



**Community Newsletter from the Committee of the Mahurangi East Residents  
& Ratepayers Association (MERRA)**

**April 2026**

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**Burton Wells Track Work**



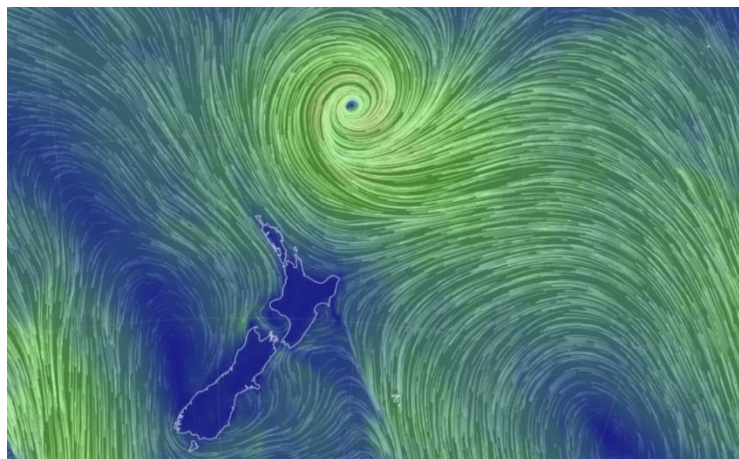
A big thank you to the men who gave their time and skills to make the Burton Wells steps and drainage channels from the bottom of Williams Street. The track was muddy, steep and difficult to walk up and their work has made a huge difference. A big shout out to Zac Forsyth from Forsight Builders for his support. Thank you to Stuart Windross, Zac Forsyth, Chris Bradley, Scott Perkins, Simon Revell, Art Nihall, Alan Seelye, Mike Brooker and Barry Mein for their hard work.

## Weed Waste Bin a Success



The Easter Weed Waste Blitz was a great success with the bin almost overflowing with pest weeds. Unfortunately MERRA did have to pay \$250 extra as it was over the weight limit allowed. It weighed 2.1 tonnes. Thank you to Northland Waste for a discount on the bin hire and Helen and Chris Russell for having the bin on their driveway.

## CRG prepared for cyclone

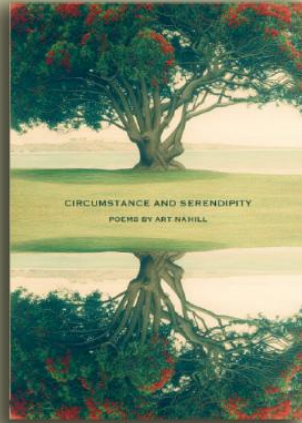


Even though Cyclone Vaianu didn't directly hit us and its effects were minimal compared to other regions, behind the scenes the MERRA CRG (Community Response Group) was preparing for a potential emergency by coordinating with Vector, securing backup power and having Starlink ready to go. The Street Co-ordinators were on standby to assist residents. The local hub at Rosedale was prepared for immediate action. Thank you to everyone who took time to prepare and help local residents.

## Local Author Poetry Reading

### FREE POETRY READING

Join local author **ART NAHILL**  
in celebrating the release of his new book:



Mahurangi East Community Centre  
Betty Paxton Room, Snells Beach

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 4-5 pm



**Art Nahill** is a doctor and poet who has published extensively in NZ and the US, including four prior books of poems. He lives in Scotts Landing.

Books will be available for purchase and signing

## MERRA AGM



The MERRA AGM is on the 17th of May at 10.30am at Scott House. There is a speaker and morning tea. Nomination forms for the committee are due in before 5pm on the 8th of May.