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"It's OK to not be OK"

"It's OK to not be OK." That's the message from Kawakawa Bay resident Jessica Carlin, who is on a mission to raise awareness and encourage people to talk about depression and anxiety after losing her 26-year-old brother Sam to suicide last year.

21-year-old Jessica and her cousin Laine Yeager recently raised over \$2,500 for the Mental Health Foundation when they competed in Lugtons' Round the Bridges 12km race in Hamilton.

"The reason for taking part in the race was solely to focus on raising suicide awareness and suicide prevention," says Jessica.

"I think it is important to raise awareness for this cause because individuals should be able to express their emotions and understand that it is OK to not be OK, especially males."

Jessica shared her experience of losing Sam with Waikato radio station *The Hits*, saying: "Sam was the most kindest, caring person ever. He had a battle with depression for about eight years, on and off. He wanted to get better, he wanted to help himself - and he really tried. But obviously the depression got to him, and in a split decision he decided he didn't want to walk on this earth with us any more."

"The impact of that is just insane. So everything I do now, I want to make a change for people who are going through depression."

"Sam and I were best friends. When we moved out of home we lived together. He was literally always there for me whenever I needed him. I'd just call him and he'd be there. We had a really good brother-sister bond, and it just sucks that he's now not here."

Jessica's cousin Laine, who also took part in the Round the Bridges race, was also close to Sam. Jessica says they have a big, close-knit family, and that Sam's passing has been extremely hard on everyone. "Laine has been my rock through this, but it's taken a toll on her as well. The impact that this has had on my family and I is so horrible and heart-



Laine Yeager (left) and Jessica Carlin raise awareness of suicide at the recent Round the Bridges race in Hamilton.

breaking and I don't want any other families to have to go through this. But unfortunately it is happening, so I want to do as much as I can to make a change. I would do anything to have him back."

For Jessica, the recent fundraising event was just a start. She hopes to eventually start her own fundraiser, and go into high

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by Orere Community and Boating Club member Tim Greene

This weekend marks the close of spring and the arrival of summer, and how welcome this summer will be. After the year we have all endured, a long laid-back summer could be just what the doctor ordered for a Covid-weary populous.

We are learning how to live with the threat and restrictiveness from Covid. We know more about it than we did in March and if we continue to take what steps we can to mitigate it, the vast majority of us will be fine.

The biggest Covid casualties are the tourism and hospitality industries, both ironically marked by their low pay and high reliance on cheap labour from offshore. A summer where we can move with freedom gives us a chance to steer some needed dollars into both.

Summer is really the time to get out and about and to enjoy the bounty and beauty we have in abundance in New Zealand. However for seaside communities within an easy drive from Auckland, this can be very much a two-edged sword.

Each weekend and over holiday periods, coastal communities such as Kawakawa Bay and Orere Point find themselves transformed into campgrounds for Aucklanders.

Safe and attractive beaches are an understandable drawcard for families and groups, and most locals get that.

If you've seen the row of overnight campsites on a busy weekend at Kawakawa Bay's Whitford Point though, or had to move campers and then their wedges of used toilet paper from the beach reserve in order to set up an event, you might start to understand the other side of that sword for locals.

Camping anywhere you like is a bit of a Kiwi thing, part of the national folklore and dream. The 'anywhere you like' part was opened right up in 2011 with the Freedom Camping Act, a hasty bit of legislation designed to give Rugby World Cup visitors free run of the country in their camper vans.

While Auckland Council is supportive of smaller communities, the camp-anywhere thing looks to have gotten away on them. They appear loath or slow to apply any of the number of bylaws they actually have available with which they could potentially try to control free camping in the region, but perhaps things may be changing.

A new initiative in the early stages of being worked up by the Council and NZ Police is looking to turn around the attitude that says it is ok to pitch your tent anywhere you wish. It's welcome and the

parties are optimistic that these learned attitudes and behaviours can be slowly turned around.

Just as camping may be a Kiwi virtue, so too is respect for fellow Kiwis. Coastal communities respect and welcome our visitors, but simply ask for that respect to flow both ways.

Show that respect by maybe not pitching a tent in the middle of community beachfront facilities when there's a campground a hundred metres away. These are residential areas, not in the bush. Use the toilets at these beaches and leave the bushes for the dogs you're keeping well controlled.

Maybe don't treat the beaches with swimmers, walkers and families as roads. They're not. Auckland Council bylaws allow driving only on Muriwai or Kariotahi beaches.

Please take what you can of your rubbish home too as we too frequently end up with way more left behind than the bins can cope with.

Enjoy the summer. Enjoy our beaches and the beauty of the region. Have fun, be safe, but please, respect the people who live where you are playing, and who will be there tomorrow.

"It's OK to not be OK," says suicide awareness campaigner



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schools and universities to talk to young males specifically, sharing the message that 'if you're not feeling ok, that's ok.'

"These people feel like they're a burden, there are so many people feeling like that. If we can just be a bit kinder, you never know what someone is dealing with. If we can ask 'are you ok?', and get an honest answer, that would be amazing.

"Depression and anxiety is a topic that is swept under the carpet. We should be able to talk about it. Everyone is doing the best they can with what they have.

Left: Jessica with brother Sam Carlin

Kindness and open discussion is what we need right now for individuals to be there for each other."

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New water filling station for the Pohutukawa Coast

Watercare's recent announcement that they will open three new water filling stations in Albany, Huapai and Orewa this summer prompted the question - what about the Pohutukawa Coast?

Watercare says it will not set up a filling station in the Beachlands-Maraetai area this summer because a private business is working on plans to provide a filling station outside the Beachlands Quarry.

Manukau Quarries is working with Healthy Waters, Watercare, Auckland Transport and the Franklin Local Board to progress plans to pipe water from its local bore to a filling station, which is proposed to be sited in the lay-by outside the Beachlands Quarry.

If approved, the new filling station will be good news for local water carrier businesses which are presently heavily reliant on Watercare's East Auckland filling station. Less travel time to a potable water supply will also mean decreased waiting time for customers.

Price increase on the cards

Water carrier businesses using Watercare filling stations will pay more for water from 1 March next year. Watercare says the price for water will increase from \$1.386 to \$3.90 + GST per 1,000 litres.

"These changes allow us to provide a fit-for-purpose service while ensuring our connected customers are not unduly subsidising rural and coastal communities," says Watercare chief customer officer Amanda Singleton.

"The costs of our filling stations have been heavily subsidised for some time, so the price increase is about recovering the true cost of providing this service. It means the cost of 10,000 litres of water at our filling stations will increase from \$13.86 to \$39 + GST from 1 March 2021."

The price increase means that the cost to fill a standard 10,000 litre water tank carrier will increase from \$13.86 to \$39 + GST.

Chantel Robinson from Coastline Water Carriers says that while the cost increase is substantial from a percentage standpoint, her Maraetai based business hopes to minimise any cost increase to customers. "The physical water 'cost' only makes up a very small portion of the overall cost of doing business in our industry," says Chantel. "Staff, equipment, maintenance, fuel and Road User Charges are far bigger costs that we incur. We have invested in larger trucks/tankers and late model equipment to maximize our efficiency. Whilst no business likes to see its costs increase we are also well aware of the need to invest in core infrastructure, and only

hope the additional revenue that Watercare will receive will be spent wisely and in a manner that benefits the ratepayers of Auckland."

Watercare is urging all customers with rain tanks to weigh up the options available to them this summer to ensure their water supply is resilient.

"We want all Aucklanders to have a safe and resilient water supply, and that includes our rural and coastal communities who primarily rely on rain tanks," says Amanda Singleton.

"If you've rarely needed water top-ups you may be happy to keep your existing tank and be prepared to order a water delivery as needed."

"Another option to consider is increasing your storage capacity by installing another rain tank."

Auckland Council recommends households not connected to the water network have enough storage to last at least two months. For a household of three people or more, the council recommends a minimum of 30,000 to 50,000 litres of water storage.

Brigade plans lolly run

Beachlands Volunteer Fire Brigade will carry out its traditional lolly run on Sunday 13 December, starting at 3pm.

The brigade will travel around local roads, running alongside their fire appliances handing out lollies as a thank you for the community's continued support during the year.

See their Facebook page for more information and the roads they will be traveling.

High school meeting

Pohutukawa Coast residents are invited to attend a meeting at Beachlands School on Wednesday 9 December at 7.30pm to hear how progress is being made on a campaign to secure a secondary school for the area.



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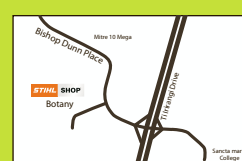
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Progress slow on Clevedon subdivisions

Thanks to Covid-19 and the delayed installation of water and wastewater infrastructure in Clevedon village, major developments sitting in the pipeline for Clevedon have made slow progress this year.

Outside of the four main developments which will transform Clevedon over the coming years, a number of smaller blocks have been subdivided, with new homes already being built.

Progress among the four main developments varies, as follows:

Clevedon North

After coming to an agreement with other parties at an Environment Court conference earlier this year, Clevedon North (adjacent to Clevedon Scenic Reserve) has ploughed ahead with its site development and infrastructure. New road names have been assigned, and house and land packages are currently being marketed by GJ Gardener and Stonewood Homes.

Glencairn

Developer Chris Jones says his business has lodged an earthworks consent for the Glencairn development (east of Clevedon Village main street), which if approved could be carried out over summer.

Glencairn is also in the midst of designing its first stage of 10 houses, with hopes of commencing construction late summer.

Chris says his company plans to apply for an increased density of housing to be built on the land.

“Ultimately we have expectation to build circa 150 houses and are planning some densification which will have planning hurdles.

“Obviously Clevedon is going to go through pretty dramatic change and probably the population will quadruple over the next 10 years. A number of people will not be happy with this but I am confident that the expansion can occur without the loss of the community spirit because I believe the new people will want to come to Clevedon for its present attributes.”

North Road canal development

The proposed canal development on North Road is not dead in the water, although Southside Developments (which progressed the last application) has stepped away from the venture. With the land now owned by a new partnership, and Auckland Council’s Unitary Plan zoning the area as suitable for canal housing, there is still a real chance that a canal-style village with around 300 homes could gain council approval in future.

Conmara

Jim Ross, whose company Karaka Harbourside Estate Ltd owns the sizeable block of land located west of the village (known as Conmara), says a resource consent application to subdivide the land is still before Auckland Council.

Acorn Parish Holdings (APH)

The *PC Times* contacted APH for an update, but has not yet received a response.

Free bait and trap day for Brookby, Alfriston, Clevedon residents

South-East Wildlink (SEW) would like to invite residents of the wildlink area - between Totara Park and Clevedon Scenic Reserve - to register for its free toxin bait and pest animal trap event.

The purpose is to resource and support landowners in the Wildlink to undertake pest animal control on their properties.

Advice will be available for the best control methods for the pest animal species you want to target on your property.

Free traps and toxin bait will be available. In return participating landowners

will need to register their property details, provide basic details of their pest control (ie type of bait and traps received) and agree to provide regular updates to (SEW) on the success of their pest control.

South Auckland Forest and Bird is holding a free pest animal trap and toxin bait day on Sunday 6 December, from 2-3pm at Pointways Pony Club, 1424 Alfriston Rd, Alfriston.

Please register by Friday 4 Dec by emailing n.harrison@forestandbird.org.nz

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Council builds boardwalk at Platts Mills Reserve



The new boardwalk at Platts Mills Reserve in Maraetai will make crossing the boggy entrance to the reserve much more pleasant.



New stairs will help protect kauri trees within the reserve.

Auckland Council has nearly completed the new boardwalk at the entrance to Maraetai’s Platts Mills Reserve.

The track on the right hand side of the reserve also has new stairs which will bypass the kauri trees located on the right hand side of the reserve, protecting the trees from threat of kauri dieback disease.

The boardwalk will also provide visitors with dry footing at the entrance to the reserve, which gets very muddy underfoot during wet weather.

The Friends of Platts Mills Reserve say they plan to plant the area surrounding the boardwalk next winter.

The new boardwalk is being funded from Auckland Council’s Kauri Dieback response budget.

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Young trapper puts a dent in Ness Valley pest populations

Predator Free 2050 was always an ambitious goal, but one young Ness Valley resident is determined to make it a reality.

12-year-old Hugo McPhail is the youngest registered member of Friends of Te Wairoa's trapping community.

Hugo's interest in trapping started when a school research project made him aware of the impact of pests on native bird populations. He decided to dive in and make a difference.

Since July 2019, Hugo has trapped more than 80 rats and 12 possums at his family's 12-acre Ness Valley property and another property in the Clevedon area.

His pest control efforts even caught the attention of radio presenter Jesse Mulligan late last year.

"I've learnt so much more about how the rats impact our environment and I'm so glad I'm getting so many... I took mum to check the traps the other day and two rats ran across her feet so there's plenty more to get. We still haven't caught the biggest rat, 'Lanky Phil'. We think we have caught him twice but he keeps getting out... the hunt continues. He'll trip up one day!"

Hugo has taken his trapping skills to school, with permission from principal Julie Schumacher. First he had to demonstrate how he would trap pests, and what practices he would use to keep other children safe. Since he started trapping at school fewer rats have been caught, suggesting Hugo's efforts are making a difference, although trapping efforts have been somewhat thwarted this year by Covid-19 lockdowns.

Hugo and his father have set up a bait line around the edge of the native bush at their home, helped by traps and bait stations supplied by Friends of Te Wairoa.

Hugo's interest in native wildlife has recently extended to monitoring Ness Valley's resident native bat population.

Bat expert Ben Paris gave a talk at the recent Friends of Te Wairoa AGM, and told the group that the long tailed bat - listed as 'Threatened - Nationally Critical' - has an established population in the Hunua Ranges. Monitoring the bats is an important part of understanding more about where they feed and roost, with private property owners like Hugo playing a large role in locating the bats with specialised bat detectors.

Friends of Te Wairoa spokesperson Lenny van Heugten says: "You can't help but smile and admire Hugo's endless enthusiasm for pest control and our native biodiversity. We can all use some motivation sometimes, as it seems such an overwhelming, never-ending task. Predator Free 2050 is still 30 years away, and when you think about it like that, you begin to realise that it is the younger generation that will be completing the task that we have begun."

Other local landowners are encouraged to join Hugo in monitoring long tailed bats. Email Ben Paris' 'bat detector community' at biodiversity@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz to find out about borrowing a bat detector.

For further information about Friends of Te Wairoa, look them up on Facebook.

Right: Hugo McPhail, pest trapper extraordinaire.



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Hunua Principals' Association celebrates cultural diversity



Maraetai Beach School's Kapa Haka group performs at the Hunua Principals' Association cultural festival.

Over 300 primary and intermediate aged students came together to perform at the first Hunua Principals' Association (HPA) Cultural Festival on Friday 20 November.

The event was hosted by Karaka School and involved schools from Maraetai Beach, Brookby, Clevedon, Ramarama, Alfriston, Ardmore, Ararimu, Drury and Karaka.

The event was an opportunity for schools in the Hunua learning cluster to come together and celebrate different cultures through dance.

Maraetai Beach School principal Mark Keenan says: "It was also a wonderful opportunity for the children to perform after the year we have had. As a principal group we felt this was really important for our children."

Schools with Kapa Haka groups performed both waiata and haka.

Next year's festival will be hosted by Maraetai Beach School.

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Urban East – Your East Auckland Feature

Howick Little Theatre announces productions for 2021

- by *Howick Little Theatre*

There's variety aplenty in Howick Little Theatre's recently announced 2021 season of plays.

First up is a modern comedy called *The House*, by US playwright Brian Parks. His work features fast-paced, subversive humour with a surreal twist. The set-

up will be familiar to many: the selling of a beloved family home. Having decided to downsize, dentist Martyn Redmond and his wife Shanny have just sold their house. Professional couple the Libetts seemed the perfect buyers, people who would respect the Redmonds' home of 20 years. But trouble begins when the Redmonds explain why they love their home the way it is.

This is followed by a psychological thriller based on UK author Paula Hawkins's best-selling novel *The Girl on the Train*. The story centres on Rachel Watson, an unhappy woman who longs for a different life ... her only escape is the perfect couple she watches through her train window, happy and in love. Or so it appears. When Rachel learns the woman she's been secretly watching has suddenly disappeared, she finds herself caught up in a thrilling mystery.

Californian playwright Mark Smith's *The Viewing Room* opens in July. The play revolves around patriarch Chester Dumbrosky who, driven by his failure to communicate when alive, has decided to "return" on the day of his wake to make amends to his family. Understandably, they have mixed emotions about this,

but there are lots of laughs as they try to heal old wounds.

Opening in September is a Gothic romance that enthralled readers when Daphne du Maurier first published it as a novel in 1951. *My Cousin Rachel* features the alluring Countess Sangalotti, who travels from Florence to the Ashley Estate in Cornwall after her husband dies. Her presence arouses suspicions and desires, not least in Philip, her hus-

band's ward and the heir to the Ashley home.

In November, we meet happy empty-nesters Sam and Hilda Fluck, who are enjoying life on their own. But their peaceful home turns to chaos when their unemployed son and newly-single daughter return unexpectedly. *Hilda's Yard* by Canada's king of comedy, Norm Foster, is a hilarious play set in the swinging 60s.



Recent production of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'.

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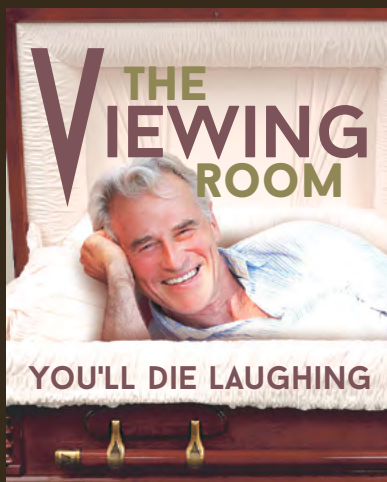
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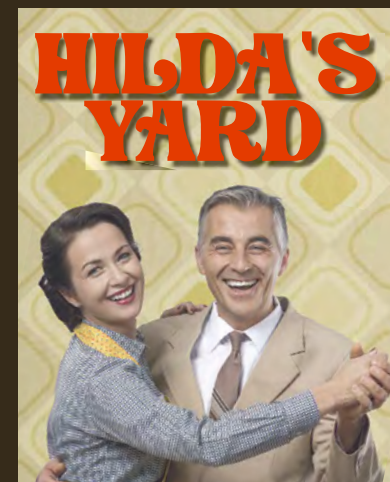
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JULY 10 TO 31



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Shining a Ray of local light

The Ray White team is calling on the local community to embrace the giving season and dig deep for families who need it most, as this week heralds the beginning of Ray White's 'A little Ray of Giving' campaign.

"We need to dig really deep this year for those families who are less fortunate," says business owner Brie Bignell. "This is the sixth year that we've run 'A little Ray of Giving' and we want 2020 to be our biggest year yet."

This year's campaign sees Ray White Beachlands partner for the first time with the Takutai Charitable Trust which governs Coastal Treasures and Takutai Foodbank. Together they will help local people who may need a little extra light in their festive season.

"When you see our Christmas tree go up on 1 December, we urge everyone who is able to bring in something that will add value to the Takutai Trust's Christmas drive, which amongst other things is to provide Christmas treat hampers to locals in need," says Brie.

The Christmas treat hampers will supplement the basic grocery parcels provided by the Takutai Charitable Trust. Donations can include anything from a packet of biscuits, chocolates, lollies, chips, Christmas cakes, nice toiletries, to vouchers for Countdown or fuel, or vouchers for treats like cinema, meals, or even a cup of coffee. Brie says it would be even better

if people could buy the goods from local businesses.

"The gift drive is a way to help put a smile on the face of anyone who may need some extra cheer at this time of year – and since 2020 has hit hard on so many, we think that keeping it local this year is appropriate.

"All you need to do is come along to our office and drop your gift under the tree at reception," says Brie.

Takutai Charitable Trust trustee Stephanie Pollard says there is a need for donations locally. "It often goes unnoticed out here, but believe me, there are a lot of Pohutukawa Coast families in need this year. We have seen a significant increase in those needing help during this hard year and we know that many of those needing a hand find it hard to ask for help".

Ray White Beachlands, located on the corner of Wakelin Road and Second View Avenue, will have their special giving tree in their front window and will be collecting gifts from 1 December until close of business on 18 December.



Coastal Cat Rescue 'Cat of the Month'

Cute little Dexter will soon be ready for his forever home. This gorgeous kitten and his litter mates were surrendered to Coastal Cat Rescue when they were 5 weeks old. He is thriving in his foster home and is a little ball of confidence!

Dexter is a cuddle bug who loves to sit on your lap and purrs away while enjoying all the attention he can get. His favourite game is chasing ping pong balls - until he's ready for his afternoon snuggles. He has also gained the nickname Chunky Monkey from his love of mealtimes.

Dexter will be neutered, microchipped, have had his first vaccine and will have been flea and worm treated. An adoption fee applies and allows us to continue to rescue more kittens and cats like Dexter. Please visit our Facebook group, Coastal Cat Rescue, or text and leave a message on 028 4200124 if you would like to visit Dexter or see the other lovely cats and kittens we have available for adoption.



Notice to people with rain tanks

On 1 March 2021, the amount private water carriers pay to fill up their tankers with water at our filling stations will increase.

Current price:

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New price:

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This means the cost to fill a tanker with 10,000 litres of water will rise by around \$25, from \$13.86 to \$39.00 (+GST).

The new charge better reflects the cost of providing water at filling stations – a service which has been heavily subsidised for many years. It's being applied after the summer peak to reduce pressure on rural and coastal communities, giving people time to learn about the change. This summer, we are opening three additional filling stations to help water carriers serve their customers in a timely manner.

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This column features news, views and literary talents of students from Beachlands, Maraetai, Clevedon, Brookby, Hunua, Paparimu, Orere and Ardmore Schools.

One student featured each week will be selected to receive a \$20 book voucher, thanks to Barfoot & Thompson's Beachlands and Whitford branches.

I heard the crashing waves booming together as they hit the shore. I saw red and yellow star fish clinging on to the rocks. I smelt the salty ocean breeze flying past me. I felt excited to run into the booming sea. I wondered if there were mermaids in the big wide blue ocean!

- by Lilly Ward, Year 2, Room 2, Brookby School



Artwork: Ash Gribble, Year 5, Brookby School

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Foodie Guide

Four scrumptious summer sweetcorn recipes

- by Foodbox.co.nz

Sweetcorn Pops

2 sweetcorn
1 Tbsp cooking oil
3 Tbsp sake
1/2 cup of soy sauce
4 Tbsp mirin
2 tsp brown sugar
1 Tbsp cornflour
Sesame seeds

1. Microwave corn in leaves for 5 minutes
2. In a fry pan, fry corn in oil for 1-2 minutes, turn continuously until brown, cut corn.
3. Push in sticks & dip in sesame seeds
4. Meanwhile add sauce ingredients to a pot, stir continuously over medium heat until sauce thickens.
5. Serve like the picture.

Caramelised Sweetcorn

2 sweetcorn
50g butter
1/2 onion diced
1 Tbsp sugar
1 tsp nutmeg

1. Remove corn kernels
2. In a pot melt butter and fry onion for 2-3 minutes until browned.
3. Add corn kernels, sugar and nutmeg and fry for a further 5 minutes, stirring continuously until crisp. Delicious served with anything Mexican.

Tuna Sweetcorn Mayonnaise

1 sweetcorn
3 Tbsp mayonnaise
95g tinned tuna
A pinch of white pepper
Salt to taste

1. Mix everything together and serve in white or wholemeal bread, or buns. Tip: Serve with green salad veges e.g. cucumber and lettuce.

Fresh Sweetcorn Salsa

1 sweetcorn
2 fresh tomatoes
optional extras: lime or lemon juice, coriander, red capsicum, red onion

1. Dice everything into kernel sized pieces, toss and serve.
2. Include it as part of a Mexican sharing platter with avocado, wraps and BBQ chicken.



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Weekly events

MONDAY

- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am \$5 Te Puru Centre.
- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 7.30-9pm, Te Puru Centre, \$5. Ph:536 5360.
- **ST JOHNS YOUTH:** 6-7.30pm, St Hilda's Church, Wakelin Road.
- **CASUAL TABLE TENNIS:** 7.30-9pm. Te Puru, \$5.
- **SOCIAL TENNIS:** Adults beginners/intermediate 7-9pm Te Puru. Linda 021 1253 964.

TUESDAY

- **COASTAL PLAYGROUP** 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. 9am-12pm. Bubs till 5 yrs. Sarah 022 082 6432.
- **COFFEE & KIDS** 9.30-11am, Beachlands Baptist Church, playgroup, refreshments, home baking.
- **KOKAKO VOLUNTEER DAY:** 8.15am-3.30pm, Northern Hunua Ranges. Kuruho 021 596 653.
- **RUMMIKUB** 1-4pm, Te Puru Centre \$2. Bernadette 021 170 9350.
- **NATTER N STITCH** 12-3pm, Log Cabin, Sunkist Bay. Lynn 027 507 7200 or Gill 021 204 6647
- **MARAETAI (LAWN) BOWLING CLUB:** 1pm, Te Pene Road. Tues, Thurs, Sat. Derek 536 4626.
- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 9.30-10.30am, Te Puru Centre, FREE.
- **BASKETBALL:** All ages, Te Puru Centre. Email pcbasketballclub@gmail.com. 027 775 5320.
- **MEN'S AND INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LADIES TENNIS:** 7-9pm, Te Puru. Stephen 021 217 7587
- **HOUSIE/BINGO** 7.30pm, Beachlands Chartered Club, \$15. Ph: 536 6233.
- **THE POHUTUKAWA COAST CHOIR:** 7-9pm, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Sue 022 415 6897.

WEDNESDAY

- **JP SERVICE:** 5.00-6.30pm, Beachlands Medical Centre, upstairs, PC Shopping Centre.
- **COASTAL MAINLY MUSIC** 9am-12pm, for 0-5yrs, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Sarah 022 082 6432.
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am \$5 Te Puru Centre First Wednesday of the month BYO plate for coffee after.
- **SENIOR SPORTS:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru Centre. All welcome. FREE.
- **SENIOR STRETCH AND STRENGTH:** 1-2pm, Te Puru centre, \$2.
- **PEST CONTROL DAY:** Southern Hunua Ranges, Kuruho 021 596 653.
- **MASTERS SWIMMING:** Wed/Sat, carpool from Bchlds-Mtai. president@manukaumasters.co.nz.
- **"CREATIVE WINGS" ART FOR SENIORS:** 10am-12pm, St Hilda's Church, Beachlands. Call 536 6124 if you would like transport.
- **PLAYING WITH MUSIC** 10.30am. The Cottage, Kawakawa Bay, Rhiannon 021 132 2412.
- **KAWAKAWA BAY CRAFTERS** Kawakawa Bay Hall, 10am-12pm. 292 2666.
- **MANCAVE** 12.30-1.30pm. Shared BYO lunch for retired men. Beachlands Baptist, 536 6360.
- **CLEVEDON FIRESIDE BRIDGE CLUB:** 10.15am, Clevedon Anglican. Lessons avail. Pauline 299 7433.
- **MARAETAI BEACH INDOOR BOWLING CLUB:** 7pm, Maraetai Hall, Rewa Rd. Gae 027 676 6473.
- **WRIGGLE & RHYME FOR 0-2 YEARS:** Fortnightly at Maraetai or Beachlands rural libraries.
- **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB:** 7.30-9.30pm, Hillpark Primary School Hall. Heather 267 6375.
- **MAHJONG:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru, \$2.
- **QUIZ NIGHT:** 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6, \$5pp Every second week Beachlands Chartered Club 536 6233
- **DANCE IN THE DARK** - 7-8pm, Te Puru Scout Hall, women only, dancenoireast@gmail.com.
- **BADMINTON GAMES:** 8pm, Clevedon Hall, BYO racquet, shuttlecocks provided, \$3. Rebecca 021 1109 675

THURSDAY

- **MAINLY MUSIC.** 9.30am, Beachlands Baptist. Morning tea between sessions. 536 6360.
- **SENIOR EXERCISE:** 9.15am. A gentle exercise program at McNicol Homestead. Cath 021 349 417.
- **GENTLE EXERCISE FUN & FRIENDSHIP FOR SENIORS 65YRS+** \$5 per session 10am-12.00pm St Hilda's Church Hall, Wakelin Road, Beachlands. Contact Christine Bruinsma 021 133 5283.
- **LINE DANCING:** 10-11am, Beachlands Hall, \$5 beginners welcome. Karen 021 213 6020
- **TOY LIBRARY:** Thurs 10am-12pm, Sun 9-10am. 59 Third View Ave. Beachlands. 021 492 325.
- **ADULT GYMNASTICS/FITNESS CLASS:** 11am-1pm FREE Te Puru.
- **KAWAKAWA OREORE YOUTH** 6.30pm, K Bay Hall - FREE for ages 10-18yrs. See Facebook for info.

FRIDAY

- **CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU** 1-3pm. 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month at Bchlands Library. 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month at Maraetai Library. Ph Louise 576 8331. Free, confidential advice on a range of matters.
- **TE WAIROA NURSERY** Potting Bee, 9am-12pm. E: 2jodiem@gmail.com.
- **CLEVEDON ART GROUP** 10am-12pm, McNicol Homestead. Free tuition. Marian 027 296 3827.
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am Te Puru Centre, \$5 Ph 536 5360.
- **COTTAGE CAFE** 10am-12pm, K Bay, 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, free coffee + food, company.
- **BeachUTH:** Youth Group, **Y9-13** 7-10pm, **Y7/8** 6-7pm Beachlands Baptist Church. Lisa 021 068 7300.
- **CYG YOUTH GROUP** for years 9-13. 7.30-9.30pm, Clevedon Hall. Fran 021 326 237.

SATURDAY

- **WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.
- **COMMUNITY TAI-CHI,** 9.30-10.30am, Maraetai School, \$7 (profits go to the school), Stacy 576 3705.

Other events and services

POHUTUKAWA COAST SANTA PARADE AND CHRISTMAS MARKET

5 December, from 3.30pm

CLEVEDON CHRISTMAS PARADE

12 December, 2.30pm

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FREE LEGAL CLINIC - COAST CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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OMANA STAMP CLUB SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 1.30pm at Maraetai Library. David 530 8869 / Graham 536 6958.

POHUTUKAWA COAST TOASTMASTERS 7-9PM EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY Beachlands School Staff Room. pohutukawa@toastmasters.org.nz or Craig 0272866751.

POHUTUKAWA COAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (PCCA) 7.30PM THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, Rowan Muir Community Centre, 211 Maraetai Drive.

POHUTUKAWA COAST COMBINED FRIENDSHIP CLUB

10AM-NOON, SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH at Maraetai Beach Boating Club. Morning tea and speaker. Phone Rhonda 021909724

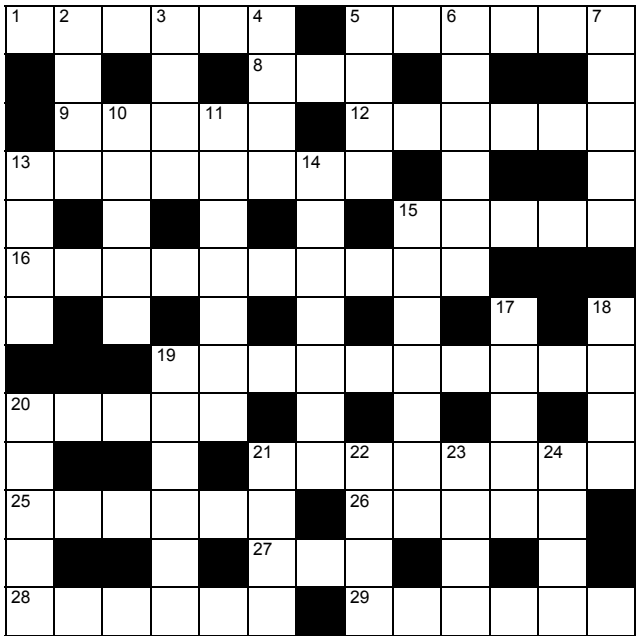
POHUTUKAWA COAST ROTARY

SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6PM, Pepperjacks, Pine Harbour.

COTTAGE CAFE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY EACH MONTH: 10am-12pm Kawakawa Bay Presbyterian Church. Ph: Jan Rouse on 292 2701.

BEACHLANDS/MARAETAI U3A Third Tuesday of each month, 10-12.00pm @ The Clubroom, Te Puru. Monthly speakers, plus special interest groups. Iris 0272 912 439.

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Across

1. Soft felt hat (6)
5. Disguised (6)
8. Charge (3)
9. Up and about (5)
12. Atone (6)
13. Install monarch (8)
15. Inundate (5)
16. Harshly (10)
19. Inexorable (10)
20. Liability (5)
21. Piston chamber (8)
25. Paid male escort (6)
26. Farewell (Fr) (5)
27. Spoil (3)
28. Excellent (6)
29. Supernatural being (6)

Down

2. Style, flair (Fr) (4)
3. Solemn promise (4)
4. Bushy hairdo (4)
5. Mother (Fr) (4)
6. Provide (6)
7. Old-fashioned (5)
10. Strict or severe (5)
11. Annoying (7)
13. Test (4)
14. Something new and interesting (7)
15. Lacking elasticity (7)
17. Tolerate (5)
18. Rip (4)
19. Put upon (6)
20. False (5)
21. Search thoroughly (4)
22. Cooking fat (4)
23. Pleasant (4)
24. Currency (4)

Answers on page 15



BEACHLANDS MEDICAL CENTRE

Christmas 2020/New Year 2021 Holiday Hours

Monday	21 December 2020	OPEN 8.15AM-5PM	
Tuesday	22 December 2020	OPEN 8.15AM-5PM	
Wednesday	23 December 2020	OPEN 8.15AM-5PM	
Thursday	24 December 2020	OPEN 8.15AM-2PM	
Friday	25 December 2020		CLOSED
Saturday	26 December 2020		CLOSED
Sunday	27 December 2020		CLOSED
Monday	28 December 2020		CLOSED
Tuesday	29 December 2020	OPEN 8.15AM-5PM	
Wednesday	30 December 2020	OPEN 8.15AM-5PM	
Thursday	31 December 2020	OPEN 8.15AM-2PM	
Friday	1 January 2021		CLOSED
Saturday	2 January 2021		CLOSED
Sunday	3 January 2021		CLOSED
Monday	4 January 2021		CLOSED
Tuesday	5 January 2021	OPEN 8.15AM-5PM	

NO LATE NIGHTS until Monday 15 February 2021

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Going on Holiday?
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POHUTUKAWA COAST SHOPPING CENTRE

Catch of the Week photo competition

Lynette Syme caught her very first kingfish at Park Point. The fish was cut into steaks - enough to feed 6 families including Lynette's family and neighbours. The kingfish was caught from 'Waikura Lady', skippered by Darryl Syme.

To enter the Catch of the Week photo competition, email your photo and details about your catch (where it was caught, name of the boat, what you did with the fish, plus any other special details) to liz@gasmaraetai.co.nz.

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Right: Lynette Syme with her first kingfish

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