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Koi carp an “ecological disaster” for local waterways



Growing numbers of koi carp in local rivers could spell disaster for the health of waterways.

The Hauraki Gulf forum continues to lobby for koi carp elimination to be a higher priority for Minister for the Environment. Last year three advocates for the control of koi carp presented to the Hauraki Gulf Forum meeting, putting muddied canals caused by koi carp on display.

The pest species has been found locally in Te Wairoa/the Wairoa River and tributaries such as the Taitaia stream which runs through Clevedon Scenic Reserve.

A report presented to the Hauraki Gulf Forum meeting said koi carp were creating a significant stressor on the health of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

“Being bottom-feeders, they stir up sediment, often heavy in nitrogen and phosphorous, which is ultimately discharged into the Gulf,” the report said.

The report also said the pest species was eroding the banks and impacting native tuna/eels by destroying the habitat and

competing for food. Koi carp eat the roots of plants which line waterways, undermining the riverbanks.

Koi carp were described by committee member and farmer Conall Buchanan as an invisible problem that is getting progressively worse.

“The numbers are well beyond what we thought,” Buchanan said.

Friends of Te Wairoa chair Glenn Richards says that koi carp are a big problem for Clevedon’s Wairoa River. “It’s almost impossible to eliminate them once they are there. Nobody has a method yet for hunting and eliminating them.”

The Wairoa River does not fall within the koi carp containment area, suggesting attempts to contain the fish within the Waikato zoned area have failed.

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Guest editorial by MP for Papakura Hon. Judith Collins

As you may know the General Election is coming up in October this year. Early voting begins on 2 October and Election Day is 14 October. There are many issues at stake and the top eight appear to be health, cost of living, education, infrastructure, reducing crime, co-governance, three or five Waters and climate change.

The National Party is campaigning with positive policies for change and action on all of these.

I have had many constituents emailing me or contacting me through my Electorate office regarding missed surgeries or overdue consultations with specialists for all sorts of medical problems. They report lengthy delays in hospital emergency waiting rooms, delays to get appointments with specialists and delays getting surgery.

In some cases, patients are waiting because their names have dropped off waiting lists and no one has advised them to check their status with their GP.

Labour removed National's health targets which included a target that patients receive a specialist appointment or had surgery within four months. The consequence of this is ballooning waitlists, made worse by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The half a billion dollars Labour spent on the health restructure in the middle of the pandemic has put huge pressure on an already stretched health system and taken away critical dollars for resources to help

tackle the waitlists.

Recently I spoke out against surgeons being directed to consider ethnicity as well as other factors, in prioritising patients for operations. A number of surgeons are upset by the introduction of the Equity Adjustor Score and consider the new "prioritising" tool to be medically indefensible.

The factor of Ethnicity should never be a reason to decline or prioritise surgery.

National will invest in and deliver a better health system for New Zealanders. We will redirect funding to our frontline services, fill the shortage of doctors and nurses and reinstate lifesaving health targets.

Auckland Council Future Development Strategy 2023 Consultation

Recently I met a delegation of people who live in the electorate who were very concerned about what the Future Development Strategy for Auckland 2023 meant for consenting new housing projects including the need for building infrastructure in Auckland south. The proposed rezoning of land from future housing development back to rural will seriously impact growth in many areas in Papakura.

Anyone potentially affected by this should participate in the Future Development Strategy Consultation that amends the big picture vision for how and where Auckland should grow over the next 30 years to achieve the best outcomes.

The Future Development Strategy is

a result of the Labour government's intention to intensify housing development in Auckland. This is a stated intention of KiwiBuild and it requires Auckland Council to follow this policy.

National has clearly distanced itself from this policy and the changes to the consents process that would allow development of existing suburban properties without resource consent. Such a move would definitely disadvantage greenfields developers and it is being strongly resisted in many already intensely developed suburbs nearer the CBD.

Auckland Council opened consultation on the Future Development Strategy in June and it finishes on 31 July 2023. For more information, see <https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/news/2023/06/10-things-you-need-to-know-about-auckland-s-future-development-strategy/>

Then have your say on the website: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/future-development-strategy>

I have had my say and I will be watching the outcome carefully. The National Party caucus has clear policies that support existing greenfields developments.

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Buchanan said in two weeks one of his staff members caught hundreds of koi carp from a catchment drain in the Waikato.

“It is quite frustrating in this case that we do not have a lot of solutions,” he said.

Another Waikato farmer and lower Waikato catchment advisory committee member Mike Peters said it became noticeable eight years ago that the vegetation had eroded on the bank of the canals near his farm.

“All our canals now, we are having to move our fences back because the canal is falling in,” Peters said.

“As far as I can see, these fish are one of the biggest ecological disasters. The biggest problem is that people do not really see it,” Peters said.

Peters said that concerned Waikato landowners had privately funded efforts to address the pest population but there was more work that needed to be done.

“We have got to be fishing thousands of tonnes of fish,” he said.

Options for controlling koi carp populations include biological measures such as a koi carp specific virus or releasing sterile male carp into a population. However Covid-19 has had significant impacts on resourcing, and as a result the Hauraki Gulf Forum last

year unanimously voted to support the lobbying position.

Auckland Council’s principal biosecurity advisor Dr Imogen Bassett says the most important thing communities can do is to not contribute to further spread.

“Never release fish into waterways. This includes pet fish such as goldfish, which are closely related to koi and can quickly turn feral if dumped. If you’re no longer able to look after your pet fish, make sure you find them a new home with someone who can look after them.”

DOC freshwater biosecurity coordinator Kerry Bodmin says locals, and all freshwater users, can help by following Check, Clean, Dry. That is, check anything that has been in contact with freshwater for aquatic weed or plant fragments, fish, animals or eggs, clean anything that has been in contact with water and dry it before using it again especially if using it in another waterway.

“We also value locals and members of the public reporting any sightings of koi, particularly if they are in areas outside the Auckland / Waikato regions.”

DOC advises that any sightings of koi carp should be reported to 0800 DOC HOT.

Talented musicians perform at concert series

The Clevedon Valley Music Foundation Trust has three music events planned over the coming months.

On **Sunday 30 July** from 1.30-2.30pm, the public is invited to support young artists by attending a concert performed by participants who have taken part in a workshop the day before. The workshop will see participants develop their stagecraft, visual art (painting), musicianship and performance on the Saturday, culminating in a mixed-media collaboration of rising talent and professionals at Sunday’s concert. The workshop is limited to 25 participants aged between 8 and 20 yrs, in three age-groups. Cost for participants is \$15 (single) or \$25/\$40 for 2 or 3 siblings. Workshop presenters will comprise some of NZ’s top practitioners in music, drama and art.

On **Sunday 17 September** from 1.30-2.30pm, a ‘Side-By-Side’ concert will feature a fusion of jazz, swing and classical music performed by the immensely popular Maximillian Crook and his musicians. The Sancta Maria Jazz Ensemble along with several other talented musicians will also perform.

On **Sunday 15 October** from 12.30–8.30pm, the Scholarship Competition Festival in piano, voice and instrumental sections across three age groups will be

open to the public. Made possible by the generous sponsorship of Clevedon locals Lindsay and Fred Hellaby and Margaret Williams, the scholarship competition will be judged by well-known conductor and performer Dr Rachel Griffiths-Hughes from the University of Waikato. Entries will open in August.

All events will be held at St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Clevedon, and will be followed by a complimentary light afternoon tea.

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Franklin Local Board asks locals where it should spend its money

Franklin Local Board has approved its draft 2023 Local Board Plans for public consultation that runs from 13 July to 14 August.

Franklin chair Angela Fulljames says the plans, required by law to set direction for the next three years, are prepared in the first year after a board's election.

"Nothing has been finalised. That doesn't happen until we have had a chance to make the draft public, so our communities can provide feedback," she says.

"We recognise the public has been through consultation on Auckland Council's annual budget, and that there might be some fatigue. But we would encourage everyone to look, decide if the priorities are supported, or if we have missed something."

She says the alterations made to Auckland Council's annual budget, and subsequent compromises around the table as the budget was adopted, prove consultation works.

"We know some people say no-one is listening and that having a say is pointless, but that's been shown to be untrue," Angela says.

"The budget went through many changes, proving elected members were listening. The feedback process is important to getting a plan in place that people agree takes their area in the right direction."

Angela says residents are aware economic factors such as inflation, interest rates, supply chain difficulties, tight labour markets and COVID-19 have impacted budgets.

"Because our draft was developed at the same time as the annual budget, it's possible the priorities might need to change because of funding decisions. But if that needs to happen, we need to be armed with what the community has told us it wants most."

To accommodate residents with interests in more than one board area, people can comment on any plan from 13 July at Council's akhaveyoursay website, while hard copies and feedback forms will be available at libraries and service centres, or on request by calling 09 301 0101.

Within the Franklin board's Wairoa subdivision area, an in person event will be held at the Kawakawa Bay Markets on Orere Rd on Saturday 5 August from 10am-noon, in association with the Kawakawa Bay Community Association.

In addition, a drop-in session will be held at the Beachlands Memorial Hall in Wakelin Road on the same day, Saturday 5 August from 2-4pm, in association with Takutai Trust.

"These are three-year plans for Franklin that inform our annual work programmes, so it is important that communities speak

up to ensure their priorities are reflected in the plan.

"It is not always possible to make things that aren't included in our planning

happen, so people's feedback about what they want in the plan is critical. It's too late to advocate or be disappointed later, Angela says.

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Red U9 Default win over Fencibles United Mako Sharks U9/3
Blue U9 played Ellerslie AFC U9 Black POD Max Kenny
White U9 played Onehunga Sports FC Titans U9 POD Lochie Jones
AFC Blue U10 played Central United FC Astros U10 POD Ben
Black U10 played Auckland United FC Rangers U10 D3 POD Izak
Blue U11G Orcas Default win over Auckland United FC Kiwi U11G
Blue Goats U11 played Onehunga Sports FC Avengers U11 POD George Howell (gk)
U11 Default win over Bay Olympic Morays U11
Black U11 played Bay Olympic Snappers U11 POD Jack Mason
Black U12 Default loss to Ellerslie AFC U12 Silver
Blue U12G Diamond Cats Default loss to Auckland United FC NRF Gold U11G
Blue 12 played Western Springs AFC U12 Jaguars no POD submitted
13C lost to West Coast Rangers FC U13 Blue CO 0-3 POD Cody Barnett
U14G lost to Fencibles United Red U14G/2 1-3 POD Mollie McCarthy
Blue 14/3 lost to Ellerslie AFC U14 Gold 1-3 POD Tyler Caesar
Blue U16G/2 BYE
Legionnaires M40/3 beat Western Springs AFC Fatboys M40/3 5-2 POD Irish
Rebels M40/4 lost to Western Springs AFC Chevaliers M40/4 1-2 POD Brett Grobler
Coasters M40/4 beat Waiuku AFC M40/5 7-3 POD Richard "The Second" Rakovic
 Special mention for Lowie and Raf for their hattricks.
Lions M45 v Mangere United Ba M45 no result submitted
U23 v Oratia United Reserves no result submitted
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U5-U8 SMALL WHITES games not played due to holidays; **CYCLONES U9** v Papakura City FC Blue - Player of the Day: SPENCER BULL and Merit Award: COOPER MILLAR
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Right: U9 Cyclones

Beachlands Maraetai Junior Rugby



RESULTS FROM WEEK ENDING 16 JULY

U9 Girls Ripa lost to Papatoetoe Pandas 19-10, POD Abbie Wesselink, ROD Harper York; **U11 Girls Ripa** lost to Waiheke Iti Pipers 17-3, POD Kiri Ayjah Bowie, ROD Phoebe Keily; **U13 Girls Rip** lost to Waiheke Kahawai 19-11, POD Stella Baptista, ROD Sophie Turner;



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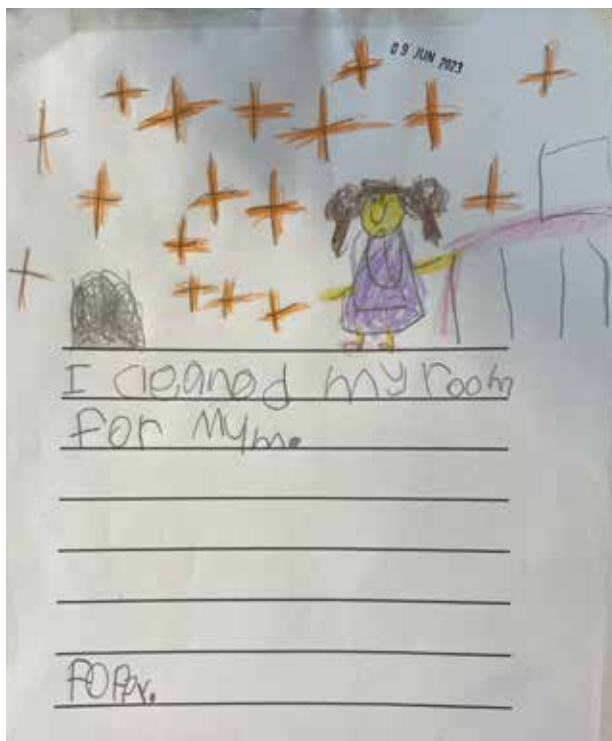
LOCAL STUDENTS' NEWS, VIEWS & LITERARY TALENT

This column features news, views and literary talents of students from Beachlands, Maraetai, Clevedon, Brookby, Hunua, Paparimu, Orere and Ardmore Schools.

One student featured each week will be presented with a certificate and a \$20 book voucher, thanks to Barfoot & Thompson's Beachlands and Whitford branches.

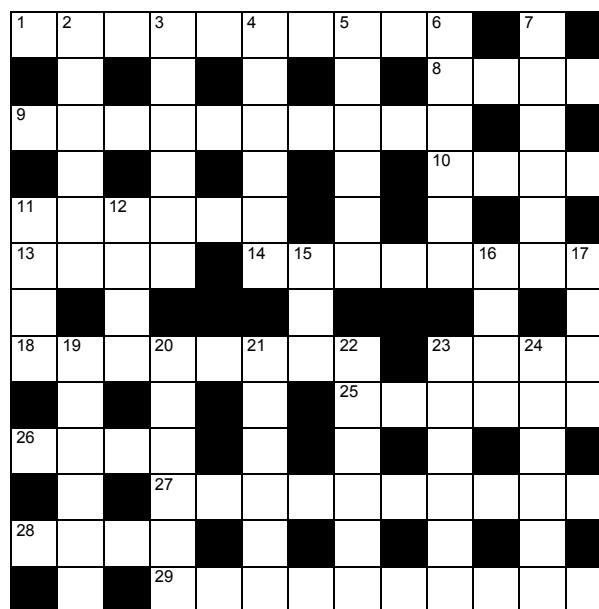


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Across

1. Appraisal (10)
8. Pile (4)
9. Never changing (10)
10. Slender (4)
11. Kidnap payment (6)
13. A succulent (4)
14. Helped (8)
18. Devastate (3,5)
23. Trim (4)
25. Serve with flaming liquor (6)
26. Ripped (4)
27. Someone melodramatic (5,5)
28. Data (abbr) (4)
29. Itchy feet (10)

Down

2. Summer footwear (6)
3. Pass (6)
4. Branding (6)
5. Stamp (6)
6. Dissertation (6)
7. Of the sea (6)
11. Fulminate (4)
12. Inquisitive (4)
15. Drunkard (3)
16. A limited period (4)
17. Trick (4)
19. Exist in large amounts (6)
20. Pane (6)
21. Stress (6)
22. Rub out (6)
23. Informal (6)
24. Preoccupy (6)

Answers on page 10

TE PURU Group Class Timetable Term 3 2023

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| | | SENIOR CIRCUIT 9 – 10am STADIUM \$7 / \$60 for 10 | PILATES 9 – 10am FUNCTION ROOM \$13 / \$100 for 10 | |
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| BADMINTON / TABLE TENNIS 7.30 – 9pm STADIUM \$7 casual | | SENIOR SOCIAL 10.00am - first Wed of the month CLUBROOMS | | |

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Te Puru Gymnastics Club Term 3 2023

| CLASS | DAY | TIME | AGE | COST |
|--|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------|
| Jumping Juniors | Monday Thursday | 11am - 11.45am 9.15am - 10.00am | 1 - 4 yrs 1 - 4 yrs | \$105 |
| Gym Skills 5-6 yrs | Monday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm | 5 - 6 yrs | \$140 |
| Gym Skills 5-6 yrs GymFest 7yrs+ | Monday | 4.30pm - 5.30pm | 5 - 6 yrs 7 yrs+ | \$140 |
| GymFest Gymnastics 9yrs+ | Monday | 5.30pm - 6.30pm | 9 yrs+ | \$140 |
| Gym Skills 5-6 yrs | Thursday | 4.00pm - 5.00pm | 5 - 6 yrs | \$140 |
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| CLASS | DAY | TIME | AGE | COST |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|----------|
| Basketball (PCBC) | Tuesday | 4.00pm - 9.00pm | 5 yrs+ | Club Fee |
| Parkour | Mon-Wed | 3:30pm onwards | 5 yrs+ | Club Fee |
| Athletics | Monday | Contact Club | | Club Fee |
| Touch | Wednesday | Contact Club | | Club Fee |

Catch of the Week photo competition

On board "Bad Habit", Karen McCormick proved that fishing with a 45-year-old kid's rod with a \$2 kids sabiki rig can do the job. Within an hour Karen caught a 40cm trevali, a 36cm snapper and a 63cm kingfish. The kingfish was returned to the sea and the rest were enjoyed with hot chips.

To enter the Catch of the Week photo competition, email your photo and details about your catch (where it was caught, name of the boat, what you did with the fish, plus any other special details) to liz@gasmaraetai.co.nz. The weekly winner will receive a \$50 Top Catch voucher from GAS Maraetai, and the season winner will receive a fishing rod and reel.



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