



# NEWSLETTER

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## NEXT MEETING -

**WE ARE BACK IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THIS MEETING**

**THE BLOCKHOUSE BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE at 1.15pm**

**SPEAKERS;** We are to be entertained by Hetty and Brian Goodwin who have had a long fascination with the history of New Zealand lighthouses, and who have travelled extensively recording the stories of these unique structures.

This will be a very interesting topic, see you there, come along and bring a friend.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

My apologies as I have recently undergone complex surgery, I have been unable to write the usual Newsletter, nor will I be able to attend the Members meeting. Regards to you all, KRYS.

## BAY NEWS

### May was a busy time!

Birthday Greetings to Shiela Sekula, who turned 101 years in May.

We are very fortunate that Shiela has kindly recorded her memories of her long life for our Archives, both her story in England in WW2, and then her commitment to her community in Blockhouse Bay. Shiela has been a member of our Society since the beginning.

The opportunity to sight the Aurora display meant dozens of folk congregated on the beach to witness this spectacular light show in the sky above the Manukau Harbour. This turned into a real party night.



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Then on 14 May: Excitement outside Countdown when a diesel bus caught fire. Quite a spectacular sight, with a dreadful smell borne on the wind as far as the beach.



During May the pensioner flats at the end of Exminster Street were emptied of residents, with doors and windows now boarded up. At the time of writing, we have been unable to ascertain what Kainga Ora plan to do on this site, this is the second lot of pensioner flats to be abandoned in the Bay with the previous demolition of the Marlowe Street flats.

The Block cafe has re-opened as RICKSHA – INDIAN FUSION Restaurant, with Street Style food and appears it will be open for long hours.

