



## HELENSVILLE AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL ASSOCIATION

### Quarterly Newsletter of the Helensville A&P Association

**Hector Aitkenhead, Patron  
of the Helensville A&P  
Association. Rest in Peace.**

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## The 114th Helensville A&P Show.....

The Annual Show has happened once again. Before I get into it, I want to thank all of the volunteers that put in countless hours making it all happen. There is an incredible amount of work involved to make the show successful and it is impossible to name each person individually but you all know who you are and now is the time to reflect on a job well done.

The day dawned bright and clear, which was a relief as the weather forecast had predicted all week that the remnants of Cyclone Winston would wash out our Show. Luckily the rain held off till 4pm but another 1/2 hour would have been great as the troops getting the hay in had to work pretty quickly!!!!

There was plenty to see and do and lots of competitions to amuse the crowds. From the WW2 Re-enactment Society to the Jeff Tompson display, kids rides and the many varied foods to choose from there was something for everyone. The main hall marquee was well supported to get away from the sun and enjoy something to eat and drink from the many varied food vendors. The DayleTM Woodchoppers once again put on impressive display of woodchopping prowess, there were people three to four deep at times watching.

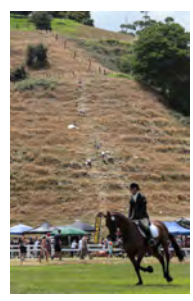
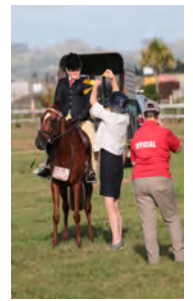
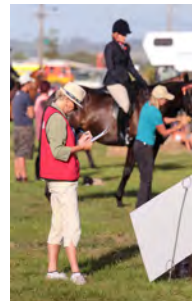
The Equestrian and Livestock competitions were very well supported and the Main Hall was full of people all day looking at the many varied arts and crafts, baking, floral arrangements and photos on display. There was plenty to see and marvel at. If you attended the Show, thanks for coming along and supporting it. If you didn't then make a note right now in your diary for 25th February 2017 and come along. We would love to see you there.

The Show was once again run as a zero waste event in conjunction with AZWA with the final result being that we diverted 91% of waste from landfill.

The Helensville A&P Show. One great day, one great place.

On a much sadder note... Our Patron, Hector Aitkenhead passed away in late April. Hec was a past president and along with his late wife Clare, contributed enormously to the success of the A&P Association and many shows. We all pass on our condolences to current A&P Association committee member Shona and her family at this sad time.

# The 114th Helensville A&P Show 2016



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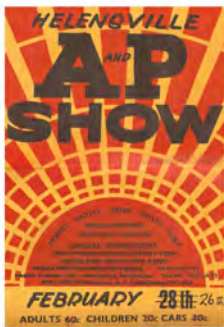


Hector and Clare Aitkenhead

### Hec Aitkenhead, President 1967-1968 and the 100th Show, 2002

Hec was a competitor from age 10 to 25 and has worked for the committee and organisation since. After a long family association with the Show, Hec Aitkenhead is the third generation to be involved with the event. A lot of changes have evolved, from the old grounds to "a couple of Shows out on our farm". Hec is particularly known for horses, both in the ring and out, but he also exhibited calves in earlier days. Hec now proudly represents four generations of the family involvement with the Helensville A&P Show. Hec's grandfather was president in 1915-17, his father was president 1937-38. Continuing the tradition, Hec was president from 1967-69 and is the Centenary president for the 100th Show.

Extract from the Helensville A&P Association 100th Show Souvenir Book 2002



### Association Tea Towels for sale.

There are still a number of tea towels in stock. Tea towel sales are a fundraiser for the ongoing running of the Association. Just \$10 each.

To order call Dave in the office 420 7572 or email to [info@helensvilleshowgrounds.co.nz](mailto:info@helensvilleshowgrounds.co.nz)

## Members competition:

Winner of this fantastic copy of 'BLACK ANGUS' 150 Years in New Zealand by Geoff Bryant is....

Gloria Mitchell. Gloria was extremely happy to have won this fantastic book.



# AGM

The Helensville A&P Association's Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 13th July 2016 at 7.30pm at the Main Showground Building. All Association members are welcome to attend. Elections for positions for Officers and Executive Committee members will be held at the meeting. Nominations for positions must be made on the correct form by financial members and received by 9 am Wednesday 6th July 2016. For more information phone 420 7572 or email at [info@helensvilleshowgrounds.co.nz](mailto:info@helensvilleshowgrounds.co.nz)

## Membership:

Membership subscriptions for the year June 2016-May 2017 are due.

Membership only costs \$30 and provides a vital financial lifeline for us (and well as lots of perks for members). If you haven't received an invoice, or are not a previous member, please send us your details and we'll send you out a form.



### Facebook:

Check us out on our facebook page: [helensvilleshowgrounds](https://www.facebook.com/helensvilleshowgrounds). Like us and see what is happening down at the showgrounds.

## Upcoming Community Events:

### Helensville Art Centre....

May 7th - 28th 'The Art of Glass'. Open to all glass artists to exhibit.  
June 4th - 25th Auckland Festival of Photography. Open to all photographers.  
July 2nd - 30th Matariki Exhibition with guest artist Hemi Kiwikiwi. Open to all artists working Maori art forms.  
August 6th - 27th Solo Exhibition by Kiri Abraham  
For more information please contact Pauline on 0211586859 or [coordinator@artcentrehelensville.org.nz](mailto:coordinator@artcentrehelensville.org.nz)

### Helensville & District Historical Society (Inc)....

Winter lectures: All held in the Father Sakey Centre, Kowhai Street, Helensville.  
Sunday 15th May @2pm - Bruce Shanks talks on Shanks family of Kaukapakapa.  
Sunday 19th June @2pm - Chris Hagon talks on Stately Homes in England.  
Sunday 17th July @2pm - Dianne McLeod talks on Changes in Parakai over the years.  
AGM Friday 24th June @ 1pm.

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The keyholder season runs from 01st October to 30 September the following year.

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