



RUAWAI RAMBLER

A Newsletter for Ruawai and Surrounding Area

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From the Editor

Our main sponsor for this issue is ‘The Team at Six O Farms’. Our thanks to Greg Gent, Ann Flood and their team. We have relied on local businesses for sponsorship and farming these days is very much a business. And again we say ‘thank you’ to our regular advertisers. Also thank you to the people who submit articles of interest and/or information. Without your input we cannot have a newsletter. If you have an item of interest, or even just an idea for an article, please get in touch. Ruawai Promotions has two public meetings a year and our next one is on 17th October. I am looking for assistance with the production of the Ruawai Rambler (see article below). I was contacted a while ago by Kaz Howlett. Kaz is a representative for ‘NorthAble Equipment Plus’ a firm that specialises in equipment to help those with disabilities from whatever cause. RPDG has arranged a demonstration with Kaz. **Mark this date in your calendar** (See information in this newsletter). If you want to contribute to the Ruawai Rambler or want to advertise, please contact the **Editor: Jo (Johannes) Wessel, Phone: 439 2507; email: jhwessel@xtra.co.nz.**

The Ruawai Rambler, including past copies, is available on our website: ruawaipromotions.co.nz



Public Meeting

Ruawai Development & Promotions Group

The RPDG will host a meeting open to the public.

Date: October 17th. Time: 7 pm.

Place: Meeting Room, Ruawai Tokatoka Hall

All Welcome

Hi Everyone.

Ruawai Promotions has been busy since the last edition of the Ruawai Rambler. As you can see the construction of the Gazebo on the Village Green is nearing completion. The work still to be done includes a concrete path and wheelchair ramp to the Gazebo, entrance rails, some decorative trim work and painting. There will be a mowing strip around the base once the path has been laid. Thanks to the KDC for agreeing to contribute toward the cost of the path and ramp. Upon completion, the purpose of this project will become evident as it will show the history of Ruawai in photos and brief information. We have yet to work out how to manage and arrange this display that will tell the story that is Ruawai. In addition we are in the process of establishing another project and have formed a subcommittee. We have applied and await a decision for funding to start a Walkway/ Cycle Track on the stop bank. This section of the track will start at the South side of the boat marina and follow the stop bank to Wilsons Landing Road. We have formed a Memorandum of Understanding with the K.D.C. and the Raupo Drainage Committee to do this work. On another note our midyear public meeting will be in October. That is the time we would like to see members of the public come along and discuss with us anything that is on their mind.

There will be a motion for a change to the constitution at this meeting.

The motion will read:

“That nominations for Ruawai promotions and development group be received by the Secretary no later than 48 hours before the start of the AGM”.

This allows us to have prior notice of nominations and look for new members if there is a need. Also the Secretary has prior notice if there is an election.

In the meantime enjoy this issue of the Rambler and stay warm and dry.

Bruce Crompton. Chairman. RPDG

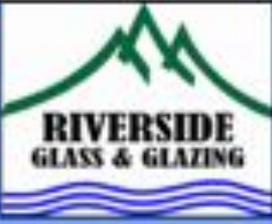
Co-Editor Required

The first edition of the Ruawai Rambler came out in December 2014; so we will soon have our third birthday. Since its inception I have been the Editor and hope to be for some time yet. However we never know what life will throw at us. So I have been thinking about an assistant or Co-Editor, a person who can initially help with the Rambler, learn about publishing and take over if needed. I have found it an interesting and rewarding job. You will need a good computer with publishing software (for Mac computers this will be 'Pages', for a computer running Windows, 'Word' or 'Publisher'). The Rambler is published every three months. If you have a heart for Ruawai, think you may be interested in doing this and want more information, please get in touch with me. Jo Wessel, phone 439 2507



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Helmets

We are all aware of how things have changed, even during our lifetime. Many changes have also come for our Volunteer Fire Brigade and one thing is the helmets they wear. The picture on the left is of a helmet on display at the Kauri Museum. The caption reads: "Ruawai Firemen's brass helmet". The other photo shows the type of helmets worn now. (photo by Anthony Blundell) Quite a change! J.W.





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Kaz from EQ+ will be presenting to the local Ruawai and surrounding community providing information and a demonstration on a range of equipment and products that can assist with mobility, safety in the home and general daily tasks that can sometimes get difficult due to loss of strength, mobility or a health/medical condition or accident related.

Date: Wednesday 4th October
Time: 2.00pm
Venue: Ruawai Community Hall
Presenter: Kaz Howlett, Disability Information and Equipment Consultant

Everyone of all ages who attends this presentation will benefit and walk away with new knowledge and awareness, not only for themselves, but perhaps for a family member, neighbour or friend.

The presentation will include walking stick and walker height and safety checks so please take advantage of this opportunity and bring along any equipment you are using or may be considering using in the future.

All of the equipment on display will be available for purchase and Kaz is only too happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have around suitable equipment.

Here are a few of the comments received from previous promos:

"I learned lots about keeping safe in the home"

"The presentation was excellent and I learned about availability of products and correct use"

"Funny, engaging yet informative"

"Presentation was perfect! Had never heard of so many of these aids – talk was excellent"

Were you aware that EQ+ has a mobile van service that travels throughout Northland on a monthly basis? The van is in the Ruawai area on the first Wednesday of each month. We also have an agency at Greenways Trust, 16/18 Edward Street, Dargaville who stock a supply of our equipment for sale. **For more information, please contact Kaz on Mobile 027 453 8797 or email**

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June - 108

July - 183

Aug - 108 up to Aug. 28

Total so far this year 932mm

Ruawai Boys and Girls Agriculture Club

Calf Club Day this year will be on Friday 27th October 2017 at the Ruawai Primary School. Judging starts at 9.30 am. Registrations will be available from 28th August at both Ruawai College and Ruawai Primary School, so be sure your child picks one up. Food will be available for purchase on the day, so make a day of it. For any enquiries please contact Alwyne 027 357 7787



Ruawai Garden Club Doings

Hi to all you gardeners hovering out there watching for your spring flowers. Just a little catch-up from us.

At the end of July we held our annual Camellia display. It never ceases to amaze me how many camellia blooms we get for our display, when time after time we have been inundated with rain, or other types of bad weather. Some of the camellias were truly stunning. A very enjoyable day for all, good lunch and good company. Last Thursday the 17th Aug. we all piled on the bus for a garden club trip. First stop was in Mangakaihia Rd at Davies-Colley Magnolias. What a lovely garden. The size of the blooms was amazing, with such an interesting variety. To cap it all off they had a fabulous selection of camellias down one side of the property. Again the blooms were huge. Lovely garden to visit. Then on to the Town Basin for lunch, which I'm sure all enjoyed, no matter which cafe they chose to eat at. Next stop was Bunnings for an hour, and the bus seemed to be filling up with plants after that little stop. Finally our last garden in Maunu just near the crematorium, owned by Jean Sanders. We had a nice little wander there, and "oops" more plants. It was a pleasant garden, and not too big after a full day, and we had no rain all day, which was amazing considering all weather reports. **Coming up we have the Rose Show on Nov. 11th, so please book that day on your calendar, stalls & lunch as usual.** Finally our last event for the year, is a bus trip to Helena Bay, and for this one you will need to get in early, cos its proving popular.

Happy weeding all! **Merle Jackson**

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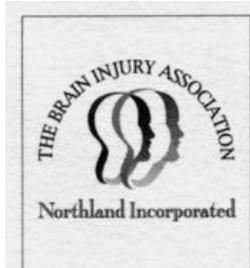
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Brain Injuries



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If you think you or someone close to you has a brain injury, get medical advice as soon as possible. **Other help and information is available from the Brain Injury Association, Northland** The association has branches throughout New Zealand and can help with: *Support for you and your family; education and information; help to find appropriate professional assistance and services; advocacy and liaison with ACC, insurers, the healthcare system and other agencies.* Brain Injury New Zealand was started up in 1981 by local residents Alex and Mary Stewart after their son suffered brain damage from a serious accident. They lived in Auckland at the time. Alex was Chairman of the Committee for two years, then became President. In 1997 they moved to Ruawai and started up a Northland Branch of the Association. In 2005 Alex and Mary were awarded the Queens Service Medal for their work. Alex retired from the Association a few years ago **The website for the association is www.brain-injury.org.nz**

J.W.



Catherine Stewart

Welcomes

Lisa Pocklington

to The Collective

Lisa has joined Catherine Stewart and The Collective at Bayleys Real Estate. Starting her real estate career in Auckland, she has now returned home to the Kaipara and specialises in lifestyle property. Living a busy life raising her family, Lisa is very passionate about the area she was born and bred in, and brings with her a wide area of knowledge.

Lisa, Catherine & The Collective - the only way to do great work, is to love what you do!

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Kaipara Community Health Trust Shuttle

The Kaipara Community Health Trust Shuttle helps over six hundred people get to health appointments in Dargaville and Whangarei. A new Driver has joined the team. "We are delighted to welcome Babara Fowlie," says Health Trust Chief Executive Debbie Evans. "She brings many years' experience with Ritchie's Buses and the RSA Courtesy Van". Sixty-eight people from the Ruawai area were transported in the Health Shuttle last year. Debbie would like to remind the Ruawai community that the Health Shuttle is available to everyone.

"Perhaps your family are busy or you're not confident driving in the city, perhaps you're going for eye surgery and will be unable to drive yourself, perhaps your ride cancelled on you. Whatever the reason the Health Shuttle is here to help you get there.



Attending a specialist appointment is important - we don't want you to miss it." The Shuttle is kitted out with a wheelchair hoist to ensure our service is accessible to everyone. If you'd like to use the Health Shuttle please phone Te Ha Oranga 439 3013 (who kindly take the bookings on KCHT behalf).

Debbie Evans

THE KAURI MUSEUM PREPARES FOR ITS ANNUAL OPEN DAY

For more than twenty years the annual Settlers Day at The Kauri Museum, Matakohe, has been the free admission day when "the Museum comes alive". This year's



event is to be held on Saturday 7 October. Planning is well underway for an exciting day for all the family. This year's theme focusses on collections, collectors and storytelling through collections. Collection Manager Curator Dr Tracey Wedge explains "We are very pleased to have support from our community for this year's live day. Visitors will hear stories about personal collections generously lent to the Museum for the day. These include collections of miniature cars, miniature shoes, miniature bells and royal memorabilia. We will also host Harold Marsh's Albertland photographs, shown by his grandson Peter, in our theatre for the day. Descendants of early settlers to the area will share some of their family stories using the collections their ancestors donated to the Museum." The day will include celebrations of the diversity of the community through song and dance, demonstrations of artistic and craft skills, along with children's games, demonstrations of stationary engines and many more activities. Put the date in your diary. The Museum will be open from 9.00am and the day begins with a rare opportunity to take part in a church service in the Pioneer Church at 9.30am. Come and enjoy this free event when The Kauri Museum opens its doors to all to learn about our past, but also to see how our collections connect us to the present and onwards in to the future. Come and spend the day with us! The current textiles exhibition, *Final Touches*, will close at the end of next week and is to be replaced by *Samplers of all sorts:*

Stitching through time, opening on 13 September and running until mid-November. Looking towards the school holidays in October, this break's activity is a Do It Yourself Pinhole camera workshop. More suitable for senior students, the workshop is limited to children 10 years and over. Workshops will be held on the 4th and 11th October.

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Dr.Tracey Wedge



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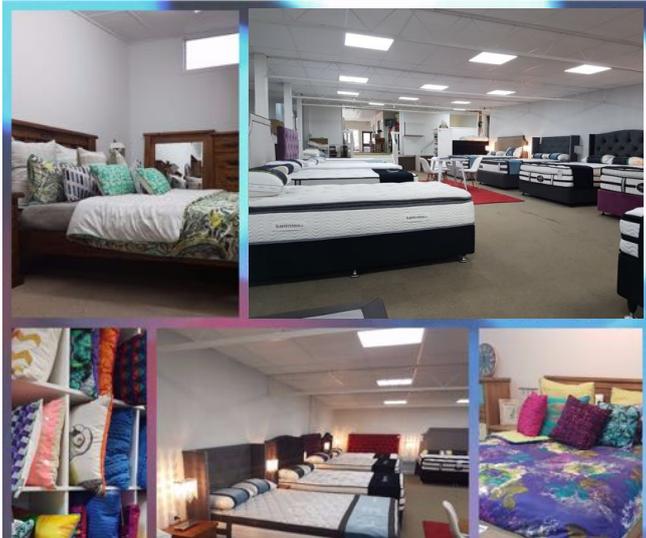
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Society Inc.
Place: Meeting Room of the Hall
Date: October 18th
Time: 7.15pm
All Welcome**



News from Ruawai Lions



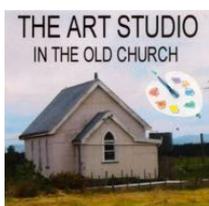
On Friday, Lions of Ruawai were at the Ruawai Four Square for Daffodil Day for cancer. It was a great success. We would like to thank everyone for their kindness. A special thanks to the ladies that gave up their time to organise this and spend time selling cakes, raffles, flowers, veggies and so forth. Special thanks to Noelene Gatehouse & our Ruawai 4Square. Ruawai Lions have a new President, Grant Carter and are hopeful of attracting new members. If interested in more information, please phone Grant or Betty (Secretary) (09) 439 2777

Grant Carter

Editor's Note:

Grant Carter and Betty have lived in Ruawai for three years. They are caring and community-minded and have chosen Lions as their outlet for serving and being part of Ruawai.

Update from The Art Studio Ruawai



The trial we have been running of changing our painting day from Monday to Wednesday is working successfully. We have welcomed 2 new members & Wednesday seems to be more suitable for everyone. If you would like more information about joining our friendly group of artists, please phone Frances at 094392554. With advent of Spring, the art scene in the Kaipara is ramping up. Events & dates to look for are: Dargaville Wearable Art September 15 - 16th; Kaipara Art Awards Friday 21st September to October 31st.; Sculpture on the Kaipara October 22nd; Trash to Art October 22.

Frances Casey

From our Mayor

It has been a very busy time at Council. The Chief Executive's leaving is an opportunity which I am looking forward to. Getting the right CEO is probably the most important function of any governance group. We will take our time to try and get this right. I would expect we will have at least one internal applicant which would be great. The Long Term Plan for the next ten years needs to be in place by the middle of next year. Everything Council does needs to be planned and consulted on and this particularly applies to this plan. It will be driven in house with minimal use of Consultants. For Ruawai it is an opportunity to have your say around where you would like money spent, what needs upgrading etc. The Drainage Board do a great job in that regard identifying their priorities but this is a chance for all. Any thoughts or suggestions you have either as a group or individually please get those to Anna Curnow or myself. In some areas this is truly a one in ten year opportunity. As I write this it looks like the rain is finally easing up and we are getting some much needed sun. Its been a very tough winter for many and one we all look forward to putting behind us. I have had a complaint about an election hoarding going on the "village green" in Ruawai. I have sympathy with the complainant as it's a great little spot and putting posts in etc. will damage the lawn and it looks unsightly. These positions are governed by rules. Council will endeavour to get this site removed from the list of approved sights before another election.

Greg Gent, Mayor, KDC



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A photo of Hospice Volunteers, including some from Ruawai

Hospice Kaipara – Kaipara Kapers – August 2017

Hospice Kaipara recently celebrated our 25th Anniversary on the 28th July in the foyer of the town hall. There were displays of photos and history, music, food and quite a bit of catching up with people who have been and still are involved with Hospice Kaipara.

In 1990 District Nurse, Mary Munn recognised the need for a support group for people living with a terminal illness. Some volunteers attended a training course and in 1992 Marlene Calder, Social Worker, and Jean Finlayson, Volunteer,

attended NZ Hospice Conference and Kaipara Palliative Care was formed with Jean as coordinator. There have been many changes over the years including the set-up of the Kowhai room at Dargaville Hospital.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the 25th Anniversary celebrations, Kaipara District Council for the use of the town hall, the wonderful people that played beautiful music over the day and Prue and the Dargaville High School Hospitality Academy for the delicious food and professionalism on the day. The 25th Anniversary was a celebration of all the hard work and time put in by all of the community to get Hospice Kaipara started and the continuing support that allows Hospice to maintain a high level of Palliative Care for the Kaipara community.

A Brief Update on Dairy Farming

Well, this season has put a new meaning to a wet winter which has made farming a challenge for man, woman and beast. Production in general is down on last year when we had a very good start to that season. Ruawai in general has pastures in pretty good shape and that is because we all realise the importance sticking to the rules of minimising damage by standing cows off the wet pastures before damage occurs and holding that all important round length. The sun is starting to shine and days are getting longer so not long to go now to reach balance date. The predicted payout this season is looking promising, which is a welcome sign compared to the last three dismal payouts. Cash flows are still pretty tight for most dairy farming families but the light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer. Calving is nearing an end in Ruawai but many farms had a slower calving because of the challenging October last year which affected mating.

Cow condition this spring has been the best I have seen because of the great pasture growth in April -May which will help mating this spring and improve per cow production. Let's look forward to pastures drying out and a good rest of the season to come.

Peter Flood



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Kyla Johnson



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Ruawai College Activities Outdoor Pursuit Centre

From Sunday 6 August to Saturday 12 August a group of Year 12 students attended The Hillary Outdoors Centre located in the Tongariro National Park. This was an adventurous week that challenged everyone, including activities such as caving, abseiling, high ropes course and adventure based learning games. We had an awesome instructor who pushed us through an overnight adventure where we slept in an open cave named "Joe's Cave", walked approximately 8 hours to Lake Te Wharau then canoed through to Lake Otamangakau. On the last day we had our snow day at Whakapapa Skifield. Despite the horrible weather we enjoyed skiing and snowboarding. On behalf of the Year 12 students we would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Kay Smith and Sam Mrs Sam Panoho for transporting us down and keeping an eye out for us all.

LifePods A special assembly held recently at Ruawai College, saw guest of honour, Sir Ray Avery, presented with a cheque for \$2023.20, for the sponsorship of a LifePod incubator. The amount raised by the school was the culmination of a number of fundraising events, held over an 18 month period. Sir Ray Avery, inventor of the LifePod, had approached schools around the country to support his cause; to help provide LifePod incubators in developing countries around the world. Ruawai College students took up the challenge to raise \$2000, the cost of one LifePod, and in doing so benefit the lives of hundreds of babies. Having heard of the school's efforts, Sir Avery made arrangements to visit Ruawai College in person. In addressing the school he thanked the students for their fundraising efforts, and explained how the LifePod would make a difference in the lives of others. From the students' perspective this made their accomplishment seem a

whole lot more tangible, especially in the knowledge that they have made a genuine difference for others. The LifePod the school has sponsored will be sent to Fiji.

Amanda King, Deputy Principal



EnviroSchools Planting

On Wednesday 16 August Ruawai College Year 7 & 8 students and members of the community planted 550 native plants along the canals and drains of our back field. Ruawai College is working alongside EnviroSchools Facilitator Jacque Knight, who organised the donation of the plants through Reconnecting Northland – Landcare. Reconnecting Northland – Landcare have donated a total of 6,800 plants across Northland, focusing on the restoration planting of the waterways, particularly the harbour catchment areas.

The day was wonderful, students and the community worked together to achieve the first stage of the restoration planting sending a powerful

message that we as a community care about the health of our waterways. We have big plans for the future in terms of our EnviroSchools programme at Ruawai College. We have been given funding for beehives here at school and have initiated a recycling programme, worm farming, planting vegetables for shared lunches at school, planting and maintaining an orchard and propagating our own seedlings to promote waterway planting in our area.



Ruawai Jetz Blue on left and Ruawai Jetz Red on right

Ruawai Jetz Netball Club

Another successful season has come to an end. Club prize-giving was held on Saturday 19th August with the following recipients receiving awards on the night. **Jetz Blue:** Most improved, Sam Riddle; Players of the year, Sarah Nichols and Rita Gunson. **Jetz Red:** Most improved, Fiona Bamforth; Player of the year, Kyla Johnson. **Club Supporter of the year:** Georgia Beattie. **Club Spirit:** Ria Gunson

Kyla Johnson

Century Farm

It is not often that we see a farm in the same family for over one hundred years. The farm owned by Tony and Suzanne Oud is one of these. As you can read below, it came into the family in 1913, not long after Ruawai became a name on the map. Many of our locals will remember Violet McLeod and if you did not know her personally, you probably have read her book "Memories of Ruawai, Tokatoka and Rehia." If you have not read it, now is a good time to get a copy and discover Ruawai's history

"Century Farms New Zealand" was started in 2005 in Lawrence, Otago and over 400 families throughout New Zealand have now received the Century Farm Award. Tony and Suzanne received their award earlier this year. The farm became a Century Farm in 2013, but they were not able to attend the ceremony before.

Congratulations!!!

J.W.

Three Generations of Women at Ruawai

In 1913, Rosie McCarthy drew in a ballot 75 acres at Whenuanui on the Ruawai Flats. The land, four miles from Naumai on unformed roads, consisted of rich alluvial soil on marine deposit formation and was covered with stumps and heads of worked-out Kahikatea forest, with partly burnt-under scrub, raupo and cabbage trees.

Rosie, with her husband, Con cleared the land and introduced maize and pumpkin crops. They raised three children - Harry, Rosaline and Violet. Dairying began in 1929. Rosie and Con worked hard with determination, whilst being very community minded.

War widowed in 1942, their daughter, Violet ran the farm alongside her father, purchasing the farm in 1947 with 56 cows as well as caring for her aging parents.

In 1948, John McLeod from Whangarei Heads was employed to help, marrying Violet in 1950 and remained totally devoted to each other, their farm and community for 56 years. They brought up seven children - Paul, Robin, Joan, Mary, Lesley, Ken and Suzanne. In 1969 they added 55 acres across the road. On retiring, Violet published a book, "Memories of Ruawai Tokatoka and Rehia", a tribute to all the settlers involved in the development of the local area.

Succession share-milking began with daughter, Lesley on 29%, then Ken and Brenda 50/50 purchasing the original dairy herd in 1987. Moving to Oamaru in 1994 saw the herd shift south. The share milking position was then offered to daughter, Suzanne and her husband, Tony Oud, with their family, Luke, Matthew and Elly. Procuring a herd of 160 cows and leasing 70 acres next door saw the beginning of their new career. Anthony was born in 1995.

In 2000, Tony and Suzanne purchased the original home farms and lease block milking 190 cows. Now with the aid of a 170 acre runoff 11 km away, eldest son, Luke and wife, Sunshine along with their children, Max and Willem have ventured into dairy farming, contract milking 200 cows.

Thanks to these early adventurous pioneers, a lifestyle involving family and farming has been made possible.



Top Left: Con & Rosie , Rosaline, Harry & Violet, 1938

Above:: McLeod Family, 1965

Left: Tony & Suzanne Oud with son Luke & wife Sunshine and grandsons Max & Willem



From Ruawai's past

I noticed this item in The Kauri Museum. The caption reads: "Samovar c.1921. used for hot water in Vince Hackett's Barber Shop, Ruawai". The Hackett family was well known in Ruawai. I remember Hackett's butcher shop and Vera Hackett's Ladies fashion shop. But the barber shop was obviously well before my time. Violet McLeod's book tells us: "In about 1921 Vince Hackett built an establishment along the road, which provided the community with hair cutting and shaving services, a small shop and a billiards saloon. Outside a hitching rail was set up, this giving the many patrons somewhere to tie their horses while they went inside." Does anyone have more information about Hackett's barber shop?
J.W.

About Samovars

In Turkey, they say that "Conversations without tea are like a night sky without the moon," and the famous Russian author, Tolstoy, stated that he could not work without tea. In both cases, the only way to make tea is with the traditional samovar. These often highly decorative water heaters are an integral part of life and hospitality in Eastern Europe and Russia,

and many collectors find them irresistible. The first modern version dates back to the 1700s, although similar water heating vessels date back over 3,000 years. They usually feature variety of metals, including copper and brass, with gold and silver samovars being highly collectible, much like English tea services. Unlike tea preparation in the U.K. and U.S., Russian and Turkish tea lovers first prepare a concentrated tea sweetened with jam, called zavarka, which one then mixes to taste with hot water from the samovar. The design of Turkish samovars usually features two chambers: one on top for the tea concentrate, and the larger one below for hot water. The tea arrives in glasses rather than cups, so the drinker can judge the preferred strength from the color. Antique samovars run on coal, but modern, electric versions are also available. You can find a vast inventory of collectible tea things on eBay, including traditional tea culture pieces from around the globe
.J.W.

A Message from Ruawai College about the Ruawai College Community Library

A reminder that the College Library is open to the public for the issuing of books during break times, 10:55am - 11:15am and 1:05pm - 1:45pm. Please phone the school office to check the library is open. Books can be returned to the school office outside of these hours.
Tyla O'Sullivan



Welcome to Ruawai. "Ruawai" means "two waters".
 This photo shows how the blue salt water often meets the brown freshwater here.
 Our Walkway will start near the Wharf carpark and follow the stopbank along the waterfront.

Walkway/Cycleway

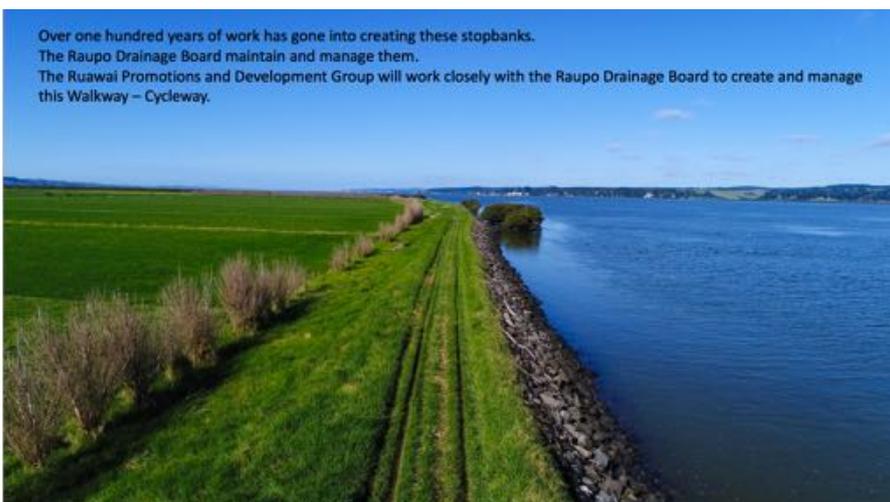
As mentioned in this and previous newsletters, RPDG is planning to develop a Walkway/Cycleway on the stop bank.

Nicky Reid went out one sunny morning and took some photos with the use of a camera attached to a drone. Here are two of those photos.

These really show how great it will be if we can use this area for walking and cycling.

Well done Nicky!

J.W.



Over one hundred years of work has gone into creating these stopbanks. The Raupo Drainage Board maintain and manage them. The Ruawai Promotions and Development Group will work closely with the Raupo Drainage Board to create and manage this Walkway - Cycleway.