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A Newsletter for Ruawai and Surrounding Area
From the Ruawai Promotions and Development Group

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From the Editor

Here we are looking forward to Christmas and especially the holiday season. Another year has gone by and I can only hope that it has been a good year for you. I am happy that I finally had my knee surgery done. I definitely feel a whole lot better. No doubt some of you have seen me crippling along. I can sure empathise with people waiting for knee or hip surgery. And the waiting lists seem to get longer and longer. Once again I want to thank our advertisers and sponsors. Our sponsor this issue is the Ruawai Bowling Club. Thanks so much!! The Bowling Club has provided me with an article relating the history of the Club, courtesy of Max Thurston. There are many volunteers in our area, all doing a wonderful job. Some volunteers are more obvious to the general public than others, the "quiet volunteers". I want to mention one I know, and that is Elaine Crompton. I have written a separate article about her below. Now, if you know a quiet volunteer who needs mentioning, send me the information for the next newsletter. Make sure and come to see the Ruawai Christmas Parade on 14th December. And you can buy a raffle ticket that may win you a wheelbarrow full of goodies. I keep thinking that there must be people out there who can write an article for our newsletter or have ideas we can use. If you are one of those people I would encourage you to do it.

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*On behalf of the RPDG Committee I want to wish everyone
A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year*

Report from Bruce Crompton

At our public meeting last month I was asked to make a report on the walkway for this issue of the Rambler. As many of our readers will know, the walkway is the result of an agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Kaipara District Council, the Raupo Drainage Committee and the Ruawai Promotions and Development Group. The walkway is just over 4 km long and runs along the top of the stop-bank to the South of Ruawai. The purpose of the stop-bank is for flood protection and this takes priority over everything in the MOU. Over the years, traffic has caused damage to the top of the stop-bank during the winter. This has resulted in a move to stop winter traffic and council is looking into closing the stop-bank to all traffic in future. The RPDG have agreed to support this as part of the MOU.

The Ruawai Promotions role in the MOU is to finance and form a surface suitable for a Walkway. To do this the RPDG established a Subcommittee to look into the details and report on progress. During this process a budget was established and funding was raised by the RPDG. In February 2018 the work began and the walkway was opened last December. Currently the walkway is complete to just south of Bradleys Landing Road and a good surface has been established for the southern end. There is strengthening work to be done on the southern section of the walkway and when this is finished a resurfacing will be done on that section. There will be periodic spraying to keep the surface clear of grass and weeds. Those who use the walkway will know that it is a very pleasant walk with regular signage showing points of interest along the way.

Bruce Crompton, Chairman RPDG

Elaine Crompton

For those who don't know, Elaine is married to Bruce, who has the engineering shop in town. Bruce and Elaine have 4 grown children. Elaine has been Treasurer for the RPDG for many years. Elaine is the person who, practically on her own, organises our Christmas Float Parade. She phones people, encouraging them to enter a float, she visits the local businesses for donations to cover the cost of prizes, buys the prizes and gets them all ready. She also puts together the wheelbarrow with goodies for the big Christmas draw. Elaine also organises the Decorated Mailbox Competition. And of course judges have to be found to judge the floats and the mailboxes. In her spare time you can see Elaine weeding down the median strip on Wharf Road. On top of that she volunteers at the Hospice shop in Dargaville. A wonderful quiet volunteer!

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Councillor Curnow's Update

Firstly, I want to say what an honour it is to have been re-elected to represent the newly defined Otamatea Ward that now includes Ruawai. Thank you!

Now, down to business. Your Council has been very active since our inauguration on 25 October. In fact we were busy before that with a full day of induction on the 21 October. This day was a great opportunity to start to get to know each other a little.

The inauguration was a great opportunity to get to know each other's families and friends a little better too. Having context around the person makes it easier to work together.

The 04 and 05 November saw us retreat to the Copthorne at Hokianga for two days of intensive team building and working on our high level vision and objectives for our Council. While the location was amazing it did bring into sharp focus that we don't have such a facility in the Kaipara District. Something to work on perhaps?

On 06 November we had training in what are called Standing Orders; the rules of engagement for how we behave in meetings together. These are pretty formal and in some cases set out in law so, dry as they might be, it's important that we understand and are able to adhere to them.

More recently we had a session on the most relevant statutes that govern local government. There are at least 28 pieces of law that we are affected by. For new councillors, it may have been a bit challenging to see how much of what local councils do is limited by legislation. Since then we have had our first full Council briefing in which staff started to bring us up to speed on some of the key aspects of the business, such as capital works, roading and the role played by Northland Inc.

We have our first formal Council meeting on 27 November. Please remember that you are welcome to attend our meetings as a member of the public. We make decisions that could well affect you so you have every right to watch us at work!

Finally, I am settling into my new role as Deputy Mayor and look forward to supporting our Mayor in delivering the Council vision for Kaipara. Times are indeed exciting!

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions at all.

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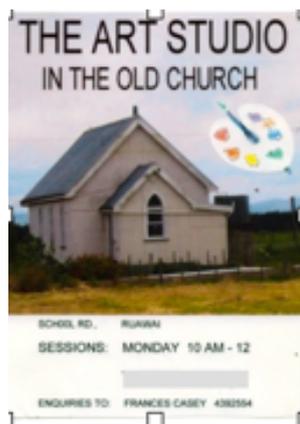
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From our local Art Studio

Another year is drawing to a close for the Art Studio. Members are concentrating on finishing projects they have been working on. Our term ends on 18th Dec.



Our new year will officially commence on the first Wednesday in February. However, we usually get together for one or two fun days out. In January these days are always looked forward to.

Also on the agenda for the new year, thanks to a grant from Creative Communities, there will be a workshop held by a well-known Tutor which will be based on incorporating different mediums in an Art Work. A date is yet to be set, If you are interested in attending this workshop or in joining our friendly group, please phone FRANCES on 09 4392554.

We meet on a Wednesday at 10am and usually close at 2:30pm. These hours are optional and members are welcome to come or go at any stage during these times, unless there is a planned activity.

Finally Best to all from the ART STUDIO. We hope you enjoy a safe and Happy Festive Season.

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Sue's Book Corner

An interesting few books this time. Plus I thought with Christmas on the way by the time this goes to print, maybe a few ideas to get your present list started. But first, the books I've read this month.

The Long Call by Ann Cleeves

I love Ann's thrillers; always a good read and this is no exception. It's the first time in 20 years that she has started a new series. Detective Matthew Venn is the lead character. If you've never read any of her books or, if you've read them all, this won't disappoint.

The Girl Who Lived Twice by David Lagercrantz

Another Lisbeth Salander crime thriller. Since Stieg Larsson died, it has been David Lagercrantz who has carried on the story of Lisbeth. Not going to spoil it by telling you the plot, but it's good!

100 Million Years of Food: What Our Ancestors Ate And Why It Matters Today by Stephen Le

Stephen is a biological anthropologist and he explains how cuisines of different cultures are a result of centuries of evolution. He also explains how we can tweak our ancestral habits and insert them into our daily lives to avoid or delay the onset of major chronic diseases. This is not a "paleo" book, but genuine research across the globe. I found this an interesting read and I think you will too.

Now, Christmas Ideas: For starters there are the 2 Man Booker prize winners. *Margaret Atwood* - "*The Testaments*" - and *Bernadine Evaristo* - "*Girl, Woman, Other*".

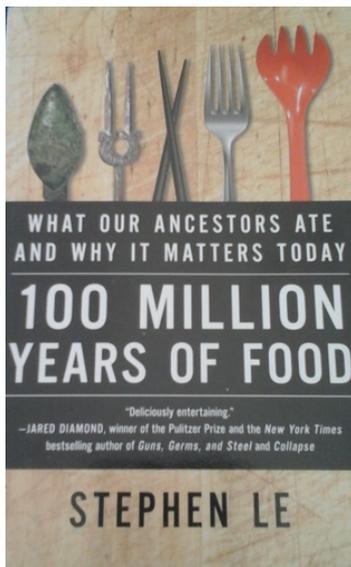
On my own wish list is *Erin Morgenstern's* new release - "*The Starless Sea*". She wrote "*Night Circus*" which I loved so much; quirky, beautiful. I just know this new release will be wonderful.

Also author, *Jung Chang* - "*Wild Swans*". Again, I loved it. This is a true story, apparently. This book has intrigue, betrayal, war, politics and glamour, so right up my street; and I hope your's too. Her major new biography "*Big Sister, Little Sister, Red Sister*" is a gripping story of love, war, intrigue. *Bill Bryson* - "*The Body*". Bound to be funny, as will "*Tall Tales*" by *Billy Connelly*.

For the children *Gavin Bisop* has "*Wildlife of Aotearoa*" and *Craig Smith* has "*The Dinky Donkey*" (the daughter of "*Wonky Donkey*"). "*The Usborne Book of the Moon*" by *Laura Cowen*. These are always beautifully illustrated books. Usborne is my publisher go to for kids' books; they are always brilliant. The other book I found was by *Heather Amery* and illustrated by *Stephen Cartwright* - "*First Thousand Words in Maori*". Hits the spot visually. A great way to teach little ones their first Maori words.

I intend to read at least one of these over the holiday period — a good book, a bit of sunshine, and a glass of something, what could be better ???!

Happy holidays everyone. Sue Neal from "Books @ Ruawai"





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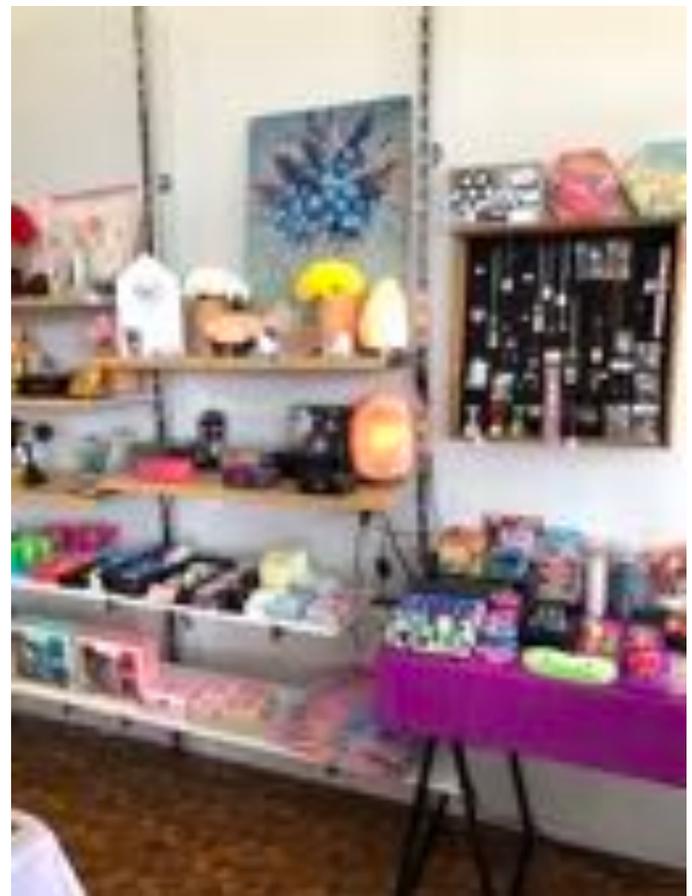
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I have worked in retail for 31 years. I have worked in a number of retail stores in the Kaipara area.

Opening Goodies Galore is something that I have wanted to do for a long time and I am very pleased to have been able to do this in Ruawai.

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Goodies Galore has a Facebook page which anyone can go onto to see some of the variety of things that are in-store. Or come into the Shop to browse; located at 6A Freyberg Road. Christmas is coming and lay-bys are available in store. phone:020 400 62821



From the Boating Club

Ahoy from the Boating Club! Summer is just around the corner. On the agenda for this year is the push to try and finish off the poles and walkways. *Ice Breaker Fishing Competition was held on Sunday 24th November. *Waitangi Day Competition on the day. *"Take a Kid Fishing" in March; date to be confirmed. Looking for a gift for the kids or the old man / lady? We have Club shirts for sale at \$60. Give Sue a call on 0211664775. See you on the water. **Tony Oud Club, Secretary.**

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In 1939 the Labour Government, lead by Michael Savage, started the prescriptions benefits scheme that paid for medicines for the NZ public. This was called Social Security following the great depression. Prescriptions were written in Latin to secure secrecy. The patient could not decipher the prescription so could not question the Prescriber or the Dispensing Chemist. Placebos with no effect were regularly prescribed and dispensed. William J. Orr (Bill Orr and father of Ken) opened Orrs Prescription Chemist in Whangarei on 4th November 1944. Chemists in the 1940's and 50's manufactured all creams and lotions. Medicines were initially packed in sachets and then in hand-filled capsules. Bill practised for 29 years followed by Spicer & Cunningham for 26 years; in later years Chris Porter joined as a partner. Throughout, Orrs Pharmacy was kept as the trading name. Ken Orr (Bill Orr's youngest son) followed in his father's footsteps, entering the pharmacy world and started at Ruakaka 33 years ago in 1986. This pharmacy was known as Orrs Bream Bay Pharmacy. In 1998, twenty-one years ago, Orrs Bream Bay Pharmacy merged with Orrs Pharmacy Cameron Street. In these 21 years there has been significant change with Warren Greene joining Orrs in 2000 and becoming a partner in 2004. Orrs expanded to serve the wider Northland Community with partnerships in Maungaturoto, Ruawai, Dargaville Kaikohe and Maunu & Rust Ave. in Whangarei. Health has changed significantly over these years from prescriptions written in Latin for secrecy to the internet age where all information is available. In fact people are encouraged to question and understand what they are being treated for and their treatment. Community Pharmacy now dispenses Prescription Medicines and has Pharmacist Only Medicines and General Medicines directly available to patients without prescription. Cosmetics, fragrance, hair care, skin care, sun glasses, vitamins and nutrition all support healthy living. Throughout, the Orrs philosophy has remained the same and remains all about caring, helping people and finding solutions. To celebrate 75 years of Orrs Pharmacies and also looking to the future serving and helping our communities, for the month of November Orrs would like to celebrate with you. In Ruawai Gail Battensby is mainly in charge of the shop. Gail does an excellent job and is always available with help or a kind word. Anyone who has done business with the Ruawai shop lately will know about the weekly prize draw Gail has organised.

There is also a big basket of goodies for a final grand prize draw which is going to take place on 5th December. Come join us!

The Kauri Museum

The new tourist season has got off to a great start at the Kauri Museum. Our first tour group for the season rolled in on 1 September and there have been many more since. November has been particularly busy with days when we have had eight and nine coaches visiting – thankfully not all at the same time! Numbers like this have not been seen for many years so we are very encouraged that our marketing work over the last months is beginning to have an effect. Preparations are ongoing for a new exhibition featuring the taonga from the Rintoul Collection.



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Museum would like to thank all those people in the community who voluntarily gave their time and expertise to assisting the Museum in numerous ways in 2020. Have a great Christmas and very happy New Year.

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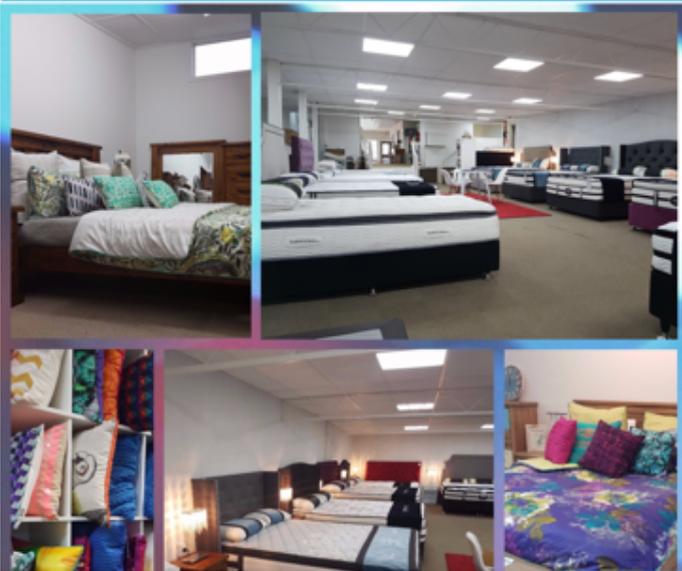
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Congratulations to Dux, Llewellyn Award and Student of the Year Award recipient, Alex Rope. We also congratulate Proxime Accessit, Timothy Bickers.

To all our students leaving us this year, thank you for all you have contributed to Ruawai College during your time with us. We hope you have achieved your goals and are feeling excited and confident about the next steps in your life. We wish you all the very best for what lies ahead.

Catherine Davis

Year 11 Tree Climbing

On Friday the 18th of October the Level 1 PE class ventured out to a tree climbing course located at Glenbervie Forest in Whangarei. The purpose of this trip was to support the final part to our PE assessment which is to explain the factors that influence our participation in a physical activity. Our class arrived to the forest in the late morning and then spent the next while learning how to navigate the various courses, each harder than the last. We spent the next few hours of the sunny day trying to balance on the ropes high in the trees and other various obstacles that proved to be difficult both mentally and physically. One part we all found to be especially exciting were the flying foxes at the end of each course. Another fun activity we participated in was pairing up and walking our team mate through a small course blindfolded. This proved to be a lot harder than it looked. Throughout the day we were able to learn a range of new skills taught to us by the instructors, who were very helpful and watched over us and gave tips as we ventured through the trees.

The day flew by as we were all having a great time. Before long we had to climb down from the obstacle in the trees and pack up to say our thanks and goodbyes. Thanks to Scott Wallace for supporting us on our adventure.

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What is a Paradigm Shift?

A paradigm is a collection of thoughts and beliefs that we hold about a given subject, topic or situation in our lives which creates our world view and embodies what is possible in our world. Shift refers to change. So a Paradigm Shift refers to a change in perspective or view, like picking up a different pair of glasses whether rose or rainbow tinted; and some will fit more easily than others.

Why are Paradigm Shifts powerful?

There is more than one way to see the world and they are all correct, there isn't one that is wrong, and some are appropriate for certain times of our lives.

For instance, what if we have a paradigm about how a person should be? Because we are concerned about them we compare them to ourselves or others. What if instead of thinking "they should be like xyz" became: "how can I be a better teacher, parent, mentor, employer or friend to this person? How can I lift them up? What if there's nothing wrong with them, just

the way I'm seeing them?" That's an 'Aha!' moment of turning what you thought was a problem into a question of "how can I solve this?" and is an example of a paradigm shift so that the realm of possibilities just expanded.



Two Reasons why Changing our Paradigms can be scary:
 1) We don't know what we don't know and our pre-historic brain wants to protect us from what it doesn't understand. In other words, it sees Different = Dangerous. Ever seen a kid terrified of something new that you know will be perfectly safe and be okay once they overcome their fear?
 2) We could be admitting that we are wrong which could lead us to feel shame, failure, even guilt. In this instance is it better to stick to your original view and make yourself right? Or have the thought that "actually, this way could be even better", ask forgiveness (if required) and leave the past behind?

How to judge if a new paradigm is worth considering:
 Does it challenge you to be a better person?
 Would the new set of beliefs be better for you, others and the planet?
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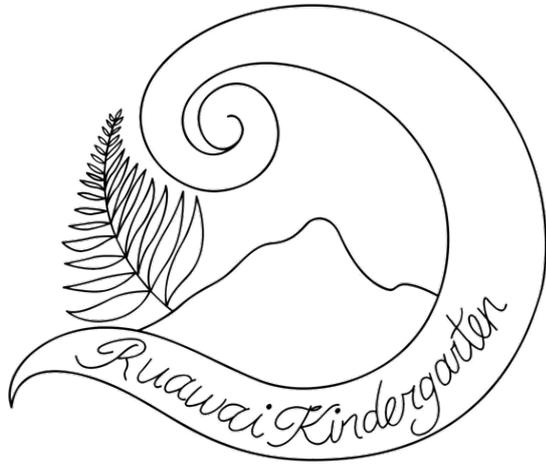
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Ruawai Bowling Club - 80 Years Young!



The Ruawai Bowling Club, one of the longer-established institutions remaining in Ruawai, opened its 80th season on Saturday 22nd September, 2019.

According to the first minutes recorded (now stored at the Matakohe Kauri Museum): "A meeting of those interested in the formation of a Bowling Club at Ruawai was held on Thursday the 7th of April, 1938."

There were twenty people present. A committee of five was given the task of making a full enquiry into set-up requirements and costings to be reported to a further meeting.

At that next meeting it was reported that, after canvassing prospective members and donors, 47 subscribers had pledged 285 Pounds (Pds), with further canvassing to be completed. Solicitor Mr. R. Gibson had offered to complete all legal work free of charge.

Several offers of land had been made:

Mr. Williams would lease for 15 Pds/year but would not sell.

Mrs. Snow had yet to put a price on her section.

Mr. A. J. Bailey would sell one and a quarter acres for 120 Pds.

Mr. P. A. Finlayson would sell two sections on Well St for a total of 50 Pds.

A water bore would be sunk by Mr. W. A. Carter for 12 Pds.15 shillings.

A contractor from Remuera, Mr. Pearce, was to be written to asking for a price to lay down a green.

At the next meeting Mrs. Snow had priced her land at 60 Pds; and a costing with this in mind was estimated at a total price of 494 Pds to buy the land, fence the property and establish a green.

In the meantime, a General Meeting was to be convened in the Settlers Hall to discuss the formation of a club and the possible constitution and rules proposed.

On Monday 20th June, 1938 the motion: "That a Bowling Club be formed to be named the Ruawai Bowling Club and that the club be Incorporated" was carried unanimously. The committee favoured the acquisition of Mrs. Snow's "old boarding house" site in the main street for 60 Pds.

By this time 78 persons had pledged donations and with subscriptions of 3 Pds, 3 shillings, making a total promise of 443 Pds.

Mr. A.M. Walters was elected as the first President of the Club. My Grandfather, George Thurston, was elected Junior Vice-President.

By the 10th of October, 1938, even though she had been paid a 5Pds deposit, Mrs. Snow's land was no longer available as she was one of three trustees and had not consulted the other two - so was not entitled to sell the land. In the meantime, Mr. Finlayson's sections 14 and 15 on Well St, and another beside the Rialto Theatre in the middle of the town, had been inspected. After further negotiation, Mr. Finlayson accepted an offer of 75 Pds for sections 13,14 and 15 on Well St.

Mr. Walters (National Bank Manager) resigned on the 25th October due to being promoted to Pukekohe and Mr. S. W. Geagan assumed the role of President. Mr. George G. Thurston became Senior Vice-President. And so began the hard work of establishing our bowling green with further financial assistance required from the National Bank, despite the many hours of voluntary labour supplied.

The first Annual General Meeting of the newly Incorporated Ruawai Bowling Club was held in the Settlers Hall on the 27th June, 1939.

The green had been completed and the property fully fenced. Implement and soil sheds had been built but a pavilion, footpaths and a water supply were still required.

Mr. W. R. Tunnicliffe was appointed Greens Superintendent, which role he did voluntarily at first; thereafter, he was paid 1Pd per week.

Those living more than 10 miles away would pay a lesser sub of 1Pd 1shilling (1 guinea).

A Tui, perched on a flowering flax branch, was accepted as the Club emblem; which image we still use today.

The official Opening Day occurred on Saturday 28th October, 1939, with the Rt. Hon. J. G. Coates, M.P.

called on to declare the green open. Mr. Geagan thanked all those involved in establishing the Club and declared they were starting out in strong fashion with subscriptions received from 74 founding members.

In 1940 section 12 Well St. was added to the property and a Croquet Club set up on sections 12 and 13.

Bowling membership was now equal to Kaitaia, with only one other club in the North Auckland Centre having more members.

The Club continued through the next few years as World War Two raged, with membership reduced due to members enlisting in the armed force and others working long hours to support the war effort.

From the AGM of May, 1945: "It is pleasing that war clouds are fading away and the return of our members and others will not be long delayed".

Mr. Geagan, who had played such a huge part in getting the club up and running, died in 1943.

Over the next decades, the club remained strong; membership reaching more than eighty men in the 1970s and early 1980s. Competition was fierce and you had to be a very good bowler to win a Ruawai Championship

Initially, the women of the district were not allowed to play and it was not until 1955 that the Ruawai Women's Bowling Club was formed. Even then, they were only permitted to play on one day a week and had to be off the green by 4:30pm. Eventually, the croquet green was converted to a bowling green for use by the ladies, which they had to rent for 200Pds and were allowed to use on three days per week. Of course they grew in strength and became an integral part of the Club, with membership reaching almost 40 bowlers in the early 1970's. Eventually the two Clubs were amalgamated into one in 1999.

To my knowledge, no National honours were achieved, although Jock Adams came third in the National Singles one year.

The standard of bowlers at Ruawai was very strong, and several reached "Gold Star" status, having won five or more Northland Centre titles.

With the improvement in travel opportunities (better vehicles and roads) many members went away to far-flung tournaments; often for five days or more. My Father, Grenfell, and various team members travelled often to the far North, Tauranga, Rotorua and beyond.



The original corrugated iron-clad pavilion had to remain until 1955 because government restrictions would not allow building a new one. The newer version was added onto over the years until the brave decision was made in 1991 to demolish it and build the beautiful facility we have today.

Our society has changed considerably over the years, and for the game of bowls (and many other sporting codes) membership has slowly faded to about 30 bowlers today (including both men and women). Four or five years ago the decision was made to abandon the second green as we had trouble filling one green for a tournament, let alone two.

Many factors have brought this about: * rising costs of everything * dropping population due to lots of little farms becoming very few large farms, * time pressures for people having to work longer hours and

weekends to make ends * different societal attitudes (no it's not OK for Dad to go to bowls for the day, while Mum milks the cows, looks after the kids and cooks dinner!),

* younger people having different interests which don't include standing on a bowling green all day, * and of course tougher drink/drive laws.

As the older bowling stalwarts have passed away, there have been fewer and fewer new bowlers to take their place. However, those of us that remain are determined to continue because bowls is a fascinating, technical game to play and we enjoy it. A few of our bowlers gather at 2pm every Wednesday during the season for a "roll-up" and encourage anyone interested to come and have a go. You won't need to bring bowls, we have plenty of spares. Our club is now supported by a large number of social members, some of whom we hope will eventually take the game up; especially those who attend our "Community Bowls" on a Wednesday night for a few weeks before Christmas and then again in January/February. This short version of the game (approx. 1 hour) is very popular and is well attended.

We have Caterers in on a Friday night who supply excellent, reasonably-priced meals. Come and check us out.

Max Thurston



Ruawai Bowling Club Opening Day 28 October 1939

Official opening of the Ruawai Bowling Club; Saturday, 28th October, 1939

Invitation
White Rock Gallery

Xmas Exhibition Opening

At White Rock Gallery we are celebrating our first year in our fabulous new location.

We're putting on a bit of a 'do' and inviting the *whole* community to come share this milestone with us *and* to check out the amazing work our artists and artisans have on show.

Here is your exclusive opportunity to share the Joy of Xmas by purchasing unique and original, one-off Gifts - all created by our talented 'locals'.

There will be Beverages, Nibbles and Live Entertainment for your enjoyment

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Dec 15th 2019
1pm - 4pm
Free Entry

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Ruawai Promotions and Development Group

Christmas Programme

WATCH THE NOTICE BOARD ON THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR UPDATES ON CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



Float Parade 14th December 2019

Festivities commence 10.00am outside Four Square

Float Parade leaves Community Church at 11.00 am

Santa, Quick Fire Raffles, Sausage Sizzle, Stalls, Christmas Music

Prize for Best Floats - Monster Xmas Hamper to be drawn on the day

Further info regarding Parade Phone Elaine 4392221

Decorate your Mailbox!

Decorate your mailbox if you live in town. The more festive the better.



Prize for the best one at the float parade.

Free BBQ ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

12TH December From 6pm

Santa, Lolly Scramble, Music



PHOTOS WITH SANTA ON THE EVENING

Have your Photo taken with Santa at The Gazebo on the village green

WATCH THE NOTICE BOARD



COME ALONG AND ENJOY AN EVENING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

I am not a denier of global warming but sometimes one does wonder about the things you read and hear. Is it all really as bad as claimed in some cases? Recently we had to go to Orewa and on the way we stopped for a coffee at McDonalds in Wellsford. While drinking my coffee I got to reading a copy of the Mangawhai Focus, a newspaper similar to the Lifestyler. In it was the following article by the Editor. I thought it was too good not to share.

Mangawhai Focus

I read the news today, oh boy

Good news is nice, but there is nothing that tantalises the tastebuds quite like bad news and sensation and the mainstream media is quick to admit it's that which sells newspapers, promotes debate and fires up people the extent we know have regarding climate change and global warming. However there is nothing new in the world. It's all been done and said before sometime somewhere somehow. Ever-growing sensationalism sells. Even as a kid, the word pollution was rarely used but we used and reused and recycled until things wore completely out. But for those more scientifically minded, messages of impending doom are nothing new. Here are some internationally forecasts emanating from yesteryear. Some are made by scientists while some are made by politicians with ulterior motives and of which many of the younger generation will be blissfully unaware.

Let's recap:

- 1966 It was considered that world oil supplies would be gone in 10 years
 - 1967 Dire famine forecast by 1975
 - 1968 Overpopulation will spread worldwide
 - 1969 Everyone will disappear in a cloud of blue steam by 1989
 - 1970 World will use up all of its natural resources by 2000
 - 1970 Urban citizens will require gas masks by 1985
 - 1970 Nitrogen buildup will make all land unusable
 - 1970 Decaying pollution will kill all fish
 - 1970 ice age by 2000
 - 1970 America subject to water rationing by 1974 and food rationing by 1980
 - 1971 new ice age coming by 2020 or 2030
 - 1972 Oil depleted in 20 years (refer back to 1966)
 - 1974 Space satellites show new ice age coming fast
 - 1974 Another ice age?
 - 1976 Scientific consensus planet cooling, famines imminent.
 - 1977 Department of energy says oil will peak in 90's (refer again to 1966)
 - 1978 No end in sight to 30 year cooling trend
 - 1980 Acid rain kills life in lakes
 - 1980 Peak oiling 2000
 - 1988 Maldivian islands will be under water by 2018 (they're not)
 - 1989 Rising sea levels will obliterate nations if nothing done by 2000.
 - 1996 Peak oil in 2020
 - 2000 New millennium, computers will crash in Y2K disaster
 - 2000 Children won't know what snow is
 - 2002 Famine in 10 years if we don't give up eating fish, meat and dairy
 - 2002 Peak oil in 2010
 - 2008 Climate genius Al Gore predicts ice-free arctic by 2013 (refer 1972)
 - 2009 Climate genius Al Gore moves prediction of ice-free arctic to 2014
 - 2013 Arctic ice-free by 2015
 - 2014 Only 500 days before climate chaos
 - 2019 Something MUST be done NOW!
- But what and by whom will forever remain the question?

Rob Pooley, Editor Mangawhai Focus

Ruawai Promotions and Development Christmas Raffle

Cut off and Win a Wheelbarrow Full of Christmas Goodies!!!!!!!!!!

Place in Entry Boxes at, Ruawai Farm Source and Four Square

Drawn 15th December at the Christmas Parade

\$5.00 Ticket

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MUSEUM MUSINGS

The Kauri Museum holds the world's largest collection of kauri gum, much of which is beautifully polished and sometimes carved or moulded.

In the mid 19th century, Northland was seized by a 'rush' not unlike that of the goldfields, as people scrambled for the buried golden resin. Kauri gum was the main Auckland export between 1850-1900, peaking at over 10,000 tons in 1900 (around £600,000 worth)*

So why all the fuss?

Kauri resin is a kind of amber, somewhere between its gummy original state and the full fossilisation found in true amber. It is sometimes known as 'copal', a general term for sub-fossil tree resins used to make wood varnish.

The ancient Egyptians were well acquainted with the art of varnishing, and in India, China, Japan and Korea lacquer work was known at a very early date. Traditional European varnishes combined African copal with adoring oil, usually linseed, and a solvent, usually organic turpentine.

The expansion of the railways in Europe and America greatly swelled the demand for varnish for carriages. Experimental shipments of kauri gum sent to London proved its value, and by the 1890s our gum was used in 70% of all oil varnishes manufactured in England.

Kauri gum was favoured because it combined quickly with linseed oil and at lower temperatures than other gums, producing a paler varnish.

As good quality gum became scarce after 1910, the focus shifted to linoleum manufacture. By the 1930s, kauri gum was displaced from both varnish and linoleum production by synthetic alternatives.

* data from *Kauri Gum and the Gumdiggers* by Bruce W Hayward. The Bush Press, Auckland. 2000

