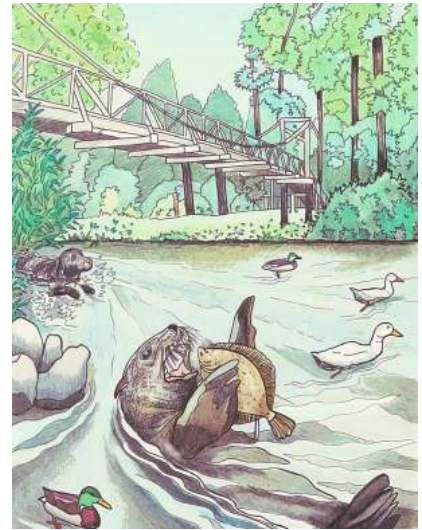


Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat--



Time to look at purchasing, some if not all of my children's stories featuring Sammy the seals adventures around the Waikanae Estuary Scientific reserve and lagoons. It is a must for parents and grandparents to teach the children the birdlife that frequents all the wetlands and estuaries in New Zealand.



Illustrations by Local artist Vanessa Owens

Children's Book launch

My third book in the Sammy the seal series will be launched on the 15th September 2018 at Susie Mill's law office Aputa House Waikanae [Countdown car park] the fourth one in the series will be available in time for Christmas.

These books are selling very well with some going to America, Australia, England and other places. Available at Paper-plus Coastlands and The Bookshelf Waikanae or order through my web page. All my books will be on show at the book launch.

The Cows

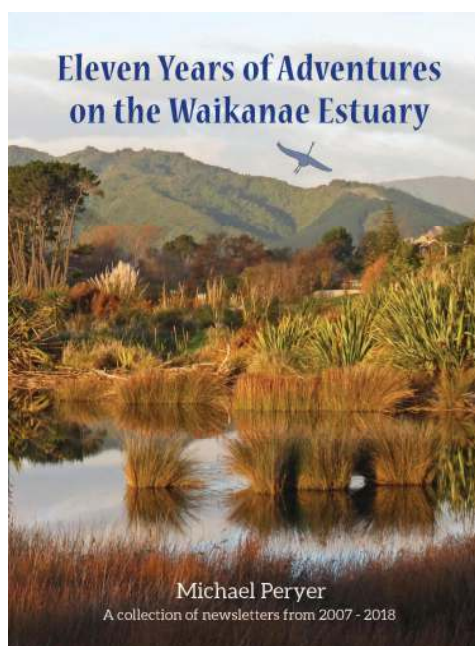
It was a dark and stormy night--the thunder rolled and the heifers took off through the fences -- Where did they come from? Where did they end-up?



If your children enjoyed my Sammy the Seal books they are going to love the story of the lost herd of cows that ended up at the Waikanae Estuary. This book will also be available for Christmas and can be pre-ordered. Another true Estuary story!

Newsletters

Eleven years of Adventures on the Waikanae Estuary



I have been very busy and have published all my newsletters into one large book with 276 pages. This has become, by default, a history of the Waikanae Estuary Scientific Reserve and I dare to say no one has documented an estuary anywhere in the country, as I have for eleven years with true tales every month.

As this book was very expensive to produce with all the photographs accompanying the stories. I decided to print twenty to test the market. However Sean from Precise Print gave me a draught of the book held together with a large bulldog clip holding all the pages together and off I went selling. After getting firm orders for seventy I decided to print ninety which soon sold out with people wanting to pay the extra for a hard covered book. So we produced another twenty with hard covers at an

additional forty dollars on top of the eighty eight dollar cost of the book-- these also sold out.

Auckland University contacted me and ordered five of the *Eleven Years of Adventures* books. Te Papa also ordered one as has Kapiti College with the local library taking five and I have sent hard covered books to California and Australia. Auckland University also ordered three each of the three *Sammy the seal* books and three of my *Whatever Next* book.

Springtime

Well I had better get on with my newsletter proper with not much to report apart from the birds all being very busy nesting or getting ready to nest. The mallard and the shoveler ducks along with the scaup will be producing young any day now and our eight cygnets are looking very healthy. The shags are busy, bringing twigs and other building material from the river to their nest in the shag tree. When you go over the little steel foot bridge on the northern Waimanu lagoon you may find two very immature pied shags either on the bridge hand rails or on a branch at the waters edge. With a fluttering run with feet working hard they will take off across the water to get out of your way. Just adjacent to the weir and the fish by pass you will find the little dabchicks they have taken a liking to this area, feeding in both lagoon and on the outlet side. The kingfisher also likes to do its fishing in this area much to the delight of the photographers! the kingfishers put on a show from the drift wood perch installed for their benefit.

Mik Peryer the Birdman of Waikanae
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