to work to see our CityLink buses running seven days a week - and later than 6pm! Once elected I intend holding Saturday morning 'clinics' from 10am at the library. In the meantime look out for me at the Whangārei Growers' Market.



Nicholas Connop

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

Please everyone, have your say on who will represent you. Send back the blank form if you see no one suitable for your representation.

I am excited to see this new combination of the Urban wards, along with the new Māori ward and the improved dynamic this will bring. I have heard calls of support for safer pedestrian access to get to schools across busy roads. With all the new housing, supporting urban design, play spaces and good connections is a must. I would love to be able to support spaces for youth and children - where they can feel free to be themselves and feel they belong. Supporting Neighbourhood Support and the security that a resilient community can bring alongside services is critical. It has been awesome to see the work the community has moved with, in their place making project along the trails, and look forward to its implementation.



Vince Cocurullo

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

I have been an Okara Ward Councillor for nine years, and servicing Whangārei and Northland with my IT business for over 22 years. I still live in the same house my grandfather built and I volunteer much of my spare time for the community, all in a hope to make Tikipunga and Whangārei a great place to live for all.

I have always campaigned on keeping local democracy local and making sure that each community has a strong voice in Council. Tikipunga is growing faster than many other areas in Whangārei, with many retirement villages and housing developments popping up, therefore installing good infrastructure so that all the community can access the shops, the falls and schools is vitally important.

We need to bring the community together and tackle the anti-social behaviour when it rises, as we all live here, and we all want a safe community. Information - go to votevince.co.nz



Crichton Christie

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

Tikipunga is a large growth area and that brings huge potential.

With the large increase in new housing and smaller sections, we need to provide more green spaces and children's play areas in Tikipunga. We need to have good walking and cycle ways to allow connection to and around the area.

The Otuihau Falls are a special gem and I think there is more we can do to make it even better, particularly the eastern side of the falls. I also think the beautiful tracks below the falls can be continued above the falls to connect up to Springs Flat.

Importantly too, Council needs to make sure their roading, water and sewerage infrastructure is good enough to handle the growth in the area.

I have experience on Council and listen to the community. I have the ability to get things done and will work hard for Tikipunga.

HIKURANGI COASTAL WARD



Scott McKenzie

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

I want to see more central city housing intensification to get more people living in the city centre which will make it more vibrant and prosperous. It will have the added benefit of reducing urban sprawl on our prime productive horticultural and agricultural areas. I want to see traffic calming interventions to make sure our streets are safer for our tamariki and community and the

expansion of shared pathway and cycle lane infrastructure to give kids and people on bikes a safe, free way to get around. As an architect I am used to making sure every dollar is well spent and I will take this approach to the council to ensure efficient and effective use of resources. I also want to see the further development and implementation of placemaking plans that draw together the aspirations of the community and provide a long-term vision for everyone to get in behind. Information - go to scottmckenzie.co.nz



Gavin Benney

What is the top priority change you want to achieve for the Tikipunga community over the next three years?

My priority for the next three years:

- Continuing to advocate for safety of the citizens. That includes increased CCTV cameras, removal of graffiti and exploring opportunities for youth.
- Linking the shared path to Otuihau and beyond. Completion of cycleways in Three Mile Bush Rd and around Kamo.
- Road safety improvements such as pedestrian crossings in the right places, traffic calming etc.
- More facilities for rural ratepayers. Enough money has been spent in town and more needs to be done to suburbs and rural areas.
- More sports grounds are required and indoor courts are needed (outside the central city). Work has already started on this.
- Ensuring infrastructure keeps up with development.

NRC WHANGĀREI CENTRAL GENERAL



Tony Savage

What is the top priority change you want to achieve over the next three years?

The Regional Council's work is incredibly important. But resources are limited. So before spending your money, Council needs to make sure it really will make you better off. My priority will be making sure you get great value for money services so that Council can keep making Whangārei and Northland the best place for ALL Northlanders as a place to work, live and have fun.

The Regional Council's role is to deliver sustainable regional well-being. We need to start making the most of the environment we live in.

That's why I want to challenge the Council to start showing real leadership on matters of environmental importance to our communities so that we can make more of our great environment.

Northland is a great place to live. I want to keep finding the opportunities to make it better.



Jack Crow

What is the top priority change you want to achieve over the next three years?

Hi folks. I am standing for re-election because I have a lot of priority actions that NRC needs to address. For details on these and my experience please refer to my flier, the blurb accompanying the voting paper and my FB page Re-elect Jack Crow - Northland Regional Council. Tikipunga - specific issues include stepped up climate action to protect our community, its assets and infrastructure (eg flood protection), the need for free and frequent public transport as a climate necessity, and better water quality in the Hātea River.

Regionally we need to ensure community ownership of public assets. We also need to demand rail AND four lanes to Marsden Point, not one or the other as current and previous governments have promised but not delivered.

Northland is facing massive environmental challenges and we must save ratepayers from future financial risks. I have the skills and experience to meet these challenges.



Christine Woods

What is the top priority change you want to achieve over the next three years?

My name is Christine Woods I have lived in Northland for over 30 years, much of that on the Tutukaka Coast.

My background is in conservation and land management which has taken me into communities throughout Northland. Many years with the Department of Conservation has given me knowledge and understanding of ecological

processes and I feel that I have much to contribute with the current environmental challenges and in engaging community.

My current priority is to raise a less popular topic. There is concern in our community over the growing use of toxins. I want this time to start a conversation and hear how widespread this concern is. If elected to Council I want to further raise awareness and ensure that methods that have evolved adhere to good management practices and are most importantly sustainable.

chris.thebarn@xtra.co.nz



Amy McDonald

What is the top priority change you want to achieve over the next three years?

Greater protection for our natural environment is my priority, I will use my council experience and technical knowledge to achieve this. Two examples:

1. In 2023 NRC will review their freshwater rules. As a freshwater ecologist, I understand Northland's freshwater ecosystems and pollution issues. I will be an informed and influential voice for water quality improvement. Northlander's

consistently tell me they want healthy waterways. Sediment runoff and pollution are key concerns, we need stronger rules and more compliance monitoring to prevent sedimentation and pollution events.

2. NRC has a new climate strategy that will be implemented. I will prioritise climate change action that restores biodiversity and benefits our environment – protecting and enhancing wetlands and estuaries as natural carbon sinks and flood/drought buffers, and restoring forest health. Communities can lead this work, which will strengthen local connections and resilience.

Vote Amy Macdonald for a strong environmental voice, protecting our future.



Paul Dimery

What is the top priority change you want to achieve over the next three years?

The first thing that needs to change is the expectation that the rate payer is a never ending source of funding.

Planning needs to be robust, it needs to be consulted on in an open and transparent manner and deliberations need to be done under the same conditions.

Once the planning is completed it needs to be prioritised so that the urgent and the essential are funded from current and existing incomes. The "nice to haves" can only be adopted within the budgeted available funds.

The rate payer has been and will continue to be affected by the debilitating rise in the cost of living. The vast majority of Northlanders cannot sustain year after year increases.

For the next three years the Northland Regional Council needs to carry out their core responsibilities, stick to their long term plan and understand people are hurting.

BOOK REVIEW

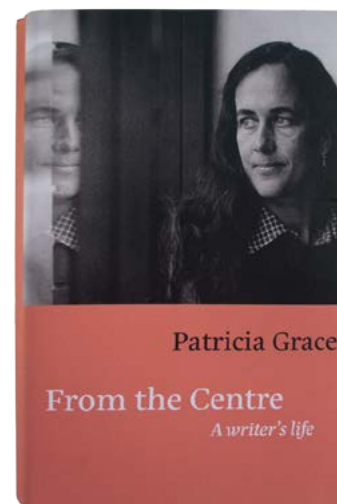
From the Centre A writer's life by Patricia Grace

Patricia Grace is a prolific writer, winning many awards and worldwide recognition. She commenced writing this – her memoir – on 24th August 2017 when she was eighty years and one week old. This is not just her story, but the story of her large extended family, her connection to the land and Ngāti Toa ancestry.

Patricia attended a Catholic school, and it was then that she found out she was Māori and was the only Māori child at the school. School was difficult with hurtful racist comments. She mentioned this to her aunt who said, 'Tell those kids your aunty is going to come and pull their noses as long as their arms and let them fly back and hit them in the face.'



Patricia Grace: first day of school



From school she went to Wellington Teachers' Training College, and it was when mixing with Māori speaking friends from rural areas that she attended night classes to learn te reo. She met her husband, Dick Grace, also a trainee teacher.

They married before leaving Wellington for their first teacher placement at the coal-mining town of Benneydale. Two

babies were born before moving onto a sole charge teaching position for Dick in Tutamoe, Northland, near Dargaville. Three more babies were born. The school roll increased, and no second teacher applied for the position, so Patricia went back to teaching with the junior classroom accommodating their pre-schoolers and the baby in a cot. It was here that she started writing. She had sent a poem to the Northern Advocate which was published. She wrote stories that Māori and Pacific students could relate to representing their cultures.

After five years the family moved to Pakotai, a designated Māori school, about equidistant from Dargaville and Whangārei; a run-down school that no teacher wanted. Grace and Dick, now with seven children, stayed here for five years. This was 1968.

They moved to family land in Hongoeka Bay, Wellington region, and it was here in the 1950's and again in the 1960's that large companies and councils attempted to obtain their family – iwi owned land. Over decades it had been the hope of the elders and consequent generations to build a wharenui. Fundraising finally realised this, and through the courts the land was designated so it could never be sold.

Throughout the telling of her story, Grace writes extracts from her many published short stories and novels. She has travelled the world promoting her culture and stories. This book, published in 2021 is available in local bookstores.

Written and reviewed by Trudy McKnight

What's on @ te ora hou with young people

Spaces for Hire

Te Ora Hou loves sharing our purpose-built multi-use community center in Tikipunga with others, and supporting local programmes, ideas and initiatives. We have five different options ranging from small meeting rooms to large conference spaces and a recreational centre. These spaces are designed for organizations such as sports groups, school groups, government and non-government agencies. For any room bookings please contact Leighanne on 09 4385556. We're located at 104 Corks Road in Tikipunga.

Free use of basketball courts

We have two outside basketball courts that are free for the community to use at their own leisure. These courts are open 24/7.

Teen Parent Services

Are you a teen parent or becoming a teen parent? Te Ora Hou can help support you and your whānau with the following and much more. Please contact Gloria on 021 383 320

- Childbirth education classes
- Education or continuing your education.
- Accommodation for pregnant or teen mums
- Advocacy for Youth payments/WINZ
- Childcare for baby
- Support with relationships
- Accessing support for your health needs
- Parenting programmes

Community Connectors

Do you need help connecting to services that will help support you to connect with



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appropriate service providers? We, at Te Ora Hou can help you to connect or reconnect to service providers below and much more: For example in places of: Education, Housing, Parent support, Health Care providers, financial assistance, whānau/relationship support. Please contact: Leewyn on 021 287 7078 or Michelle on 021 389 661




Tots & Toddlers Parenting program
9.30AM - 11:30AM
STARTING OCT 27TH
RUNS FOR 6 WEEKS
• PARENTING STYLES
• SETTING BOUNDARIES
• UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
• LOVE & CONNECTION
FREE for 0-4 years old
FREE... Transport provided
Te Ora Hou Northland, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga
Contact us for registration - 09 438 5556



COMACTS
Free holiday programme
12-24 years old
OCTOBER
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
DATES & WORKSHOP
OPTIONS TO BE CONFIRMED
FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK
PAGE FOR UPDATES
Instagram: [tsh_northland](https://www.instagram.com/tsh_northland)
104 Corks Road, TIKIPUNGA



Clean Up Week 2022
17-23 SEPTEMBER

Keep New Zealand Beautiful

Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Week is returning, and this year will be running from Saturday the 17th to Friday the 23rd of September 2022.

Clean Up Week is a great opportunity to get your friends, family, school, business or local community group together to participate in New Zealand's largest clean up event and to make a positive and tangible impact in your local community.

It would be brilliant to see families, community groups, schools and businesses across Whangārei take part in the week by doing a litter pick up in your local area. Whangārei District Council are offering FREE disposal and FREE pick up of your litter if you




sign up via the Keep New Zealand Beautiful website. By signing up, FREE clean up kits will be available on request for ECEs, schools, youth groups, Keep New Zealand Beautiful Community and Educational branches, as well as Individual/Family and Not-for-Profit Members who don't have access to their own clean up materials. Reusable clean up kit resources are also available to purchase at cost from Keep New Zealand Beautiful's online shop.

If you're interested but unsure what you need to do to get started then get in touch with Whangārei District Council's Waste Minimisation Officer Meltem Lang to have a chat and find out more.

Meltem Lang – Waste Minimisation Officer –
021 782 807 – meltem.lang@wdc.govt.nz



FOR EVERYONE!
PickleBall
Come and check it out!
Pickleball combines tennis, table tennis and badminton into a very addictive and fun new sport catering for all ages and skill levels
Where: 104 Corks Road Tikipunga in Te Ora Hou Gym
WHEN : SATURDAYS @ 2PM
Who: Len Rust - 022 043 1921
FREE



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STRONGER TOGETHER
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Silver Festival Whangārei 2022

Celebrate Age, Let's Engage this November

The Silver Festival returns to celebrate older adults and acknowledge their important role and contribution to Whangārei. Festival Dates: Tuesday 8 – Saturday 12 November 2022.

The Silver Festival is a 5-day series of events supported by community groups and clubs in the district. Each event offers an opportunity for seniors to explore what's available, try something new, connect and make new friends, be active, get creative and most importantly have fun!

Look out for the Silver Festival brochure – available from mid-October for pick up from your local library, or you can view the events online at www.wdc.govt.nz/SilverFestival

It's a great resource to discover new things to do even beyond the festival. Each activity includes contact details for you to get in touch when you're ready.

The Silver Festival is facilitated by Whangārei District Council and its Positive Ageing Advisory Group with support from Creative Northland, ACC and Sport Northland.

Do you have an event suitable for the Silver Festival?

Do you offer on-going activities, hobbies, and opportunities for seniors to connect with our wider community?

Council invites you to take part in the Silver Festival 2022.

You can either enter an existing activity that is on during the festival dates or run an extra session for seniors to try out.

We'll compile this information in a free booklet and promote it with seniors in our district.

Groups can use this booklet as a marketing resource which can help with exposure, membership, volunteer registrations or just getting the word out about your activity.

To register an event for the Silver Festival visit www.wdc.govt.nz/SilverFestival, pick up a registration form from Forum North on Rust Ave or contact Katherine Tasker via 09 945 4320 or events@wdc.govt.nz

Registration closes on 30 September 2022.



Two opinions on Three Waters

Opinion 1: Anna Curnow
Deputy Mayor, Kaipara District Council
(Not standing for re-election)



On many occasions I've taken the 10 minutes needed to explain the rationale behind Three Waters reform. The conversation trots along happily until I mention "Taumata Arowai" (the Te Reo name for our water regulator) or the Te Mana o Te Wai statement or having iwi/hapu representation on the Regional Representation Group. At that point, I've had people literally shouting at me about Māori taking over our water assets.

To be fair, government has perhaps been naive in how deep the racial divide still is in New Zealand. I know that Local Government New Zealand has asked government to slow the process so that we can reset some of this division and misrepresentation. To my mind, that could help, but is unlikely given the electoral cycle. What might work, is for both parties to get honest and start working constructively together right now, for the benefit of all those we serve.

In my time in local government, I've learned that, if invited and informed, communities contribute richly to hard conversations. If we can reset the story, then maybe we stand a chance of building a solution that achieves the benefits of the reform package in a way that really fits our unique New Zealand needs. Quote from 'Time to get honest and work together'



Stormwater



Wastewater



Drinking water

Opinion 2: The Kākā by Bernard Hickey
Political Economist Journalist



Three Waters was a clever way for central Government to essentially circumvent the bi-partisan '30/30' consensus that has dominated our political and economic settings for thirty years. That is: taxes won't be raised or new taxes introduced in a way that means Government revenues are more than 30% of GDP; and, central and local Government won't raise long term net debt levels beyond 30% of GDP.

That 30/30 consensus meant Aotearoa-NZ's Government and Councils under-invested in water, transport, health, education and other infrastructure to the tune of about \$100b over the last 30 years, and will need to invest another \$100b over the next 30 years just to keep up with forecast population growth. The alternative is much heavier 'demand management' tools such as congestion charges, water charges and other forms of user pays that effectively become tax increases.

In my view, co-governance is an inconsequential sideshow. Standard and Poor's would never approve the debt issuance required if actual revenues and assets were to be actually controlled by Iwi groups. Quote from 'The real reason Three Waters is failing'

Re-elect JACK CRAW



for
Northland Regional Council

Authorised by Jack Crow, 17 Whareora Rd Whangārei

VENUE: Hangar Gallery - 14 Cross St - Whangarei
Tues 1st Nov - Sat 12 Nov 10am-4pm daily
Auction 2pm Sat 12 November 2022

Hospice and Art

What do artists and palliative care have in common? They're both about 'feeling'. Artists know all about expressing emotions – sad, happy, angry, fearful. They use their feelings to create art, and this makes it easy for them to relate to the patients and their families and friends who use the services of our North Haven Hospice. This is one of the reasons they happily donate their artwork to the annual Hospice Charity Art Exhibition and Auction; and they have been doing this since the first event was held in 2012.



The event organisers, Richard Cranenburgh and Shari Pickering from Art Northland, sing the praises of the artists and the business sponsors without whom the event could not succeed. To date over \$73,000 has been raised, and although Covid put a dent in the timeline when lockdowns and event restrictions forced cancellations, this year they're back.

"It's easy to overlook the enormity of the artists' generosity and their bravery" Shari says. "Not only are they donating pieces ranging in value from \$250 to \$3,000, the auction finale, is a 'no reserve auction' which means the final result is unknown. What we can guarantee however is that the work will all be sold and that all proceeds will go to North Haven Hospice, Whangārei."

The venue for 2022 is the Hangar Gallery, 14 Cross Street at the Regent, Whangārei. A special thank you to the owners Megan and Barry Squire who have also generously donated their own artwork every year since the beginning. The curator of the show, Richard Cranenburgh, is also an artist and you will definitely see one of his pieces on the wall. The work will be across all mediums, paintings, ceramics, sculpture. Something for everyone!

Pencil the date in your diary. The exhibition opens on Tuesday, 1st November and runs through to the final auction at 2pm on Saturday, 12th November.

Don't miss this year's event. North Haven Hospice needs your support, and the artists would love you to celebrate with them, to acquire an original piece of Whangārei art and to ensure the continued service to patients and their family and friends.

Contact Shari or Richard for more information – admin@artnorthland.co.nz

Glen McMillan

Whangārei Urban General Ward Independent

- Transparency
- Honesty
- Effort



I am an online publisher/photographer/designer
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A vote for me is a vote for better communities

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What CAN be recycled kerbside?

Each household is supplied with two recycling bins:



ONE RED BIN

This is for plastic and metal recycling (all No. 1, 2 and 5 plastics, plus tins and aluminium cans)

YES: all plastics marked 1, 2 and 5 (except containers of motor oil, please see 'NO' below).

NO: plastic bags, plastics marked 3, 4, 6, 7 or have no number, plastic bottles

ONE BLUE BIN

This is for glass recycling (glass bottles and jars - clean, unbroken, any colour)

YES: unbroken glass bottles and jars - with lids removed.

SEPARATE BUNDLE NEXT TO RECYCLE BIN AT KERBSIDE

Paper and cardboard (Please tie it in a bundle, put in a plastic bag or into a flattened cardboard box, so that it won't blow around the street)

that contained motor oil (even if they are marked with a 1, 2 or 5, as the oil contaminates the plastic and is unable to be recycled)

Metal

YES: aluminium drink cans, clean foil plates, tinned food cans, empty aerosol containers.

NO: window glass, light bulbs, crystal, drinking glasses or broken glass (broken glass should be well wrapped and put in rubbish bag).

YES: newspapers, magazines, junk mail, envelopes, old phone books, flattened cardboard boxes and shoe boxes

NO: plastic-coated paper and card (e.g. Tetrapak style cardboard milk and juice containers), grease or food-stained fast-food takeaway containers or takeaway drink containers.



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✓ **JAYNE GOLIGHTLY**
WHANGAREI URBAN
EXPERIENCE
INTEGRITY

Authorised by Jayne Golightly 021 186 1989

Otuihau Summer Safe volunteers needed

The Summer Safe programme is an initiative of the Whangārei District Council, in conjunction with the Tikipunga Community Trust. For the last 12 years, the Trust has been responsible for looking after the Otuihau/Whangārei Falls public carpark during the summer months of December to April (Easter).

Summer Safe volunteers help the many visitors to the Falls by advising on carpark safety for their vehicles, and providing information about the various walkways available. They also staff the mini I-Site, giving out tourist information about other attractions in Whangārei and further afield, which has always been appreciated by visitors.

Volunteers say the attraction of being part of Summer Safe is their interaction with the people they meet, not only from around New Zealand but also from many countries around the world.



Helen & John McGregor. Photo by Michael Cunningham

This summer will see many more visitors arriving than have been here in the last two years, and the Summer Safe team will need more volunteers to help out at the carpark, so do you have a couple of hours you could spare to join us?

This coming 2022/23 season we're looking for volunteers to cover Saturdays, Sundays, and public holiday weekends. The hours are usually between 10am and 4pm (broken up into 2 shifts).

For more information, please Helen & John McGregor on 09 437 3656, or Helen on 027 437 3016



STANDING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please contact the editor margie.kent9@gmail.com for FREE notices in the Community Standing Events Diary.

- Pehiāweri Marae Mara Kai Roopu** welcomes all keen gardeners to join them at the mara (garden) behind the marae buildings, 99 Ngunguru Road; every Monday during term time; vaccination certificates required; 9am - 12pm.
- 155 Whare Āwhina Snack Packs** - Every Monday during term, 155 have pre-packed snack bags available for tamariki to bring to kura. All you need to add is the sandwich. How to order: through Facebook messenger. We can provide one pack per child. OR come along to 155 Open Arms (Corner Robert and Walton Sts) or the whare (155 Kamo Rd) on Monday mornings between 8.30am and 9am.
- Whangārei Budgeting Service** is committed to delivering FREE Financial Mentoring to family/whānau, individuals and self-employed. Our financial mentors have the skills to negotiate debt repayments and discuss debt solutions with creditors. We empower Tangata to achieve financial independence to successfully manage their own finances.
- The Summer Safe team** need more volunteers to help out at The Otuihau Falls carpark, so do you have a couple of hours you could spare to join us? This coming 2022/23 season we're looking for volunteers to cover Saturdays, Sundays, and public holiday weekends. The hours are usually between 10am and 4pm (broken up into two shifts). For more information, please call Helen & John McGregor on 09 437 3656, or Helen on 027 437 3016
- Multicultural Whangārei's shared lunch** is on the last Tuesday of every month at noon-1pm: 27 September, 25 October and 29 November. 37 Bank Street (Civic Arcade - Upstairs)
- Tiki Pride (Tikipunga Community Trust) meetings** - The Trust meets monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month, 7pm at Hope Church, Tikipunga, cnr of Kiripaka Rd & Otuihau Crescent (unless advised otherwise on Facebook). The next meeting will be on Monday 10 October. Join us and assist to build greater community well-being in Tikipunga.
- Tikipunga Sunday Market** - Whangārei's most eclectic market runs in the Tikipunga Tavern carpark every Sunday morning. **From 2 October the market will move to Tikipunga High School - 8am to 11am.** The market offers garage sale bargains, local arts and crafts, plants, seasonal produce and seafood as well as your Sunday morning essentials - yummy kai and hot coffee! Special 'Vintage and Crafts' Market on the last Sunday of each month. Private Message on FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/tikipungacarparkmarket>; or mobile 021 189 6571
- PickleBall** - Saturdays at 2pm at Te Ora Hou gym, 104 Corks Rd
- 155 Whare Āwhina Food Bank** - 155 Open Arms, 102 Robert Street, Whangārei. Call us on 09 437 0185 Ext 4 or freephone 0800 120 926 to request your parcel. Whānau can receive two parcels per month.

Please send your events through to the Editor at margie.kent9@gmail.com. Otuihau News is not responsible for any events cancelled due to COVID-19 or for any other reason. Please check with local event organisers.



COMMUNITY DIARY

Please contact the editor margie.kent9@gmail.com
for FREE notices in the Community Diary.

- **12-18 September - Māori language week**/Te wiki o te reo Māori is a government-sponsored initiative promoting the use of Māori language. The week is part of the broader Māori language revival and raises public awareness for Māori language revitalization, learning, and public usage. Create and look out for events and celebrations.
- **17 - 23 September - Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Week.** Clean Up Week is a great opportunity to participate in New Zealand's largest clean up event and to make a positive and tangible impact in your local community. Whangārei District Council are offering FREE disposal and FREE pick up of your litter if you sign up via the Keep New Zealand Beautiful website.
- **19 September - Meet the Candidates** for the Whangārei District Council & Northland Regional Council elections 2022. Supper provided. Starts at 6:30pm at the Te Ora Hou conference room, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga. All are welcome.
- **27 September, 25 October and 29 November - Multicultural Whangārei's shared lunch** is on the last Tuesday of every month at noon-1pm at 37 Bank Street (Civic Arcade - Upstairs).
- **1 October - 'Furthering the Dream'**. This is a Forum North Trust event and is a celebration of musical theatre by a selection of Northland's finest performers, including members of: Opera North, Whangārei Theatre Company, WADPA (Whangārei Academy of Dance & Performing Arts). 07:30 PM to 10:00 PM
- **1 - 16 October - School Holiday Programme:** Te Ora Hou - details to be finalised. See Te Ora Hou Facebook page for updates.
- **9, 15, 22, 29 October - Women's Rugby World Cup 2021** (playing in 2022) - Whangārei hosts three triple-header round robin match days and a double header Quarter Final on Saturday 29 October. Opening Match Day is Sunday, 9 October at 12pm to 8pm, Northland Events Centre, 51 Okara Drive.
- **23 - 27 October - Diwali Festival 2022.** Diwali celebration starts with Dhanteras on October 23 and ends with Bhai Dooj on October 27. Lakshmi Puja, the day of Diwali, falls on Monday, October 24.
- **8 October - Local Government Elections 2022** - voting closes.
- **17 - 25 October - National Gardening Week**
- **22 - 24 October - Labour Weekend**
- **29 October - Tots and Toddlers Parenting** programme starts at Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Rd. See page 20
- **1 - 12 November - North Haven Hospice Art Auction.** The Art Northland exhibition opens on 1st November and runs through to the final auction at 2pm on Saturday, 12th November.
- **8-12 November - The Silver Festival** is a 5-day series of events to celebrate older adults and acknowledge their important role and contribution to Whangārei. Look out for the Silver Festival brochure – available from mid-October for pick up from your local library, or you can view the events online at www.wdc.govt.nz/SilverFestival

Please send your events through to the Editor at margie.kent9@gmail.com.
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