

Mainsheet

27 October 2016

COMING UP

THIS SATURDAY 29 October -- Halloween at the Club

kid's session 5 pm to 7 pm ... scary venue decorations and spooky food
lots of fun games and prizes
then the adult's turn from 7 pm on to ? ... live band (Tony and Deon)
dress to scare if you want or come as you are

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT -- our Friday evening jackpot draw held sometime between 6 pm and 7 pm -- all current members are in the draw -- currently \$180, increases \$10 each week it isn't won. You have there to claim your prize if your name is drawn -- no exceptions.

MONDAY 31 October -- applications close for cleaner's job. See notices around town or [get the job ad here](#).

SUNDAY 6 November -- OUR FIRST OPEN MIKE NIGHT -- any musician who wants can come and play. To be repeated on the first Sunday of each month.

SUNDAY 13 November -- celebrate the opening of the slip and thank everyone who has helped with the slip, mast crane and pontoon; and welcome back our "swallows"
The Russell Ukulele Orchestra will be playing.
Starts at 5 pm

SATURDAY 10 December -- a working bee -- 9 am start -- mark your calendar now.

SLIP OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Anyone who has been to the club house or our jetty in the last month would notice that our slip is operating again; after a long time (too long) being upgraded to meet the modern standards for slips.

This is the last of the jetty improvements which we started a couple of years ago with the new, longer, pontoon walkway and the replacement of the mast crane. We have also got permission to use the side of the club house by the slip as a tidal grid.

We are celebrating the opening of slip, pontoon and mast crane and thanking everyone who helped with slip, mast crane and pontoon on Sunday 13 November, starting at 5 pm. Followed by a light meal and refreshments. All welcome. Oh, and the soon to be internationally famous Russell Ukulele Orchestra will be playing as well.

COASTAL PERMIT CONSENT CONDITIONS

A coastal permit was required for all this work, and we have consent conditions to meet on how we use the slip. This includes using the wash down waste water collection system and drop cloths under the boat to catch paint chips and other debris.

There is a sign on the winch shed door setting out all the consent conditions that apply. Other notices by the drying out area and by the mast crane set out the coastal permit conditions applying to the use of those.

If people don't follow these consent conditions the Regional Council could close the slip down. Anyone can read the signs and see if you are complying.

CHARGES FOR SLIP, DRYING OUT AND MAST CRANE

If you are a Life, Honorary, Family Full or Full Member -- the slip is \$120 for the haul and launch and \$20 a day. Otherwise it is \$180 for the haul and launch and \$30 per day.

Drying out is between \$10 to \$23 per day, depending on the type of membership. Using the mast crane is \$20 per day for Life, Honorary, Family Full or Full Members, and \$30 per day for everyone else.

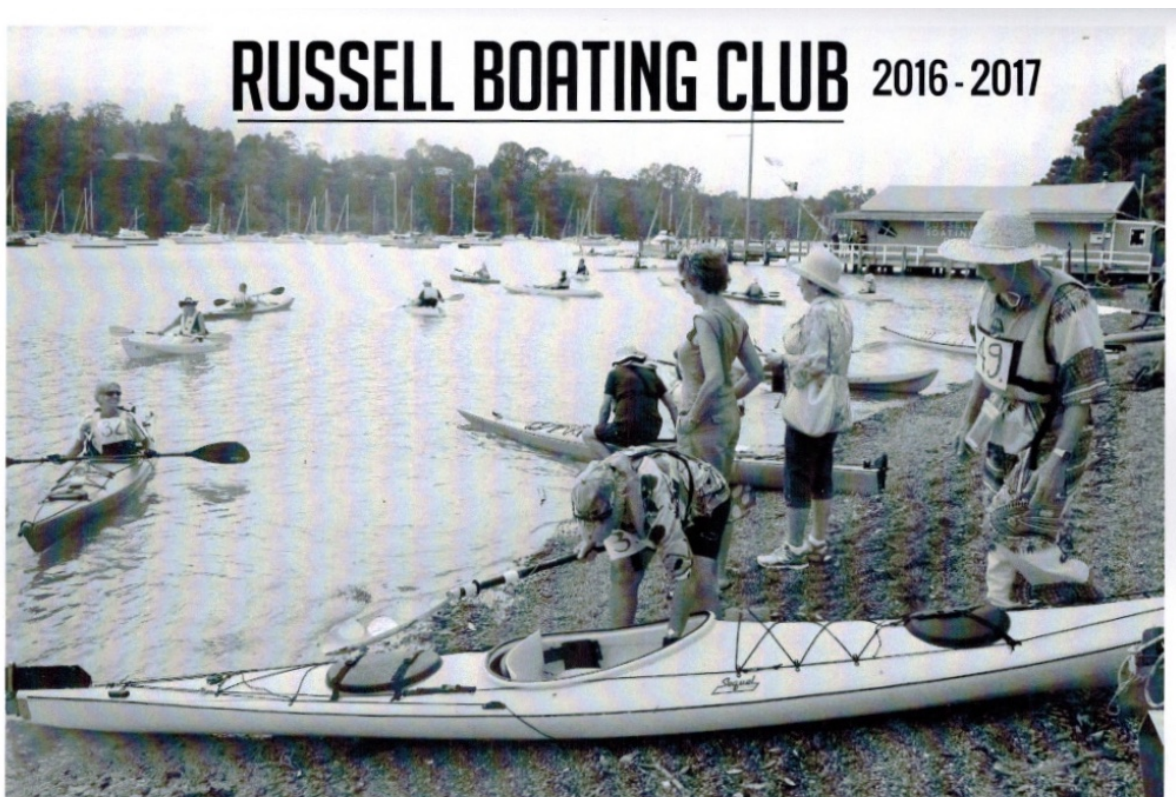
You must book to use the slip or dry out or the mast crane. A [booking form is here](#), and the [terms and conditions to use the slip here](#). Any enquiries email slip@russellboatingclub.org.nz

USING THE PONTOON

Everyone can enjoy and use our pontoon better if you all do a few simple things:

- tie your dinghy up on a long painter (3m plus) to make room for more dinghies
- keep the eastern face of the pontoon clear of dinghies so other boats can load and unload
- bail out your dinghy after rain, sunken dinghies make it harder for everyone else
- keep your speed to under 5 knots around the pontoon and in Matauwhi Bay

2016-2017 CALENDAR IS OUT



All current members should have received a copy of our 2016-2017 calendar.

About a third of last year's members have still to pay their subs for the 2016-2017 year. If

you are one of those who are overdue you will get an invoice with your copy of our calendar.

If you aren't sure whether you are current or not, there is a list behind the bar, or email info@russellboatingclub.org.nz and ask.

If you haven't received a calendar yet please contact us at info@russellboatingclub.org.nz or phone Andrew at 022 12 66 232.

SHORT TACKS

HOUSTON WE HAVE A COMMODORE

At the last committee meeting, Tony Hanlon was appointed Commodore.

Suppose that means the Rear Commodore position is now vacant.

CRUISING AROUND NORTHLAND AND BEYOND?

Make sure you have a clean hull -- or you might find it hard to visit any marina for water, fuel, supplies or to stay overnight. Marine pests on boat hulls is the concern. A "clean hull" is one that has been anti-fouled in the last 6 months, or have been properly cleaned in the last month.

Go to www.marinepests.nz to learn more.

HAVE A GO

Yachting New Zealand's have a go sail training programme will be at Matawhi Bay on 1 and 2 December, promoting junior sailing. You might be too old to "Have A Go" but you aren't too old to "Have a Look".

OUR WEB SITE

Remember we have a web site www.russellboatingclub.org.nz It is continually improving as we add more and more club information.

A site to watch.

VHF CHANNELS HAVE CHANGED

Some of the vhf channels changed on 1 October. One immediate local change is that the Coastguard weather nowcast for the Bay of Islands is now on channel 19, not channel 21. (The Coast Guard has a useful app for your

IN IRONS

Where we correct mistakes from the last *Mainsheet*. It has been such a long time since the last *Mainsheet* I have forgotten what mistakes there were.

A good time to say that if anyone is interested in helping prepare these newsletters contact John Seal of our Publicity Committee, phone 022 601 0611.

OUR WINTER KNOCKOUT POOL TOURNAMENT

Sixteen players tried their pool skills out over a period of four Friday nights in August at the club, watched closely by other members and followers.

In the end it came down to a very close final fought out between Anthony George and Darren Sigley with Anthony ending up winning the first prize trophy and his share of competition money. Second prize went to Darren Sigley.

The lucky player draw went to Lesley. She got her entry fee amount back.

Thanks to all that competed and joined in on the nights to help keep the club floating over the colder period.

We'll do it again next winter.

NOT SO GOOD IN INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT

After our winter knockout tournament you might think that we would be all practiced up for winning the interclub pool/indoor bowls/darts tournament between the Swordfish Club, Russell Bowling Club, RSA and Russell Boating Club.

smart phone which gives nowcast weather reports for all of the country - worth getting).

Bay of Islands Coastguard has changed from channel 86 to channel 4. All the [Coastguard channel changes are here](#).

More details at www.retune.co.nz or grab a booklet at the club foyer.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to help getting meals out to the tables during the busy times in the kitchen.

If we get enough volunteers, each person would only have to help for a couple of hours every three weeks to a month.

If you want to help tell Maddy at the bar. Thanks.

It wasn't to be. Here is Simon's brief report:

This year's interclub series was won again by the Bowling Club but was contested valiantly by a hardened Boating Club team, a polished R S A group, and a team with lots of luck on its side from the Swordy. We lost but as with all the other clubs it was a big win for all and a whole lot of fun and we will have another go next year at bringing the Penguin Trophy to our club.

Big thanks to all the RBC players who participated and the others who came along to support or helped on our host night with all the catering and food.

ALL AT SEA -- COMMITTEE NEWS

WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

The Committee has been meeting a couple of times a month since July working on some goals for the year and longer term. Long term we want a vibrant club with increasing membership.

Goals for the year are, in summary:

- increasing membership participation
- a broader range of activities, not just yacht racing, remember we are a boating club
- keep on with sub-floor and club house maintenance
- formed path across the reserve (first step is a concession from the Department of Conservation)

SUB-COMMITTEES

Another change this year is many more sub-committees to share the day to day activities around -- social, sailing, building, Tall Ships, kitchen/bar, publicity, slipway, Short Ships, other boaties, liveaboards, merchandise, junior sailing. We might also set up a fund raising sub-committee.

There is a list of all these sub-committees and current members on the inside front cover of this year's calendar.

If you want to know more about any of the sub-committees or want to help (always welcome, there is plenty to do to make the Club better) just contact any sub-committee member.



GYBING AROUND OUR CLUB HOUSE

NEW COOK AT THE CLUB

Dean Betts is our new cook and is offering a variety of awesome meals with fresh baked bread and Jo's amazing home made deserts. Dean had 15 years running a seafood restaurant business in California (the Fish Market Restaurants), then tried a Mexican food restaurant in Auckland but this proved a bit ahead of time, followed by the Anglesea Grill in Ponsonby. Next a jaunt to Aitutaki to open a restaurant there; then the Cusi at Matakana. He has now shifted to Tapeka and cooks on our club nights.

We are changing to a different menu for the summer -- more emphasis on food that is suitable for those warm evenings over the water that we enjoy. Quite a variety in each night's menu to suit most tastes and budgets. Appetisers and snacks in the price range \$6 to \$12, mains in a \$15 to \$22 range. Or pick a couple of appetisers to make up a main meal.

Here are the menus from last [Wednesday](#) and [Friday](#) to give you the picture.

Try it out.

Big thanks to Alice and Nan for cooking on club nights over the last year.

KEEPING OUR LIQUOR LICENCE

Just a reminder that we need to comply with the Club's liquor licence restrictions on the consumption of alcohol at the Club. Otherwise we risk both the Club and Maddy getting

their licences suspended or revoked.

When the bar is open

- only alcohol purchased at the bar can be consumed in the club house and on the jetty and deck (from the top of the pontoon ramp to the bottom of the steps onto the Matauwhi Bay Reserve).
- alcohol purchased at the bar cannot be taken off the premises.
- Well, Tall Ships is a bit different; it has its own special liquor licence.

RACING NEWS



EVENING RACES

Smiles all round, evening racing has started again. Races have been held in three series: Cater Marine Spring Series (3 races so far), Omata Estate Spring Series (2 races so far) and Cater Marine Women's Series (1 race so far).

The first race in the Willis Sails Spring Series? Well that was Friday night with heaps of wind and rain. For some reason there was no interest in racing that night. The next Willis Sails Spring Series race is scheduled for this Friday 28 October.

WEEKEND RACES

The James Wright Scott Cup, race 1 of the 6 race Duke Of Marlborough Hotel weekend series, was held on Sunday 5 October. NW 20 knots, easing over the afternoon. The course was out around Motuterakihi Island, across to Robertson (Motuarohia) Island then back, via Northerns, to Cater's Buoy and on to the finish. Four boats raced, including a new traditional looking but lightweight flyer from Opua Intégrité. The James Wright Scott Cup was won by Caprice. Intégrité won the Tchantia Trophy for line honours. A close race

with less than two minutes between first and fourth on corrected time after roughly 3 hours racing.

The next race in the Duke Of Marlborough Hotel weekend series is the Nine Pin Bird Rock race on Sunday 20 November. This race is also the first race in the three race Opuarua Russell Interclub Series for the season.

RACEBOARD WORLDS

Next month Bruce Trotter is off to Queensland for the Raceboard World Championship. We wish him well, and look forward to the daily race reports.



JUST CRUISIN'

[Send us your cruisin' stories.](#) This month all we have is some cruisin' news from [Yachting New Zealand](#).

FIRST AID

Yachting New Zealand has engaged Dave Austin to undertake a review of the medical kits and will be updating the details in the new Safety Regulations of Sailing 2017 – 2020. Dr Dave who is an extremely accomplished yachtsman (he raced out of Kerikeri) as well as the Director of an Intensive Care Unit.

His recommendations for what you should have in [your first aid kit is here](#), and [some comments on using the first aid kit items is here](#). In developing these lists Dr Dave has assumed that all boats have these multi-purpose items on board so hasn't included them in the first aid kit lists:

- Sun lotion
- Insect repellent (if required)
- Duct tape
- Electrical tape
- Batten material, which may be cut to use as a splint. If not take a "SAM" splint.

The minimum that Dr Dave recommends for a first aid kit for boating around the Bay of Islands is (as well as the above) is the following kept in a watertight container

1. Iodine based cleaning solution, 100ml. Used for cleaning wounds. May be used in eyes, ears, mouth etc. (Chlorhexidine recommended if allergic to iodine).
2. Band-Aids x 20.
3. Elastoplast fabric dressing, 1 metre. Use for larger wounds than a band-aid will cover. Cut to length.
4. "Emergency Bandage", 10cm wide, 1. Used for large, vigorously bleeding wounds. May be tightened and used as

a tourniquet as required. [Watch video on how to use](#) prior to departure. As with ALL bandages, check blood flow to fingers/toes below bandage. It may require loosening as bleeding settles.

5. Paracetamol 500mg x 20, a simple pain reliever. Avoid if you have liver or kidney disease.
6. Aspirin 300mg x 20, a simple pain reliever. Also used in suspected heart attack. Avoid if you have a bleeding disorder, stomach ulcer or asthma.

SIMON WILLIS WINS 2016 YACHTING NEW ZEALAND CRUISING AWARD

Well known Bay of Islands sailor Simon Willis won this year's Yachting New Zealand Cruising Award for his action packed voyage across to Chile and on up to the Caribbean. A pitch pole near the Falklands, and a stroke while single handing from Punte del Este to Grenada (he completed that voyage). Read more about it, and admire the photo of his Spencer designed yacht, [here](#).

CLUB MAINTENANCE

As you know we closed the club house in July for maintenance -- some of it urgent. What was done, what else needs doing?

The deck This was closed in early June after an engineer inspected. Jay Howell and Christine Hall, helped by Justin Stewart and others, spent much of July putting in new piles, bearers and joists to make the structure safe. An interesting trick to prevent worm attack on the wooden piles is that plastic sleeves were placed over the piles and concreted in at the bottom. The water trapped between the wooden pile and the plastic sleeve isn't a good place for toredo worms.

Women's toilet Tonch and Simon replaced the floor in the toilet stalls -- the floor joists has rotted. And the toilet was repainted a nice cheery pearl lustre white by Trevor. Thanks to Nev Campbell of Nev Campbell Resene Colour Shop for the reduced price for the paint.

Steps from the reserve Have you noticed how much more solid and non-slip the steps are since Christine Hall reinforced them and put better non-skid material on the steps?

Thanks to everyone who helped during our successful July closure.

Next on the list We still have some piles that need replacing or reinforcing under the club house. At least nine of the piles under the kitchen are rotting at the base. These will be fixed in place over the next few months; with large sleeves placed around each pile, reinforcing rods placed in the sleeves, which will be filled with concrete.

There is also one pile on the pontoon and two other piles that will be replaced next time the pile driving barge is in Matauwhi Bay.

Projects being considered for next winter include continuing sub-floor maintenance, revamping the entrance, and some refurbishment of the main part of the club house.

HISTORY CORNER

Looking at the race series results for the 1977-78 season, and our launch race trophy.

FINALLY -- THE RESULTS OF THE 1977-1978 RACE SERIES

The 1977-78 race series was seven races between September 18 and May 21, with the worst result being dropped for the series. Eighteen boats were in the series -- better than we can manage now.

How many remember these boat and skipper's surnames given in order series place order?

Waitoa, Hill; *Autumn*, Bulkeley; *Valkyrie*, Church; *Kumara*, Moffatt; *Frolic*, McKenzie; *Rosemary*, Laurenson; *Kohara*, Symonds; *Greyhound*, Crooks; *Boojum*, Pye; *Jaeger IV*, Rixon; *Winifred*, Pettit; *Hope*, Wright. Also in races in the series were *Pieces of Eight*, Chandler; *Nunki*, Keith; *Quest V*, Grass; *Celox*, Ellis; *Fiona*, Fisher.

The highest handicap was that of *Greyhound* (0.834); the lowest was *Hope* at 0.600.

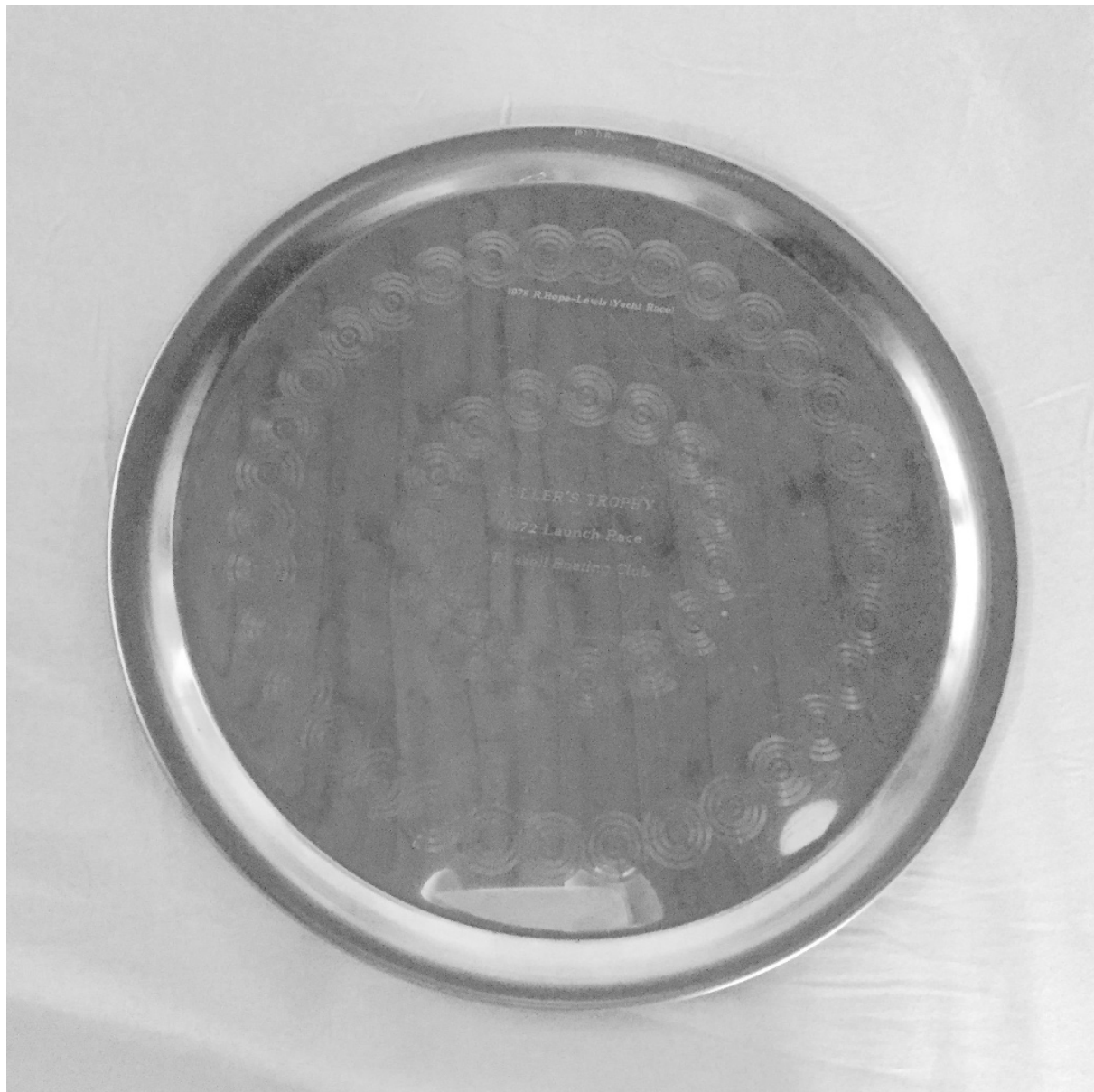
How many of these boats are in photographs around the walls of the clubhouse?
Anyone got any good stories about any of these boats or skippers?

THE FULLER'S TROPHY FOR 1972 LAUNCH RACE

This is a tray donated to the Boating Club when it started in 1972 for a launch race. See what it looks like below.

It looks like the trophy has been awarded for a launch race just five times -- 1972 B Baker, 1973 J Laidlaw, 1974 L Anderson, 1975 L Anderson, 1992 M V Margaret Anne. With a cheeky engraving on it "1978 R Hope-Lewis (Yacht Race)".

Is it time to revive this trophy?



THE DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

In the last couple of months the the Northland Regional Council has been seeking comments on its draft Regional Plan. This plan includes rules about boats, jetties, mooring and marinas.

Your Committee reviewed the draft Plan and made brief comments about the proposal to extend the Matauwhi Bay mooring area further out to the south. The comments pointed out that extending the mooring area out further would push anchoring out into more exposed waters, and would encroach into the waters regularly used for yacht racing. More moorings in Matauwhi Bay would also increase the pressure on the pontoon, jetty and limited toilet and shower facilities the Club offers.

One promising rule in the draft Regional Plan would allow in-water cleaning of hulls as a permitted activity.

What happens next? The Regional Council will review all the comments received, modify their draft Regional Plan as they see fit, then notify it for submissions and hearings.

LETTERS TO MAINSHEET

Got some comments or suggestions or recollections you want to share? Send your letters to info@russellboatingclub.org.nz or leave them at the bar.

This is a new section in our *Mainsheet*.

Let's hear from you.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Our club house is a great venue to rent for parties, weddings, anniversaries. If you are interested in renting it. Here is [a form setting out the terms and conditions](#).

We offer a **CLASSIFIED AD SERVICE** for members wanting to buy or sell or rent anything nautical. Cost \$5 for up to 30 words, \$10 for 31-50 words. Images extra. For enquiries or to place an ad in the next Mainsheet email info@russellboatingclub.org.nz

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