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FROM THE COMMITTEE

Here we are at the end of another year that at the start included traffic lights, restrictions, and masks and toward the end has felt somewhat normal!

What a trying time for us all over the last couple of years. The TAPBA committee wishes everyone the best summer, ever.

We like to greet the new faces in our town centre, and we say hello to Tony Buckwell, Barfoot and Thompson Te Atatu's new manager, on page 3.

In this issue we catch up with Rivercare Group as it continues its work advocating for and protecting our local awa, Te Wai o Pareira. It is wonderful to have a group so passionate about our local waterway. Read about their work on page 5.

We also take a look at a flock of endangered kuaka at Spinnaker Reserve in Te Atatū. The wooden birds painted by local students, aim to draw attention to the endangered migratory birds that fly here from Alaska every year. The artworks are featured on our cover, and you can read about them on page 7.

The Te Atatu Peninsula Business Association welcomes two new volunteer committee members, Tania Billingsley of Te

Atatu Investments (The Point) and Richard White, Manager of Harcourts Te Atatu. The Association has some exciting projects lined up for the year ahead including investigations into establishing a composting hub for businesses, to help our town centre combat climate change and the establishment of an Art and History Trail to showcase our beautiful area. We look forward to updating you on progress.

Our Christmas tree and wreaths are up and TAPBA is very thankful to Tasti Products for continuing to store the very bulky items during the year, when we are not using them. This saves us a lot of money on storage fees and we appreciate the help.

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▲ Tony Buckwell

Barfoot and Thompson Te Atatu's New Manager Tony Buckwell

Barfoot and Thompson Te Atatu's new Branch Manager feels like he has come home. Tony Buckwell grew up in Te Atatu and says he is enjoying working in a community that is so familiar to him.

Tony went to Flanshaw Primary and was an altar boy at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Taikata Road, moving on to Liston College and flatting in West Auckland before marrying.

Tony says although the local demographic has changed and there are new shops, he knows the neighbourhood and its history, and much of it still feels like it did when he was a boy.

Tony came from real estate sales to take over from long term manager Leonie Higgins, who has moved to a city role, and says the set of

values that has driven him through his career remains the same in his new role.

Tony was an early adopter of new technology, being one of the first agents to use videos to showcase properties. "I have brought that innovation mind-set with me," he says.

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Married for 20 years, with two teenaged sons, Tony now lives in Hobsonville Point. He would like to see the kind of community engagement used in the planning of Hobsonville Point, employed during the intensification of Te Atatu Peninsula. He supports having a long term vision or masterplan for the town centre hub. "If it's done well, it creates a sense of place and real energy for a community" •

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Rivercare Group Frustrated with Progress

Advocates for our local awa Te Wai o Pareira (Henderson Creek), are devastated by both the water quality of our precious resource, and the lack of tangible improvements to address the frequent wastewater overflows.

Recent rain saw Manhole 10 in Taipari Strand overflow continuously for 24 hours, in what Rivercare Group's Chris Ballantyne describes, as a geyser of sewage.

"We are working hard in the space," says Chris " but we are deeply frustrated. We've identified the problems, made suggestions, but we can't fix inadequate infrastructure. We have had a collaborative relationship with Watercare for nearly two years, but we have not yet seen tangible progress."

Rivercare Group will make a presentation to the Henderson Massey Local Board soon, with crucial data and a summary of research undertaken by the group on Te Wai o Pareira , highlighting frequencies of overflows and the magnitude of the problem. They will also make a submission to Watercare's Wastewater Network Strategy.

Rivercare Group has documented 69 wastewater overflows from July to September this year and claims that of the 69 overflows, 13 of them were outside the performance targets of Watercare's Network Discharge consent conditions.

Pathogen levels in the water have also been recorded and the group's data claims there were 88 measurements above the Ministry of Health's guidelines. Of those, they found 14 were at, or above the highest level that can be measured (24,000 mpn). The MoH advises any measurement above the recommended level (280 mpn or 550 mpn) can cause illness in humans or their pets.

"It is important to note that everyone can check the SafeSwim site (safeswim.org.nz) before using the awa to confirm it is safe from these high pathogen levels," says Chris.

There are more than 42,000 homes in the catchment, from Kumeu to Te Atatu. Seventy percent of sewage flowing through the transmission line and straight under our awa, is from suburbs on the Western side of Te Wai o Pareira. After the Northern Interceptor upgrade, the pipes going under Te Wai o Pareira will be de-loaded by diverting some of the sewage to the Rosedale Treatment plant on the North Shore, which should reduce the overflows. In the meantime, Rivercare Group is advocating for short and medium term solutions to achieve a reduction of overflows.

The group believes the awa's health should have more of a priority than it is being given, because it directly affects the Waitemata.

" We can't fix the Hauraki Gulf if we can't fix the inputs," says Chris.



▲ Photo credit - Rivercare Group Te Wai o Pareira

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A Watercare spokesperson said they understand the community's disappointment that there are ongoing issues with wet-weather overflows into Te Wai o Pareira.

"Unfortunately there is no quick fix. The long-term solution is our Northern Interceptor wastewater transmission project and associated upgrades at the Rosedale Wastewater Treatment Plant, which will be completed in stages over the next 12 years. This will ultimately redirect wastewater flows from Te Atatu and the northern suburbs to the Rosedale Wastewater Treatment Plant on the North Shore, instead of to the Māngere Wastewater Treatment Plant."

"In the short-term, the connection of stage one of the Northern Interceptor to Rosedale Wastewater Treatment Plant will provide some relief by redirecting flows from Hobsonville and Whenuapai to Rosedale, reducing the load on the Te Atatu wastewater network. Stage one of the Northern Interceptor is expected to be in service in the next few years, after the necessary upgrades are completed at the Rosedale plant."

Member of the Te Atatu Marae Whanau, Dion Pou says for Māori, environmental connection is fundamental to a Māori worldview and identity. He says for communities more widely, disconnection with their environment is acknowledged as a major driver of the crises we face today, such as biodiversity, sustainability, and climate.

"Fifteen years represents not just the passage of time, but a whole generation of tamariki robbed of the opportunity to harvest kai or swim freely in their river, and a whole generation of cultural loss for Māori," he says.

"Te Wai o Pareira is a taonga, and so much more than just a polluted urban awa" ●

" We can't fix the Hauraki Gulf if we can't fix the inputs"

New flock roosts at Spinnaker Reserve

A new flock of endangered kuaka have settled into their home at Spinnaker Reserve in Te Atatū. The wooden birds, part of Community Waitākere's education programme "Wild About Te Atatū," were painted by students at Te Atatū Intermediate and Peninsula Primary. They aim to draw attention to the dwindling population of these migratory birds that fly non-stop from Alaska to Aotearoa every year, a distance of some 12,000 kilometres.



Photo Chris Burton

The flock will be removed in March when the kuaka depart Aotearoa to begin their journey north to Alaska to breed, via a stopover in the Yellow Sea between China and the Korean Peninsula. It will be replaced the following September, celebrating the return of the kuaka and mirroring the migration pattern of these long-haul superstars.

Te Atatū Intermediate students painted their kuaka as part of their enquiry learning unit around the idea of "Protecting our Backyard". Their brief was to learn about the creatures that live in their local area, and to take action in their local community to protect these taonga. This year, the focus has been on the kuaka,

also known as the bar-tailed godwit. There are currently between around 80,000 of them spread across Aotearoa at this time of the year, including populations in Kaipara, Manukau, Te Atatū and Pūkoro Mirānda.

The school group has been working with Community Waitākere's Bronwyn Smith, an environmental educator who runs "Wild about Te Atatū".

Bronwyn says the student's designs were inspired by the Whales Tales sculptures displayed around Auckland this year, and it is hoped the kuaka artworks will bring more people to Spinnaker Drive and raise awareness about the endangered species.

The project Wild About Te Atatu is free for schools to engage in and aims to connect and engage students to their local space providing hands-on learning sessions such as monitoring the waterways, planting trees, coastal clean ups and pest trapping the Peninsula.

"Te Atatū is such an incredible place," says Bronwyn. "We need to share the stories of the amazing creatures, like the kuaka, far and wide so people can understand them, and so we can learn how to support them and take care of the places that they rely on."

The kuaka flock artwork, and sign that was developed with support from Birds New Zealand as well as the Te Atatū Marae Coalition and was opened

on the 27th October in a small event. The signage shares knowledge about how the mysterious migrations of the kuaka inspired the migration of Kupe to Aotearoa, in a bid to discover the lands the birds were flying to.

During the event, to the delight of the attendees and students from Te Atatū Intermediate, a flock of real-life kuaka landed in the estuary just behind the artworks.

You can see the flock at Waimanu Bay, 72 Spinnaker Drive, Te Atatū Peninsula. The best time to spot kuaka visiting is two hours either side of high tide. Kuaka can also be seen at Harbourview/Orangihina beach reserve.



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We are excited to be back in the community this year with our wonderful Trees of Remembrance!

Christmas is often a time when we think of those we have lost and miss dearly. Our community Trees of Remembrance give you the opportunity to remember your loved one by leaving a heartfelt message on our remembrance trees in selected stores around West Auckland. We invite you to make a donation, which will help us in continuing to provide free end-of-life specialist care to our West Auckland community.

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Te Atatu Community Hub will be running a range of activities/events and programmes over the summer months including pop up Christmas activations on Dec 20th, 21st and 22nd, some fun activities during the January School Holidays, Chinese New Year Celebrations in the last week of January, events for PRIDE in February plus the World of Cultures in March!

Keep an eye out on our Facebook pages (Community Centre & Library) for dates, times and more details

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Our members are very enthusiastic and love to attend playing indoor bowls, board games cards and craft, and outings and now we are implementing digital literacy.

Communicare extends to more than just meeting once a week, because they are members, we are able to keep in touch with them outside of Centre days, often visiting members should they be unwell, or just checking in to see if they need any help.

During Covid we kept in touch with our members with regular phone calls and when we were able to, organized books, puzzles and activities to be dropped off to those who needed them.

With the support of volunteers, all centres are supported by a coordinator who ensures the activities

are suited to the participant's needs.

This year Communicare has increased its services and is now implementing digital literacy and also has a social worker available to support our more vulnerable members.

We welcome new members to come and visit the centres and have a cuppa and we are also reaching out for volunteers. We always need volunteers.

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Night Classes at Rutherford College ... nearly 50 years on

by Andrea Cameron

Historically the purpose of community education has been to not only provide adult students with the opportunity for on-going learning, but to also open up the school to the community. Greater involvement by the community in the school and in the use of school facilities is thought to lead to greater acceptance of the school as part of the community and a reduction in such things as property damage and mischievous behaviour.

Where it all began

In 1974, the then Rutherford High School was one of four pilot schools selected by Education Minister Phil Amos to share resources with their communities. In 1978, under Education Minister Les Gandar, Rutherford College, along with seven other schools nationwide, were re-designated as Community Learning Centres.

The next big step, historically, was the enrolment of adult students in ordinary school classes - at both Rutherford and Aorere College. This was achieved through an amendment to the Education Act in 1975 and it was the first time in the Western world that adults and adolescents were taught together. Despite the sceptics this was a success, and by 1979 there were over 2300 adult enrolments at 190 schools. (The success at both schools was enhanced by on-site early childhood centres.) In the same year there were a further 10,300 adults enrolled for secondary school subjects with the Correspondence School. By 1987 most secondary schools in NZ



▲ Computer course circa 1990's

were provided with funding to run adult learning classes to meet community need and administer funding to support community organisations providing adult learning opportunities.

Where we are at now.....

Much of what Rutherford Community Learning Centre was originally set up to achieve still carries on. Rutherford provides adults who have missed out at school with access to gain qualifications in a safe and friendly learning environment, with support from qualified tutors who understand the needs and aspirations of adult learners. The classes have trained teachers, well equipped, resourced classrooms, and clean, safe, public buildings available in the evening.

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We have earned this summer. After a dismal wet winter, it feels comforting when warm sunlight hits your skin, as if the solar beam is recharging your body and mind.

Doesn't warm temperatures encourage us to do more alfresco dining and entertaining? It's also a fun time of the year to try new vintage wines, along with new season vegetables and fruits.

Here are some wine and food matching ideas to start a meal or served as light snacks on lazy weekend afternoons.

Grilled asparagus with lemon juice, olive oil and Parmesan. This simple but classic offering goes brilliantly with sauvignon blanc. The wine delivers punchy flavours with crisp acidity, enhancing asparagus' vibrant fresh flavours.

Prawns and mussels with wasabi mayo. Succulent meat combined with creamy mayo and a hint of wasabi kick is a lovely way to start a summer party. You can't beat sparkling wine with this. Bursting bubbles in your mouth with creamy texture and refreshing mouthfeel are perfect with most seafoods. Chardonnay works well too with the wine's generous weight and supple texture.

Vietnamese fresh rolls. Fillings can vary from a mix of finely sliced vegetables, leftover shredded chicken and herbs, or prawn and pork combo. The slightly sweet sauce makes the wine matching a little tricky. I find pinot gris pairs delightfully well. The wine also has subtle sweetness and mellow acidity, allowing freshness of the roll to sing while complementing the sticky sauce.

Party platters. It can include cheeses, cured meats and grilled vegetables, plus hummus, pâté, pastes and fruits. Not surprisingly sparkling wine goes well almost all of these. Another option is rosé. It's light and refreshing with whisper of fruit sweetness, making it super-versatile and easy to enjoy with a variety of nibbles.

Tacos. You can go wild and daring with this. A fun way to serve is to offer several filling choices and people can build their own tacos. It does require a bit of prep but it gets people engaged and entertained. These are generally richly flavoured with a spicy kick, needing equally bold wines to tango. Shiraz is a great match, as it provides opulent fruit flavours with spicy nuances. Tempranillo is another excellent option. This is rounder and smoother than shiraz with plump mouthfeel.

Chicken skewers. Whether it's overnight marinated in yoghurt and garam masala, or served with nutty satay sauce, these tender pieces of charred chicken are irresistibly tasty. I tend to go for a red rather than white. Pinot noir is a great friend with flavoursome chicken dishes. Grenache (similar in body and weight to pinot) is another excellent choice if you want something a little different.

While you have the hibachi grill smouldering hot, why not put vegetable skewers with mushroom, cherry tomato, eggplant, courgette etc, and serve them with beetroot humus dip. Flavour and texture explosion here. Cooling rosé would be awesome, or creamy chardonnay can be comfortingly delicious with them too, or even pinot noir with the wine's soothing texture will enhance these delicious summer veges.

Happy sipping. •



Sam Kim

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Views on food

Robynne Pringle

Taking inspiration from Sam Kim's food and wine ideas, here is a recipe for Summer Rolls. Add or change salad ingredients e.g. avocado, or alternative proteins such as shredded chicken. Have fun!

SUMMER ROLLS:

INGREDIENTS

100 grams (approx) fine rice noodles
peeled and deveined shrimp (optional)
A julienned carrot
A julienned cucumber
¼ of a shredded lettuce or red or green cabbage
Bean sprouts
fresh mint & basil leaves
8 large rice paper sheets

FOR PEANUT SAUCE

½ cup smooth peanut butter
1 tbsp. soy sauce
2 tbsp. rice vinegar
1 clove garlic, crushed
2 tsp. maple syrup



METHOD

Place noodles in bowl, cover with boiling water; let stand about 5 minutes or until just tender, drain. Cut noodles into shorter lengths. If using shrimp, poach salted boiling water until just become pink and opaque. Place a sheet of rice paper in medium bowl of warm water until just softened. Let the water drain from it then place on work surface and place some noodles in the center of the sheet and top with some of all the vegetables, horizontally, then on top place a couple of shrimps if using, then a basil and a mint leaf. Fold over the edge of rice paper closest to you to enclose filling, folding in sides as you roll. Repeat to make the rest of your rolls.

FOR PEANUT SAUCE:

Whisk all the ingredients to blend and serve in a shallow dipping bowl. •

As summer fast approaches home and vehicle security becomes more important.

With summer comes heat therefore people will be opening windows during the day and leaving open during the night, sometimes inviting unwanted guests and I'm not just talking mosquitos. Opportunist thieves will take any opportunity offered to grab what they can. Security stays on windows and outside security lights are a good deterrent as too are security cameras.

This also applies to vehicles. Make sure to lock your vehicle and put the windows up when at home and at the beach. Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle such as phones, wallets and handbags. Remember it will take a thief 10 seconds to smash your window and grab it, but it will take you far longer to replace the things taken.

Police will be out and about during the summer with our usual beach patrols in place. We will be highly visible out on the roads to keep all road users safe.

Please just remember summer and Christmas are meant to be happy times so take care and if you are going out to celebrate don't drink alcohol and drive.

Have a safe and very Merry Christmas and New Year.
Cheers
Senior Constable
Carlo De Martin
Te Atatu Community Constable



Tēnā koutou,
Wow! Christmas is almost here and hopefully we'll be enjoying it with the longer days and the coming good weather.

If you purchase a real Christmas tree, it's a good idea to saw the stump and put it in a bucket with water, so the moisture keeps the tree from drying out fast. Christmas lights are fine to be used on a multiboard, as they don't draw too much power, like irons, fridges, microwaves etc. These should always be plugged directly into the wall outlet.

Hopefully our heaters will be put away for the rest of the year, but summer does mean we may be using our BBQs more. Please ensure your BBQ fittings are tight and secure, and there's at least 1 metre of clear space around the BBQ. Use the soap bubble test to make sure there are no leaks.

Most fire fatalities occur in rental properties without working smoke alarms. For this reason, we are asking that you make sure, not only that you have smoke alarms (landlords must supply them for tenants) but that they are working. It's the tenants responsibility to maintain the installed smoke alarm(s), including replacing batteries (if required), for the duration of their tenancy.

If you are taking a trip away and driving long distances, please drive safely and take regular rest stops.
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