



# AUGUST 2019

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- 4th August - Waitoki Church Hands on Service
- 4th August - Upcycle sewing workshop
- 4th August - Combined Waitoki/Wainui Church Service
- 9th August - Winter Table Flowers Workshop - Honeysuckle
- 10th August - Waitoki Village Market
- 25th August - KCPC Bee Keeping Workshop
- 29th August - Waitoki Church Coffee Meet
- 1st Sept - Maori Flax Weaving Workshop
- 8th Sept - The art of fermentation Workshop

If you have a date for the community calendar? Get in touch with: [contact.the.newsletter.editor@gmail.com](mailto:contact.the.newsletter.editor@gmail.com) and make sure it's in for the next edition of The Wainui and Waitoki Watch.

## COMING UP AT WAITOKI COMMUNITY CHURCH

### Hands-on Church:

Our regular monthly family service continues at Waitoki Community Church on the first Sunday of the month. The next event will be a Baptismal Service on Sunday 4th August at 11.00am. All are welcome to join us for songs and activities as well as good coffee and muffins. Contact Andrew Gamman 021 168 2808.

### Waitoki Coffee Morning:

Everyone is welcome at the coffee morning which is held at 10.00am on the last Thursday of each month. Contact Hui Young Han 021 183 5837.

### Combined Wainui/Waitoki Service

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We had a full church for a combined service in the historic Wainui Settler's Church in June. A second combined service will be held at the Waitoki Community Church on Sunday 4 August. The people from St Cuthbert's Church in Kaukapakapa have also been invited to join in. The service will be for all ages in our informal Hands-on style with coffee and muffins available. Contact Andrew Gamman 021 168 2808.

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## What puts buyers off:

There's a lot of talk about what adds value and attracts buyers when it comes to getting a good price for your property. But just as important are the key things about the property that will put most buyers off:

**Clutter** - This is a recurring theme in any list of how to get your property sale ready and it can't be overstated enough. Make sure all floors, surfaces, cupboards and shelves are free of piles of your own belongings, leaving only organised, purposeful items and one or two ornamental items that elevate the space rather than merely fill it. As well as making the house appear neat, tidy and well looked after, it will also help potential buyers visualise their own furniture and belongings in the property. If your budget allows you may also wish to consider having the property staged with rental furniture designed to appeal to your target market.

**Dirt** - The need to clean might seem obvious but it's worth getting a fresh set of eyes (such as your sales consultant) to let you know what needs work – or even a professional cleaner through the property. They will notice things you may not, but a good place to start is to do a thorough clean of all floors, walls, skirting boards, windows and sills, mirrors and tiles. Cleaning and decluttering also extends to the outside where you should make sure you have cleared any flotsam from the garden. Also make sure the garden is weeded, all mildew is water blasted from surfaces and the fences and gates are well maintained.

**Dampness** - Consider investing in a dehumidifier and give it a good workout before potential buyers view the property. Wipe any signs of mildew from walls, windows and sills. Make sure your bathroom feels light and well-aired.

**Bad smells** - Prior to your first open home or viewing make sure your house is free of all pet smells, stale cigarette smells, stale food smells, damp smells or anything else that will give a negative first impression. Even if you can't smell something, listen to your sales consultant if they say they can.

**Vendors on site** - As a rule potential buyers wish to view just with the agent. Having a vendor at home makes buyers feel as though they are guests in your home, rather than buyers at a viewing. They will feel less free to give the property a good investigation and imagine themselves living there.

**Temperature** - It's a bit of a tough one this as everybody is comfortable with different temperatures but try to avoid your property being too cold or too warm on viewing days. Aim for dry and comfortable.

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**Kaipara COAST**

Plant Centre & Sculpture Gardens



## Bee Keeping Workshop

Sunday 25th August (9.30am to 11.30am)

It's Apiculture NZ's "Bee Aware" month again this September so Kaipara Coast will be running the above event in support of this celebration of these amazing little creatures.

This event will give a great overview not only of the techniques employed to nurture bees but also what you can do in your gardens to enhance their health and wellbeing and therefore your gardens appearance.

Our guest presenter is Kim Kneijber who has worked with Bees for over 15 Years, is a life member of the Auckland Bee Keeping Club and has a long time association with APINZ. Kim will cover facets associated with this fascinating subject including:

- Challenges facing the bee population
- Hive maintenance & positioning
- Equipment required
- Pros & cons of bee keeping
- Rules & compliance issues
- Safety considerations



There will also be a working hive on site plus the centre has now established a "Bee friendly" plant section.

If the "bug bites" (forgive the pun!) and you think it's something you would like to have a go at or you just want to find out more,

we will be running a number of follow up sessions (including working with a hive) which will go into more detail so as to get you started properly – dates to be confirmed.

**Booking is advised as this event is very popular and numbers are limited!** We also have our cute little coffee shop on site plus of course the Plant Centre for you to browse through (including the new Bee friendly plant section). Our knowledgeable and friendly staff will also be on hand to help with any garden related questions.

Venue location: 1481 Kaipara Coast Highway (SH16). Tickets: \$20 per person  
To Book: [info@kaiparacoast.co.nz](mailto:info@kaiparacoast.co.nz) OR  
Phone: 09 420 5655



Love our kiwi bees.

## Junior golf available at Wainui

If you are looking for a fun way to introduce your family golf come out and try the par 3 course at the Wainui golf and function centre.

The Orchard 9 works its way down Windmill drive and through our feijoa orchard. The course is made up of 80 to 130-metre par threes all with their own distinct features and playing characteristics. The playing surfaces are consistent with our championship course and offer the perfect way to enjoy a quick nine holes, improve your short game, or introduce your family to the game of golf.

**Green fees rates – Adults \$17 Under 18 years \$15**

If golf is not for you, come and try foot golf, tennis or basketball, something for the whole family.

For bookings call 09 444 3437



## Waitoki Village Market Day

Saturday 10th August 2019

Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd / 8.30 till noon

Support your community; all proceeds from the Market go back to our local community.

It's all a BUZZZZ at the next Market...

Honeybees and beekeeping, with 15 years' experience Kim is up with the play and happy to share, answering questions on bees, their welfare and food sources. She harvests in small lots so her honey keeps the unique flavours of season and site, she'll have some for sale at the market so you can taste our local bounty for yourselves.

Come and meet her and other locals at the next Waitoki Market, chat, catch up with neighbours, find out what is going on in your community, get involved in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, have a massage and pick up baked goods, plants, essential oils, locally crafted gifts, homemade and preloved bargains, Bric a Brac, preserves, and more at the Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd. 8.30 till noon Saturday August 10th.

New stall holders welcome, contact Gill 420 3301 or email

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Future Market Dates: Oct 12th. Dec 14th

