

WHAT'S ON...

- 5 Dec (Sat) 12 midday H'ville Xmas Parade
- 6 Dec (Sun) 1pm Riverside Glide KKK Hotel
- 10 Dec (Thur) 7pm KKK School windup KKK Hall
- 10 Dec(Thur) Waitoki School wind up
- 12 Dec (Sat) 5pm Glorit Xmas party; Plate & gold coin please
- 13 Dec (Sun) 1pm MC Express KKK Hotel
- 14 Dec (Mon) 7pm KARRA Member Forum KKK Hall
- 18 Dec (Fri) West Coast Rural Policy submissions close
- 20 Dec (Sun) 1pm Band 'Glass Half Full' at the pub
- 24 Dec (Thur) 7.30pm Christmas Carol Service KKK Hall

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John Key opens sculpture exhibition

The Prime Minister, the Hon John Key had the audience laughing with his off-the-cuff wit at the opening last month of the Kaipara Coast Sculpture Garden 2010 exhibition. The mood was set by owner David Bayly's highly amusing welcome speech, in which he thanked, tongue in cheek, the PM for the upgrading



John Key



Jonathon Bowman's
Almost



Curator Sally Lush

Carol Service

The Kaukapakapa community carol service – join us this Christmas Eve at 7.30pm for this family celebration of Christmas at the Kaukapakapa Hall. A moving and uplifting experience usually with standing room only.

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of Kaipara Coast Highway outside the Sculpture Gardens. This, he said, has saved him some hundreds of thousands of dollars on his future expansion – part of his five year plan. The PM replied in kind, as we all stood around with drinks and canapés, before the ribbon was cut, and the PM shook hands with each of us as we made our way into the exhibition. And what an exhibition, and in what gardens! Begun twenty years ago, the gardens are a one kilometre trail through almost every type of garden: orchard, mown lawns, native bush, potagers and Kaipara views: a beautiful backdrop for the sculptures. The exhibition has been sensitively curated by Sally Lush, with thoughtful placement of sculptures along the trail. Sculptors include such notables as Richard

Wedekind, Peter Lange and Mark Dimmock as well as many local artists, and K a u k a p a k a p a School's young artists produced a Butterfly Tree. There are sculptures out of copper, stainless steel, aluminium, corton steel, glass, ceramics, patinated brass, woven glass and stone and wood.

Worth at least one visit, and guaranteed to make you look round your own garden with a slightly jaundiced eye. See www.sculpturegardens.co.nz



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Power station update

Pip McAlwee reports:

Opponents of the power station were tempted to say "I told you so" this month when the National Business Review reported that "Economic viability and an unsecured gas supply may stall Genesis Energy's plans". Genesis's spokesman admitted to NBR that gas supply could be an issue for the proposed power station at Kaukapakapa and that "The board obviously wouldn't start work without securing a gas supply agreement, but it also depends on capital expenditure, forecasts, electricity prices and other commercial considerations." Since being granted resource consent earlier this year, Genesis Energy has also confirmed that the company plans to exit gas exploration activities, including two prospects the company told the RDC/ARC hearing were likely to be sources of gas for the Kaukapakapa plant.

sale by this council. Intended as a future retail centre – a previous KARRA committee alerted the council to the lack of such planning in Kaukapakapa; John Law had an epiphany, realising nothing had been planned for any small community's commercial expansion, and had the council buy up suitable plots in each community. Ours will be up for sale, perhaps leaving us vulnerable to a 'Cornerstone' type development, or one with little regard for community. **Genesis again**
Rates on the proposed power station site have **decreased** by 68%, from over \$7000 to just over \$2000. Other properties just up the road had an **increase** of 58%. "It was zoned industrial and now it's zoned farming", says the council.

Helensville Rail

This rail service may hit the dust. "Insufficient patronage" say those who decide. "Insufficient service", say those who would like to see a real timetable, reliable rolling stock and on-time service, amidst gob-smacking stories of delays, broken down trains, being locked on trains unable to leave. And a journey which takes almost three times as long as a car.

Super city

Submissions close on December 11 on the Local Government Commission's proposed new Rodney Ward, which will elect only one councillor to the new Auckland Council. The ward will have a population of 53,500, and take in most of Rodney, except the Hibiscus Coast, which joins East Coast Bays, and a small area near Taupaki which joins Waitakere. Three subdivisions are recommended for this Rodney Ward – Helensville, Wellsford-Warkworth and Dairy Flat. Visit www.lgc.govt.nz or send submissions to RDC, Private Bag 500 Orewa 1330. You'll have to also post copies to the CEO, Local Government Commission, PO Box 5362 Wellington, or fax (04) 494 0501

KARRA's Community Forum It's been another busy year for Kaukapakapa's residents and ratepayers association. The hard-working KARRA committee have made a number of submissions on behalf of their members, on a wide range of issues affecting our community. Our final KARRA committee meeting for the year will be held on Monday 14th December, and we welcome your participation in a Members Forum at 7pm. Bring along your ideas, your concerns, your brickbats and/or your bouquets. If there is a specific issue you wish to discuss on the 14th, the committee would appreciate your letting us know beforehand so we can gather relevant background information. Please contact Pip McAlwee on 420 3033.

KKK's "village green"

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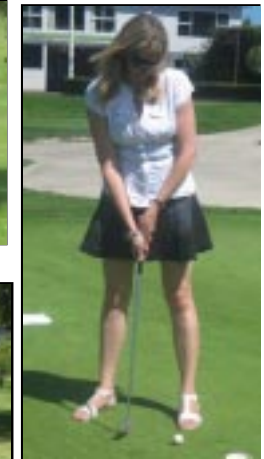
Golfing Tournament Fundraiser Event



Team KKK School



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Caroline Armstrong - Trying to putt

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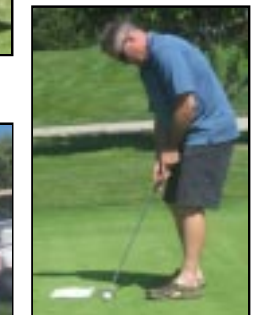
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Stuart Hume writes:

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Hon John Key

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