

# Quarterly

Far North Community Magazine  
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*messy learning is fun learning*

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Road Safety: contact direct (see page 16)



*We shall  
remember them  
25 April 2023*



Anzac Day is the anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli in 1915, and is observed in New Zealand as a day of commemoration for those who died in the service of their country and to honour returned servicemen and women. The red or Flanders poppy was one of the first flowers to grow in the mud and soil of the First World War battlefields in Flanders.

**Far North REAP office is closed on Tuesday 25 April**

## Evolution comes with Change

**Ch-ch-Changes**

**Don't want to be a richer one**

**Ch-ch-Changes**

**Just gonna have to be a different one**

**Time may change me**

**But I can't trace time'**

**Changes' by David Bowie**

Far North REAP continues to evolve, shifts to suit a forever changing world, and embraces change as a person does when they ride a learning journey.

Change doesn't always come easy, even with the knowledge that it is healthy and inevitable.

Far North REAP have farewelled a number of personnel over the past year, as those people seek out other ventures and experience new environments. As much as we miss those that have moved on, we also encourage our staff to continue their own professional and personal development and strive for what makes them rich in life. With that in mind, it is time to acknowledge our incredible stalwart and courageous Robin Shepherd who has, and will continue to be, an integral part to the world of Far North REAP.

Robin is one of those people

that back in time had vision and dedication to rural learning and helped set the path for our organisation to better serve, support and awahi all those in our community. He has been involved with Far North REAP in one way or other since the beginning. Even after he resigned from that position, he continued to stay in touch with all of the 'going ons' for our staff and Board members. Robin then returned to the Board Chair role to aid in steering the organisation during a changing period. It is now time for us to wish Robin all the best with his world of words and creativity as he steps down from being our Board Chair. This is not a goodbye of any sorts – as with other people that have come through our doors as staff, support crew or leaders – it is more a gigantic Thank You.

As I reflect on the time I have been a part of the Far North whānau, I know that although change needs to be embraced and fresh faces are part of our organisation's strength, we balance this well with many who hold knowledge, experience and a willingness to mentor others that land at our whare.

One of those relatively ‘fresh faces’ is Ra Simeon who is a member with the Far North REAP Road Safety Team. Ra brings her own knowledge and experience of our community, being a born and bred Far Northerner. This is a time we would also like to acknowledge Ra and congratulate her as she contributes to her community,

by now also being a volunteer fire fighter with the Kaitaia Fire Brigade. To all of those that have experienced Far North REAP in any capacity, we shout out a thank you for supporting our evolution for over 40 years.

*By Jodi Betts, Far North REAP  
Road Safety Manager*



\*\*\*Cancer Society Daffodil Day Volunteering\*\*\*

Cancer can be an extremely challenging journey, both physically and emotionally. Everyone handles it differently and needs different levels of support. Daffodil Day 2023 street collection will be held on Friday 25 of August 2023. If you can help, please contact Far North REAP on phone: 09 408 1380. It's 10 years of Far North REAP being the Area Coordinators on behalf of Cancer Society Northland!



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## The Importance of Governance

The Far North REAP Board of Directors is responsible for the general oversight of the Organisation.

It has two employees. Cherie Duncan is the Executive Secretary and David Aydon is the Chief Executive.

Cherie is not a Society Member.

David in turn has the responsibility of staffing the organisation and ensuring that the policies, procedures and rules are complied with. He is also responsible for negotiating contracts which will result in the objects of the organisation being met.

The Board currently consists of Joanne Murray; Deputy Chairperson, Shirley Neho, Craig Hobson, and Roger Gale who are all members of the Society of Far North REAP.

Raewyn Flay is a Director appointed from outside the Society as is Joanne Bentley. I am Chairperson and I am a founding Member of the Society.

Those Directors bring a wide range of skills, qualifications, experience and networks. Two of those members, Shirley and Roger are on our major sub-committee, the Audit and Risk Committee with an external member, accountant Greg Steed and David. Shirley will be representing our Board at the Annual gathering of

REAPs in Wellington in May while David will be there with some of his staff.

I will not be seeking re-election at our Annual Meeting which is probably happening in June. I will be available in a consultancy role if needed but I do not anticipate being called on.

This will be my last Quarterly report as Board Chairperson.

I am continually reminded of the passion, commitment and vision of the “team” who are governors and employees of Far North REAP. This is an organisation with a heritage going back to 1979. Since day one it has been blessed with people who have worked to provide rich and rewarding services to our community. We have had people who have built on visions and I am reminded of that daily when I look at the REAP buildings in Puckey Avenue. There are many people who have been involved in out-reach, in courses, in events and as employees whose lives have been enriched. Long may that continue under the direction and vision set by the Directors of the organisation.

*by Robin Shepherd. QSO  
Far North REAP Board Chairperson.*



## Statement from Kahika | Mayor Moko Tepania



Kia ora e te whānau o Te Hiku o te Ika, It's an honour to be asked to contribute to our Far North Community Magazine.

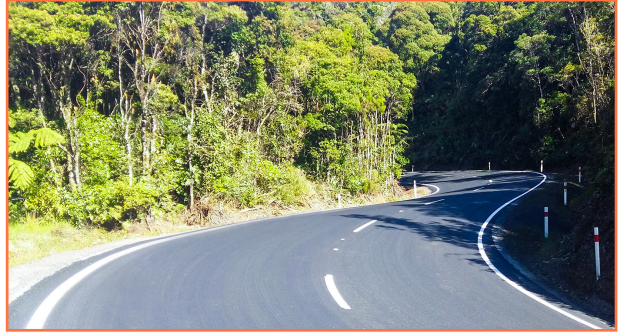
**I know that you all in Te Hiku have been doing it tough. Please know that your mayor, councillors and community board members are here for you and will always be working hard on your behalf, kia kaha tonu!**

Far North REAP undertakes fantastic mahi across our district and is a huge asset for the Far North, making a real difference to people of all ages every day, ngā mihi nui!

The last Quarterly magazine focused strongly on road safety with the REAP Road Safety Team delivering impressive programmes across the rohe targeted at all road users. Understandably, the ongoing closure of State Highway 1 at Mangamuka Gorge featured as a significant problem. This is also a huge concern for the council. The closure of this vital road link for Te Hiku is seriously impacting residents, the local

economy and the rest of our roading network as traffic is forced onto alternative roads not built to carry the traffic volumes they now are. We've repeatedly called on central government to address this and other roading problems to make sure our communities are not forgotten. The good news is that we now have a confirmed timeline for Mangamuka Gorge to reopen. Waka Kotahi announced at the end of March that it aims to repair the 15 slips that closed this link last August and hopes to reopen the highway by May 2024. The repairs will cost \$100 million. While this is still over a year away, I'm grateful that Waka Kotahi has committed funding and now, a timeline that we can all plan around. For the 20,000 residents of Te Hiku the closure of SH1 at Mangamuka is all too familiar. The road was open for less than a year following a similar year-long closure due to massive slips. I know that many were forced to make hard employment and business decisions. I am continually impressed by the resilience shown by residents and the business community. This time, I want to see the economically important real Far North get the support it needs and deserves.

We will be lobbying hard for the government to consider alternative transport strategies for Te Hiku and the whole district. As a council we will continue to push that transport inequities faced by whānau in remote areas are addressed and want dedicated rural funding so we aren't competing with our metropolitan neighbours further afield for a decent slice of the pie. We will also push for changes so that our critical roading networks across the Far North provide safe, resilient and well-maintained links that are a necessity for our communities.



*Statement from Kabika |  
Mayor Moko Tepania*



**patience**  
to paradise

## Ngā Purapura Family Festival

Far North REAP were excited to join with Ngā Purapura Family Festival in Kaeo on Saturday 4th March 2023 to support a great community day out. Our Education Team created an inviting 'clay play' space with natural items like leaves, flowers, shells and stones for children and their whānau to enjoy with the clay. Children learn through play – where they can explore, experiment, discover and solve problems in imaginative and playful ways.

Clay provides children with many opportunities to learn through play to discover and develop different ways to be creative and expressive. Clay can be rolled, squeezed, cut and pinched into different shapes and its texture can be changed by adding water. Clay can be reused and recycled when it is dry or used



*Having fun with clay*

to create long-lasting items. Clay helps children to develop hand/ eye coordination, develop fine motor skills, to be creative, play alongside others, experience making 3-dimensional objects, express feelings and ideas and explore all their senses and the use of tools, materials and equipment to extend their skills.

Kia Maioha Ngā Ākoranga



This is a FREE programme that aims to support whānau of 3 - 5 year old children/tamariki engaging in an Early Learning Service | Kōhanga Reo or Pre-school for the first time. The aim is to ensure all children/tamariki have access to high quality early learning by having support, overcoming barriers and where they can develop a strong educational foundation in preparation for starting school/kura. Further information is available on our flyer: [Click here to view: Kia Maioha Ngā Ākoranga](#)



## Te Hiku o te Ika Revitalisation Project

The last project which is a milestone for the contract we have with Kanoa (MBIE) is to deliver the Town Square. This refers to the “old pak’n save carpark”. You may have seen the

Northland Age front-page article in February advertising public meetings to show the community the plans and get feedback. Originally, prior to consultation, part of the concrete block walls decorated with the mosaic tiles made by approximately 500 members of the community was going to stay. However, after the consultation period the majority view was to remove the full length of the block walls as it acts as a barrier and the idea of this town square is for a people space to enjoy. The other main reason to remove the old block walls completely is that we will retain more carparks and carparking is an issue for the majority of people who came to view the plans.

The large trees are also causing issues with roots pushing through the walls and the debris blocking spouting

causing internal flooding to the buildings beside. Some people

are of the view that the mosaic tiles have had their time; they served us well and they brightened up an incredibly dull grey block wall for nearly 30 years but we need a new

look. A large stainless

steel waka sculpture 9m long with a totara warrior sitting in the centre will be the focal point of this town square. If the budget allows 3 water jets on each side will be installed and the back fence will be in a wave shape giving the impression of the sea/river/awa behind the waka that will be 3 metres high off the ground. Bollards will be installed on the road side as vehicles will no longer be able to access the parking via Commerce Street. The parking behind the town square will be accessible from West Lane,

access through the wooden fence that is the back boundary of the Town Square. The Town Square



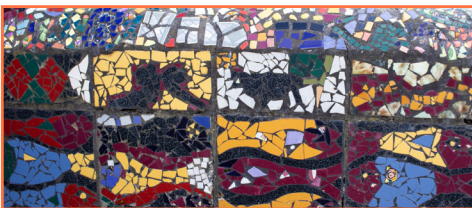
will take up about 1/3 of the current carpark so we still retain the majority of parking and there will be several places through the fence for people to walk through to access the shops, café, banks that they need. Food trucks will be on one side with outdoor furniture allowing people to gather to enjoy takeaway or lunch from home in an outdoor space. The trees will be replaced in large concrete pots so that there is greenery around too, as well as a section of artificial grass over top of the middle section of the space to take away the concrete carpark look. Jen Gay who co-ordinated the mosaic tiles is very passionate about this large piece of community art and when I let her know that the walls were going, she asked us if we could appeal one more time to the community to ensure that is what they want. The children who made the tiles are now adults in our community; there is connection and in some cases, emotion attached to each tile.



*School children enjoying the seating out the front of the old building*

If people want to retain the mosaic tiles, Jen has offered to carefully remove as many tiles as possible and either return them to those who made them or we can repurpose them in the garden spaces at our local parks for more people to enjoy. We need to find out what the community think. Send your thoughts via email to: [andrea@hoskincivil.co.nz](mailto:andrea@hoskincivil.co.nz) or comment on the Te Hiku Open Spaces Revitalisation Project Facebook page on the post about the mosaic wall.

*Written by Andrea Panther  
Te Hiku o te Ika Revitalisation Project Lead*



## An update from Lennox - What's happening at Ahipara



Planning and organising is well on the way for a full weekend celebrating Matariki at Ahipara. There is plenty to look forward to, fun festivities for all the whānau. A hikoi up Whangatautia is one of the many activities planned (this was a highlight last year) with a korero about the history and stories passed down through the generations. The weekend will kick off with a Dawn Service on Friday morning at 5.30am, Paripari Reserve, followed by breakfast at the Rugby Clubrooms. A display of local art will be an attraction worth looking out for. Wander around the night market and enjoy some culinary delights or catch the night concert along with a

traditional hangi. The usual Sunday morning market will go ahead at Paripari Reserve.

Te Hiku Revitalisation Project funding provided a digital screen located at the entrance of Ahipara and a footpath that leads up to the junction of Gumfields and Wreck Bay Road.

Lennox maintains the digital sign and offers, for a fee to create ad for those who require this service. For further information email: [ahiparadigitalsign@gmail.com](mailto:ahiparadigitalsign@gmail.com)

*Lennox Goodhue Wikitera - Ahiparadise*

## Road Safety Courses - Term Two, 2023

Restricted to Full Licence

Tuesday 23 May  
9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 27 June  
9.30am - 12.30pm

Learners Licence

Monday 22 & Tuesday 23 May  
9.30am – 1.00pm

Testing Day:  
\*Wednesday 24 May

Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 June  
9.30am – 1.00pm

Testing Day:  
\*Wednesday 28 June

*\*Please note: Learners Licence tests are scheduled on Wednesdays. Your tutor will let you know your appointment time.*



Two Workshops  
In the Far North

Early Childhood Education | Kōhanga Reo Support

# Cultural Competency

Professional Learning & Development for Teachers

with Maria Sydney

Tuesday 27 June 2023

5.00pm - 8.00pm

Far North REAP

33 Puckey Avenue, Kaitaia

\$30.00 per person

Wednesday 28 June 2023

5.00pm - 8.00pm

Bahai Centre

480 Kerikeri Road Kerikeri

\$30.00 per person

\*\*\*Visit our website for full details\*\*\*

## Parent Support

### MĀTUA ATAWHAI - PARENTING PROGRAMME

#### Part One:

Self-care, whānau care and goal planning

Whakapapa | Pepeha

#### Part Two:

Tākai - It takes a village | The six principles of parenting

Te Whare Tapa Wha

Taha Whenua | *Connection to the land and roots*

Taha Hinengaro | *Mental & Emotional Wellbeing*

Taha Tinana | *Physical Wellbeing*

Taha Whānau | *Family & Social Wellbeing*

Taha Wairua | *Spiritual Wellbeing*



ALL WELCOME

\*\*\*FREE\*\*\*

## Parents & Caregivers

Korero Coffee Group

Starts Monday 8 May from 9.30am - 12.00pm

Far North REAP - Totara Room

A FREE safe place for  
all parents /caregivers and children to come together,  
socialise and engage, everyone welcome.  
Refreshments supplied.

No registration required | Transport available if necessary



## Adult Community Education Courses

### Financial Wellbeing Series: Frauds & Scams with Hana Holmes

Wednesday 26 April 2023 | 10.00am - 11.30am  
Kauri Room | Far North REAP

This workshop covers frauds and scams, how to identify scams, how to protect yourself and your devices from online threats, text scams and much more.



### Toi Oho DJ Course

Fridays, starting 28 April 2023 | 12.00pm - 4.00pm  
*runs for ten weeks*

Kukupu Room | Far North REAP

The tutor will teach many different aspects of being a DJ. Participants will expand their musical knowledge, learn audio engineering, the equipment set ups and much more.

This course has limited spaces.



### Rongōa Māori

Saturday 29 April 2023 | 9.00am - 3.00pm  
Kauri Room | Far North REAP

Kylie Simeon returns to deliver more of her workshops. First up for this year is the one-day wānanga.



**KIA KAHA**  
TE REO MĀORI

### Te Puna Wai o Te Reo

Starting 4 May 2023 *runs for 10 weeks* | 6.00pm - 8.00pm  
Kauri Room | Far North REAP

This course covers a range of Te Reo. Tikanga based learning that will go over the different aspects of marae, waiata, karakia as well as pepeha and your rohe.

## Laptops: A reintroduction to the world of laptops

Thursdays, starting 4 May 2023 runs for 6 weeks  
10.00am - 12.00pm

Totara Room | Far North REAP

This course is for people who have no laptop experience. A real basic guide from the beginning to the operations of laptops.



## Kupu Atea | Spoken Word/Poetry Course

Monday 8 May 2023 runs for six weeks  
10.30am - 2.30pm | Far North REAP

Participants become confident in writing and performing through the mediums of spoken word, poetry, story writing, song-writing. That we activate creativity within the participants through them learning to express their own unique voice on life, love, and healing.



## Sewing for Beginners with Joanne Bently

Wednesday 10 May runs for six weeks  
5.00pm - 7.00pm

Far North REAP, Kukupa Room

Cost: \$25:00 per person



## Rārangā Māori

Saturday 13 May 2023 | 9.00am - 3.00pm  
Kauri Room | Far North REAP

Learn some amazing weaving skills with another one of Kylie Simeon's one-day wānanga.



**\*Please note: To register for any ACE course, you must be 16 years or older and not enrolled in school / kura.**

## Canva Workshop

Thursday 22 June 2023 | 10.00am - 3.00pm  
Far North REAP

This workshop will guide participants through the many different uses of Canva, from marketing to presenting and the many different designs that can be created in one application.



One-on-One support - book an appointment with the ACE team



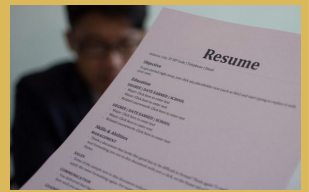
### Tertiary Support

Whether you are new to tertiary study, or need support to get through. We can support with:

- study techniques • organising your study effectively
- study techniques • essay & report writing, structure,
- academic grammar • referencing

### Curriculum Vitae Support

Need help putting together or updating your C.V.?  
Trying to get that dream job or promotion?  
Finished school and are wanting to find work?  
We are offering one-on-one support to get you started



## Teen Parent Support

### PROGRAMME CRITERIA

You need to be a parent 19 years of age or under who is needing support. Whether it be educational, emotional or real-world support in the following areas:

- Education • Training courses • Mātua Atawhai Parenting Programme • Advocating • Driver Licensing • Passport to Life • Child Restraints
- Back to Basics Life Skills • One-on-one confidential support • Antenatal support
  - Health & Wellbeing • Self care strategies
- Housing • Addictions support • Youth Justice

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