

Coastguard rescue centre gets closer

It's hoped work might start on Coastguard Kaipara's new \$450,000 marine rescue centre at Parakai in October - although that depends on factors such as the weather and the current shortage of building materials.

Plans for the centre, to be built by the Springs Road wharf at Parakai, are currently going through resource consent.

When *Helensville News* first wrote about the planned new centre in our August 2020 issue, Coastguard Kaipara had raised around \$85,000 of the money needed. That has since risen to \$250,000 - enough to fund what media officer Richard Downer calls 'phase one'.

"Phase one gets us into the shed," says Richard - meaning a working headquarters for the volunteer organisation's operations.

That 'shed' will be a huge, 18m by 15m building which has been designed to future-proof the Coastguard Kaipara for the next 30 years.

Once the remaining finances are available, phase two will be able to go ahead, consisting of things like construction of a mezzanine floor with a training room, office and kitchen.

Unlike at its present location, everything will have a proper place in the new building - there will even be a display cabinet with a

mini 'maritime museum' for the organisation's small collection of historic equipment, currently consigned to a dusty cupboard.

"The more people that chip in, the sooner we will be completely set up to support people on the water," says Richard.

He says construction of the new marine rescue centre will secure the financial future of our coastguard.

Currently the organisation pays almost \$17,000 a year in rent at its Mill Road site, but at its new Parakai location will only pay a \$1 per year lease on the land to Auckland Council.

That means all money donated to Coastguard Kaipara once they are in the new centre will go directly toward purchasing and upgrading equipment, maintenance, fuel costs, and training.

"The current building has been good, but it's time to move forward."

Richard has just in the past couple of weeks become fully qualified as a Coastguard skipper - the culmination of his 15 years' experience with Coastguard Kaipara covering inductee, trainee and operational modules followed by three theory exams and a practical exam.

That means our local coastguard now has two skippers available, reducing reliance

on out-of-area skippers to fill in if needed.

"We now have two skippers, and another two [trainees] coming through."

Richard gaining his skipper's qualification - officially known as an Industry Specific Certificate to Master a Coastguard Rescue Vessel - had the added benefit of



• Richard Downer in the existing Mill Road Coastguard shed

attracting a "significant" contribution toward the new marine rescue centre from Coastguard New Zealand.

"Because they were happy we've shown commitment to Coastguard, they have shown commitment to this area," says Richard.

"I did it [the certificate] as it would benefit the unit and the community, and the timing meant a financial benefit for the shed, too."

Coastguard Kaipara has also been having "serious talks" about getting a second, smaller rescue vessel - and that's something that could be on the cards with the new building able to house two boats side-by-side.

Helensville News in the coming months

Deadlines for *Helensville News* for the coming months have been put back a week, and publication dates will also move to a week later than usual. The paper will 'officially' now be published on the second Tuesday of each month, rather than the first. These changes will probably stay in place most of the year.

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editorial

Over the years I've written about quite a few projects proposed for our area, but an awful lot of those have never come to fruition. So it's great to see the fast progress that Coastguard Kaipara is making toward construction of the Marine Rescue Centre by the Parakai wharf (see page 1).

It was also great to see the return of our local ANZAC service after Covid-19 put the kibosh on it last year. It was the latest in a number of public events held locally this year that most countries couldn't even consider in the world's currently pandemic-stricken state.

We had the Beautiful Pasifika festival (page 4) at Helensville School, which went ahead despite the weather being the worst it had been for weeks; the well-attended Children's Family Fun Day at Parakai School (page 3); and a couple of months ago the Helensville A&P Show attracted a record crowd. And we've got the next Lions Club Book Fair coming up at the end of May.

Aren't we lucky to have such a diverse range of events locally!

You may notice *Helensville News* being a little different over the coming months. It'll stay at just 12 pages, and it will come out a little later each month. There may even be the odd month that misses out (hopefully not!) - we'll keep you posted on Facebook if that happens.

- Dave Addison, Editor

ANZAC services return



A Sea Sprite helicopter from Royal New Zealand Navy's 6 Squadron (above) does a flypast to mark the return of Helensville's ANZAC Day celebrations. Following the dawn service, there was a large parade down Commercial Road with the helicopter flypast. It was the first time ANZAC services have been held in Helensville since 2018.

The Australian and New Zealand national anthems were sung by Morgan Costello and Grace Cameron, and Helensville Primary students Rhia Stokes and Kai Wilson read the poem 'In Flanders Fields', followed by a speech by Captain Dave Fairweather, RNZN.

Kaipara ki Mahurangi MP Chris Penk was the official speaker at the Kaukapakapa service, held earlier in the morning.

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Celebrating our youngsters

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They were all on offer at the Children's Day Family Fun Day hosted by Kindred Family Services at Parakai School. It also featured performances from Helensville Primary's kapa haka and Pasifika groups, as well as local dance school, Danceville.

Several local organisations had stands promoting their services to families, including Parent Aid Northwest, Parakai Kindergarten, and Helensville Art Centre. 81 percent of people said in a post-event survey they are now likely to reach out to one of those agencies or groups.

Sponsors like Generation Homes, Kaipara Medical Centre, Samuel Paul Hair, Water HQ, Helensville Lions Club, and other generous local donors meant the day's activities were all free.

- Top: Layla Thorpe (2) enjoyed the face painting
 - Middle: The smoothie-making bike was a popular attraction
 - Bottom: Kids loved the old-school sack races
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Rain couldn't dampen festival

The weather gods weren't kind to the Beautiful Pasifika Festival held in Helensville on April 10 - but the show went ahead, and those that braved the conditions by all accounts had a great time.

After being forced to cancel the festival last year because of Covid-19, organiser Marie Takefala Adlam made a last minute decision that this year's show would go ahead whatever the weather.

In the end, she estimates "well over" 400 people came to the festival to watch a range of Pacific Islands cultural displays in the Helensville School hall, plus check out the food and merchandise stalls.

The performances in the beautifully-decorated school hall were well received, with loud applause for displays by Samoan, Niuean, and Cook Islands groups, along with the performances by Helensville Pasifika and kapahaka groups from both Helensville and Kaukapakapa schools.

Marie says all the food outlets sold out, although most of the merchandise stalls were quieter than they had hoped for, owing to the weather. Fekai Tattooing from Tauranga was booked out for the day, however.

Three of the food outlets and two of the merchandise stands were locals, with the rest mainly from South Auckland.

The major performing groups also mostly came from South Auckland, and most also performed at the Auckland Pasifika Festival held on the same day, either before coming to Helensville or

after performing here.

"They enjoyed the day even though it was raining," says Marie, quipping: "the performing groups got to stay nice and dry!"

One downside was the cancellation of

planned children's entertainment, including a bouncy castle, as the wet weather meant setting that up on the grass fields wasn't practical.

Marie says 'Beautiful Pasifika' means "beautiful in the way we cook our food, how graceful and fierce we are in performing, how unique we are in arts and crafts, and our hospitality."

Pointing out that only one percent of the local population is made up of people of Pacific Islands origin, she adds: "It would be really good to see more from the European and Māori communities attend."

They will have that chance in 2023, with Marie already formulating plans for another Beautiful Pasifika Festival. She says it will move to a time when the weather is more likely to be favourable, possibly early February or mid-October, and she will also look to move it to Rautawhiri Park, where there is more room and much better parking.



• 7-year-old Jaime-Lynne Mauga performs with Cook Islands dance group Te Riri o Te o



• Performers from Samoan group Sau E Siva West Auckland

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Women learn ins and outs of cars

Fourteen local women learned about basic motor vehicle safety and maintenance at a recent free 'ladies night' put on by a Mill Road mechanics.

"We had a 'teen evening' last year for teenagers to learn basic safety checks and maintenance on their vehicles," says Sam Hayfield, whose husband Brent runs Helensville Mechanical.

"We thought it would be a good idea for teens to learn these things so that they can be more aware and responsible in looking after themselves and their vehicles. Not every teen has someone who can show them these skills."

Following that event, there was a lot of interest from female customers for a ladies evening.

"After breaking down in one of my friends' cars it made me realise how vulnerable you can feel, especially at night," says Sam. "Luckily I have a mechanic for a husband, but it's skills that I feel every car owner should be taught."

Both classes covered things like checking oil, filling up the window washers, checking lights, tyre tread depth and pressure, and changing a tyre.

The classes also covered how to check



• Brent shows how to check tyre pressure

for hazards, such as making sure the vehicle is in a safe location, the handbrake is on, and jacks are used correctly. The ladies evening also covered jump starting a vehicle, and the benefit of carrying a jumper pack in their vehicle.

Businesses who supported the events with spot prizes include BNT Kumeu, Repco Westgate, Lash Envy Helensville, Eleventh Hour, The Top Coat Nail and Brow Boutique, and AA roadside assistance, and Helensville Mechanical threw in some free WoF vouchers.

Book fair proceeds to go to local Coastguard

All proceeds from the Lions Club's Autumn Book Fair this month will go toward Coastguard Kaipara's new Marine Rescue Centre at Parakai (see front page).

"The Christmas Book Fair held last November raised \$13,245," says fair organiser Chris Clark, "and we aim to beat this for Coastguard Kaipara, who perform voluntarily an essential service on our harbour, keeping boaties safe."

The fair is on the last weekend in May in the Helensville War Memorial Hall, running from 9am to 4pm on the Saturday, and from 10am to 3pm on the Sunday.

It will run along similar lines as previous Helensville Lions book fairs, with nothing over \$2, and a good selection of children's books at 50c. There will also be a wide range of jigsaw puzzles, board games, DVDs, CDs and quality magazines available.

Helensville Lions Club book fairs are renowned for the good organisation of the books on sale, and that will be the case again this year. Eftpos will be available.

Non-fiction will be split into 20 categories, including one dedicated to New Zealand subjects and a large general non-fiction section to browse through. Fiction will be arranged alphabetically by author, with six special interest groups. "There is also a tremendous number of children's books for all ages," says Chris.

Small donations of books can be left at Burmester Realty in Commercial Road, Helensville, or for larger lots, phone Chris on 420 8527 - or any other Helensville Lions member. The last date books can be accepted for the autumn book fair is Friday, May 21.

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Hand therapist begins local service

A specialist hand therapist has joined the team at Physio Flex in Helensville.

Jan Airey is working Monday and Wednesday mornings and will work with any issues "from the elbow down".

Jan qualified as a physiotherapist in Otago in 1982, and has worked in private practice since 1986. Describing her move to specialise in hands as a "natural progression", she completed study in rehabilitation, manual therapy and hand therapy, qualifying as a registered Hand Therapist in 2003 - the culmination of a year of post-graduate study followed by 1800 hours of supervised practical work.

Only physiotherapists, or occupational therapists, can train as hand therapists.

"I'm very passionate about my career," she says. "I enjoy seeing the functional return of patients back into daily living - that change of someone coming in and not be able [for instance] to look after their grandchildren, or go to work, to after a few weeks' treatment going back to how they were."

Jan and husband Peter have lived on a lifestyle block at Waitoki for 25 years where they raised their now 29-year-old twin sons, and she has spent most of that time working on the North Shore.

"But I wanted to be [working] in Helensville. I've lived in this community for 25 years and wanted to give something back to the community."

With no-one else offering her type of service in this area, Jan approached Physio Flex owner Sue Narbey, who tendered for

and gained a contract with ACC to provide hand therapy services, then contracted Jan as our local therapist.

Jan says thumb and wrist injuries are the most common issues she deals with. Sports injuries tend to be to fingers and thumbs, whereas wrists can be injured, for example, by falls around the home. She sees a lot of young mothers - and grandparents - with



• Jan Airey treats a patient at Physio Flex

thumb or wrist injuries from lifting babies incorrectly.

"We often need to rest a joint or injury in a splint," she says. While Jan stocks a range of off-the-shelf splints, she can also custom-make splints on the spot from large sheets of specialised plastic, which she cuts to a template, heats up, then fits to the patient.

There is no charge for splinting if the patient is being treated under ACC.

As part of treatment, Jan offers advice and education on how to manage an injury or condition.

Outside of work, Jan loves to get outside to go hiking, skiing, or fishing with her family.

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Room with a view at ECE centre



When 1970s supergroup Blondie sang the line "All I want is a room with a view" from their hit song 'Picture This', they could very well have had the view from Active Explorers early learning centre in Helensville in mind.

The Commercial Rd-based centre boasts stunning views over the Kaipara River and surrounding farmland from its large outdoor play area, as well as from both the 'Young Tamariki' and Preschool rooms.

"It's a wonderful vista, a wonderful focal point for the children," says centre manager Maria Golding.

Active Explorers is the only purpose-built early learning centre in the central Helensville area, and is owned by the Evolve Education Group, which operates 120 centres nationwide as well as in Australia, and provides support through a business manager and area manager.

It opened in March 2019, so had a full year to settle in before being hit by Covid-19 closures.

Luckily, Active Explorers uses a digital portfolio platform called Storypark which, along with a hard copy version, tracks the children's learning progress while at the centre. That meant during lockdown staff were able to keep in touch with parents and provide them with a range of information and ideas - not just for learning activities but things like nutrition and recipes as well.

Nutrition is something Active Explorers takes seriously, says Maria. The centre has a fully-equipped kitchen and employs chef

Amy, who provides all the children with lunches and morning and afternoon teas, with everything made from scratch.

The kids can help sometimes too, helping with baking and making things like sandwiches and pizzas.

"The parents know their children have at least had one really good meal during the day," points out Maria.

Active Explorers employs seven teachers, all locals and most fully qualified. Maria herself has a degree in education, a diploma in teaching Early Childhood Education, and has been involved in ECE for more than 25 years - including a stint supervising at Sunny Days further down Commercial Rd. She has lived locally all that time too, firstly in Helensville and more recently at South Head.

Currently licensed for 65 children and with a roll of around 50, Active Explorers has the ability to extend its license to 85 once the roll grows more.

Open from 7am to 6pm to cater for commuter parents, the centre has three distinct sections - the Nursery for children from three months to two years, Young Tamariki for two to three and a half years, and Preschool for older children up to the age of six. The older groups share the large outdoor play area, while the nursery-age children have their own area.

Plans for the future include attracting more teachers and further developing the outdoor area.



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What did you do during lockdown? I opened

During Covid-19 lockdowns, most people binge-watched television or took up a new hobby. But Brandon Hardie of Shelly Beach decided to open a new business.

In fact, he opened Warehouse Building Supplies in Mill Road on March 1 - actually during a Level 3 lockdown.

The huge amount of work involved getting the new branch of his existing Henderson business up and running filled in his time while separated - because of Covid - from his family.

"I live in Shelly Beach but my family are in Australia. I haven't seen my wife or kids for 14 months," he says.

Pre-lockdown Brandon spent alternate fortnights in New Zealand and Australia - and happened to be back here when lockdown hit, forcing the separation from wife Amanda and children Kaitlin (20) and Ethan (17).

Hopefully by the time you read this, he will be back on the Gold Coast for a month, reuniting with his family.

Brandon has been in the building supply industry since his late teens. In 1997 he moved to Warehouse Building Supplies as a yardman before working his way up to store manager. He worked for the owner for 10 years, then purchased the business in 2007.

Opening a Helensville branch is something Brandon has wanted to do "for years". Having moved to Shelly Beach seven years ago in search of a more relaxed lifestyle, he says: "I saw a massive gap for an affordable timber and hardware supplier here." Once the former Placemakers building became vacant, he snapped it up.

He says the new branch is "all about locals supporting locals."

"We are price and service driven. Our service has to be exceptional - we've been doing this a long time. That's the key, if you do it right the customers keep coming back." That service includes free delivery within a 30km radius of the store on orders over \$950.



• Brandon outside his new Mill Road building supply business

The company doesn't have the big corporate overhead costs competitors do, so can pass those savings on to customers.

Aimed at local builders, farmers, and the home handyman, the business stocks a complete range of timber and panelling, hardware, hand and power tools, fastenings and adhesives, and plumbing fittings. Brandon says it will be a few weeks yet before the company is fully set up and stocked as he wants. Because of Covid-19 some reps haven't been able to call, and some goods are stuck on the wharves. Once fully set up the range will expand with paint, more tools, and a bigger selection of fastenings.

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up a new business!

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While Brandon is in Australia the store will be looked after by branch manager Craig.

"Craig has been with me for 25 years, I've known him longer than I've known my kids! He is very, very good and has a lot of knowledge."

Brandon says reception so far from the community has been great. "We have really appreciated the local support."

As the business grows, he expects to be hiring more staff in the coming months, and wants them to be locals.

"In Helensville everyone knows everyone, so it's good to have locals [employed]. They're a different breed of people up here, more laid back."

'Book Tasting' making comeback

After a popular first event in August last year, Helensville Library is holding another 'Book Tasting' event in June.

"We are very much looking forward to Auckland Libraries' winter reading initiative - We Read Auckland - which will be in the first weeks of June," says senior Helensville librarian Anne Coppell.

As part of that, Helensville Library will host the We Read Auckland Booktasting event on Saturday, June 12, between 3pm and 5pm.

There will be four tables, each representing one of the We Read Auckland themes: Speak Auckland, Imagine Auckland, Uncover Auckland, Read Together Auckland (this table will be for sharing books with younger family members and friends.)

More details of the event will be available shortly on Helensville Library's Facebook page, the Auckland Libraries website, and on Auckland Council's OurAuckland website (<https://bit.ly/3gpQdCe>).

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from our local MP

I recently had the privilege to attend an honours night for the Helensville Volunteer Fire Brigade.

These men and women are heroes. I do not use the word 'heroes' lightly, particularly as I write this column within a week of ANZAC Day.

The ceremony featured men and women who have served for varying lengths of time, from the newest recruits to the longest-serving members, with some having given such service over half a century. Ian Osborne, the Chief Fire Officer, was awarded his 50-year medal and Michael Mander, the Station Officer, a 25-year gold star.



I was struck by the degree of warmth and a genuine family atmosphere throughout that evening's proceedings.

It's fashionable for organisations to claim that they 'walk the talk' in this way, but I've never seen a better expression of courage, comradeship, and commitment than when these volunteer firefighters got together.

I actually had not realised until I visited the Helensville fire station a couple of years ago, quite early in my tenure as local MP, that the whole operation is volunteer-driven. The commitment they make is enormous when you consider the time the volunteers spend away from their respective families - often with little or no notice, for obvious reasons - in addition to the demands of regular employment.

One other aspect had surprised me when I first visited the station at Helensville, which I suspect is also relatively little known in the community. Simply put, it's the high proportion of fire fighters' tasks that are outside the traditional realm of fighting fires. It is sadly common for vehicle crashes and medical events (sometimes non-accidental, even more sadly) to be the reason that they're called to a tragic scene.

I also acknowledge the many others who keep our community safe - and I'll write on another occasion about our wonderful local coastguard, for example - but please let me finish by asking you to send thoughts and prayers whenever you see or hear fire engines race past. They're carrying heroes.

- Chris Penk

MP for Kaipara ki Mahurangi

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point of view

The Kaipara ki Mahurangi electorate has more than 678km of unsealed roads - 78 percent of the unsealed roads in the Auckland region. Many of them are in rough condition.

I live on one of those unsealed roads too, so I share your pain when it comes to concerns about safety, dust in the air and our water tanks, damage to our cars, and the risks to users whether they be in a car, truck or on foot, bike or horse.

I hear your concerns about the state of these roads - which seem incredible given how close we are to the country's largest city, and how much traffic we get.

We're a special case here, because of our under-developed infrastructure, and the area's high growth rates. I'm working with the community/representatives, the Local Board, Councillor and other MPs to get the area a fair go.

It's not just our roads, there's pressure on all our services.

Community and local social services are essential to support our people and their needs. In Helensville we are blessed with a strong network of local support agencies - and if you know of anyone that deserves Parliamentary acknowledgement, please let me know.

- Marja Lubeck

Labour List MP in Kaipara ki Mahurangi

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local board matters

■ Help for Volunteers

One of the objectives in our Local Board Plan for the next few years is to improve our environment, in particular dealing with issues around water quality and control of pests, whether that is plant or animal.

The work we started in assisting private landowners in fencing off and planting riparian margins to improve water quality in our rivers and harbours, has now received a huge boost with over \$100m being allocated by central government to address the sediment issues ruining the Kaipara Harbour.

This has allowed us to turn our focus onto other issues and explore ways to ensure we

are accessing regional funding available for pest control from the Natural Environment Targeted Rate - known in council-speak as 'NETR'.

Over the coming year we will be continuing to offer support to community groups that want to do ecological work such as pest and weed control, and planting in public and private areas. Without the incredible work of volunteer groups much of the ecological work being done would never happen, so we want to do everything we can to support you. We are doing this in a number of ways.

Firstly, we are looking at providing a co-ordinator to work with local groups to support their work and tap into regional funding. Volunteers give up a huge amount of time and we want to do everything we can to support them to ensure they spend time doing the bits of their work that deliver results. Often accessing funding and jumping through hoops can drain time and energy, reducing the effort on the ground - which is what makes the difference. This new role would assist groups working on both private and public land.

Secondly, we are going to continue our funding for groups who want to do work in our public spaces. We have a Community Park Ranger who is there to provide support for groups wanting to do planting days and other environmental work in our parks and reserves.

There are still a lot of groups unaware that we do this, and we want to encourage groups to get in touch with us so we can put you in touch with the right staff to help. If you don't have a formal group set up but would like to do this, we want to hear from you as well.

You can contact any of your Local Board members for assistance in accessing these programs.

- Phelan Pirrie

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Art Therapy exhibition

An Art Therapy exhibition titled 'Being and Becoming' will be held at Helensville Art Centre from May 14 to 29.

It will feature works by artists Janet McLeod, Leesa Minton-Skirrow, and Linda Stevenson, all artists who work as art/creative therapists while also maintaining art practices. Their artwork is reflective of their lives, including their therapy work.

It's a joint exhibition with the Art for Wellbeing Group, which will exhibit work completed during its recent course.

There is a special opening on Friday, May 14 from 6pm. Regular hours are 10am to 4.30 pm Wednesday to Friday and 10am to 2pm Saturdays.

The Auckland Festival of Photography's theme for this year's exhibition is 'isolation'. Helensville Art Centre wants exhibit entries (\$5 per photo) that "consider the nature of synthesis, which combines elements to form a connected whole, just like communities."

Photos need to be clearly labelled and ready to hang/display. Entries should be delivered to the Art Centre on Saturday, May 29 between 10am and 2pm, or on Wednesday, June 2 from 10am to 4.30pm, or by arrangement.

For more information email: manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz, or phone or text: 021 158 6859.



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■ KAUKAPAKAPA MARKET

Foster on the tenor sax will be the live music entertainment at the next Kaukapakapa market, on Sunday, May 16 from 8.30am to 1pm. There will be free hair plaiting for children and stalls selling everything from fresh locally grown fruit and vegetables, a sausage sizzle, cakes, pies and donuts and coffee, to unique locally made hand crafts, hand knits, skin care, hand made soap, jewellery, plants, preserves, and bargain books. Plus the usual bargains in the car boot area. For more information phone Sarah on 0274 831 542 or email her at: sarah1@maxnet.co.nz.

■ SOUTH KAIPARA PLANTING DAY

South Kaipara Landcare is holding a tree planting day at Te Rau Puriri Regional Park on Sunday, May 16 from 10am to lunchtime. This is the first step in creating a continuous native forest link connecting the Kaipara Harbour with Lake Rototoa. Bring clean shoes, and gloves if wanted. Spades and trees supplied. A barbeque lunch will also be provided - RSVP to phil.evans@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

■ KAUKAPAKAPA LIBRARY

The Life And Times Of Wyn Jordan will feature at Kaukapakapa Library on Sunday, May 16 from 9am to 1pm.

In 1920, the Taylor family emigrated to New Zealand from Bradford in Yorkshire, England, to a farming life at Kaukapakapa. Wyn, aged 15, had to quickly learn to cope with primitive domestic conditions - doing the washing in a copper beside the creek, using oil lamps, and learning to milk cows.

Marrying Owen Jordan when she was 24, life shifted to what was then the remote Kukutango, or Jordan's Island. Seven children and 15 years later, the Jordans purchased 'Eden Vale' and enjoyed being back in the Kaukapakapa community.

An interest in local history prompted Wyn to become a foundation member of the Helensville and District Historical Society.

In 1960, when Kaukapakapa celebrated its centennial, she was asked to take charge of historical records for the official history. From that, she went on to compile the story of many organisations and pioneer families, and also wrote about the Jordan and Taylor families. For more than 20 years she was local correspondent for the Rodney Courier, and sometimes wrote articles for the New Zealand Herald.

An avid collector of local information, Wyn compiled scrapbooks of local organisations, events and items of interest. With thanks to the Jordan family, the Kaukapakapa library invites locals to view the collection. Contact Megan, ph 021 959 017, or email: threehorses@xtra.co.nz



• Wyn Jordan (right) with Norman Taylor and Owen Jordan on Kukutango (Jordan's Island)

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