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**Our AGM  
and Meeting,  
Friday 4th October**

at 10.00am



St Andrews Church Centre  
Corner Ridge Rd and Vincent St

The main entrance is in Vincent Street with parking in the grounds and disabled parking near the basement entrance.

*Visitors welcome*

We will hold a short AGM at 10am (the law insists) and this will be followed by coffee time.

The main speaker will be Captain Hayden Smith from Sea Cleaners a group who educate and co-ordinate volunteers to remove rubbish from our marine environment. You will be amazed at the work they do.

## OCTOBER HELP DAYS

Tues	01 Oct	10am
Thurs	10 Oct	10am
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## 2 NEW MEMBERS



John Roscoe  
Lee Burridge

### STOP PRESS:

We have just received a bio on Captain Hayden (page 2) who will give us a talk on Sea Cleaners. Enjoy reading it and come to our meeting on Friday.

He looks so handsome doesn't he.



## Hayden Smith, who will be talking about the work **SEA CLEANERS** and his journey.

In the year 2000, I was out Kayaking on Auckland's Waitemata Harbour. I was at a time in my life as a 22 year old, where I was in search of Adventure, and in search of employment in adventure tourism. Whilst I was successful in gaining employment with a number of different agencies, this particular trip out on the kayak, was meant to be a guided tour that I was taking tourists to Rangitoto. However the weather was horrific, the trip was cancelled, and I wanted to carry on. What I found out in front of the RNZYS under the Auckland Harbour Bridge was a storm convergence zone where I was surrounded by rubbish. More than I had ever seen. I felt compelled to do something about it.



The city was cleaning streets of loose litter, so I thought this is something I could do on our waterways. The next day, I walked up into Auckland Council determined to find support. Whilst the support for the idea was good, I struggled to find the right department. This carried on across all of the regional councils of Auckland for a year and a half.

Finally, I decided to go straight to Mayor Bob Harvey, by walking up his driveway, and giving him a comprehensive business plan. He loved the idea and got the wheels in motion.

On the 6th of December 2002, coincidentally the first anniversary of the passing of Sir Peter Blake, we launched our first vessel, The Phil Warren, named by Watercare to remember the late Chair of the Auckland Regional Council.

With the support of all councils across the region now, and with all the mayors of the region as our trustees, the Waitemata Harbour Clean-Up Trust was established.

My mission was to go out, clean up, engage communities to support us and raise awareness for the issue of litter in our water.

20 years on, with a fleet of 10 boats, 5 which are working full time. I believe we have been incredibly successful in achieving our mission. Far more outreaching than I could ever have imagined at the onset.

We have moved from working in one body of water to now cover the Waitemata, the Outer Limits of the entire Auckland Region, Manukau Harbour, the complete Northland and Canterbury regions and soon to be in the Bay of Plenty, Wellington, Tasman, Marlborough and Otago.

We have collected and removed over 15 million litres of waste from our water, and now collecting 2.5 million litres annually, and have implemented significant recycling measures that see more plastic recycled than what we collect, through our disposal partners landfill mining exercises now in place because of us, with all excess plastic being converted to farming fence posts through Futurepost in Waiuku.

All the tyres we collect are being used in the manufacturing process of cement and marine farming waste is returned to collective farming organisations.

We have co-ordinated over 165,000 volunteer hours of support. And have educated over 200,000 students across the country of our mission.

I established a Sea plane voyage to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, which added fuel to the fire for my passion to do more.

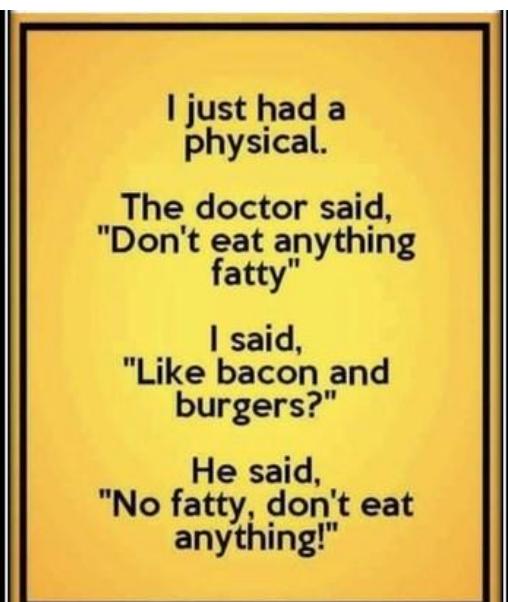
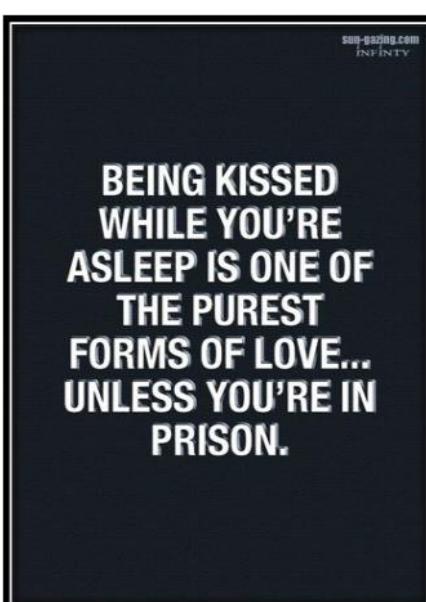
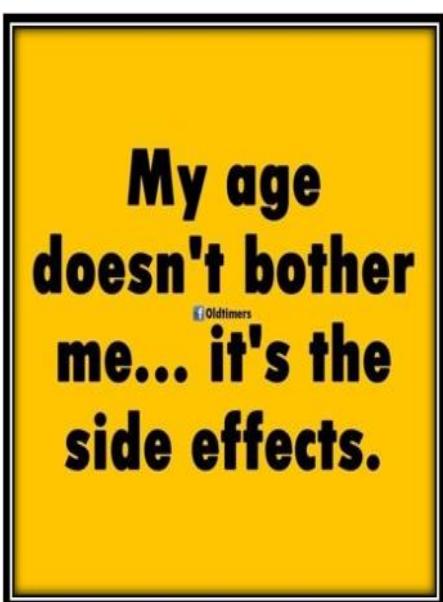
We have established a relationship with the Royal New Zealand Navy that is a cornerstone pillar of support for our organisation, that sees a Humanitarian aid training programme developed that we run for every new recruit in to the RNZN.

We run an annual youth ambassador programme in the Hawaiian Islands, supported by Hawaiian Tourism authority, which has now spread to include students that we select from NZ, Australia, Japan, Korea, Canada, mainland USA and Hawaii. All coming together to initiate a positive change in habits and awareness for plastics in our Ocean's.

This is a brief segment as I have to put a spurt on and do the Chair report for our AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

All other contributors are well prepared and once I do my bit, we can send out a “document” email with the reports for the meeting. We do this to avoid a lot of printing that gets discarded. The reports follow the Incorporated Societies requirements which results in the Treasurer preparing six separate documents as well as the Treasurers report. Then the 2023 minutes and the Chair report get added.

The spell checker accepts Treasurer’s report and Treasures report. I recall a school English rule “if in doubt leave it out”



## Ramblings

## Dawn Howarth

What lovely ladies they were from our local libraries at our last meeting. I have been reading eBooks for years. I love them, so much easier than normal books and I don't have to go to the library to get them. Magazines are good on my iPad but awful on the phone. If you haven't read any eBooks, give them a try. It's worth the effort.

I'm off now to install Copilot on to my phone and experiment with that—on Kate's recommendation. It looks fun but I'm not the technophobe that Kate is.

It seems only last week I was wondering what to put in last month's newsletter and already it is time for me to tell you all the exciting things that happen in our neighbourhood. Sadly nothing exciting happens. I think nothing exciting is better than some of the news we have been reading around the world. I like my dull life, and I especially like my Saturday afternoon happy hours with friends and neighbours. I'm going to have to invest in more chairs soon. Our numbers are increasing and seating 10 people around the table in our wee dolls house is quite a feat.

We put the world to rights, eat too much junk food, sip too much wine, and don't want any dinner afterwards. A very easy way to enjoy a few hours.

Hmmm, come to think of it, I had better go and clear the table and find the extra chairs again.

I hope you have something nice to look forward to as well, eg: our next meeting and the AGM, (it only hurts for a little while).

# Our Libraries

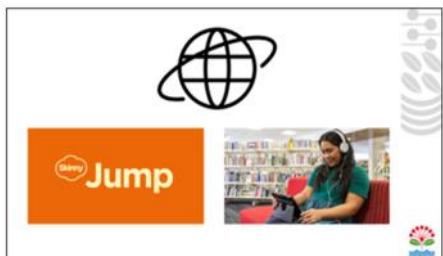
Dawn Howarth

We were treated by Verity Southern from Highland Park Library and Jackie from Pakuranga library, to lots of advice on all that is available from our local public libraries. Even better, we don't have to actually go to the library to access the latest editions of books, newspapers, magazines, from all over the world – absolutely free. How good is that. I only read ebooks now. They are so much easier to get, read, store, return, or keep if you buy them. They cost a quarter of the price of a recent release printed book, but from the library that fabulous 'absolutely free' applies.



Verity recommended installing the Libraries' app on your phone to make access to all their facilities easy. If you need help to get started you can call in to the library and any of the librarians would be happy to help you. You can even make an appointment and have a full instruction/lesson/guidance with form filling, help contacting Auckland Council, from one of their experts—you just need to ask.

The libraries have changed the way they keep books you order on hold. If you use this service and haven't caught up with the new system, you just need to ask.



While in the library don't forget you can use their free wifi (1gb per day). There is also a very low cost prepaid broadband service available (Skinny Jump) for your home if you want it. Again, just ask.



Another wonderful app within the Libraries' app, is Pressreader. You can read any newspaper or magazine from anywhere in the world, in any language you choose, at any time.

This is best done on a larger computer screen rather than a tiny phone. Again, this is a marvellous service that is absolutely free. Many of the papers and magazines you don't even have to return—they are yours to keep if you want to.

You are able to bookmark, change the font size, or do anything you can do with all ebooks.

**BEAMAFILM**—This is an Australasian streaming service showcasing quality local and international movies that you can watch through the website or via the app. You will need to create an account first.



### Who would have thought that the camera on your phone could be used for so many things?

I am an iPhone user but as there are so many phone brands available it is difficult to provide an overview of the functionality of the built-in cameras between all the various models.



To overcome this problem, we will look at the Copilot App. This is the AI assistant provided by Microsoft. The Copilot App can be downloaded on to any device whether a tablet or a phone. It is included in the latest Microsoft suite of programmes. However, a free version is available to all. This version does limit the number of questions that can be asked on a particular subject and the number of images that can be generated on a particular theme but for the casual, recreational user it is adequate and there is no need to pay for the Copilot Pro version.

The app allows the use of the in-built camera of your device to take a photo or access the images that may have been taken at an earlier time and are stored in the photo library of the device.

Select the camera on the bottom bar of the Copilot App opening page. In camera mode there is an option to take a photo or select an image from the library.



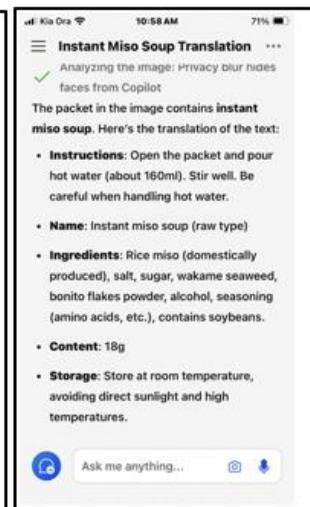
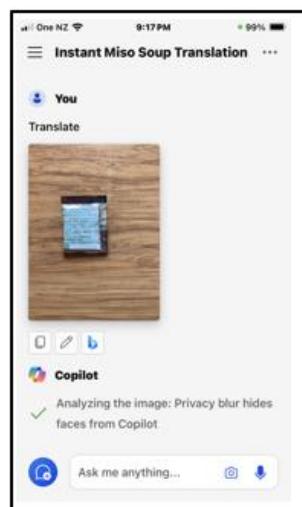
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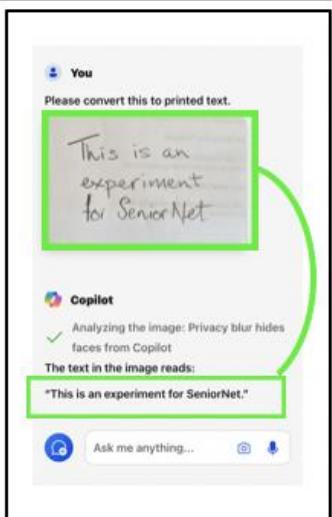


Press camera button. Image downloads and Copilot asks what is required. Adjacent to image type "Translate". After a few moments a complete translation is generated.

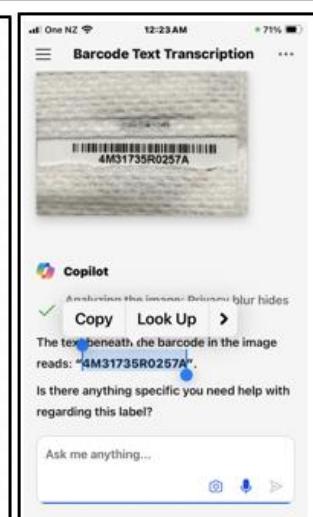
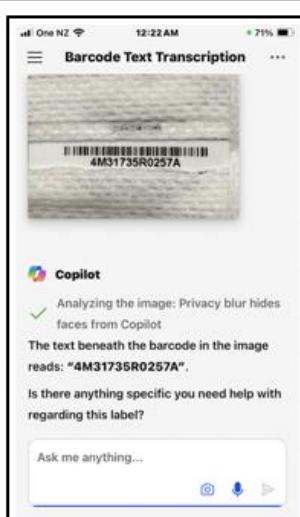
N.B Copilot will not identify facial images of real people.



#### Convert hand written writing to printed text and extract text from an image to enable copy and pasteing.



Handwritten words can be photographed. Once downloaded request the words be converted to printed text. These can be copied and pasted elsewhere. You may need to log on to a new router. Use a Copilot image of the WiFi password. Request a transcript. This can then be copied and pasted into settings.



# Kate's Take continued ...

## Identify wild life with Copilot

**You**  
Please identify the bird



**Copilot**  
Analyzing the image: Privacy blur hides faces from Copilot

The bird in the image is a **Japanese White-eye** (*Zosterops japonicus*), also known as the **Warbling White-eye** <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>. This small bird is easily recognizable by its vibrant green plumage, white underparts, and distinctive white eye-ring. It is often seen perched among cherry blossoms, as shown in your image, which highlights its natural habitat.

**Key Facts:**

- **Native Range:** East Asia, including Japan, Korea, and parts of China <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>.
- **Diet:** Primarily insects, fruit, and nectar <sup>2</sup>.
- **Behavior:** Often found in flocks, these birds are known for their active and vocal nature <sup>2</sup>.

**Ask me anything...**   

Copilot identified the NZ wax-eye as an East Asian bird. By asking Copilot to review the image and indicating the photo was taken in NZ the bird was correctly identified.

Thank you for the additional information! Given that the image was taken in New Zealand, the bird is more accurately identified as a **Silveryeye** (*Zosterops lateralis*), also known as the **Wax-eye** or by its Māori name, **Tauhou** <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>.

### Key Facts:

- **Native Range:** Originally from Australia, the Silveryeye self-introduced to New Zealand in the 1830s <sup>2</sup>.
- **Appearance:** Small olive-green bird with a distinctive white eye-ring <sup>1</sup>.
- **Diet:** Insects, fruit, and nectar <sup>2</sup>.
- **Habitat:** Found throughout New Zealand, from sea level to above the tree line <sup>2</sup>.

**You**  
Could you review your identification. The image was taken in New Zealand

**Copilot**  
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**Ask me anything...**   

**You**  
Describe and identify the two main elements in this photo which was taken in New Zealand



**Copilot**  
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The image features two main elements:

1. **Butterfly:** The butterfly in the image is a **Monarch Butterfly** (*Danaus plexippus*). It is easily recognizable by its vibrant orange wings with black and white spots. Monarch butterflies are known for their long migrations and are commonly found in New Zealand.
2. **Flower:** The flower is a **Red Dahlia**. Dahlias are popular garden plants known for their bright, showy blooms. The red petals and yellow center make it a striking contrast to the butterfly.

This beautiful interaction between the Monarch butterfly and the Red Dahlia showcases the rich biodiversity found in New Zealand. If you have any more questions or need further details, feel free to ask!  

**Ask me anything...**  

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**Ask me anything...**  

**You**  
Identify this plant please



**Copilot**  
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The plant in your image appears to be **Leptospermum scoparium**, commonly known as **Manuka** or **Tea Tree**. This plant is native to New Zealand and Australia and is well-known for its small, pink or white flowers with five petals and its medicinal properties. The flowers often have darker pink speckles near the center, which matches the description of the plant in your image <sup>1</sup>.

Manuka is also famous for producing Manuka honey, which is valued for its antibacterial properties. If you have any more questions about this plant or need further assistance,

**Ask me anything...**   

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**Copilot**  
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## Identify artworks with Copilot

**You**  
Please identify this artwork and supply additional information



**Copilot**  
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**Ask me anything...**   

The artwork in the image is "**The Supper at Emmaus**" by **Caravaggio**, created in 1601 <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>. This painting depicts the moment when the resurrected Jesus reveals himself to two of his disciples in Emmaus, as described in the Gospel of Luke (24:30-31).

**Key Details:**

- **Artist:** Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio
- **Year:** 1601
- **Medium:** Oil on canvas
- **Dimensions:** 141 cm x 196.2 cm (56 in x 77.2 in)
- **Location:** National Gallery, London

**Ask me anything...**   

**Description:**  
The painting captures the dramatic climax of the story, where the disciples suddenly recognize Jesus as he breaks bread with them. Caravaggio's use of chiaroscuro (the contrast of light and dark) enhances the emotional intensity and realism of the scene. The figures are depicted with lifelike detail, emphasizing their astonishment and the divine revelation.

**Symbolism:**

- **Basket of Fruit:** The basket of fruit in the foreground has two stray strands of wicker that form an ichthys, an early Christian fish-symbol for Christ <sup>1</sup>.

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- **Lighting:** The stark lighting highlights the figures and creates a sense of depth and drama, typical of Caravaggio's style <sup>2</sup>.

Would you like to explore more about Caravaggio's works or any other specific artwork? <sup>1</sup>: Wikipedia <sup>2</sup>: National Gallery

1  [en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)  
2  [nationalgallery.org.uk](https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk) +3 more

As Copilot responds to your enquiry it also supplies references. By clicking on the blue type and/or the blue numbers in the boxes that are scattered throughout the text, other informative websites and original research material can be accessed.

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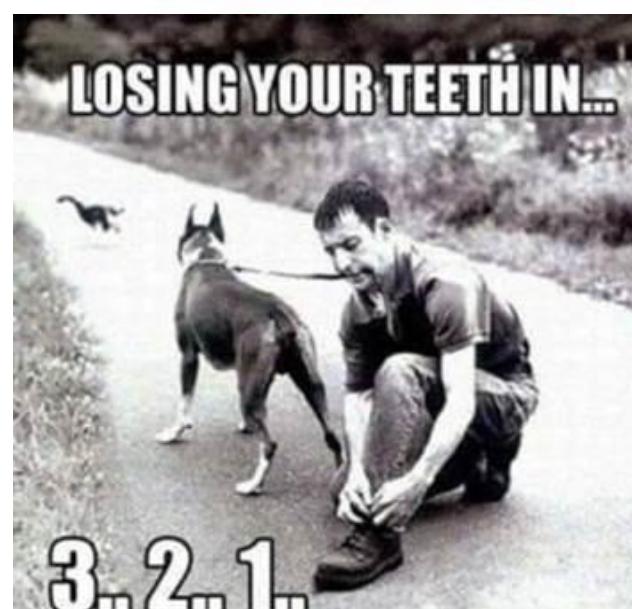
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## WHEN COMFORTING A GRAMMAR NAZI



I ALWAYS SAY SOFTLY,  
“THERE, THEIR, THEY'RE”



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**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**



## Course Booking Information

- \* You need to be a member of SeniorNet to take part in our classes.
- \* If you need assistance in deciding on a course, please contact the Tutor who will answer any questions and also take your booking.
- \* We require you to pay a course fee to cover the cost of notes and other expenses. Please bring the correct cash to the first session.
- \* Our Courses are all held at our Learning Centre at  
**12 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga.**
- \* Please park on the road or in the Gym carpark across the road as no parking is permitted on site. **If you use the gym parking (not available Monday or Thursday mornings) it is important that you park on the left, next to the gym. You can printout the parking advice from our website (under the Courses tab) or write your own and leave on the dashboard of your car.**

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