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World land speed record attempt hangs in the balance



Reg Cook behind the wheel of Wairua 2 - the piston-driven vehicle he hopes to set a new world land speed record in over the coming weeks. Image supplied.

Clevedon resident Reg Cook is with his motor racing team in Bolivia, hoping to attempt to set a world land speed record of 550 miles per hour this month. But tensions are high as obstacles mount.

This month 78-year-old Reg and his team at Cook Motor Racing plan to contest a number of world land speed records on the Bolivia salt flats, including the world land speed record for a piston-driven engine in a specially modified vehicle called 'Wairua 2'.

Reg believes the vehicle built in his Clevedon shed is up to the task, and his unwavering faith in success has helped his team clear a number of hurdles over the past two years, including aborting the mission in 2024 due to last minute tyre failure.

This week the record attempt looks to be in jeopardy again, with three of Cook Motor Racing's shipping containers delayed at a Chilean port, with no word of when they will be transported to the salt flats. A fourth shipping container was lost, and later tracked to a location in Chile but whether it will arrive in the right place at the right time is uncertain.

To make matters worse, the team's world record scrutineer became unwell and was unable to fly to Bolivia, necessitating a lot of admin to arrange a stand-in.

Reg says the team "are sitting on a knife edge hoping that containers arrive this week". They have managed to delay the world record attempt by a few days, but "the logistics of delaying the event with everyone's travel etc is a nightmare," says Reg.

As always, he looks on the bright side, saying the team have used the extra time to make technical improvements.

"Also it has been good that everyone has had a chance to acclimatise and build connections. For many this is the first time we're meeting in person."

The team is optimistic about their chances of setting a new world record - but it will all depend on whether their gear arrives in time.

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by MP for Papakura Rt Hon Judith Collins

Turning the first sod for new courthouse for Papakura
During August I was with the Minister for Justice Hon Paul Goldsmith and the Minister for Courts Hon Nicole McKee, at the turning of the first sod for the new Papakura Courthouse to be built on the site of the former RSA building in Elliot Street.
With consents in hand and plans well advanced, the new building will be purpose-built and largely completed in a factory before delivery to the site. This will allow the new building to be open for business in early 2027.
Inside Government – Auckland Council plan changes stopped
The Government has announced it will stop councils “wasting their officers’ time and their ratepayers’ money” on plan changes in advance of the new planning system coming into force.
RMA Reform Minister Chris Bishop says the Resource Management Act (RMA) has crippled New Zealand and the Government’s new planning system reforms are set to make it easier to get things built in New Zealand.
Parliament has passed the Fast-track Approvals Act to speed up the consenting process for projects with regional or nationally significant benefits.

Later this year the Government will introduce two new Acts to replace the RMA – one Act to focus on land-use planning and the second to focus on the natural environment. Mr Bishop said the new system will provide a framework that makes it easier to plan and deliver infrastructure as well as protect the environment.
The changes to be made have been carefully considered and based on recommendations from an Expert Advisory Group (EAG). The Government will assume some of the workload of Councils.
The big project for Papakura is Mill Road and it is set to benefit from these RMA changes.
Anyone with current issues around building and resource consents is reminded that Auckland Council or your local Councillor should be consulted.
Visits to Ukraine, Poland and United Kingdom
Recently, I was privileged to visit Ukraine and saddened to see firsthand the heartbreaking human cost of the ongoing war.
I had formal talks with my Ukrainian counterpart, Defence Minister Denys Shmyhal, and I met Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha, the Office of the President

and Deputy Minister of Defence Oleksandr Kozenko. They were grateful for our visit and the ongoing support from New Zealand, including over \$NZ168 million in financial assistance, humanitarian aid and in-kind support from up to 100 New Zealand Defence force personnel.
I was accompanied on the visit by Chief of Defence Force Air Marshal Tony Davies and we paid our respects at the Wall of Remembrance in Mykhailivska Square and visited the site of a residential apartment building hit by a Russian ballistic missile on 17 June, which tragically killed 23 civilians.
I also visited Poland and met Deputy Foreign Minister Władysław Teofil Bartoszewski and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz.
Poland remains one of our most trusted partners in Central and Eastern Europe due to shared values and strategic interests that underpin our close relationship.
My trip concluded with a visit to the United Kingdom where UK Secretary of State for Defence John Healey and I signed the 2025 Joint Statement on Defence Cooperation between the UK and New Zealand in London.
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A feature film created by Beachlands resident Peter Webster and filmed at locations around the Pōhutukawa Coast has taken out Best NZ Feature Film at the New Zealand Independent Film Festival. *Green Angels*, written and directed by Peter, stars well-known Kiwi actors Siobhan Marshall, Johny Morell, and Hannah Koumakis. The drama tells the story of an over-achiever driven by a need to overcome a deprived childhood - a character inspired by people Webster has encountered over the years.

Decades of involvement in local theatre, particularly Howick Little Theatre, prompted Peter's decision to take on the project. He says he had enjoyed acting many lead roles on stage and reached a point where he needed to apply this experience to filmmaking.

"I planned to write a drama strong on conflict yet real and relatable."

While he initially envisaged shooting the entire film on the Pōhutukawa Coast, tight deadlines meant most of it was filmed at Eastern Beach. Still, many Coast locations feature prominently, including The Wharf Café and the gardens at Pōhutukawa Landing. Even the Pōhutukawa Coast Crime Patrol joined in for a scene.

"I was rapt that so many locals were happy to provide perfect locations," says Peter.

Working to a micro-budget, the biggest challenge was planning to complete 10

minutes run-time 'in the can' each day.

"I had to limit filming to just eight days to contain costs," says Peter. "After filming each scene this necessitated transferring from one location to the next, without any delay. The film has 47 scenes in six locations. We achieved our goal, one reason for this is that we needed very few takes, as actors had rehearsed thoroughly in the weeks before filming, which is my theatre background coming to the fore!"

Despite the tight production, the result struck a chord with film festival judges.

"I continue to be delighted about winning the award. I was surprised for sure, though many had commented that the film was well cast with superb acting."

Peter says actor Siobhan Marshall felt the script was a key factor in her accepting the lead role.

"I am fortunate that local resident Martin Evans, our executive producer, meant we could hire music composer Joel Haines and engage other professionals for colour grading and post-production audio."

Peter hopes audiences will connect with the central character and recognise her struggles in people they know. "There will be smiles as the story unfolds, and I know audiences will leave the cinema feeling uplifted," he says.

Green Angels will screen at Northcote's Bridgeway Cinema for one week from 8 October.

Beachlands spared from development under new Auckland Council plan

Government has told Auckland Council it must find a way to build up to two million additional homes in the coming decades and beyond, but Beachlands looks to have been mostly spared from development thanks to its limited transport connections, water and wastewater constrictions, and precinct rules.

Until last week, under proposed Plan Change 78, residential sections in Beachlands could potentially have built three dwellings, 3 stories high without resource consent once those limitations were addressed.

But last week Auckland Council voted to approve a new housing intensification plan which will instead allow 10-15 storey high rises to be built around public transport hubs.

On Wednesday 24 September, Auckland Councillors voted 18-5 in favour of replacing Plan Change 78 with Plan Change 120, which concentrates housing development around public transport and infrastructure. The change in direction came about because parts of the city potentially zoned for development under Plan Change 78 were vulnerable to flood hazards.

Council's decision to pursue Plan Change 120 means that development in Beachlands will remain as it is under the Auckland Unitary Plan.

Pine Harbour Marina is zoned differently. As a mixed-use 'marina' precinct with commercial, retail, and residential elements already permitted, it is able to build higher density residential property which is not subject to the same infrastructure constraints that apply to most of Beachlands.

Likewise Beachlands South Limited Partnership's development of the land current occupied by Formosa (and beyond) has been permitted by its own plan change (Plan Change 88) to construct some higher density dwellings.

Residential development in Maraetai, Whitford, Clevedon, Kawakawa Bay, Hunua, Brookby, Ardmore and Ōrere Point will remain unaffected by the changes adopted by council last week.

While the public had limited opportunity to provide feedback on whether Council should choose either Plan Change 78 or Plan Change 120 due to Government timeframes, people will have an opportunity to make submissions on the new plan change before it is reviewed by an independent hearing panel.

Franklin Ward Councillor Andrew Baker believes last week's decision was a good result for Franklin, saying: "It allows our communities to provide their thoughts on what is needing to change in the future."



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Hūnua School launches giant pumpkin growing contest

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Planting season begins this month, so the contest is open now for registrations and pumpkin seed and seedling sales.

The grand weigh-in and prize-giving will be held on Saturday 28 March 2026, as part of Hūnua School’s 150th Anniversary Country Fair.

The PTA hopes to see entries not only from Hunua but also from neighbouring communities such as Clevedon, the Pōhutukawa Coast, and beyond. “We know many Hūnua families have moved to the coast, and this is a chance to reconnect while inviting new families and gardeners to join in the fun,” says Hūnua School PTA spokesperson Lani Inverarity.

The contest isn’t just for experienced growers. Prize categories include something for everyone, from biggest pumpkin to best decorated and even tastiest pumpkin baking. For those without space to grow, creative entries in the decorated pumpkin and pumpkin-inspired baking categories offer an easy way to take part.

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Beachlands student heads to national championships

When Beachlands School student Anna Dennis first laced up a pair of skates at a Paradise holiday programme in Botany two years ago, she never imagined she'd soon be gliding her way into the New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships.

Anna, 11, is a member of the Obsidian Under-12 Basic Novice synchronised skating team, which recently qualified for the nationals being held at Botany Paradise Ice Skating Rink on 4–5 October.

Her skating journey was inspired by her cousin, Alicia, who was a top New Zealand skater when she was younger and even skated for an Australian team. Alicia coached Anna during her first year of figure skating.

Since then, Anna has embraced the challenges of the sport. “The hardest part is the long training sessions,” she says, “but the most exciting part is putting more advanced elements into the routine.”

At the upcoming nationals, her team of 11 (aged between 9-11-years) will skate to music from *The Lorax* movie. “We start with all of us in a circle pretending to be asleep, then the music says ‘Good morning’ and we all stretch and wake up and then go into our routine. I also love the ending where we do spirals,” she says with a smile.

Anna’s favourite part of figure skating is the competition and costumes, so she



Anna Dennis (left) will compete at the NZ Ice Figure Skating Championships this weekend. Image: Levian Photography

is excited to have qualified for the New Zealand champs. Her team’s next goal is to compete in Australia next year, and Anna says that one day she hopes to go coach – as well as an interior designer. to the World Champs. When she is older, she says she would like to be a skating

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Funding boost helps Coastguard Maraetai secure new boat



Z Clevedon owners Melanie Kennerley (left) and Wayne Kennerley (right) pictured with Coastguard Maraetai’s Joel Welch.

A \$2k boost from Z Clevedon’s Good in the Hood initiative has gone towards Coastguard Maraetai and the construction of its new

rescue vessel. Coastguard Maraetai spokesperson Joel Welch says the \$2,128 raised by Z, when

added to the other funds raised by Coastguard Maraetai this year, is enough to put them one step closer to the new boat which they hope will hit the water in 2026/27.

It was great to see Clevedon locals supporting their cause, says Joel.

“Clevedon is close to Maraetai and Kawakawa Bay which is where most of Coastguard Maraetai’s work is. We’d like to thank all those locals who supported us by putting a token into the voting boxes.”

While Coastguard Maraetai now has the funds for a new boat, their fundraising efforts are ongoing.

“It’s our community fundraising that truly powers our service and brings new members on board. Every dollar raised helps us keep

boaties safe and supported on the water.”

Between 1 January and 31 August this year, Coastguard Maraetai undertook 142 rescue missions, bringing 356 people home to safety.

Coastguard Maraetai is always looking for more on and off the water volunteers. Joel says volunteering offers people a chance to learn new skills, gain higher boating education, make new friends and give back to the community. The crew meets every Monday night at 7pm at their Rowan Muir Centre headquarters, 213 Maraetai Drive.

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those who want to learn. We’ll be taking cuttings for the Christmas plant sale and you’ll be able to take home cuttings of plants like perennial basil. Details: Spring Seedling Swap and propagation session at the Coastal Community Garden, 41 Third View Ave, Beachlands, 3pm-4.30pm, Sunday 5 October

COASTAL CAT RESCUE'S

CAT OF THE MONTH



A year ago, Dalton appeared as our cat of the month. This handsome, six-year-old tabby cat proved he was not confident enough to show his wonderful personality off to the people that considered adopting him and offering the security and love Dalton needs. In fact, he hid showing only his cute nose and boggling eyes. Dalton has come a long way since then, growing in confidence and becoming a loved member of our adult rescue area. He has formed strong bonds with our volunteers and would love to find a family to call his own.

A little about Dalton. Dalton’s cat friends and his human family moved away from the Pohutukawa Coast early in 2024. Sadly Dalton found himself returning to an abandoned house. We found Dalton alone, hungry and confused but were able to trap him and bring him back to the safety of the rescue.

Dalton craves attention and is most content when he has a human to give him strokes and love. Dalton is very much a kitten at heart. He loves to play and will stand at the fence waiting for his turn to have some fun and attention. Dalton would suit older humans that have the time to spend with him.

In his previous home Dalton lived with a dog and several other cats. He will need slow introductions and to be kept inside until he is well settled and has adapted to any future changes in his life.

Dalton was neutered, microchipped (will be registered to new owner) by us in 2020. He is up to date with flea and worm treatment and will be vaccinated prior to joining his new family. A small adoption donation applies to help us continue to rescue more cats and kittens and enable us to provide the very best of care while they are prepared for their forever homes. If you would like to know more about Dalton, or the other cats we currently have in care, please email coastalcatrescue.nz@gmail.com or join Coastal Cat Rescue on Facebook and PM.

Community Calendar

Listings in our Community Calendar are free. Activities must be not-for-profit and have a community focus. For listings, email info@pctimes.co.nz - include activity, day of week, time, venue and contact details.

Weekly events

MONDAY

- CASUAL BADMINTON:** ages 16+ - 7.30-9pm, Te Puru Centre, \$7. Ph:536 5360.
- ST JOHNS YOUTH:** 6-7.30pm, St Hilda's Church, Wakelin Road.
- CASUAL TABLE TENNIS:** 7.30-9pm. Te Puru, \$7.
- 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
- SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9:00-10:00 Te Puru Community Centre, \$7
- JUMPING JUNIORS GYMNASTICS:** ages 1-4 - 11.00-11.45 Te Puru Community Centre, \$14
- COASTAL PLAYGROUP:** 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. 9am-12pm. Bubs till 5 yrs. Sarah 022 082 6432.

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:** 9:00-10:30am, Te Puru Centre, FREE.
- TABLE TENNIS** - 1:30pm-3:30pm, Te Puru Centre - Free
- BASKETBALL:** All ages - 4-8pm, Te Puru Centre. Email sport@tepuru.co.nz, 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.
- POHUTUKAWA COAST COMMUNITY CHOIR:** 7.15 - 8.45pm. pcsings@hotmail.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.
- SENIOR STRENGTH & BALANCE:** 9:30-10:30 Te Puru Community Centre, \$10
- FEVER DANCE:** Fever Line Dance Beginners, 11-12pm Te Puru Community Centre. Stomp It Out, 7-8pm Franklin Tavern. Ezabelle Els 02108439334.
- OMANA STAMP CLUB:** 1pm. Beachlands Chartered Club, 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mike 536 5976 and Graham 536 6958.

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 \$7 Te Puru Centre.
- CASUAL BADMINTON:** 10.15am-12.15pm, Te Puru Centre. All welcome. FREE.
- SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 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 Bchlns-Mtai. president@manukaumasters.co.nz.
- CLEVEDON FIRESIDE BRIDGE CLUB:** 10.15am, Clevedon Anglican. Lessons avail. Pauline 299 7433.
- 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.
- CASUAL PICKLEBALL:** (FREE) 12-2pm, Te Puru Community Centre

THURSDAY

- MAINLY MUSIC.** 9.30am, Beachlands Baptist. Morning tea provided. 021 385 535.
- GENTLE EXCERCISE 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.
- SCOUTS - AGES 11-15 - 6:30-8:30** Te Puru Scout Hall, 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 Ans Bloem 021 202 8371.
- COASTAL UKES (UKELLE CLUB)** 1:30 - 2:30pm, at Log Cabin, contact Val 027 393 4999 or Jean 021 023 09043.
- 261 FEARLESS - SOCIAL WOMEN'S RUNNING GROUP:** 10.15-11.15, all ages and abilities welcome. Te Puru Sports Fields by the playground. Term time only.
- U3A BEACHLANDS-MARAETAI** Fourth Thursday of each month, 10am at Presbyterian Church, Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Monthly speakers, plus special interest groups. Brenda 021 777 171.
- JUMPING JUNIORS GYMNASTICS:** ages 1-4 - 9:15-10:00 Te Puru Community Centre, \$14
- CLUB NIGHT:** Open to everyone 6-9pm, Te Puru Community Centre
- POHUTUKAWA COAST FRIENDSHIP CLUB (formerly Probus):** Every second Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Church, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Secretary: Rhonda Pike 021909724
- FEVER DANCE:** 6.30-8pm Beachlands Memorial Hall. Country Swing 6.30pm, Line Dance Beginners 7pm, Line Dance Intermediate.7.30pm. Ezabelle Els 02108439334.

FRIDAY

- SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9-10am Te Puru Centre, \$7 casual, \$60 concession card (10 sessions) 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 10-12 noon. Clevedon Sports Centre, 65 Monument Road. New members, beginners or advanced most welcome. Phone Marian 027 296 3827 or Gerri 022 414 0449.
- 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 or pop in to pick your own. Contact Meg 021 887 902 for more info.
- CASUAL PICKLEBALL:** (\$7) 10.30am-12pm, Te Puru Community Centre

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:** 12pm-1pm, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.

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Across

1. Without preparation (9)
7. Ignominy (5)
9. Small and elegant (Fr) (5)
11. Old, broken-down horse (3)
12. Style of music (6)
13. A refrain (6)
14. Nerve (5)
15. Refuge (6)
17. Keep supplying (3)
20. Mend (3)
22. Find (6)
24. Local body regulation (5)
25. Endorse (6)
27. Guide, teacher (6)
29. Zero (3)
30. Beneath (5)
31. Blemish (5)
32. Hesitant (9)

Down

1. Affect favourably (7)
2. Odour (4)
3. Either of two parts (6)
4. Customary (5)
5. Black lace mantle (8)
6. One who doesn't eat animal products (5)
8. Spoil (3)
9. Sew together loosely (5)
10. A sign or warning (4)
16. Nonsense (4-4)
18. Might (5)
19. Hide (7)
21. Song of praise (4)
22. Express sorrow (6)
23. Ecclesiastical residence (5)
24. Main impact (5)
26. In good shape (3)
28. Cab (4)


Answers on page 10

BARFOOT THOMPSON & Student Voice

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.

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- by Azilee Wagner, Year 7, Hūnua School

Correction: In the *PC Times* issue dated 26 September 2025, an incorrect date was published in the Travel Brokers NZ editorial on page 6. The editorial gave an event date of Friday 18 October which was incorrect. The correct date for Travel Broker's Cruise Day at Formosa is Saturday 18 October, 11am-2pm.

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS
Resthaven Funeral Services
Rachel Benns & Raewyn Proctor 533 7493, 267 2530
Ensom and Biswas Funerals
John Ensom & Rav Biswas 299 6646 or 524 6765
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Papakura, Franklin and Manurewa 298 2957
Howick Funeral Home Robert Johnstone - Mark Rowley 534 7300
Souly Funerals Beachlands 0800 47 68 59

GARAGE DOORS
Repairs & Service, Metro Garage Doors 263 6608

GARDEN CENTRE
Beachlands Mitre 10 536 6567

GLASS AND GLAZING
Howick Glass 535 4180

GUTTER CLEANING
Skyhigh Roof and Gutter Cleaning Ltd
Website: www.skyhigh.nz 021 951 719

GYM & FITNESS CENTRES
Fortis Fitnes Te Puru Community Centre
ww.fortisfitness.co.nz, contact Darren 021 051 3762

HAIRDRESSING
Cooper Hairdressing, 16 Te Pene Rd, Maraetai 027 329 1781

HANDYMAN SERVICES
Local Handyman: 536 5050 or 021 156 7370
Oakes Build Landscape Maintenance,www.oakes.nz 021 903 020

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Shop C/7, 129 Beachlands Rd, Pohutukawa Coast Shopping Centre

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Kitchen Craft Ltd, Ph Warren 09 274 4221
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LANDSCAPING
Eastside Landscapes 021 484 158

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LOCKSMITHS
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Pohutukawa Motors, 57 Third View Ave, Beachlands 536 6664
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MIRRORS
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Professional Pest Control 536 6690 or 021 078 3622

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Pets at Whitford Spa and Stay (PAWSS) 530 8860

PHARMACIES
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Dynamo Plumbing 0800 175 988
BF Brown Plumbing & Drainlaying 0800 477 455

PLUMBERS & GASFITTERS
Ashby Plumbing & Gas 292 2445 or 0272 553 499

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Ray White Lighthouse Licensed Real Estate 536 7011
Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands 536 4990

PUMP SALES & REPAIRS
Auckland Electrical & Pump Services 536 4074, 0274 741 579
Malmaks Water Shop 530 8872, 021 353 158
Allwater Pumps and Supplies Ltd 09 536 5444, 027 536 5444
Clevedon Pumps & Filtration 027 479 7741

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DTS Wright Scaffolding Ltd 021 239 4276

SECURITY SYSTEMS
ADS Security Ltd (alarms & monitoring) 536 6860
Armstrong Smarter Security and Alarms 09 274 0999

SEPTIC TANK CLEANING
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Churchill Land Development Services Ltd 273 4182
Survey Plus Ltd 020 4 SURVEY (020 4 787839)

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Travelselect Beachlands call Mark or Sam 536 6730
Beachlands Travel Broker phone Nicole 021 1769791
nicole.ambrusfy@thetravelbrokers.co.nz

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Coastal Cutters - coastalcutters@hotmail.com 021 196 6509
Jessep Contracting - JessepContracting.co.nz 022 607 4455

TYRES - SALES & SERVICE
Maraetai Automotive 536 6542
Pohutukawa Motors 536 6664
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Eastern Cover Centre. Boat & Outdoor Furniture Covers 535 7524

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Property Valuations Ltd, Papakura 299 7406

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Franklin Vets - Pohutukawa Coast Shopping Centre, 538 0010
Beachlands, Open: Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Sat: 9am-1pm
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Open: Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Sat: 9am-12pm

WALLPAPERING
Lucy Cui 536 5899 or 021 174 8466

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Beachlands/Maraetai Water Supply 273 9763
Clevedon Water 292 8099
Whitford Water Supplies 530 8164
Maraetai Blue Ltd 536 6437, 027 536 6437
Carlton Haulage 0800 420 246
Coastal Water Cartage 0508 262 7825
WET AZZ – www.wetazz.co.nz 0800 WET AZZ (0800 938 299)
A Plus Water 021 0727 163
PROWATER - Support Local, Ph Shane/Sheridan 021 530 727

WATER TANK CLEANING & REPAIRS
Maraetai Blue Tank Cleaning Call Jacob 021 029 84170
Clevedon Pumps & Filtration 027 479 7741

WATER TREATMENT
Anthony Preston Ltd 09 534 5127
Malmaks Water Shop 530 8872, 021 470 588
Allwater Pumps and Supplies Ltd 09 536 5444, 027 536 5444
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