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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

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## Special Public Meeting

**Ruawai Promotions and Development Group**

**When: October 15th**

**Time: 7.30 PM**

**Place:**

**Social Lounge, Ruawai Tokatoka Hall**

## Message from RPDG Chairman

Hi! This year Ruawai Promotions have decided to hold our General Meeting on 15th October. We will be bringing forward Global Warming as a topic for discussion. Many of us will be aware that regional councils throughout New Zealand have been assessing low-lying and flood-prone areas that may be at risk in the future due to rising water levels. Those of us in Ruawai/Dargaville area can expect changes to building regulations, flood protection requirements and possibly even cover by insurance companies. Indeed, this is already happening. We have already had one ratepayer cancel plans to build and retire in Ruawai. We have asked representatives from Kaipara District Council and the Regional Council to our meeting to give a breakdown on what to expect for the future and how it will affect us. This topic is important and has the potential to affect us all, whether we are in business, employment or in retirement. We hope that you will be able to join us. **Bruce Crompton. R.P.D.G. Chairman.**

## Help Wanted

RPDG is on charge of the gardens around the town. Elaine Crompton has been doing most of the work, helped by Bidy Marychurch. Now that Bidy has moved on, we are looking for some help. If you want to help to keep our town looking good please contact Elaine Crompton at 439 2221.

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## Ruawai Community Sports Club Update

The Ruawai Community Sports Club has a total of seven affiliated clubs who have utilised the clubrooms in a variety of ways over the year. Ruawai Senior Rugby were unable to field a team this year, therefore, joined with the Western Sharks Club. In return, they held two very successful 'home games' at the Ruawai Rugby Grounds. This is something that they hope to continue with in the future.

Ruawai JMB Rugby played host to the Australian Northern Barbarian Rugby team. Ruawai were victors on the day and now hold the trophy until they reciprocate the visit to Australia in 2019.

All Ruawai netball teams presented well over the 2018 season. Ruawai Jetz Blue placed third in the Premier grade. Netball A grade was won by the Ruawai College Senior A team, followed closely by Ruawai Jetz Red. Ruawai College Senior B team took out third place in this grade.

The Ruawai Community Sports Club would like to thank all our affiliated clubs and the community for their continued support of local sport and our fabulous Sports Club facility. The Ruawai Community Sports Club AGM is coming up in October and we look forward to seeing a few new faces join our governing committee.

**Sara McKinley**

*When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. Now I am beginning to believe it.*

**Clarence Darrow**





### **RUAWAI BOATING CLUB - Boating Club Walkway**

Ahoy to you all! I thought it's about time to update you on Club's activity of late. We are about to renew the walkway shortly. The new poles are lying at Kaipara Kumara; grating has been ordered. As some of you know, we have been trying a new product with the hope of eliminating the slippery surface. Also hoping to cut down on the high maintenance of the timber bearers and walkway. This new product is a fibreglass reinforced polymer grating, as are the bearers.

The cost to the Club is largely covered by subs and fundraising over the years. But, as with all things of this nature, we would like help while we are doing the work down at the wharf and of course financial assistance. Keep in mind that this community facility is looked after by the the BOATING CLUB volunteers.

**Tony Oud**

### **RUAWAI INDOOR BOWLING CLUB**

Another successful season is drawing to a close. We will be finishing on the 2nd of October with a "School Holidays Fun Night" for kids. So bring them down at 6:30p.m.. They will be put into teams on the night; finish time is at 8:30. This is a Free night and there will be small prizes. We would prefer and invite you to stay with your child/children, but no obligation. I'm sure there will be enough adults on hand.

At the Ruawai Hall - For more information give me a call on 021 023 33507 or 439 2309 **Tony Oud**

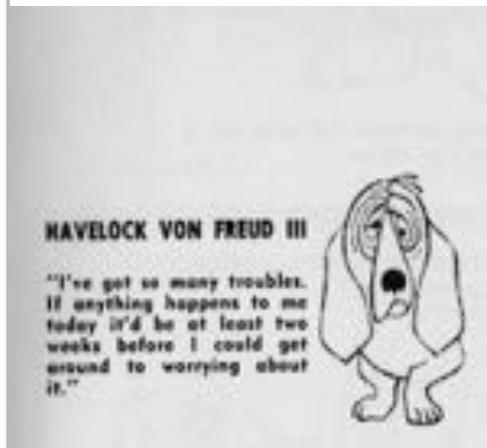


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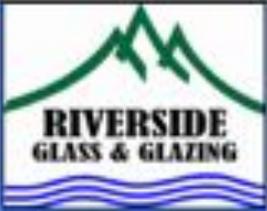
### **Councillor Curnow's Corner**

When I last wrote we were in the throes of finalising Council's Long-Term Plan, our 10-year contract with the community. I'm pleased to advise that this was adopted in June and we are now well into year one of that plan. One of the things you might notice is that we are now operating under a new roading contract with greater auditing and accountability criteria. This should mean that our roads will finally see some improvements with better management of water tabling, more frequent grading and greater vigilance around pot holes. Please let me know if you have any comments about whether this is being achieved or not.

Another implication of the LTP adoption is an increase in rates for many of us. Some of this is due to the increase in spending that Council needs to better manage our infrastructure and cater to growth around the District. But for some, the rates increase has been higher than expected as a result of the independent property revaluations done last year. This can create a shift in the rates burden from one sector to another. In past years the shift was away from urban residential to farming (in particular dairying) as the higher milk price caused dairy land to increase in value sharply. This time residential land (in particular in areas such as Mangawhai) has increased significantly creating a higher rates increase in that sector. It's important to note that the revaluations are only done every three years, so the jump that some have seen will not happen again next year. On a happier note, it was my honour to Chair the Community Grants Committee meeting this year. We were able to distribute just under \$100,000 to a significant number of community organisations around the District, including a couple in Ruawai. The Committee looks forward to hearing how these projects go. You will also be interested to know that Council has established a Climate Change Working Group. Our aim is to start a programme of communication with the many communities affected, with a view to explaining what is known now, what is not known yet and how we intend to fill that knowledge gap. Once we have that information we will all be in a better position to start planning, in partnership with the affected communities, what actions will need to be taken and how they might be funded. We are under no illusions that this will be a quick or easy task. But we must start the work. Council is planning to hold a public meeting in October in Ruawai on this matter. Finally, Council's new Chief Executive, Louise Millar, starts at the end of September. It

has been an unsettled time for Council which I hope is now coming to a close. I look forward to working with Louise. I know she is keen to get to know the communities of our District, so you should have the opportunity to meet her soon. As always, please feel free to give me a call on 021 667 124 if you have any issues or concerns that you would like to discuss. **Anna Curnow**

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### **Stop bank walkway update**

There hasn't been a huge amount of visible progress in the last few months. As I'm sure you're aware it's been very wet and we can't work on the stop banks when it's this soft underfoot. However, work has been continuing on the signage that will be placed on the walkway. We're working on signs that educate people about the fascinating history, engineering and wildlife around our stop banks. And plans are underway for an opening fun-run event suitable for all the family to be held in December. We'll let you know more once we have the plans firmed up. In the meantime, please take the time to have a walk along the stop bank as it is now – it's not perfect yet but it is very passable.

**Anna**

Pictured: Sunny dog enjoying the stop bank walk.

### **Settler's Day at The Kauri Museum**

The next event on the programme at The Kauri Museum is Settlers Day on Saturday 6th October, our annual open day. This is our community event when there is free entry to the Museum. The day begins with a service in the Pioneer Church at 9.30am before the focus moves across the road to the Museum. The theme this year is "Revolution of Industry" and the displays and demonstrations are chosen to show how all manner of tasks and equipment has developed over time. You'll see brick making, rope making, wood carving, printing, carpentry and boat building, spinning, weaving to name a few of the activities available to enjoy. The stationary engines and the Cat 60 will be fired up inside the Museum, while Fulton Hogan will have one of their giant earthmoving trucks on display outside. For the kids there are fire engine rides and games. Popcorn will be on sale and the Paparoa Lions hot food caravan will be on site, plus many other stalls to visit. An environmental forum with representatives from DOC, NZTA, NRC and other organisations will be on in the Matakoho Hall next door. There's live music, live models and much, much more. This is our Big Day, so come along and enjoy all that our hardworking team has put together for you.



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## Obituary

### Ena Mary Nichols

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Mary was born at Te Kopuru, only daughter of Jack and Ena Nichols, and sister to Alfred and Norm. Growing up on the Golden Mile in Naumai on the family farm, Mary enjoyed the country life and nurtured a life-long love for animals, large or small. She was educated in Ruawai and happily participated in sports and all the usual school activities, bravely overcoming the difficulties of being born with an incurable condition called Lymphedema, which made her left arm very swollen and heavy. When her school years were finished, Mary stayed home to care for her terminally ill mother, beginning a career of helping and serving others. After her mother's death, Mary joined the staff at Ruawai College, and soon became affectionally known as "the kind lady who did the accounts." She was a highly valued member of the administration team for many years before retiring to take up a less stressful job at Ruawai Farm Supplies. When she wasn't working, Mary would be a familiar sight out and about walking, or clipping the hedge and mowing her lawn - her favourite hobby! Mary was a very active member of her Church community, living out her life's ambition to honour the Lord and help people. She excelled in both and will be fondly remembered for her unique personality and unfailing kindness. After being a part of our community for 80 years, 4 months and 8 days, Mary has definitely earned her place in the history of Ruawai. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



**Bev Balcombe**

**Here is Sue Neal's Book Corner.** As mentioned before, Sue works in the Books@Ruawai shop. There is still a book sale on at the shop. On the Sale Tables: A bag full of books (your choice) for \$5. If you are looking for a special book that may be out of print, ask Sue and she can help.

### Book Corner

#### The Ballad of Banjo Crossing by Tess Evans

A nice light read. Jack McPhail is a man on the run. He ends up in Banjo Crossing and is befriended by Mardi, who runs the local coffee shop. All seems to be going well until a coal mining company comes to town. Jack wants to help the rural community as they make the choice of either remaining a rural community or becoming a mining town. But if he does get involved, his past, the reason he ran, could come out. What should he do? Finding out may cause the reader to shed the odd tear!



*The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah*

The setting is in Alaska where a Vietnam veteran, his wife and daughter are starting a new life. Totally unprepared, but with the help of the local community, they struggle to build a home in this wonderful harsh wilderness. Family life, however, is not all it seems. So, a wonderful story of Alaska, the resilience of the human spirit and the strength and determination of women evolves. This is a fantastic book, one of the best I've read in several months. You get drawn into the characters' lives and the description of the Alaskan Wilderness is truly beautiful. I can't recommend it strongly enough.

*I'll Keep You Safe by Peter May*

A good thriller set on the Isle of Lewis. A couple are living in Paris to promote their company. The husband is killed by a car bomb and his wife returns home to try and make sense of it all. The French police, in the meantime, have her in their sights as the main suspect; sending a detective to shadow her and uncover the truth.

*Snap by Belinda Bauer*

I love everything this author writes; this is no exception! A brilliant thriller with twists and turns that will keep you on the edge of your seat. I'll say no more. It's a "must read " if you like thrillers.

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**New Veterinary Clinic**

Following is a letter from Sandy Brown and a couple of architectural drawings about the planned new Veterinary Clinic.

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Jo Wessel has requested that we provide an update as to the proposed new build in Ruawai Township of our new clinic.

When we presented to the Ruawai members our plans we indicated that we could expect a commencement to the project after winter and hopefully we would be in the building before next winter. I am not sure this will be the case now as delays seem to litter such projects and all anecdotal information indicates constant hiccups throughout such projects.

We have pretty much refurbished the existing shed and power has been installed. This will provide the power source for the building of the new clinic. Again a delay here as the power at the pillar is only single phase even though the site is zoned commercial, hence another six week delay.

Fowler Homes will organise the build and Mike Bellamy our chairman will liaise with Wayne from Fowler homes after I leave the Club.

The final plans are completed and structural engineering plans have been drafted as well.

The shed will act as bulk storage and two bays will be fitted out to facilitate equine work. Once the clinic has been built we will remove the eastern wooden boundary fence to allow access to the clinic and shed more readily.

The accompanying plan is the basic layout of the building, with the clinical area replicating that of the Mangawhai clinic. This design however includes a far larger storage, office and lunch room facility and will hopefully future proof the clinic for the foreseeable future.

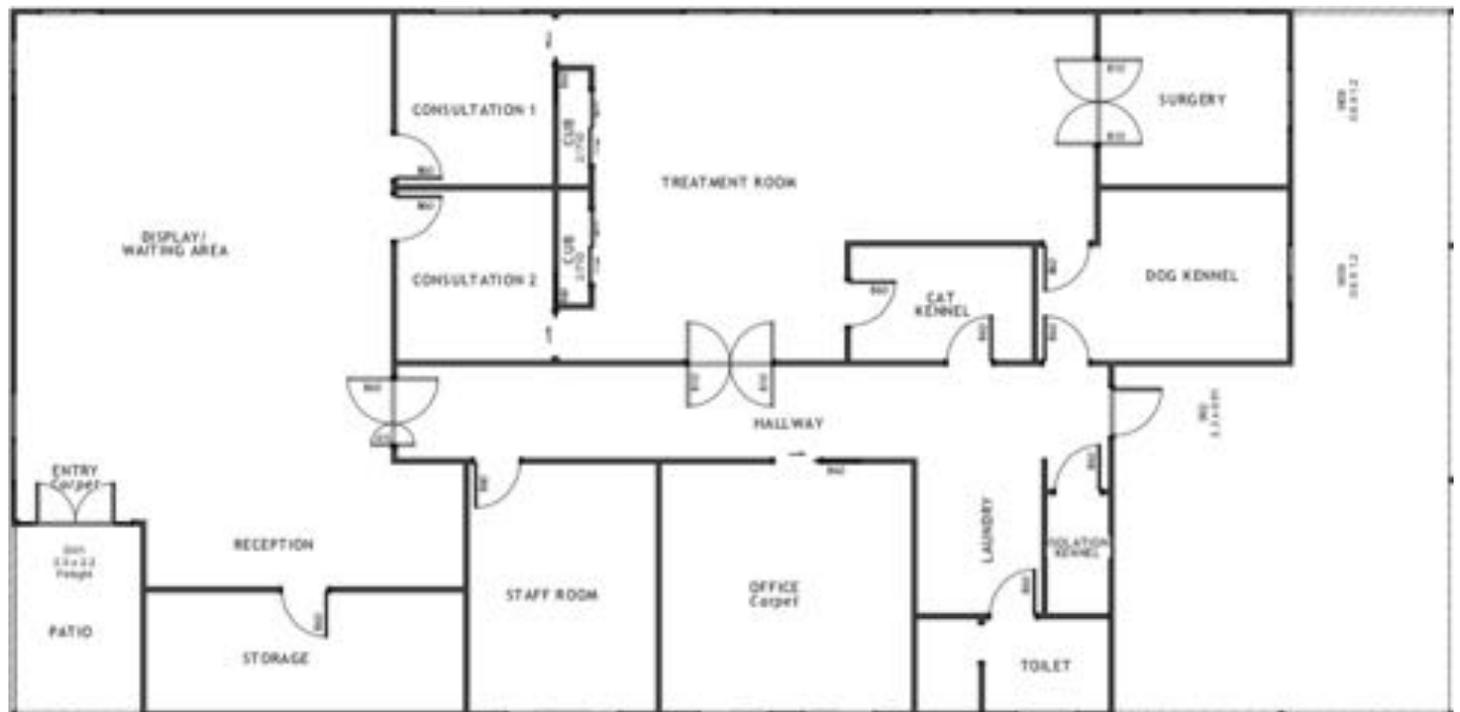
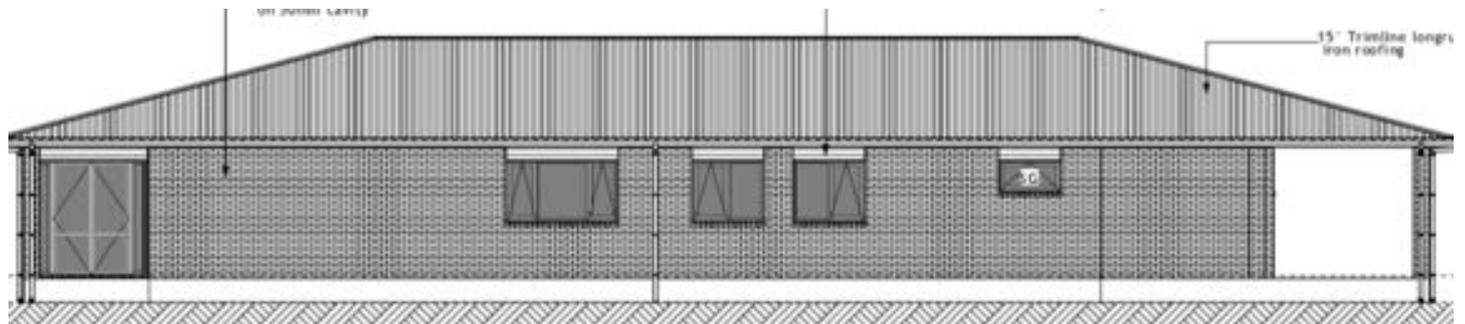
The placement of the clinic within the section boundaries will be determined by driveway access and waste disposal.

In conclusion I apologise to both the Ruawai community and staff for the delays but often there is very little one can do about these hassles other than to just persevere.

If anyone has queries regarding our project please feel free to talk to staff at the Ruawai clinic or ring the Chairman or me anytime.

Regards

**Sandy Brown, General Manager**



**COMMUNITY GRIEF AND LOSS TALK**  
**KAIPARA HOSPICE**



- Overview
- Impact and Influences on Loss and Grief
- Children's Grief
- Supporting others
- Self-Care

**DATE:** October 18th 2018  
**VENUE:** Paparoa Sports Pavillion  
**TIME:** 1-4 pm with afternoon tea provided  
**FACILITATOR:** Josie Scott  
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## Kaipara Kumara building Plans

Later in 2018, construction of a new building at Kaipara Kumara Ltd is going to commence. The new building will include brand new staff amenities, an open plan kitchen, staff training and socialising area, along with an office admin. area and reception. The new building will be approximately 600 sqm and be situated near the southern wall of Kaipara Kumara and opposite the Ruawai Bowling Club adjacent to Reeves Street. The team at Kaipara Kumara are looking forward to seeing the project come to fruition – after a couple of years in the planning. They are pleased to announce that Ringrose Construction Ltd are the chosen builders, and Cole will play a chief role in project management of the job. Local contractors are going to be utilised such as SR Wrathall Welding Services, Glen Jenyns Contracting and C&C Contract Electrical. To make way for the new building and new staff parking area, three of the Phoenix palms that run down parallel to Reeves St (and closest to the river end) are going to be removed. The remaining four palms are going to be trimmed and tidied up. This is going to go ahead in the last week of September. The hedge that runs along Reeves St will remain. **Anthony Blundell** (below: the trees that will be removed)



## Gazebo

The RPDG subcommittee for the Gazebo has now made their decision about the photos and accompanying stories that will be displayed in the Gazebo. However, we do want to encourage our Community to have an input. So, if you want to see what our plans are, go and see Nicky Reid in her Real Estate office. Nicky can show you the plans and email them to you, or print them out. This will be the last opportunity to have your say on this matter. **The Gazebo Committee**



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## Ruawai Tokatoka War Memorial Hall

You may have noticed painters hard at work around the Hall. It is 11 years ago since the outside of the Hall was painted and it was starting to show. It has now been completely repainted and should be good for another 10-15 years.

**Carolyn Wessel**

**Annual General Meeting of the  
Ruawai Tokatoka War Memorial Hall  
Society Inc.**

**Place: Meeting Room of the Hall**

**Date: October 30th; 2018**

**Time: 7.15 pm**



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**Ruawai Kindergarten welcomed to Matakohē Bridges**

Ruawai Kindergarten's four year old children, staff and parents recently came to have a look at what's been happening 'down the road'.

Project engineer Drew Williamson hosted the group in Zone 4 on the western side of Matakohē River where earthworks have wrapped up for the winter.

The children asked great questions and were keen to share helpful suggestions about how we could do things better.

A lot of hands shot up when Drew asked who'd like to work in construction one day.

The crane the group are standing in front of was in a secured area and not operating at the time the children visited.

Kindergarten manager Chanelle McLaughlin did a wonderful job coordinating this field trip and a big thank you to Ruawai College for loaning their minivan.

This wonderful group is welcome back any time (under our supervision).



Ruawai Kindergarten children, parents and staff enjoying their site visit with Project Engineer Drew Wilkinson (far left), NZTA Project Manager Vivienne Tadros (centre, white hard hat) and Assistant Eng Rep Laura Devcich (far right)

As you can see from the above article, Ruawai Kindergarten visited the Matakohē Bridges Project. I happened to meet up recently with Jenny Scott, the Liaisons Manager for the project and she told me an interesting story regarding one of the children attending. The huge crane had made an outstanding impression of the visit on one of the girls - so she'd made a drawing. There appeared to be two cranes, one black and one green. When asked if she had seen two cranes she responded "No there was only one crane". But she continued to explain that the black one was the crane sleeping because "When I am sleeping, everything is black". The green crane showed the crane working because "Green means 'go'". The thought process and imagery to express at only 4 years old was quite amazing Jenny related. **J.W.**



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**Norm Crosby**

## Memorial Service for Adrian Raymond Thomas and a tribute to Christopher John Robinson.

On Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> August, a service was held at the Ruawai College to honour the return of trooper Adrian Thomas. There was also a tribute to Chris Robinson who was killed in a training accident in New Zealand. Adrian was killed in action in 1956, in Malaysia. Adrian spent most of his younger days growing up on a dairy farm in Ruawai and attended Ruawai District High School. At the age of 16 on Jan. 1951 he enlisted in the regular force cadets, graduating in 1952 as a signaller with the Northern districts Signal Squadron. However in 1954 Adrian came back home to run the family farm due to his dad becoming ill. In 1955 he re-enlisted with the Army in the SAS (Special Air Service) and was posted to Malaysia as a trooper. Adrian excelled at boxing, athletics, cricket and rugby. After his death, the NZSAS provided the A.R. Thomas memorial trophy which was awarded annually to the most outstanding sportsman of the year at the regular force cadet's school in Waiouru.

The service started with the Ruawai College Kappa Hakka group welcoming Adrian into the school with a rousing Hakka. This continued on with the rest of the students inside the hall taking up the Hakka as well while Adrian was carried down the hall. The Hakka was so powerful that it sent shivers up your spine, it was so fantastic, and the students really put their heart and soul into it. There was a welcome and Waiatas, followed by a eulogy by Adrian's niece, Kiriana. The song 'Ruawai' was then performed by Ruawai Primary School Choir and ukuleles. The children sang it beautifully and there were a few tears to be seen in the

audience. Dave Hall had the honour of speaking about Chris Robinson. Adrian's brother, Paul spoke to the people who had gathered, thanking everyone for their attendance and a few snippets of his brother's life. Adrian was carried out by the Ruawai College students, while "How Great Thou Art" was being sung. This was soon drowned out by the College Students Hakka which once again was so powerful it blew you away. After people caught up over a cup of tea and exchanging stories, it was over to the cenotaph to unveil Chris Robinson's Plaque. This too was touching, surrounded by friends and family and, with the hearse carrying Adrian's coffin alongside, it was a great moment. This service was a pleasure to attend and was very moving. Thank you to the Thomas and Robinson families for allowing us to share in their day.

**Tina McCullough**



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## RUAWAI GARDEN CLUB NEWS



Hi to everyone out there. I'm sure you are all looking forward to the spring weather. Me too. We held our Camellia Display on 21st July, and managed to get a pretty good crowd again. As always the camellias were so lovely, with the great variety we had. We also had vases of winter flowers along the front of the stage and I think it showed we definitely have flowers in our winter gardens. A lot of the people attending were from a Whangarei Garden Group, so thank you to them for coming. I must just remind you all we have our Rose Show on Saturday 10th November. All are welcome, whether entering roses, or other flowers, or just attending on the day. We look forward to a good turnout then, so hope to see you there. Happy weeding all. **Merle Jackson**

## Learning Through Play

Ruawai Primary School is in its third year of trialling their play-based learning programme and principal Curtis Gaylor says the results have been encouraging. This method of teaching uses play as the context for learning and allows students to discover, explore and solve problems in their own way with encouragement and support from the teacher. Mr. Gaylor says that children today have fewer opportunities to play and be active than in the past. "There is less time spent exploring the natural world, less time 'doing their own thing,' fewer opportunities to take risks and problem-solve. There is more time in supervised, protected and confining activities that put boundaries on learning and creativity. This is why we value our Discovery – Play-

based sessions. Our vision is to ‘Develop and nurture individual learners who are engaged, connected and ever-growing.’ A play-based curriculum can help us achieve this and our intention is to continue to embed this type of learning throughout our curriculum.” Lead teacher Denise Hewetson says play is an essential part of children's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. “For many teachers and parents, play has attracted a negative time-wasting connotation but in reality, play is a vital part of every child’s development. It allows them to test ideas, work through uncertainties, explore social interactions and make sense of the world around them. “Play has no predetermined outcome or time limit. It is not about an end product but about a process. It’s the exploration of ideas that is crucial. Play is children’s work.”



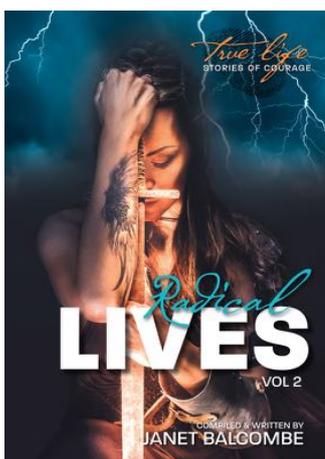
### The Art Studio .

It has been a fairly quiet time at the Studio for the last two terms. Most of our members have, or are taking, the chance to escape our wet soggy grounds & have some lovely holidays. However, with spring nearly here we hope to in be full swing again . Our plan to have a “En Plein Air” painting day has not yet come to fruition but we hope this will happen when the weather improves.

Also on the agenda, for later in the year, is a Workshop. Tutor and subject yet to be decided .

Remember ... We meet every Wednesday at The Art Studio, School Road Ruawai from 10am until 2pm. Bring your lunch & join our friendly folk. You need not necessarily be a painter but if you are interested in any artistic endeavour, you will be welcome . **For any enquires please phone Frances at 09 439 2554**

### Ruawai Author Releases Another New Book



Radical Lives 2 is the latest book from Janet Curle (nee Balcombe) and features a compilation of inspirational true-life stories of courage from 20 New Zealanders she has met or conversed with over the past year or so.

The theme is that no matter how bad things get, there’s hope! Some of the fascinating people featured include: Amos (Perese) Ale, Head Hunter founder, Andrew Stroud, World Superbike champion, Joshua Calles, a family man, Police Constable and actor in the recent movie 'Broken', Owen Pomana, an ex-hardman with a heart for the homeless, Rosita Hendry, world-class acrobat and circus superstar, Stephanie Harawira, leader of the Pacific Pearls movement, Talakimoana Hehepoto, an ex-Mongrel Mobster, Tania Butler, widow of Chris Crean from the movie 'Resolve', Trent Membrey, from meth hell to minister, Tuhoë ‘Bruno’ Isaac, an ex-Mongrel Mob leader and author of True Red...

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# Real Estate Update

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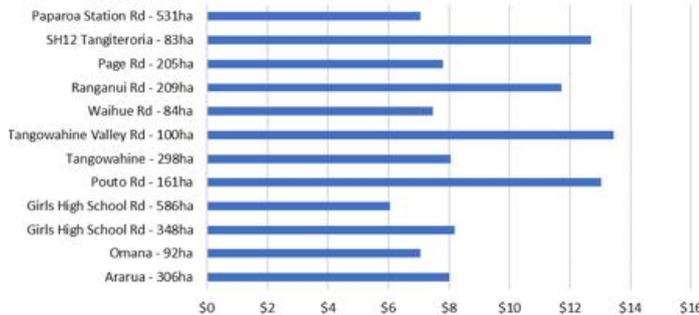
A quick update on what's been happening in the local property market – first rural, then residential. Below is a graph of Grazing and Finishing farm sales in Kaipara District over the past twelve months. I have compiled a full set of graphs for both dairy and grazing farms comparing sale price with rateable values, per kilo milk solids and per hectare – if you would like to receive these by email please let me know. Currently there is a shortage of good quality listings in the market and there is good demand especially for grazing, finishing and dairy support country. This is being driven partly by M.bovis as dairy farmers seek to make their business a self-contained enterprise by purchasing a run-off.

## The Residential Market

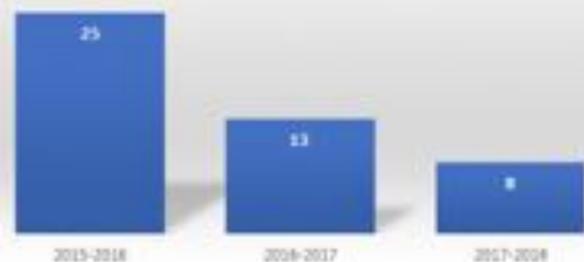
There have been fewer sales of residential properties this year compared to a couple of years ago. However, the average sale price has lifted from \$166,000 to \$230,000 over that three-year period. There are very few residential properties on the market at present so if you are thinking of selling give me a call now, because the lack of competition makes this month a great time to list.

See below for two graphs .....

Kaipara Grazing / Finishing Farms  
Sale Price per hectare  
2017-2018 Season



Number of Houses Sold in Ruawai  
Annually over the Past Three Years



1998	22	73	95	51.5	121	121	347.5	135	32	104	60.5	43.5	1206
1999	173.5	13	85.5	181	56	102	94.5	119.5	66	54	201	50	1196
2000	46	31.5	64	129.5	85.5	173	149	130.5	51.5	37.5	58.5	67.5	1024
2001	106	62	40.5	87.5	236	97	108.5	113.5	76	116	179	151	1373
2002	43.5	87	139.5	37.5	93.5	167.5	150	108.5	110.5	99.5	74	67	1178
2003	138.5	58	195.5	41.5	95.5	126	147	170	169	151	98	70	1460
2004	107	224.5	11.5	58.5	213.5	130.5	96.5	102.5	84.5	112.5	47.5	136	1325
2005	52.5	63	44.5	40.5	135	126	140	54.5	83.5	174.5	45	71	1030
2006	68.5	33.5	94	183	179	125.5	74.5	136	99.5	143	60.5	71	1268
2007	65	113.5	105.5	65.5	30	88.5	263.5	138	75	87	90.5	86	1208
2008	58.5	45.5	58.5	145	77	150	165	215.5	53.5	85.5	53	107	1214
2009	84	121	23.5	61.5	236	138.5	131	76	95	121	26	24.5	1138
2010	27	47.5	48	41.5	192.5	144.5	155.5	185	134.5	44.5	14.5	222	1257
2011	202	19	109	73	126.5	122.5	189	47.5	73	118	34	131.5	1245
2012	109.5	59	147	21.5	100	57.5	92.5	184	95.5	42.5	38	70	1017
2013	15	11.5	16.5	85.5	181.5	137	76.5	107	155	28	65.5	41	920
2014	38	10.5	23	45	95	167.5	221	114.5	138	83	65.5	91	1092
2015	36.5	65.5	72	59.5	160	72.5	56	147	126	71.5	73.5	31	971
2016	131.5	116	34.5	38	108	89.5	91	139	148	97.5	80.5	28.5	1102
2017	19.5	78	195.5	123.5	116	108	183	135.5	130.5	57.5	25	17	1189
2018	133.5	221.5	120	93	174	179	145	104					1170

Rainfall over the last 10 years. Provided by Kura Newall. Kura gave me the rainfall for the last 30 years but it would not fit in the available space. Thank you Kura!