

# Karikari Panui - Bringing Community Together

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## Summery Greetings to all our readers

**Tena koutou katoa.** The recent rain has been welcome, filling up the tanks and hopefully recharging the aquifer underneath us, but the sunshine is pleasant too. Nights are getting warmer, and its tempting to start thinking of summer plans. But we have learnt, over the last couple of years, that our own expectations can't be relied upon. We know anything is possible.

**Some good news to share:** Work-teams from Chorus have begun a six-month long project to deliver Fibre technology across the Peninsula. See the next few pages for information about the project and the cultural induction offered to the Chorus team by Haititaimarangai Marae.

**Please take extra care on our roads** as tamariki are returning to school / Kura. Remember to slow down to 20km when passing a stationary school bus. Please also be aware of tamariki waiting at bus stops. New speed restrictions are now in force on some sections of State Highway Ten. Page four has details.

**Important reminders:** There is a 30k speed-limit on Tokerau Beach. Please respect other users on the beach when you are driving your vehicle. **All** sand-dunes are off-limits for **all** vehicles. To those who enjoy windsurfing and other water-related sports, please make sure you provide a safe experience for swimmers and other beach users.

**Fireworks:** The lighting of fireworks anywhere on Karikari Peninsula is prohibited. Please tell your guests and visitors when they arrive. Since this ban came into force several years ago there have been less callouts for our brigades over the Guy Fawkes and New Year periods.

**Karikari Community Library** will be reopening on Thursday 28 October, with the usual hours; 10am—1pm. Librarian Ere Page is keen to increase the library's patronage. To this end, she wonders if there are others who would like to volunteer to operate the library—on a roster system. Perhaps someone might like to be responsible for opening it on another day or time? If this is you, pop in and see her one Thursday during opening hours or phone 09 408 7197.

**Wool is wanted** to make knee-rugs for residents of the Switzer Residential Home in Kaitaia. If you have spare skeins to donate for this worthy cause please contact Margaret 021 0836 6087.

**Recipe Book:** 40 years ago the first Karikari Craft Group put together a booklet with their favourite recipes in order to raise money for the local fire team. Thanks to Karen Urlich the recipe book has been reprinted and is available at \$10 a copy. All proceeds of this edition will go to the CCTV Project. Please contact Karen for your copy; 021 409 681.

**The Karikari Fire Brigade** will deliver water across the peninsula. Charges are per 5,000 litres: \$130.00 for local area and \$140.00 to Rangiputa. If you wish to pay by internet send a text to Lorraine: 0274501080 with your details and make payment to Bank account: KKFB 12 3096 0027374 00 with your name and address somewhere in ref / particulars. Cash or eftpos orders can be made at Bayview Store. No VISA. Please keep check of your water tank regularly as you may be disappointed if same day delivery is not possible. Please note: there are **No Sunday Deliveries**.

Karikari Fire Chief, Thomson Lawrence, would like to remind all cell-phone users to unplug their chargers when not in use. He reports that several recent house fires were caused because chargers had been left on, after being disconnected from the phone they had been charging. This simple precaution could save a life and property. I expect the same rule would apply to other devices.



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**Wet Wipes: these go in the rubbish not through the sewer system!**

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## Welcome and induction for Ventia and Chorus team on the Karikari Peninsula: Nau mai haere mai ki te takiwā o Te Whānau Moana me Te Rorohuri.

Haititaimarangai Marae Cultural Advisor Nina Raharuhi, welcomed the team from Ventia and Chorus who will be installing fibre optic cable to the Peninsula. Rev Robert Urlich also joined the welcome and gave a summary of some historical points of interest, and reminded listeners that they are all one people under one creator. Thomson Lawrence added that he knows plenty of good workers if more are needed.

Ms Raharuhi gave a cultural induction so team members were aware of particular cultural places of interest, and the role tangata whenua have as Kaitiaki in this place. There was opportunity for questions, enabling a better understanding of how Chorus will be carrying out this work. There will be an archeologist advisor available if historical or cultural artifacts are discovered.

Karakia was performed at the first site along Bay Heights Drive before grounds were broken.

Please make the team feel welcome as they carry out their work across the peninsula.

Right: the Team from Ventia/Chorus.  
Second left: Rory Aitkin; North Island Fibre Roll Out Construction Manager, Ventia.  
Third Right: Grant Mason; Site Works Manager, Ventia.



### Order of planned stages of work:

- 04
- 05
- 06
- 07
- 02
- 03

Below: Thomson Lawrence and Nina Raharuhi at the Induction.



### Map of Work Sites



## What does the Fibre Network Rollout mean for you?

Fibre, also referred to in New Zealand as Ultra-Fast Broadband (UFB) uses fibre optic cable to deliver your broadband connection. Fibre provides faster, more reliable broadband to your home than traditional copper lines, and enables you to connect to many products and services.

The Karikari Peninsula is one of the Specified fibre areas (SFAs) where Chorus will eventually be able to stop providing copper-based phone and internet services, because fibre is available. Chorus will be installing fibre at no cost under the code. However, the company you choose to supply your phone or broadband services with may charge additional costs. It is worth shopping around for the best deal for you. The Copper Withdrawal Code sets out the minimum requirements Chorus, the provider of New Zealand's copper telecommunications network, must meet before it can stop providing wholesale copper phone and broadband service.

The Chorus team will be in our area for at least six months to complete this project. The map shows which areas of the peninsula will be covered and in which order. You will see the team mark out services first, and then drill and trench down each road to install the infrastructure. On boundaries you will see marker pegs (green sticks); each one of these will service two houses. Top Energy will also be working with the team.

If your home is down a right of way or on a private road, provision will be made for the customers, however further installation may be at your cost.

## **Ventia/Chorus COVID Protocols/Guidelines**

Chorus is building an Ultrafast Broadband fibre network in Whatuwhiwhi, beginning in October. Once completed, the new network will bring a much faster internet service to the town.

This work is due for completion in April 2022, and will involve drilling and excavations in footpaths and berms. Any ground affected will be reinstated to acceptable council standards.

As well as the main network cable running along the road reserve, the team will also install smaller connections lines from the main cable to each property's boundary.

Our teams are from the Far North, and will be strictly following all health protocols to prevent the spread of Covid, and you can feel assured that safety for our crews and communities is our highest priority. Please help us by making sure you observe distancing when you pass the work sites.

- Sick workers are to stay home
- Social distance and mask wearing to be practiced on site
- The team will not be mixing with the community, and only one crew member will be collecting supplies from local shops to minimise risk.
- Extensive record keeping to enable traceability

There is no need for the crew to be dealing with the public, or entering private property. Any public queries should be directed to Matt Robertson, stakeholder and community rep for Ventia on 027 886 1905, or [Matt.robertson@visionstream.co.nz](mailto:Matt.robertson@visionstream.co.nz).

Monitors and archaeologists should try to keep a 2m distance – this won't be easy but it is doable. The document also covers the protocols for our teams that work with homeowners to connect to the network (a separate project), hence it talks about going onto peoples property – this is not part of this project.

The crews to be used are from the North, and the archaeologist, Doug Gaylard, has been vaccinated.

Cultural Monitor/Advisor Nina Raharuhi (tangata whenua) will be onsite at all times while works are carried out. Nina has also been fully vaccinated.

*Once the main network across the township has been completed, then the process of connecting properties to the network can begin, so residents could be enjoying ultrafast broadband for work and play. For most properties connecting to the network will be free.*

*Call 0800 600 100 for more information.*



## Changes to Speed Limits on State Highway 10

**From 22 October 2021, the permanent new speed limits are:**

**SH10:** Existing 100km/h area from 455m southwest of Pukewhai Road to 610m northeast of Duncan Road – 80km/h

**SH10:** Existing 100km/h area through Kaingaroa from 610m northeast of Duncan Road to 360m southwest of Duncan Road – 60km/h

**SH10:** Existing 100km/h area from 360m southwest of Duncan Road to 1.480km southwest of Pairatahi Road – 80km/h

**SH10:** Existing 100km/h area through Kareponia from 1.480km southwest of Pairatahi Road to 1.275km northeast of Godinovich Road – 60km/h

**SH10:** Existing 100km/h area from 1.275km northeast of Godinovich Road to 430m west of Kumi Road – 80km/h

**SH10:** Extending the existing 50km/h area by 190m east of Awanui, from 430m west of Kumi Road to SH10/SH1 intersection – 50km/h

Let's hope this change will be respected by drivers and our roads become safer for all users.



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After lobbying for these for some time the Karikari Peninsula Residents and Ratepayers Association is pleased to see public toilets now installed in the grounds of the Karikari Community Hall. Many thanks to Te Hiku Community Board for its support and Kaitia Precut Homes who did the refurbishment. It is expected the toilets will be open soon.



# Tuatua Tavern Open For Business.

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Written by Roving Reporter Stephanie Atwood.

It's great seeing the Tuatua Tavern open for business once more. Back in the day when the building opposite was a back-packer hostel, tourists would often wander over for a beer with friendly locals. While the visitors these days are from much closer to home, the little bar is still an ideal place to meet up, have a drink and set the world to rights.

Publican Pam, daughter of former Whatuwhiwi residents Maureen and the late Ross Fisher, is one of those enviable people who manage to cram well over twenty four hours worth of living in each and every day.

Well known for her famous food caravan at Far North market and event days, Pam now has it parked up outside the tavern every evening. Her seafood chowder is second to none, the nachos and pork belly rolls are very popular and I can personally vouch for the hamburgers. Meals can be brought into the bar to enjoy with a beverage.



## **Food Caravan hours are roughly 5 to 9 pm every night.**

Six years ago Pam decided she'd had enough of merely watching the stock car racing at Taipa from her food caravan window. Driving a little Honda CRX she took to the track and in 2019 had her first big win, coming away with the Percy Poharama Trophy. Cyclone Pam loves the adrenalin rush racing provides, these days in a trusty Honda Prelude.

Over the past thirty five years up to sixty foster children have been part of Pam's loving family; two - young adults now - still live with her.

From her home-gym she also finds time to train three times a week. In her second year of power-lifting she placed first in her age group at the Nationals.

Currently Nin and Pam run the bar; Kiri, Chris and Gina between them, handle the food caravan, courtesy van and Covid check-in. The courtesy van operates everyday for pick-ups and drop-offs and is well used. Pam says the range of service is not limited to the peninsula.

## **Tavern opening hours are 4 pm to midnight Mon to Fri with an 11 am opening Sat and Sun.**

Operating any business under Covid restrictions comes with its own challenges. Once she gets the 'green light' Pam is keen to continue with the weekly members' draw and raffles, and the tavern has always supported the local fishing club and darts team. She is open to hosting karaoke nights and would welcome teams back if a keen quizmaster stepped up to run Trivia. People from all walks of life visit this delightful little establishment. There are the retired regulars, the after-work mates, and the 'occasionals,' and if someone comes in without knowing a soul, they definitely don't leave that way.



**Food Caravan hours will be roughly 5 to 9pm every night.**

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## CCTV Project Report

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With the CCTV system now up and running for the past 12 months we have reviewed the project and operations for this period and provide the following comments.

Firstly, we have been advised by the police that reported incidents on the Karikari Peninsula area during the last three month period December-February were 80% down from the same period the year before, prior to the installation of the cameras. First Response Teams have also noticed a reduction for their services in the area.

This trend has continued for the year to date.

A number of small adjustments will be made in the next month to update the system which will also provide access for the national police network.

Our service providers have recommended that the installation of another two cameras be considered to provide comprehensive cover for the Tokerau Beach and Whatuwhiwhi area. Further fund-raising will be required to achieve this outcome and cover the annual operational costs.

Thanks to those who have committed to a regular direct payment for the project.



## Process for Accessing CCTV Footage:

1. Lodge an incident report with the Police on the Crime Reporting Line: 105
2. Send an email to [cameras@buildingsafercommunities.co.nz](mailto:cameras@buildingsafercommunities.co.nz) with the following information:
  - Your name
  - Address
  - Incident number (from Police)
  - Your contact details
  - Incident date and approx timeframes
  - Brief explanation of incident and what you want them to look for.

3. The CCTV monitoring team (Based at Kaitia Police Station), will respond to your query and begin the search. This may take up to 3-4 business days due to workload.

4. The CCTV Team will respond with outcomes and if applicable will provide footage/ images to police to accompany the file. Footage will be provided on a case-by-case basis. The Team must adhere to privacy policies and procedures and must ensure all information is provided in the strictest of confidence.

### CCTV Project on-going support

Donations are still needed to pay for on-going maintenance etc.

Make your donation to Karikari Peninsula Residents and Ratepayers Association: CCTV Project ASB 12-3096-0082138-56

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### The Karikari Community Library

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## Seniors Christmas Luncheon

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Organiser Debera Mcleod advises us that the Seniors' Christmas Luncheon this Year will be on Friday the third of December, so keep this date free.

As usual it will be held at the Karikari Community Hall. There will be a charge \$5 per person, which is similar to the price of a cup of coffee. Funding was unable to be secured this year, and although there were a few financial donations made, it is hoped that in future the event would be self-funding, with a small on-going charge of \$5.

Lunch will be a sit-down event with roast lamb, ham and roast vegetables, mixed vegetables and a coleslaw. Desert will be pavlova and fruit salad with cream.

Each person attending will go home with a small cupcake Christmas cake, and a smile.

Mrs Mcleod would like to thank the Karikari Rural Fire Station, Rangiputa Farm Station, Rangiputa Rural Fire Station, Nina Raharuhi, Debera and Robin Mcleod, Susan and Wayne Webb, Dianne and Evan Mackay, Selwyn Bennett, The Ratepayers Association, Reef Lodge, Brenda Marshall and lastly the helpers from Karikari Garden Club.

**Clarification:** the *Bay Chronicle* (Oct 21, 2021) incorrectly published that the Karikari Peninsula Residents and Ratepayers Association received \$732 for the Senior's Luncheon from Te Hiku Community Board. The *Bay Chronicle's* PR manager was most apologetic for printing this error.



### Community Markets at Karikari Community Hall

Due to the challenges caused by Covid 19 it has been difficult for these popular events to go ahead as planned during this past year. The organisers hope that the Summer months will see an opportunity for at least one to occur.

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## Congratulations to Local Firefighters

**It was a while ago now, but its still not too late to congratulate the team at Rangiputa Rural Fire Force who were recipients at their Award Ceremony earlier this year.**

A total of 94 years of service was recognised with a number of special medals and awards presented by Fire and Emergency New Zealand Muriwhenua Area Manager Wipari Henwood at the Karikari Community Hall. Robin Billington (Rangiputa Fire Chief) and wife Judy (Station Training Coordinator/Office Administrator) were the recipients of the most honours, with a total of 23 years of service each - 46 combined.

Only a few years ago the Rangiputa Fire Brigade was down to just three members, but a resurgence in recent years had seen the next generation pick that up again. The crew now sits at 14 with the addition of five new members in the past month.

Other notable achievements on the night were husband and wife Steve and Vanessa Goodwin who were acknowledged for their respective 17 and 15 years of service, as well as Raewyn Nixon (nine years) and husband Terry Nixon (seven years).

### **Medals awarded were as follows:**

14 year good conduct long service medal; Robin Billington; Steve Goodwin. Presented by Wipari Henwood.

5 yr medal -Robin Billington plus 9 x 2yr bars	23 years service
5 yr medal -Judy Billington plus 9 x 2yr bars	23 Years service
5 yr medal -Terry Nixon plus 1 x 2yr bars	7 years service
5 yr medal -Raewyn Nixon plus 2 x 2yr bars	9 years service
5 yr medal -Steve Goodwin plus 6 x 2yr bars	17 years service
5 yr medal -Vanessa Goodwin plus 5 x 2yr bars	15 years service.

Rangiputa Rural Fire Force would like to thank their supporters and many helpers for being part of the team. Below Robin Billington (left) and Steve Goodwin (right) receiving awards from Wipari Henwood.



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**All Saints Anglican Church** (off Wairahoraho Rd) Service at **11 a.m.** on the 1st Sunday of the month. Rev. Robert Urlich 09 946 7564.

**Karikari Book Club:** Ph Mary 027 490 7607. 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of month at 7pm. An informal group who share their enjoyment of reading books and the occasional movie.

**Karikari Community Library:** Open Thursdays 10am-1pm at the Hall. Come and get your summer reading sorted. \$2 a year subscription. New books, Puzzles, DVDs and magazines in regularly. Volunteers wanted please. Pop in and chat with Ere.

**Karikari Crafters:** we have been meeting irregularly this year due to Covid 19. Phone Leena 027 6218 878 to find out when we are meeting again or check the Panui Facebook page. Gold coin koha and shared lunch.

**Karikari Garden Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. Contact Debera 027 4437 169 or Leigh 09 408 7229.

**Karikari Indoor Bowls:** Karikari Community Hall; Mon + Weds from 12:45 pm. For more information contact Dot 027 4867 486.

**Karikari Hall Committee: meets first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the hall.** Chairperson: Bertha Yerkovich ph 406 7333; Secretary and Bookings: Leona Steel; 021 026 72159.

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**Karikari Peninsula Residents and Ratepayers Association:** Chairperson: Brian Page; 09 408 7197 or 027 322 1652. Deputy-chair: Glenys Urlich; Treasurer/Secretary: Lesley McCormick; 027 7413230. Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm at the Hall. All are welcome. Subs are \$15 a year per family. Pay to: ASB 12-3096-0082138-01. Please include your family name as reference.

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