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'Mr G' takes on his toughest challenge



Brookby School principal Wayne Gillard (centre) pictured with (L-R) Emma Hamilton (IRONMAN), Verna Cook-Jackson, Devon Beckman (IRONMAN) and Brookby School Board of Trustees trustee Cam Hughes.

Eighteen months ago, Brookby School principal Wayne Gillard could barely swim 15 metres without having to stop for breath. Not only has he taught himself to swim since then, he is now training for one of the country's toughest endurance tests - the ANZCO Foods IRONMAN. Last month Wayne's IRONMAN journey was made even more special when he was awarded the Tony Jackson Scholarship, given to an athlete who demonstrates determination, enthusiasm, and a passion for inspiring others.

'Mr G' as he is known to his students, says he was "pretty overwhelmed and honoured and privileged to get such a such an opportunity".

Wayne had kept his scholarship application quiet. What he didn't know was that staff at Brookby School had sent in a video in support of his application.

He found out that he had been awarded the scholarship at a surprise school assembly last month, complete with kapa haka performances that the staff and students had managed to keep under wraps.

"I don't quite know how they managed to keep that a secret because I normally know what's going on in my own school, but yeah - that was very special to come out of my office and see the whole school out there. It was awesome, especially seeing the joy in the kids, and them actually appreciating that I was being acknowledged for something like that, that was really cool," says Wayne.

Wayne says that inspiring his students was a big factor in his decision to compete in his first IRONMAN event.

"I don't like things being about me, but it's good to be able to inspire other people, particularly kids. And I think the best way to do that is through your own actions and being able to tell a story, a journey. I love being active and exercising and all that type of thing, but I do like to share with the kids things that I do outside my comfort zone."

In his role as principal, Wayne is constantly asking students about their own participation in sports, and he regularly has visits from students keen to show him trophies and share their success stories.

"For some kids, their main success is through what they do physically and through their sports, it could be dance or arts and things like that. So it's really important that we recognise those things. The community here at Brookby is amazing - we are very open and we like to share our successes and our stories."

The commitment required to train for an IRONMAN

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Guest editorial by the Clevedon Association

Clevedon Association's pace - we have plenty of projects on the boil, and look forward to seeing some positive changes in Clevedon into the future.

Elected committee members

At our recent AGM, the following committee members were elected: Martin Grant (Chair), Victoria Richards (Deputy Chair), Fiona Ritchie (Secretary), Pia Jones (Treasurer), Nicola Henshaw, Jane Masters, Mary Whitehouse, Josephine Elworthy, Tina Cadogan and Mark Kinsler. The expanded team also includes Acacia Nightingale, Sarah Crabb, Leanne Chamberlin, Helen Morrison, Miranda Marsh and Maree Irwin.

Wairoa Rangers tournament

The Clevedon Association was delighted to support this year's Wairoa Rangers tournament - an extra special day celebrating 20 years since the club's revival.

Franklin Local Board support

The Clevedon Association has received the second year of its partnership grant from the Franklin Local Board and we thank the Board for this support. This will be spread across a range of projects





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Winter hasn't slowed down The aimed at making Clevedon a great place to live, work and play. We're turning our attention to the next three-year Local Board plan and we will be working on what support we believe Clevedon should get.

Public transport advocacy

The Auckland Regional Public Transport Plan 2023-2031 talks about "providing appropriate public transport services and facilities for rural townships with at least 2,000 residents". We'll meet this criteria soon so it's up to us to start advocating for what we want. We're going to start this conversation at our next Wairoa Valley Breakfast in early October.

Clevedon planting palette

We're in the stages of finalising a planting guide that developers and residents can use as a reference when planning landscaping projects, with the aim of keeping planting consistent with the original character of the Wairoa Valley.

Village Heart project

The next stage of the Village Heart project will see design commence on the new playground and parking area. Now that the old council house has been removed from the corner of North and Twilight Roads, we are working with Council on some temporary natural play structures to make use of this site until it is redeveloped as part of the project. Also, last month Auckland Council allocated a further \$1.2M from its Fix and Finish fund to be used to bring some planned work forward which will go toward a new toilet block and bike parking area.

Pedestrian crossing

Consultation has now closed, so we will be talking with the project team about next steps.

Undergrounding power lines

The power lines down the main street impact not only the street's visual appeal but also development on the street. We are working with Vector and local landowners to discuss undergrounding the power lines. It won't happen overnight, but like many things, unless we get the ball rolling nothing will happen.

Event venues

Event venues play a significant role in attracting visitors to Clevedon, and we recently had the pleasure of hosting a number of guests on a tour of some of our venues that coincided with the launch of a Clevedon Venue Guide.

Clevedon Heritage trail

The Clevedon Association is working with the Clevedon and Districts Historical Society on a walking guide which takes visitors along a marked trail showcasing Clevedon's heritage. Trail markers will include QR codes which visitors can scan to learn more about each site along the trail.

Clevedon Community Response Team

We have been pleased to support the Community Response Team (NZ) which held a successful information and recruitment evening in Clevedon on 21 August. Six new volunteers were recruited and they have already attended their first training session. The Community Response Team's aim is to provide a support service in emergencies which frees up emergency services to do their jobs.

CCTV camera system

Our CCTV camera system has recently had a major upgrade alongside the new number plate recognition camera installed on the south side of the village near Conmara.

Wairoa Business Breakfast

On 7 October we held our second Wairoa Business Breakfast at Windross Golf Course, where we gave attendees a comprehensive rundown on all the projects mentioned in this column. Attendees were asked for their feedback on what their priorities were for Clevedon.

Village flags

We are in the process of talking with AT about new village flags on 18 light poles at the four gateways to Clevedon. The new flags will promote community and local events like the Polo Open, ANZAC day, Matariki, the Clevedon Art Trail, Wairoa Rangers tournament, Love Clevedon, the Clevedon A&P Show and Christmas.



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Voters elect new Franklin representatives

The Pōhutukawa Coast, Clevedon and Hūnua areas have elected their new Auckland Council representatives.

Interim results* show incumbents Amanda Hopkins (3,287 votes) and Malcolm Bell (3,188) will return to the Board, accompanied by their Team Franklin teammate, newcomer Alix Bonnington (2,548 votes).

Joining Amanda, Alix and Malcolm on the Board will be Pukekohe subdivision representatives Alan Cole, Andrew Kay, Merritt Watson and Lesieli Oliver, plus Waiuku subdivision representatives Gary Holmes and Hunter Hawker.

Team Franklin's Andrew Baker was re-elected Franklin Ward Councillor with 9,289 votes, ahead of closest rival ACT Party candidate Dene Green on 3,675 votes.

Voting turnout was low across the city, with Franklin Local Board's Wairoa subdivision the fourth most active in the city with just 30.1% of residents voting.

Newly elected Board member Amanda Hopkins says: "We are excited to have Alix join the team. Alix has already shown how committed she is by attending our Board meetings since May. She will be able to start contributing immediately and it will be great to have her knowledge and close relationship with the Beachlands and Maraetai communities, and her enthusiasm to get things done for our areas. We will miss Angela Fulljames and thank her for all her hard work and leadership over the years, but we will work hard and keep up with what she started."

Amanda, Malcolm and Alix say their focus on the next three years will include:

- Continuing to work closely with community groups across the region
- Keeping the pressure on Auckland Transport to provide upgrades and decent maintenance for local roads
- Continuing the paths programme and bringing Beachlands up to standard for a coastal settlement



Franklin Local Board's new Wairoa subdivision representatives (L-R) Amanda Hopkins, Malcolm Bell and Alix Bonnington. Photo / supplied.

- Advocating for increased ferry services and public transport to growing communities that have nothing
- Better services for Beachlands and Maraetai, a library service, youth and other community spaces and a decent skate park, plus continuing to advocate for the secondary school
- Continuing the work on upgrading Clevedon, including the Village Heart project
- Continuing support for cleaning up the environment and pest control
- Advocating for infrastructure to support growth before people start moving in, plus consideration of the downstream effects for nearby communities
- Pushing for increased consequences for illegal land filling and inappropriate land use
- Advocating for better response to coastal erosion
- Careful and fair allocation of Local Board funding

"Above all, we want to listen to the communities and what they would like to see. We will be starting work on our 3-year plan soon, so we need to hear from everyone – what they see as important for their areas. If a proposal is not in a council plan, it is unlikely to happen, so watch out for the consultation period that will start early next year," says Amanda.

*Voting results reported in this article are interim results, with final results to be announced on 17 October.

Runners hit the Coast this weekend

The seventh Rotary ALLFIT Coastal Fun Run takes place this Sunday 19 October, centred on Te Puru Park in Beachlands.

The event uses pathways in Leigh Auton Reserve, the perimeter tracks around Omana Regional Park and the pathways to Maraetai, with a turnaround point just past the Maraetai Beach Boating Club. Organisers ask that people please be aware of runners and walkers from 10am on Sunday.

There is a Kid's Dash around the park at 9.30am followed by the 10km event at 10am and the 5km at 10.20am. A Kid's Dash ticket is just \$5 or is complimentary with any adult ticket bought.

Families receive a 20% discount that can be claimed during the online booking process.

As usual there are finisher medals (for 5km & 10km), many spot prizes, entertainment and food at the finishing line.

All proceeds go to charity; see the Charity page on the event website for more details.

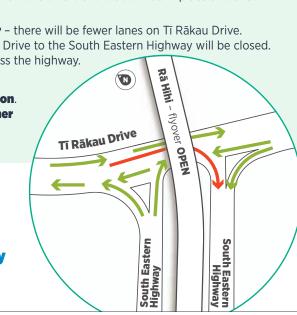
Online ticketing closes at midnight Friday (17th) but tickets can also be bought on Saturday 3pm-5pm at the Te Puru Community Centre or on the day at Te Puru Park. EFTPOS is available on Saturday, Sunday tickets are cash only.

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and those around you.

'Mr G' takes on his toughest challenge at IRONMAN

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event is significant, and Wayne says he is fortunate to have support from "amazing" staff and family which means he can juggle time commitments.

Exercise is also a way to cope with the challenges of being a school principal.

"I love my job but it can be mentally draining. The physical outlet for me is my exercise, so it all balances out."

The decision to attempt his first IRONMAN event was quickly followed by the realisation he needed to learn to swim.

He progressed from being able to swim to the first buoy at Maraetai beach, to the second buoy, then the buoy after that.

"I had a friend who got me into the got me into the water and got me swimming, which was great."

Wayne's first real test of physical endurance will come at a half IRONMAN event in December, aptly named 'Suffer'.

"There's a group of five of us out at Beachlands that are training together for that," he says. "So that's kind of cool. It's been really good to have the support of that group, and motivate each other. I think by December I'll definitely be in reasonable shape for the half... and then

it'll be building from there. So my summer holidays will involve some big training blocks."

A significant part of the training involves going from being a runner to becoming comptetent in all three disciplines of running, cycling and swimming.

Come race day in Taupo on 7 March next year, Wayne says his goal is to finish, and to be deserving of the Tony Jackson Scholarship.

"So what that means to me is I need to train as hard as I can and then I think it becomes very much a mental thing on the day that you just keep moving."

Wayne sees a few parallels between

being a school prinicpal and competing in an IRONMAN.

"It's about being well prepared, it's about being motivated and keeping the energy up. It's about getting those messages out to kids that you can do anything you put your mind to, which is something that I adhere to."



Your Views

Franklin is no longer peripheral - the 2023 Census puts our ward population at 84,357 (a 12.7 % rise since 2018 and doubled since 2010), making us one of Auckland's fastest-growing areas.

Auckland Council's new Southern Rural Strategy forecasts that Franklin will contribute about 15% of the city's population growth over the next 30 years, with nearly 89,900 extra people, 37,500 households and 16,500 new jobs in the rural south by 2052.

one councillor. Under medium growth scenarios, we will exceed 110,000 people by 2033 - placing us on par with wards (e.g. Mt Albert) that get two councillors. Without more councillors in 2028 (and a third by 2040), representation will be diluted, responsiveness slower, and infrastructure advocacy weaker.

The geographic breadth of Franklin is striking: the distance from Beachlands to Pukekohe is comparable to that between Beachlands and Albany. To lead such Yet today Franklin is represented by just a diverse, sprawling ward effectively,

councillors must be local, accessible, and equipped with capacity.

Compounding the pressure is a tourism boom, with our region's coastal parks, heritage sites, vineyards and scenic routes drawing more visitors. To cope, we must urgently invest in:

- Roads, transport and utilities (wastewater, stormwater)
- Visitor amenities and public access (car parks, toilets, walking/cycle trails)
- Coastal protection (seawalls, dune

restoration, managed retreat plans) I call on Auckland Council and Central Government to champion governance reform - increasing Franklin's councillor count - and to prioritise funding for infrastructure that matches growth, protects our coastline, and supports both residents and visitors.

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Environmental champions celebrate Tīkapa Moana protection

Local iwi Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki has welcomed the passing of the Hauraki Gulf/Tīkapa conditions of a permit if it is Moana Marine Protection Bill this month.

The Hauraki Gulf/Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Act will come into force on 29 October 2025, nearly tripling the Gulf's protected areas from just over the current 6 per cent to about 18 per cent.

Biodiversity loss has been flagged by mana whenua, environmental groups, scientists and local communities over many years. Tipa scallops, kūtai green-lipped mussels, and kōura rock lobsters have been fished to functional extinction in the Gulf. Seabird populations are struggling, and kelp forests are vanishing under pressure from warming seas and kina overpopulation.

It is hoped the new protections will support the recovery of some of the gulf's most biodiverse regions, including its nearshore areas and deep reefs.

Under the new Bill, additional protection will be provided including:

- two marine reserves, extending from the existing reserves Te Whanganui-o-Hei/Cathedral Cove Marine Reserve and Cape Rodney Okakari Point (Goat Island).
- 12 high protection areas (HPAs) these areas protect and restore marine habitats and ecosystems. They also provide for the customary practices of tangata whenua
- five seafloor protection areas (SPAs) these areas protect seafloor habitats, although they still allow for activities that do not damage them, such as nonbottom contact fishing.

"It is important to acknowledge the countless people who have been working on this kaupapa for years, to get it over the line, including Minister Potaka and his team," says Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Trust Chair Billy Brown.

Forest & Bird is also celebrating the passing of the Bill, but says it is "deeply concerned about significant compromises" in the Bill's final form, most notably that commercial fishing has been allowed in two high protection areas - a decision made after public consultation closed, despite thousands signing a petition opposing it.

Forest & Bird says that allowing commercial fishing in these zones puts short-term commercial interests ahead of ecosystem recovery and long-term sustainable fisheries. Forest & Bird also say that whānau and hapū voices have been removed from decision-making, "stripping away rights and agency at the very level where kaitiakitanga is actively practiced".

Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki chief executive Jada MacFie says that while at face value the removal of whānau, hapū and/or iwi at place in relation to the issue of permits may seem obstructive to iwi engagement, Ngāi Tai remain optimistic about their role as kaitiaki. "Section 4 states that the Director General has the authority to revoke or amend

conditions of a permit if it is inconsistent with the rights of interests of iwi that exercise kaitiakitanga in those specific areas. Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki has a healthy relationship with Te Papa Atawhai, and have been working with the department for a long time regarding the implementation of monitoring and management plans for the high protection areas and feel confident we will continue to play a significant role in the actioning of this Bill."

Ngāi Tai has long been invested in marine protection and revitalisation with multiple current projects that it says will be further supported by the protections of the new Bill.

Billy Brown says that while the crafting and passing of the Bill has not been without challenges, it is important to focus on the long-term

benefits of such an important piece of legislation.

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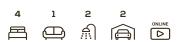
"As a maritime iwi, we acutely feel the weight of the degradation of the marine environment," says Billy. "Our marine programmes, including mussel reef restoration, caulerpa monitoring, kina barren clearing, Rāhui research as well as the way we implement our aquaculture interests, contribute to the health and wellbeing of Tīkapa Moana. This legislation protects that mahi as well as our customary fishing rights should we ever need to exercise them."

Forest & Bird is keen to see the scope of the Bill extended, calling for the end of destrucive fishing methods, and for at least 30 per cent of the Gulf to be fully protected by 2030, in line with global biodiversity goals.



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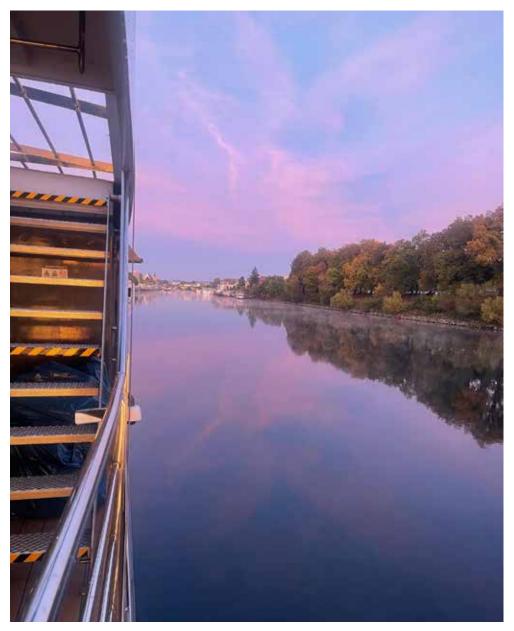
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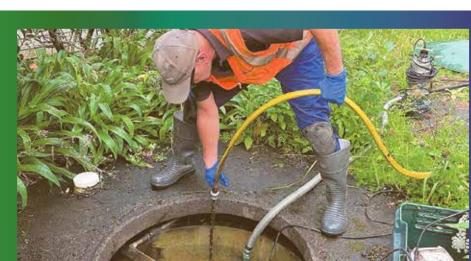




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- **5.** Warm-blooded creature (6)
- 8. A cow, to a Scot (3)
- **9.** Right now! (6)
- **10.** Hail (4)
- **11.** Offensive instrument (6)
- **12.** Readjust (5)
- **15.** Remove outer covering (6)
- **17.** Rough drawing (6)
- **20**. Divided country (5)
- **21.** Clay shaper (6)
- **23.** Of slim build (6)
- **26.** Result from (5)
- 27. African desert (6)
- **29.** Always (4)
- **30.** Hazy (6)
- **31.** Sheltered side (3)
- **32.** Martial art (6)
- **33.** Belief in existence of a god (6)

- 2. Desolate (6)
- **3.** Between trot and gallop (6)
- **4.** Barge (4)
- **5.** Treacle (8)
- **6.** Average (4)
- 7. Pure, free of blame (4-5)
- **10.** Partially-burned coal (4)
- **12.** Prime cut of meat (4,5)
- **13.** Hit or crush something (4)
- **14.** Seize (4)
- **16.** Easily moved (8)
- **18.** Cabbage (4)
- **19.** Swimwear (4)
- **22.** Rip (4)
- **24.** Bury (6)
- 25. Excessive pride (6)
- 27. Scorch (4)
- 28. Assist in a crime (4)

Answers on page 10

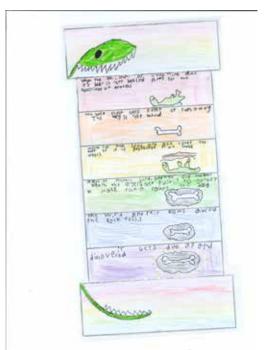




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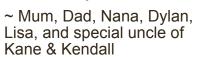
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Application will be by helicopter and will be carried out in two blocks -the project is weather dependent.

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