



RUAWAI RAMBLER

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

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From the Editor

RPDG held a successful AGM in March. Shown are the elected members. I have resigned from the Committee to make way for new members but I will continue to edit the Ruawai Rambler. Feel free to contact any of the members for information about our Group. Thanks to our sponsor for this issue, Tokatoka Views B&B. This is run by Sara and Peter Ball. It is a lovely place to stay; not just for tourists but also if you want a special place, say for a birthday treat or wedding anniversary. Things are always changing and Ruawai is no exception. The White Rock Art Gallery is moving into town. It will occupy the two shops where Goodies Galore is; while Dianna's shop will be beside the Challenge Service Station. Big changes are also taking place at the Kauri Museum, as you can read in the supplied article.

As you will see below, we are planning an important Public Meeting next month:

The main purpose of the meeting is to address the building regulations for the Ruawai area, which now make building virtually impossible (see the Kaipara District Plan below). **In the longer term, these can affect the value of your property and the cost of insurance.** So these are some very important issues that we, as a Community, should discuss and try to have rectified.

Thanks to those who have contributed articles for this issue. If you know anyone from outside our area who would like to receive the Ruawai Rambler, please supply email address and we will send a PDF copy. For information about the Rambler, or for advertising, please contact: **J.H.Wessel - Ph. 09 439 2507 or jhwessel@xtra.co.nz**

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RUAWAI PROMOTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Notice of Public Meeting.

6 July 2021 at the Ruawai Hall. 7.30pm.

RPDG need your support.

Since October 2018 the RPDG have been lobbying the Northland Regional Council and Kaipara District Council about the extreme building requirements being applied to building consents in the Ruawai Flats area.

This matter is unavoidably linked to Global Warming and the forecast of sea level rise.

There is now evidence that these regulations are deflecting building and investment away from Ruawai.

The Councils have maintained that they are bound by legislation over this matter. So we have consulted with Minister Kelvin Davis and MP Willow-Jean Prime about this serious problem.

This has resulted in a request for information from the KDC; which is now being processed at government level.

The RPDG hold the view that, while it is prudent to build above ground, the current requirements simply transfer the responsibility for flood protection onto individual rate payers - who also pay drainage rates.

The Flood protection, in our view, is the responsibility of Council and the security of Ruawai rests with our flood protection infrastructure.

Note.

" Infrastructure includes: Stop banks, Floodgates, Canals and Flood-pumps.

First started in 1904 and now managed by the KDC and Raupo Drainage Committee.

These assets have been steadily improved for more than a hundred years."

Notice of Motion

Motion 1

That the Kaipara District Council support the statement of the Raupo Drainage Committee in the Spatial plan. <https://www.kaipara.govt.nz/spatial> under communities.

"That the Effects of Global Warming can be managed."

Also, that the Management strategy of the Kaipara District Council accommodate the worst-case scenario of 1.5M sea level rise in 100 years."

Explanation.

The flood plain information supplied by the Regional Council gives approximate information on what may happen in the event of a breach of the flood defences.

In fact there are many scenarios - from small breaches to large and including internal storm water ponding.

All of these scenarios are being managed efficiently right now.

Global Warming will not present greater risk than at present as long as improvements to our flood defence infrastructure keeps pace with sea level rise.

Motion 2

That the Kaipara District Council remove the current floor level regulations being applied in Ruawai and (after consultation) introduce a policy in proportion to the risk, that does not damage the health of the community.

Explanation.

The RPDG feel the current regulations are being driven in response to the Flood Plain Information supplied by the Regional Council some years ago, which is now being questioned.

Also, that there is concern within Council about the possibility of litigation against the Council in the future.

The RPDG hold the view that the existing flood protection infrastructure should be the primary defence for Ruawai home owners and businesses and that that the current regulations are simply shifting the responsibility for flood protection onto individual residents.

Also, that the current regulations are encouraging investors NOT to invest in Ruawai. (we have evidence of this).

That if this trend continues, the KDC will use this as a reason to implement a retreat policy for Ruawai.

NOTE: Assuming the meeting is well attended, the motions above (if approved) will give a strong indication of the preferences of the Community.

The RPDG will be in a position to make submissions to future Council plans and strategies on behalf of the Community.

It will also reinforce our approach to Government over this matter.

Apologies.

It is important that the public meeting is well attended. However apologies will be received by our Secretary, Carolyn Wessel at: rpdgsec@gmail.com Please also state if you are in favour or against the motions.

Bruce Crompton; RPDG Chair.

14.10.4a	Dwelling Floor Levels	<p>1. Construction of a dwelling is a Permitted Activity if:</p> <p>a. Minimum floor levels are designed in accordance with the following Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor levels for habitable building floors are designed with a minimum freeboard height to floor level of 500mm above the 100 year Average Recurrence Interval flood level; and <p>b. In addition to the minimum floorlevel any new dwelling shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.0m above mean sea level in the West Coast and East Coast Overlays; or • 3.0m above mean sea level in the Mangawhai Harbour Overlay; or • 3.5m above mean sea level in the Kaipara Harbour Overlay; or • 3.5m above mean sea level in Dargaville as defined by the Drainage District boundary as at 21 October 2009 <p>Note 1: Minimum floor levels have been determined using One Tree Point 1964 datum.</p> <p>Note 2: There may be some variance between Mean Sea Level and the One Tree Point 1964 datum.</p>	Restricted Discretionary Activity	<p>Where an activity is not permitted by this Rule, Council has restricted its discretion over the following matters when considering and determining an application for Resource Consent:</p> <p>i. Safety of the dwelling and people using during flood events or tidal inundation including possible egress during flood events or tidal inundation.</p>
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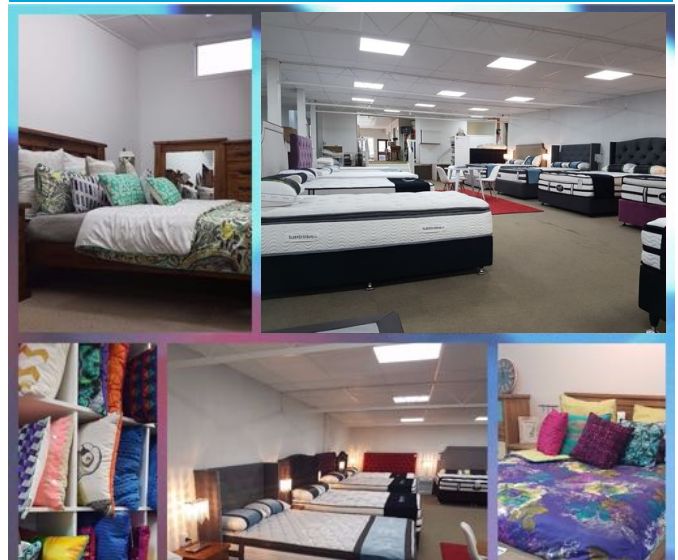


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Nationwide vet shortage due to COVID and international border closures

Service delivery update for Ruawai Vet Centre Clinic during vet shortage

To enable us to deliver the best level of service to farmers during the busy and upcoming calving season, and also to all the families with pets in the rural community please note the following service update.

For all your **pet health needs** please book an appointment with one of our small animal vets at the Maungaturoto, Waipu or Mangawhai clinics.

Only **large animal services** and retail supplies will be delivered from Ruawai during winter and spring. Please call as usual to book on-farm services.

For after hour emergencies our 24hr team will pick up your call.



The above service delivery will be in operation from 8 June to 1 October 2021

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53 The Centre | 09 432 0693
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Mangawhai Clinic
36 Moir St | 09 431 4535
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From The Vet Centre

Winter is upon us; the shortest day is near and soon the next calving season begins.

We know that farmers in the Ruawai district are busy preparing their calving facilities, herds and teams for the upcoming calving season.

From now until October, The Vet Centre Clinic in Ruawai will be solely focused on providing production animal Vet services as well as animal health retail supplies. Of course, Janine Hames will still be providing equine Vet

services as required in the region.

Until October, all companion pet services will be provided by the Vet Centre teams in Maungaturoto, Mangawhai and Waipu. We still have two emergency Vets on call after hours during the week and all weekend - for both large and small animal emergencies.

Across New Zealand there has been a Vet shortage due to the global pandemic. We're in the process of securing some great Vets who want to come and live and work in NZ. But it's a long process due to both the pandemic and Government immigration requirements.

We're looking forward to Spring, welcoming new team members and continuing to be part of the Ruawai Community. **Zac Pullen; The Vet Centre Marketing**

Update from Kaipara Kumara

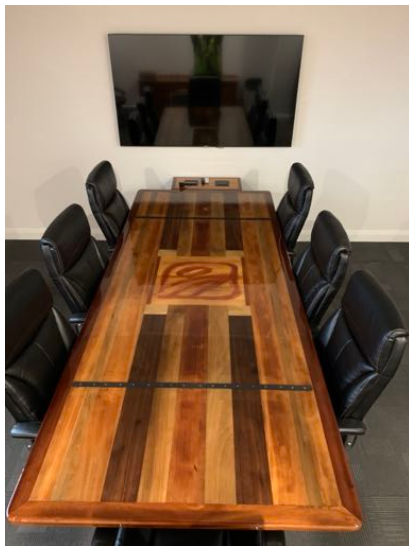
Well, the 2020/2021 Summer, with its long spell of many hot days, turned out to be a boomer for kumara – because we certainly harvested a great crop in 2021. On only a tiny increase in acreage planted, we are a bit over 40% up in total volume harvested with the 2021 kumara crop compared to 2020. While the values for growers will be down on previous years (due to the very sharp increase in supply and the lower cost associated with selling that extra volume) nevertheless, great news for consumers who will be paying less for their weekly shop of kumara this year.

As a result of the increase in kumara, we are flat out at the Kaipara Kumara pack-house here in Ruawai. The team are doing very long hours, which involves working every 2nd Saturday at present. All credit to them because it's not easy! They are doing a tremendous job in dealing with the many challenges (both physical and mental) that comes with having 40%+ more work than what they had to do in 2020!

A real bonus for us all is that we have recently moved into our new office/staff social & amenity building on Reeves St. - opposite the Ruawai Bowling Club. The new building is fantastic and has been very well received by everyone at Kaipara Kumara. We have attached photos of just a couple of the many features: 1) the open-plan kitchen which features an 8m splash-back, and 2) our meeting table – crafted by local Engineer, Stephen Wrathall. Finishing touches to the building will be done over the next couple of months.

All of us here at Kaipara Kumara would like to acknowledge the building project management of Ringrose Construction – Cole & Alana and their wonderful team of builders. You guys have done yourself proud! They have been very well supported by key local contractors: C&C Contract Electrical, Leon Webber Painting and G&V Finlayson Plumbing. We can highly recommend them for their standard of work – for their care and workmanship of all that they do. Kind regards from Kaipara Kumara.

Anthony Blundell / Managing Director



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Thanks from Trish Stanley-Hunt @ 32 Franklin Road just up from the
School.



I have had the privilege of riding in the "Trek for Life" on my mount, Willow. A second-time opportunity was offered for people from all over NZ to ride horses, push bike or walk the length of NZ in stages. This is held in March each year. In total it takes 14 years to ride from Cape Regina to the Bluff. Stage one 2020 was called the "Great NZ Trek": Cape Reinga to Kohukohu. Stage Two 2021: 160 horses, 30 biker's and 30 walkers. Traveling about 200km over the week.

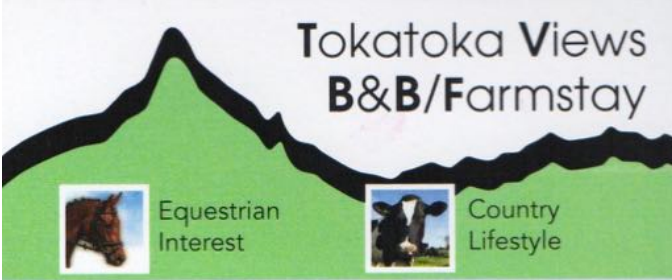
Morning routine was to get up, have breakfast, make your lunch (which you eat on route), collect your horse from the holding paddock, get prepared and leave camp by 8.30am. Each person leaving camp was checked out in the morning and checked in at night. Mid-week we stayed two nights and had a rest day. Some of us had a support person whose responsibility was to get us on our horses in the morning, shift an array of horse floats and trucks onward and greet us with a cheery smile when we rode into the next camp (this was a private arrangement).

After washing and feeding the horses, they were put to bed in communal paddocks. We would get showered and organized for the evening. Some nights there was organized entertainment such as a band. One night a live auction took place to raise funds; the final night a themed "Pirate Night"


was enjoyed.

You rode, biked, walked anywhere from 28 km to 44 km a day. A horse walks, on average, 5 to 6 km an hour. There was opportunity to trot and canter en route, always watchful for each other — and courtesy was important. Walkers were warned when horse were approaching; bike riders called out as they whizzed past. While we were all out on the trail there was a whole team of Committee people and volunteers dismantling the camp, packing it into trucks and putting it back up again at the next camp site. This involved marques, hired tents, mobile showers, toilets, water for three hundred people and horses alike. There was always support; both in camp and on the trail - Vet, Medical, and Marshals. Our campsites were Rawene, Waimamaku, Aranga, Baylys Beach, Glinks Gully, Lake Rototuna and finished at Lake Kahuparere at Pouto. We disbanded on the Sunday morning, very tired but happy campers. The whole event was very well organized — and Stage 3 will be looked forward to next year. The money raised was donated to life-saving and charitable organizations in the districts we travelled through.


Sara Ball




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Council Mark says: We've got a bit on at the moment

Now that the 10-year Plan (LTP) hearings and deliberations are completed, I thought it would be the chance to take a breath. Wrong! We have the 3 Waters reforms bubbling along; the review of the Resource Management Act making our current district plan review much more urgent; the Representation Review working through its stages (interesting but tricky); the recently announced review of the Future for Local Government underway (necessitated by the 3 Waters and RMA proposed changes); the Kaipara Moana Remediation programme and associated treaty settlement which will have implications for KDC's ratepayers, especially rural landowners. Just like the Irish turkey, I'm looking forward to Xmas.

Sadly, a feature of a number of the submissions to both the LTP and the representation review was the mutual antipathy between the East and West of our district. That's about as nicely as I can put it. My interpretation of these submissions is that East pays more rates than West, and that West pays more rates than East; and if both sides had their way, neither would exist as part of Kaipara District. I wonder if we, here in the middle of the district, are actually in a sort of demilitarised zone. I support the right to free speech as long as it does not incite physical violence. But people who state opinions as fact, or don't base their opinions on fact, need to be called to account. That is my opinion. You don't have to agree with me. To be clear, none of the submissions received incited violence, but a number exuded more heat than light.

Song for the day: Try a Little Kindness by Glen Campbell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvswocNN-g8>

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If everyone lived by this ONE principle the world would be a much better place!

So first of all what is a principle? You may be aware of your values and perhaps some of your values are principles already. Either way it's important to know the difference.

Values are: Beliefs that we have formed and choose to live by, and are usually governed by social acceptability. For example there can be "honour amongst thieves" but it doesn't make stealing right. Principles then - are like natural laws that if we were to live the opposite of we would simply break ourselves against them. Principles include excellence, honesty, fairness, growth, service / contribution.



That may seem a lot to live up to and you'd be right; it is. And here is a very simple way to embrace many of these principles in a single principle called the Productivity/ Production Capacity (P/PC) balance shared by Stephen Covey in his book "7 Habits of Highly Effective People". In his book he explains this principle using the fable of the Goose that Laid Golden Eggs. In the fable, the farmer was astounded to find that a goose had laid a golden egg, and each morning he would awaken and check to find yet another golden egg. He became fabulously wealthy but he also became so greedy that one day he decided to get all the golden eggs in one go by killing the goose. But when he opened it up, there were no golden eggs and he had destroyed the means of producing more.

What this fable teaches us is that we must value not only the golden eggs in our lives - the results/ productivity, which include our health, the output of tools (e.g. a mown lawn) and the actions of others (e.g. work). We must also value the person or the thing producing the result - the Goose/ Production Capacity.

Examples of "Goose" in your life include: relationships (e.g. familial, friendships, community, work), equipment (e.g. tools, factory equipment), environment (e.g. work, home, land, nature), your health (physical, emotional, mental, spiritual). Unless we maintain, nourish and nurture our "Goose" the likelihood of receiving golden eggs is minimised. In the long run, it should be noted, that Maintenance / Prevention is cheaper and more cost effective than "Cure".

The Principle therefore is simply this: Allow yourself to look after your Goose as much as you focus on the Golden Eggs!

Too much focus on the results at the expense of the "goose" diminishes the capacity of receiving eggs. For example, pushing your body ("goose") to overwork without proper nourishment, and exercise will lead to burnout and lead to less energy, fulfilment, money ("eggs").

Too much focus on the "goose" can lead to doting and not producing the eggs you want. For example: A well-oiled, highly maintained machine ("goose") that is never used won't yield the production it was intended for ("eggs").

A nourished relationship ("goose"), where trust has been built, will lead to mutual respect, understanding and a willingness to help each other ("eggs").

Loved this? Discover more in "Empowering You Book Club" – an online community exploring the best personal development books. Facebook.com/groups/empoweringyoubookclub. **In Bliss Carrie Marie**

Great news for White Rock Gallery



White Rock Gallery have been offered 2 shops to lease in Ruawai. This is a huge relief to our members as we will be able to move in shortly after vacating our present premises.

We are happy to still be offering art space to Kaipara Artists and Craftspeople and supporting art in the community. Keep an eye out for our new Gallery in the main street of Ruawai; next door to Farm Source. We will love to welcome you to visit and check out our new space. Many thanks for all your support over the past years. More information regarding contact details and opening hours etc. in the

next issue of Paparoa Press and Ruawai Rambler.

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Ruawai Garden Club

Hello to all you gardeners out there. I hope the weather is treating you all kindly. Well, we did have our trip to Onereri gardens in March as hoped. And a very pleasant day it was too. We all prowled around the gardens and saw what we wanted; then quite a few in the group of 20 odd, purchased plants from their little buying area. Then off to lunch at the Gateway North Motel and Café for a very nice lunch. Everyone had a really enjoyable day out as it seems so long since the Garden Club have done that. In fact we enjoyed it so much we all descended on our Secretary's home and garden for our May meeting that turned out not to be a meeting. We wandered around her beautiful garden instead, poking into all the corners. Then she surprised us all by giving us a High Tea type lunch. All catered by her daughter-in-law and a friend. Anyway, I might have time to tell you a bit more about it next issue.

Happy weeding all.

Merle Jackson

Book Review by Robyn Dormer

The Gumdigger's Wife by Christel Jeffs

This is historical fiction set in Northland at the start of the twentieth century when many Dalmatian men travelled away from their homeland for better prospects in the gum-fields of New Zealand. The descriptions of the hardships and the discrimination they suffered shows quite a harsh view of their lives, which is probably quite accurate. Into this a young Dalmatian woman, Emmalina arrives as a "letter bride" to marry a friend of her brother. But when she arrives in Auckland, things don't go quite as planned. I found this interesting both for the historical portrayal of reality of life in the mud and gum-fields of Northland at a time when few roads were passable and for the trials a young woman could face transplanted from her family at a time when women had limited options.

Copies are available in the Ruawai bookshop

Beyond the Rimu Grove by Patricia Fenton

This is set at a time when trainee teachers in New Zealand spent time doing probation in a country school. Young Ellie McTavish arrives at an isolated school and is settled into her accommodation – beyond the rimu grove. She becomes aware of the factions within the small community and of everyone knowing everyone else's business.

Copies can be made available if requested

Ripples in the Water, The Truth will Out and Into the Sunset A trilogy written by Clare Matravers

These cover the life of Sapphire Nord arriving at Waikato University as a young student and heading off to a party which has consequences affecting the rest of her life. The three books are a continuation of her story. They are simply written and have quite a religious slant; but are enjoyable as contemporary NZ fiction.

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Clare has also written and illustrated a children's book "Bored Tiger" which is available in the bookshop.

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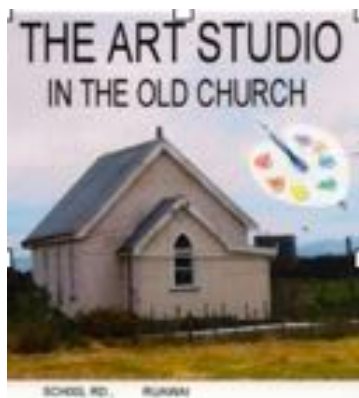
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The ART STUDIO Ruawai



Goodness, this year is flying by & we are already well into our second term. Our new members, Christine, Ha, & Geof, are enjoying being with us & we love the friendliness & vitality they bring.

Recently, White Rock Gallery held a weekend workshop at the Studio on the ancient art of Decoupage. This was very successful & was enjoyed by those who attended.

White Rock Gallery will soon be moving to Ruawai & the Art Studio wishes them every success in their new premises.

Should you wish to join our group, the ART STUDIO is open on Wednesday from 10am until 2.30pm.

Visitors are always welcome & times to visit (other than Wednesday when we are open) can be arranged. For any inquiries, please phone: 021 061 6367.

They [dogs] never talk about themselves but listen to you while you talk about yourself, and keep up an appearance of being interested in the conversation.

JEROME

Lions Club of Ruawai Report



We have recently held a Pink Ribbon afternoon tea. The profits will be shared between the Breast Cancer and the Prostate Cancer Foundations. Thanks to all those who attended and supported this project.

Our current project, which we will be working collaboratively with Ruawai College on, is a Welcome Pack for new residents in our community.



Final preparations and a quick cuppa before our guests arrive

We are hosting the annual Young Ambassador Competition in term three and we hope to have several College students participating. Another Quiz night is in the planning stages and there will be a Community Shared Lunch on Sunday 10th October. This is an opportunity for all our local business clubs and groups to set up a display and let the community know what they have to offer.

The Lions Club of Ruawai focuses on serving our community through projects and provides an opportunity for service-minded people to work together.

If you would like to know more about Lions, or you are interested in coming to a dinner meeting, please contact

Rosemary: 027 2102 008 - or Dorothy: (09) 4392 557

Sue's Book Corner



The Quiet People by Paul Cleave

Cameron and Lisa Murdoch are crime writers and have a young son, Zach, who goes missing from his bedroom one night. At first it seems he was taken by a stranger; but as time passes the police, public and media start to wonder if this is his parent's doing - crime writers creating the perfect crime. Death threats, protests, all add to the stress for the parents, who find themselves having to prove they didn't do this. And all the while, Zach is still missing. Did they, or an unknown person, take Zach? Will he be found safe and well? You'll have to read it to find out! A really good thriller to curl up with on a cold winter's night.

Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir.

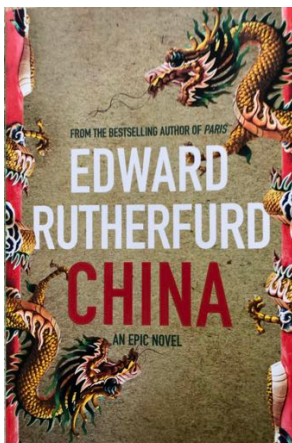
I would always say I don't read Sci-fi; not any longer! I was told to read this book and it would change my mind. It did!

Ryland Grace is an astronaut who wakes from a coma with amnesia, apparently alone in a tiny space ship. Gradually he remembers he was sent with other crew members to find the source of a solar-dimming event that could cause the extinction of humanity.

How can he try to survive, solve the problem and then get the information back to Earth?

From the first to last page this had me gripped with tension. A real astronaut had read the book and said everything was factually correct and possible; which made it even more exciting.

I loved this so much I went straight to the Library to get his first book "The Martian" It was just as brilliant!



China by Edward Rutherford.

I love everything Rutherford writes; his research and characters are so well done, China is no different.

It begins in 1839 at the start of the first Opium War and follows history through Mao's Cultural Revolution through to present day.

As usual there is romance, adventure, struggle, fortunes won and lost for his characters.

Chinese, British, Americans all coping with the rise and fall of an Empire, and the struggle to cope with different cultures and people.

You get a great story with the added bonus of Chinese history and society — the high's and lows. And finally,

China emerging as a rising global power. It's not a small book but it will keep you enthralled.

Never memorise something that you can look up. Albert Einstein

The hardest thing to understand in the world is the income tax. Albert Einstein

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Major Renovations at The Kauri Museum



The Kauri Museum at Matakohē has started a major redevelopment programme.

Funding from Lotteries Environment and Heritage has recently allowed for the re-roofing and painting of the Museum's historic Post Office and school. Further funding from Lotteries Communities and a significant grant from the Provincial Development Unit will now be applied to further phases of the redevelopment.

In one of the most obvious aspects of the redevelopment, for the first time since it was built in 1984, the Ross Wing is being renovated. The Museum's 5,000 piece kauri gum collection will be moved upstairs to make it mobility accessible, and enable better control of light, temperature and humidity. In its place will be a brand new Science and Discover Centre, giving visitors – especially school students – better opportunities to discover everything from carbon dating of swamp kauri to current challenges facing our native forests. Next to the Museum Shop the space previously occupied by the White Rock Gallery will become the Museum's Temporary Exhibitions Gallery.

Bringing 'behind the scenes' into public view for the first time is an aspect of another part of the renovations. Areas of the Museum currently taken up by a staff tea room, collections, administration and the Pioneer Room are making way for a serious upgrade to the collections and research facilities. The centre will create modern facilities to care for museum items, as well as public access for research into family history and the kauri industry.

Circulation in the museum is also receiving attention, with a new walkway being constructed to connect the main entrance lobby, through the Taonga Maori Gallery to the centre of the Museum, much improving circulation through the Museum. A lift has already been installed in the lobby to link the entrance level to the displays and the administration office above.

And to complete the picture, the Museum Café, Gumdiggers, is getting a complete facelift, involving rebuilding the kitchen at the south end, installing toilets, and opening up the north end to the rose gardens.

Work on the redevelopment programme has started, and will continue during 2021 and 2022.

Grant O'Neill, Marketing Executive

EVENT LISTING Portraits of Our People

An exhibition of portraits from the past, the present and the future, featuring Kaipara residents, made by Kaipara people.

The Kauri Museum, Matakohē

June 13-September 12



Pink Shirt Day Aotearoa - Friday 21 May 2021 at Ruawai College

"Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!"

Ruawai College has a long and proud history of supporting initiatives of social significance - Pink Shirt Day is one of the initiatives the school gets right behind.



The message around anti-bullying and standing together, supporting one another in the face of bullying is one we as a school, and Ruawai as a community, take pride in.

This year we ran a Ruawai College Pink Shirt Day 2021 design contest. Students were tasked with designing a meaningful, supportive Pink Shirt that reflects Ruawai College values.

The winner of the design contest was Wyatt Dobbin. As the contest winner he received an official Ruawai College 2021 Pink Shirt as well as his design on 10 shirts to give to friends and family.

Thank you to the Lions Club of Ruawai for their support and helping the school fund the production of the shirts that Wyatt won. We truly value the support and relationship we have with the Lions Club and are looking forward to future collaborations.

Today's mufti fundraiser raised \$120.90 for the Mental Health Foundation. Thank you students and staff for your support of this great kaupapa.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal

Ruawai Kindergarten



Northland Kindergarten Association

On 17th May Ruawai Kindergarten became a Green/Gold Enviro-school - We had an amazing day and afternoon, and we would like to thank everyone who helps support our Kindergarten – Thanks to the teaching team for following the vision & Kaupapa of Enviro-schools, our whānau, community, NKA (Kim Townsend, Gillian, Roimata) Toimata Foundation, NRC (Susan & Judy) our neighbouring whānau, Ruawai Primary (Wayne & Sarah) and most importantly our tamariki - for they are the reason why we do what we do. We are supporting and educating our tamariki in the 'power of yet.' That life is a learning curve. Empowering tamariki with the understanding that their abilities will grow with purposeful effort and change; therefore, not defined by one moment in time. (Whaea Sara feedback) Tūtawa mai i runga, tūtawa mai i raro, tūtawa mai i roto, tūtawa mai i waho, kia tau ai, te mauri tū te mauri ora ki te katoa, haumi e, huie, tāiki e - come forth from above, below, with & from the environment, vitality and well-being for all strengthened in unity.



Our waiting list is currently quite long. If you have a child that you would like to attend Kindergarten, please enrol them as soon as possible to help with our future planning.

Our hours are Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm.

The teachers are Teresa Robertson (Head Teacher), Chanelle McLaughlin, Lisa Matthews, Shanda Vaile & Kyla Johnson (Office Administrator)

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