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# From the Editor

**Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to our online survey recently. Wow, what a café culture we are! We have heaps of data, but here are some stand-outs** – Over 82 percent of you use our local cafes! More than 20 percent of you want a Farro or Nosh food store on the Peninsula. Nearly 19 percent would like more international cuisine options when they dine out.

More than 15 percent would like a family friendly bistro or brew bar. Regarding the town centre itself, nearly 26 percent of you would like to see an improvement in some way, whether it is a complete centre upgrade, a tidy up with new paint and signs or a new pedestrian and bike friendly, street layout. This data really helps the Te Atatu Peninsula Business Association to direct our work or to back up some of the initiatives we are already doing. For example recently we presented to a Unitary Plan hearing, backing up our submission for a town centre upgrade to be included in the proposed Unitary Plan. It's great to be able to show that some of our customers want that too.

Fitting right in with our café culture, we are now holding 'Coffee Clinics' where I will be available to talk to our business owners, landlords or anyone wanting to discuss anything to do with our town centre. I will book a table at certain times, rotating around all our great cafes. Check out our website [www.teatatupeninsula.co.nz](http://www.teatatupeninsula.co.nz), email [manager@teatatupeninsula.co.nz](mailto:manager@teatatupeninsula.co.nz) or phone 021 909 415 for details. Congratulations to our Easter promotion winners. First Prize: Weekend at the Oyster Inn, Waiheke Island was won by Lee Pearson of West Harbour who shopped at Perfect Productions. Second Prize: Mini Break at the Hilton was won by Suzanne Austin who works at Mortgage Supply and shopped at Unichem Pharmacy. Third Prize: Dine in and Unwind at the Stamford Plaza was won by Keegan Tunks who ate at Subway, which is also where he works part-time. Thanks to everyone who entered, for shopping locally.

Congratulations to the eight winners of our Mothers' Day promotion. First Prize: Marc O'Grady who shopped at Te Atatu Hammer Hardware and won the luxurious night for

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Keegan receives his prize voucher.

two at the Stamford Plaza with dinner and breakfast. Second Prize: Joanne Little who won the Fiji Island time facial, massage, manicure and pedicure. Third was six prizes! We had two winners who shopped at Cupboard Love - Emma Petterson who won the beautiful flowers (from Flossy Florist) and Sasha Sadler who won the perfume.

Mrs P Brotheridge shopped at Peninsula Hair and won the bubbly, wine and chocolates; Tania Greer shopped at Dream Nail and Spa and won the exquisite Deli Pack ( from Demo Deli); John Allen shopped at Te Atatu Menswear and won the gorgeous cake (made at Cupboard Love) and Diane McLeod won the breakfast at Delicious Foodstore.



*Letter to the Editor*

*A big thank you for the gift I was so lucky to win in the Mothers' Day draw. It was totally unexpected and a great surprise top this elderly person. So very generous.*

*I do visit the Peninsula on a fairly regular basis despite having lived in Te Atatu South for 30yrs. The main attraction was the Library, also many of the shops like Supa Fruit, Fuze, Delicious and Et Tu, Peninsula Hair, Post Shop, Hospice Shop (donate and buy), The Menswear Shop and many others.*

*My sincere thanks for all concerned.*

*Patsy Brotheridge 9/5/16*

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# WELCOME to the Peninsula

## The Property Market

Boutique real estate agency The Property Market, has ventured from Ponsonby to the 'burbs', opening a second office in Te Atatu Peninsula. Owner Antonia Baker started the business five years ago, at her dining table. She had been working in the advertising industry for the likes of Saatchi and Saatchi and Colenso when she moved into real estate via the Barfoot and Thompson firm. Antonia says she saw a huge opportunity to offer a different real estate model to clients and started her business from scratch.

The key difference between traditional real

estate and this model, she says is that by changing the sales persons' role, The Property Market is able to charge less for commission. Agents get a base salary and a percentage of the commission but the agency itself fields the general enquiries, freeing up 50 percent of the agents' time so they can focus on selling.

"In traditional real estate, agents are spending up to 80 percent of their time looking for their next listing," she says "and only 20 percent of the time fielding enquiries for current listings."



Sophie Baragwanath, Antonia Baker, Rosie Kininmonth

Antonia says it is how it's done overseas, with London's biggest firm Foxtons being the prime example.

Over the five years, The Property Market moved from the dining table, to a little office in back street Grey Lynn, to an architecturally designed office half way up College Hill in Freemans Bay. The Te Atatu Peninsula office is The Property Markets' second branch and Antonia says the next step is to open a branch in one of the central suburbs.

Meanwhile, she says she is enjoying being part of a village and loves being able to walk across to the supermarket and the fruit shop, from the branch.

"You need to be part of a neighbourhood to have any credibility," she says. "It taps into the human truth around our industry, that real estate is a core component of a vibrant community."

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Many people may not realise that the majority of the care we deliver is in patients' own homes, or the sheer size of the area we serve – from central West Auckland all the way to the South Kaipara Heads.

## Please help us stay on the road, serving the people of West Auckland.

Hospice West Auckland On The Road:

- 19 vehicles, including vehicles used by our health and social care team, a specialist equipment van, a people mover for group sessions, trucks and vans to ensure timely collection of people's generous donations and prompt delivery of purchases
- 8,000 home visits made each year
- 80% of our care delivered in patient homes

- Annual fuel bill of \$25,000
- Annual servicing costs of \$10,000
- More than 190,000 km driven every year

Each year Hospice West Auckland needs to fundraise 60% of its operating budget, or between \$3 and \$4 million, in order to provide specialist palliative care to the people of West Auckland. Your help and support is appreciated.



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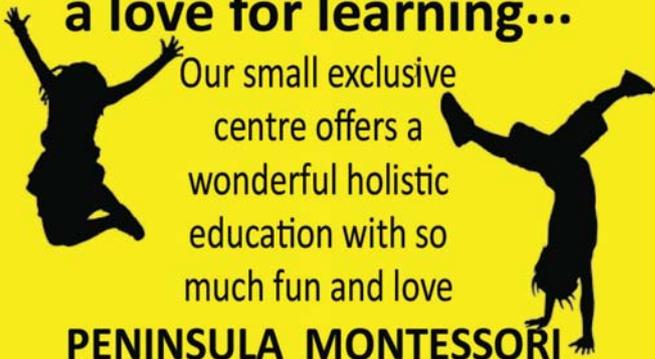


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# Top Te Atatu Scholars Celebrated at Parliament

It was an extraordinary privilege to be able to attend the 2015 Top Scholar Awards at Parliament House on Wednesday, to witness two of our students receive awards for topping New Zealand in the 2015 Scholarship examinations. In the presence of Principals from some of the most prestigious schools in the country and dignitaries including past and present Ministers of Education, it was a true honour to see Danisha Dadley and Oxana Repina recognised for their stellar performances.



Ministry of Education Hekia Parata, Oxana Repina, Prime Minister John Key

Danisha received her Top Scholar award from the honourable Hekia Parata for coming first in New Zealand for Dance, an award that students from Rutherford College have received for the third consecutive year.

Oxana was also recognised for coming first in New Zealand for Agriculture and Horticulture as well as Earth and Space Science, for the second year running.

Proceedings then moved on to the Premier Awards which recognise the top nine students in New Zealand. Truly the rose amongst several thorns, Oxana was the only female in the group and the sole representative of a decile five school.

Oxana gained her Premier Scholar Award for outstanding Scholarships in Agriculture and Horticultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Geography, and Statistics, as well as scholarship in Physics. In bestowing this award, the Chief Executive of NZQA mentioned that Oxana had not only been the top scholar in two sciences but had also been runner up in Statistics and Biology, a fact previously unknown to myself and Mr

Moore. It is fair to say that from that point on, our respective pulses were racing.

As the remaining Premier Scholars' achievements were announced, it became apparent that Oxana was unparalleled in her success and we waited with baited breath as the criteria for top scholar was explained. The announcement for top scholar was disguised with

gender unspecific pronouns and vague descriptions of first in New Zealand subjects. It was only when references started to be made to the outdoors and the environment that we gleaned some degree of certainty that our own Oxana Repina was indeed New Zealand's top scholar.

A significant cheer went up from the Rutherford delegation that was wonderfully swelled with Danisha's extended family, a far cry from the polite applause that perhaps some may have expected in the Grand Hall of Parliament Buildings. As in all things, Oxana accepted her award with distinction. Having been totally unprepared for a speech, she graciously thanked her school and family for their help and then showed the assembly what a passionate advocate she is for the environment and how we must all do everything we can to avert climate change.

If you do nothing else this weekend, watch Oxana's acceptance speech on the Stuff website on the Rutherford College Facebook page. It gives a beautiful insight into one of the most remarkable students in the nation, whom it was our pleasure to guide and mentor for five years.

*Lindy Cumming (2015 Yr 13 Dean)*



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# Interchanges Opened with Ceremony

The Lincoln and Te Atatu Interchange projects – crucial to the governments’ \$2.4b Western Ring Route, were officially opened by Transport Minister Simon Bridges at a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The two projects provide an additional route to State Highway 1 and the Harbour Bridge and change the way people move around Auckland.

NZ Transport Agency Highways Manager Brett Gliddon says the improvements at Lincoln and Te Atatu are part of a series of projects being completed during the next year to ensure the Northwestern motorway is able to handle the growing demands from everyone who uses it – drivers, people using public transport and those who walk and cycle.

“Increasing the motorway from two to three lanes in each direction on this stretch of the motorway will help traffic to flow better leading to greater travel time reliability, and an efficient alternative route to use instead of State Highway 1,” says Mr Gliddon.



*Pic Cap: Transport Minister Hon Simon Bridges (centre) joined by students from Rutherford Primary School. From left to right Fergus Gammie, NZ Transport Agency Chief Executive; Nick Rogers, NZ Transport Agency Board; Vanessa Neeson, Henderson Massey Local Board Chair; Adrienne Young-Cooper NZ Transport Agency Board; Hon Simon Bridges, Transport Minister; Robert Jones, Fulton Hogan Chief Executive; Alfred Ngaro, National List MP; Brett Gliddon, Transport Agency Auckland Highway Manager.*

*Photo by Greg Kempthorne*

The \$145million upgrade of the Lincoln Interchange has widened and realigned the onramps and motorway exits to improve safety and traffic flow. There are new dedicated, purpose built bus lanes providing a greater level of service than before. The Northwestern Cycleway has also been extended and improved.

The \$65million Te Atatu Interchange project has added an extra lane in each direction between Te Atatu and Lincoln Roads, new motorway on and off-ramps as well as raising and widening the Te Atatu overbridge.

The projects are two of five projects which will complete the Western Ring Route – one of the Government’s seven roads of national significance to help promote economic growth.

Once completed the 48-kilometre route will create a seamless motorway connection between Manukau and Albany along State Highways 20 (Southwestern), 16 (Northwestern) and 18 (Upper Harbour Highway).

Work will begin later this year on the Lincoln to Westgate project to tie into this just completed work at the Lincoln Road Interchange. It will include widening the Northwestern motorway to three lanes, improved on and off ramps, creating bus lanes and extending the Northwestern Cycleway.

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# Community

## The Te Atatu Community Network – Who are we? And what do we do?

The Te Atatu Community Network (TCN) was set up several years ago with a simple vision:  
*'Te Atatu as a vibrant village where every neighbour feels they belong, cared for and significant.'*

### Our Mission:

To support a thriving and vibrant community through a connected, cohesive and coordinated approach to the provision of community services and events.

### Our Key Objectives:

1. *Collaboration* – we believe that working together in a collaborative way achieves more than working in single entities. The sharing of information and resources mean that as a collective we are able to optimise opportunities to serve the community.
2. *Intelligence Gathering* – we aim to be responsive to community needs and issues as they arise. Sharing information and keeping abreast of developments in both the external and local environments allows the network to “Think globally/regionally but act locally”.
3. *Empowerment*. We aim to enable people in the community to develop and implement their own community projects, programmes and initiatives. We believe that the best people to champion community initiatives are those that are passionate and driven to see it come to fruition.
4. *Encouraging Engagement*. We encourage connectedness throughout all the Te Atatu community including groups of all backgrounds and interests.

*When and where do we meet?* Monthly – Next meeting 10am Wednesday 18 May at the Te Atatu Union Church – 2 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula.

You and your group are welcome to participate.

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Or, Te Atatu Union Church, Ph. 834 3228, or 834 3286 (Office),  
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## COMMUNITY HOUSE CHANGES

We regret to inform our Community of changes necessary to the operations of the Te Atatu Community House which will cease on the 30th June 2016.

It is with sadness that we are leaving the building which we have occupied since the 1st January 1977. The Society itself is hopeful that we can generate activities in the future to serve the community.

We will physically be in the current Community House building for a few months to wrap things up, so feel free to pop in or phone June on 8343534.



## CELEBRATE MATARIKI MAORI NEW YEAR

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# News and Events



## Drama Games

As part of our School Holiday Programme at the Library Monday 19th and Tuesday 26th April.

We had lots of fun during our Drama Games workshops with Lauren and Marlon from BRICKWORKS DRAMA SCHOOL.

## What's On in your Library

Book a Librarian – every Wednesday & Friday 11 – 12pm One on one help for any of your digital requirements. Ring 8904949 or come in and see us to book your session.

May is **Music Month** and we have performances by local schools and members of our community.

Saturday 7th May  
Tuesday 17th May  
Thursday 19th &  
Thursday 26th May  
Saturday 21st May  
Thursday 26th May

Make Build Do 11 – 12 pm Make a musical instrument.  
Rhythm & Rhyme Storytime 10.30 – 11am  
Performances by John & Lynn Flameling 11.30am – 12.30pm  
Chinese Harp and Mandolin duo  
Te Atatu Intermediate Marching Band & school choir performance 12.45 – 1.45  
Performance by Rutherford College Orchestra 1.45 – 2.45

Friday 27th May

**Samoan Language Week**  
Tuesday 31st May

Samoan Bilingual Storytime 10.30 – 11am

Matariki events are happening across all Auckland libraries 18th June- 17th July  
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## Bridge the Brain Game !!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

**NOWS** the time to start something new.

**Why not learn to play Bridge?**

The Ultimate card game, no other card game comes close! You need strategy, planning, guile and cunning to defeat your opponents!

Bridge is a stimulating card game that keeps your mind active no matter what your age. A great game to learn when you are young. Don't let others tell you it's for old folk. **NO WAY**, the earlier you learn, the quicker you will enjoy the challenge! Many regret they didn't take it up sooner.

People take up bridge as a hobby, since you play in pairs, you can join a bridge club with a friend or make new friends. When you know how to play, how to bid, which card to play first, understanding what it means when other people bid, you can take part in this game to keep you mentally on your toes. Always a challenge never boring.

Once you begin to play bridge, you will find yourself getting involved with the game and discover that you have a lot to talk about with others who are interested in the game as well, sharing tricks and tips. **FIRST** you need to learn the game!

Played before? A bit rusty? Join our Easy Going Bridge session and brush up your play.

**INTERESTED?**

Evening Lessons start at the Waitemata Bridge Club (Te Atatu) in March.

Easy Going Bridge sessions are on a Thursday. Don't delay get in today! Give me a ring 027-286-4396 or email Denise at waitematabc@xtra.co.nz. Visit our web site [www.bridgewaitemata.co.nz](http://www.bridgewaitemata.co.nz)





## Views on Wine with Sam Kim

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On a night when the wind blows cold and the air feels icy, I long for comfort food and soothing wines. Not that there is anything wrong with summery sauvignons, after all we are in the middle of the Bluff Oyster season.

First, white wines to complement winter foods. Chardonnay is an easy pick for me with its rich fruit intensity and rounded mouthfeel, together with creamy texture and stylish oak infusion. This noble variety is one of the best food-friendly wines. The trouble is chardonnay comes in many styles, and picking the right one can be tricky. At least it is fun trying different wines. An elegant chardonnay is ideal with light seafood and poultry dishes, while the richer style suits creamy sauces and weighty white meat dishes.

Kumeu Village Chardonnay (\$18) by the iconic chardonnay producer, Kumeu River, is subtly fruity with fine texture and a persistent silky finish. Fabulous with baked fish, vegetable fritters and warm potato salad with smoked chicken or salmon. West Brook Barrique Fermented Chardonnay (\$24), on

the other hand, is opulent and generous with richer fruit intensity and attractive nutty oak undertones, better suited to dishes such as seafood chowder, chicken and leek pie, and roast chicken with all the gorgeous winter veges.

Don't forget the aromatic varieties: riesling, pinot gris and gewurztraminer. These wines, if they have some sweetness, are great with Middle Eastern or Asian influenced foods. Sweetly sticky spicy pork ribs that give you humming warm tingling sensation of chilli and mouth-coating sweet stickiness, go brilliantly with a medium to medium-sweet aromatic white, as the wine enhances the rich sweet/savoury glaze flavours while it cools the gently burning mouth. And pinot gris and gewurztraminer are fabulous with soups containing kumara or pumpkin.

Of course, for many wine lovers, winter means big reds. The hearty dishes do go superbly with densely structured, richly fruited, generously oaked reds. Many New Zealand wines (cabernet, merlot, malbec and syrah) offer ample fruit concentration and

harmony without being massive. And if you are keen to try something different, go for tempranillo or montepulciano, either from Europe, or locally made.

These varieties offer dark fruit richness and savoury complexity, and make excellent winter wines due to their smooth and plump mouthfeel. Coopers Creek Huapai Montepulciano (\$28) is a goodie. Australian shiraz and cabernet are biggest of them all. They can be gratifying and delectable even in their youth. Look out for 2012 and 2013 wines if you can find them, as they show awesome fruit power of two great vintages with some bottle maturity, making them highly enjoyable this winter. Many to choose from, here are a few Aussie reds offering excellent value. Kingston Estate Cabernet or Shiraz (\$15), Beresford Bell Tower Shiraz (\$19), Kirrihill Regional Series Shiraz (\$19.00), Jim Barry Cover Drive Cabernet (\$20) and Pepperjack Shiraz (\$24). If you can, buy some extra and put away for next winter. They will be much smoother and more satisfying as they develop greater richness and complexity.

## Appetite for Change?



- Do you feel out of control around food?
- Are you concerned about the time and energy you spend thinking about your body and weight?
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- Is your life and health negatively affected by eating and body image issues?
- Are you worried about yourself or somebody else with disordered eating?

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## Views on Food with Kate James

This week the weather feels like it has started to turn the corner into the colder months. This is the time I start dreaming of all the warming, winter puddings my Mum used to make us as kids. Butterscotch Dumplings, Semolina Walnut Custard and Lemon Delicious Pudding were all winners but the one that holds a special place in my heart is Chocolate Self Saucing Pudding.

This is such a Kiwi classic - you may even already have this recipe or something similar. What I love is that it is so, so easy to make, doesn't require any special ingredients and always produces a divine result!

You can use any cocoa powder you have on hand but for the best results use Dutch Processed Cocoa Powder – the most chocolatey notes are developed when the cocoa is processed or alkalised to a pH of 7.0 – 7.4, a term sometimes called "Dutching".

Our laundry shelves were always filled with home-preserved fruit from Hawkes Bay where I grew up. Mum used to serve this pudding with her preserved Black Doris Plums (some of the best things I have ever tasted - tart and not too sweet) and vanilla ice cream. You can buy Black Doris Plums in the tinned fruit section of your local supermarket.

Also great the next day eaten cold – if there is any left!

### Chocolate Self Saucing Pudding (Serves 4 - 6)

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C. Lightly grease an oven proof dish.

**Sift:** 1 cup plain flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
2 tablespoons cocoa powder  
½ cup sugar

**Add:** 2 tablespoons butter (melted)  
½ cup milk

Mix into a firm dough and spread onto the bottom of your dish. Mix 1 cup brown sugar with 2 tablespoons of sifted cocoa, spoon/sprinkle this over the dough. Pour over 1 ½ cups of boiling water.

Bake for 30-40 minutes until the top is all crunchy and delicious and the sauce has formed underneath. This is a great recipe to make with kids too, Enjoy!



  
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# Te Atatu Glendene Community Patrol

**The Te Atatu/Glendene community patrol was launched in September last year, in response to the amount of crime reported on the local community facebook page and through community connections.**

The patrol started with a loan from a nearby community patrol which also helped with training. Some funding came from Community Patrol NZ to give the new organisation a kick start, but a lot of funding comes from donations or loans from members. Initially, James Blond in Kelston loaned a rental car and a local mechanic, Torque Mechanical Repairs inspected the vehicle the patrol recently purchased. This vehicle was paid for by an interest free loan from one of the patrollers who is being paid back while funds are balanced for patrolling as well. The patrol has a Givealittle page that local residents have been contributing to and patrol members do a lot of fundraising themselves.

Known crime hotspots are patrolled regularly but patrollers also drive around looking for anything suspicious. Every patrol is different and volunteers have done everything from trying to find the source of smoke to investigating alarms. In a recent case of attempted car theft, the police were called and an arrest was made. The patrol also presented at Te Atatu South and Peninsula community meetings on staying safe in our communities, the roles of community patrollers and how they interact with our local communities, police and neighbourhood watch.

Different skill levels of the volunteers are appreciated as everyone contributes something through a wide range of experiences and backgrounds. Patrols are at all hours of the day and night covering Te Atatu Peninsula, Te Atatu South, Glendene and the Henderson CBD and surrounding areas.

Recently patrollers have reported residents waving and grateful to see them in their street. They even got offered a coffee from a gas station where they had stopped to help someone who was lost. Patrollers have had the odd negative reaction but they are in contact with police and have assistance in these instances. The volunteers report that they enjoy knowing they are helping to keep their community safer from crime.

A few hours a month are required from volunteers but patrollers are free to choose their own hours and times that suits them. Applicants need to pass a police background check but so far nobody has been found unsuitable. The ability to cook or sell sausages for fundraising is also a welcome skill. People who are level headed and keen to make a contribution in their local communities and welcome to apply. Spaces on the patrol car

are available for advertisers on an annual or extended basis and ideal for businesses or locals wishing to contribute in exchange for prominent advertising space.

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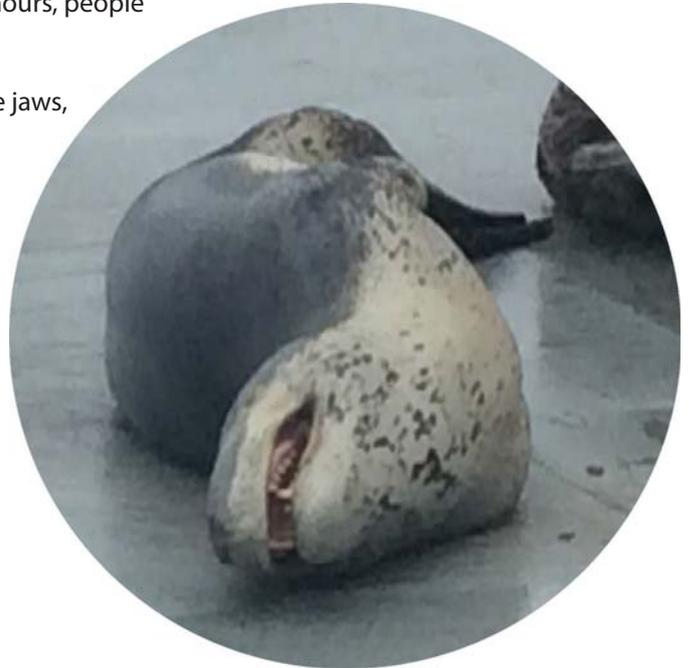
This visitor caused quite a stir when it decided to take a nap on the wharf at the Te Atatu Boat Club and is the latest in a long line of exotic wildlife the Causeway Alliance has welcomed to the project over the years. The leopard seal refused to let anyone past and for a couple of hours, people couldn't leave or get to their boats.

Leopard seals have a disproportionately large head, massive jaws, impressive teeth and a tremendous gape that gives them a snake-like appearance.

One look at those teeth and Causeway team member Mike Ryan put safety cones in place and stayed nearby to warn unsuspecting boaties until a DOC ranger arrived to assess the situation. As the DOC ranger pulled into the car park, the leopard seal rolled over, slipped back into the water and swam off towards the Whau Bridge.

Adult leopard seals are normally found along the edge of the Antarctic pack ice but in winter, young animals move throughout the southern ocean visiting New Zealand.

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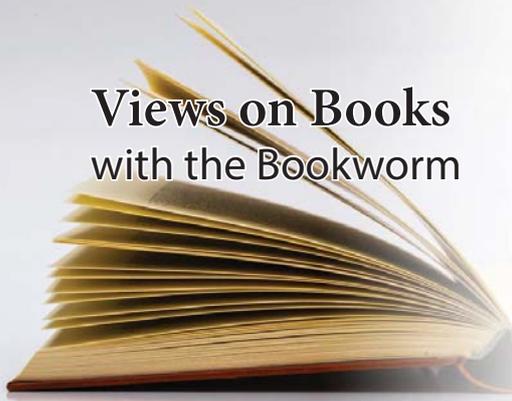
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# Views on Books with the Bookworm



I am quite a voracious reader and I love to slip around the Te Atatu Peninsula Library searching for little gems! Over the last months three titles have been especially entertaining. 'Our Finest Hour – and a Half' is a brilliant comedy set in London and the South Coast during the Blitz in World War II.

Feature film production had halted, but the Ministry of Information was busy making instruction and propaganda films. In this slick story filled with wonderful one liners, a collection of colourful characters are brought together to make a film about one particular heroic action, including an aging male lead actor, writer and would be writers, and various extras and others who are under orders, can't fight or are civilians. Author Lissa Evans was involved as a script writer on, among

others, the 'Father Ted' TV series and I just enjoyed another book of hers – Crooked Heart, in your library now!

Just as entertaining is 'The Lanterns of the King of Galilee' by Ibrahim Nasrallah, a family saga set in the late 18th century. The author wanted to write a biography but the written sources were few, although the mythology was well known. Scant records helped, and bravely, he has woven a tale of morality, customs, and lifestyles of ordinary folks and the more privileged, trying to get fairness for their fellow compatriots in Galilee, including the cities of Tiberius, Acre, Bethlehem and Damascus. In so doing, Dahir al-Umar al-Zaydani, the political leader sets out to unite Galilee and establish an autonomous Arab state, the forerunner of Palestine.

Really short chapters, strong female characters, and the twisted dramas of the Ottoman Empire which ruled the Middle East at this time, make it a delightful read, and the violence which inevitably occurs is quickly stated and not dwelt upon. Great insight into Arab and Bedouin manners and mores, delightful scenes of warmth and intimacy, familial envy and the nearness to the truth makes this a fascinating read.

I confess to being a history lover and Charles Emerson's book '1913: The World before the Great War' is a great idea. Each chapter is about a different city in the world and what was happening at that portentous time just before the start of World War I, in terms of social issues, economic imperatives, urban development etc, mostly through the eyes of commentators of the time or the reactions of notable figures writing books or in diaries. 'What is striking about them', says Emerson, 'is not only their cosmopolitanism but their relative modernity'. Easy to read, start from the beginning or pick your city, and you will find surprises and little known facts and statistics about lifestyles of cities around the world including Paris, London, Rome, Berlin, Algiers, Constantinople, Durban, Bombay, Peking, Tokyo, Melbourne, Winnipeg and Mexico City.

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