



RUAWAI RAMBLER

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

September 2016

From the Editor

Spring is here! Temperatures are going up and flowers are showing everywhere. We have had our fair share of rain it seems. It left things a bit soggy at times but it will also bring up the ground water levels which will hopefully help to carry us through the summer. In the last newsletter, Bruce Crompton, the RPDG chairman, mentioned the Gazebo we are planning for the Village Green. Everything seems to be falling into place at last; so if the builder can find some time it should be going up this summer. Thanks again to the contributors to this newsletter. Everybody should be receiving papers for the local body elections within the next few days and, I am getting into a bit of politics here. This is your chance to vote for Mayor and Councillors for the Kaipara District among other things. Two local people have put their name forward. **Greg Gent** is standing for Mayor and **Ann Curnow** for Councillor. Greg has lived in the area all his life. He is a successful farmer and business man, was on the board for Fonterra for many years and has been Chairman for other enterprises. So Greg has the talent and experience to be an excellent Mayor. Anna has been in the area for several years and has been very active. She has worked on the KDC with the Commissioners and as such is very familiar with Council activities. She is an active member of Ruawai Promotions and among other things puts this newsletter on our website. Anna was on the committee that organised the successful Centennial Celebrations for Ruawai and had a great input. **Debbie Evans** is standing again for the Northland DHB. She was Ruawai born and raised. I know from personal experience that Debbie is a great representative and can highly recommend her. So please take the opportunity to vote. Our thanks again to our advertisers and especially our main sponsor "SleepSystems NZ". The Ruawai Rambler is on our website:

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Public Meeting
Ruawai Promotions & Development Group
The RPDG will host a meeting open to the
Public.
Date: September 27th. **Time:** 7pm.
Place: Meeting Room, Ruawai Tokatoka
War Memorial Hall.
All Welcome

Greg Gent



I have decided to stand as Mayor because I believe it provides me with an opportunity to give something back to a region that has been and will be my home, and a region that has its challenges.

A quick scan of KDC shows:

*earnings of around \$50million mostly from rates,

*around 100 staff with that number growing as more is being done in house and less with contractors,

*core debt of \$65million

*1600k of roads with 75% not sealed, and most other infrastructure "tired".

*Mangawhai growing again with little to no planning in place.

Put all of that together and the challenge will be to provide adequate services to the district while reducing an unsustainable level of debt. I believe that the experience that I have gained during many years of governance will help me to deal with these challenging issues. Turnout in Local Body elections is typically low, regardless of who you support.

I strongly encourage you to have your say and vote. If there is any

issue you want to discuss I am happy to take your call.

Greg Gent 439 2370

From Anna Curnow, Candidate for West Coast Central Ward, KDC Elections



I might be relatively new to Ruawai but I'm pretty passionate about anything that makes it a better place to live. I have two daughters and live here with my dairy farmer partner, Garth. My background in business management (both corporate and not-for-profit sectors) gives me a broad skill set. A term on a school board ignited a passion for governance that led to me working with the Commissioners at the KDC as the Governance Officer. I returned to consulting work last year and have been closely involved with the Northland Economic Action Plan and other projects since then. I'm a hard worker with an ability to listen to a wide range of views and distill them into a workable plan. I believe passionately in small-town New Zealand and am

offering my skills and energy to help ensure our communities not only survive but thrive. Our Council and communities have been through some very tough times. We need fresh faces, new thinking and proven governance skills to ensure the mistakes of the past are not repeated. Find out more about me at:

www.voteforanna.co.nz

.Anna Curnow

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From Debbie Evans



Debbie Evans is currently serving her sixth year on the Northland District Health Board, initially as a Government Appointee and then Publicly Elected. Debbie would like to use her knowledge and experience to continue serving Northland. Known as a 'voice for the community', Debbie is CEO of Kaipara Community Health Trust and has significant governance training through NZ Institute of Directors. She's involved in several Northland Funding Allocation Committees and is passionate about social housing. Raised in Ruawai, married to Maungakarama Dairy Farmer Rex Buisman, Debbie is committed to Northland and focused on making sure we have a quality public health system that services the needs of all Northlanders. She will dedicate her energy to get the best from your taxpayer dollar. Debbie's mission is to ensure locals have access to the best health care as close to home as possible. Voting Debbie Evans Number 1 is a sound investment.

Debbie Evans



Promotions Society Pleased to Support Stop Bank Walkway

At a recent meeting of the Promotions Society it was decided that the Society would support the concept of the Ruawai Stop Bank Cycle and Walkway. The project is in early stages with work currently focussing on clarifying the relationship between the walkway and the Raupo Drainage Board who oversee the stop bank. A sub-group has been formed with representatives from the Promotions Society, Lions and the Drainage Board along with Stella Clyde from Paparoa. All agree that this project is important for Ruawai; benefitting both residents and visitors to our town. There is also agreement that the project will work best as a partnership between the different groups. Exact roles and responsibilities have yet to be firmed up but will include fundraising, volunteer effort and leadership. The Promotions Society has nominated Anna Curnow as its' representative on the sub-group.

Anna Curnow

A Special Video for Kumara Country

Someone recently emailed me a link to the following video. This video will be of special interest to us in this area where kumara are such an important crop. <https://vimeo.com/176253524>



Ruawai Tokatoka Hall

Good news! The refurbishing of the Social Lounge (used to be called Supper Room) is all finished and it looks great. The old wall heaters have been replaced with a heat pump which is more economical to use and does a much better job. It warms the room up very quickly.



And the other good thing about it is that in summer it can be used to keep the room cool. The Lounge is increasingly being used for many types of functions, e.g. birthdays, anniversaries, luncheons/dinners. If there are a large number of people they can overflow into the Main Auditorium. For one recent child's birthday party, a bouncy castle was set up in the Auditorium away from the wind and rain. This is Ruawai's Community Hall and your support will keep it going.

For bookings or information contact: Carolyn Wessel - Ph.439 2507; email: carolynwessel@icloud.com

Ruawai Lions Club

At last spring is here and we are busy planning our future events. Our **Senior Citizens' Xmas Luncheon** is on Sunday 27 November at the Memorial Hall. If you are new to the area and you are 60+ do let us know (ring 09 4392557 or 4392071) so that we can give you an invitation. Our Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale soon. Profits from this go towards many Community needs.



We had our Change of Officers night in July. Our President is Jim Simpson, Secretary Dorothy Simpson, Treasurer Colleen Glass and Directors are Rosemary Webb and Ruth Brewster. At this meeting we were delighted to have Young Leaders from Ruawai Primary year 6 who reported on their visit to a very special Young Leaders Day in Auckland in May where they listened to inspiring advice by some of New Zealand's top role models.

Paparoa Club is hosting our Zone's Young Ambassadors' Competition on 3 September. Each Secondary School can enter 2 senior students aged between 16 and 18 years. Good prizes for winners.

There is also an opportunity for younger students aged 11-13yrs to enter a worldwide Peace poster Competition - entries need to be in by 15th November. This year's theme

is 'A Celebration of Peace'. Contact 09 4392557 if you are interested as there are special rules for this one (size etc) – we have to send away for a 'pack'.

Our Club has adopted the concept of a cycleway/walkway along our stop-bank from the wharf to the end of Simpson Road for our Centennial Legacy Project. With the help of others we are looking into the feasibility of the project, sorting what agreements are needed etc. Signage is another important issue. **Dorothy Simpson**

Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

BECAUSE:

Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares

The Matarua Golf Club

I am sure there are quite a few residents of Ruawai and surrounding area who will fondly remember this Golf Club. It started life in 1949 and ended last year. In February 1949 a number of local people decided that they



Opening Day 14th May, 1950



Closing Day 22nd November 2016

wanted to set up their own golf course. Ararua residents, Mr. and Mrs Mervyn Sterling made part of their farm available for the project. The name Matarua was arrived at by combining the names of the two districts, Matakohe and Ararua. Eight men originally started the club and once it was formed, about thirty-five members were involved in clearing manuka, forming greens and building a clubhouse. It was all done with very little money and a lot of voluntary effort. The opening date was 14 May 1950. There were 52 members for that opening season. In 1964 the Ruawai Golf Club went into recess and most of the members moved to Matarua which consolidated the membership. A new clubhouse was erected and opened in 1975 which coincided with the Club's 25th anniversary.

In 2014 the Sterling family sold their farm and since the new owners wanted to use the golf course for farming, the Matura Golf Club had to be wound up. The closing day was 22nd November 2015. The Club held it's final AGM on 6th July 2016. The assets of the Club had been sold, leaving cash money to be used. A motion was passed that the available funds be gifted to assist Junior Sport in the area. There were three recipients: Paparoa Rugby, Ruawai Community Sports Club and Northern Wairoa Golf Club Junior Program. With the significant startup money the Ruawai Community Sports Club received, they are going to develop and incorporate a youth focussed sports charitable trust. The aim of the trust is to be able to provide assistance and support to the budding young sports people of the future.

Jo Wessel with input from Derek Hope and Anthony Blundell

AGM

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

Place: Meeting Room of the Hall

Date: October 19th

Time: 7.30 pm

All Welcome

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THANK YOU

There have been a couple of businesses in Ruawai that have been here for a while and now the people who were running them are moving on to other things.

The Ruawai Promotions and Development Group would like to say thank you to Glen from Ruawai Pizza and also Peter from Ruawai Motorcycles and Lawnmowers, for supporting the town and by always being available to contribute to any activities that have taken place.

We wish you both well in the future and look forward to seeing you around town.

Tina McCullough Secretary RPDG



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Rainfall for 2016

June	89 mm
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Aug	139 mm
Year to date	- 747mm

Rainfall for 2015

June	72 mm
July	56 mm
Aug	147 mm
To end of Aug	- 669mm

2006 to end of Aug. 894mm
2005 to end of Aug. 656mm

Hi from Nicky Reid, Farmlands Real Estate”.

I'm happy to report an active market for all types of farms, limited only by a lack of listings. In the past twelve months there have been more sales of both dairy and beef farms than there were the previous year. The market for beef farms is stronger than ever as Northland is generating interest from the many farmers who are being pushed out of the Auckland Region by expansion of the City. I also have a number of local buyers expanding their farming businesses, plus a few out-of-town buyers looking for coastal land with water views. Dairy farms are slightly down in value on average - although the better quality farms in good areas (like Ruawai flats) are holding their value. I write a regular newsletter so if you would like to receive this by email or post, please let me know on 0800 100 027 or nicky.reid@farmlands.co.nz or call in and see me - my office is in the Northern corner of the Farmlands Store in Dargaville. Have a good Spring! Regards, Nicky."

Nicky Reid, Real Estate Consultant, Farmlands Co-operative Society Limited, m: 021 103 6277



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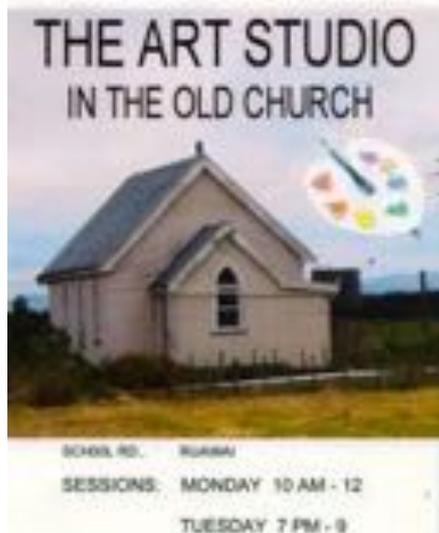
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News from The Art Studio Ruawai.

The 3rd term is rapidly drawing to a close with our last Monday being the 19th of September . Once again it has been a busy & creative time for our members, most of whom also attended the two tutorials held at the Studio on behalf of White Rock Gallery, Paparoa. This Gallery is well worth a visit & has work by our members also on display.



**THE ART STUDIO
IN THE OLD CHURCH**

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TUESDAY 7 PM - 9

The focus this term however, has been on the Kaipara Art Awards. The venue for this event is The Kauri Museum Matakohe. All entries will be on display there until 18th September, and entry to the exhibition is free. Recently our members went as a group to see the exhibition and spent a very enjoyable time discussing each entry. We then each chose our favourite & explained why this particular piece appealed to us. We concluded our outing with a visit to the Gumdiggers Café.

Our 4th term commences on Monday the 10th of October at 10am & will continue each Monday up to & including the 12th of December.

For any enquires please phone Frances at 4392554

WHY:

Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

BECAUSE:

This comes from the French word 'm'aidez' - meaning 'help me' - and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

Ruawai Pizza Bar Under New Management

As mentioned in this newsletter, Glenn has sold his restaurant. The new owner is Paula vandenBerg. Paula and her family came up from Leigh and presently live near Matakohe. Paula tells me that she has loved cooking from an early age and enjoys being creative in her cooking. She has worked in restaurants and dreamed of having her own kind of arty place where people can relax and enjoy themselves. Paula worked with Glenn for some time. He gave her all the recipes he was using and for the time being she is sticking with these. Being a creative person, Paula plans to introduce her own ideas after a while and expand the menu. She is assisted by her two daughters, Chelsey and Lily and her son Toby. The restaurant supplies takeaways as well as in-house dining. Paula will also do in-house catering for groups or parties. If you are considering a pre-Christmas luncheon or dinner with your group, get in touch with Paula now and have your function in the gardens. As well as cooking, Paula is also an artist and loves painting and drawing. Look for art work to appear on the front of the restaurant in the future. I can personally recommend Paula's restaurant. We went there with family and had pizzas, seafood, steaks and chips and everyone loved their chosen meal (and the desserts were delicious).

Jo Wessel



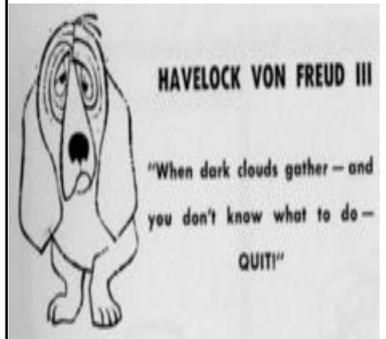
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Ruawai Primary School

In the last newsletter we had an article about our school winning the "Wall Worthy" competition and the panels that were going to be painted. The following will keep you up with progress.



Since being awarded a prize from the Keep New Zealand Beautiful organisation in May, for their mural design, Ruawai Primary has been busy preparing and painting it. The mural depicts important local landmarks and will tell 'The Legend of the Region' both in written and pictorial form. A 'Mural' Club operates once a week, as part of the school's Clubs program. Parent and community volunteers have combined with teachers and students, to prepare and paint the panels and bring the story to life, in consultation with Naumai Marae. We aim to have this mural finished by October, so that it will be ready for the community to come and view it - especially on our forthcoming Calf Club and Gala Day. Supply of paint was part of the prize. The Primary School wants to acknowledge the support of Foster's Home Decorating and Resene Paints.

Janiece McPherson; Deputy Principal

An advertisement for Ruawai Auto Services. It features the company logo at the top left, which includes the word 'RUAWAI' in large letters and 'AUTO SERVICES' below it. The main text says 'For all things automotive See the best in town!' and 'CALL US NOW! 09 439 2424'. At the bottom, it says '23 Freyberg St, Ruawai'. There is also a small box that says 'DIESEL TUNING CHIPS AVAILABLE HERE NOW - FOR TRUCKS, UTES, TRACTORS AND MORE!' with a wrench icon.

*Gateway Church
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What is it?

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CALF CLUB DAY AND GALA TO RETURN

The much loved Ruawai Boys' & Girls Agriculture Calf Club Day will return for its 84th year at the end of next month. Calves, lambs and goats born between 1 July and 15 September are eligible to enter and will no doubt currently be receiving countless hours of care and training from local children in preparation for the big day. Registrations for entering animals are still open and available from the Ruawai Primary School office. Alongside the Calf Club Day competition and exhibitions, Ruawai Primary holds a fantastic annual school gala on the same day. This year, as well as the popular food and drink stalls, cake auction and raffles, there will also be a car boot sale, games and busking style music. The school invites car boot or stall holders from the wider community interested in booking a space to trade on the day to contact the school office. Ruawai Primary Principal Curtis Gaylor says, "The community gala and Calf Club Day are a great celebration of our rural community and we welcome everyone to come and join in the fun on October 29th this year". Ruawai's Calf Club Day and Community Gala take place at Ruawai Primary School on Saturday 29 October from 9.30am - all welcome. For more information visit www.ruawai.school.nz email office@ruawai.school.nz or ph 439 2307

Vanessa Preston



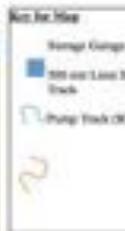
9 year old Ben Watkins with calf Lucky, Junior Reserve Champions of Ruawai Calf Club Day 2015.

Bikes in Schools

Some time ago a well attended meeting was held at the Primary School to discuss joining the "Bikes in Schools" Program. All present were in favour of the project. A draft layout of the proposed tracks was presented (see below). For more information about the program go to this website <http://bikeon.org.nz/bikes-in-schools/>

Ruawai Primary: Bikes in Schools Update

Since the community meeting we have been awaiting closing dates for funding application, most of which fall in the latter half of the year. With it soon to be September we are now in the phase of generating funding applications. Those of you who have done this before know it is a timely process and we welcome anyone with some experience in this area to assist us. We have also received some community donation that we are very thankful for as it only takes a few to get this project underway. The children are very excited and asking when the track will be completed, which will be dependent on our success with funding and community support. Regards Natalie Davidson & Kim Jenyns (contact: davidsonhn@xtra.co.nz)



Rugby trophy Recipients

Our Rugby has now finished for the year and our boys had a very successful season, with the team bonding well and really shinning towards the final games. Our annual prize giving was held and the trophy recipients are as follows:

Jenyns trophy : Coaches award:-Tony McCullough

Sills trophy : Dedication:- Nathan Dew

Supporters Award:- Kenzie Jenyns

Most improved Junior:- Roydon Beattie

Junior Players of the Year:- Taylor Blythen & Bradley Beattie

Sportsmanship award:- Jason Strang

Team Spirit:- Matty Legg

Lee Joynt memorial trophy: Club under 21 player of the year- Thomas Moyle

Langdon Trophy: MVP- Chris Bellamy & Joseph Hammon

Player of the Year:- Greg Rawaho

The club and team would like to take this opportunity to thank all the community for their support throughout the season, and we hope to see you all on the side-lines again next year.

Also just a reminder we have our AGM coming up on the 7th of November at the Sports Club at 7pm.

RUAWAI KINDERGARTEN'S JOURNEY WITH ENVIROSCHOOLS



In November 2015 we started our journey to become an EnviroKindy. This involves meeting certain criteria such as: Getting to know our environment better and creating a shared vision for Kindy. Children at our Kindergarten are exploring options and finding ways to take action for a sustainable future. We are adopting the Guiding Principles in our planning and action and we can see how they would look across the four key areas of our Kindergarten life. (Empowered Students/ Teachers, Learning for Sustainability, Sustainable Communities, Maori Perspectives and Respect for diversity of people and cultures).

On the 16th of August we had a reflection meeting with the Northland Regional Council, teachers, parents, community members and children and as a result we were awarded the Bronze Award for Enviroschools. This is a great achievement for our Kindergarten and we are extremely proud of our efforts. We will be

formally presented with our plaque by the Northland Regional and Kaipara District councils in October and would love members of the community to come and celebrate with us.

Ruawai Bowling Club

Ruawai Bowling Club welcomes all to a new 2016-2017 season of good fellowship, on and off the green.



Saturday 17th September is Opening Day, but don't wait until then to come in. The clubrooms are open to current and prospective members and visitors from Tuesday through to Sunday, closed Monday. Friday nights our kitchen is available for meals where families are encouraged to come and enjoy our hospitality. Subscriptions are most reasonable at Full (Playing) Member \$80, Associate Member \$30, Social Single \$20 and Social Couple \$30. A suitable standard of dress and behaviour is expected **L. Sheehan**

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[Ruawai Jetz Blue-Premier Winners 2016 Rodney Netball Centre](#)

As another netball season ends for our club we can proudly look back on another great year of netball. We fielded 2 teams this year in the Rodney Netball Centre competition. **Jetz Blue** were winners of the premier grade after a great final game against last year's champs Ota Ex. **Jetz Red** finished a good season in the B grade. Our club prize-giving was held on Saturday 27th August with the following players and supporters taking away trophies: **Jetz Red Player of the Year**, Eloise Barlow **Most Improved**, Natalie Lynch.

Jetz Blue Player of the year, Stacey Beattie, **Most Improved**, Sade Langdon, **Supporter of the Year**, Maree Chapman and Tina O'Cullivan **Club Spirit**, Ria Gunson

We wish to send out a big thank you to everyone that supported our club this season.

Ruawai Garden Club doings

Ruawai Garden Club
Annual Rose & Flower Show
Saturday 12th November
Ruawai Memorial Hall
Doors Open 11am to 2pm
Entry: Gold coin donation
Lunch available from 12.00 at
\$10 per person
Trading tables available at \$10
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Schedules will become
available from Challenge and
Ruawai Four Square

Hi, fellow gardeners. Hasn't it been great in the last few days to hear and feel the sounds of spring I hope everyone feels it! Anyway here's a little bit of info about the Garden Club & its doings. In the middle of July (middle of winter), the RGC (about 20 odd of us) took a bus trip to Mangawhai. First stop was the Mangawhai Museum & morning tea. Very interesting and still developing. A lovely drive around the bays & beaches round Mangawhai Heads and all the housing developments followed, and then a visit to the chocolate factory. Yum, beautiful chocs. After that we went to the Mangawhai Tavern for lunch. Lovely fish & chips. After lunch we drove to Te Arai point, beautiful beach, lots of pounding surf, & even quite a few surfers (Brrr!). Then along Ocean View Rd. into the back country of the East coast. Brilliant views, both water & farmland. Gary (Dallas) had never been that way before so it was a new experience for all. Then finally to Te Hana for fresh fruit and veg. All in all a very lovely day. At the end of July the RGC held its annual Camellia display, which had a good attendance, especially for lunch, but we always have room for more. The camellias as always were really beautiful. Ruawai can be proud of putting on such a display. If anyone is interested in joining our Garden Club or going on our bus trips please contact Noelene on 439-2071 for more info. And don't forget our Rose Show. Happy gardening, or weeding if you like.

Merle Jackson



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Costume Parade - Be into win prizes including best period costume, best kids costume and best fairground theme!

Operational Machinery: Our favourites including the Cat do bulldozers will operate throughout the day!

Market & Craft stalls: Home baked goods and much, much more!

The Kauri Museum

The following is my personal opinion about The Kauri Museum in Matakohē. I am a Volunteer at The Museum and I go there every Wednesday, which is Volunteers' Day. On many occasions I have had the opportunity to talk with visitors from New Zealand and from overseas countries. And the comments are the same every time. "What an amazing place!"; "The best Museum I have seen anywhere!"; "Wish I had more time look around!" And so many more comments along the same line. So this is a real treasure right on our doorstep. As such it should get our support, because tourists coming to The Museum will come through Ruawai and may just stop in for a coffee, or some groceries and so support our community. Over the years I have become quite closely acquainted with the other Volunteers, the Staff members and to some extent the running of the Museum. Something many people do not realise is that this Museum is not supported by local or central government. For income it totally depends on sales of tickets and souvenirs/gifts from the shop. As a result The Kauri Museum staff is not always able to fund the improvements and exhibits they would like to. Admission to The Museum is free for area residents and I certainly recommend that you take full advantage of that. However, keeping in mind what you just have read, consider making a donation to the Museum when you are there. It is a great cause and as mentioned good for the area.

Jo Wessel