

Cassie Stevens is mourning the loss of pet dog Khaos, which she bought for daughter Raukokore Stirling.

Family’s puppy poisoned

CHRIS HARROWELL

All Cassie Stevens’ family has left of their puppy is an empty kennel and some photographs.

Their year-old pitbull-staffordshire terrier cross Khaos died after eating slug bait pellets.

Stevens, who lives in Manurewa, bought the puppy for her daughter Raukokore Stirling.

She says Khaos briefly escaped from the property one day late last month. He began behaving strangely about two hours after he came home, Stevens says.

“He had his tail between his legs, which wasn’t like him ... he was acting spaced-out, like he was terrified.”

About an hour later the dog began shaking and vomited up food Stevens had given him, along with a strange green substance.

She arranged a ride to her vet so Khaos could receive emergency treatment and says by that stage he was drooling and shaking.

“He wouldn’t drink water and couldn’t stand up by himself. We got him into the car and he started having seizures and was foaming at the mouth.”

Stevens says her vet found a large amount of slug bait pellets in the dog’s system. “They said he wasn’t likely to survive the night. They could try to treat him but there were no guarantees.” So she made the tough decision to have Khaos put down.

Stevens has spoken to neighbours to see if they had slug bait pellets on their properties.

“I want people to know how dangerous it is. What he went through no dog deserves.”

Manukau After-hours Veterin-

ary Clinic vet Anna Jolly says dogs can eat slug or snail bait at any time of year but it tends to happen more often during spring and summer.

“That’s when people are putting it into their vegetable gardens and the days are getting longer, so dogs are out more being exercised and off the leash. We also see a number of dogs that have got into [slug or snail bait] boxes stored in the house or garage.”

Jolly says a dog that’s ingested slug or snail bait should show signs of it within an hour. It may vomit, become stiff and uncoordinated and start to dribble excessively.

“The temperature and heart rate also goes up. Seizures may follow and then death.” The dog should be taken to a vet for treatment as soon as possible.

Khaos and Raukokore Stirling, 3, were fast friends from the first time they met.

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Kia ora koutou,
What’s your vision of Auckland? Are you happy with how the Council is being run? And does it feel like Len Brown’s vision of this place becoming the most liveable city is any closer to a reality? Obviously issues like education, crime, immigration and our health system are out of the council’s hands. But issues that affect us everyday, like how our rubbish is collected, whether we have good parks and playgrounds to take our children to and whether we can get around the region efficiently, are all matters that our Auckland Council can directly impact. That is why it is so important we vote. Your one vote, tells our leaders that what they do matters. It tells them that they are accountable if they don’t do a good job and it also ensures they’ll try and do a better job to ensure they keep your vote in three years time. Voting is a privilege and much blood and tears have been shed so we can have it. So don’t be apathetic and make a stand for a better city - by voting. Nga mihi, Justin

to do list

1. MACBETH

The Black Friars Theatre production of Macbeth plays at the Mangere Arts Centre until September 24. Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz or call 0800 289 849.

2. PARK SPORT

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3. GRUFFALO

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Teens showcasing ‘real’ south

KYMBERLEE FERNANDES

Most university students would love to be out partying, but these south Auckland kids have more important things to do - to spread positive vibes in the community.

Just out of Manurewa High School, six teenagers - Mele Tapueluelu, Lupe Fifita, Lawrence Teddy Schwenke, Devontaye Matekeua, Fidelium Simanu and Helen Lesa are trying to show the world the real side of the south.

Unhappy with most media coverage, they’ve taken it upon themselves to change that perspective with their startup, 412 Project.

They began their venture after completing the Live the Dream programme for entrepreneurs about eight months ago.

They operate without any funding, and Mele explains that they are supported by the Southern Initiative, Do Good Feel Good and Auckland Council.

“They help us with resources, space, and sometimes even food to make our vision come through.”

The collective creates videos “to inspire the youth of the south Auckland with positive messages”.

For their latest video, they went around asking residents what they “love about Mangere”.

They had responses that

(L-R) Mele Tapueluelu, Lupe Fifita, Lawrence Schwenke, Devontaye Maketeua, Fidelium Simanu, Helen Lesa

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included “I love the food” and “the people are very friendly and helpful”. One person pointed out that there is “no racism”.

Another video of theirs asked people to “describe south Auckland in one word”.

Through these videos, they are hoping to share positive messages with the community instead of the “continuous negative images that media bring”.

The members are from the area and hope to connect to people as equals.

“Even though many organisations visit our school and try to encourage us to be successful, it wasn’t relatable at all. They never spoke in our language”, says Lupe.

“In the south, we have a different language and way of understanding things.”

“We want to see our people succeed and not be just another statistic of a low-achieving community.”

For now, they are only focusing on the community in Mangere with ten more videos to be produced before the end of the year.

There are plans to branch out into other communities and suburbs through collaborations with other companies.

Miss Universe win tops great week

NIGEL MOFFIET

Tania Dawson was once a reluctant contender but now she’s Miss Universe New Zealand.

Dawson, 23, who beat out 20 finalists for the top prize at Auckland’s Sky City Theatre, describes the win, last Saturday, as a “moment of euphoria”.

“Before my name was called, all I could hear was my heart beating and the massive silence in-between.

Dawson also teaches media studies and drama at Mangere’s Southern Cross Campus.

The school just won the national secondary schools rugby league championship and students were delighted to also celebrate Dawson’s success.

“I went into work and the students were so excited ... I congratulated the boys that won the league. A lot of students said they were proud of me which was touching.”

Head girl Chunte Su’a says Dawson’s win has helped lift morale at the school.

“It’s not just been good for her, but good for us too, as it has really inspired a lot of us to push harder in our own things.”

Dawson, who is half Filipino, says her background played a big role in taking part.

“My mother spent years encouraging me to enter. In the Philippines, pageants are regarded as a family honour and there is a huge amount of respect for them.”

Miss Universe NZ Tania Dawson with Southern Cross Campus students Mathew Fidoq, head girl Chunte Su'a and Alma Fidow.

JUSTIN LATIF

LESS PAPER

A new online document system will save Counties Manukau Health money and reduce waste. The district health board uses a lot of essential clinical forms but now they’re available online. The Fuji Xerox print management platform provides staff with forms that are in line with current legislation and DHB practice. Forms can be downloaded and printed as needed. A 40 per cent saving on printing is expected.

DOLPHIN FUNDRAISER

Alfriston College students are raising money to help save the critically endangered Maui’s dolphin. They’re staging a spoken-word concert at the school with proceeds going to the World Wide Fund For Nature New Zealand’s “Challenge 55” campaign, named for the fact there’s fewer than 60 of the mammals left. Performance artists from around Auckland are taking part in the public event at the school from 4pm to 6pm on September 19. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

STOPTOBER

For people who smoke, there’s no denying that pledging to stop is the first step to giving up. Perhaps this is why Stoptober, a successful national campaign to reduce smoking, is back for its third year. Stoptober is a 31 day campaign with tools and support network in place to assist people who smoke to pick a date and stop smoking during the month of October. This year the theme of Stoptober ‘Let’s kick butt together,’ encourages people who smoke to engage a support network of friends and whānau to help them. Those who sign up to Stoptober can also access new Stop Smoking Services, Quitline and their local Doctor to assist them in their endeavour to stop. There’s no better time to go online and kick smoking in the butt. Go to stoptober.nz for more info.

NEED COUNSELLING?

Age Concern Counties Manukau Inc Counselling service has been granted the necessary funding to resume their service for 65-year-olds and older. If you think you or another person you know could benefit from counselling call 279-4331 ext 809 or email [Denise at counsellor@accm.org.nz](mailto:Denise@counsellor@accm.org.nz).

CHRIS HARROWELL

About 1000 pupils from more than 50 Auckland schools are involved with this year's Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme.

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John Palino on his city vision

JARRED WILLIAMSON

The *Manukau Courier* is running a series of live video chats through Facebook with mayoralty candidates before the election.

John Palino is back for another crack at the mayoralty.

WHY RUN?

Palino thinks he's got solutions, not "bandages on symptoms" his opponents are proposing.

"You need to plug the holes in the boat, not get a bigger bucket."

SATELLITE CITY

Perhaps Palino has taken some credit for the intensification of metropolitan areas under the Unitary Plan.

"I started talking about this three years ago and they thought I was crazy...now look."

He points to two apartment buildings built in Manukau three years ago, selling out in five days. He wants to build more along with parks and restaurant areas to keep the area lively.

Palino's vision now extends to a new satellite city to the city's south outside of the metropolitan boundary.

TRANSPORT

Palino's satellite city plan ties in with his transport ideas.

That would involve building hubs in Auckland's five 'cities' - the new city, Manukau, CBD, Henderson and Albany.

"Transport can't get people

John Palino, left, talks with senior reporter Jarred Williamson during the live chat.

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from where they to where they work if a lot of people aren't working or living in that area."

On the debated airport link, Palino wants a heavy rail link between Manukau and the airport.

"It's a short connection, that's what Sir Barry Curtis had in mind with the wide berms you see."

'MAKE AUCKLAND RICH'

Under Palino, Auckland Council would buy the land required for the satellite city.

Council would zone the land, build infrastructure around it and sell the land to developers.

He believes homes would be affordable at \$300,000.

Palino says council and the

Government would earn "billions" through payback and taxes respectively.

"Land prices are sky rocketing, it's the big property owners making the money."

It's this suggested profit that would allow council to cut rates and provide services.

"Let's make Auckland rich!" Palino exclaims in the discussion.

Manukau Ward is one to watch

SIMON MAUDE

The numbers are bigger and the competition hotter for Auckland's 2016 local body election hopefuls.

Exactly 603 Aucklanders fancy themselves for mayor, councillor, local board member, district health board (DHB) member, or even as a liquor licensing trustee.

Several big name local body politicians are standing down, creating opportunity for the new crop of hopefuls.

Some of the contests will be tame, others more cut-throat.

While Auckland's north could flip blue, Manukau ward could go completely red.

One of Manukau's two sitting councillors, Arthur Anae, who was also the National Party's first Pacific Island MP, is standing down giving an up-and-coming candidate a shot.

Current Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board chairman Efeso Collins is considered a rising politi-

cal star. He is on Labour's ticket and enjoys good name recognition amongst Manukau voters.

Efeso could join fellow Labour candidate and incumbent Manukau councillor Alf Filipaina.

However, turnout across Mangere at 31 per cent combined with Mangere Bridge's comparatively affluent, conservative and active voters could scupper Efeso's chances.

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Alf Filipaina.

SCOTT MORGAN

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Conversations

“According to Willie, Nga Puhi might need to consider whether it has the right leadership to advance its cause.”

GET IN TOUCH ONLINE

“When you look at the balance sheets of Tainui and Ngai Tahu, Ngapuhi are way behind the 8-ball.”

Willie Jackson

Time for Sonny Tau to step down

WILLIE JACKSON

Treaty Settlement Minister Chris Finlaysion - who is also the country's top law maker - is right, Sonny Tau must step down for the sake of Ngapuhi moving forward.

Finlayson – who is also the Attorney General – has run into constant road blocks dealing with Tau over the Ngapuhi Treaty claim.

It's obvious the pair don't like each other, which is not a good starting point if you are trying to negotiate a deal or even a dialogue.

While Finlayson's motives for wanting Tau, who was convicted last month of killing kereru and conspiring to pervert the course of justice, are no doubt personal, while this stand off continues, the Ngaphui people are missing out.

And when you look at the balance sheets of Tainui and Ngai Tahu, Ngapuhi are way behind the 8-ball.

Tau has been on leave from his role as Ngapuhi chief negotiator since October 2015, when it was revealed he had hunted and tried to smuggle native wood pigeons wrapped in newspaper in his luggage at Invercargill Airport on June 16. He later admitted possessing the birds but said his daughter's partner, Douglas James Sadlier, had shot them.

Both men admitted concocting that story and were charged with perverting the course of justice.

Tau was ordered to pay \$24,500 and serve 100 hours' community work when he was sentenced.

Finlayson said now that the court issue had been dealt with, this was an opportune time for a younger Ngapuhi leader to take over the settlement process.

“I think in a gesture of statesmanship he should stand to one side,” Finlayson said.

He said he had not had recent discussions with Tau and “he should stop saying he has

Nga Puhi leader Sonny Tau.

CHRIS HILLOCK/FAIRFAX NZ

discussions with me, because he does not”.

Finlayson's call has gained support from Ngapuhi leaders Mike Kake, Helene Leaf, and Te Rau Allen who say Tau's convictions directly affected his ability to do his job.

“The image of any Ngāpuhi leader attending hui of

significance wearing an ankle bracelet is a serious matter, which raises concerns about the potential impact on the mana and credibility of our rūnanga and iwi,” the trustees said.

The final decision on who now leads Ngapuhi through the settlement process must, and rightly so, be made by the Ngapuhi people.

But while they continue to argue amongst themselves, the people for who they serve and who the settlement funds could help and support, continue to miss out.

Carol Dodd, who has been sitting in Tau's chair, by all accounts has done a wonderful job and has a tonne of support.

I like Sonny even though he's never supported our urban position, he's been a strong advocate for Ngāpuhi but he should now show true leadership and let the team get on with the business.

ONLINE CHATTER

During live *Facebook* chat with Phil Goff.

Emily Worman: I'm very excited that Phil Goff wants light rail in Mangere!

On *Neighbourly.co.nz* re; the 'Your Neighbour' profile.

Lotu Fuli from Clover Park: The Legend... #TheMan Sully Paea

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Your stories at Toia

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The slogan for Toia Talks is "Our people, Our stories."

The new free lecture series is launching at Otahuhu Pataka Korero Otahuhu Library this month.

The bi-monthly series is aimed at 'convening community leaders, social activators, and change-makers to share stories and offer better solutions for a better world'.

Otahuhu Community Librarian Barry O'Callaghan says it is a great opportunity to hear the stories about Otahuhu told by people from Otahuhu.

"We're really excited to launch this art and culture series and we look forward to hearing the stories that come out of it."

The inaugural Toia Talks lecture features filmmaker, Paul Janman and historian, Scott Hamilton who will discuss their feature documentary, 'Fragments of the Great South Road' and screen footage from the film.

Janman and Hamilton walked the two hundred kilometre road talking with locals, historians, and artists about living along this historic road.

The Great South Road was built to provide quicker access for the British army during their battles with Waikato

Toia Talks lecture features filmmaker, Paul Janman (right) and historian, Scott Hamilton who will discuss their feature documentary.

Maori.

It runs from the edge of King Country at the Puniu River up the Great South Road to Newmarket in central Auckland.

Toia Talks launches at 6.30pm on September 22 at Otahuhu Pataka Korero Otahuhu Library, 28 Mason Avenue.

It is supported and funded by the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board as part of the Community

Arts Broker initiative.

■ Toia Talks launches at 630pm on September 22 at Otahuhu Pataka Korero Otahuhu Library.

■ Visit them on Facebook to see lots more inspiring photos of Ōtāhuhu Library and Tōia. Ōtāhuhu Pātaka Kōrero - Ōtāhuhu Library is now open 7 days: Monday to Thursday: 9am - 6pm, Friday: 9am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday: 10am - 4pm

Deserving of more than a KFC bucket

This week's Good Bloke Award goes to Saia Gus Selupe who lives in Manurewa.

He was nominated by Ray Mcpherson of Otara who writes:

"Saia goes out of his way to help Willie Haumono train a wellbeing and fitness class operating from Te Puke O Tara. Saia holds the pads, takes the exercises and motivates us, always telling us to smile.

"He likes yoga and giving us different core exercises, push-ups and makes us do a three minutes plank that he does with ease and with one foot on top of the other - while the team are cursing and looking like beetroots. From the team, thank you Saia for your passion and encouragement, you deserve a KFC big bucket."

* The Good Bloke Award recognises the men in our community who go the extra mile to help others. Send your nominations including

Saia Selupe.

SAMANTHA SMITH

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Julius Bloem says his automotive apprenticeship has set him up with a good career.

Search for more tradies is on

NIGEL MOFFIET

Out of school with no experience Julius Bloem went door-knocking for an apprenticeship.

Now the 23-year-old man is the general manager of Possum Bourne Motorsport and the face of a national campaign encouraging more students to take up workplace training.

When Bloem left Rosehill College in 2010 he dropped his CV off to as many workshops as possible.

He started a three-year automotive apprenticeship at E & H Motors in Pukekohe a year later.

Now with a National Certificate in Automotive Engineering and Business under his belt he hasn't looked back.

Going to university and getting a student loan seemed "silly" when he "didn't know exactly what he wanted to do", he says.

Doing an apprenticeship in the industry and the chance to "earn while you learn" seemed a good bet, he says.

"For as long as I can remember, I loved making car noises ... it's a real passion of mine.

"I've progressed in terms of my career and I've also been able to buy a house."

Bloem, who is an ambassador for Got a Trade Week, was also named 2013 MTA Apprentice of the Year after completing four practical tasks in a "tool-off" competition.

"I've progressed in terms of my career and I've also been able to buy a house."

Julius Bloem

He started at Possum Bourne in 2014 as a technician and says being promoted to general manager is one of his best achievements.

Learning a trade has its own special merits, he says.

"I think the hands on experience is really valuable in the way it allows you to develop problem solving skills.

"The perception is smart people go to university and not so smart people do a trade ... if you're intelligent you can do a trade and progress beyond the tools."

Got a Trade Week chairman Andrew Robertson says there is a real shortage of skilled workers in New Zealand.

"There is a worrying trend of major shortfalls being predicted and by 2020 there will be high demand for employment...across all sectors," he says.

Estimated number of new workers needed by 2020 Aged care worker -- 11,800, Automotive -- 11,200, Building and construction -- 64,000, Civil -- 19,600, Electro-technology -- 11,300, Hairdressing -- 2,700, Mechanical engineering -- 5,400, Manufacturing -- 40,000.

Weed spray review rejected by Council

TOM CARNEGIE

Auckland councillors have rejected the mayor's call to review its weed management policy.

Glyphosate is a chemical used by Auckland Council and Auckland Transport for weed control on streets and in council parks.

The use of the spray was standardised under the amalgamation of the super city and its use increased as a cost-cutting measure under the 2015 Long Term Plan.

Mayor Len Brown called for a review of the council's use of the spray in July 2016 after receiving a 3696 strong public petition.

The petition called for an end to the use of glyphosate amid concerns it may have links to cancer.

However, the review had drawn criticism from community action groups and some councillors who argue a change in practice is needed,

"The report found that glyphosate is unlikely to be carcinogenic"

Brett Butland, Auckland Council biosecurity manager.

not a change in policy.

At the September Regional and Policy Committee meeting members unanimously rejected the scope report on the review of the policy.

It also "expressed concerns about the use of glyphosate to the incoming council".

Auckland Council is satisfied the use of the chemical fully complies with regulations.

Brett Butland, Auckland Council biosecurity manager, said "Auckland Council is guided by the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)".

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I'm undergoing a terrible ordeal in my battle with frittering. My workplace has moved into a super-modern office on top of a supermarket. It is now dangerously easy to put a thought like: "I fancy a sausage roll" into action. Thoughts like: "Mmh, I fancy a double chocolate stout tonight" are coming with greater frequency now I spend my days over a nice beer selection. I have experienced a massive decrease in what a retailer would call "friction", which is shopping industry jargon for the difficulty of buying something. The greater the friction, the less money people spend, so the harder retailers work to get rid of it. When I was a nipper, it was hard to spend money. No-one had credit cards. Shops shut early, and didn't open on Sundays. Once the closed sign was up, you couldn't buy anything. The internet had been invented, but

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 - Work on your willpower

you couldn't shop on it. These days your lounge is a shopping mall whenever there's a screen open. If you are awake, you can shop. Even the action of buying has lost friction. Writing out cheques and counting out cash have largely gone. These days PINs often don't even need entering. If you're too lazy to get a card out, just wave your wallet at the terminal. As friction diminishes, people need more willpower and anti-consumer defence strategies. Here are some of mine. Willful ignorance: I virtually stopped watching TV years' ago, so I don't see much advertising. I'm squeamish about violence, and bored by reality shows. I know less than I used to about things I could buy. As a result, I don't yearn for them. Cutting screen time reduces consumer pressure. Place avoidance: I dislike shopping. I detest malls. Replacing recreational shopping

Without enough friction, it's easy to slip up.

"These days your lounge is a shopping mall whenever there's a screen open. If you are awake, you can shop."

with more healthy pursuits (walks in the bush, trips to the beach, etc) increases willful ignorance, and physically separates you from temptation.

Double win. Big picture thinking: Do you want another shirt, or do you want a mortgage until you are 72? Fair question. Is that coffee a coffee, or is it the partial sacrifice of your early retirement? Focusing on the big uses for money makes it easier to avoid frittering. Happiness focus: Focus on using money to bring deep happiness. Ask yourself: "Will knocking four months off the mortgage make me happier than bringing forward the purchase of a new car by a year?" Train

yourself to ask the question. Increasing personal friction: Many people do it. They leave their credit cards at home, or don't carry change, if there's a vending machine at work. They're sabotaging their ability to spend. Joyless sneering: I know it doesn't sound very pleasant, and I don't do it out loud, but I am suspicious about the personal finances of the best-dressed, best-housed people I know. When I find myself inclined to envy, I defend myself with speculation about the state of the envied party's debts.

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What's On

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Comic Book Month: Māngere Bridge Library. Friday 16 September, A Superhero Sing-a-long Storytime! Dress up as your favourite character and zoom into the library for songs and stories, at our usual time of 10:30am.
Seniors meet: Evergreens meets on every third Friday of the month, noon-2.15pm at Elim Church, 198 Mahia Rd, Wattle Downs. Non-denominational group of people aged 55 plus from a variety of churches meet for fellowship, old hymns and choruses, plus speaker or entertainment. Please bring a plate of finger food for shared lunch. Come to main office reception. Ph 276 1379.
Op shop: St. Columba Op Shop 480 Ti Rakau Drive Botany has been restocked with excellent winter and spring clothing. Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-12.30pm. Situated at rear of church with covered parking. Follow the signs.
The Garage Op Shop: You'll find bargains galore and some of the best prices around at The Garage Op Shop 96 Udys Rd Pakuranga. Opening hours Friday 10am-2pm. Ph 576 2435 or

thegarageopshop@pcf.gen.nz
Selwyn Seniors: Selwyn Seniors meet every Friday, 9.30am-noon at St Paul's Church hall, 141 Chapel Rd, East Tamaki. Fellowship, friendship and gentle exercise. Ph Ann 535 2271.
Table tennis: A small group of social table tennis players meets every Friday (except school holidays), 1pm-3pm at the Alan Brewster Recreation Centre in Papatoetoe. For details ph the centre 277 7222 or Jill 262 4165.
Kids club: Manukau Congregational Union holds Kidz Rock Club on Fridays, 5pm-7pm, 17 Laureston Ave, Papatoetoe. Study room available for college students and music theory on Thursdays 6pm-8pm. Seeking volunteers to help. Ph Teresa 021 0241 3674.
English classes: Manurewa Bible Church holds free English classes every Friday, 10am-noon at 84-86 Maich Rd. Improve your reading, writing and your spoken English. To register ph or text Len 021 230 2210.
SEPT 17 SAT
Spring Fair: Community Kindy Marne Road is having a Spring Fair for the community to join together and celebrate Spring on Saturday 17th September, 9.30 -1.30pm, 35 Marne Road Papakura. There will be Stalls, Raffles, Tasty Food, Drinks, Sausage Sizzle, fun for the kids and a

'We Like Catching Fish', is an intergenerational perspective on surveillance culture in Aotearoa., is at Mangere Arts Centre, September 17 at 10am.

free gift for every child who comes on the day.
Indoor Market: Manurewa Methodist Church Saturday 17 Sept 8:30-11:00am cnr Great South & Alfriston Roads. Household items, home cooking, plants and more. Op Shop open half price sale. Plenty of parking at the rear of the church.
Church Op Shop Sale: Manurewa Methodist - all winter clothing half price Sat 17 Sept 8:30-11:00am; Mon19th-Fri 23rd Sept 10:00 to 2:00pm 224 Great South Road.

Car boot sale: Weymouth Lighthouse Christian Fellowship holds a car boot sale on every third Saturday of the month,10am-1.30pm at 4 Holmes Rd, Manurewa. Sausage sizzle, morning tea, clothing, bric-a-brac. Cost is \$5 per car. Ph Derek 027 381 6171.
Garden club: Otahuhu Garden Club meets every third Saturday of the month, 1pm, at the hall at 90 High St. Friendly, fun group. All ages welcome. Share cuttings and gardening skills, gold coin donation

Events

Send details for our What's On pages to edmc@snl.co.nz at least two weeks before your event. Include the date, time, location and a contact number.

and bring biscuits for shared afternoon tea. Ph Sheryl 276 1401.

Craft-A-Noon: You are invited to come to a fun afternoon of card making, and paper craft. All materials are supplied for the 5 projects that we will be making on September 17. Just bring your normal tools and adhesive bag, scissors, etc. If you do not have them consumables can be purchased on the day. You must register to attend the event so we have the project kits ready for you. Register by 10th September by calling Justine on 021941584.
Planting Day: Wairoa River Community Planting day Mcnicol Road Planting on Saturday 17 September, 8-10am, opposite 430 McNicol Rd. www.wairoariverlandcare.org.nz
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What's On

SEPT 18 SUN

Tramping: Manukau Tramping Club hold 2 walks most Sundays. Visit us at www.manukautrampingclub.co.nz. Sunday 18 September – Tapakanga Park – This involves easy farm and coastal walking on the Firth of Thames. Bring a picnic lunch, drink, good walking shoes (or boots), sunhat, camera, sunscreen, raincoat and a spare warm shirt. Contact Roger 021780895 or Robyn 0210636131

Free Ambury Park Bird Walk: Discover Manukau Harbour's resident and migratory birds and how to sustain their environment. See newly arrived godwits. Free one hour Bird Walk will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 12:15. Meet at the Information Centre, Ambury Regional Park, 43 Ambury Rd, Mangere Bridge. Email info@mhers.org.nz for more information. Sponsored by BirdsNZ, MHRS.

Scottish Interest Group: Research Day, 18th September. 1pm - 4pm. At: NZSG Research Rooms, 159 Queens Rd, Panmure, Auckland, "Come and Find your Scottish Ancestors", Assistance offered. Entry \$5.00 with afternoon tea. ALL WELCOME, Contact: Barbara 5757-968

SEPT 19 MON

Masons meet: Manurewa Masonic Lodge meets on the third Monday of the month. Charitable community group that encourages leadership. Ph John 267 5449.

Combined Probus: Manurewa Central Combined Probus Club meets on every third Monday of the month, 10am in the Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club. Guest speaker, morning tea, raffles, monthly outings. Ph June 267 4393.

Spoken word: Alfriston College students are raising money to help save the critically endangered Maui's

dolphin. They're staging a spoken-word concert at the school with proceeds going to the World Wide Fund For Nature New Zealand's "Challenge 55" campaign, named for the fact there's fewer than 60 of the mammals left. Performance artists from around Auckland are taking part in the public event at the school from 4pm to 6pm on September 19. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

SEPT 20 TUESDAY

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KIDS FILM FESTIVAL

Diversity is at the heart of the children's international film festival 'Screenies'. The second annual festival will be entertaining young audiences September 22-25 at TAPAC in Western Springs, Auckland. The international film and media festival has been created specifically for kids aged 3-15 years old. Organisers hope this year's festival will encourage young people to seek out and celebrate the positive aspects of other cultures. Go to screenies.nz/ticket information for tickets or for more information.

A-Librarian' Service available at Manurewa Library. Do you have a tablet or iPad and want to know how to download free eBooks, eMagazines or eNewspapers? Then book a free one on one session with a librarian. Every first and third Tuesday of the month at 11am. Telephone 2625420 and speak with Natalie to book your session. **Auckland Metro Bird Club:** meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Panmure Community Rooms, Pilkington Road, Panmure. Guest speaker. All

welcome, supper to follow. Ph Dave 580 0185.

Ladies Probus: Papatoetoe Ladies Probus meets on third Tuesday of the month, 10am in the Methodist Church hall, Kolmar Rd. Interesting speakers and monthly trips. Ph Laura 278 7811.

Historical society: The Papatoetoe Historical Society general meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 September 2016, 7.30 pm at the Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club, 247 Great South Road, Hunters Corner. The guest speaker will be Ian Chadderton who will give a talk about the History of Photolife. Our museum at 91 Cambridge Tce is open each Wednesday morning 10-12 noon and the first Sunday in the month 2-4 PM. Ph Jenny 266 0194

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

AGM: Notice Is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Royal New Zealand Naval Association (Counties Branch) Incorporated Branch will be held on Sunday, 2nd October 2016 at the Manurewa RSA, Freyburg Lounge, Manurewa commencing at 1300 hrs. Any notices of motion are to be lodged with the Secretary not later than Monday September 26.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Call for NZ antibacterial ban

The United States has banned it, but our children’s toys, soaps, toothpastes and shampoo still contain a substance that could harm our health.

Triclosan, commonly found in antibacterial soaps, has been banned in over-the-counter products in the US, after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ruled it was likely to be doing more harm than good. The ban affects 2100 products, or roughly 40 per cent of the over-the-counter antibacterial soap market.

Now New Zealand scientists have called for it to be banned here too.

“It can affect hormone function, damage the liver and kidneys and is a suspected carcinogen,” environmental chemist and Canterbury University senior lecturer Sally Gaw said.

“I would strongly support New Zealand banning triclosan as an ingredient in consumer products including soaps, children’s toys and sportswear.”

Triclosan has been found in blood, urine, amniotic fluid and breast milk, yet remains approved for use in New Zealand.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set maximum limits of up to 0.3 per cent in cosmetics, including toothpaste and mouthwashes. Importers and manufacturers must comply with these limits.

“The evidence suggests that any benefits

associated with using triclosan in consumer products are far outweighed by the impacts on human health and the environment,” Gaw said.

It was toxic to bacteria, algae and fish, and could affect aquatic food chains.

Exposing microorganisms to triclosan can lead to antibiotic resistance – a problem being treated as a global public health emergency, Gaw said.

Given the research on triclosan, she said, “there is no reason to keep adding it to consumer products”.

Louis Tremblay, an environmental toxicologist at the Cawthron Institute, agreed New Zealand should implement a ban, but said the chemical was still a good weapon in medical and veterinarian settings in which pathogens thrived.

“Under those circumstances, it makes sense to use products containing triclosan to reduce the spread of disease vectors.”

Clever marketing had created the notion that such products were more effective than general soap bars, but that was not generally true, he said.

“The chemical companies have invested huge effort and resources to market and sell those products and there is probably a perception that those products reduce the risk of sickness.”

Triclosan is a preservative, so is also used in plastic, rubber, textile, leather and paper products to stop bacteria, fungus and mildew from growing.

Just one Ponsonby passerby correctly identified Auckland mayoral candidates Victoria Crone and Mark Thomas.

BEVAN READ / FAIRFAX NZ

Bland, boring and forgettable?

SIMON MAUDE

Their billboards may be staring down at us.

They’re spending money to make us notice.

But most Aucklanders remain happily oblivious to who the city’s mayoral contenders are.

In an informal survey of pedestrians on well-to-do Ponsonby Rd, most struggled to recognise the leading Auckland mayoral contenders.

Though, showing they are not completely politically unaware, they scored 100 per cent on recognising Donald Trump.

“If there was something dramatic or there was a celebrity candidate that would rouse people’s interest.”

Barry Gustafson, University of Auckland.

Len Brown, the current two-term Auckland mayor (who achieved notoriety for revelations of his extra-marital affair with Bevan Chuang), was recognised by four out of six.

Front-running mayoral candidate Phil Goff (former Labour Party Leader, former Cabinet Minister and long serving MP) also managed to score four out of six.

No such luck for his main challengers Vic Crone, Mark Thomas and John Palino who scored just one apiece.

University of Auckland emeritus politics professor Barry Gustafson was surprised most people couldn’t recognise Auckland’s mayoral candidates.

“I drove up to Warkworth the other day and you couldn’t help noticing them all up on billboards,”

Gustafson said. At two successful ID’s, 19-year-old New Zealand Olympic bronze pole vault medallist Eliza McCartney beat Crone, Thomas and Palino.

And none of Auckland’s candidates could hold a candle to global pop culture icons Ronald McDonald and Spongebob Squarepants, everyone stopped instantly recognised their mass-marketed mug shots.

Perhaps Auckland’s mayoral candidates are just too boring compared to America’s political circus ringmaster Donald Trump?

Gustafson agrees, saying not one candidate’s election manifesto excites.

“If there was something dramatic or there was a celebrity candidate that would rouse people’s interest, you see this in the United States, you might not like Trump but you at least know he’s a candidate,” Gustafson said.

They pale in comparison even with the rather tame Len Brown who could at least break into song.



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Keeping the past and present

LAINE MOGER

The development of Auckland City, while necessary, risks losing a community’s “sense of belonging”.

To maintain this, Panuku Development Auckland has come up with a unique project, RE:TRACE.

RE:TRACE a historical, photographic exhibition is designed to reflect and celebrate the heritage of communities through personal photographic archives.

Panuku Development Auckland’s place making manager Frith Walker says one of the first things Panuku looks to do in a location being developed is to connect with the local people and the place.

“One of the best ways to do this is through telling stories.

“We thought family memories were a pretty neat way to do that,” Walker says.

Four developing suburbs have

“We thought family memories were a pretty neat way to do that.”

Panuku Development Auckland’s place making manager Frith Walker.

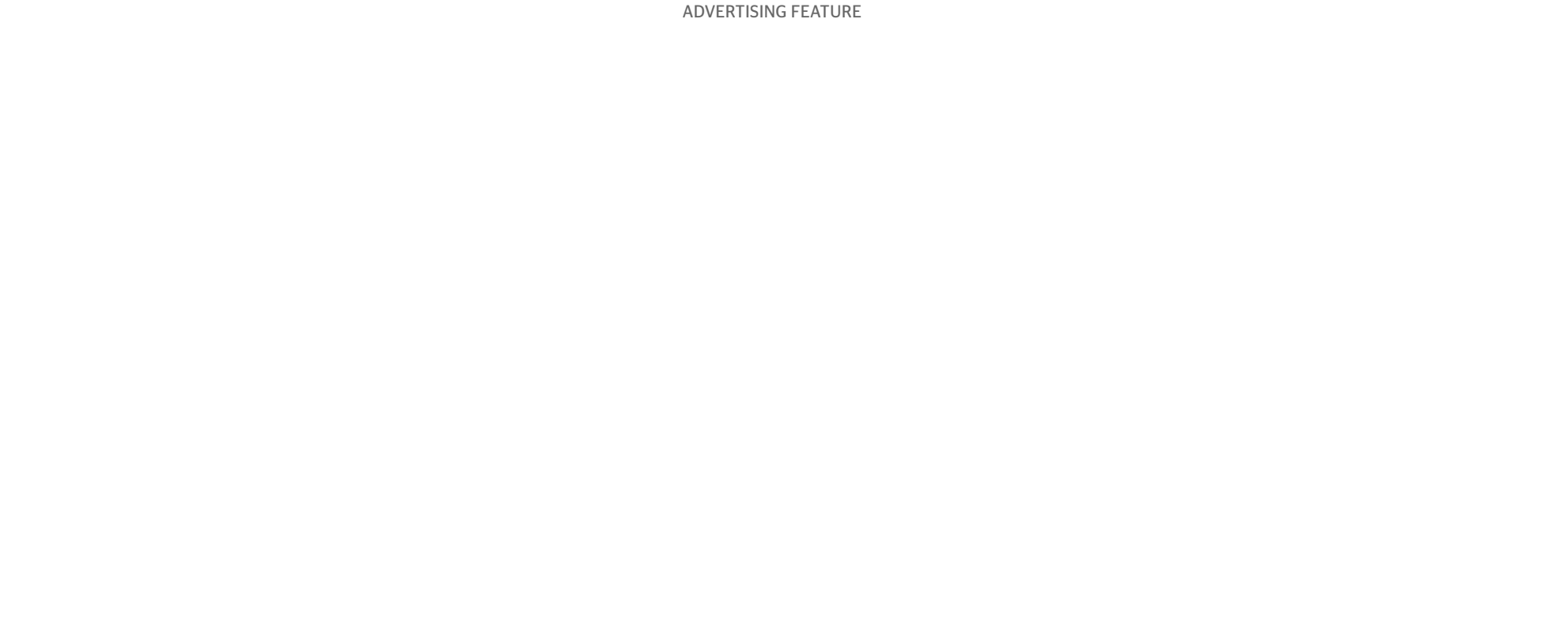
been chosen for this project. North Shore’s Takapuna and Northcote communities, alongside South Auckland’s Manukau and Onehunga communities.

The Heritage Festival will display the completed exhibition from September 24 to October 9.

Panuku asked a company called Fresh Concept, which takes on public art and design projects and events, to curate the exhibition.

Right now, they are calling out for any and all photographs.

Email hello@freshconcept.co.nz or call 0220956135.



ADVERTISING FEATURE

Sam Harris learns traditional games.

A day of culture

Calligraphy, tai chi, lanterns and cultural games were all part of Chinese Culture Day. The event was hosted by ACG Strathallan Primary School.

Students prepare to learn the ancient Chinese art of calligraphy.

Georgia Lynch shows her Chinese opera masks. Johnny Ahn practices calligraphy.

Papatoetoe-born Angela de Jong is literally opening doors for people with her Driving Miss Daisy companion driving service – and clients love it.

Driving Miss Daisy: Drive with a friend

Some great ideas have humble beginnings. Google started out in a garage; so did Walt Disney Studios, in Walt’s uncle’s garage. And here in New Zealand we can add Driving Miss Daisy.

This companion driving service began in Havelock North, when Melanie Harper started delivering her aunt to appointments as both driver and companion. The relationship was such a success, it wasn’t long before the idea and the service grew ... and grew. Since 2008 Driving Miss Daisy has expanded to more than 60 franchises, 20 in Auckland and 22 in the UK.

Your Manukau ‘Miss Daisy’ is Angela de Jong, along with a team of three friendly and reliable companion drivers. They provide transportation for the elderly, the young, disabled or anyone unable

to drive from A to B.

It’s more than just transportation, according to Angela.

“Driving Miss Daisy began as a companion driving service for the elderly but has grown both in scope, and in the relationships we form within the local community,” she says.

“We’re more than just drivers, we’re a familiar face, a friend, someone to have a chat with, a safe option for families, whether we’re delivering someone to the medical centre, or airport, school, or going on a half-day outing to the seaside!

“Our customers like the idea of having a friend drive them, someone who’s there for them.”

Regular and referral customers are the core of the business but it’s not just regulars – anyone can

pre-book the service and it’s not expensive. “And”, assures Angela, “whether we’re picking you up for the first time or the 50th, we’re just as friendly and helpful. Being nice costs no extra.”

Perhaps most of all Driving Miss Daisy provides peace of mind, enabling people to get out and about in safety, and enjoy life. This special service provides assistance getting in and out of the car, going to appointments or the shops, or taking people on group outings.

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Negative to positive

Anastasia Meredith, mother of many and a grandmother, operations manager for TYLA trust Otara, lives in Weymouth.

What do you like best about South Auckland?
There are many things to like about south Auckland, the beaches, the parks and reserves and the markets in particular. The Otara market that has been around for many years.

How long have you lived here and where are you originally from?

I have lived most of my life in south Auckland but I grew up in a beautiful place down the east coast called Opotiki.

What do you like least and how can we fix it?

Poverty, housing, overcrowding and homelessness, truancy, alcohol and substance abuse. No one person or organisation can fix this alone, we all need to work together.

Where’s the best place to buy dinner in the South?

The Vietnamese Cafe in Manurewa’s South Mall

And who does the best fish ‘n’ chips?

Weymouth Mad Fisherman and not to mention Toby’s in Manurewa.

Who is the Kiwi you admire most - and why?

My husband, if it was not for him I would not be doing what I love. After losing my brother to suicide a long time ago, my husband continued to encourage me and give me strength to put the negative into a positive.

I decided to study social work at MIT, this gave me a better understanding of the issues at hand in society and in south Auckland.

If I was Auckland’s mayor I’d...

I would like to see an upgrade on most of the south Auckland parks with shaded areas and free summer events in the beautiful parks on a monthly basis.

When I’ve got a free few hours I like to ...

With any free time I have which is rare these

“**There are many social issues that need to be remedied in south Auckland and we all need to work together to fix them.**”

Anastasia Meredith

days is giving some of my time to SMAC gym in Manurewa. They have truly helped my own kids along the way, also my family who mean the world to me.

The spot in South Auckland I’d recommend to tourists is...

I would recommend the Botanic Gardens, the Otuataua Stonefields, Ambury Park, Awhitu peninsula and Hunua falls.

Ken Haines from Manurewa-Takanini Rotary is trying to sell ducks for a good cause.

SUPPLIED

Duck race for charity

STAFF REPORTER

The Great Auckland Duck Race and Salmon Run will give people a chance to test out south Auckland’s new whitewater attraction while raising funds for a number of worthy charities.

The event, which takes place on Saturday, October 29 from 9-11.30am will be at the newly built Vector Wero Whitewater Park in Manukau.

The organiser, Ken Haines from the Rotary Club of Manurewa-Takanini, is on the hunt for yellow plastic duck-racing enthusiasts to participate.

Companies are encouraged to sponsor a ‘business’ duck for \$300. Individuals can buy an ‘everybody’

duck for \$5.

Businesses can decorate their ducks in their own branding and will compete for the best-dressed business duck prize, voted for by the public.

Primary and intermediate schools are welcome to request one free duck per school and can be in the running for the best-dressed award.

Another exciting feature is the Salmon Run. Swimmers are being called on to test their skills against the rapids of Vector Wero.

All proceeds will go to local charities and to the Life Education Trust, a non-profit organisation that teaches positive messages to students across New Zealand.

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Jeremy Kyle, a young artist from Auckland, has achieved incredible success at the age of 25.

MEGHAN LAWRENCE / FAIRFAX NZ

Artist’s work to save lives

MEGHAN LAWRENCE

A natural inclination towards creativity and a knack for online marketing has led one Auckland artist to hit the big time.

Jeremy Kyle was thrust into the limelight after he was commissioned for artworks by powerhouse brands such as *The History Channel* and the United Nations.

But the 25-year-old’s career highlight came when a United States NBA basketball club asked him to produce a series of pieces.

“The Chicago Bulls are my favourite basketball team and Michael Jordan has been my hero since I was a kid,” Kyle says.

“To be able to create artworks that will actually be in the hands of these people and have them show off the work is a dream come true.”

The young illustrator works in watercolours and ink-mixed media to create highly detailed and dynamic art.

He says he loves working with these mediums because they stir up a lot of energy within himself.

“There is a lot of controlled randomness, so it’s intuitive and emotive and loose.

“At the same time, it balances by having control and some thought

behind how and why I’m doing it.”

Kyle says his new found fame has been surreal, but he hopes to use it to help others in need.

It’s what he’s doing with his most recent work, for Tearfund’s Live Below the Line campaign, on September 19-23.

The annual initiative encourages participants to live on \$2.25 a day, the equivalent of the extreme poverty line, for five days.

“The piece is named *Fullness of Life* and is supposed to visually capture somebody that works closely with Tearfund’s partners in South-East Asia and Nepal,” he says.

“The name of the lady is Nisha and she helps reintegrate victims of human trafficking and also helps restore their dignity.

“I wanted to create a piece that embodies hope, strength and also shows an image of somebody that exhibits these qualities and brings hope to the region.”

Tearfund has sold a print of the artwork for \$526, but is yet to auction off the original drawing.

Tearfund chief executive Ian McInnes says the money raised from the artworks will make a significant contribution to the campaign.

Live Below the Line runs from September 19-23.

A nationwide initiative, The Great Community Clean Up, will run from October 3 - 9.

Big clean-up coming

STAFF REPORTERS

The Warehouse and Neighbourly have joined forces to tidy up neighbourhoods.

A nationwide initiative, The Great Community Clean Up, is encouraging Kiwis to get out into their communities to give them a clean-up from October 3-9.

The Warehouse executive general manager community and environment Paul Walsh says something as simple as picking up rubbish from your local street or park is a great way to get involved.

A number of The Warehouse stores are organising their own clean-up events in their neighbourhoods.

Neighbourly co-founder Casey Eden says the event is about encouraging “each and every one of us to take ownership of the places we call home”.

“A clean-up doesn’t have to be a huge gesture; the smallest acts really can make a difference and show your community you care.

“Plus, they make your community a better, cleaner place for you and your neighbours to live in,” Eden says.

Registering a Great Community Clean Up event on Neighbourly puts members in the draw to win prizes, including \$100 gift cards from The Warehouse.

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‘Honey trap’ websites suck in students

STAFF REPORTERS

Indian students are being told to “be very aware” so they don’t fall into “honey trap” scams, designed to blackmail or rob them.

International students in south Auckland have been targets of sex scams to blackmail or rob them, police say.

Inspector Nga-Wati Chaplow of Counties Manukau police said “honey trap” websites were being used to target mainly Indian students.

The students were then either blackmailed or robbed.

“There are websites where liaisons are arranged in the community. The liaison is a front so the males become victims of robbery,” Chaplow .

The students were lured to isolated locations in the belief they would be meeting up with a woman, but were instead robbed, the news agency reported.

Chaplow said another variation of the scam was extortion.

“Relationships are developed over social media, promises are made.

“These victims expose themselves at the request of the female party and the blackmail goes from there,” he said.

Police did not have figures about the scale of the problem but there had a been a trend of such robberies in the Manukau area.

Sucharita Varma, director of the Sahaayta counselling service in Manukau, told RNZ many Indian students did not understand their rights or what was legal in New Zealand, and the criminals were exploiting that

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ignorance.

“We are actually having to educate them, saying they’ve not done anything illegal,” she said.

Christchurch Indian Social and Cultural Club Treasurer Thomas Kurian said he was not aware of any incidents in Canterbury, but that did not mean there

were no cases. He said Indian students would often look for ways to stay in New Zealand after studying.

Strict immigration laws meant the threat of deportation was a real possibility, even when students were highly qualified.

It meant they were particu-

larly vulnerable to scammers offering them a potential relationship and a chance to stay, he said.

Kurian was working alongside police to create an Indian students’ association in Canterbury. Police Inspector Hirone Waretini said the idea was “conceptual” at this stage.

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It's the final leg of his 14-month KPMG Cycle for Water campaign which has seen him travel through 21 countries since embarking from France.

The global adventure has seen him ride 25,000 kilometres while stopping at local schools along the way to talk to children about water sanitation.

His 1600 kilometre journey through New Zealand, which ended in Invercargill last Thursday, is to “inspire Kiwis to take action”.

Rohfritsch, who has a master's degree in science in sustainability, spoke to a packed hall of Edmund Hillary students about a recent trip to Thailand.

Rohfritsch's visit was also timed with the release of a report titled *KPMG Water and People*.

KPMG has been working with Edmund Hillary School for eight years and have members who sit on the board.

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Islands miss out on matches

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Free-to-air sport that was expected on small screens across the Pacific hasn't quite been delivered - despite its announcement by New Zealand Prime Minister John Key a year ago.

At the Pacific Islands' Forum (PIF) in Papua New Guinea last year Key announced a free-to-air deal that would provide up to eight hours of coverage a day.

The high-quality television content was expected to be available to Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

But speaking to media at the PIF in the Federated States of Micronesia on Saturday, Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully said a commercial dispute erupted after Sanzar on-sold rights to another agent who hasn't provided the content.

This means both Fiji and Samoa - two countries providing a wealth of talent to the New Zealand rugby pool - don't have access to selected Super Rugby matches, Rugby Championship tests and Mitre 10 Cup games.

McCully said the parties involved are still talking and trying to come up with a better arrangement for next season.

Most of the Super Rugby promised and additional news and current affairs coverage has

been landing on the screens of the majority of the Pacific Islands with the exception of "two or three in the region," he said.

"We're working on a plan to try and expand the coverage for next season and Sanzar said openly they're enthusiastic about a Super Rugby team from the

Pacific being part of the next stage of development.

"We're keeping close to that and seeing what we can do to support that," he said.

On Saturday, Key made a new announcement when he committed \$5 million in renewable energy projects to Micronesia, the

Republic of Marshall Islands and Palau.

"The funding will allow the development of up to 400kW of solar generated power in each of the three countries - that's the renewable equivalent of about half a million litres of fuel per annum," he said.

Earlier on Wednesday Key announced an additional \$100 million in aid to the Pacific taking the total amount provided over the next three years to \$1 billion.

The Pacific's aid makes up close to 60 per cent of the total \$1.7 billion New Zealand provides in development.

Fiji and Samoa are missing out on selected Super 15 matches.

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Akarana Falcons next up for Stingrays

ALAN APTED

The Counties Manukau Stingrays face their nemesis the Akarana Falcons at Mt Smart Stadium on Friday.

It will be a contest that Stingrays coach Rod Ratu and his players need to measure their chances of defending rugby league's national championship which they won for the first time last year.

They opened their defence with 36-22 win over the Canterbury Bulls at Mt Smart Stadium last Sunday in a re-run of last year's grand final.

They scored six tries, all converted by half back Raymond Talimalie but looked no where near as convincing as former champions Akarana who put 60 points on the Wellington Orcas in the curtain-raiser.

Akarana were without their Pt Chevalier Pirates, who will return to the fold on Friday.

It was a patchy performance from a squad comprising nine players from the Fox Memorial Trophy winning Papakura Sea Eagles, seven Howick Hornets, three Otahuhu Leopards, three Mangere East Hawks and one Manurewa Marlin.

There were periods when they were sublime and periods where they went missing. The Bulls took advantage of the lapses to stay in the hunt which forced the

Stingrays to play to the final whistle.

It was their first game together this season and they'll be better off for the outing.

The contest was probably a far better spectacle than their previous meeting last October, when the South Aucklanders comfort-

ably prevailed 41-10.

Tries to George Edwards and Semisi Tyrell down the home stretch gave the Stingrays the cushion they needed in the end.

The champions shot out to a early 12-0 lead but allowed the South Islanders back into contention through the middle stages of

the game.

They went to the break at 12-all but the home side found themselves on the back foot as the visitors pushed out to a 16-12 lead.

The Stingrays responded with the next two tries, but when the Bull responded with a converted try of their own to trail 24-22.

Edwards clinched the result when he towered above the defence and juggled a crosskick before re-gathering and falling across the line for his touchdown. Tyrell's try was icing on the cake.

Draw: Akarana v Stingrays, Mt Smart Stadium, 7.30pm, September 16.

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MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

Enrolment at Manurewa Central Primary School is governed by an enrolment scheme. Information about the home zone and procedures for out of zone enrolments are available from the school office.

The Board of Trustees has determined that there will be places available for out of zone enrolments for 2017.

A ballot will be held on 19 October to allocate all places for 2017. Applications for this ballot will close on 12 October. The number of places will be assessed for Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 separately.

If the number of applications is greater than the available places a waiting list will be established.

Children turning five in December 2017 need to be included in the ballot for the following year.

Please direct inquiries regarding the ballot process to the Secretary, Manurewa Central School; telephone 269 0250.

L Thew
Principal

Public Notice of Application for On-licence Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, Section 101

Rainbows End Theme Park Limited, 2 Clist Crescent, Manukau has made application to the District Licensing Committee for the renewal of an On-licence in respect of the premises situated at 2 Clist Crescent, Manukau.

The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is Theme Park & Function Centre. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is sold under the licence are:

Calypto Cafe & Conference Room:
Monday to Sunday
10:00am - 1:00am

Private Functions:
Monday to Sunday
6:00am - 10:00am
5:00pm - 12:00 midnight

The application may be inspected during the ordinary office hours at the office of the District Licensing Committee at Ground Floor, Kotuku House, 4 Osterley Way, Manukau.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 15 working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142.

No objection to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105 (1) of the sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

This is the second publication of this notice. This was first publish on September 8, 2016.

Public Notification of Meetings

In accordance with the provisions in the New Zealand Public Health & Disability Act 2000, Counties Manukau DHB hereby gives notice of a change of venue for the following meeting:

Community & Public Health Advisory Committee

Meeting - Wednesday, 28 September 2016, 1.30 – 4.30pm

Venue: Starcare Centre, ETHC Otara Mall Clinic, 120 East Tamaki Road, Otara, Auckland

Geraint A Martin
Chief Executive

Yendarra School
Board of Trustees
Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Yendarra School
PO Box 23078
Hunters Corner
Papatoetoe
Auckland

By: 13 October 2016

ALFRISTON SCHOOL OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS 2017 School Year

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Alfriston School for 2017. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available at the school office or on the website: www.alfriston.school.nz

Applications can be made at the school office. Application forms also available on the school website.

The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday 12th October 2016.

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately.

The Board has determined that some places are likely to be available across the school.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, a ballot will be held on Wednesday 19th October. Parents will be notified within three school days of the ballot being held.

Please note the Alfriston School office will be open during the school holidays on Friday 7th October.

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