

Karikari Panui

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Greetings to all our readers

Hello and warm greetings to all our faithful readers and supporters. Walking on the beach a few days ago I spotted frolicking swimmers. I expect this means summer is on the way, but I am not planning on checking the water temperature yet. Another thing coming up is the crazy season with fireworks. Despite the rain we've had over previous months, **fireworks are still banned** across the peninsula. Please make sure your guests and family are aware of this.

Right: the flag at Karikari Hall flew at half-mast to pay tribute to the passing of Queen Elizabeth 11.

Have you noticed the re-vamped ladies washroom in the Karikari Community Hall?

Many thanks to two of our local tradesmen who donated their time, materials and skills, to smarten up the vanity area.

Jez Knight –carpenter–has refurbished the kauri shelves. Gavin Comer–tiler– has tiled the splash-back above the basins. Thank you to both of you. The work is fabulous.

Thanks Eli for helping Donna make repairs on the corner garden after damage was done to them recently. Thank you also to Leona for restoring the mosaic signs. Everything is beginning to flourish again. Lets hope no more problems occur for this pretty spot.



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

A huge thanks to all our supporters who have enabled the Panui to continue for another year, including Rural Delivery who ensure the hard-copy of the Panui gets into letter-boxes, and the contributors to this edition. Your help is much appreciated.



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Batons Up: A Huge Achievement

"This is the best night I've had here," said one of the revelers at the recent Batons Up fundraising event held at Karikari Community Hall. From the many jolly faces, exuberant cheers for winners, and the abundant food and prizes, this sentiment was well-borne out by all who attended.

The Hall Committee Chairperson, Judy Billington, said, "I am so proud of the team effort which made this event such a success. Everyone came together, using their particular skills and talents, sharing the many tasks. They are a wonderful committee to work with."

Some \$4000 was raised on the night, thanks to the generosity of all those who donated prizes, including many locals who raided their pantries to contribute groceries. As well as the Batons Up section of the night, there were also raffles and an auction. These were pleasingly supported by those present. Thank you everyone for your support.

The night was such a success that it could become an annual event—though with a few tweaks to improve it, said Mrs Billington. The committee have taken onboard feedback so future similar events would be even better.

The main prize was a night for two at Carrington Estate. This was won by Robin Billington (below) – a worthy recipient of the prize. No doubt his wife will accompany him.



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Meeting and Greeting

Some forty folk, including several delightful children, turned up at the Karikari Hall recently in response to an invitation to meet newcomers to the Peninsula. It was heartening to see many locals arrive ready to chat and share information about local clubs and activities. The group included folk who had been here about fifty years, to just a few months.

Organiser of the event, Debera Mcleod, opened the morning with a warm welcome and invited everyone to mix and mingle—a suggestion all took to heart. The plates of food, spread across gaily-decorated tables added to the pleasant atmosphere.

Bertha Yerkovich showed the first 'phone book' from the area—an A4 sheet of paper. She became quite emotional reading names of those long gone. She also gave a brief history of the Hall's development and the installation of the ANZAC memorial. We were told to look at the stones placed around the memorial 'with imagination' and we might see a waka with three people in it.

Karen Urlich spoke of the many friendships she had developed since marrying the 'boy-next-door' and said we could all be proud of living in such a friendly community.

The success of the morning will most likely see it become an annual event.

Photos show residents—new and old—chatting and getting to know each other. Middle photo: Bertha talking about 'old times'.



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No More Eggs from Selwyn

It's time to hang up the egg basket and take a well-deserved rest for Selwyn Bennett. After many years of supplying the community with delicious free-range eggs Sel has decided it is time to retire – properly this time. He's tried to retire before but other things – including chickens – got in the way.

The chickens were supposed to be a hobby-he'd enjoyed them since the days he gathered eggs for his grandmother. However, as he says, "the hobby ran wild".

Sel's first love was the sea. School held no interest for him and he left before his 15th birthday. He tried a few jobs but kept eyes and ears open to learn how to join a crew in the merchant navy. For a 16 year old from Otahuhu this was a real eye-opener. Over the next ten years he worked in both the NZ and British Merchant Navies and got to see many ports around the world. He loved his 'dream job'.

When he left he had to learn about shore life—he couldn't drive but that didn't stop him getting a job as a truck driver for Dominion Breweries. The other drivers taught him how to handle a truck and one day they flagged down a passing police officer and got him to take Sel for his licence—he passed of course.

Eventually Sel swapped a game-boat for the Café de Paris, a notorious pub in Palmerston North. Sel and Ivy enjoyed the pub life and he gained valuable experience in working in a wide variety of situations. They had over ten pubs in their career.

Sel's skill in handling tricky customers in the Rising Sun (K Rd) drew the attention of the Breweries and he was offered a contract as Hotel Manager at the Boroko Hotel in New Guinea.

Sel has many stories from his years behind the bar but few could beat this one. One to two thousand patrons could fit along the Boroko Bar. According to Sel, it was fortunate that the police station was opposite the hotel. When problems arose at the bar, the police ran out with tear-gas and brought everyone under control.

Sel was also involved in Rugby League—serving as Chairman on the Auckland and National levels. As a rep on the International Board he got to travel overseas a number of times, including to France, Morocco and Russia.

He has no regrets about his exciting life and now considers himself a 'fair weather' sailor. When the waves are flatter he plans to go fishing.

"I've worked hard, and I'm happy with what I've achieved," Sel said. "I love my new place with stunning views of the ocean."

I expect if you pop in for a visit there will be a cup of tea and time for a good yarn.

Thanks Sel, for all the eggs over the years. They were delicious.



Above: Sel in the garden of his previous home.

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Report from Brian Page, Chair of the Karikari Residents and Ratepayers Association

The recent meeting of the KR&RA was well attended with 18 present, and the FNDC being represented by Felicity Foy, Adele Gardener and Joe Carr. Cr Foy spoke of the state of SH 1 and alternative routes out of the area, together with their general disrepair. She was well prepared with facts and figures concerning the historical underfunding of roading in Northland and the impact this has had on the roading infrastructure going back many years. In a nutshell, it appears that the future of the Mangamuka stretch is grim, and the hunt is on for an alternative route. Extending the railway is not a serious option.

There were questions from those present, after which Cr. Foy addressed some concerns from Marreine Place residents who were present.

FNDC Responds

1. Proposed works to address localised flooding at southern end of Marreine Place

A meeting was held with FNDC staff on Monday 10 October to agree on a preferred solution based on the options presented in a stormwater assessment and remedial design options report prepared by Haigh Workman. The meeting was attended by Dawn Spence (Asset Strategy and Management Lead - Northland Transportation Alliance (NTA)), Bernard Peterson (Maintenance & Operations Manager – NTA), Helen Ronaldson (Manager - Asset Management Infrastructure Planning) and Sophie Jones (Three Waters) who provided these notes. It was decided that the best solution would be to install a pump to allow drainage of water from the road even when the water level in the wetland is high. To provide additional protection, the existing bund will be extended and raised by approximately 200mm. We may also retain a gravity outfall so that water from the road can be discharged to the wetland without the need for pumping when the wetland water levels are low; but this has not been confirmed. We have had an initial discussion with DoC and will be working with them to ensure the required Iwi consultation takes place and all consenting requirements are met.

At this stage, we are hoping to be able to get construction completed before next winter, but it will depend on whether the proposed design solution is acceptable and how long the consultation process takes.

It should be noted that this solution is intended to resolve the regular localised ponding issue and the pump will not provide protection from flooding during a very large storm event.

2. Updating our flood models and considering options to reduce future flood risk for the wider catchment

During our meeting we discussed the flooding that was experienced in August and identified a number of properties that were damaged. We confirmed that the main source of flooding was from the wetlands, which flowed north along Marreine Place and affected the road and properties in and around Marreine Place, Paremata Nexus Rd and Simon Ulrich Rd. As this is not what our current flood model predicts will happen, we need to get the model updated to ensure it is accurate.

3. Condition assessment of assets and future maintenance

A CCTV inspection will be made of all the storm water pipes in the area to ensure they are clear of blockages and functioning as they should and that they are included in a regular maintenance programme.

This information was provided by a ratepayer who has been in private communication with FNDC staff. It is unclear if the previously agreed to lines of communication to the Karikari Ratepayers Association have been followed by FNDC regarding these proposed works.

Congratulations to all the successful candidates in the recent local body elections.

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Getting your garden bird-ready

Birds can bring a sense of harmony to the garden—as long as they aren't dropping rubbish in the gutters to end up in the water-tank. However there are many native birds that we could make extra effort to welcome.

The easiest way to do this is to ensure that you have bird-friendly plants to provide food and shelter. Spring is the best time to get those plants in the ground. Try to use eco-sourced plants (those that occur naturally in our area- see Sana Ryan's advert for sourcing suitable plants). Plants could include kowhai, flax, kakabeak, and tarata for nectar, and karamū and korokia for fruit. Examples of trees that encourage birdlife are titoki and cabbage tree.

Insects are a popular source of food for many of our garden birds, and leaving mulch, leaf litter or piles of sticks makes an ideal habitat. The insects will in turn attract insect-eaters like fantails -pīwakawaka and grey warbler - riroriro.



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