

The Village Connector

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Well I am sure some members would have noticed a larger gap between the last Village Connector newsletter and this Winter edition.

I was asked to plan and organize a wedding, which took place in late April, here at the Rotunda and The Spinnaker Room above Carpe Diem.

It was an overwhelming experience, both energies and time wise. I had the help and support from our wonderful community.

I have to say, it was a great success. The majority of the wedding guests were from the Taranaki, predominantly farmers. The visitors to Gulf Harbour that weekend left having nothing but praise for our unique environment.

Then wedding lag set in.... the village was becoming quieter.... the warm weather disappearing and the Interest Groups winding up for the season.



We took a break, and after this newsletter, have decided the next Village Connector newsletter will be the end of September to welcome Spring.

In the meantime, Communications are gathering information and photographs of the construction and development of Marina and our village.

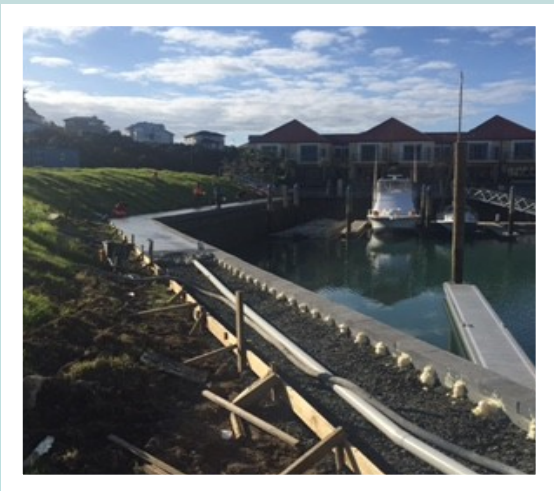
If you have any photographs or stories regarding this topic, we would love to hear from you. There are a few members that have been here since the beginning of the development which is 20 years ago.

Our plan is to have all the information on this subject published into a hard back book for our members to have on the coffee table.....great for visitors.

Stay warm

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What actually defines a community? For many people it is a sense of belonging to a group of people who share similar interests.

For generations, an individual's community served a vital role in terms of offering camaraderie and acting as a support system.

The idea of community may come down to simply supporting and interacting positively with other individuals who share a vested interest.

A strong community benefits the individual, the community as well as the greater society. People of all ages who feel a sense of belonging tend to lead happier and healthier lives, and strong communities create a more stable and supportive society.

This brings me to the tragic death of a man who was part of many communities.

The tragic death of Nick Saull recently shook all his communities.



Nick Saull

The 47 year old Orewa husband and father of four, the director of Gulf Harbour's Brin Wilson Boat Builders, died on board the 20 metre Platinao yacht which had been damaged by strong winds about 550km north of New Zealand.

Another man aged 63, was knocked overboard and remains missing.

Nick was a supporter of the Red Beach Life Saving Club, with all his family having involvement.

The Silverdale Rugby Club lost a loved and respected club member.

Brin Wilson Boat Builders and the entire Gulf Harbour Marina community have been in a state of shock and sadness.

A large bouquet of flowers was delivered by a committee member to the office of Brin Wilson Boat Builders, on behalf of GHMVRAI.



Kawau & Waiheke Island Fishing & Boating Group

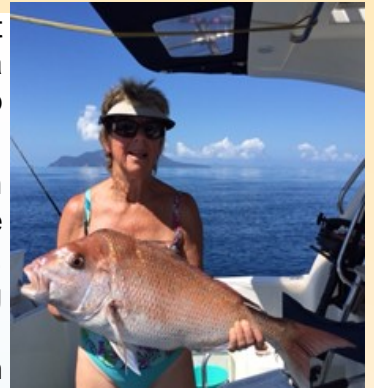


Trophy winners
Val Eadie, Paul Reid & Denise McBeth

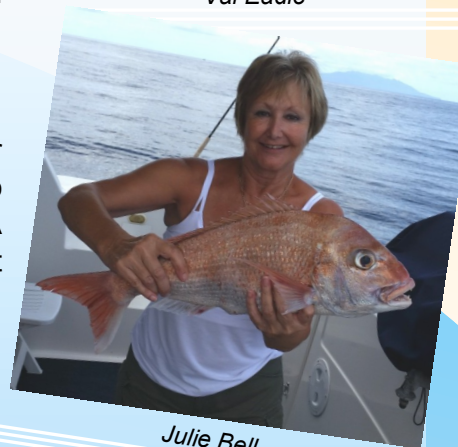
A fantastic weekend was had by all at Mansion House Bay Kawau Island with a large number of boats and people turning up providing plenty of hilarity and hi-jinx.

The first evening was still and glassy which provided the keen ones a chance to do some paddle boarding and swimming in the bay. This was followed by a members' gathering for Sundowners on one of the larger vessels. As you can imagine, the yarns were forth coming and hype and bravado began about the next day's fishing competition. This made for a very late dinner for all.

The following morning the wind was up, but still very nice in the bay and inner harbour. The day was all about who was going to win our first ever GHMVRA one-day fishing competition for heaviest



Val Eadie



Julie Bell

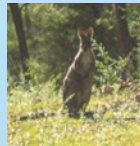


Trophy winner Effie Legge

snapper, kingfish and best other fish, with weight in, drinks and nibbles on the beach at the day's end.

Congratulations to trophy winners: **Effie Legge** - Winner GHMVRA Day Champion - Best Snapper and **Tim McPherson** - Winner GHMVRA Day Champion - Best Other Species. Unfortunately no Kingfish were caught on the day, so this trophy is still up for grabs at our next one-day competition.

Sunday morning was beautiful weather and perfect for our themed walk "Spot the Wallaby". I'm sure you can imagine the banter from the doubters was building as we walked



along the gravel road, comments like "yeah, right, as if we going to see a wallaby", "I heard that they were all culled years back", "It's just an urban myth" and so on. I am pleased to say that not only did we see one wallaby but, to most people's utter surprise, we saw two! Both provided us with perfect viewing before bouncing off at high speed.



Steen McBeth



Denise McBeth



Dave & Tim



Murray McBeth

Paddle Boarding

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Puhoi River and then Brunch at the Puhoi Pub



On Saturday 30th April the members of the Paddle and Kayak interest group met at the old Puhoi pay station tunnel carpark for a paddle up the Puhoi River ending with a compulsory stop at the Puhoi Pub for lunch.

The day was warm and sunny with 13 paddlers and a large number of supporters in attendance. The scenery along the river was amazing and it wasn't long before we found out we weren't the only people enjoying the Puhoi River.

We were overtaken by a 15 strong kayaking group making the most of the sunny day. No one fell off and a great day was had by all.



Weiti River and lunch at The Cove



It's Sunday morning 11am and we are at the Weiti Boat Club. The weather is beautiful, there's no wind and it's glassy conditions. What a perfect spot to launch our 11 paddlers and, for the support crews, to read a book or grab a beer/wine



or coffee. The group decided to head towards the sea. As we paddled past the moored boats and yachts the river began to open up to become a vast estuary with sandy banks and clear water. We paddled past idyllic waterfront hideaways and swimmers from a moored trimaran enjoying the day. The scenery was spectacular which was enhanced by the odd lone fisherman along the river banks. At the turnaround point some of the kayakers and paddle boarders swapped vessels for the return trip. A big thank you to the Weiti Boat Club for allowing us to come and enjoy your slice of heaven. After the paddle, it was lunch at the Cove where we were joined by other supportive Marine Village members. The food, drink and company was the icing on the cake and all went home accomplished and fulfilled.

End of year BBQ

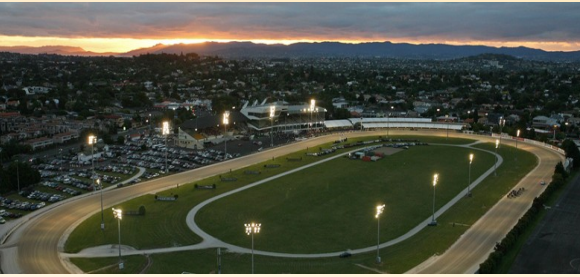
To celebrate the end of the paddling/kayak/boating summer, the Paddle and Boating interest groups held a combined BBQ function at Yogi's Bar on Friday night 6th May.

Members enjoyed a shared BBQ and BYO plate for dinner. Bella Bullivant, our youngest Paddle Board member, entertained us with a fun and a hilarious presentation where she handed out gifts that had to be worn by our members during dinner. Bella had rewards for things such as falling off the most (floaty arm bands), for good listening (a set of big ears) and the best rescue (a pair of life guard undies). You will see from the photos that the members all enjoyed themselves and a good time was had by all.

The paddle board club is well under way, with regular gatherings held at Fairway Bay beach. A BIG THANK YOU to **Grant Clothier**, Manager of Fairway Bay Marina and owner of Yogi's Bar for providing the perfect venue for paddling and happy hour drinks on Fridays at 5pm.

Members have enjoyed several fun mornings at Fairway Beach trying out various types of SUP/ Paddle boards, sharing tips and having coffees at the cafe. Our membership is consistently growing so if you are interested please feel free to contact Murray McBeth on 0274 454441 or mcbethclan@gmail.com

Night at the Trots



On Friday 22nd April a group of residents enjoyed dinner and a fun night at Alexandra Park races.

Hopefully, for those who missed this event, there will be another night at the trots.



Day on the Green



On the 23rd of April residents of the CAP organised a function, held on land within the CAP to celebrate all things good about working and living in Gulf Harbour. The function was to promote Gulf Harbour and our neighbourhood as a fantastic place to live, work and reside. An open invitation was provided to all GHMVRA residents, friends,

family, local trades people, workers and real estate agents. The day started off sunny and warm but towards the end of the day you could tell that winter was just round the corner. Acoustic Intent, a two-piece local band, played well known hits from 1.30 pm to 5.30pm. Monica Robinson, a CAP resident, and her Bag Pipe colleagues entertained us with a surprise flash mob. They filled the air with some stirring Bag Pipe numbers and their team of drummers made a dramatic entrance. Trumpeter Peter entertained us with his jazzy, punchy sounds until the sun went down. As the day progressed the audience enjoyed picnic lunches and the BBQ sausages proved to be a winner. A big thanks to Bayley's real-estate agent, Billy Beggs, for providing the Gazebo and the spot prize draw. The classic car display saw an arranged of cars from an original Falcon that raced at Bathurst to a brand new Chevy. The day was a total success with a large number in attendance.



To keep them, we must support them....



We have a choice of venues for that special occasion right here in Gulf Harbour. Weddings, Birthdays, get togethers etc.

Chaits, Cherry Café and The Spinnaker Room are all available for any occasion. These venues have the best location and offer the personal touch.

Our Village **Four Square** has finally opened. The variety of fresh produce and Harmony meats is very impressive! There is a great choice

in wines and, in the cool store, beers and other beverages. The Store Manager's name is **Munjal** - that's him smiling at the till !!



Introduction to the Facility Manager

Steve Law



Steve Law is becoming a familiar face around the Marina, if you would like to introduce yourself to him then take the opportunity, when he's out and about, to do so. If you need to contact Steve his number is: 027 688 8385.

Latest Property News from Barfoot & Thompson

Excerpt from Peter Thompson Managing Director of Barfoot and Thompson:

Auckland residential property prices have lost their upward momentum.

The average sale price has remained static for two months now.

In May, the average price of \$874,623 increased by just over \$1000 over that for April, while April's average price increased by less than \$7000 over that for March.

The average price in May compared to that for the previous 3 months is up to only 2.4 percent, and the year-on-year increase for May was up only 6.4 percent.

This is well down on the 12 percent increase we saw in the 2015 calendar year.

We have now had 5 months of trading since the all-time high average price of \$876,075 was set.

In May, the median price came off its all-time high of \$820,000, falling to \$809,500, a drop of more than \$10,000 or 1.3 percent.

May's median price is up 3.1 percent on the average for the previous 3 months and up 7.9 percent on the year-on-year comparison.

The stabilisation of prices is not a result of lack of buyers.

Sales numbers benefitted from a strong level of new listings, which reached 1,905. This was an increase of 27.3 percent on those for the previous month.

At month end we had 3,013 properties on our books. While this is higher than the previous month's 2,846, listings remain at historically low levels, and there has never been a better time to sell.

Give Debbie Donovan a call if you are thinking of selling.

(REINZ statistics show that the median sale price for Gulf Harbour was \$849,000 for the month of May 2016, with a total of 13 sales. In April 2016, the average sale price was \$729,506 with a total of 32 sales. The June 2016 statistics will be available shortly. For anyone wanting to obtain this information I am happy to send this to you or upon request a more comprehensive sales statistic report for your neighbouring streets)



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