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## Clevedon hosts North Island Pony Club champs



Clevedon Pony Club member Chloe Swan and her pony Shiloh represented the Auckland Area team in the showjumping component of the recent North Island Pony Club Champs held at Clevedon Showgrounds.

It has been a busy start to the year for local equestrian clubs, with a number of national-level competitions hosted over the past month.

The annual Brookby Showjumping event drew hundreds of horse and rider combinations to Papatoetoe Pony Club's grounds on 20-21 January. On the same weekend, the superstars of dressage converged at Clevedon Showgrounds to compete in the Auckland Manukau Dressage Group's Premier League Championships.

Clevedon Pony Club then hosted horses and riders from all over the North Island at the North Island Pony Club Championships, where competitors rode for honours in

dressage and showjumping events.

Clevedon Pony Club president Jodie Fenwick says: "The champs event was a huge success being supported by and supporting local businesses with over 300 extra people staying in the area for 3 days. What really made it special though was seeing the riders enjoying their ponies and sport and the camaraderie that develops when competing and camping together in a national teams event. We also owe a huge thanks to our sponsors, without whom the event could not have gone ahead."

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Guest editorial by Mayor of Auckland Wayne Brown

Auckland City Council actually covers the most densely populated area in New Zealand, being the CBD, where as Mayor I live, but it is also the largest rural council and includes two main islands, Waiheke and Aotea Great Barrier, so this summer break I decided to take my boat to visit these low-density outposts with my wife.

How it came about that the heavily populated CBD is in the same electorate as these two islands is a mystery. Waiheke is a slow train wreck of the meeting of extreme wealth with hippie culture, but it seems to work. Massive vineyard estates mix with humble shacks, boat dwellers, and a curious absence of the middle class. I had a coffee with their equally curious councillor, Mike Lee, who is a friendly mix of local flavour and old-fashioned socialism that doesn't fit well with the landed gentry of the island and is often at odds with the CBD dwellers that he also represents.

Next we visited Rotoroa Island, which used to be known as Drunks Island when the Salvation Army ran their programme to dry out alcoholics. Recently, Neil and Annette Plowman used their wealth to rehabilitate the island into a nature reserve for us all to enjoy. Magically, one walks past weka through some of the 400,000 native trees generously planted

by the Plowmans. It is a treat for us all.

We crossed to Te Kouma harbour on Coromandel, then up to visit the old Coromandel mining town itself. This necessitates navigating the stream from the harbour into the town in the dinghy to be rewarded by nice old-fashioned pubs and shops.

Next stop was Elephant Cove in one of the tiny islands north of Coromandel, then up to Port Jackson at the top to wait for kinder weather before tackling the wild channel between there and Aotea. Thankfully, the weather settled a day later, and off we steamed to Port Fitzroy on the Aotea Great Barrier via the Pig Islands, reminiscent of Greece.

We had arranged a mooring in Fitzroy as Caulerpa, the festerous invasive seaweed, has closed anchorages on the island, which made the place delightfully empty for those of us lucky to be there. Local board chairperson Izzy Fordham kindly showed off the island and its excellent roads, the envy of Northlanders, and we discussed the issues associated with the least populated part of Auckland. She is a much-loved icon of a real community.

I lucked into fabulous surf at Whangapeau, a twenty-minute trudge from Okiwa airstrip.

Glenfern Regional Park at Fitzroy is a must-visit, but even here, I found anger at

some of council's central bureaucratic approaches to enforcing silly building rules sent north from Wellington.

On to Kawau, another island in council's area, and the wonderfully safe Bon Accord Harbour. Mansion House, the home of the early PM of New Zealand, Sir George Grey (1812-1898), is lovely but sadly a bit dead as a DoC-run museum. The old days as a rollicking pub are well gone thanks to our woke culture, but I was pleased to see Councillor Hills visiting this regional park and its unstable cliffs.

Next, I took on the challenge of taking my 14-metre boat up through Mahurangi Harbour and navigating the winding turns of the river all the way to Warkworth, where we anchored right in town overnight and visited local shops and restaurants. We were treated to a Māori-themed light and sound show set in the tall native trees on the opposite banks of the stream. Sadly, it was pouring, so there was only an audience of three, but we clapped and enjoyed it.

A dinner with fellow councillor Greg Sayers, who shared his local knowledge, added to a fun meeting on my boat with local MP and minister Mark Mitchell, which finished off an excellent visit to fast-growing Warkworth.

Back in Auckland, it is reinforcing to be reminded of the wonderful asset our city has in the Hauraki Gulf and how important it is that we look after it. I am a huge supporter of LegaSea and the pressure they are putting on the Minister of Fisheries to restrict some of the worst commercial fishing styles, like bottom trawling and seine netting. Fish stocks are depleted, and Caulerpa is a warning. Similarly, Sea Cleaners' wonderful work picking up plastic waste from our harbours needs all the support we can give it.

Let's hope this year sees worthwhile steps to make our city more physically and financially robust than it was shown to be last year.

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# Beachlands volunteer injured in freak accident at Ardmore

Local firefighter and arborist Phil Jessep is lucky to be alive after a freak accident last month.

On his first day back at work after enjoying a break over the festive season, Phil visited Ardmore Airport to help a friend who runs a mechanic business.

“My mechanic called me to give him a hand with the hose reel of a crane. We were loosening the tension when we lost control of the hose reel cover - it took off like a propeller, and struck me above the eye, ripping my eyebrow open,” says Phil. “Then I turned my head and it struck me twice on the back of the head before throwing me onto the ground two metres below.”

Phil says it was fortunate that the accident happened at Ardmore Airport. His friend was able to get him into a ute, and drove him two minutes across the airfield to the Auckland Westpac Rescue Helicopter base where Phil received immediate, possibly lifesaving, treatment to his head wounds which were bleeding profusely. He had also broken his scapula and dislocated his shoulder on one arm, and broken his wrist on the other. “Within two or three minutes of me hitting the ground, I was on a gurney being patched up by the advanced care paramedic. I was in a really bad way, but because we were so close when the accident happened they were able to stop the blood loss early and put me on ketamine which was very nice after the pain I was in!” Phil says that if he had had to wait any longer for medical attention, he would have suffered significant blood loss from his head wounds. He remained conscious the entire time, but says the pain was “ten out of ten”. “I’ve grown up with loose joints and dislocated my shoulder a few times, so I’m used to that sort of pain. But this was next level.” He was transported by ambulance to Middlemore Hospital in a status 2 condition, accompanied by the advanced care paramedic who continued to administer ketamine all the way to hospital.

“The advanced care paramedic was actually in the army with me, so he kept me talking through the whole trip. He rang ahead to the hospital so we had the trauma team waiting for us as soon as we arrived.” Surgeons repaired his shoulder with screws, and stitched up his eye and head wounds.

Speaking to the *PC Times* just two weeks on from the accident, Phil’s recovery has been remarkable with his wounds healing nicely. While he is unable to work, his team of arborists at Jessep Contracting Ltd are keeping the business running.

He says the accident has brought home just what a great community the Pōhutukawa Coast is. “I’ve had lots of well wishing from the community,” he says. “Beachlands Baptist Church was really helpful to our family, providing meals and support. We also had support from BNI, the local business network group I belong to. And the Beachlands Volunteer Fire Brigade sent a get well gift to me while I was in hospital.” Phil also wants to extend a “huge thanks” to the Auckland Westpac Rescue Helicopter team.

Phil says he has tried to support the community in as many ways as he possibly can in the past, so it was really nice to see the community return the favour in his time of need. “That’s the beauty of living on the Coast. We are locals, and it’s like being part of a bigger family. I’m lucky to be alive, and very grateful to be alive. It makes you take stock.” Phil has made an impressive recovery, and looks forward to having use of his shoulder again. His shoulder has a further six weeks in a sling, and up to six months Physio rehab.

“I’m determined to get better. You can’t drive a fire truck like this!” Worksafe investigated the incident at the mechanic’s worksite, and has recorded the incident as a freak accident which could not have been prevented. The hose reel cover has since been re-engineered so that it cannot come off again.



Clockwise from above: Phil Jessep feels grateful to be alive; the offending hose reel cover which nearly cost Phil his life; Phil recovers at Middlemore Hospital.



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# Maraetai resident steps out in support of rare disorders

A Maraetai resident used last Sunday's Clevedon half marathon, and will run in next month's Maraetai half marathon, to raise awareness of Rare Disorders.

In 2020, Steve Couch-Hill was admitted to hospital with multiple organ failure, and was diagnosed with anca positive vasculitis (ANCA) - a rare autoimmune disease which causes an inflammation of blood vessels. The disease affected Steve's liver, kidneys and his upper respiratory tract.

"My illness is very rare, the medical professionals call it a 'rockstar' disease, in that you have as much chance of getting it as becoming a rockstar," says Steve.

In New Zealand, the disease affects about 150 people - three people in every 100,000 will develop it.

Steve underwent chemotherapy and is currently in remission, helped by immune suppressant medication. The disorder meant he had to retire, but despite battling chronic fatigue some days, he finds that keeping fit helps.

A few years prior to his diagnosis Steve had started running for fitness, spurred on by his wife whom he met in 2016. "I started training with her and got the bug. She has just completed her 10th Ironman at Taupo, and enrolled for what we think

is her 12th Rotorua Marathon. I did my first half marathon in Rotorua in 2017, at 53 years old, and my first marathon also in Rotorua in 2018. I missed the 2019 half marathon with an injury and was very ill at the time of the 2020 event."

While he has to be careful to avoid any infection or illness, Steve's medical condition has improved steadily over the last three years. He was able to run a 10km event in December and looks forward to completing the 10km events at the upcoming Clevedon and Maraetai half marathons.

Steve says it requires constant effort to stay fit, which he does by walking his dog for up to two hours each day. When he feels up to it, he gets out on the water either in his sailboat or kayak.

Ultimately Steve hopes his increasing fitness will allow him to complete at least one more half marathon, and possibly even a triathlon.

Steve is keen to raise awareness for Rare Disorders NZ, which he describes as a "really good cause".

People can donate to Rare Disorders NZ at [raredisorders.org.nz](http://raredisorders.org.nz).



Steve Couch-Hill was diagnosed with a rare medical disorder in 2020, and is now running to raise awareness for Rare Disorders NZ.

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Clockwise from top left: The Auckland Area dressage team placed sixth overall; Clevedon Pony Club showjumper Hayley Newington; riders from teams around the North island assemble at the dressage prizegiving event at Clevedon Showgrounds.



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<b>Jumping Juniors</b> 11 - 11.45am 1 - 4 years old \$105 / term	<b>Badminton</b> 9.30 - 11am  Play for free	<b>Senior Circuit</b> 9 - 10am  Casual \$7 / 10 for \$60	<b>Pilates with Judith</b> 9am - 10am  Casual \$13 / 10 x \$100	<b>Senior Circuit</b> 10 - 11am  Casual \$7 / 10 for \$60
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<b>Parkour</b> 4.15pm 7+ years 5.00pm 10+ years \$189 / term	<b>Table Tennis</b> 1.30 - 3.30pm School term only Play for free	<b>Mahjong</b> 10am - 12pm  \$2	<b>Gym Skills</b> 5-6 years 4.00 - 5.00pm \$140 / term	
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# Slice of history up for sale in Brookby

A slice of Aotearoa's settler history is up for sale in Brookby.

If the historic homestead located on Sutton Road could talk, she would no doubt have plenty to tell about those who have slept under her roof over the years.

The 19th century colonial villa was originally built in the 1880s on St Heliers Estate (Tuhimata Street) in Auckland. It was owned by sea captain Joseph Lucas Clark, who had emigrated from England with his family. Clark was infamous for captaining ships prone to shipwreck. The most notable incident was the SS Jeddah, which took on water while sailing for Malaysia with approximately 1,000 pilgrims on-board. Clark with his family and senior crew members abandoned ship, leaving passengers to perish. But the Jeddah didn't sink - in fact, it arrived at the nearest port not long after the captain himself!

From 1902 the pretty St Heliers villa was known as one of Auckland's most elegant mansions, famed for sophisticated entertaining on a grand scale. Amongst its various owners were a doctor and a mayor, and for a time during World War 2 the house was even used as a casino by World War 2 American servicemen.

In 1996 the house was moved to a 13-hectare property in Brookby where it resides today, with its high stud ceilings, veranda overlooking the large lily pond



This historic homestead located on Sutton Road, Brookby, is on the market.

with private jetty, formal dining and living rooms and an impressive ballroom with crystal chandeliers. In 2020 the house and grounds were the setting for a scene of American Netflix show, Sweet Tooth that also featured New Zealand musician Marlon Williams. The property has also been used as a venue for a number of weddings.

Property owner Julia Parker says her family has adored living in the house.

"Saving goodbye to this beloved home is bittersweet. We've cherished raising our family here, nestled in this serene valley and just a stone's throw from pony club. The land, the gardens, the meals

made from our own grown bounty - all hold treasured memories. Now, with our children fledged and flown, it's time for another family to discover the joy of living here."

The house is being marketed by local resident Sarah Richardson of NZ Sotheby's International Realty Auckland Southeast.

"The house has made a remarkable transition from historic homestead to a contemporary residence retaining its old-world charm throughout. The location and setting are second to none, it really is country living at its best," says Sarah.

## Beachlands Maraetai Rugby Club kicks off a new season

It might feel like the peak of summer, but rugby season is just around the corner and Beachlands Maraetai Rugby Club is gearing up for a great winter of sport.

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## Weekly events

### MONDAY

- **BABY CHAT** 10.30-12:00pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, Age 0 to 1 yrs.
- **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](mailto:tepuru@group.scouts.nz)
- **CUBS:** scouts for ages 8-11 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, [tepuru@group.scouts.nz](mailto: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. 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
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- **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.
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** For primary school ages, 3.30pm - 5pm, at Ray White 'The Shed', contact Rhianon 0212160224.
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST YOUTH CHOIR:** For intermediate and high school ages, 5.15pm - 6.30pm, at Ray White 'The Shed', contact Rhianon 0212160224
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST COMMUNITY CHOIR:** 7.15 - 8.45pm. [coastchoir.com](http://coastchoir.com)
- **THE GOOD KNIGHTS SOCIAL CHESS** 7:00 - 8:30pm. Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Runs fortnightly (usually 1st & 3rd Tues of the month). All ages and skill levels welcome. Contact 022 656 1154 for more info.

### 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 Bchldns-Mtai. [president@manukaumasters.co.nz](mailto: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.
- **COASTAL TREASURES** Open Wednesday - Saturday, 10am-4pm, 41 Third View Ave, Beachlands. Donations welcome Monday, Wednesday and Saturday before 7pm at 25 Liberty Crescent (unless raining) or phone Tania on 021 644 722 for appointment.

### 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.
- **LINE DANCING:** 10-11am, Beachlands Hall. Karen 021 213 6020.
- **TOY LIBRARY:** 10am-12pm, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.
- **ADULT GYMNASTICS/FITNESS CLASS:** 11am-1pm FREE Te Puru.
- **SCOUTS - AGES 11-15 - 6:30-8:30** Te Puru Scout Hall, [tepuru@group.scouts.nz](mailto:tepuru@group.scouts.nz).
- **TWICE LOVED OP SHOP:** Open 10am-3pm, 104 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai.
- **S.A.Y.G.O. "STEADY AS YOU GO"** Balance and coordination class. 10.30am. Kawakawa Bay Hall. \$2 Fee for Hall Hire and donations to Age Concern and Community. Friendly, gentle exercises. Contact 0210557370 Barbara Long.
- **COASTAL UKES (UKELLE CLUB)** 1:30 - 2:30pm, at Log Cabin, contact Val 027 393 4999 or Jean 021 023 09043.

### FRIDAY

- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 10-11am Te Puru Centre, \$6 Ph 536 5360.
- **SENIOR STRETCH & STRENGTH:** 9-10am, Beachlands Memorial Hall, \$12 per month (8 sessions).
- **COTTAGE CAFE** 10am-12pm, K Bay, 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, free coffee + food, company.
- **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.
- **COAST YOUTH:** 6:30-8:30pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Anyone in intermediate or high school welcome. Contact Majella 021 079 3117 for more info.
- **CLEVEDON ART GROUP** Meets weekly on Fridays, 10am-12noon. McNicol Homestead. New members, beginners to experienced are very welcome. Phone Marian 027 296 3827.
- **FOODTOGETHER POP-UP SHOP** 2pm - 4pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Grab a \$15 bag of seasonal, fresh fruit & veg at this community pop-up. We'd love to see you there. Pre-order at [foodtogether.co.nz](http://foodtogether.co.nz) or pop in to pick your own. Contact Meg 021 887 902 for more info.

### 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.

### SUNDAY

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

## Other events and services

### POHUTUKAWA COAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (PCCA)

7.30PM THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, Rowan Muir Community Centre, 211 Maraetai Drive.

**COTTAGE CAFE** FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY EACH MONTH: 10am-12pm Kawakawa Bay Presbyterian Church. Ph: Church Office 2922450 (leave a message).

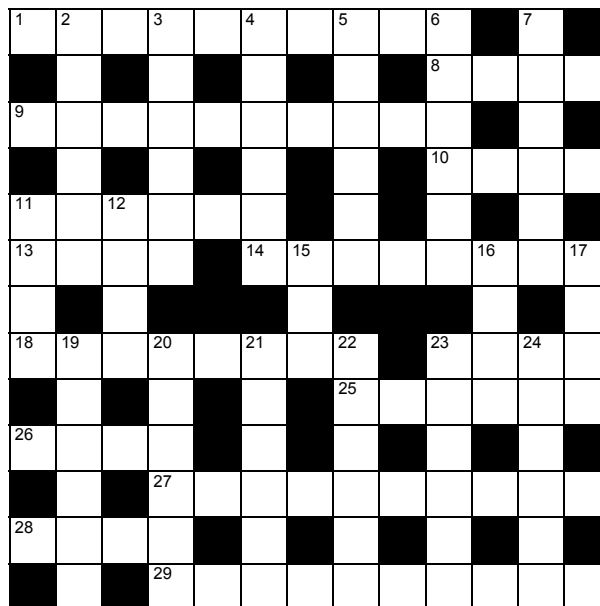
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**A TOUCH OF PILATES WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY.** 10-11am. Beachlands Chartered Club. Janice 0211 845 354. \$10 casual rate or \$70 for 11 sessions.

**EUCHRE CARD NIGHT EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY.** 7pm. Beachlands Chartered Club.

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### Across

1. Zeal (10)
8. Centre line (4)
9. Spoilsport (3,7)
10. At the most (4)
11. Rinse (6)
13. Fewer (4)
14. Cheat (8)
18. Discount an item (4,4)
23. False god (4)
25. Disregard (6)
26. Taunt (4)
27. Healthy (10)
28. Stylish (4)
29. Measurement of engine strength (10)

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### Down

2. Goad (6)
3. Over confidence (6)
4. Sunglasses (inf) (6)
5. Neutralising compound (6)
6. Tangled (6)
7. Depression in the flesh (6)
11. Criticise severely (4)
12. Junkie (4)
15. Gobsmack (3)
16. Board game (4)
17. Aggravate (4)
19. Indifference (6)
20. Garish objects (6)
21. Relating to the eye (6)
22. Spry (6)
23. Dark blue (6)
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# Police confiscate dirt bike, driver charged

NZ Police have charged an 18-year-old Beachlands man with dangerous driving, and have impounded his dirt bike.

The matter was brought to police attention by Beachlands residents, who witness reckless driving throughout January.

Senior Sergeant Anson Lin, of Counties Manukau East Police, says residents were quite rightfully concerned.

“They reported incidents where the rider was allegedly riding on the wrong side of the road, speeding, and performing other dangerous manoeuvres.”

Beachlands Police made follow up enquiries into the reports.

“This sort of behaviour needlessly puts other road users in danger, as well as those engaging in the behaviour,” Senior Sergeant Lin says.

“Our staff took immediate action and following a number of enquiries, we identified a person of interest.”

A search warrant was carried out in Beachlands in late January, and an 18 year-old male charged with dangerous driving. The dirt bike involved was impounded, Senior Sergeant Lin says.

“We appreciate the cooperation of residents in reporting such incidents, as it plays a crucial role in ensuring a safer environment for everyone.

“Police will continue to take decisive action where we can so as to ensure the safety of other road users.”

Senior Sergeant Lin says Police will continue to monitor and respond promptly to concerns around road safety in the area.

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