

Western Leader

Neighbours live in fear

Landlord says his house is a public good

SIMON SMITH

Tenants of a boarding house have residents on the street living in fear.

“I feel very vulnerable in my own home,” one neighbour said. “These are not normal people; these are troubled people.”

The landlord Liangguo “Tony” Xu has been running a 16-bedroom facility on Clayburn Rd, a suburban street in Glen Eden.

Only 10 tenants are allowed in such a facility under the city’s unitary plan, and 12 under the previous district plan.

Xu has five boarding houses in west Auckland catering to people who otherwise would have nowhere to live, and charges about \$250 a week per room, he said.

The Clayburn Rd property has a minor dwelling out the back and Xu has converted its garage into four bedrooms without resource or building consent.

The Kelston resident is now applying for resource consent to have 13 tenants, one per bedroom so it complies with council rules.

There were five submissions from those who live nearby against his application, and none in support.

The neighbour told the resource consent hearing the boarding house has deprived her of sleep and privacy, disrupted her life and made her feel unsafe and on edge.

“There’s always domestics, there’s always a drama. It’s horrible,” she said.

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MP Carmel Sepuloni outside a troublesome boarding house in her electorate of Kelston. Neighbours’ concerns have to be taken seriously and should be investigated, she says.

PHOTO: SIMON SMITH/FAIRFAX NZ

The boarding house has a two-story dwelling hidden behind.

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YOUR PAPER, YOUR PLACE

FROM THE EDITOR

At risk of sounding like moaning Pom - was that summer?

This week saw the official end of summer. But did it ever really begin?

This has to be the worst summer I have had since I have lived in Auckland.

You can usually set your watch to summer here - it's always going strong come November, continues unabated through the holidays - bar Christmas - and then has a second wind in March.

But I barely got a tan this summer.

And of course it was the summer my brother came to visit from the UK, bringing his wife-to-be.

As the leader of the free world Donald Trump would say, sad.

I love summer in Auckland. But where on earth was it?

What did you think about our summer? I can't believe it, but that was it. The mornings are getting dark again.

Here comes winter.

And for the record, I was born in the north of England so I come from a long line of whingers.

to do list

- 1. IRISH FAIR DAY**
Celebrate St Patrick's Day with music, arts and crafts, food and activities for the kids at the Auckland Irish Club, Morningside, March 5, 11am-5pm. Free entry.
- 2. SOUNDING LA ROSA**
Explore La Rosa Gardens with sound. Musicians scattered all across the Green Bay park performing improvised pieces, March 26, 4.30pm-6pm.
- 3. PASIFIKA FESTIVAL**
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- 4. MARDI GRAS**
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- 5. EARTHSONG TOUR**
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‘These are not normal people’

SIMON SMITH

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Cars come and go at all times of the night, and park up playing loud music.

“I don’t think it’s the most conducive place for people with behavioural problems to all be living together. You can’t just put them all together and leave them to their own devices, it’s a recipe for disaster,” the neighbour said.

Hearing panel chairman Robert Scott asked her if she would prefer a boarding house of 10 tenants if Xu’s application was rejected, or one of 13 tenants on which they could impose special conditions that could be enforced?

She replied that it depended on what the conditions were.

Another neighbour said she was a mental health nurse for 16 years. “I also work closely with boarding houses in the central Auckland area ... and I can’t think of anything like that [which] Tony operates.”

She said shopping trolleys are often on her property, as are shirtless people, and people sometimes sleeping. She collects drug paraphernalia from the road and suspects gang connections.

“I literally sneak in and out of my house, that’s how under threat I feel,” she said.

Outside the hearing, Xu said neighbours feel there should not

A dog outside the boarding house. A neighbour told told commissioners the house's rules allowed no pets, but she had been attacked by a dog out the front.

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be a boarding house at all – but it is a legal activity.

“The boarding house mainly has the people who have nowhere to go. It’s their last option to have a roof over their head,” he said.

Xu said he is a New Zealand resident and is happy to make reasonable improvements to benefit neighbours.

“I’m keen to [do] the job, because I am helping the New Zealand society,” he said.

Xu said he uses a “head tenant” and proposes to also have an on-site “supervisor”.

Other boarding houses he owns in New Lynn have fewer tenants, he said.

Auckland Council reporting officer Anita Kulasic told the hearing that since December 2014 the council has received 10 complaints against the property – including for loud music, loud people, overcrowding and

aggressive occupants. The building of rooms in the garage in the rear building means it is no longer a minor dwelling

Kulasic said Xu’s application should be declined as the “ad-hoc nature of the development” is not appropriate as it “would lead to a decline in the well-being and residential amenity to the residents and also the street”.

■ The *Western Leader* agreed not to name the neighbours.

THE BUDGET

What should the city spend its cash on and how much should people pay in rates? Council and local board priorities for the coming financial year are up for consultation until March 27.

Mayor Phil Goff said rate increases of between 2 and 3.5 per cent are on the table, as are targeted rates for accommodation providers and new developments, and a living wage for council staff. Go to shapeauckland.co.nz for more information.

GIVEAWAY WINNER

Katrina Hider from Glen Eden is the winner of our latest Neighbourly giveaway. She wins two tickets to the Pop-Up Globe show of Othello on March 20.

Keep an eye on *Western Leader's* Neighbourly page for future giveaways.

GIVING TREE

A record breaking \$36,500 has been raised by Auckland pet lovers through Animates’ Giving Tree Initiative for Mobility Dogs Assistance Trust and the SPCA. Funds will go towards helping New Zealanders with physical disabilities get the support they need as well as to the SPCA to help them rescue more animals.

Overall, this year’s campaign raised \$118,000.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Age Concern Auckland are looking for volunteers to offer one hour per week to help make an elderly person’s week less lonely. Volunteers are needed in west Auckland for social interaction with someone who lives in the same area. Contact Sum Campin on 09 820 2713 to express interest.

WALKING SCHOOL BUSES

Auckland Transport (AT) is celebrating Walking School Bus Week. It is an opportunity to appreciate kids and volunteers helping to keep traffic volumes down and learn about road safety whilst on their way to school. The programme has grown to 3900 children walking on 350 school bus routes all over Auckland. It is overseen by AT staff who work with parent volunteers to create safe routes for children to walk.

Head to at.govt.nz and search “walking school bus” to get involved.

A festival good for the environment

STAFF REPORTERS

It’s bigger, better and it’s back.

Ecowest Festival returns to west Auckland with a line up of more than 100 events from Avondale to the Waitakere Ranges.

The western local boards and Ecomatters Environment Trust are partnering together for a month-long celebration of all things green.

Festival manager Myrthe Braam said the activities will be an opportunity for people to learn more about recycling and reducing waste.

“Or you can head outdoors and show some love to our treasured parks and streams.”

Ecowest officially opens on March 11 but some events start

earlier. There are family events such as the Kauri Karnival in Parrs Park on March 5. The idea is to focus on kauri and raise awareness of kauri dieback disease.

If you are looking for a more hands-on event that helps the environment, then the working bee at the Matuku Link on March 12 might be a good option. It is a new reserve in Bethells Rd and was purchased after fundraising \$2million to protect bush and wetland from development. Now it’s time to do the groundwork and prepare the land.

But it’s not all workshops and activities. A seamstresses will be at Ecomatters Vision Centre in New Lynn all month long.

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BANK CLOSURE

On the long weekend I found a sign on the Te Atatu Rd ASB stating the branch would close on March 10. I don't know how much thought went into this decision, probably not enough feet through the door. ASB is leaving the ATM. What happens to us pensioners who don't have ATM cards and to those who have trouble with modern technology? I wonder how many will go yo Westpac and what about the shopkeepers and local clubs who bank with ASB Te Atatu? And what about those who don't have transport?

Mrs Wright
Te Atatu

RABBIT SHOOTING

This is a follow up letter re: the rabbit shoot at Waikumete Cemetry held on January 23-27. The *Western Leader* published a story on it on January 24. I commend you on informing the public but sadly no one would receive their paper until that night or later. I do not pay rates to have my money used to kill animals. Was SPCA present? How many bunnies died? Every time I

will visit my parents' resting place I will think of what happened in this place that is no longer sacrosanct from now on it's forever tarnished for me.

Barbara Burnside
Titirangi

HOBSON'S PLEDGE

I am writing to you regarding a "Hobson's Pledge" ad in the February 21 edition of the *Western Leader*. Hobson's Pledge claim that Maori are awarded extra rights, and unreasonable amounts of representation and allocation, that they receive privileged treatment and exemption. The real discrepancies are those that see Maori die, on average 7.3 years earlier than Pakeha, earn \$6000 less a year, make up 51 per cent of the prison population and have suicide rates over a third higher. The real issues of allocation are the fact that 96 per cent of Maori land has been alienated, and that so much of that has been deforested, damaged, polluted, destroyed. The real inequality is the long shadow of colonisation that hangs over this country, and that continues to harm its native

Doe New Lynn needs its own council?

Jackson Thomas

people in pervasive and horrific ways.

Hebe Kearney
Titirangi

PARKING FINE

On January 9 I parked my car on Mccrae Way, which runs parallel to the New Lynn Library. I saw a new sign on the corner of Mccrae Way and Memorial Drive that said there was to be parking for

GET IN TOUCH ONLINE

“What happens to us pensioners who don't have ATM cards and to those who have trouble with modern technology?”

Mrs Wright

five minutes and a loading sign on the sign. Thinking that the sign was meant for that parking space in the front of the Mccrae Way and Memorial Drive I parked my car next to the library a fair distance from the sign. I got a parking of \$40 for my trouble. When I returned t the car park was still full. So many other motorists thought as I did that the car park sign meant for the space in the front of Mccrae Rd and Memorial Drive. I put in a complaint about the ticket and the council upheld the decision to fine me \$40. I remember David Cunliffe said in the local paper that he wanted the new paved roads to be friendly to both motorists and pedestrians. So I know he had nothing to do with putting up these signs especially with an election so near. Could Paula Bennett be responsible for putting up so many unfriendly signs in New Lynn? She would not benefit but the National Government could benefit. Why can't New Lynn have its own council?

Lester Solomon
Glen Eden

ONLINE CHATTER

Re: Auckland traffic

The only way congestion will be solved in Auckland is if we build alternatives to roads such as bus lanes, rail, cycling lanes, and better footpaths or shared paths - we cannot simply keep building more motorways or widening roads.

Sam Learmonth on the
***Western Leader* Facebook**
page.

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Out & About

A Waitemata welcome

New Waitemata Police District Commander Tusha Penny was welcomed into her new role in Te Atatu on February 24, with a Pasika welcome.

Penny was accompanied by Detective Inspector Tofilau Fa'amanuia Va'aelua (left) and Inspector Peter Stokes.

Constable So'o Mulu presents Penny with the traditional Samoan ava cup.

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Elsina Sae, 4, gives Penny her lei at the EFKS Church.

Penny was greeted by Minister of Pacific Peoples Alfred Ngaro.

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It’s election year and there are a lot of us. And we don’t like being sneered at. Or called racists. There’s nothing racist about equality. Ask the late American civil rights leader Martin Luther King, who said:

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Penny Laybourn and Rohan Hoddinott at Hoddinott’s brick home.

BEATRICE RANDELL

New Lynn’s heritage brick homes at risk?

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A number of heritage brick homes in New Lynn may be at risk.

Approximately 39 New Lynn buildings are listed as protected in the historic heritage schedule under the Auckland Unitary Plan Operative in Part (AUOP).

Penny Laybourn, president of the New Lynn Protection Society (NLPS) said she’s aware of five houses in New Lynn, made from local brick, not scheduled as protected and there may be many more.

The New Lynn resident said there are around 10 scheduled houses that are pre-1940 brick in New Lynn.

Laybourn said the area’s brick history has been ignored and she wants to keep 1920’s built brick houses standing.

“I think it’s really important that we know our heritage.”

The group started when a brick house on Laybourne’s street, 43 Astley Ave, was at risk of demolition, she said.

The society’s president said number 43 is a beautifully made house worth keeping, and it’s unusual it’s not scheduled.

The house was bought in 2013 by rest home and retirement care company, Bupa Care Services NZ, and the tenants of the house said it was going to be demolished, she said.

She said it’s a well-known house in the neighbourhood and is known to be connected to the Gardner Brothers and Parker Brickworks in New Lynn.

Rohan Hoddinott, co-founder of the society, said her brick house and 43 Astley Ave - which it sits opposite - are a pair.

Hoddinott said her home was built in 1923 by W J Parker, co-owner of the Gardner Brothers and Parker Brickworks. The

two have the same bricks so there has to be some connection, she said.

Six residential houses - numbers 70, 82, 41, 53, 74 and 76 are protected on Astley Ave. They are mix of bricks and wood homes.

New Lynn is changing quickly, being developed and built up, Laybourn said.

In September 2016 a communications advisor for Bupa told media they intended to keep the property. In July 2014 a meeting was held with Bupa, Whau Local Board and the NLPS, Laybourn said.

NLPS said that David Tilley, national property manager, of Bupa said the company did not have current plans to develop the site, but may consider developing in the future. To keep the house would be a community contribution from the company to the suburb, Laybourn said.

Pie pays out 3.8 million

DILEEPA FONSEKA

A pie has proven healthy for one mother’s bank balance, to the tune of \$3.8 million.

The west Auckland mother only decided to buy her winning Lotto ticket because her son was buying a pie at the bakery nearby.

“When I got to the counter I handed the man a \$20 note and said ‘give me the luckiest ticket you have, please’.”

As she was getting ready to go to sleep on Saturday night she read online that the winning ticket had been sold at the Avondale Foodmarket Lotto shop.

“But I couldn’t remember the name of the shop I bought my ticket at so I decided to just go to bed.”

The woman eventually gave in to her own curiosity and decided to check how her numbers stacked up next to the winning ones.

“That’s when I saw the numbers lining up on the

She went to buy a pie - but bought a lucky ticket instead.

second-to-bottom line of my ticket. I kept muttering ‘nah, nah’ as I saw each number – then I saw I had the right Powerball number and then I knew I was in trouble.”

She was so stunned she called her son to double-check, and her son was so shocked he

woke his girlfriend up to confirm his mother’s winnings.

The winner says her top priorities for the money are paying off the mortgage and buying herself a new fridge.

“I’m not too sure what else I’ll do to be honest, I just know I want to do some good.”

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Green, one of seven children,

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Big crowds for a tiny house

BEATRICE RANDELL

A long line of fans waited eagerly to meet British TV architect George Clarke at his recent visit to Mitre 10.

Mitre 10 said nearly 2000 people visited the Westgate store on February 26 for the event.

Clarke is completing filming for the second series of the Mitre 10 Tiny House series, and on display was a tiny house featured in the upcoming show.

Fans could visit the 2.4 metre wide by 7.2m high transportable tiny house constructed by Mitre 10 builder Stan Scott.

The house is made from 40 sheets of plywood, and weighs less than 3000 kilograms.

Clarke said the day was “fantastic”, with big crowds and people getting excited by the scale of the house and the fact they could build it themselves.

The obvious benefit of tiny houses is affordability and that people with less DIY experience can build one, he said.

The tiny house features a kitchen, laundry, lounge, a bathroom with a composting toilet and double bedroom on the mezzanine.

There is a range of people interested in tiny houses, from young people who want a foot on the property ladder, to elderly who want to down scale, the architect said.

The TV host said the “composting loos are great”. Everyone thinks they smell but they don’t because they have to be really well ventilated, he said.

Clarke said he has more filming to do in New Zealand and then has a few days off and will spend time with family.

UK architect George Clarke and builder Stan Scott outside the Mitre 10 tiny house.

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“It will be nice to have a few beers with them on the last couple of days.”

Scott said it took two builders and a labourer three weeks to build and the plywood is lightweight, strong and affordable.

His advice for people interested in tiny houses is to design it for yourself and maximise every bit of space.

Scott said the best thing about a tiny house is “you really get to see what stuff

you don’t need in your life” and it gives you an opportunity to live simply.

The builder said they’ve had “a lot of laughs” and late nights working on the tiny house series.

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RENEE CLAYTON

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Wondering what he is talking about?

The world’s first WASZP’s have arrived in New Zealand. These are flying boats which allow people to sail out of the water and reach speeds twice as fast as the wind.

The Australian project which took more than five years to develop launched their product in

“The experience is like flying free as a bird”

August and has allowed Silverdale’s New Zealand Sailing team to be the only distributors in New Zealand.

With only 55 boats in New Zealand so far, sailors have embraced the WASZP.

People have taken to the boats so much that the Manly Sailing Club has decided to hold the first ever New Zealand National Championships of the WASZP from March 4.

Distributor Pasco said these boats are very exciting as they bring the newly invented, high speed flying (hydro foiling) experience of the America’s Cup to the common man.

“Now everyone can hydrofoil, not just professional sailors with multi-million dollar budgets.”

He said in New Zealand sailors aged from 10 to over 60 use these boats - and ”they are both men and women, it is awesome”.

Pasco said the speeds achievable are up to five times faster than sailing boats of the same size.

People can see the boats at 34c Peters Way, Silverdale.

Mike Pasco shows the WASZP, a flying boat, up close.

RENEE CLAYTON

Round the Bays is ‘addictive’

CALLUM MCGILLIVRAY

After eight weeks of training, injuries and juggling kids the Hendersons are just a few days from the finish line. On March 5, Titirangi’s Jess and Jedd Henderson will hit the streets of Auckland to run Round the Bays.

Although the fun run journey ends this weekend, Jess said she’s excited for her family’s fitness future.

“I’m looking forward to just keep on going with the exercise. Our Wednesday night group runs have been great, there’s always things happening at the park and it’s cool to be a part of that community,” she said.

Jess Henderson, 27, said her running has also improved since the first week of training.

“I’ve been doing five kilometre runs regularly – the first time, I ran 600 metres. The weights I can do have been increasing, and my body has been able to adjust to me exercising more regularly,” she said.

The mum-of-two has also noticed with her increased exercise routine she’s starting to see her training gear wear down.

“Running so regularly, you can see why people send so much money on running gear.

The stay-at-home mum said that she’s finding running quite “addictive”.

Jedd Henderson, however, has tendonitis in his left wrist after injuring it at the gym three weeks ago.

“It’s all strapped up and it has sort of changed my training,” he said.

He’s moved away from stability training, and increased his cardio workouts. The 27-year-old said he’s feeling good ahead of Sunday, even though he knows his troublesome calf will be sore after the 8.4km run.

“I’m excited, it should be a good time. I’ll be running and pushing the pram.”

Jess Henderson said she feels a little unprepared as she hasn’t been a part of such a big event before.

For the final week the Hendersons have decided to take it a bit easier with a few light runs and gym sessions and then resting up for the big day. The Ports of Auckland Round the Bays is on March 5. Go to roundthebays.co.nz for more.

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Jedd Henderson has increased cardio workouts, after an injury to his wrist.

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Two grisly finds on the beach might be canines

TOM DILLANE

An animal carcass has washed up on an Auckland beach only days after an animal skin was found along the same coastline. Cristine Douglas found the carcass about 1.30pm on February 25, just above low tide, while walking her dogs along the Takapuna foreshore. Douglas said the carcass had just washed in from sea but didn't look old and "obviously had flesh on it". On February 20, a one-metre section of animal skin was found on Takapuna Beach by a resident. "It was distressing only because I had heard about the dog skin and now this

unusual thing. It's just such a big coincidence," Douglas said. "I just want to know what it is. I'm not actually saying it's a dog but what is it?" Upon finding the carcass, Douglas wrapped it in an old sweatshirt lying on the beach and placed it a few feet up on the cliffs at the back of the shore. A friend she was walking with then called police and Auckland Council, who said they would come to collect the carcass. However, when contractors went to collect the carcass it could not be located. Takapuna resident Brent McCarty found the animal skin days earlier and said he had "no doubt" the skin was from a dog.

A discovery of an animal skin was followed by a discovery of a carcass.

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Whau politicians put Avondale on agenda

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The Whau Local Board held its first meeting of the year earlier this month.

Chairperson Tracy Mulholland and six other councillors were present at the public meeting on February 22.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the activities in the Whau area in 2016 and detail the strategy moving forward.

Councillor and chair of the finance and performance committee Ross Clow said after New Lynn’s major upgrade, the board would now focus on making similar improvements in Avondale.

He said creative groups were welcome to use the stage in Olympic Park, which sits on the border of the New Lynn and Avondale area. Clow said the facility was designed to encourage arts and entertainment.

Deahne Lakatani from the Creative Souls Project provided an update on the four-day Whau Pacific Festival held in August last year. She said the event was well-attended and the group had a major focus on keeping the event waste-free.

Lakatani said the festival produced just one rubbish bin despite various activities spread across Blockhouse Bay, Avondale and New Lynn.

Lisa Truttman of the Avondale-Waterview Society

Ross Clow said it’s time for the board to focus on improving Avondale.

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made a presentation about the history of the area.

She said one of the key changes the society wants to push for moving forward is an appropriate Maori name for Olympic Park to reflect its cultural heritage. Michelle Ardern and Sarah Duckworth of the Avondale Community Action Group outlined highlights from 2016 and talked about what locals can expect this year.

Duckworth said the Made in Avondale project by the group was “hugely successful” and was instrumental in the place making efforts of the organis-

ation. Amber Curreen and Tainui Tukiwaho from the Te Pou theatre in New Lynn explained the “risk share model” they operate to support artists and creativity.

She said Te Pou is one of the cheapest theatres in Auckland because the group believes in making performing arts accessible to the public. She said the theatre with a capacity of 96 seats had made \$66,000 in revenue in 2016 and 80 per cent of it went back to the artists.

“This is just a great example of how the risk-share model works,” Curreen said.

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PEGGY RYKER

WASTEWATER TANK

Peer down into a 12-metre deep hole in Glen Eden before the new wastewater tank is sealed up in Harold Moody Park. Watercare is building a viewing platform for a public open day on March 12, from 10am to midday. Its staff will be there to answer questions on the \$18 million project. The tank and are pipes is designed to reduce wastewater overflow events in the area during heavy rain. At the open day, there will also be a barbecue, face painting and kids' activities. The public are asked to wear proper shoes, not jandals, to the event.

INDOOR FIRES

Have your say on the city's draft indoor fires bylaw. Submissions are open from until March 27. Public hearings will take place in April. Go to shapeauckland.co.nz for more.

GOT NEWS?

Our journalists in the *Western Leader's* newsroom in Henderson are always keen to hear about happenings in our community. Send an email to edwl@snl.co.nz or call us on 09 837 0340.

CORRECTION

We ran a story about the The Flotilla Whau in the February 23 edition of the Western Leader. We incorrectly called it the Whau Flotilla.

What's On

Get involved!

MARCH 2

Plunket playgroup: Join other families and get together at the Avondale Community Centre, 99 Rosebank Rd. 9.30am-11.30am. \$2 for a child, \$3 for a family donation. Every Thursday during the term. Email Daphne for further information, daphne.latzelsberger@plunket.org.nz.

MARCH 3

Tap dance: Tap dancing classes for adults. Beginners welcome. Titirangi Baptist Church hall. 1.30pm-2.30pm. \$10 for adults, \$6 for seniors. Every Friday of the month. Email Liz on eoldham@ihug.co.nz for more information.

Men's fellowship: Retired or semi-retired men are welcome to attend the West Auckland Men's Fellowship Club meeting with guest speaker Jim Jackson from 9.45am-11.45am at the Kelston Community Centre, corner of Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd, Kelston. Morning tea is provided. No charge. Phone Graeme 09 836 4454 or Roger 09 834 7945.

Dance class: Fun and relaxed preschool dance classes for ages 2-and-a-half and up. Fridays at Sturges West Community House, 58 Summerland Drive, Henderson. 9.30am-10am. \$5 per session. Contact 021 0811 0694 for more

information.

Street food: Top street food from around the world at the Green Bay Community House. Pork 'N' Beans American BBQ, Che Lucio Argentinean BBQ, Akemi's Gyoza, and much more. 5pm-8.30pm, 1 Barron Drive.

MARCH 4

Painting workshop: Painting 'En plein air'. Outside Waitakere Central Library, 3 Ratanui Street, Henderson. From 10.30am until 2pm. Free class. Phone Diane on 021 232 4438 to register.

Creative writing: A Whau New Kiwi Women writing workshop. For migrant women. Hosted by professional writers. For beginners to more experienced writers. At New Lynn Community Centre, 45 Totara Avenue, New Lynn. From 2.30pm-4.30pm. Free class. Bookings essential. Go to artswchau.org.nz to register.

Flotilla Whau: Come along to the 2017 Flotilla Whau beginning at Archibald Park in Kelston. Boat registration begins at 10:30am, followed by a safety briefing at midday. The free event begins at 12:30pm. Visit flotilla-whau.blogspot.co.nz/ for more information.

Support group: Deal with the effects of anxiety and depression which can lead to missed

Saturday morning yoga at Avondale Community Centre.

opportunities. Ongoing group, \$5 per session. Women's Centre Waitakere, 111 McLeod Rd, Te Atatu. 11am-1pm. Phone 09 838 6381 for more information.

Yoga class: Saturday morning yoga with Uma at Avondale Community Centre, 99 Rosebank Rd. 8.30am-9.30am. \$10. Contact 021 584 405 for more information.

Support group: Deal with the effects of anxiety and depression which can lead to missed opportunities. On going group. 11.30am-12.30pm. 111 McLeod Rd, Te Atatu. \$5 per session. Phone 09 838 6381 for more information.

Composting workshop: Learn about a worm farm, bokashi and compost bin. Get a voucher towards purchasing any of the three composting systems if you attend this free family-friendly session. 10am-11.30am. Green Bay Community House. 1 Barron Drive. Call 09 482 1672 for information.

MARCH 5

Musical notes: Presenting a Zurich Opera Production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. At The Studio, 20 Normandy Place, Henderson. Gold coin donation. Phone Bob 09 838 7361 for more information.

List with us

Contact us at least two weeks before your event. Email danielle.clent@fairfaxmedia.co.nz or write to What's On Guide, PO Box 21167, Henderson. Listings must be no more than 30 words maximum. In this order, name of the event, venue, cost, date, time, address and one contact person and/or email/website link.

Guided walk: Waikumete Cemetery guided walk. 10am-12pm and 4-6pm. Meet at Corban Mausoleum on Orchid Rise. Gold coin donation. Contact Ruth 09 818 4352.

MARCH 6

Fitness class: Stretch 'n' flex. For teens and adults to keep fit. On Mondays at St Andrew's Hall, 8 Clayburn Rd, Glen Eden. \$5. Bring your own exercise mat and water bottle. From 7.30pm-8.15pm. Phone Andrea on 027 477 6014 or Debbie on 09 818 4449.

MARCH 7

Financial seminar: Free seminar by finance expert Hannah McQueen with tips and tricks to help you get rid of your mortgage faster. 5.30pm at Te Pai Centre, 31-35 Te Pai Place, Henderson. Register at www.enableme.co.nz.

Sport Waitakere is experiencing a period of growth and is looking to appoint motivated people in the following roles;

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Do you have a passion for evaluation?

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Community Sport Coordinator – Bowls

Do you have a passion to make a difference in Bowls?

This role is to work with local West Auckland bowling clubs to grow participation in bowls for targeted populations focusing Samoan and Indian. A key aspect of this role is to support clubs to effectively engage and provide bowling experiences for these particular population groups. The Coordinator will also work alongside Healthy Families Waitakere to support bowling clubs be healthy environments. The ideal person will have an understanding of diverse cultures and the sporting and recreation sector.

For a position description and an application form, please contact Rebecca Andrell on 966-3120 or rebecca.andrell@sportwaitakere.co.nz or visit our website www.sportwaitakere.co.nz

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Support group: Breaking the cycle of unhealthy relationships. Free to attend. 9.30am-11am. 111 McLeod Rd, Te Atatu. Phone 09 838 6381 for more information.

MARCH 8

Cancer support: Cancer Society tips and tools talk. Providing help, support and advice for people with cancer and their supporters. Free to attend. Second Wednesday of every month, 10am-11.30am at West Lynn Garden, 73 Parker Avenue, New Lynn. Ph 0800 226 237.

MARCH 9

Line dancing: Beginner's line dancing class. Come along, make new friends and keep fit. 9.30pm-10.30pm. New Lynn RSA, 2 Veronica Street, New Lynn. \$6. Phone Karen on 021 143 0833 for more information.

Blood drive: Join the approximate 200 people who will be giving blood to save the lives of New Zealanders. 9am-3pm. 8 Montel Avenue, Henderson.

MARCH 10

Night market: Delicious line-up of food trucks, original stalls, picnic in the park - family friendly. Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre and Park, 5-9pm. Email teatatu.nightmarkets@gmail.com for

more information.

Probus club: Probus Club of New Lynn invites you to hear Barbara Fox from Dementia Auckland who will speak about dementia problems and ways of coping. New Lynn Community Centre, Totara Avenue at 11 am, or join us for a friendly cup of tea at 9.30am. Contact Tom 09 838 6044.

MARCH 11

Folk music: Titirangi Folk Music Club concert. Beach Hall, Titirangi Beach Rd. Cost \$8. Members \$5, under 18 free. From 8pm. Phone

Tricia 09 818 5659.

Market day: Crafts, yarns, artwork, new and second hand goods, jewellery, home baking, and more. 9am-2pm. Metlifecare Crestwood Retirement Village, 38 Golf Rd, New Lynn.

MARCH 12

Kids market: The regenerate kids market is a place run by mums for mums. 10am-1pm. Titirangi Way Memorial Hall. Email regeneratemarket@gmail.com for more information.

Car rally: Blockhouse Bay-Lynfield

WHAT'S ON

A blood drive will be held by the World Mission Society Church of God Trust on March 9 at 8 Montel Avenue in Henderson. About 200 people are expected to give blood to help boost blood stocks.

group available to help support men and their families dealing with the diagnosis. 7-9pm. Henderson RSA, 66-70 Rainside Rd, Henderson. Free to attend. Contact Mohan on 027 808 1209 for more information.

MARCH 16

Forest and bird talk: On the black-backed gull in urban Auckland breeding and feeding hosted by environmental academic Mel Galbraith. At Kelston Community Centre, corner of Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd. Gold coin donation. Phone Liz on 0274 762732 for more information.

MARCH 17

Quilters circle: Western Quilters Circle's Quilts Across the Rangers show will be held at the Kelston Community Centre on the corner of Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd. Until March 19, 10am-4pm. Admission fee of \$5, children are free. Email westernquilters84@gmail.com for more information.

MARCH 18

BHB Quilters: Meets at community hall underneath Church of the Saviour. Car park and access from Kinross Street. \$2. Third Saturday of every month, 1-4pm. Contact Mary 09 820 4421.

Lions Wild Westie Fun Car Rally. Includes morning tea and free sausage sizzle. Blockhouse Bay Intermediate. \$15 per person. Under 12s free. Go to bhbl-lionsproject.org for more information.

Children's day: A day for the children at West Lynn Garden and Butterfly House. Bouncy castle, face painting and more. 73 Parker Avenue, New Lynn. Children free, gold coin donation for parents.

MARCH 15

Support group: Prostate cancer support meeting, an established

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Leo Strauss says a job service has helped him think about the future.

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Matching young people with jobs

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YEP or the Youth Employment Programme was started by Auckland resident Rachel White and helps to match young people wanting work with jobs those in the area might need done. The programme is aimed at school-aged youth from 14 years and up, "in that funny interval when they often don't have part-time jobs".

"They're looking for jobs but they don't have work experience," White said.

"[It] gives them a chance to get some work experience so when they do apply for a job at Pak n'Save or whatever, they've done stuff."

Jobs are generally whatever anyone in the community needs going, ranging from outdoor work to cleaning to assisting with computers.

White said her job simply involves matching the young person with the person needing the work done. She gives the job seeker the contact number and let's them do the rest - "just like an introduction service".

YEP has been running since 2012 and has seen around 30 Pare youth

on its books over the years. Leo Strauss, 16, is one young person who's been with the programme for four years.

During that time he's mostly helped out with computers, although once helped with tree planting. The Auckland teen takes digital technology and design at school and says his experiences with YEP have been positive.

"It actually helps you out, so when you prepare for the future you can start thinking on how jobs might actually be," he said.

Leo says he's also had the opportunity to learn more about the community.

"It's fun and it's interactive, and it's also good for meeting new people and experiencing what they've done in life."

In 2016 White was supported by Auckland Council to organise two careers seminars which were attended by around 15 local students.

In future she would like to run some seminars on basic financial skills. YEP meanwhile, will still keep going.

"It's just part of our community now - it's just there," she said.

Contact
yeparemoremo@gmail.com for more information.

Yung Chen and Yuri Kingsley-Smith use art to express themselves.

Expression through art

DANIELLE CLENT

A disability is no barrier for their artistic talent.

Yung Chen and Yuri Kingsley-Smith both have cerebral palsy and use art to express themselves.

Art therapist Marion Gordon-Flower, who works with Chen and Kingsley-Smith, said they both have the goal of becoming recognised artists.

"They are united through this idea of working through abstract and expressionism," she said.

Gordon-Flower said Chen adds a lot of emotion into his art in order to express what is going on for him. She said this greatly translates to an audience.

Kingsley-Smith uses his art to show his heritage through use of aquatic themes. With a Fijian background, his abstract art shows Fijian sunsets and tropical fish, she said.

Chen said he does not see his disability as a barrier and believes everyone is equal. "Just because I am in a wheelchair doesn't mean I can't do it," he said. He also said art can be seen as therapy for people with disabilities.

Chen and Kingsley-Smith are two of four artists showing their work at the Plinth-like Pliability art exhibition at the Art Centre Helensville, March 4 to March 27.

The public will have the chance to can meet the artists at the art centre on March 17 from 1.30-3.30pm.

Green party members kayak Lucas Creek as a part of raising awareness for the Swimmable Rivers campaign.

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Dirty waterways rebranded clean

LAINE MOGER

Green Party water spokesperson Catherine Delahunty blames water quality for a blistering rash on her legs that lasted three weeks after kayaking on Auckland’s Lucas Creek.

Yet, Lucas Creek, on the North Shore, is now classified as “swimmable” under new Government standards, despite not being any cleaner than it was back then, in November.

Environment minister Dr Nick Smith on February 23 announced a target of making 90 per cent of New Zealand’s lakes and rivers swimmable by 2040.

However, the new “swimmable” standard is 540 E coli per 100 millilitres of water, which used to be the standard for “wadeable”.

The announcement followed Delahunty presenting a petition in Wellington on February 21, signed by 12,000 New Zealanders, urging the Government to make rivers swimmable.

The petition was part of the Green Party’s Swimmable Rivers campaign, which targeted 10 rivers, including Lucas Creek - the only urban stream.

Delahunty said Smith’s

announcement merely rebranded dirty rivers as clean.

Lucas Creek had 280 units of E coli per 100 millilitres, according to Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA).

This was higher than the Ministry of Health’s guidelines stating 260 units of E coli per 100ml was the limit for safe, clean water to swim in, but well within the new guidelines.

Delahunty said her rash proved the creek was unhealthy.

“Lucas Creek has problems, because I’ve been there,” Delahunty said.

“I’m living proof.”

Urban pollution and waste, due to so much development in the North Shore, is the root of Lucas Creek’s problems, Delahunty said.

“If you put a whole cocktail of pollutants in a river it will make it unsafe and swimmable.”

Streams were not healthy on the North Shore, because they were exposed to so much stormwater running over so much concrete, she added.

“Everything that goes through our stream goes into the beaches.

“Our beaches are critical and people love the beaches.

“We want our families to go to the beach and not worry about the pollution coming in from the rivers.”

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Did AT cross the line?

MARY FITZGERALD

An Auckland Transport (AT) car has been snapped parking on a yellow line in front of a busy Mt Eden pedestrian crossing.

On Tuesday Auckland resident, John Chadwick, posted a photo of the parked AT vehicle on a broken yellow line on Mt Eden Rd. But AT said it was allowed as long as a traffic officer was attending immediate transport issues.

To the public a broken yellow line means no stopping or parking. They are used in areas where parking would cause an obstruction or danger to other road users. AT’s website says the penalty for parking on a broken yellow line is a \$60 fine.

Chadwick said in his post “It’s okay to park on a corner on a yellow line in front of a pedestrian crossing if you are AT”.

An AT spokesman said the car was parked by a warranted officer on duty and while attending immediate transport issues, AT wardens could “park contrary to a restriction”. When wardens were addressing immediate issues they “park at the point closest to offending vehicles, and put on flashing beacon lights”, AT said.

AT was not prepared to comment on what the warden was investigating, or on whether the vehicle had its flashing beacon lights on to demonstrate a warden was addressing an immediate issue.

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Nick Linton, a senior fire fighter at Waitemata Fire Service has created a Hearing Impaired Emergency Services Day on March 5.

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This firefighter knows the signs

STAFF REPORTERS

Senior fire fighter Nick Linton is bilingual these days.

His second language - which he describes as a “rad little language” - is New Zealand sign language, and he’s using it to reach out to the deaf and hearing impaired community with the emergency services.

On March 5, he’s organised an event at Northwest Shopping Centre, with a police and ambulance officer who both sign as well.

Linton wants to raise awareness of different emergency tools of use to the deaf and hearing impaired community.

This includes fire alarms which cause the the bed to shake and lights to flash, as well as communication booklets that can be used in medical emergencies to indicate pain and location of the injury.

Linton, who is partially deaf in one ear, began learning sign language a year-and-half ago, through a full immersion course through the Auckland Deaf Society.

With the continued support of the Waitemata Area Fire Service, he has kept studying and has so far made around 10 safety videos for the service in sign language, all of which are posted to their Facebook page.

Linton said he hopes the emergency services event will continue annually, with the possibility of extending to Wellington and Christchurch - cities recently affected by civil emergencies - where deaf communities might feel isolated from such services.

As well as emergency crews, there will also be Civil Defence on site.

There will be other fun activities on site such as face painting.

Linton said there will be information around funding for emergency alerts, such as fire alarms, and other hearing impaired equipment.

More than anything though, he said it’s an opportunity for the deaf community to get out and have fun.

“It’s a really good chance for members of the deaf community to see that, hey, there are members of the emergency community that can sign.

“There are not many granted But there are people out there that care about you,” he said.

The Deaf & Hearing Impaired Emergency Services event is on March 5 at Northwest Shopping Centre, Maki St, 11am-2pm.

Go to northwestshoppingcentre.co.nz for more.

Councillor Mike Lee said love bus idea was not effective

No love for campaign

JAMES PASLEY

A \$1.2 million Auckland Council campaign encouraging the public to vote in last year’s local body elections has been criticised by Mayor Phil Goff.

The ‘Show Your Love for Auckland’ campaign came under fire from a range of recently elected politicians at a council meeting on Thursday.

In the meeting a presentation to councillors outlined an 18 per cent increase in voter turnout from people between 18 and 24 years old and a 17 per cent increase in the number of Indian and Chinese voters. Show Your Love was created in an attempt to get more people to

vote after only a 35.5 per cent voter turnout in 2013, down from 51 per cent in 2010.

Councillor Mike Lee was critical of the council-funded campaign.

“The theme of love didn’t resonate with local government,” Lee said.

In particular Lee said an educating Kombi van called the ‘Love Bus’ wasn’t effective.

Mayor Phil Goff said the bus didn’t do anything for him either.

“I saw the bus at Sylvia Park on the opening of a big department store and there were thousands of people there but the bus was 300 metres away from the crowds and I was the only person talking to [its] staff,” Goff said.

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Motoring

Infiniti poised to enter premium market

ROB MAETZIG

Heard of Infiniti? It's a premium Japanese brand that is well-known in most parts of the world – but not, up until now, in New Zealand.

But now that's changing. Infiniti New Zealand is now operating as the wholly-owned subsidiary of Kiwi-owned Global Motors New Zealand Ltd – the same organisation that distributes Renault product – and is establishing dealerships in Auckland and Christchurch.

The future is likely to see more dealerships at such cities as Wellington and Tauranga. But firstly the brand will test the water where the bulk of luxury product is already being sold. Auckland accounts for 58.5 per cent of the luxury market, and Christchurch 14 per cent.

The first stand-alone dealership will be at Christchurch's Euromarq alongside Infiniti's fellow Renault-Nissan Alliance brand Renault. It is expected to be operational early in March. The second will open around September at 500 Great

Infiniti Q50 is available with conventional powertrain or as a hybrid.

South Rd in Greenlane, Auckland, once again alongside the existing Renault dealership.

Both Infiniti dealerships are

currently sharing showroom space with their Renault cousins, and initially the brand's Q50 sedan, QX70 sports SUV and mega-

sized QX80 SUV are being sold. The future may see further Infiniti models on sale, including the Q30 hatch, QX30 small SUV, and Q60

coupe.

At a media briefing in Auckland, special guest, Hironori Fujita, the managing director of Infiniti in Asia and Oceania, forecast New Zealand's premium market will accept the vehicles well.

"It is the premium brand of the Renault-Nissan Alliance," he said. "The models are performance oriented driver-centric vehicles, and we are confident that will resonate with New Zealand motorists."

Fujita said the Infiniti strategy for New Zealand is to firstly introduce core product.

"We'll see how the market reacts to that, and then we'll set a growth strategy. But overall we are excited. We see New Zealand as one of the growth markets."

Infiniti was launched by Nissan as a brand in North America in 1989, and has progressed to be present in more than 15 countries worldwide.

The product for New Zealand is built in Japan, but the Infiniti name is not used here – although the Q50 is sold as the Nissan Skyline.

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It was a tough day at the office for Western Crow's Shane Tyson-Leat.

Hundred point hiding

Round three of the AFLNZ Premiership left one side riding a wave of momentum, and the other scratching their heads. The Southern Saints thumped the Western Crows, featuring the likes of Waitakere skipper Shane Tyson-Leat, 110-9 on February 26. It was the biggest win ever recorded in the competition's history.

Waitakere's Carlos Donnell-Brown came up against several of his club team mates in the record breaking clash.

Southern Saints' Sebastian Serrano clears under heavy pressure.

Milestones

Just got married, had a baby, graduated or celebrated your golden anniversary? Western Leader wants to help celebrate. Send digital images, with names and captions, to edwl@snl.co.nz or deliver to the office at 2 Waipareira Ave.

The Henderson Croquet Club celebrated its 90th anniversary in November, 2016. PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Blockhouse Bay's Keertivaasan Prakash (right) scored a combined 347 runs, including two centuries, for Western Districts in the year-eight Auckland Cricket school tournament, December 27-31, 2016.

Waitakere Blue Devils' Michael Brooks has been selected to referee in the FINA World Aquatic Championships in Budapest in July.

Titirangi's Anna Edlington, alongside father Merv Bettridge and children Amelia, 7, Reuben, 5, and Riley, 20 months, won the 2016 adult Best Garden in Yates' Spring Vegie Growing Challenge.

NEW ZEALAND CROSSWORD

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- Across
1. North Island town whose freezing works closed in 1982 (5)
4. Indifference (6)
9. Hard to catch (7)
10. Pale (5)
11. Beer (colloq) (4)
12. Rugby-related occupation of New Zealander Chris Pollock (7)
13. Formerly NZ's highest-earning film (3)
14. You (archaic) (4)
16. Wander (4)
18. Limb (3)
20. Clutching (7)
21. Mollusc whose shell is used for jewellery (4)
24. Respond (5)
- 25/26. Cricketer who took 431 test wickets (7,6)
27. Build (5)
- Down
1. Promise (6)
2. North Island town with the suburbs Nukuhau, Rainbow Point and Hilltop (5)
3. Dry (4)
5. Dais (8)
6. Once common NZ shellfish whose numbers have fallen dramatically (7)
7. Multiple bet on four horses in four races (6)
8. Criticise (5)
13. Disparage (8)
15. PM after Fraser and before Holyoake (7)
17. ____ Road: Hawkes Bay winery which began planting vines in 1897 (6)
18. Hostility (abbr) (5)
19. Brigand (6)
22. Saying (5)
23. Dull pain (4)

THE TOP 10

1. What is Italy's equivalent of Germany's Autobahn?
2. What element is also known as quicksilver and is the only metal to be a liquid in standard conditions?
3. Which Australian animal was thought to be a fake, put together from several animals, when first looked at by scientists in 1799?
4. Who, in the Bible, was raised from the dead?
5. On which date is St Patrick's Day?
6. Which animal is on the Lacoste logo?
7. Saturday Night Fever was a hit film in which year?
8. In which Australian state is Uluru (Ayers Rock)?
9. What is the minimum number of degrees in a reflex angle?
10. Which film, set in a newspaper office, won the 2016 Oscar for best picture?

NZ CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Patea, 4. Apatihy, 9. Elusive, 10. Ashen, 11. Grog, 12. Referee, 13. Boy, 14. Three, 16. Roam, 18. Arm, 20. Holding, 21. Paus, 24. React, 25/26. Richard Hadlee, 27. Erect.
Down: 1. Pledge, 2. Taupo, 3. And, 5. Platform, 6. Toheroa, 7. Yankee, 8. Decay, 13. Bellie, 15. Holland, 17. Church, 18. Aggro, 19. Bandit, 22. Adage, 23. Ache.

TOP 10

1. Autostrade, 2. Mercury, 3. Platy-pus, 4. Lazarus, 5. 17th March, 6. Crocodile, 7. 1977, 8. Northern Territory, 9. 181, Spotlight.

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, column and every 3x3 box contains 1-9

JUNIOR CROSSWORD

- Across
1. Worth lots of money (8)
6. A short letter (4)
7. Tasting very sour (6)
9. Vapour from boiling water (5)
11. Pain caused by a muscle tightening suddenly (5)
12. From Ireland (5)
13. A kind of snake (5)
16. Athens is the capital of this country (6)
18. Become weary (4)
19. People in the army (8)
- Down
1. Disappearing (9)
2. A measure of liquid (5)
3. Young child (4)
4. Went in (7)
5. Honey-making insect (3)
8. People who write stories for newspapers (9)
10. Replies (7)
14. Operate a car (5)
15. Tripped over (4)
17. Uncooked (3)

SOLUTION

Across: 1. Valuable, 6. Note, 7. Bitter, 9. Steam, 11. Cramp, 12. Irish, 13. Adder, 16. Greece, 18. Tire, 19. Soldiers.
Down: 1. Vanishing, 2. Litre, 3. Baby, 4. Entered, 5. Bee, 8. Reporters, 10. Answers, 14. Drive, 15. Fall, 17. Raw.

Piha surfers carve up Billabong series

JACKSON THOMAS

More than 100 athletes from around the country turned out for the Piha leg of the Billabong Grom Series on February 25-26.

Local riders Shane Kraus and Gabrielle Paul were the pick of the Piha locals, both finishing in the top ten in their respective divisions. In his best result of the 2017 season, Kraus placed fourth in the Under 17 Boys Division and after a solid final session, Paul finished up ninth in the Under 17 Girls Division.

In February last year, Paul won her first national title at just 14, taking out the women’s open title at the Papamoa NZ Longboard and SUP Open in Tauranga.

The surf never really built as quickly as expected in the Grom Series, but did increase from 1 metre early in the morning. As the tide went out in the afternoon and the breeze picked up, conditions turned ideal for the Under 20 Division.

New Zealand teammates Taylor Hutchinson, of Raglan, and Raiha Ensor returned to the winner’s circle, both winning their respective Under 20 Divisions.

“I was pretty nervous coming

Piha’s Gabrielle Paul finished inside the top ten at the Piha leg of the Billabong Grom Series.

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into this event but after the first heat it was a good feeling,” Hutchinson said.

“Just to get a bit of a rhythm

back was the most pleasing thing and then to take it out was real good.”

Hutchinson opened up a quick

lead in the final, his precision backhand scoring 17.0 points out of 20 in the first ten minutes.

“The first ten minutes of the

“Just to get a bit of a rhythm back was the most pleasing thing and then to take it out was real good”

Taylor Hutchinson

final was real good. I wanted to be patient out there but a good start is always so important.”

The Billabong Grom Series is now in its twelfth year of operation. The event has long been the focus for New Zealand’s up-and-coming surfers including the likes of ex World Tour campaigners Ricardo Christie and Paige Hareb – New Zealand’s two most successful surfers on the international stage.

Piha results;

Under 17 Boys Final

Elliot Brown (Dun), 15.63, 1, Dylan Preston (Mnt), 14.73, 2, William Van Der Beek (Mnt), 9.87, 3, Shane Kraus (Piha), 9.83, 4.

Under 17 Girls Final

Elin Tawharu (Mnt), 13.33, 1, Tiana Breeze de Mooij (Mnt), 9.83, 2, Saffi Vette (Gis), 9.2, 3, Aimee Brown (GB), 2.73, 4.

Suburbs bow out in semi final

JACKSON THOMAS

Takapuna have booked their place in the Jeff Crowe Cup final at the expense of Suburbs New Lynn, coasting to a four wicket win on February 26 at Onewa Domain.

The west Auckland side won the toss and elected to bat first in spin-friendly conditions. Takapuna’s slow bowlers made life difficult for Suburbs’ top order.

Sineth Gunawardane and James Parslow dug in, however,

scoring 40 and 44 respectively as Suburbs posted a final total of 193.

Matt Latham was the star of the show for the home side, taking 5/39 with the ball including a hat-trick in the penultimate over of the innings.

Latham was well backed up by the spin of Matt Jones at the other end who took 3/32.

Set 194 for victory, Takapuna openers Guy Harley and Dan ter Braak gave their side a solid start, both men making half centuries in the chase.

Takapuna chased the total down in the 40th over to book a finals date with Cornwall next month.

Suburbs’ attention now turns to the Hedley Howarth Two Day Championship. They face Cornwall on Sunday March 5 from Ken Maunder Park.

Play gets underway at 11am.

Suburbs 193 (S Gunawardane 40, J Parslow 44; M Jones 3/32, M Latham 5/39) **Takapuna 197/6** (G Harley 51, D ter Braak 54, W O’Donnell; H Vyas 3/38).

James Parslow high scored for Suburbs with 44.

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Adjoining 61 Clark Road, Hobsonville

Notice is hereby given that:

(1) pursuant to Section 342(1) and Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974, Auckland Transport gives public notice that the formed section of road described in the Schedule below is stopped;

(2) Auckland Transport makes this declaration as there have been no objections received to the proposal previously advertised within the specified time.

SCHEDULE

5,273m² shown as Section 1 on Survey Office Plan 493989

David Warburton
Chief Executive, Auckland Transport

Acting under delegated authority for and on behalf of Stephen Michael Town, Chief Executive, Auckland Council.

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Notice to declare formed and unformed sections of road stopped

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David Warburton
Chief Executive, Auckland Transport

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Section 101 Sale & Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

1st Notices PBH Ltd has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Auckland for the issue of an On Licence in respect to the premises situated at 2057-2061 Great North Rd, Avondale and trading as The Coffee Club. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is as a restaurant. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are Mo to Su 8am to 10pm. **Event Cinemas Nominees Ltd** has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Auckland for the renewal of an On Licence in respect to the premises situated at 35 Westgate Stage 1, Massey and trading as Event Cinemas Westgate. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is as a cinema. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is sold under the licence are Mo to Su 10am to 1am. First and only publication of this notice. **2nd Notices (1st was 23/2/17) Rithisak Ltd** has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Auckland for the renewal and to vary the conditions of an On Licence in respect to the premises situated at 473 Scenic Dr, Waiaatarua and trading as Elevation. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is as a restaurant. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is sold under the licence are Mo to Su 10am to 1am. No change to the licensed hours or licensed area is sought. The variation of conditions is sought to Adding BYO endorsement. The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the offices of Auckland Council at Orewa, Takapuna, Henderson, Manukau, Papakura, Pukekohe and 35 Graham Street, Auckland Central. Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue, variation or renewal of the licence may not later than 15 working days after the date of the first publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee, Auckland Council, Private Bag 92300, Victoria St West, Auckland. No objection to the issue or variation 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. No objection to the renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

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