

Northern Mystics inspire Tikipunga High School Netballers



Tikipunga High School's Junior Netball Team recently enjoyed a very special visit from the Northern Mystics, the ANZ Premiership champions.

The visit provided an incredible opportunity for our young players to take part in a session with some of New Zealand's top netballers. While there were certainly a few star-struck faces, the girls quickly settled in and made the most of the opportunity to learn new skills, have fun and be inspired by their special guests.

We are extremely grateful to the Northern Mystics for making the trip to Tikipunga High

School and for the time, encouragement and manaakitanga they showed our rangatahi. It was an experience the girls will always remember.

The visit provided an extra boost of inspiration as the team prepares to represent Tikipunga High School at the 2026 Zespri AIMS Games in Tauranga in early September.

Ngā mihi nui to the Northern Mystics for supporting and inspiring the next generation of netballers. Ka mau te wehi!

Contributed by Tikipunga High School

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Do you have a Tikipunga story or community news to celebrate in the Otuihau News?

Stories of 250 words or less are due for the next Otuihau News by 16 November 2026.

Please get in touch via our TikiPride Facebook page or email margie.kent9@gmail.com

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Annual General Meeting

When you receive this edition of Otuihau News the Tikipunga Community Trust will have already held their Annual General Meeting.

Hopefully at this meeting we will have gained a couple more Trustees. This will ensure that we will always have a quorum at our bi-monthly meetings. If you are interested in this position, it is still not too late to offer your services. We can always add you as a Trustee at a future meeting.

Other news

Look out for information in our December issue of Otuihau News about when the Tikipunga High School pool will be open to the community. We'll also be looking for volunteers for our Summer Safe programme at Otuihau (Whangārei Falls) offering information and assistance with parking to the tourists. If there are people out there that wish to take on this role, please contact Lynne Meldrum, 021 026 717 87; email: lynnemeldy@hotmail.com

Information on Mobil robbery sought

At about 8.45pm on Saturday 27 June, a group of five offenders arrived at the Mobil service station on Kiripaka Road, Tikipunga, in a stolen Subaru, which had been taken from outside a Keyte Street address earlier in the day.

Detective Sergeant Ryan Cooper, Northland CIB, says some of the offenders entered the store carrying weapons (not firearms). "Thankfully, the staff member working at the time of the robbery was outside the store

when the offenders arrived and was not harmed during the incident. The group jumped the front counter and stole a number of items including cigarettes, before fleeing."

Police are urging anyone with information about this incident, or the alleged offenders, to please come forward. If you have any information that could help Police in their enquiries, please contact 105 by quoting file number 260627/4099. Information can also be provided anonymously via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Supporting young people with sexual wellbeing training

A full-day Supporting Young People with Sexual Wellbeing training session will be available in Whangārei on 16 November for people who work with young people and want to feel more confident about talking about sex, relationships, and sexual wellbeing.

Whether responding to challenging questions, navigating the impact of online content, or looking to better support young people to make informed decisions; this practical, interactive training will give you the knowledge, confidence, and tools to have these important conversations.

Designed for anyone working with young people, including youth workers, teachers,

sports coaches, social workers, public health nurses, and educators. The training covers key topics such as contraception, STIs, pregnancy options, and promoting positive sexual wellbeing and healthy relationships.

The free training is offered by Sexual Wellbeing Aotearoa, Aotearoa's largest, national provider of sexual and reproductive health services. Their role is to help people make decisions about their sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing.

To register or find out more, go to <https://sexualwellbeing.org.nz/learn/courses-and-workshops/course?id=538>

Celebrate age, let's engage!

In just a few weeks, the doors will open to a myriad of Silver Festival events, welcoming Whangārei's older adults into places they may never have explored before.

Facilitated by Whangārei District Council, the annual festival promotes activities for seniors in our region, and acknowledges the vital role they play at all levels of our community. It's also a great opportunity for organisations and clubs across the motu to showcase their activities to people in our older age group.



All of the events on offer will be listed in the Silver Festival booklet, soon to be available from libraries, cafes and meeting places, and include dance, art, tours, concerts, food, music, sport and fitness, museums, learning new

skills, gardens, and so many more activities to choose from.

This year's Festival runs from October 1st 'til October 14 and will be a great time to rediscover your mojo, try something new, make new friends, get creative, and, most importantly, have fun!

Introducing Friendship New Zealand

Friendship Whangārei is a local social club tailored specifically for retired, semi-retired, or soon-to-retire men and women.

It is affiliated with the national body, Friendship New Zealand Inc. (FNZI) is run the same as any other club, with a committee, president, secretary and treasurer. An AGM is held every year and there is a constitution.

The club meets at the Kamo Club Rooms (7-11 Meldrum Street, Kamo) on the last Monday of each month at 10:00 am.

The club provides members with social contact with others around the same age; entertainment in the way of interesting speakers, fun with quizzes etc., and monthly lunches and outings whenever possible. Annual membership is \$25.00 for singles and \$35.00 for couples. The club welcomes any member of the public who wishes to come along to a meeting. No sponsorship is necessary.



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Fun, friendship and football for everyone

Looking to finish the season on a high note!

It has been an exciting season of growth and change for Tikipunga Football Club, particularly for our 2nd Division Women's team. Originally an U16 youth team playing in a mixed grade, the girls quickly found that this wasn't the right environment for them to develop and enjoy their football. After successful negotiating their way into the senior Women's 2nd Division, they have taken on a new challenge and are really beginning to find their feet.

The move has brought closer, more competitive games and, importantly, some well-deserved wins along the way. The team is building confidence, enjoying their football and proving that making the jump into senior competition can be a great pathway for young players. They would love to continue this momentum next season, so if you are interested in joining the team, please get in touch at women@tikipunga.co.nz

There is also plenty happening off the field, with construction of Tikipunga FC's new artificial turf scheduled to get underway in October 2026. This exciting development will provide our local football community with an all-weather playing surface, helping to enhance competition scheduling and reduce the number of games cancelled due to rain and soggy pitches. It will be a fantastic addition to the club and the wider community.

Our Twilight summer football season is almost upon us! There is still some fine-tuning

happening behind the scenes, so keep an eye on our Tikipunga FC Facebook page and give it a like for all the latest updates.

Finally, did you know our clubrooms are available for hire? We have hosted birthday parties, fundraising events and even wedding celebrations. If you're looking for a venue for your next special occasion, email club@tikipunga.co.nz for more information.

It's an exciting time to be part of the Tikipunga Football Club – and there's plenty more to come!



Further dieback found in Reed Park

A H Reed Park, including the carpark and freedom camping site, remains **CLOSED** for kauri protection. *Phytophthora agathidicida*, which causes kauri dieback, has been found at a second site. This reserve remains closed to stop further spread of the pathogen.

Kauri dieback is a fatal plant disease which infects kauri tree roots and destroys the tissues that transport water and nutrients. There is no known cure, and it threatens native forests across the upper North Island of New Zealand.

You can prevent spreading kauri dieback by ensuring absolutely no soil moves from one area to another. Actions you can take include cleaning and disinfecting your footwear, vehicle tyres, dog paws and walking poles before and after entering any forest. Stay on designated gravel paths and boardwalks at all times, and obey all track closure signs; as these paths are blocked to protect vulnerable or infected zones.



Youth raise money for the Solomon Islands



Zac Raine, Owen Prinsloo, and Hagen Robinson are student leaders from Whangārei Boys' High School (WBHS) who made headlines in June for completing a grueling endurance feat. They were the only three students

to complete the full 40-hour continuous walk of the Hātea Loop for the World Vision 40-Hour Challenge.

Between June 19 and June 21, the trio pushed through extreme physical exhaustion to walk 40 consecutive laps of the Hātea Loop at the Whangārei Town Basin. They covered a total of 162 kilometres. They completed their final 40th lap alongside a large support crowd of fellow students, teachers, friends, and whānau.

Hagen Robinson is a Year 13 student and a designated World Vision Leader for Change. Hagen helped spearhead and scale the event. He noted his primary motivation was to share

the geographic privileges of growing up in New Zealand with children facing severe food poverty in the Pacific.

Zac Raine and Owen Prinsloo were his core endurance partners, who trained and walked side-by-side with Hagen for the full duration. Their resilience formed the backbone of the physical challenge.

While Zac, Owen, and Hagen were the sole 40-hour finishers, they were backed by a roster of rotating support walkers from WBHS—including Thomas Watkins, Levi Walker, Liam White, Marshall Robinson, Ben McMurchy, and Jack Parsonage.

Whangārei Boys' High School raised \$10,914, placing them within the Top 15 fundraising schools in New Zealand for the 2026 World Vision campaign. The funds were directly funneled into climate-smart agriculture, seed distribution, and clean water infrastructure to fight chronic malnutrition in the Solomon Islands.



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Have you read the headlines?

“NZ’s housing downturn is the biggest in nearly 50 years”
“Nearly 1 in 5 houses currently change hands for less than the seller originally paid”
“Sales volumes are down 10% on last year” ... and on it goes.

Very few economists or other “experts” are predicting improvement any time soon either.

This is great news for anyone planning to get onto or up the property ladder; not so good if you are heading down the other side. Whatever your position, if you are wanting to move on with your life but all the bad news is stopping you, it might be time to think again.

A couple moved to Australia 3 years ago but couldn’t sell their 20 year old house for enough so decided to rent it out and wait for our market to improve. Their tenants have been good but the shrubs and garden now need tidying up, wallpaper is beginning to peel and the whole property is just starting to look a bit dated and tired. The weekly rent (on which tax must be paid) goes towards paying their rent in Aussie.

In addition to the risk and worry of ownership, here’s what their decision has cost them financially:

House value in 2023	\$700,000
Estimated house value now	\$660,000
<i>(renovations would increase this)</i>	
Estimated value drop	\$40,000
LESS 3 years of:	
Rates	\$8,000
Insurance	\$6,000
Interest	\$55,000
Effect of Inflation	\$56,000
	\$125,000
Cost of waiting	\$165,000

This doesn’t include the cost (approx. \$200 per week) of topping up their rent in Australia or the odd emergency repair to their house here.

Note that even if our property values had gone up by 5% every year since leaving they would still be \$15,000 behind!

Are you waiting for things to improve before making your next move, either buying or selling? It’s time we had a chat! Call me anytime for a free, friendly, no obligation consultation.



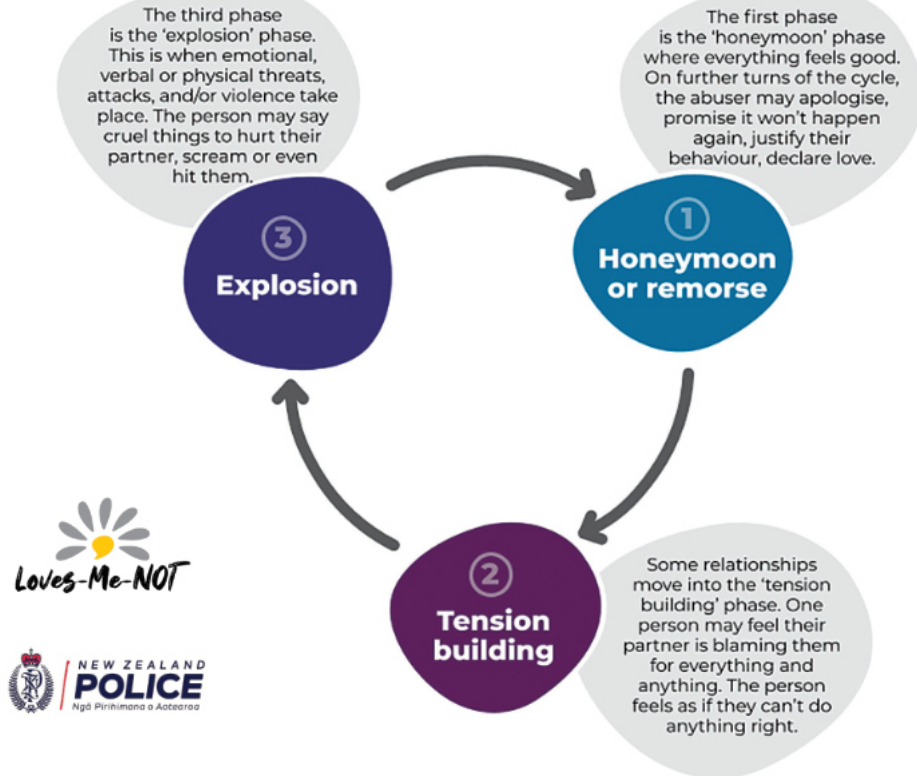


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Cycle of abuse

In an unhealthy relationship, abusive behaviours tend to increase over time. In other words, relationships don't usually start bad, but some go bad.

Most abusive relationships follow a certain type of cycle. This cycle can help explain why some people stay in unhealthy and abusive relationships. This cycle can repeat many times. Each time the gaps between the phases may become smaller, and the tensions and explosions may become worse.



Clean up time!

Keep New Zealand Beautiful (KNZB) is a charity dedicated to reducing litter, promoting recycling, and enhancing local environments through community-led actions. Their biggest annual event, Clean Up Week, mobilises tens of thousands of volunteers to remove rubbish from beaches, parks, streets, and waterways across Aotearoa.

The 2026 event will run from 18 September to 2 October, aligning with World Clean Up Day on 19 September. Joining the movement is simple, free, and open to

individuals, schools, businesses, and community groups.

To participate, you can register your event on the Clean Up Week Registration Page. www.knzb.org.nz/programmes/clean-new-zealand-beautiful/clean-up-week/

You can choose to create a private event for friends and family or a public event for your local community. KNZB also offers community clean-up kits and health and safety guides for coordinators.



New classrooms open at Tikipunga High School

It has been an exciting start to the term at Tikipunga High School, with seven newly renovated classrooms now open and ready for learning.

Three new Science laboratories and four Humanities classrooms, supporting English and Social Studies, have been completed as part of the school's ongoing property redevelopment programme.

The existing spaces have been fully renovated and transformed into modern, bright and functional learning environments, providing our ākonga and staff with facilities that better support teaching and learning.

It has been fantastic to see students and teachers moving into the new spaces and enjoying the improvements. These classrooms are another important step in the wider redevelopment of Tikipunga High School, with further upgrades still to come.



We are excited to see our kura continuing to grow and improve, creating learning spaces our students, staff and the wider community can be proud of.

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Youth and social media - research results

The Public Health Community Centre, based at Otago University, recently reported that social media use among New Zealand teens is almost universal, with most spending several hours a day on these platforms. Their research shows that a substantial proportion of teens meet the criteria for problematic use, which is represented by patterns of engagement that mirror addictive-like behaviours. Half of the teens surveyed felt they were given access to social media too young, and support for a minimum age of 16 years was strong. Importantly, nearly four in ten said they wish social media had never been invented.

Overall, 90% of teens reported using social media. Most (62%) began between the ages of 10 and 13 years, a critical time for brain development, identity formation, and emotional regulation. The average amount of time spent on social media was 2.5 hours per day; however, 32% said they spent at least

five hours daily on these platforms. Concerningly, 22% of teens in the teen survey met the criteria for problematic social media use. Among girls, the figure was one in four. Over a third fell into the "risky" category. It is important to note that problematic social media use has consistently been linked with sleep issues, loneliness, depression, anxiety, stress, decreased attention and increased impulsivity, with a 2025 study showing that high or increasing trajectories of addictive social media use (and mobile phone use or video games) are associated with worse mental health.

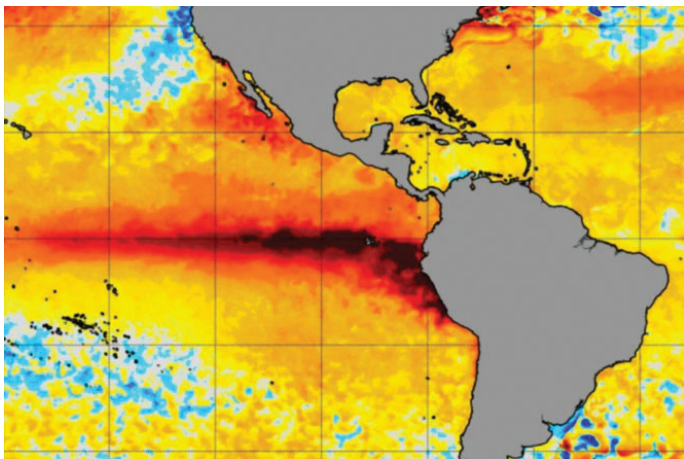
The teens called for safe, supervised online spaces for younger users, more offline opportunities to connect, and greater guidance for parents and schools to support them through the transition.

For more information, see <https://www.phcc.org.nz/briefing/problematic-social-media-use-common-among-nz-teens-government-examines-age-limits>

Dry El Niño conditions expected this summer

Early stage El Niño conditions have established and are anticipated to impact on our weather patterns this summer. El Niño typically brings drier weather to Northland and the trend is already impacting on Whangārei, with rainfall for June 2026 recorded at Marsden Point at 73 mm, which is 58% of the normal expected rainfall.

The prospect of below normal rainfall in Northland is likely to translate to below normal groundwater recharge creating challenges for water reliant sectors. There will be periods of unusually windy conditions along with notable temperature variability. Temperatures are about equally likely to be near average (40%



chance) or above average (35% chance). Rainfall totals are most likely to be below normal (50% chance).

Based on the NRC June 2026 climate report

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Tamariki Time

A short story about an eel

Tuna, a large Longfin Eel, lived a quiet life for decades in the cool pools near Whangārei Falls. She grew thick and heavy, her belly yellow and her back the color of river stones. One year, the autumn rains triggered an ancient memory deep within her, and a primal urge called her back toward the sea.

Her body began to change for the journey. Her yellow underbelly turned a metallic silver, her pectoral fins enlarged and lengthened, and her eyes doubled in size so that she could see in the deep ocean twilight. She stopped eating. Her digestive tract shrank to make room for her mass of developing eggs.

One night during a storm she rode the rushing currents down the river and through the yachts of the Whangārei Town Basin. The freshwater she knew so well faded into the salty tidal waters of the Whangārei Harbour. She glided under Te Matau ā Pohe bridge and left her home behind forever.

In the open Pacific Ocean she turned north, beginning a monumental five thousand kilometre journey. For months Tuna swam, diving deep into the freezing dark during the day to avoid sharks and rising closer to the surface at night. Her destination was the deep, warm sea around the Pacific Islands.

In the tropical depths, she met other Longfin Eels who had made similar long journeys, and she released her eggs into the water. With her final life force now spent, her life ended in the depths of the sea. But this is not the end of her story.

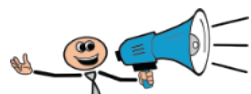
Weeks later, her eggs hatch into tiny, transparent larvae shaped like willow

leaves, which are called leptocephali. They do not swim; instead, they drift, riding the South Equatorial Current back toward New Zealand. The journey takes nearly a year. By the time the tiny travelers reach the coastline of Northland, they are transformed into miniature, see-through versions of their parents. Now called glass eels, they scent fresh water from the Whangārei Harbour and start swimming inland. They ride the high tides to enter the Hātea River and start to swim upstream, following the freshwater smells and tastes. Their skins darken with pigment, and they transform from glass eels into elvers. They swim and climb over rocks to find their own home in the slow-flowing streams that feed the Hātea River. Waterfalls don't stop them; elvers can climb 40-metre obstacles using a combination of surface tension and friction.

Once they find a little suitable hollow under a stream bank, they settle in and will spend the next twenty, forty, or even eighty years growing in the dappled streams.

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Tikipunga news

Will is off to Australia

Tikipunga Football Club's Will Osborne has been selected for the Northland Rangers U14 team, which will compete in Australia's premier invitational youth tournament.

The Club is very proud of him, posting a message for him to "enjoy the experience and represent Northland with pride!"



Denby Reserve Rubbish Clean Up

On 25 July, F.O.R.C.E organised a community waste removal event on Puna Rere Drive, immediately bordering the entrance to Denby Reserve on the western edge of Tikipunga. Volunteers spent the morning recovering dumped refuse, sorting recyclables, and upcycling salvageable goods.



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Ngunguru Road Safety Works

A major \$840,000 road safety upgrade directly outside Glenbervie School has been completed by the Whangārei District Council. The project reshaped a critical road bend, added updated signage, a new guardrail, and laid down a missing section of the pedestrian footpath.

Inaugural Denby Matariki Night Golf

The Whangārei Golf Club course was lit up under the stars during Matariki with players using glow-in-the-dark balls and finishing the night with a hot chocolate and a basket of hot chips. A resounding success, the event is already planned to be repeated next year.

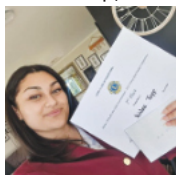
Topp student

Khloe Topp, from Tikipunga High School (THS), has achieved several standout milestones across academics, leadership, and school culture in 2026.

In March, Khloe represented her school at the Lions Speech Competition. Competing against top students from across the region, she won second place overall. The panel of judges highly commended her performance, noting her structured speech layout, expressive hand gestures, and dynamic stage presence.

As a member of the school's Services Academy, Khloe excelled during their intensive military-style training camp at Whenuapai in July. She was officially awarded Top Student for the Camp. The academy leadership highlighted her outstanding leadership, positive mindset, and her ability to motivate and support her peers through rigorous physical and mental challenges.

Lastly, Khloe has spearheaded a student initiative to update the school's physical signage. She has manually updated the school's noticeboard with positive visual messaging. Her goal is to help Tikipunga High School secure funding for a permanent, modern electronic sign.



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Profiling Davontae Bristowe

When Davontae Bristowe entered the I Have a Dream programme in 2016, he was a shy 12-year-old still finding his place in the world. Since then, he has grown into a confident leader, advocate and performer, and he is now the first in his whānau to graduate from university.

As one of the first Dreamers in Whangārei, he discovered his confidence and identity over time, embracing opportunities from art and kapa haka to hospitality skills. By age 14, he credited the programme with helping him find his voice. "I have found that I have become more confident in my own skin and my journey with I Have a Dream has helped me achieve that," says Davontae.

With the support of his Navigator, Moana Matautia-Tepania, Davontae explored his passions, kept up with schoolwork through



Davontae Bristowe with his proud mum Aimee on his graduation day at the University of Otago

weekly homework sessions, and applied for scholarships. In 2018 he was named Dreamer of the Year at Tikipunga High School.

In 2021, Davontae graduated as Head Boy of Tikipunga High School and then began his Bachelor of Performing Arts and Māori Studies degree at the University of Otago, supported by a

Māori Entrance Scholarship and a Jack Swindell Estate Scholarship. He immersed himself in kapa haka, completed eight papers in his first year, and navigated the challenges of homesickness and new beginnings.

Alongside his studies, Davontae has held significant leadership roles at the University of Otago. He served as Communications Officer for Te Rōpū Māori, and as mātamua (whānau leader) for Ka Rikarika o Tāne, a mentorship programme run by Te Huka Mātauraka (the Māori Centre). In this role, he oversaw a whānau of students, ensuring they felt connected and supported academically, emotionally, and socially.

Davontae has also always been a strong advocate for rangatahi Māori and LGBTQIA+ youth, having previously been involved with Whangārei Proud. He sat on a rangatahi advisory group under Te Aka Whai Ora (Māori Health Authority) and SYHPANZ (Society of Youth Health Professionals Aotearoa New Zealand), working to make health services more accessible for young people.

In 2024, he began serving as a Trustee of the I Have a Dream Charitable Trust, helping ensure the voices and needs of rangatahi were central to the organisation's decisions. "I wanted to make sure that what the Board and Dream Team does truly fits with the needs of our rangatahi and kura," he says.

After graduating in May 2026, Davontae started a full time job in Dunedin and is looking ahead to a career in community support, where he hopes to use his skills, experience and lived journey to strengthen outcomes for others.

Based on an 'I Have a Dream' article

Fluoridation - a proven success

A 2026 analysis of tooth decay rates in over 630,000 preschool-aged children in Aotearoa New Zealand confirms lower rates of tooth decay associated with community water fluoridation. The findings provide contemporary evidence that fluoridation remains an effective public health intervention (despite likely dilution of its effects due to widespread use of fluoride toothpaste and improvements in dental care) and highlight the importance of maintaining fluoridation systems at recommended fluoride levels.

The analysis published in the Journal of Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology included oral health screening data from 630,926 NZ children aged four years, collected through the B4 School Check programme from 2010 to 2022. The analysis spatially linked each child's place of residence to a water supply as well as data on fluoridation histories.

Overall, 14.2% of children were recorded as having early childhood tooth decay. After accounting for ethnicity, deprivation, age, sex, rurality and year of assessment, children living in non-fluoridated areas experienced significantly higher rates of tooth decay than children living in fluoridated areas.

See *Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology*, 2026 - <https://doi.org/10.1111/cdoe.70080>

Declaration of Independence

Did you know over 60% of New Zealand don't know that Aotearoa/New Zealand has its own Declaration of Independence that has international standing?

Network Waitangi Whangārei is running a seminar on this Declaration - He Whakaputanga o Ngā Rangatira O Nu Tirenī - on the anniversary of its formation, 28 October 1835. The seminar will explore the background to its establishment and its importance for us today.

Network Waitangi Whangārei started in 1985 as a group belonging to Project Waitangi, a national organisation which received government funding leading up to the 150th commemoration of Tiriti in 1990.

Network Waitangi Whangārei secretary, Jette de Jong, says that the organisation is a committed group of people who have held the kaupapa of providing information, education and support to implement te Tiriti o Waitangi for over 30 years.

He Whakaputanga seminar

A seminar about Aotearoa/New Zealand's Declaration of Independence, He Whakaputanga, will be held on 28 October at the Te Ora Hou Centre on Corks Road. Tickets and event details are available via Eventfinda. Presented by Kathryn McKenzie and Agnes Hermans from Network Waitangi Whangārei, the seminar will explain the Declaration of Independence and cover who signed it, and why they did so. The talk will then move into why the document matters today. This is a

community koha event, and tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be served. Group sizes are limited, so early registration is strongly advised. See booking information on www.networkwaitangiwhangarei.org.nz

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- What has it got to do with the Treaty of Waitangi?

Wednesday 28 October

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(with tea, coffee & refreshments)

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104 Corks Rd, Tikipunga

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(pay what you can afford)



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visit www.networkwaitangiwhangarei.org.nz

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Free earthworks field day

Contractors and consultants working across erosion and sediment control are being urged to attend a free hands-on day for the earthworks industry. The Wednesday 16 September event will run from 9am to 3pm at Whangārei's Barge Showgrounds.

The field day is a collaboration between Northland Regional Council, the region's three district councils, the International Erosion

Control Association and Civil Contractors New Zealand.

The day will include short, practical presentations, live product demonstrations, real-world examples and lessons learned as well as opportunities to connect with councils and industry. Register online at <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/our-northland/news/2026/july/free-earthworks-field-day/>

Based on an NRC media release

Free online wills with North Haven Hospice

Having an up-to-date Will is one of the most important things we can do for our loved ones to save them significant financial and emotional stress later on. Everyone should have a will, no matter how old they are or how much they own. North Haven Hospice wants you to have peace of mind over what matters most to you, so we have partnered with EveryWill, NZ's top free Wills platform.

There is no obligation to include a gift to North Haven Hospice, although the option is there if that feels right to you. Have a look at the Hospice website "Donate Now" page to learn more. It only takes a few minutes of your time once you've worked out what you want to do and the instructions are easy and simple to follow.

Contributed by Lyn Cheyne, www.northhavenhospice.org.nz

Book your Labour Day - Monday Market

What a fabulous turnout we had for the Monday Market on King's Birthday! Despite the wet and windy weather, 10 stallholders and all our visitors had a lovely day.

The Monday Markets continue to be a wonderful opportunity for our community to connect in a warm, positive environment. We're always encouraged by feedback from people who love the friendly community atmosphere and the chance to catch up with others.

Held twice a year on King's Birthday and Labour Day, these markets inside the

Kaurihohore Public Hall are an initiative of the Kaurihohore Church. Our primary goal is to support building a vibrant sense of community in Kaurihohore while supporting local craftspeople. Mark your calendars for our next gathering on Labour Day! In the meantime, you can stay connected with us online on Facebook: Monday Market at Kaurihohore or email us on mondaymarket.kaurihohore@gmail.com

Many of our regular stallholders have been coming for years, and they often share how much they love being at our market.

Contributed by Brenda Smith, Kaurihohore Church



Sculpture Northland: 2-8 November 2026

This much-anticipated exhibition, set in the stunning Whangārei Quarry Gardens, is celebrating its 10th birthday this year.

With 53 Northland sculptors participating, over 100 artworks will grace The Gardens, along with live music, raffles, plant sales and more. Sculpture Northland is a major fundraiser for Whangārei Quarry Gardens, and all the artwork is for sale. The popular "Cash and Carry Zone" is back this time, with small items priced under \$200 and starting as low as \$20; you're bound to find something you can't resist.

VIP preview Sunday 1st November. Other exhibition days open 9 am to 4 pm. \$15 adults, \$5 children, under threes go free. Quail Cafe is open daily. Golf cart available for \$5 per person.

A free parking shuttle will be available.



Garden scene



Justin Murfitt Bench

Introducing the Whangārei Genealogy Group

Interested in learning more about your family history? Have you ever wondered where your ancestors came from, how they lived, or the journeys that brought them to New Zealand? Join the Whangārei Genealogy Group and discover the fascinating stories waiting to be uncovered in your own family tree.

Whether you're just starting out or have been researching for years, we're here to help. Our friendly members offer guidance on where to begin, how to find and interpret records, and ways to organise your discoveries. You may even find that you share more with your ancestors than you ever imagined. We meet on the first Saturday of each month (February to December) at 10.00 am in the May Bain Room at the Whangārei Central Library. New members and visitors are always welcome.



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Stop unwanted emails and pop-ups on your devices

Unwanted emails and pop-ups can be annoying, confusing, and sometimes a bit scary. The good news is that there are some very simple ways to keep your laptop, phone, and tablet safe and tidy.

Where these messages come from - Most of the time, they come from websites you've visited, mailing lists you didn't mean to join, or scammers trying to get your attention. Once you know that, it's easier to deal with them.

Unsubscribe from real emails - If the email is from a real company, scroll to the bottom and click Unsubscribe. If it looks strange or pushy, don't click anything, just use your email app's Report Spam button.

Use simple email tools - Most email apps let you block senders or send certain messages straight to the junk folder. Helpful tools include: block sender, move to junk, or filter by words you don't want to see. These small steps quickly clean up your inbox.

Stopping pop-ups - On laptops, turn on your browser's pop-up blocker. On phones and tablets, check your app notification settings and turn off anything you don't recognise.

Be careful with 'free' downloads. Many pop-ups come from free apps or clicking on ads. If a website suddenly says 'Your device is infected', close the page. Real warnings come from your device, not from a website. Keep your device updated, because updates fix security problems. Turn on automatic updates so your device stays protected.

Contributed by Vince Cocurullo

Do the kit – don't sit on it

Bowel cancer is one of the most treatable cancers – if detected early – and this is the purpose of the National Bowel Screening Programme.

Free screening is available for people aged 58 to 74, who will be posted a test kit with instructions.

The test itself can be done at home and is quick, simple and potentially life-saving.

Bowel cancer often has no symptoms until later stages, but the screening test can detect it early, when usually (over 90% of cases) it can be successfully treated.

Returning a completed test is as simple as dropping it into a NZ Post box or Awanui Labs collection centre.

Anyone who has lost their test kit, or it has expired, can phone 0800 924 432 on weekdays 8am to 6pm or email info@bowelscreening.health.nz to request a new one.

For more information, visit timetobowelscreen.nz



Changes at the Whangārei Bird Recovery Centre



Robert and Robyn Webb with their favourite, Sparky the Kiwi. Photo / Karina Cooper

For more than three decades, Robert and Robyn Webb have been the heart and soul of the Whangārei Native Bird Recovery Centre. Since founding the Centre in 1992, they have devoted their lives to rescuing, caring for and rehabilitating tens of thousands of sick and injured birds.

Robert's services to conservation have been recognised nationally through both the Queen's Service Medal and his appointment as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit. However, Robert has always made it clear that none of this could have been achieved without Robyn beside him. Thank you, Robert and Robyn, for your lifetime of service, for the countless birds you have saved and for creating something so deeply loved by this community.

Recently, the Webbs have announced their joint retirement, with the centre's new Chief Executive, Carl Ashworth, taking over from them.

Seatbelts save lives

Northland Police are urging drivers to wear their seatbelts and take regular breaks.

Inspector John Fagan, Northland's Road Policing Manager, says "Wearing a seatbelt is one of the most important things you can do every time you get into a vehicle. It takes just

Carl's own relationship with birds began when he started volunteering at Southport Zoo in the United Kingdom at just 14 years old. His career has now spanned more than 30 years.

After moving to New Zealand in 2018, Carl spent almost six years at Auckland Zoo, where he led the bird team and worked with threatened species, including tara iti and shore plover, as well as conservation breeding, incubation, hand-rearing and release programmes.

Most recently, Carl served as General Manager of BirdCare Aotearoa, New Zealand's largest dedicated wild bird rehabilitation centre. There, he led the organisation's staff and volunteers, oversaw the treatment and rehabilitation of hundreds of wild birds, strengthened welfare and operational standards, developed partnerships and helped guide the organisation into a stronger focus on New Zealand's native and endemic species.

Carl brings extensive hands-on bird expertise with senior leadership experience, a deep commitment to animal welfare and a lifelong passion for conservation.

"It is a tremendous privilege to carry forward the work Robert and Robyn began more than three decades ago. What they have created is truly remarkable. I am committed to protecting their legacy, building upon everything they have achieved and ensuring the Centre continues to be here for the birds and people of Whangārei and Northland. I am enormously proud to be of service to this community."



Carl Ashworth. Source Seven Sharp

two seconds to buckle up, which can make the difference between life and death. If you know someone who regularly doesn't wear a seatbelt, tell them how much they mean to you and how much they would be missed. Everyone has a role to play in keeping our roads safe and putting on your seatbelt is one of the simplest and most important things you can do."



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Grace & Inspiration

The Contagious Life of Johnny Barnes

Johnny was born on the 23rd of June 1923 and died at the age of 93 on the 9th of July 2016.

He was an electrician by trade and worked on the Bermuda Railroad until the railroad closed in 1948. He then became a bus driver. Barnes was fond of waving to people while driving the bus, and would occasionally sit and wave to people on his breaks or when coming to work.

One day in 1986, Barnes, aged 63, stopped at the Crow Lane roundabout and took up waving to traffic. He was there almost every day until his "retirement" in December 2015 when he 92 years young. For 30 years of his life he spread love and positivity to everyone who passed by.

In the 2011 documentary made about him called 'Mr Happy Man', Johnny says "Life is sweet, life is beautiful, it is sweet to be alive. Enjoy the sunshine, the flowers, the birds – they're happy. We human beings got to learn how to love one another... then there wouldn't be any wars, there wouldn't be any killing. People need to know that love is important."

Barnes credits his mother for teaching him goodwill and kindness to strangers, including



"speaking to everyone you see, because you never know when you might need them."

Barnes wanted to leave the world a better place. After his death his wife read out his final message: "My mind and heart would have liked to continue at the roundabout forever, sharing love, cheerfulness, happy wishes and prayers with each of you."

Such was Johnny's impact that in 1998 a group of local businessmen unveiled a life-size bronze statue of Barnes blowing kisses in the air. The statue is located on Crow Lane just up from the roundabout and today, even after his death, his story continues to inspire and make people happy.

Click on <https://vimeo.com/36673515> to watch the Documentary Mr Happy Man. You will simply love it.

Kai Ora Fund allocations

This year the Kai Ora Fund received 71 applications from community-driven initiatives all over Tai Tokerau.

The Kai Ora Fund partners have approved grants totalling over \$170,000 for 44 projects including food gardens, education workshops, and those focussed on environmental regeneration and stewardship.

Since it began in 2015, the Kai Ora Fund has helped over 300 grassroots projects with

over \$1,000,000 in funding and provides project support. The purpose of the Kai Ora Fund is to enable Northlanders to eat nutritious and sustainably sourced local food, which now, with the increasing cost of living, is more important than ever. Find out more about the fund at www.kaiorafund.com.



Have you ever wondered about street names?

Corks Road

Francis and Annie Cork emigrated to New Zealand on the Evening Star and arrived here on 21 December 1858. John, their son, was married to Catherine McBeth on 12 May 1890 and they had eight children. Their family were hard workers, with the children leaving school at standard level.

John Cork worked for his father, who had two butcher shops, one on the corner of Station and Kamo Roads and the other on the corner of Walton and Cameron Streets in town. The farm on Vinegar Hill Road supplied meat to both shops, delivered by horse and dray over metal roads. It was a tough life, but it came with rewards.



The Cork Family: L to R: Francis Edmund 1894 – 1951, Emma (Cooper) 1890 – 1966, John Cork 1850 – 1920, Alfreda (Hughes) 1897 – 1973, Catherine Cork (nee McBeth) 1864 – 1926, Flora McBeth (McDonald) a niece of Catherine, Clarence Leslie 1902 – 1979, Annie (Mitchell) 1895 – 1955, On Steps: Murvan 1890 – 1977, George 1901 – 1975

The Cork boys owned one of the first cars in Whangārei, with brother George driving taxis in Whangārei for many years. Another brother, Clarence, built many of the stone walls you see around Glenbervie today. Cream from the farm was sledged through a ford in the creek to be collected from the Kauri Saleyards by the Hikurangi Dairy Company. John Cork passed away in 1920 aged 69. The Cork family farmed in Vinegar Hill for three generations. Corks Road is named after them. *Based on information from Way Back When Facebook page. Photos from Ronnie Taylor – John Cork's Great Grandson.*



The Cork brothers pushing one of the first cars in Whangārei out the mud



George Cork and his taxi

Sign up for a stall at the Community Volunteer Fair

The Community Volunteer Fair is a free, family-friendly event that includes food, entertainment, and micro-volunteering opportunities.

It brings together volunteers and organisations from all backgrounds, creating a

space where everyone can find a cause they believe in and feel a sense of belonging in their community.

Stalls are free! We invite any and all community organisations/community groups to attend. Indoor and outdoor spaces available, indoor spaces are limited. The Community Volunteer Fair will be held on Saturday, 17 October, 9am – 12:30pm, Whangārei Central Library. Register at <https://volunteeringnorthland.nz/events/volunteerfair26>

Submissions on Northland Local Government Reform

Central government gave all New Zealand local authorities until early August to propose amalgamation options that would suit them.

The Whangārei District Council, Far North District Council, and Northland Regional Council decided to support a joint proposal to establish two initial unitary authorities, with a future transition over time to form a single one. The Kaipara District Council has rejected this joint model and is submitting an alternative.

In September, central government will review the proposals. If the government gives the green light, a much more detailed, comprehensive public consultation period will be launched starting October 2026. This consultation period will be your opportunity to have your say in directly shaping our future. Keep an eye out for updates, timelines and both paper and online submission forms from the Whangārei District Council and Northland Regional Council.



Whangārei news and updates

Please note error regarding the Waters CCO

The last edition stated that "On 11 May, this council-controlled organisation (CCO) [the Northland Waters CCO] will manage all drinking water and wastewater services across Te Tai Tokerau (Northland)." Please note that an error occurred here with some words

accidentally dropping out. This statement should have read "On 11 May the decision was made that this council-controlled organisation (CCO) will manage all drinking water and wastewater services across Te Tai Tokerau (Northland)." We apologise for this error.

Bird Flu warning from DoC

The wide open spaces around Tikipunga are also attractive to visiting birds flying in from the coast, prompting a caution from the DoC, after recent detection of bird flu in New Zealand.

"When you're out and about in Tikipunga, please keep an eye out for sick or dead wild birds. If you notice three or more wild birds that are sick or have died in the same area, please report it straight away to Biosecurity New Zealand's Exotic Pest and Disease Hotline on 0800 80 99 66.

"Please do not touch, handle, or pick up sick or dead birds. Birds showing signs of avian influenza may still recover if left undisturbed in the wild. Do not bring sick or dead birds to the local DOC office or wildlife rehabilitation centres. To help prevent the spread of disease, these facilities are not able to receive birds that may be affected by avian influenza. Instead, keep your distance, note the location, and report it to the hotline."

Help us keep an eye on the health of our local wildlife. Ngā mihi nui.

Heloise Ory, the DoC Whangārei District's Principal Ranger – Forests and Species

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Baby and toddler needs - Te Ora Hou at 104 Corks Road provides holistic support for your whānau, from ante-natal care through to parenting courses. Call (09) 438 5556

Basketball Courts are available at Te Ora Hou 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga, at no charge, use at your leisure, 24/7

Church services are held at:

- Hope Church** every Sunday at 10am, located on the corner of Kiripaka Road and Otuihau Crescent
- Pehiāweri Marae historic church**, 99 Ngunguru Road on the 3rd Sunday of every Month from 9.30am
- Tikipunga Adventist Fellowship** every Saturday at the Hope Church, (corner of Kiripaka Road and Otuihau Crescent) at 11 am
- Tikipunga Baptist Church**, cnr Kiripaka Rd and Heretaunga St, Tikipunga on Sundays 10.00am - Worship, Fellowship, Teaching, Morning Tea. Community Kai, Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. Friendship, fellowship and meal provided.

Community Connectors are available at Te Ora Hou - they can connect you to the support you need. Contact Leewyn on 021 287 7078 or Michelle on 021 389 661

Community Education Whangārei (CEW) at Kamo High School - Website: <https://www.cew.ac.nz/> Email: cew@kamohigh.school.nz; Phone: (09) 435 0889; Class venue: Unless otherwise stated all classes are held at Kamo High School

Junior Golf Coaching - Denby Golf Club offers FREE coaching for juniors on Sundays. 8:30-10am for players, and 10:30-12 noon for beginners

Love Whangārei Monthly Clean Up - Check LWMCU Facebook page for upcoming events. <https://www.facebook.com/LWMCU>

Maara Kai Roopu welcomes all to join them at the mara (garden) behind the marae buildings at Pehiāweri Marae every Monday (weather permitting) during term time; from 9.00am

Men-Tall mental health support - Monthly support group for men dealing with everyday struggles - every third Monday of the month, from 6:30pm, at Brothers Barbers in Te Kamo. Contact Josh MacFarlane, 021 0255 1594 or josh.macfarlane@mentall.org.nz

Multicultural Whangārei - Are you a newcomer or migrant to Whangārei? Our mission is to promote positive race relations and ensure everyone feels welcomed and supported. Location: 37 Bank St. Civic Arcade - Upstairs, phone: 09 430 0571, email: info@mwghg.org.nz

New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc - Whangārei Branch. Meets 1st Saturday, February to December, 10am - 12 noon in the May Bain Room, Whangārei Central Library. Contact Kathy 021 263 7358 or Whangarei@genealogy.org

Repair Cafe Whangārei - Volunteers repair most things for a koha. Every third Saturday of the month, 1.30 - 4pm, Reyburn House at the Town Basin. For more information, refer to the Facebook page or email karen@force.org.nz

Te Roopu Hauā/ Disability club - meets on the second Friday of the month at 6 pm. Board games, card games, and a laugh at the Hope Church Hall in Tikipunga, c/r Kiripaka Road and Otuihau Crescent. All welcome. Contact Adam White at adamnoelwhite@gmail.com

Tikipunga Community Trust - Final meeting 2026: 14 December; starting at the new time of 4.45pm at Te Ora Hou, 104 Cork Road. (unless advised otherwise on Facebook). Please join us

Tikipunga Sunday Market - For local arts and crafts, garage sale bargains, plants, seasonal produce, car boot, seafood, kai and hot coffee! The market is now situated at 17 Water St opposite Domino's in the growers market carpark, every Sunday 7am-11am. For stall bookings and enquiries contact Lynne via Facebook - the Tiki Market page.

Waiata Joy is at 6.00-7.00pm at Pehiāweri Marae, 99 Ngunguru Road. Held every Tuesday during school term

Whangārei Budgeting Service - FREE Financial Mentoring: Our financial mentors have the skills to negotiate debt repayments and discuss debt solutions with creditors

Whangārei Choral Society - Do you love to sing for pleasure? We are a non-auditioned community choir based in Whangārei. We sing a wide range of songs from traditional classical choral works through to musical theatre & modern songs. We welcome adult singers of all ages to join us. Please contact us at Whangareichoral@gmail.com or just turn up on a Monday night, 7pm at St. John's Golden Church, 147 Kamo Road.

Whangārei Parkrun - a fun event where you can "run, walk or roll" every Saturday. It's a 5km course starting and finishing under Te Mate A Pohe Bridge in Port Rd. Free to enter. Go to <https://www.parkrun.co.nz/register>. We are there by 8am, come and join us. Open to all no matter what speed or age you are

Whangārei Philatelic Society (Stamp collecting) - meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, except January. Meetings start at 1:30pm doors open at 1pm. Whangārei Theatre Company's premises on Reyburn House Lane, Town Basin, Whangārei. Interesting guest speakers each month. For more info contact Barry Jones, Secretary, on 0212144140, cjnzbj@yahoo.com

Whangārei Scale Modellers Group - meets third Tuesday evening of every month, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Reyburn Art Studio, Reyburn House Lane, Town Basin. Open to all with an interest in all types of scale modelling, irrespective of age and skill level.

155 Whare Āwhina Snack Packs - Every Monday during term, one per child, all you need to add is the sandwich. Request through Facebook messenger OR come to 155 Open Arms (Corner Robert and Walton Sts) OR 155 Kamo Rd on Monday mornings between 8.30am and 9am

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



SPRING DIARY

Please contact the editor margie.kent9@gmail.com for FREE notices or to update existing notices. Otuihau News is not responsible for any events or services cancelled for any reason. Please check with local event organisers

Wednesday 16 September - Free earthworks field day: the event will run from 9am to 3pm at Whangārei's Barge Showgrounds. Register online at <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/our-northland/news/2026/july/free-earthworks-field-day/> see page 16 for more details

Friday 18-25 September - Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week. Registrations have opened online for registering community clean up events - see <https://www.knzb.org.nz/programmes/clean-new-zealand-beautiful/clean-up-week/> and page 8 for more details

Thursday 17 September - The Treaty and Me: We are not one people, Prof Richard Shaw, Massey University. This is an in-person event, with the speaker appearing via Zoom. Tea, coffee & soup/snacks will be provided. 12-2pm, May Bain Room, Whangārei Library. Book your spot on www.networkwaitangiWhangarei.org.nz

Friday 18 September - Key Workshops held on the third Friday of each month, 10am-1pm, at Mahitahi Hauora, 28 Rust Ave, \$10. This workshop is on Stress, Health, & You; 16 Oct on Self Esteem & Confidence Building and 20 Nov on Take Charge of your Life. Email to be on the mailing list for full details - be.free@xtra.co.nz or 09 4377183

Thursday 24 September & 1 October - From awareness to action: Supporting Te Tiriti as a Pakeha, Brie Elliot. 7-9pm, Webinar. As this is an online event followed by an in-person event, advance booking is required. Book your spot on www.networkwaitangiWhangarei.org.nz

Sunday 27 September - Daylight saving starts

Thursday 1 October to 14 October - Whangārei Silver Festival: two weeks of celebrating older adults with workshops, sports tasters, social gatherings, and creative events. See <https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Events/Festivals/Silver-Festival>. Refer to page 4

Saturday 17 October - Community Volunteer Fair: a free, family-friendly event that includes food, entertainment, and micro-volunteering opportunities. Stalls are free - see Volunteering Northland website to register a stall. 9am - 12:30pm, Whangārei Central Library. See page 21

Monday 26 October - Labour Day public holiday

Monday 26 October - Monday Market at Kauriwhore Public Hall, Apotū Road, Kauriwhore. 9am to 1 pm. A Community Market with local craftspeople selling their specialty crafts. Enjoy a snack and cuppa at the onsite cafe, or support the local Girls' Brigade fundraising Sausage Sizzle. Cash sales only. See kaurichurch.org.nz or Monday Market at Kauriwhore Facebook Page closer to the time. See page 16 for details.

Wednesday 28 October 2026 - He Whakaputanga - A seminar about Aotearoa/NZ's Declaration of Independence: 9:30 - 12 noon, Te Ora Hou, 104 Cork Road, fee: \$5-15 (pay what you can afford). Book your spot on www.networkwaitangiWhangarei.org.nz. See page 15

Thursday, 29th October - Hurupaki School 50th anniversary reunion - from 3:00pm - 6:30pm.

Monday 2-8 November - Sculpture Northland: Exhibition set in the Whangārei Quarry Gardens. Over 100 artworks for sale along with live music, raffles, plant sales and more. 9 am to 4 pm. \$15 adults, \$5 children, under 3s go free. Golf cart available for \$5 per person. Free parking shuttle. See page 17 for details.

Monday 16 November - Supporting Young People with Sexual Wellbeing full-day training session for those who work with youth. To register for the session or find out more, see page 3 or go to <https://sexualwellbeing.org.nz/learn/courses-and-workshops/course?id=538>

Saturday 5 December - Summer Concert by Whangārei Choral Society, at 2:30pm, the Old Library, 7 Rust Avenue, Whangārei. For further information, please contact Whangareichoral@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page or website (www.Whangareichoralsociety.weebly.com) closer to the time.

Sunday 13 December - Sing-a-long of Christmas Carols: Bring the family and share in a fun (old and new) sing-a-long of Christmas Carols at the Kauriwhore Hall (16 Apotū Road), 6:30pm. Cuppa and cake will be provided. All are welcome. This is an initiative of the Kauriwhore / Kamo Co-operating Parish - for more information visit kaurichurch.org.nz

Saturday, 17 October - Community Volunteer Fair: 9am - 12:30pm, Whangārei Central Library

Recycling the awkward stuff

- Drop Liquid paperboard (e.g. Tetrapaks) off at Ngunguru Sport & Recreation club (recycled into Saveboard)
- Take Soft Plastics to Tikipunga and Okara Countdown stores (recycled into fence posts)
- Take Household batteries to Bunnings (battery recycling scheme)
- E-Waste items e.g. laptops, cameras, cables and printers go to Noel Leeming (recycled through Tech Collect NZ)
- Drop Mobile phones off at most mobile phone shops (recycling through Re:Mobile)
- Take Plastic plant pots to Mitre 10 (recycled into new pots).
- Take all used Make-up packaging to Chemist Warehouse Okara Park (recycled through Terracycle)