# Pohutukawa Times Coast Times

5 May 2023

# Local services honour contribution of ANZACs



Coast residents gather at the Beachlands Dawn Service to remember those who served our country. More photos page 6.

Last Tuesday hundreds of local residents paid tribute to those who have served in defense of our country.

This year's Anzac Day dawn service at Beachlands saw at least 500 people gather at the coastal end of Wakelin Road at 6am.

The organising committee of the Beachlands ANZAC Dawn Service say they would like to thank everyone who attended their service on ANZAC day.

"It is so pleasing to know that the efforts we have gone to are reflected in the number of people of all ages who attended," says Michael Sommerville on behalf of the Beachlands Maraetai ANZAC committee. "Our planning for next year has started already with renewed vigour, knowing that ANZAC Day remains such an important part of New Zealand's culture and is so well supported in the Beachlands/ Maraetai district."

"We are hoping to get a permanent memorial in place and to this end we shall send out a survey of the community to gauge the support for this endeavour. Anyone willing to assist in this project is welcome to contact me at 021 765 742."

Clevedon's service focussed on the local connection, with the names of local residents who lost their lives in service read aloud by their descendents. Clevedon School, local churches, Clevedon Scouts, Clevedon School, the Clevedon Volunteer Fire Brigade, St Johns and the Clevedon Historical Society all worked together to play a part in the event, which this year featured instrumentalists and a choir.

Organiser Gina Sanders says the community came together in the "most wonderful spirit of ANZAC" and contributed in many different ways to an event that was not only a great tribute to the men and women of ANZAC, but was a meaningful and memorable occasion for the community.

"It is one of the very clear reasons why our Clevedon Village and surrounds is such a special place to live," said Gina. "It strengthens our connections with each other and creates an important, purposeful energy."





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# **Editorial** by Franklin Ward Councillor Andrew Baker

In my last article, I spoke about the storm events and the review of Council's response being undertaken by former Police Commissioner Mike Bush. That report was duly released in early April and contained 17 recommendations.

The Mayor has made a commitment to acting on those recommendations pretty smartly and there has been a fair bit of work already looking at how that can happen. It isn't helped by the financial pressures we face as a council and region but in my mind fits fairly neatly into the priority bucket so we need to get stuck in.

As some people will know, I come from a Police, Civil Defence and Rural Fire background. Sadly, I was not surprised when we were found wanting when weather events of this size and nature hit us. I had made it clear during my time on the Local Board and in fact when I first met with the Mayor after the election that Emergency Management was one of our real weak points. As boxer Mike Tyson once said, "everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth".

We just got punched in the mouth. As I and the rest of the Local Board over the years noted, plans were out of date, poor in design and focus and, as the Bush Report highlights, there were plenty of things we did not do well. I want to make it clear though

that I do not lay blame at the feet of our experience in emergency management staff who found themselves having to implement a response using a system that had been determined by those responsible for the governance and in particular the Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee.

In my opinion - and it was something I stressed when interviewed by Mike Bush - we had moved too far away from reducing the risk and thus were not ready for a major event.

In 2015, a lot of work and effort had gone into developing localised plans and networks that could be used when events happened. It was a big step towards having a resilient region.

In 2016, all that local attention was dropped for a centralised model focussing on recovery ahead of the other 3 Rs (reduction, readiness and response) and introducing a 5th R – resilience.

At the time the Franklin & Rodney Local Boards pleaded for the areas like ours to be supported to ensure when the muck hit the fan, our communities and likes of our emergency services were able to respond appropriately using our long standing networks. Our pleas fell on deaf ears, the CDEM Committee endorsed the centralised approach and the rest is history.

We cannot allow the lessons from this tragic weekend to be lost and I will be doing everything I can to provide the political leadership based on my to ensure our decision making is better.

One of the areas not covered in the report but that is equally important is the work Council is undertaking reviewing our planning and the rules about where development should and should not occur, again using the experiences of Anniversary Weekend and Cyclone Gabrielle as the basis for the review.

We are looking at whether it is right to allow development and building in valleys, on cliff tops or along coastlines where inundation and erosion not only put people's lives and livelihoods at risk but may well be negatively impacted in the future by a reluctance of insurers to cover risks that great.

We have been given some time by the Government to do this work which needs to be methodical, consistent and done in a way where communities are engaged with in a meaningful way. The recently completed Coastal Adaptation Plans for our eastern coastline are extremely timely and should be helpful for everyone.

Finally it seems that despite the issues with crews and skippers for our ferries, they are leading the way in terms of public transport patronage and hopefully the enhanced Pine Harbour services are contributing to that.

As always, if you want to catch up, please don't hesitate.

# WIN tickets to Howick Little Theatre's next show!

The *PC Times* has two double passes to give away to Howick Little Theatre's upcoming production, 'The Book Club

Howick Little Theatre opens the American hit comedy 'The Book Club Play', about books and the people who love them, on Saturday 6 May. In this play by one of America's most-produced playwrights Karen Zacarías, the members of a book club become the subjects of a

"fly-on-the wall" documentary and accept a provocative new member, causing their long-standing group dynamics to take a hilarious turn. This play is about life, love, literature and the side-splitting results as friends start reading between the lines.

#### Play details:

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# Letters

We well remember the 'Golden Years' of the post WWII period of the 1950s and 1960s when there was full employment in NZ, negligible crime and enough for everyone to survive a reasonable life all without social services, handouts and top heavy legislation. Both corporal and capital punishment saw to it that NZ had a law abiding, happy society where self esteem and personal worth meant something. The standard of education was the envy of the world resulting in NZ being a leader in modern thinking and innovation. We had industries producing almost anything along with food enough to supply Mother England - that is before Britain joined the EU.

Nowadays we export so much to China that we balance the books by importing stuff that used to be produced here like clothing, footwear and timber products (when the trees are grown here!). Yes it would be more expensive to re-establish and market our own products within NZ but at least there would be some quality control exercised!

Increased employment figures would reduce welfare and the need for burdensome bureaucracy. There wouldn't be a need to build more prisons if people were in work... the benefits to NZ would be enormous if we could adopt some of the history from The Golden Years.

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Since the mid 1980s there has been so much legislation pumped out of Wellington there are Acts of Parliament that most people have never heard of. This is not only an appalling indictment of where we've gone downhill as a society not to mention the enormous cost of administration but also demonstrates a loss of positioning we once enjoyed on the world stage.

Whatever happened to common sense? If it were possible to return to a simple platform of common sense administered by a Council of Intelligentsia, would this not be a more practicable answer to the expensive and cumbersome system we have found ourselves having to endure?

Geoff Bignell Maraetai [abridged]

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Franklin Local Board Wairoa subdivision member Malcolm Bell says: "Property owners are responsible for arranging regular servicing and repairs, including pump outs. People with onsite systems may get a letter asking for their most recent service records. There's more information by searching septic tanks on council's website." Those with on-site systems are being advised to contact their service provider, or council compliance staff at proactive.compliance@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

# Beachlands Hall reopens following repairs

Beachlands Hall is open for public use again, following months of closure while work was being done by Auckland Council.

The \$169,993 refurbishment project has included:

- Preparation and painting of interior surfaces, and re-coating of timber floors
- Replacement of light fittings
- Replacement of the hall ceiling
- Installation of a HVAC system
- Electrical works





# Hūnua dams not the cause of Clevedon flooding, says Watercare

When Te Wairoa/the Wairoa River dams. breached its banks and flooded parts of Clevedon earlier this year, some local residents questioned whether the flooding had been made worse by Watercare releasing water from its fully stocked dams.

The PC Times asked Watercare to explain what its processes are with regard to releasing water from dams.

Watercare's water resources manager Andrew Lester responded:

"We operate 12 water supply dams – five in the Waitākere Ranges, two near Helensville, four in the Hūnua Ranges and one near Papakura.

"They are designed to capture and store rainwater, and when they fill up, water spills from the dams via engineered spillways [into streams and rivers]. When this happens, the water flow rate over the spillway is slightly less than what would be flowing in the stream if the dam wasn't there. This is because the presence of the dam delays and suppresses peak flows in heavy rainfall. We don't have any control over the rate at which water flows from our dams to the stream below when the dams are full and spilling."

Andrew says Watercare's dams do not have 'release gates' like hydro-electric mid-February but postponed it because

"Our dams are operated under various resource consents granted by both Auckland Council and Waikato Regional Council. One of the consent requirements is to release a small flow of water from our dams to protect the downstream flora and fauna. We call this a 'compensation flow'.

"The volume of this flow is very low – designed to protect the stream as a habitat when our dams are not full and spilling. In the Hūnua Ranges, we have not needed to use compensation flows at Wairoa, Cosseys, or Upper Mangatawhiri dams this summer due to the wet weather.

"We are also required to carry out periodic flushing operations at our dams in summer using a 'free discharge' valve. This allows us to check that the valves are operating as they should be, and again promotes the health of the downstream environment. Typically, we run these flushing flows for about three hours. The flow rate released during these operations is well below what would be considered a 'flood' flow.

"This summer we have carried out flushing operations at Cosseys and Wairoa dams in mid January and late February. We had a flush scheduled in



A wet summer means Watercare's Hunua dams are already at capacity heading into

of the extreme weather expected with Cyclone Gabrielle."

Watercare carried out flushing operations on the following dates:

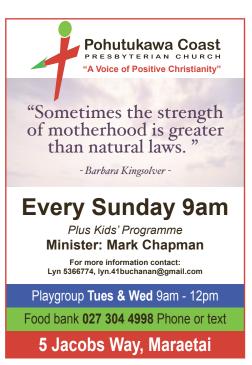
Cosseys Dam: 16 Jan, 27 February, 13 March, 17 March

Upper Mangatawhiri Dam: Jan 17, March 14

Wairoa Dam: Jan 17, 27 February, 14

An Auckland Council flow gauge sited on the Wairoa River at Tourist Rd near Clevedon indicates the flow rate peaked at around 475 cubic metres per second in the early hours of February 14. In comparison, the flow rate from Cosseys and Wairoa dams' spillways peaked at about 80 and 20 cubic metres per second, respectively, in the early hours of February 14.





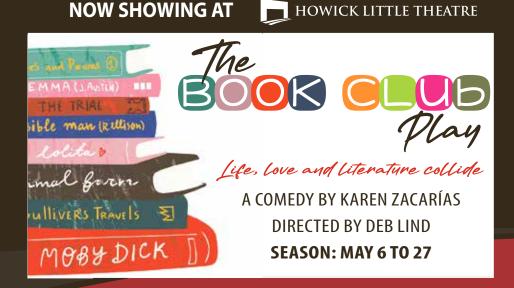




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MENTOR: She constantly encouraged me to experiment with life in a guided fashion so that I would grow up confident and independent. I could discuss anything with her, and she'd always listen, even if she had to set me straight on some things!

OMNISCIENT: I'm sure that all mothers know everything! Mine somehow knew when I hadn't done all my homework, or when, although I was thousands of miles away, I was feeling homesick at boarding school.

TEACHER: My mother had no formal qualifications, but she taught me to read and write well before I started school, to sing and to share! She also taught me that learning is something that you must never stop doing.

was almost too late to tell her, but she really was a heroine to me. Our lives involved lots of travel, and whenever we shifted to a new city or country, she always handled everything with apparent ease.

EXPECTANT: She had high

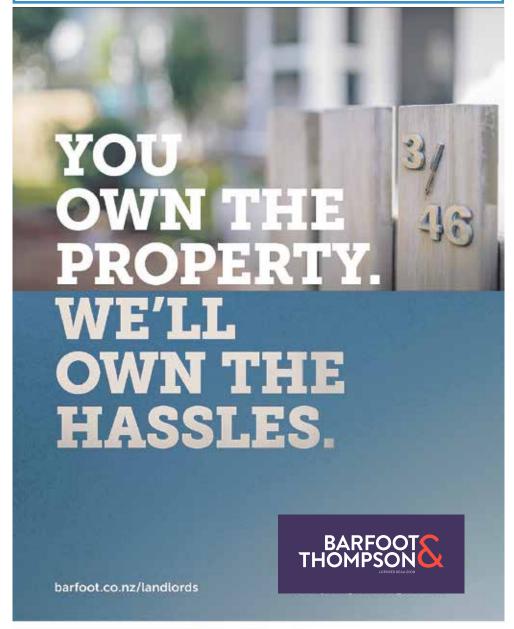


expectations of her family and supreme confidence that we'd achieve what we set out to do and to be the best we could be. Her satisfaction in our achievements was a great motivator.

ROLE MODEL: An ordinary woman doing mostly ordinary things, but always with a touch of excellence. Caring for family and home came first, but she always showed kindness and compassion for others. She saw beauty everywhere, and loved every minute of her life.

Whether or not you formally celebrate "Mothers' Day", every day is a day to remember the things that make your mother special. For those of us (young or old), who now carry on without our mothers, we still have the HEROINE: I didn't realise it till it cherished memories that keep her alive in our hearts.

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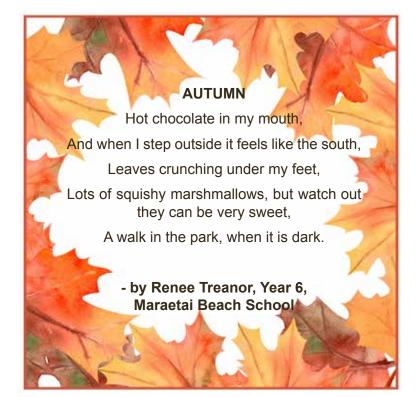
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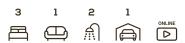


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# Beachlands Maraetai **Junior Rugby**



**RESULTS FROM 29 APRIL** 

U6 Orange won against Beachlands Maraetai U6 Navy 18-16 POD Grey Warriner, ROD Jaxon Good; U8 Orange Cheetahs won against Karaka 13-11, POD Aiden van den Berg, ROD Noah Becker, Sportsmanship Kato Eketone; U9 Navy Makos drew to Ardmore Marist 25-25, POD Aiden Hignett- Morgan, TOD Chance Wight; **U9 Red Raptors** won against Ardmore Blue 6-2, POD Carter Kirby, TOD Liam Strong; U10 Navy lost against Bombay Black, POD Luke Saville, TOD Julian Li; U10 Orange Tigers won against Ardmore Marist White 75-10, POD Keegan Franklin-Browne (plus the whole team) & TOD Liam Koehler; **U11 Thunders** won against Ardmore Marist 40-25, POD Cooper Clark, TOD Bennett Asplin; U12 Navy lost to Ardmore Marist 51-14, POD Harvey Williams, TOD Caius Harris; **U12 Orange** had a bye; **Seniors U85kg** lost to Patumahoe 36-3.

# Beachlands Maraetai Football Club

**RESULTS FROM 29-30 APRIL** 

U9 Blue No result submitted

U9 Black were to play Unimount who defaulted

U9 White played Fencibles United Hedgehogs U9/5 POD Julian

U9 Red played Eastern Suburbs POD Trenton Balemi;

U10 Blue played Auckland united U10 white no POD

U10 Black played Auckland FC Celtic no POD

U11 Blue Goats played Eastern Suburbs Black POD Zachary

U11 Black played Lynn Avon United Hawks POD Elijah Becker;

U11White played no result submitted

U12 Blue played Ellerslie AFC U12 Red POD Kayden Wood;

U12 Black played Auckland United FC Italy U12 POD not supplied:

U12 Orcas played Papakura Diamonds U12 POD: Emily Drake;

U12 Diamond Cats played Ellerslie AFC U12 Girls Black POD Hazel

Powley;

U13 Blue lost Auckland United U13C 14-2 Auckland Suburbs U13C - 14-2 POD: Sam Gunnell;

U14 Blue drew with Auckland United FC Raiders U14 D2 2-2 POD Quinn Tucker; U14 Girls beat Bay Olympic Whirlwinds 11-0 POD Isla Tutt and Aliya Symister; U16 girls lost 0-7 to Hibiscus Coast POD Nieve Moir

Coasters M40/4 Beat Bay Olympic Misfits M40 4-0 POD Hamish "Scooter" Sutherland;

Lions M40/3 Lost to South Auckland Rangers Nadro M40 0-8. POD Andy White; Rebels M40/4 no result submitted Beachlands Maraetai AFC Legionnaires M40/3 Beat Bucklands Beach East Chinese M45/3 3-1 POD Jesse and Steve; Beachlands Maraetai AFC U23 BYE Beachlands Maraetai NRFL2 BYE Women's Conference beat Birkenhead United 1-0 POD Amber Tuck

# All Souls hosts concert series



Clevedon All Souls Church will host the second of its concert series this Sunday.

The second of the Sanctuary at St James concert series plays this Sunday in Clevedon.

As the name suggests, 'The Dégustriō' concert will cater to an assortment of musical tastes. The members of this trio are all part of the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra.

Originally from Indiana, Eric Renick (marimba) has been Principal Percussionist since 2010. He is a regular collaborator with cross-genre musicians as well as film scoring. Liu-Yi Retallick (violin) freelances with a number of collaborations and will also be performing as part of the Jade Quartet. Sam Brough (bassoon), is Principal Contrabassoonist with the APO. Prior to arriving in Auckland Sam has been a guest player with major orchestras throughout the UK and Scandinavia.

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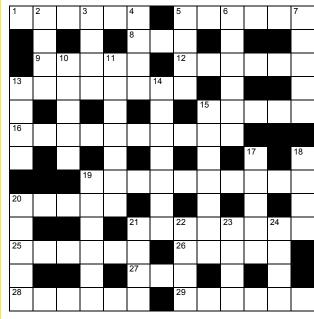
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- 1. Go around (6)
- 5. Type of quartz (6)
- 8. Keen intelligence (3)
- 9. Ballroom dance (5)
- 12. Set of clothes (6)
- 13. Rip in water (8)
- 15. Heavily built (5)
- 16. Brain power (colloq) (4,6)
- 19. Finally or fundamentally (10)
- 20. Gleam (5)
- 21. Practise (8)
- 25. Drink (6)
- 26. Simpleton (5)
- 27. Biblical vessel (3)
- 28. Theatrical performer (6) 29. Get up and go (6)

# Answers on page 10

#### Down

- 2. Chat (4)
- 3. Highest point of achievement (4)
- 4. Hit or crush something (4)
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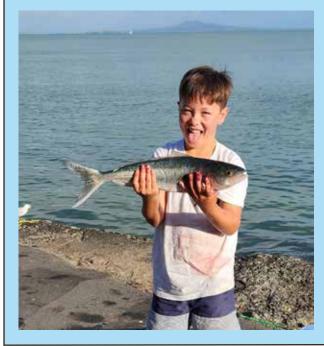
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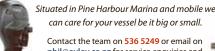


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