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The Hikurangi BULLETIN

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**28/29
SEP**

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**18
OCT**

COMMUNITY DINNER

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Guest speakers

**01
NOV**

FIREWORKS

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**09
NOV**

RALLY OF WHANGAREI

Rural races x 4
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**23/24
NOV**

TRAIL RIDE

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**14
DEC**

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DEC**

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Hukerenui: Lillian Reid, Hikurangi Linda Vanstone and Marua Rob Roest

These rain measurements are taken from their rain gauges in their local back yards.

Church Services In Hikurangi

Hikurangi Village Church: Meet Sundays at 10am, in the Hikurangi War Memorial hall. Last Sun of month is a Shared Lunch.

Phone/Text Stuart on 0274 575247.

Hikurangi Catholic Church: Valley Rd
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Hikurangi Christian Fellowship: Sundays 10am or contact 4338654 and please leave a message.

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Andrew Gurney story continues

These are skills they learnt in Tornado Youth?

Yes, not that they learned how to play but they learned that there is something better out there for you. They got out of Tornado and went to another church or whatever and I then found out they were playing in a band there.

I wonder if learning how to be a group member of Tornado Youth, learning those skills of being part of a group and a community has translated to them being part of a band, part of another group?

100%. 100%.

You started off [youth groups] in Kamo, are you able to remember how you got started?

Same way as Tornado Youth. I just went to all of the businesses and asked the businesses if they would finance running something for the young people. They had a problem where businesses were getting broken into and graffiti and all sorts. So, they were only too willing to help. We had over 100 kids per week at that one.

The children, what age range were they?

Intermediate, so 12 years old up to teenagers but when they got too old, they liked it so much that they stayed and ended up being junior leaders. You can imagine with 70 kids that one person can't run it.

How did you run it?

Three other men came in and started. I was always the kingpin which looking back now I regret. I was the kingpin and the others just followed me. They knew what had to be done and got on and did it. We held a lot of big fundraising events in the community for Hikurangi. Community events, we had a trolley derby race down the hill in Hikurangi and the whole town came out for that.

We also held auctions. With the money we took the kids away to the snow once per year and they didn't have to pay anything as they didn't have anything, so we raised it by having auctions.

When you say snow, where was that?

Tongariro. We would take them away for 4 days of fun. Some of these kids never got out of Whangarei. We would just hire 3 vans and away we go.

Going back to what you said about 'the vision' what is the history of this skill of working with youth or interest with working with youth?

My relationship with God. He is the one that motivated me.

As a teen yourself how did you get into being a member of a youth group?

My mum and dad used to go to church and the church had a youth group and I just followed and joined in.

But we did so many other things for the community, we had a fashion week. Kids came and it was like a concert. All the parents would come along, and we would fit as many people as possible in the Hikurangi hall for kids to come along in clothes they had made.

What sorts of things did they make?

Dresses and different clothes that they wore. Some of them sang. It was like a talent quiz. We had judges and a big dinner. It was fantastic!

Was there anyone in particular that introduced you to this way of being, this vision around young people?

There were numerous people, especially from other churches. I'm saying this and trying to be humble. It takes a special person to do what we did. Nobody can do it unless they've been gifted to do it. I mean anyone can run a few games, but our things were never the same. We would do things radical, crazy. You can't do that sort of thing, but we did it.

What sort of radical things?

I can't remember now...I just remember one of my leaders saying to me 'we cant do that, it is crazy'. But we did it and the kids loved it. They looked forward to it every week, what's going to happen this week?

Ah so they never knew what was on the schedule?

No, they would turn up on the night and they'd be...yeah.

End of story coming next Bulletin.



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Fire Brigade: Training Monday Nights at 6.30pm in the Fire Station. **More Volunteers needed.**

Friendship House Trust: Meets every 4th Tues of the month at 5.30pm held in the Hikurangi Hall.

All welcome. **Phone 433 8452 for more information.**

Hikurangi Business Association: Meets monthly.

If interested in attending or joining us please contact hba@hikurangi.co.nz

Hikurangi Civil Defence contact Cory Haslam 0221915709

Hikurangi Freemasons Lodge No 140:

Contact Ivan Berryman 4335847 or Steve 435 5601.

Hikurangi Golf Club: Ph Paul Allen 027 3212041.

Hikurangi Hall: For Hire. Phone 433 8452

Jack Morgan Museum, Hikurangi: Open 10am-3pm daily.

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Hik Library Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 2pm Tues 10am -4pm Thurs 10am - 3pm Sat & Sun closed. **Ph 433 8773.**

Hikurangi Lions: Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. **Phone either Cyndy Verryt on 946008 or 021544531 or Carol Head on 0273661029.**

Hikurangi Plunket: Whanau Anhna Plunket Holly 027 203 2863, Mon & Thurs Home & Clinic visits. Drop-in Clinic at 33 King Street Kensington, 9am to 1pm Wednesday & Friday. No appointment necessary.

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Museum Committee: Meet in the Museum every 3rd Sat of the month at 9.00 am. **Phone Linda 433 8062 or please Email: hikurangi.museum@gmail.com.**

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Whakapara Pony Club: Steve Martin

Whakapara Women's Institute: Contact Marie 433 9900.

Whangarei District Council: Phone 430 4200.

If anything needs to be changed in these Community Notices please let us know before our deadline which is on the front page of the Bulletin. We are not responsible for information that is wrong if people do not let us know of any changes.

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HIKURANGI VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Hi Hikurangi

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Have your electric blanket checked by a qualified electrician, make sure that it lays flat on the bed, that the cords and controls are not twisted. Remember the heater metre rule, keep a clear metre around fireplaces and heaters, do not cover or store things on top of them. Cleaned the lint filter in your dryer recently? Dryer filters need to be cleaned out often.

Our Sky Tower Team all successfully completed their climb. 51 flights of stairs in full firefighting gear. Racing the clock against over 1100 firefighters from around the country. Emma did it in 24.46 Minutes – finishing 4th in the Masters Donned. Julie did it in 18.50 Minutes – Finishing 8th in the Female Open Donned. Hayden did it in 16.53 Minutes – Finishing 86th in the Male Open Donned and Started. Shar Did it in 19.34 Minutes – Finishing 9th in the Female Open Donned.

All have put a great effort and have done Hikurangi proud. See the Photos on Facebook, Hikurangi Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Seen us training on Thursdays as well as Mondays? We have members going away in the coming months to various courses, Thursday night training is for these members to best prepare for their specific course. Well be out and about running all sorts of drills.

Need help or advice you can contact us on Facebook, Hikurangi Volunteer Fire Brigade

Since the last bulletin we have had 13 calls

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07/5/24	Hika 641 Kamo 191 Tree Fire Kauri
10/5/24	Hika 6411 Kamo 191 Car Fire Ruatangata West
11/5/24	Hika 6411 Kamo 191 Car Fire Ruatangata West
11/5/24	Hika 6411 Whangarei 121, 127 Burnoff Out Of Control Maungatapere
13/5/24	Hika 641, 6429 Light Smoking Hikurangi
15/5/24	Hika 641 Kamo 191 Whangarei 121, 127, 1229, 9926 Onerahi 201 Portland 151 Ngunguru 791 House Fire Kamo
18/5/24	Hika 641 Dogs Locked in Car Helena Bay
18/5/24	Hika 641, 6429 Kamo 191, 192 Whangarei 121, 9919 House Fire Hikurangi
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31/5/24	Hika 641 Kamo 191 Whangarei 124 Alarm Sounding Kauri

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If anyone has any of these that would be suitable for the Hikurangi Bulletin please call into Friendship House with them or email us at friendship@hikurangi.co.nz. They would be very much appreciated. Linda (Editor).



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HIKURANGI POLICE

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As I sit in my office typing this bulletin, outside/ki waho is wet and windy. Yes, I've come in on my day off, actually, I've got this coming week off, so by the time this gets read I'll be back at work. One of the benefits of Policing is that we manage to get a bit of leave and with my circumstances, it was a case of either I book some leave for the time I want or the power's that be will book some for me.

Great news for myself, well I'm particularly stoked with it, as of 2 weeks ago I signed a permanent Policing appointment for the Hikurangi area, so I'm here for as long as I can remain in this position. They have advertised a second position, permanent as well, but as knowing when it gets filled, I have no idea!

There's a plan in place for the Hikurangi Police Station and the house, at the moment, it's early stages, but sounding promising. Re-build/renovation of the house to become the 'Hub' station for Whangarei's 3 community stations. When this starts, I have no idea, but it has been put forward and recommended. What it will look like in the future, more general staff and traffic staff in the area. Time will tell.

Great sport on over the weekend, not only on tv with the Warrior's finding their game and the Blues going into the semi's, but our own tamariki. Every other Rāhoroi/Saturday you'll find me down at the Kensington sports grounds supporting my own kotiro's/girl's and nephew.

Burglaries – still a number getting reported. Again security, vigilance, sometimes it's unavoidable and the offender's will, if they see something they want won't stop or be put off by security features.

Wilful Damage – particularly, my station letterbox which was set alight, on fire. burnt. I'm still waiting for those 2 young persons to come see me to sort it out, got to give a shout out to the cctv cameras.

Shoplifting – from the local 4 Square, Avi the owner has had several people unfortunately walking out without paying for the items they've taken off the shelves. Unfortunately, some of them have been local and some from out of town. If your local, you will be trespassed, meaning for 2 years you are not allowed to step foot in the premises.

Just for everyone, its hard being a business owner especially when your losing stock/product. All the local business owner's in Hikurangi do a great job and put generously back into the community so please look after them.

Rāmere po/Friday nights from 4pm, held at the Hikurangi School is the Pūmanawa Awhina/Community Connect, rangatahi activation which runs for approximately 2hrs. They provide round robin of games, turbo touch, volleyball, tag, 3 on 3 basketball and other games with free sausage sizzle, no limit on the number of sausages you can eat. If your young kotiro or tama is wanting to burn a bit more energy, for the next 4 weeks from 4pm on Friday's come down to the Hikurangi School, all welcome. Parents can join in on the games as well.

Lastly with the weather conditions the way they are, please drive to survive, drive to the conditions, and make it home.

For now, that's about all, I'll see everyone around on my return, stay safe out there, take care and look after each other. Feel free to drop in and see me with any concerns or if, wanting advice. The catch, if my ute is in the driveway, I'm here otherwise I'm not working or I'm out and about.

Mauri Ora!

Kupu o te marama: Word of the month: ua /rain
E ua ana ki waho.

It's raining outside.

HIKURANGI HISTORICAL MUSEUM



In April 1930 several young people were killed in one of the worst railway level crossing accidents in the history of New Zealand. A bus coming from Hikurangi going to the pictures in Whangarei was struck by a train on "McLeod's Crossing". The bus was hurled some distance and sadly there were many casualties. The picture shows the funeral procession going through Hikurangi with the coffins of the victims laid out on the open back of trucks. Residents of Hikurangi are standing and watching on the footpath.

On June 28 we celebrate Matariki. A big part of it is to acknowledge those who have passed and to release their spirits to become stars. We will have a stall in the War Memorial Hall on this day where we present some more information about the meaning of Matariki and the history of our village.

We would love to see you there.

Museum opening hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10-11.30am or by appointment.

Facebook: Hikurangi Historical Museum
hikurangi.museum@gmail.com

Hikurangi Community Development Group

I write my bulletin blurb from my bed this month as our house gets struck with dreaded covid. A good reminder to my whanau of how important it is to have essential medical supplies on hand as the winter months close in on us and with it the bugs and viruses that are imminent. Prior to getting sick we had some great news on a few projects that we have been working on for some time: firstly the council has agreed to prioritise the replacement of the footpaths in the main area of King Street through the Long Term Plan; they have also agreed to seed fund the sports hub; and we have also received funding from another source to complete some plans to start the restoration of the Library and old BNZ buildings to their heritage nature. We have also almost completed getting the community shuttle up and running so if you need a lift to town, make sure you contact the Friendship House office to book a seat. As well as moving forward with all of this we are also starting to plan this years spring/summer events that will roll around too quick, including the Community Dinner, the Fireworks Extravaganza, the International Rally of Whangarei (which has moved to November), the Hikurangi Trail Ride, the Christmas Parade, the Auto Madness show, and our newest event the Hikurangi Business Expo. We also have our Matariki event coming up at the end of June which I am sure will be an amazing community celebration. Keep an eye out for the release of the advertisements with the event dates and information so you can lock them in on your calendars. Stay warm and dry everyone!

Nga Mihi **Sharlene Morris-Ross**

**Hikurangi Community Development
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There are advertisements of local businesses on the top, along the right side and scrolling adverts down the bottom. If you are interested in advertising, please contact me. The Bulletins can be read or downloaded if you click on the month (blue link) or grey button, the Events Calendar shows you what is coming up in our district.

If you know of (or are organizing) an event or activity in or around Hikurangi, please send me the information or a link to website@hikurangi.co.nz.

If you find your club, or a community organisation is not promoted, please let me know also, so I can add them. Thankyou, Esa.

Hello Hikurangi,
I have recently started updating the www.hikurangi.co.nz website. It consists of several pages, being; About Hikurangi, Photo Gallery, Community Development Coordinator,



Whanau Hauora
Community Health
Clinic

FREE General health checks
for all the whanau

Whakapara Marae

9th July 2024

13th August 2024

10th September 2024

8th October 2024

12th November 2024

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