



## Karekare Landcare

10am-12noon Sunday 14th September

Let's have a big turnout to this morning. Locals, don't be put to shame by visitors - last month we had some corporate help from the landscape group AA Environmental coming all the way out here to help us.

Removing pea plant from the cave slope area is a huge job and needs a big commitment. I have just applied to the ARC for extra funding for abseilers to remove plants from the rocky area at the top. The ARC themselves are planning to put considerable funds into more abseiling work. The rangers have organised groups - community workers and Bush & Beach to help with weeding. There is still a large area to be cleared which can be reached, with varying degrees of difficulty, by people on foot from below. Also, there are now pockets of plants further afield which need attention. For more information see the Karekare website page on pea plant:

[www.karekare.org.nz/landcaremay2003.htm](http://www.karekare.org.nz/landcaremay2003.htm)  
The area covered by this plant is part of the hillside which the Karekare community put such a huge effort into - organising an art auction - to raise money to help the ARC to buy a small private section and put it into public ownership, only a few years ago. Lets not let this area be a seed bed for a potential west coast disaster - it is quite possible that this pea plant could spread to rocky faces on the coast all over the coastal cliffs from Whatipu to Muriwai.

We need your help - the job needs a lot of man and woman power. There are tasks ranging from easy - pulling little seedlings in the originally cleared area, to the challenging as you climb further up from the road. Bring a spade, ladder or pruning tool if you are in for the difficult stuff. If you want scenic, walk up the track and pull plants above

## 30 years' work to save the Ranges

Over 120 friends and supporters of the Waitakere Ranges Protection Society gathered in Waitakere Hall on Sunday 27th July to celebrate the Society's 30th Birthday. The Society was formed in the same hall, 30 years ago to the day in 1973. It was founded at a meeting of locals, angry at plans to locate a rubbish tip in the Te Henga Valley. Having defeated the tip proposal the Society went on to become respected and passionate advocates for the Waitakere Ranges.

Guests such as Don Binney and Warwick Brown shared their memories of the formation of the Society and Councillors Penny Hulse (WCC) and Bill Burrill (ARC) shared their admiration for the work of the Society and their hopes for future conservation of the Ranges. Local MPs Lynne Pillay and David Cunliffe pledged support in Parliament if it would help meet the Society's goal of permanent protection for the Ranges.

The Society awarded personalised certificates of honour, for outstanding work to protect the Waitakere Ranges, to Douglas Allan, Juliet Batten, Dick Bellamy, Don Binney, Warwick Brown, Jonathan Hunt, John Lewis, Dave McKay, John Morton, Marjorie Newhook, Colleen Pilcher, Tony Randerson, Jeff Scholes, Gary Taylor and Bob Usher.

Having helped with 10 major additions to the parkland and prevented many damaging developments, such a power station at Whatipu, a gas pipeline through the Ranges, a sewage outlet along the West Coast and three further rubbish tips, the Society believes the Ranges are now under more threat than ever.

"Today's pressures for more subdivision and more tourism put at huge risk what we all love about the Ranges," said John Edgar, the Society's President, in his speech at the party. "As we celebrate, we look forward to working with local communities, landowners, Councils and politicians to secure permanent protection against further development."

For more information contact: John Edgar, President, Waitakere Ranges Protection Society 09 8128 555 or email [jedgar@iconz.co.nz](mailto:jedgar@iconz.co.nz)



Founding member and current committee member Colleen Pilcher cuts the cake with young members Sarah Marler and Karekare local Alicia, daughter of Robin and Jenny Taylor.

## operation spring clean

Towards the end of September, there should be two weed bins - one at the bottom of Lone Kauri Road (by the entrance to the Pohutakawa Glade) and the other by the Fire Station on Farm Road. Start weeding anything that is not safe to compost - wandering jew, agapanthus, seeds, ginger, jasmine, plectranthus, etc. If anyone needs bags I can supply them - *Caroline Grove* 8128 760.



## Project Crimson @ Karekare

Project Crimson has up to 150 pohutukawa grown from Karekare sourced seed for planting around the dunes, streams and roadsides. These plantings have been facilitated by Waitakere Ranges Protection Society and Karekare Landcare and will be attended by representatives of these groups for our October Landcare on Sunday, 12th. In September, ARC Rangers and Landcare people will be surveying possible sites and staking positions, ready for planting. We would welcome any suggestions for suitable sites, especially on the boundaries of public/private land. Plan a family lunch on the 12th October, and bring everyone down in the morning to plant a special family tree or two in the beach area.

**When:** Sunday 12th of October, 9.30 to 12.00 am **Where:** Karekare Beach carpark

**Refreshments provided. Inquiries:** Robin Binsley 8128420

For other information on Project Crimson contact: [info@projectcrimson.org.nz](mailto:info@projectcrimson.org.nz)

## local announcements

**Welcome to Karekare!** Congratulations to Kate Harper & Tim Hansen on the birth of their little boy named Wilfred (Wil) Simon on 27th August!

**Sewing machine for sale** Bernette (baby Bernina) portable sewing machine available for \$100. Excellent condition. Please call Olivia and leave a message on 8128 624.

**Do you use Microsoft Access?** I would like to become a better Microsoft Access user. Is there anyone locally who could tutor me for a few hours? Call Vanessa for details 8128 153.

**Do you need help at home?** For babysitting or housekeeping duties in your bach or home. Reasonable rates available for all kinds of light domestic duties. Call Virginia on: 8128 012.

**House for rent** 3 bedroom partly-furnished house close to beach available from end of June for long term rental. \$280 per week. Sorry, but no pets and no smokers. Phone Jesh for details on 8128 131 or 027 4989 777.

**House for short term rent** 2 bedroom furnished house on Lone Kauri Road available from end of August for short term rental. Phone Peter for details on 027 283 1044.

## markets

**Glen Eden Village Market** Every third Saturday of the month. Cnr West Coast & Glenview Roads. 8.30am-1.30pm. Contact: Ish. ph: 813 1961

**Organic Food Fair** every Saturday 7.30am-2.30pm at Rudolf Steiner School, 5 Helios Place, Titirangi.

**Pacifica Market** Every Saturday Corban Estate Arts Centre 10am-4pm. Email: info@ceac.co.nz ph: 838 4455

**Piha art market** Every 3rd Saturday of the month outside the West Coast Gallery, Piha 10am-2pm. ph: 8128 029

**Titirangi market** Last Sunday of the month, War Memorial Carpark 10am-2pm. Contact: Judith. ph: 817 3467

**Titirangi healers market** Every third Sunday of the month, War Memorial Hall 10am-2pm.

## Get fit & flexible for summer

Yoga classes with Jyoti have been so popular and enjoyable, we now have more classes available:

- **Advanced class** - (with theory) \$10 Tuesday 7 to 8.30am
- **Open classes** - \$5 Tuesday 9.30-11am & 6.30 - 8pm, Thursday 9.30 - 11am

Please bring your own mat, blanket & empty stomach. At the Barn 124 Lone Kauri Road. Enquiries ph: 8128 640.

## what's on...

### MOON FESTIVAL

**Two free days of fun and entertainment. The Moon festival is based on the ancient Chinese autumn festival, which is also celebrated in Japan, Vietnam and Korea. Friday 5 - Saturday 6 September, New Lynn Community Centre Totara Ave, New Lynn.** Mooncakes symbolise the gathering of friends and family and are offered to the gods for a good harvest. It is believed that the custom of eating mooncakes dates back to the 14th century. Join in the street parade with your free lantern, and help to launch the festival. Oriental style free face painting will be provided at the New Lynn Library. A range of delicious asian food stalls will be open through out the night. The night will close with an authentic fireworks display. **Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Stage performances including fan, Thai, Korean and Chinese, Maori and pacific island dancing and martial arts performances throughout the day. If you would like to book a stall please contact Peter Chan phone (09) 834 5638 or email mipc@mailcity.com. For all other information contact Waitakere City Council.**

### WAITAKERE CITY ORCHESTRA

**We are putting on our first formal concert at the Glen Eden Playhouse.**

**September 6 at 7.30pm.** Music for strings, full orchestra, and four arias. Featuring three soloists - local tenor Paul Chappory who recently sang in opera NZ's Boris Godunov to critical acclaim; local dramatic soprano Anne Cheng, an experienced opera singer and teacher who has sung a range of famous roles in both Hong Kong and in Wellington; plus local classical guitarist Sasha Witten-Hannah who performs regularly in West Auckland and is a member of Heartstrings Duo. **Admission prices are \$20/\$15 and family concession of \$50 (2 adults+2 children). Tickets will be on sale through the Titirangi Pharmacy ph: 817 7658 and Go West Music Works in Henderson ph:837 4001. Door sales will also be available, but seating is limited. Refreshments will be served during interval. For further information, go to our website: www.wco.co.nz**



Local classical guitarist Sasha Witten-Hannah

### GOING WEST 2003 BOOKS AND WRITERS FESTIVAL

**Going West is a well-established writers festival in Waitakere City, now in its eighth year. This year's festival runs from 12 September to 23 September.** Some features of the festival are: **Word Up 5 September** Corban Estate Arts Centre. A jam session for young performers in dance, music, performance poetry & comedy; **Wild New Zealand 12-14 September** Titirangi War Memorial Hall. Voices from the landscape - featuring on Sept 13 - "Karekare voices: a visual & literary response to Karekare" by Sam Sampson whose verse appears in Bob Harvey's book "Rolling Thunder"; **The Daylight Atheist 12-14 September.** Titirangi Theatre presents a complex picture of a funny, bitter and unfulfilled man and at the same time provides an insight into the values and flavours of post World War II New Zealand; **Book market 13 September** Titirangi Community House; **Storyfest 20 September** Kelston Community Centre. Live theatre, storytellers, puppetry; **Well Expressed 21 September.** By steam train from Auckland to Helensville, a day of wine, food and word-based delights; **Workshop with Margaret Mahy 23 September.** Writers workshop at Corban Estate Arts Centre. **For further information on these events ph: Barbara Cade 836 8000 ext 8780 or email: Barbara.Cade@waitakere.govt.nz**

### PACIFICA LIVING ARTS FESTIVAL

**Pacific peoples have contributed significantly to arts and cultural development in the city. The 8th Waitakere Pacifica Living Arts Festival will continue to show case the arts and cultures of the different Pacific communities 13 - 19 September.** The Festival will incorporate music, food, a market-type atmosphere, traditional dancing, performances, drumming, workshops and an exhibition of visual arts and crafts from each ethnic group represented in Waitakere - i.e. Niue, Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Tokelau, Fiji and Maori of Aotearoa. We see this as a golden opportunity for you to share with our Pacific Community in Waitakere City. **For information or bookings please contact: Corban Estate Arts Centre, 426 Great North Rd, PO Box 21 526, Henderson, Waitakere City, Ph 838 4455, Fax 838 4488 info@ceac.org.nz**

### WAITAKERE TRUST ART & SCULPTURE AWARDS

**14 - 19 September West Wave Recreation Centre 20 Alderman Drive, Henderson Official Opening Exhibition Saturday 13 September 8pm Sunday 14 - Thursday 18 September 10 am - 8pm Friday 19 September 10 am - 4pm For more information contact: Janet Holtrigter, phone (09) 838 5733 or Marilyn Davey, phone (09) 836 4171 Email wccac@extra.co.nz**

### JOG THE DOG® IN WAITAKERE

**Sunday 21 September Fun Run/Walk with your Dog. Proceeds go to dog charities.**

Loads of activities including Doggy Loot Bags for all entrants, live music, competitions, training club demos, free giveaways, Dog Café, Puppy Creche and more. If it's torrential rain the event will be postponed to the following Sunday. Please listen to MoreFM or 12B for cancellations. **For more information contact Pip Fleming Phone: (09) 378 2190 Email: eventcreators@xtra.co.nz 10.30 am start, Henderson Park Wilsner Crescent, \$15 single dog \$20 Family entrant (2 or more dogs in same household).**

### AMBURY FARM DAY

**Sunday 21 September. Pony rides, tractor rides, police dog team display, demo wood chopping, sheep shearing, cow & goat milking, lamb and calf feeding, face painting, competitions etc.** **Free parking and entertainment at Ambury Regional Park 10am-4pm organised by the ARC. No dogs permitted in the park. For more information contact 09 366 2000.**

### LAINGHOLM ART MARKET

**Featuring: fine arts, carving, weaving, photography, local crafts, light refreshments available Sunday 28 September 1-5 pm Stalls still available. Laingholm Community Hall Victory Road. For further information contact Marie phone (09) 811 8878.**

### FLAG MAKING WORKSHOP

**Saturday 4 October Join in a local community arts project from The West Coast Gallery in Piha. Bring or donate some parka nylon, satins, silks and parachute cloth or old scarves plus any suitable decorative materials would be most appreciated. Contact Julie at the Gallery on Thurs/Friday on 8128 029 or at home on 813 6684 or email on: zaron@ak.planet.gen.nz for more information.**



## Public health warning

Advising public against collection and eating of shellfish from the coastline which extends from mouth of Manukau Harbour to mouth of Kaipara Harbour

Dr David Sinclair, Medical Officer of Health, of Auckland District Health Board's Auckland Regional Public Health Service, today

issued a public health warning advising the public not to take or eat shellfish harvested from the coast line extending north from the mouth of the Manukau Harbour to the mouth of the Kaipara Harbour (including Auckland's west coast beaches). This area excludes the Manukau and Kaipara Harbours, which are not affected currently.

This warning has been issued due to the presence of paralytic shellfish poison above safe levels in shellfish which are routinely monitored at the coastline.

Symptoms of Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) occur within 24 hours of consuming shellfish. They include numbness or tingling around the mouth, face or extremities; difficulty swallowing or breathing; dizziness double vision or paralysis.

This warning applies to the collecting of all shellfish, including scallops, tuatua, cockles, oysters, mussels, pipis, catseyes or pupu, and kina or sea urchin. The gut of paua, crayfish and crabs should not be eaten when taken from within the area.

The public are reminded that the gut and skirt of scallops should never be consumed even when taken from areas that are not subject to warnings about biotoxins.

Anyone who becomes ill after consuming shellfish should contact their doctor in the first instance.

Auckland Regional Public Health Service is continuing to take samples of shellfish to monitor the situation.

Dr Sinclair advises people who want more information about the safety of shellfish in their possession to contact the Duty Health Protection Officer at Auckland Regional Public Health Service, phone 09 2621855.

## animal hazards on the road

Late last year I hit a dog zig-zagging in the road, and killed it. I was lucky - it could have been a lot worse. There were two small boys on one verge, one on the other, all calling to the little terrier as I tried to avoid it and all three boys. I nearly missed him too, but one rear tyre bumped over the little body.

In the kitchen their Mum heard the squeal of brakes, saw the group huddled in the road and panicked - as you would. It wasn't until she'd broken all records running down the drive that she realised her kids were safe. It could have been worse - but was I liable? I've always assumed if you hit a domestic animal you have to report it, not necessary with mum on the scene. But in fact that's not the case. Under the Animal Protection Act 1960, if you hit any animal, and injured it, you were legally obliged to report the accident to the owner or a traffic enforcement officer. If you didn't, you were liable for a \$250 fine.

But this law was unwieldy and unrealistic - it covered every animal not a bird, so theoretically you had to report a killed possum or rabbit with the same zeal you'd muster for a domestic pet, or face a fine. I'd assumed the January 2000 law change would have altered the wording to make it clear only domestic animals were covered, but the whole relevant section of the act was repealed. You are no longer obliged to report hitting any animal.

According to the Senior Inspector at Manukau's SPCA office, hitting an animal comes under the blanket provisions whereby the person in charge of an animal must ensure it receives treatment. He said there's an argument that says the person who hits an animal is then in charge of it, but that hasn't been legally tested.

The catch here is that in theory the owner is responsible for ensuring an animal gets treatment, but if the owner doesn't witness the impact, how is he or she to know the animal is injured? The SPCA often gets multiple calls from witnesses about an animal injured by a car, but in remoter areas with less traffic, if it's night or the animal crawls away and hides, it won't be seen and so won't receive treatment at all.

All this, of course, supposes that the driver is acting rationally at this point. I was in shock, shaking and tearful - it's never nice to run over an animal. It's worse when the owners are children, and watch the accident. I was lucky that my passenger reassured me I'd done all I could - slowing almost to a halt, trying to avoid the animal and keeping clear of the kids. And he took the wheel until I'd calmed down, leaving mum to cope with the aftermath.

What would have happened had the animal been injured and not killed? People are frequently bitten by terrified animals; when in pain they bite the hand that feeds them as an automatic defence against something they can't understand. If you can, call the vet or SPCA out unless you are sure you can move an animal without risking yourself, or further injuring it. But don't leave it to die - think how you and your kids would feel if it were your pet.

*Jacqui Madeline*

## local public services, groups & contacts

**Arataki visitor centre** Scenic Drive. Open 7 days from: 1 Sept-31 May, 9am-5pm. Open Mon-Fri: 1 Jun- 31 Aug, 10am-4pm. **ph:817 0077**

**Auckland Regional Council** web: [www.arc.govt.nz](http://www.arc.govt.nz) **ph: 366 2000**

**Piha store** 15 Seaview Rd. Open: Weekdays: 9am -5.30pm, Weekends: 8.30am-5.30pm. **ph:8128 844**

**Piha library** Open :Tue 10am-1pm & 6.30pm-8pm, Wed 10am-1pm, Thu 10am-1pm, Sat 10am-2pm. **ph:8128 231**

**Piha post office** Open: Tue, Thurs, Sat 10am-midday **ph:8128 486**

**Piha community pre-school** \$10 per session. Open : Tue 9am -4pm, Thu 9am- 1pm, Fri 9am-4pm. **ph: 8128 013**

**Piha playgroup** \$2 contribution. Open: Mon 9am-11am, Thu 9am-11am. Bookings advisable. **ph: 8128 876.**

**Plunket** Plunket nurse at Barnett Hall, once a month. Next date: 17th Sept. **ph: 8388806** appointment needed in advance, or **ph. 8128 806** on the day, to cancel or speak to nurse at Barnett Hall.

**Piha tennis club** Casual players can get the key to the courts at the campground office for a small fee. Contact: Ross Pownall/President. **ph: 8128 185**

**Refuse transfer station** The concourse, Henderson. Mon-Fri: 5am-7.45pm, Sat: 8am - 4.45pm, Sun: 8am - 3.45pm.

**Waitakere City Council** Bldg 6, Waipereira Ave, Henderson. Email: [info@waitakere.govt.nz](mailto:info@waitakere.govt.nz). Web: [www.waitakere.govt.nz](http://www.waitakere.govt.nz) **ph: 839 0400**

**Waitakere Central Community Arts Council** For info on upcoming classes & workshops email: [waitakereartscouncil@xtra.co.nz](mailto:waitakereartscouncil@xtra.co.nz) or contact Janet Holtrichter **ph: 838 5733**

**Waitemata Theatre Group** For information on club nights, performances, costume hire, etc. contact Carol Gibson **ph: 836 5572**

**Waiaatarua Playcentre Sessions** Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9.30am - 12.30pm for 0-6 years. 911 West Coast Rd. Learn and grow with your child. For information contact: Susie Butler **ph. 8128 696** or Chris & Angela Turbott **ph.8128 447.**

**West Auckland Historical Society** Meets third Tuesday of every month from February to November at the Kelston Community Centre, cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Road Kelston at 7.30pm. For more information write to: West Auckland Historical Society P.O. Box 21 416 Henderson

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