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Cat burglar steals Beachlands hearts



Vesting proudly displays one of his illegally procured treasures.

He's Beachlands' answer to Slinky Malinki - meet Vesting, the Pōhutukawa Prowler.

The black and white moggie is infamous for his nocturnal offending, which mostly involves stealing gardening gloves, socks and swimwear.

Owner Angela Johnson says her family adopted the "tragically"-named Vesting and his sibling 12 years ago from Lonely Miaow.

"My husband named him, he was torn between calling him Sylvester and Maestro, so he became Sylvestro. It's a bit of a mouthful and difficult to tell the vet when you're phoning to make a booking. We never called him that at home, he was always called Vesting."

During his first six years with the family, Vesting downplayed his criminal tendencies. But when they moved to their Liberty

Crescent property, the gloves were off - literally.

He now ventures out most nights to hunt. Angela says the most unusual 'prey' he has brought home was a unicorn soft toy.

"He's brought home a towel and a sheet which was pretty impressive, especially since the towel was soaking wet. Usually we get a lot of togs, gloves and socks. He tends to just go to one of our neighbours, but recently he's been going a lot further."

His largest haul involved bringing home most of the neighbours togs one night. "He's often brought a lot of their gardening gloves home, he goes back until he's got all of

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7 Fri		3:58am ▼ 0.5m	10:19am ▲ 3.3m	
8 Sat		4:53am ▼ 0.5m	11:11am ▲ 3.3m	
9 Sun		5:47am ▼ 0.5m	12:04pm ▲ 3.3m	
10 Mon		12:36am ▲ 3.4m	6:41am ▼ 0.6m	
11 Tue		1:30am ▲ 3.3m	7:36am ▼ 0.6m	
12 Wed		2:25am ▲ 3.2m	8:32am ▼ 0.7m	
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Guest editorial by Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki chief executive Jada MacFie

Any fishing or seafaring residents of the Pōhutukawa Coast will likely have already heard mention of the dreaded Exotic *Caulerpa* (*Caulerpa brachypus* and *Caulerpa parvifolia*) or Sea Mustard.

To those who may not yet have come across it, Exotic *Caulerpa* looks a bit like a fancy lettuce or watercress you can find in the vegetable section of your local supermarket. It grows on the seafloor, preferring sub tropical conditions and grows best in shaded areas. It is mostly found in the 25 to 47 m (80 to 150 ft) depth range where there is less light than at the surface.

While it may appear harmless - after all, seaweeds are natural - it is classed an invasive species for a reason.

First discovered at Aotea (Great Barrier Island) and Ahuahu (Great Mercury Island) in 2021, the outbreak was measured at approximately 88 hectares. It has since spread to other western harbours on the island and the concern is once it makes its way into the inner islands, the biodiversity in our waters will be catastrophically impacted.

In the United States, near-shore reefs where it has now taken over have become so overwhelmed by the Exotic



Caulerpa brachypus (also known as Sea Mustard). Photo / Ministry for Primary Industries.

Caulerpa that fish and lobster are no longer present.

What does this mean for us and the waters off our coastline? We need to do everything we can to ensure that if we are fortunate enough to be able to boat between islands, we don't bring it back. Avoid harvesting it, avoid it catching on the bottom of our boats, making sure our boats and engines are clean as much as possible. Absolutely it creates more work, but if we still want the privilege in the future of only having to go just in and around the inner islands for fishing, we need to do our bit to curb the spread of Sea Mustard.

It is such an innocuous name, but if you

imagine how awful a squirt of mustard in the eyeball is, use that context for how awful it will be for the seafloor if it turns up.

If you ever want to talk more about the importance of our biodiversity, be involved with mussel reef restoration or environmental works being undertaken, follow the Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki facebook page to keep an eye out for upcoming events.

Person dies in Whitford Maraetai Road crash

One person died following a single-vehicle crash near the intersection of Beachlands Road and Whitford Maraetai Road on Saturday 1 July.

Police were called at around 4.40pm after a motorcyclist crashed into a powerpole. The motorcyclist died at the scene.

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Social catch-ups prove popular with all age groups

The success of senior social group 'Silver Tones' has almost reached problematic proportions.

Each month the Takutai Charitable Trust organises a morning tea outing for the Silver Tones to a different cafe, but the group has swelled in numbers so much that finding a venue to cater for 100 simultaneous cups of tea and coffee is proving a challenge!

June's get-together saw about 100 senior residents from Beachlands and Maraetai gather for morning tea at Turanga Creek Vineyard where a hearty spread of muffins, doughnuts and hot drinks was on hand to fuel good conversation between attendees.

Students from Maraetai Beach School's kapa haka and choir groups performed for the audience, as part of the Takutai Youth Project's intergenerational project which encourages younger and older people to mix with each other.

Youth Project manager Ann Montier says the Silver Tones morning teas have been hugely successful. "It's so good for the adults and the young people, because they have conversations they wouldn't normally have, especially if the children don't have grandparents," says Ann.

The Youth Project has grown since its inception last year. "It's been well received," says Ann. "Schools have been so receptive to the idea."

The Silver Tones themselves say the regular mornings teas provide a great opportunity to meet others and socialise.

Jo and her husband moved to Beachlands five years ago. "We've been coming to the morning teas for at least a year, it's a bit hit and miss as we're away a lot and have grandchildren to look after sometimes, but it doesn't matter if you miss any of the events. We joined to get to know locals, and we've met people. It's very well organised, very community focussed. The people do a good job of organising different venues."

Fellow Silver Tones member Rosalie agrees that the events are great for senior residents. "It's good to get together with us oldies. It's easy to spend too much time home alone. Beachlands is really good for getting to know people."



Silver Tones members line up for a hearty morning tea of muffins and doughnuts at Turanga Creek Vineyard.

The Takutai Charitable Trust puts on a shuttle service to the events for those unable to drive or without transport, and funds the cost of food and drink.

To register your interest in Silver Tones events, contact Anne 021 032 3283, Betty 027 477 3873 or bettyoudney62@gmail.com or Colleen 027 498 8813.

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them. They name them which is handy," says Angela.

Occasionally he catches rats or mice, and once he caught a baby rabbit. "He has no idea what to do with them once

he's caught mice though, he lets them go and we have to get the other cat to hunt them down."

It's not all illicit theft though - Vesting appears to have a social conscience.

"Our property backs onto the bush and a storm water drain and he brings up a lot of plastic wrap and newspaper."

Regardless of what he retrieves, he likes to announce his arrival home by "yelling his head off".

Angela describes him as "not bright". "Sometimes you can put his food down in front of him and he'll keep crying at you to feed him, you have to hold his head and turn it to face the bowl."

Like most cat burglars Vesting is often on edge.

"He's very loving, he sleeps curled up against my chest, he's easily startled though which isn't ideal in the middle of the night when he leaps up and sprints across the bed. He's a very nervous cat, before we moved here he got so stressed

twice that he didn't wee and everything backed up and he had to have surgery. I'm very surprised that he's been going so far to steal stuff."

His sibling is "pretty savage" with a similar prey drive, although he prefers to focus on more traditional fare like rodents and eels.

Vesting's ventures are a little embarrassing for his human family, and Angela has a message for his victims. "I'm really very sorry. Please get in touch if you live close by and ever lose anything. On the bright side, he brings in rubbish so there's less litter around."

Looking after your mental health

Are you a selfish parent?

You probably responded to this question with a resounding "No! Of course I'm not a selfish parent!"

Many of us associate the role of parenting with selflessness - putting the needs of our children first. However, periodically being a selfish parent brings positive outcomes. In fact, it's part of maintaining a healthy parent-child relationship.

If you consistently prioritise your children's needs above your own, it's likely that you're neglecting your own wellbeing. This can lead to physical and emotional stress, harming you and your relationships. There needs to be balance. You need to recharge your personal batteries.

With younger children, you can achieve this balance by setting a time when you will each do something independently. Think of something they can do that doesn't require your input or direct supervision. If they interrupt you, just gently encourage them back to what they should be doing. You may have to start with quite short periods, but gradually extend them over time.

You can also apply this concept when it comes to other aspects of your family life. Facing up to demands made by a child with a polite but firm "No", because what they want conflicts with your own plans or objectives is character- and resilience-building for them. They won't always be able to



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have their own way in the world.

Your child needs to learn about personal boundaries and respect for others. They will need to practise this in school, social encounters and eventually the workplace and their own adult relationships. Your occasional selfishness now will help strengthen their resilience. You demonstrate the value of boundaries and mutual respect which enhances the overall family dynamic.

Nobody can deny the importance of the work parents do in raising healthy, well-balanced children who go on to become positive and productive members of society. But like all work, there are needs for periodic rest breaks. When you take time for yourself, you return to your parenting role with renewed energy, patience, and a more positive mindset. This, in turn, creates a healthier and more nurturing environment for children to thrive. Striking a balance between self-care and selflessness ensures that parents can be both effective caregivers and individuals who lead fulfilling lives.

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Biosecurity NZ's caulerpa response called slow

- by Laura Kvigstad, Auckland Council reporter. Funded by New Zealand on Air.

Biosecurity towards caulerpa has been called slow, uncoordinated and under-resourced by community groups.

The invasive seaweed was found at Aotea Great Barrier Island in 2021. This May, a further 16 hectares of caulerpa was found in the Bay of Islands.

At last month's Hauraki Gulf Forum, executive officer Alex Rogers said caulerpa can rapidly matt the sea floor and has reduced biodiversity by up to 50 per cent overseas.

"The trick is that caulerpa can spread at 2 millimetres in size – it is really hard because we are playing maritime whac-a-mole," Rogers said.

The Ministry of Primary Industries' (MPI) biosecurity unit, Biosecurity NZ, has been leading the response to caulerpa.

At last year's forum Biosecurity NZ's readiness and response director John Walsh said eradication was unlikely and they were focused on preventing spread – this year he has changed his stance.

"We are rapidly reassessing – eradication is back on the table. We are considering all options with our partners," Walsh said.

Walsh detailed several methods used to kill caulerpa including dredge spoil, UVC lights, bio controls like kina, suction dredging and coarse salt.

Coarse salt has been the preferred option so far but Walsh said if they were to treat

the 16 hectares of infestation in the Bay of Islands it would take 8,000 tonnes of salt.

Northland regional councillor Jack Crawford said MPI was slow off the mark, no one was joined up and none of the council's biosecurity responses looked particularly good.

"We are repeating all the mistakes of the past with kauri dieback. It took us seven years to get that funding," Crawford said.

He said MPI hands pest problems back to regional councils and that there was a failing nationally.

Northland regional councillor Geoff Crawford said they needed support and surveillance but MPI had been slow to respond.

"Northland's stance is always going to be eradication – there is no other option for us," Crawford said.

He said if caulerpa was chipped away everyday it would not be a big job but "you just have to bloody start on it."

Aotea Great Barrier Environmental Trust representative Kate Waterhouse said eradication would be good but there was no resourcing to prevent spread currently at Aotea.

"Seabirds are already starving and these things [caulerpa] can reduce fish biomass by 50 percent," Waterhouse said.

"There is no regular MPI surveillance of the waters of Aotea, we get an Auckland Council dive team once a year."

Aotea Great Barrier Environmental Trust representative Barry Scott said residents

already felt abandoned.

"We need to be better prepared for the inevitability of this thing spreading," Scott said.

He said the Aotea Great Barrier Island spread data was already a year old.

Waiheke Marine Project representative Miranda Cassidy O'Connell said while Waiheke was lucky not to have caulerpa in its waters, local communities needed to be enabled to prevent the spread.

"We have been asking what happens when we see caulerpa. We don't have legal permission to do anything if we see it," O'Connell said.

A team in the United States of America has removed caulerpa at Newport Bay in California, though final surveys are needed to confirm eradication.

Forum co-chair Nicola MacDonald met the team in California. She said the American group agreed to meet with the forum and communities about the issue.

MacDonald had criticism for Biosecurity NZ's lack of engagement with mana whenua.

"Ngāti Manuhiri have recognised legislative rights to Aotea and you are not engaging with that iwi – you can not cherry pick who you are engaging with."

She said Biosecurity NZ needed to engage with every community and it was disappointing communities felt lost in the response.



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Every Maraetai Beach School student who took part had at least one victory in the 7 games played, contributing to the overall team victory.

The team will now progress to the Auckland Regional Tournament to be held on 26 July at Baverstock Oaks School.



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Weekly events

MONDAY

- **BABY CHAT** 10.30-12:00pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, Age 0 to 1 yrs.
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am \$6 Te Puru Centre.
- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 7.30-9pm, Te Puru Centre, \$6. Ph:536 5360.
- **ST JOHNS YOUTH:** 6-7.30pm, St Hilda's Church, Wakelin Road.
- **CASUAL TABLE TENNIS:** 7.30-9pm. Te Puru, \$6.
- **SOCIAL TENNIS:** Adults beginners/intermediate 7-9pm Te Puru. Stephen 021 217 7587.
- **KEAS:** scouts for ages 6-8 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, tepuru@group.scouts.nz
- **CUBS:** scouts for ages 8-11 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, tepuru@group.scouts.nz

TUESDAY

- **COASTAL PLAYGROUP** 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. 9am-12pm. Bubs till 5 yrs. Sarah 022 082 6432.
- **KOKAKO VOLUNTEER DAY:** 8.15am-3.30pm, Northern Hunua Ranges. Ruth 021 950 915.
- **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:** 9:30-11:30am, Te Puru Centre, FREE.
- **TABLE TENNIS** - 1:30pm-3:30pm, 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.
- **COAST YOUTH:** Years 7-13 at 7-8.30pm. Beachlands Baptist Church. 021 385 535.
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** 3.30-5pm. Beachlands Memorial Hall. Rhianon 021 216 0224.
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST COMMUNITY CHOIR:** 7.15-8.45pm. coastchoir.com

WEDNESDAY

- **JP SERVICE:** 5.00-6.30pm, Beachlands Library.
- **COASTAL MAINLY MUSIC** 9am-12pm, for 0-5yrs, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Sarah 022 082 6432.
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am \$6 Te Puru Centre. First Wednesday of the month BYO plate for coffee after.
- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru Centre. All welcome. FREE.
- **SENIOR STRETCH & STRENGTH:** 9-10am, Beachlands Memorial Hall, \$12 per month (8 sessions).
- **PEST CONTROL DAY:** Southern Hunua Ranges, Ruth 021 950 915.
- **MASTERS SWIMMING:** Wed/Sat, carpool from Bchinds-Mtai. president@manukaumasters.co.nz.
- **"CREATIVE WINGS" ART FOR SENIORS:** 10am-12pm, St Hilda's Church, Beachlands.
- **CLEVEDON FIRESIDE BRIDGE CLUB:** 10.15am, Clevedon Anglican. Lessons avail. Pauline 299 7433.
- **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
- **BADMINTON GAMES:** 8pm, Clevedon Hall, BYO racquet, shuttlecocks provided, \$3. Rebecca 021 1109 675
- **WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.

THURSDAY

- **MAINLY MUSIC.** 9.30am, Beachlands Baptist. Morning tea provided. 021 385 535.
- **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.
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- **UKELLE GROUP** Log Cabin, 1:30-2:30pm, Contact Val 0273934999 or Jean 02102309043.

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- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 10-11am Te Puru Centre, \$6 Ph 536 5360.
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- **COTTAGE CAFE** 10am-12pm, K Bay, 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, free coffee + food, company.
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- **COAST YOUTH:** 6.00-7.30pm Years 7 to 9, 7.00-9.30PM Years 10 to 13. Beachlands Baptist Church. 021 385 535.

SATURDAY

- **WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.
- **TWICE LOVED OP SHOP:** Open 10am-3pm, 104 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai.
- **COMMUNITY TAI-CHI:** 9:15-10:15am, Maraetai School, \$8 (contribution to the school), Stacy 576 3705.

SUNDAY

- **TOY LIBRARY:** 9-10am, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.

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POHUTUKAWA COAST ROTARY SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6pm, Log Cabin, Beachlands.

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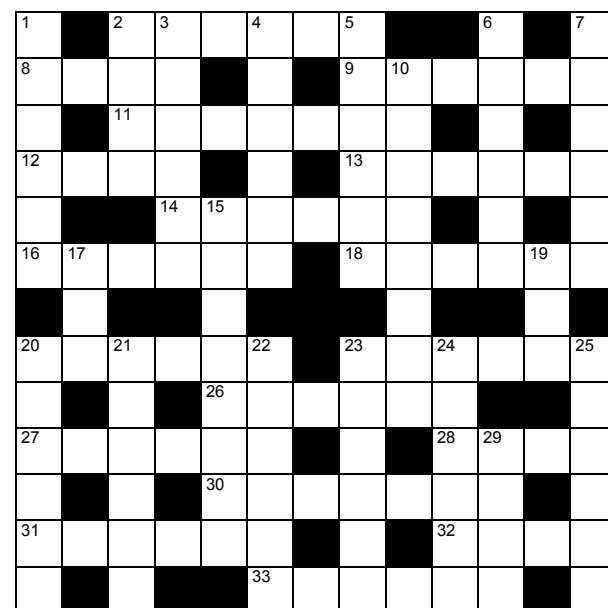
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- Opera solo (4)
- Canopy (6)
- Prove superior (7)
- Bobbin (4)
- Aviator (6)
- Supernatural phenomena (6)
- Broad area (6)
- Paltry (6)
- Ill-advised (6)
- Nun (6)
- Pass (6)
- Expert (6)
- Competent (4)
- Commute (7)
- Hairpiece (6)
- Feeble (4)
- Defy (6)

Down

- Large marine mammal (6)
- Quote (4)
- Promiscuous woman (6)
- Rinse freely (6)
- Flammable jelly (6)
- Acid/alkaline detector (6)
- Bureau (6)
- Harmless fib (5,3)
- Reprove (8)
- Pale (3)
- Sheltered side (3)
- Self-important (6)
- Conclude (4-2)
- This one or that (6)
- Shows off (6)
- Plays for time (6)
- Short double-breasted jacket (6)
- Pound (4)

Answers on page 10

Catch of the Week photo competition

An after school fishing trip on his mate's boat ended in much excitement when Ben Knoesen caught his first legal size fish, a 38cm snapper! Reeled in all by himself with no help from Dad just a few days before his 10th birthday! It made for a delicious fish and chips dinner.

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Group seeks community's views on Anzac memorial

A group of residents is keen to hear your thoughts about the idea of a War Memorial at Beachlands at the end of Wakelin Road.

Two public meetings are scheduled this month, where people are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas. At these meetings, the group will present some ideas about:

- design
 - size
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Down: 1. Walrus, 2. Cite, 3. Harlot, 4. Sluice, 5. Napalm, 6. Litmus, 7. Agency, 10. White lie, 15. Chastise, 17. Wan, 19. Lee, 20. Uppity, 21. Wind-up, 22. Either, 23. Skites, 24. Stalls, 25. Reefer, 29. Beat.

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