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## Quarry shares expansion plans



An aerial view of Stevenson's Clevedon Quarry on McNicol Road.

Stevenson hosted a quarry open day for invited guests on Friday 20 March to present the company's plans to expand its Clevedon Quarry. This was followed the next day by a community information day, attended by about 40 people, held at the Clevedon Showgrounds.

The McNicol Road site has operated under various ownership since since the late 1970s. It supplies greywacke aggregate used in construction, across various infrastructure, roading and residential projects.

Stevenson has operated the quarry since 2019, following resource consent approval to quarry 3 million tonnes of aggregate per year over 35 years.

Now the company hopes to expand the quarrying area, to extend the life of the quarry to 50 years. Stevenson says there will be no increase in truck movements or hours of operation, and that the consented amount of 3 million tonnes of aggregate per year will remain the same.

"The quarry has been part of the region for over 50 years, and long-term certainty is needed to set the quarry up for

the next 50 years of responsible operation. We will need to significantly invest in the quarry's development and infrastructure to ensure continuing safe operations and effective measures to minimise any potential impacts on our environment and local community," says Stevenson General Manager Ben Hussey.

"It's important to note that Stevenson is not seeking to increase the rate of extraction, nor the number of truck movements to and from the site. The site entrance, use of McNicol Road and the hours of operation will all remain the same as the existing 2018 resource consents."

The expansion would lead to some ecological loss, which Stevenson proposes to mitigate by way of planting throughout the site and along the riparian margins of retained streams.

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# Guest editorial by Takutai Charitable Trust

## Looking ahead to 2026

The start of 2026 has already been a busy and energising time for Takutai Charitable Trust. With the new year underway, our focus has turned to further developing and enhancing our existing community-based initiatives, reviewing our operations and delivering on a range of wellbeing initiatives designed to strengthen connection, resilience and support across our community.

Alongside this forward planning, we've reflected on recent past events, including valuable conversations about the Santa Parade - what worked well, and have given the green light to support the amazing group of volunteers planning for the 2026 version of this much-loved community celebration.

A key priority for the Trust in the coming months is scoping the development of a community-based survey. This will help us better understand the needs, aspirations, and strengths of our community, and clarify the role Takutai Charitable Trust can play in supporting a resilient, supported and well-connected community. Listening to our community is essential as we plan for the future, and this mahi will guide how we shape

our services and partnerships. Please engage with this important work if you are approached, feedback is important to ensure the work we do is relevant.

With the announcement of Jodi Litherland and Sue Denby stepping down from the coordinating roles of the monthly community lunch, the Trust would like to offer support to anyone that would like to step up to help ensure that this valuable community event continues. If you are considering putting your hand up, please reach out to Jodi Litherland on 027 618 8297, she is happy to talk through a handover, and is already suggesting a mid-winter and Christmas lunch... so all is not lost!

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As we move into 2026, we remain committed to working alongside our community to create meaningful opportunities, strong connections, and positive outcomes for all.

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# Bowls Maraetai jacks up coaching with session with Goddard

Last month Bowls Maraetai welcomed one of New Zealand's most accomplished lawn bowlers to their club for four half-day coaching sessions.

Selina Goddard is an elite New Zealand lawn bowler and member of the Blackjacks, and is one of the country's most successful female bowlers of her generation with six New Zealand National Championship titles, two Commonwealth Games medals, three world championship and global event medals, multiple Trans-Tasman and Australian Open titles, and a world number one ranking in 2025.

Club member Ross Peden secured Selina's services, and members enjoyed her expertise on a wide range of topics including training plans and effective drills, implementing training rituals and habits, shot selection and decision-making, understanding team roles, on-green drills, game-day preparation, mental approach, strategy development, and managing changes in rink speed and line. Members also worked through match-play scenarios and team-based exercises.

Ross says the club is very lucky to have a visit from someone of the quality and stature of Selina, and that the sessions were amazing.

Club president Glen Fitzgerald said that club members' competitiveness has increased significantly on the back of internal and external coaching and the

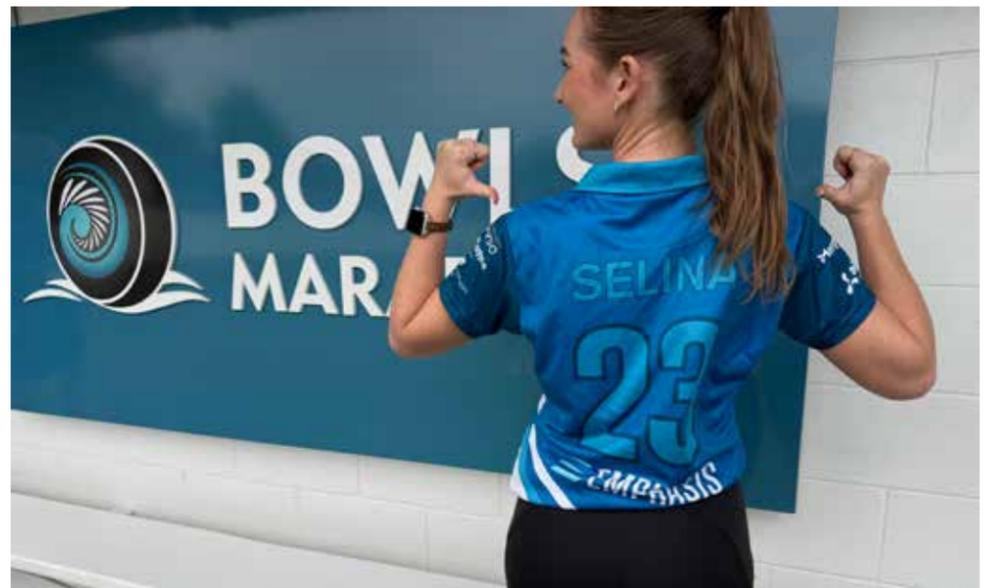
installation of a new fast artificial playing surface. There are also more opportunities to bowl, including socially competitive singles and pairs at Twilight Bowls on Wednesday and Friday evenings, which now run all year round.

As a thank-you, the club presented Selina with a Bowls Maraetai playing shirt personalised with her name and birthday. Selina "simply loved" the club's uniform modern design and said the fact that it's worn at all roll-ups shows a united club.

If you haven't already seen Bowls Maraetai impressive playing kit in person, you might soon. The club is on a journey to be one of the best socially competitive bowling clubs, and its members will soon feature in more official regional events. One of their members was a semi-finalist in the recent 1-5 year Men's singles, and the club will also field representatives across the upcoming Champ-of-Champ events.

**Top right: Blackjack Selina Goddard (fourth from left) pictured with some of the Bowls Maraetai members.**

**Right: Selina models her new Bowls Maraetai playing uniform.**




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# Maraetai mum crosses the line after year-long coastal challenge

Maraetai resident Vivienne Williams and a team of supporters have just completed the equivalent of a swim around Aotearoa.

Prompted by daughter Abbey's diagnosis of ulcerative colitis last year, Vivienne launched a one-year swimming challenge to raise awareness and funds for Crohn's & Colitis NZ. The aim was to collectively swim the length of New Zealand's coastline – 15,134 kilometres – in one calendar year.

"As a parent I felt helpless witnessing my daughter dealing with the symptoms of ulcerative colitis and desperately wanted to do something to help," Vivienne says. "I saw an article on Breakfast TV one

morning about two guys in Christchurch who had swum every single day of the year for one year and that got me thinking."

A former competitive swimmer in her teens, Vivienne decided a swimming challenge could be her way of helping others living with inflammatory bowel disease, while also raising awareness of the condition. Vivienne rallied a team of 114 swimmers who offered to don their swimming caps in support of the cause – most from Auckland, but others from Christchurch, Wellington, Palmerston North, Hawkes Bay and even Greece.

Not all swimmers stayed the distance,



Vivienne Williams (third from left) and her group celebrate the conclusion of their 'swim around Aotearoa' at Maraetai.

but together the group has achieved their goal, completing 15,134 kilometres last weekend.

Abbey has been a constant source of encouragement throughout the year, says Vivienne.

"Abbey has been so supportive of the swim challenge. She has helped spread the word as we have been going along and also recruiting new swimmers to join me."

It wasn't always plain sailing. Winter brought icy conditions, with sea temperatures dropping to 12 degrees. "The brain freeze for the first few minutes of the winter swims was a new experience!" Vivienne laughs. "That said, I also had some of my favourite swims during that time. The cold water becomes quite addictive – I felt I became a cold water junkie."

Joining the local open water group 'At The Buoys', who regularly swim at Maraetai, proved to be a turning point. "I have met so many wonderful new friends and it's swimming with these guys that made the difficult swims more enjoyable and fun."

There were mixed emotions as Vivienne celebrated crossing the finish line in Maraetai last weekend. "I was super excited... but I also feel a bit sad that the challenge has come to an end. But I intend to keep swimming for as long as I will be physically able to."

To date, Vivienne's challenge has raised \$2,660 for Crohn's & Colitis NZ. Donations can still be made via her Givealittle page at: <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/making-a-splash-to-raise-funds-for-crohns>



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# Day on the fairways honours the memory of Bruce Frizzell



Clevedon resident and larger-than-life personality Bruce Frizzell sadly passed away last year, but his love of sport and good times was honoured last Sunday when competitive and social golfers came together to compete at the first Bruce Frizzell Memorial Golf Day at Windross Farm Golf Course.

The 4-man ambrose format attracted entries from 20 teams, with many sharing stories and memories of Bruce throughout the day.

All teams won a prize, with top honours of the day and the golf club trophy going to Team Hacking (Darryl Michaux, Susanne Michaux, Tony Dangerfield and Cameron Lee).

Prizes were also awarded for Straightest Drive (Chris Taylor) and Closest to the Pin (Jane Ritchie - ladies, Glen Goldfinch - men). The day concluded with a BBQ dinner and drinks at Windross. Bruce's wife, Jan, and son, Andrew, thanked the tournament organisers for honouring Bruce's love of the game.

The event was supported by Signature Homes.



Top: Jan and Andrew Frizzell paid tribute to Bruce's love of sport at the first Bruce Frizzell Golf Memorial Day. Above: Rebecca Stirrup (left) and Hugo and Elise MacLean enjoy a day out in the custom Huffer golf cart.

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discuss the proposal with members of the Stevenson team and technical experts.

"We welcome the interest from the community and the opportunity to share our plans. We will continue to be part of this neighbourhood for the long haul, and we want to ensure our plans to develop the quarry are robust and provide long-term clarity to the community, said Mr Hussey.

### McNicol Road widening

Under the 2018 resource consent, limits were placed on truck movements until McNicol Road was widened between

Tourist Road and Clevedon Quarry, and the provision of a 1.5m wide unsealed pathway alongside McNicol Road. This provision will remain the same under the expansion plans proposed.

Stevenson says it has been working with Auckland Transport for over five years to obtain approval for these works, and that it believes the company is now "very close" to receiving approval to undertake the work. Once approval is formally received, Stevenson will need to liaison with Vector regarding the relocation of power poles, and with Auckland Council to remove some trees within the road reserve.

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## ANZAC Committee seeks contributions towards Beachlands memorial

- by Michael Sommerville, Beachlands ANZAC Committee

The planning for the Beachlands ANZAC Services is well underway. It was hoped that the new memorial would be well underway also by now, however, this is not the case.

Substantial progress has been made with the design finalised thanks to Cameron Baker. All engineering calculations and design are completed and approved. We intend to situate the memorial at the Chartered Club, close to where we had the Dawn Service last year. The flag poles are being donated by Sheldon from Flags NZ.

We want to make this a community driven process as much as possible and would love to hear from people in the community who would like to assist with the establishment of this permanent memorial. This could be in the form of covering the cost of some materials or a monetary donation. While we have raised much of the cost already, we are still a bit shy of the total. We'd particularly like to recognise a donation from the Rotary Club of Pōhutukawa Coast of \$3,000.

To raise the last bit required, we are looking for other methods of funding and are contemplating a "buy a block" or Give a Little or both. Any other idea on fundraising will certainly be listened to.

If you wish to help us with this community project, please contact Michael Sommerville at michaelhsommerville@gmail.com or phone 021 765 742.



The Beachlands ANZAC Committee is keen to replace the use of a temporary memorial (such as the one above) with a permanent structure at the Beachlands Chartered Club.

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- 2 large chicken breasts
- 3/4 cup warm chicken stock
- 2 Tbsp peanut butter
- 1 tsp honey
- Juice of 1/2 a lime
- 2 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp cumin powder
- 1 tsp turmeric powder
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 1/3 cup (80ml) coconut milk
- Salt and pepper to taste

### Dressing:

- 2 Tbsp peanut butter
- 1 tsp honey
- 1/2 a lime juice
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1/3 cup (80ml) coconut milk
- 2 Tbsp sweet chili sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder

### Salad:

- 100g Vermicelli rice noodles
- 2 carrots
- 1 cucumber
- 300-400g mung bean sprouts
- 1/2 fresh chili (optional)

### Method:

1. In a large bowl combine the warm chicken stock, honey and peanut

- butter. Mix until dissolved. Add all other marinade ingredients to the bowl and mix until combined. Cut chicken breasts in half and add into bowl. Let marinate for at least 1 hour.
2. Preheat oven to 180°C fan bake.
3. Once marinated, place the chicken including all the marinade sauce into an oven safe dish with edges. Cook chicken for 25 minutes, flip over halfway through. Ensure chicken is cooked all the way through, it may take more or less time depending on size.
4. While the chicken is cooking, in a bowl combine all the dressing ingredients. Set aside for now.
5. Cover vermicelli noodles in hot water, let sit for 10 minutes until clear and soft. Rinse under cold water. Place these into a large bowl.
6. Grate your carrots, finely slice cucumber (I like to use a peeler to do this) and dice the chili into small pieces. Once done place into the large bowl with vermicelli and add mung bean sprouts.
7. Pour the dressing into the salad bowl and give it a good mix.
8. Once the chicken is done, cut it into fine strips and add to the bowl.
9. Mix it all up, and it's ready to serve.
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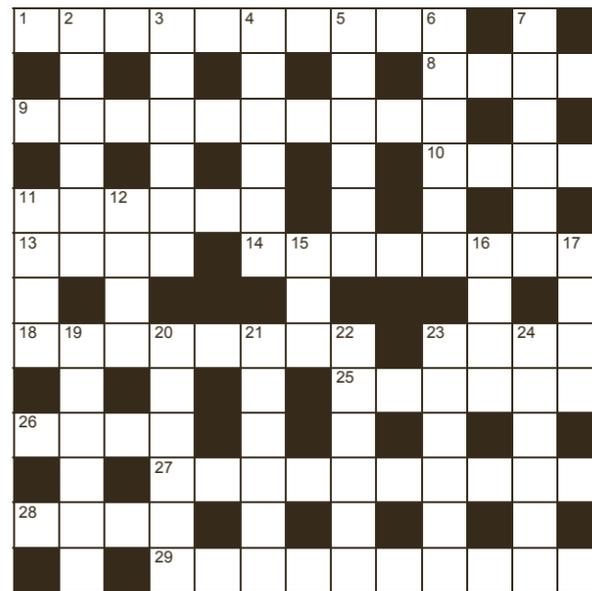


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- 1. Unpalatable truth (4,2,4)
- 8. Tick over (4)
- 9. Timid person (7-3)
- 10. Lofty (4)
- 11. Wave rider (6)
- 13. Warmth (4)
- 14. Deviating from norm (8)
- 18. Standing (8)
- 23. Travel stamp (4)
- 25. Playful (6)
- 26. Wicked (4)
- 27. Falling short (10)
- 28. Powder (4)
- 29. Artistically experimental (5-5)

**Down**

- 2. Grow by addition (6)
- 3. Prudence (6)
- 4. Felt hat (6)
- 5. Earnings (6)
- 6. This one or that (6)
- 7. Advertising phrase (6)
- 11. Vessel (4)
- 12. Speed contest (4)
- 15. Large (3)
- 16. Centre line (4)
- 17. Flat board for serving from (4)
- 19. Bring to light (6)
- 20. Quartz (6)
- 21. Large lizard (6)
- 22. Consequence (6)
- 23. Relative of llama (6)
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 Scaffold Connect Ltd 021 235 5963 or 09 576 5879  
 DTS Wright Scaffolding Ltd 021 239 4276

**SECURITY SYSTEMS**  
 ADS Security Ltd (alarms & monitoring) 536 6860  
 Armstrong Smarter Security and Alarms 09 274 0999

**SEPTIC TANK CLEANING**  
 SST Services phone Rob 09 2947611 or 0274 967430

**SURVEYORS - LAND**  
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 Churchill Land Development Services Ltd 273 4182  
 Survey Plus Ltd 020 4 SURVEY (020 4 787839)

**TAXIS/TRANSPORT/SHUTTLES**  
 Coast Shuttle - local hire & airport trips 536 6488 or 0274 722 613  
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**TRAVEL - INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC**  
 Clevedon Travel Brokers chrisyashby@ttb.co.nz 027 273 9701  
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 nicole.ambrusfy@thetravelbrokers.co.nz

**TREE SERVICES**  
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 Maraetai Automotive 536 6542  
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**VALUERS - PROPERTY**  
 Property Valuations Ltd, Papakura 299 7406

**VETERINARY SERVICES**  
 Franklin Vets - Pohutukawa Coast Shopping Centre, 538 0010  
 Beachlands, Open: Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Sat: 9am-1pm  
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 Open: Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Sat: 9am-12pm

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 Clevedon Water 292 8099  
 Whitford Water Supplies 530 8164  
 Maraetai Blue Ltd 536 6437, 027 536 6437  
 Carlton Haulage 0800 420 246  
 Coastal Water Cartage 0508 262 7825  
 WET AZZ - www.wetazz.co.nz 0800 WET AZZ (0800 938 299)  
 A Plus Water 021 0727 163  
 PROWATER - Support Local, Ph Shane/Sheridan 021 530 727

**WATER TANK CLEANING & REPAIRS**  
 Maraetai Blue Tank Cleaning Call Jacob 021 029 84170  
 Clevedon Pumps & Filtration 027 479 7741

**WATER TREATMENT**  
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 Allwater Pumps and Supplies Ltd 09 536 5444, 027 536 5444  
 Clevedon Pumps & Filtration 027 479 7741



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