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## Proposed fill site ignites Hūnua community's concerns

A recent resource consent application for a managed fill operation at 362 Jones Road, Hūnua has prompted an outcry from local residents who gathered at the Hūnua Hall last Saturday evening to discuss the proposal.

The application, submitted to Auckland Council by Scarbro Environmental Limited, seeks approval to place 790,000m<sup>3</sup> of managed fill material over a 10-year period on the 25-hectare rural site. Auckland Council has elected to publicly notify the application so that people can have their say.

The site contains a Significant Ecological Area which the applicant proposes to fence off, and three watercourses which are described within the application as being of low ecological value. The fill site will be established above the stream areas, and the stream areas will be planted. Sediment retention ponds will be used to filter sediment run-off from the fill areas.

While the fill site address is listed as 362 Jones Road, it is

proposed that the site will be accessed via Hūnua Road. Truck access would not be allowed from Jones Road.

Many local residents have taken to social media to express their dismay at the proposal, saying it will have a number of negative impacts on the Hūnua community. Key among these is the additional heavy vehicle traffic the site will bring to the area, with Scarbro seeking a maximum of 96 truckloads (192 truck movements in and out of the site) per day on week days, and 50 truckloads per day on Saturdays. The maximum number of trucks accessing the site in any one hour will be 20. Proposed hours of operation are Monday to Friday 7am-6pm, and 7am-1pm on Saturdays.

Residents believe the Hūnua Road location raises safety

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6 Sun	3:23am ▲ 2.8m	9:39am ▼ 1.0m	☀️🌊
7 Mon	4:13am ▲ 2.8m	10:30am ▼ 1.0m	☀️🌊
8 Tue	5:04am ▲ 2.8m	11:20am ▼ 1.0m	☀️🌊
9 Wed	5:55am ▲ 2.8m	12:08pm ▼ 0.9m	☀️🌊
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Guest editorial by Franklin Ward Councillor Andrew Baker

Every three years, Councils are required by law to update the valuations of properties by which we set rates. As you can imagine, it is not feasible for us to do this on a property by property basis so we employ two independent valuation organisations to determine the valuations and it is done by way of what is called a mass-appraisal process where they look at recent sales within an area with that data used as the basis for determining a comparable valuation to be applied to each property within that area. They also review things such as properties that have had a building consent or undertaken a subdivision, undertake inspections of sales records to determine whether the sale has been undertaken on a willing seller, willing buyer basis and also review prior council valuation objections and ratepayer requests which occurred at the last valuation period and might point to some inaccuracies in certain areas.

The new valuations became live on the Council website on 10 June and the important thing to note is that if you believe the valuation is wrong by being either too high or too low, there is a six-week window for property owners to lodge an objection which must be received before 25 July 2025. The easiest way to find out about that is by simply searching “Auckland Council valuation objection”. It should take you to the right part of the website.

This time round, residential properties have decreased by an average of around 9% since the last rating valuation in 2021. The decreases are higher than the average decrease in the central isthmus area whilst northern and southern urban areas have experienced decreases around 9%, and rural areas have experienced low, or no decreases.

Changes in valuation does not mean it changes how much Council collects in rates. Our budget sets how much we need to spend and after we have factored in non-rates funded revenue, it leaves us an amount that is divided by the number of rateable properties of all types including any differentials which determines what the rates funding for our budget needs will be.

These valuation changes just spread who pays what share of that rate funded amount. For this coming financial year the rates for the average valued residential property (\$1.29 million) is \$4,069. The 5.8 per cent rates increase equates to \$223 per year or \$4.30 per week.

We have noted this time that changes

to capital values have largely been driven by changes to land values and that areas with higher density areas have generally seen larger decreases in value.

We have decided to increase the rates rebate threshold for SuperGold card holders from \$31,510 to \$45,000 meaning more ratepayers who receive NZ superannuation will be eligible for a rates rebate.

We are also looking at a slight adjustment to the differential for farm, lifestyle and business properties to try to avoid an unintended higher overall rates burden for them. I support that. If you think it is wrong, don't forget to object.

Quota hosts 35th Antique Fair

Papakura Quota members are busy planning their 35th Antique Fair at the Drury Primary School Hall, Young Crescent, Drury over the last weekend of the July school holidays.

The weekend hours are 9.30am–4pm on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July 2025. Entry tickets \$8 per adult.

Antique Dealers rate this fair as one of New Zealand's best and longest running fairs. A wonderful range of antique/art deco furniture, quality china, crystal, linen, glass and silver, vintage and modern jewellery, vintage tools, collectables and much more will be on display for sale.

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Quota members provide delicious home-made food at an onsite café throughout the weekend. We also have a raffle that is drawn at the close of the fair.

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concerns, citing crashes in the area, narrow lanes and limited visibility. Traffic consultants engaged by Scarbro say that safety improvements including tree trimming and road widening near the site entrance will reduce the risk to road users, and that the development is not expected to exacerbate the safety record within the area.

The impact on the receiving environment of ‘managed fill’ has also stoked local concerns, with residents worried that toxic substances may enter groundwater or local waterways. Managed fill sites may accept certain levels of contaminated waste, and locals say the application lacks details about how leachate infiltration to the underground aquifer will be avoided.

Auckland Council raised the issue of groundwater contamination with Scarbro in its request for further information, and environmental consultants Fraser Thomas responded saying the only way potential contaminants could enter waterways would be via silt/sediment runoff, or by leaching of contaminants through direct contact of groundwater with the fill material. Fraser Thomas considered there to be no potential for direct contact of the fill material with the underlying groundwater, and that all sediment runoff from fill areas would be directed to sediment removal ponds, dosed to ensure removal of any sediment. “This further supports there being negligible effects to surface water and groundwater from the placement of managed fill on the site,” said Fraser Thomas.

No asbestos will be accepted at the site, and truckloads of fill will be randomly sampled to check for unauthorised contaminants.

Other concerns by locals relate to dust, noise, visual and amenity impacts.

Hunua, Ararimu and Paparimu Valley Residents Association (HAPVRA), which represents the local community, convened a meeting last Saturday at the Hūnua Community Hall. About 250 residents attended.

“This is lifechanging for many [land] owners, tears have been flowing,” says



Phil Matheson, Jones Rd resident and spokesperson for the Jones Rd residents’ opposition group, addresses about 250 residents who gathered at the Hūnua Community Hall last Saturday to discuss Scarbro’s proposal to establish a managed fill site in Hūnua.

HAPVRA co-chair Geraldine Schnauer.

The public meeting was led by qualified planner and Hūnua resident Tammy Deans, who is working alongside HAPVRA on a pro bono basis (to date) to prepare HAPVRA’s submission to Council.

Geraldine says that in addition to the visual, noise and value impacts, key issues raised at the meeting include potential Auckland public drinking water contamination.

“We’re also concerned about the very real threat to lives with up to 192 extra truck movements a day through the Hūnua Gorge, an already treacherous piece of road, with a number of accidents already experienced on the Hūnua Road/Jones Road corner,” says Geraldine.



Map showing the proposed fill site. Image source: aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

HAPVRA is now fundraising to commission experts required to contribute to the submission and the stages that follow. A bank account for donations has been added to the HAPVRA website: <https://hapvra.nz>

Ngati Tamaoho has said it is not opposed to the application, provided certain environmental conditions are met. No other mana whenua groups have been

consulted.

The public has until 15 July 2025 to have their say on the application at <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/have-your-say-notified-resource-consent-notified-resource-consent-applications-open-submissions>.

As of last week, Council had received about 100 submissions.



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# Your Views

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the editorial published in the 20 June 2025 issue by Angela Fulljames.

I know Angela and admire her for the great work she has done for the community. Many of the projects proposed in her editorial are of benefit to the community.

However I see no reference that I know of to a major problem and one that I know is of great concern to the present Clevedon community. Parking.

Parking, even now, is at times a major problem and difficulty to residents and

from what I have seen in proposed plans there does not seem to be any improvement, and apparently even a reduction.

It is a known fact that the population of Clevedon will grow greatly with the advent of the present planned subdivisions and this will obviously lead to the requirement for more parking facilities,. This must be of major concern to the small businesses in the village. The large number of bikers increases the problem as many riders bring their bikes on bike holders on their cars, park in Clevedon and go for their bike rides. Good for them, a healthy pursuit, but it is up to the planners and the powers that be to allow this to happen without major inconvenience to local residents. The new subdivisions are really too far away to expect residents to walk to the village, particularly young children and older residents of which I am one. They will drive and park. I live 7.5 kilometers out from Clevedon so it is impractical for me or my wife to walk and we are far too old to cycle. Many of my neighbors are of a similar ilk.

Hopefully the planners and councillors resolve this major issue before it becomes a problem

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# Kōkako relocated from Hūnua

Auckland’s conservation community is celebrating as the Hūnua Kōkako Recovery Project translocates up to 20 kōkako to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, marking the first time the Hunua Ranges population will contribute birds to another recovery project.

Once teetering on the brink of local extinction, the kōkako of the Hūnua Ranges have made an extraordinary recovery thanks to over 30 years of commitment from mana whenua, dedicated volunteers, Auckland Council, and the Department of Conservation. From a low point of just a single breeding pair and 23 individuals in 1994, the population now numbers an estimated 259 breeding pairs as of the 2022 census.

Chair of Auckland Council’s Policy and Planning Committee Richard Hills says this moment is deeply emotional and symbolic.

“The haunting, melodious call of the kōkako was nearly lost forever in Hūnua.

“Thanks to three decades of perseverance and hard work by volunteers, mana whenua and council staff, we’ve turned that around. It is a success story that gives other conservation projects across Aotearoa huge hope and drive to keep going,” says Hills.

“To go from one breeding pair to now having enough of these stunning taonga to be able to rehome some with other sanctuaries and help their population

thrive, is a profound way to honour that work and help ensure kōkako thrive across New Zealand for generations to come.

“This project shows why investing time and money into our environment is so crucial, we must continue work like this into the future to protect our precious native species.

The Hūnua project is funded by Auckland Council’s Natural Environment Targeted Rate, which continues to support pest control efforts, including a planned aerial 1080 operation in 2025 to sustain the hard-won progress.

The Hūnua Ranges are now recognised by the National Kōkako Recovery Programme as one of only two mainland habitats to surpass 500 birds and the project is praised for fostering strong genetic diversity. This achievement has only been possible through intensive pest control, including three aerial 1080 operations and thousands of volunteer hours maintaining 3,000 bait stations and 700 traps across rugged terrain.

Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, once devoid of kōkako since the 1970s, has become a stronghold for the species after earlier translocations in 2015 and 2016. A 2020 census recorded 101 territorial birds, confirming it as the fastest growing and largest mainland kōkako population established by translocation at the time.



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# East Auckland engineering success expands into Brookby

An East Auckland business, which manufactures and exports high-tech steel roll-forming machines whose ‘roll-formed’ steel framing is found at the likes of Disneyland and Las Vegas hotels, is poised to set up shop in Brookby.

Howick Limited has purchased the 88-acre property, formerly known as Ti Papa, at 21 Brookby Road.

Ti Papa was originally built as a world-class event venue. In its prime it contained the country’s largest indoor arena which was frequently used for top level showjumping competitions. The site has since changed hands and the facilities and land have lost their former shine.

Now it seems a new lease of life will be restored to the site, thanks to Howick Limited’s plans to turn the property into a manufacturing facility for its steel framing machinery which it exports to over 80 countries around the world.

The business hopes to relocate to the site in early 2026, setting up its operations within existing buildings which it plans to restore and upgrade. In the meantime a full time on-site caretaker has been employed to tidy up the site.

Howick Limited started as a small family-run workshop in 1978, and has grown into one of New Zealand’s leading manufacturing success stories.

About 50 years ago father and son Keith and Bruce Coubray pivoted from

Auckland Automotive Engineering to purchase a workshop in Howick. It was a bold move prompted by the decline of the car repair trade - and it paid off.

“My grandfather and father saw the writing on the wall,” says current CEO Nick Coubray. “Fixing old cars was a dying industry, so they took a leap of faith.”

Joined by Bruce’s brothers Rex and Alan, the business became a family affair. Today, Nick and his brother Hamish co-own Howick Ltd alongside their father.

In the 1980s, Howick Ltd shifted from general engineering to specialist manufacturing, designing their first refrigeration tube-bending machine for Fisher & Paykel in 1987. By 1996, the company had fully committed to producing steel roll-forming machines for the construction industry. The roll-forming process manufactures lightweight steel components that are used to create framing systems such as wall framing, floors and trusses for faster and more efficient builds.

“We went from being a local workshop to an international player in construction technology,” Nick explains. “That decision changed everything.”

Howick Ltd’s machines have helped shape landmark buildings including Buckingham Palace, London’s Shard, Las Vegas hotels, and attractions at Disney and



Howick Ltd will soon move its engineering business to Brookby, where it will produce machines used to create roll-formed steel framing for a range of industries, such as residential construction (above).

Universal Studios. They export 95% of their machines to markets across the US, UK, Europe, and Australia.

Business has boomed to the point where they have outgrown their current facility. They expect to continue to grow from 50 to 100 staff in the coming years, employing people in a variety of high-value roles including programmers, design engineers, electricians, fitter turners, CNC operators, apprentices, and machine assemblers which they say will have a flow-on effect of more employment opportunities for locals.

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BEACHLANDS

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10 HARBOURSIDE COURT



TENDER

4:00pm Thursday 24th July (unless sold prior)  
VIEWING  
003 OPEN HOMES: Sat & Sun 2:00 - 2:30pm

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- Rendered brick and weatherboard construction, single level home
- Spacious approximately 240m² home
- Extensive renovations - new kitchen
- Recently upgraded with double glazing
- Gas fireplace plus 2 heat pumps
- 4 double bedrooms plus separate office
- Close to walk to Pine Harbour Marina
- Watch Special Agents 003 video online

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# All Blacks delight young rugby fans at Te Puru

Saturday was a day to remember at Beachlands Maraetai Rugby Club (BMRC) as seven All Blacks visited the Te Puru sports grounds.

Damian McKenzie, Cam Roigard, Scott Barrett (captain), Cortez Ratima, Naitoa Ah Kuoi, George Bower and coach Scott Robertson joined in on a range of fun activities with the club’s junior teams, including passing drills, mini-games, and even a few spontaneous tackles.

The excitement was described as “electric” as the club’s tamariki, many of whom dream of wearing the black jersey one day, got to meet, play alongside, and be inspired by some of the country’s most iconic players.

“Their genuine enthusiasm, kindness, and willingness to get stuck in left a lasting impression on our kids and parents alike,” says club spokesperson Ashley Grogan.

“BMRC might be small in size, but we’re big in heart, community and ambition. We call ourselves a “little big club”, a place where whānau come together, players are supported at every level, and rugby is more than just a game. For our tight-knit community, having the All Blacks walk onto our field was a moment of immense pride.”

After some time on the field, young club members had the opportunity to ask the All Blacks some questions.

“Their honest, funny, and heartfelt responses left everyone inspired and reminded us all of the power of sport to uplift and unite,” says Ashley.

BMRC says the visit wasn’t just about rugby, it was about creating memories, fuelling dreams, and showing their players that no matter where you come from, greatness is within reach.





# All Blacks delight young rugby fans at Te Puru






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SPORTS

Beachlands Maraetai Football Club



RESULTS FROM 28-29 JUNE

U13 Blue v NRF Mixed 13 Grading Orakei, 6-0, **POD** Oliver Reid

15th Girls White v NRF Girls 15 Grading Kowhai, 2-0, **POD** Chloe Ronberg

15th Girls Blue v NRF Girls 15 Grading Kowhai, 2-1, **POD** Sammie

Lions v NRF Legends DIV 1, 3-4, **POD** Sam

Coasters v NRF Veterans Div 5 1-3, **POD** Jorg “The Wall”

U14 Blue v NRF U14 Grading Pukekaw, 12-1, **POD** Ian MacKechnie

Legionnaires v NRF Veterans Div 3, 6-0, **POD** Irish

Rebels v NRF Veterans Div 3, 1-4, **POD** Brad

Clevedon Football Club



RESULTS FROM 3 JUNE

Chaos U5 **POD** Anto Vaipulu

Cheetahs U6 **POD** Gus Moon, **Merit Award** Hugh Tucker

Comets U7 **POD** Blake Thomas, **Merit Award** Alexis Millar


Coyotes U7 **POD** Maddix Williams, **Merit Award** Ezra Harris

Cadets U9 v Papatoetoe AFC Red Dragons, **POD** Carter Jonker, **Merit Award** Cooper Park

Chiefs U10 v Manurewa AFC Blue, **POD** Leo Pilkington, **Merit Award** Mason Smalley

Colts U12 v Papatoetoe AFC Phantoms, **POD** Nik Watson, **Captain’s Choice** Nik Watson

Beachlands Maraetai Junior Rugby



RESULTS FROM 28 JUNE

U15 Girls Rippa 75 – 50 Suburbs, **POD** Zoe Lee, **ROD** Kirri-Sophia Dixon

Year 4 Navy 50 – 40 Bombay Black, **POD** Monty Brown, **TOD** Jesse Nel

Year 7 Navy 26 – 22 Patumahoe Gold, **POD** Cooper Smith

Year 2 Orange 23 – 21 Drury, **POD** Carter Wynyard, **ROD** Cohen Dromgool

Year 3 Navy 30 – 75 Pukekohe Gold, **POD** Miah Kelly, **TOD** Jacob Etherington

Year 6 Orange 70 – 15 Patumahoe Gold, **POD** Lochie Gemmell

Year 1 Orange 12 – 9 Ardmore Marist Red, **POD** Hendrix Faint, **ROD** Connor Langton

Year 8 Boys 40 – 38 Papakura Wasps, **POD** Cooper Clarke, **TOD** Lewis Aumatangi

Year 6 Navy 60 – 35 Pukekohe Gold, **POD** Levi Matson, **TOD** Clark Anderson

Year 5 Navy 120 – 0 Tuakau Titans, **POD** Dean Crawford, **TOD** Jordy Dick, **Sportsmanship Award** Riley Thornton

Year 3 Orange 25 – 85 Maramarua Black, **POD** Maru Koren-Tomes, **TOD** Luca Bentley, **Most Improved** Ethan Turner

Year 7/8 Girls Orange 65 – 45 Marist Eastern Blue, **POD** Briar Barclay, **ROD** Jaime Hillary, **Opposition** **POD** Ayjah Bowie

Year 5/6 Girls 75 – 75 Manukau, **POD** Mackenzie Fulton, **ROD** Lily Ward

Year 2 Navy Ripper 80 – 60 Papakura Wasps Black, **POD** Remy Ashmore, **ROD** Stevie Mae Hurcombe-Heather



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## CAT OF THE MONTH

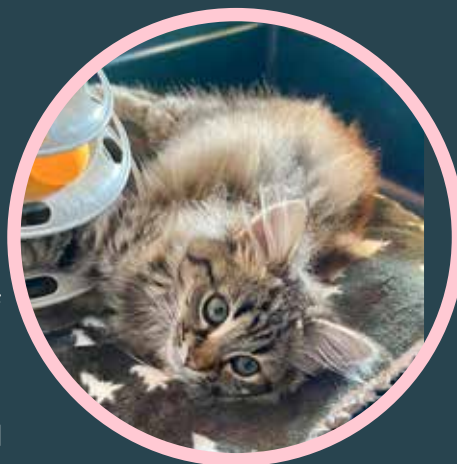
Chanel is one of four kittens that arrived at an East Auckland home searching for food and warmth. Their friendly mother cat has been desexed and found love in a wonderful and secure home.

Her kittens are now learning to live life in the company, and comfort, of humans.

Chanel adores attention, she loves to play and she loves being brushed which she will require to keep her long coat tangle free and looking its very best.

She is still a little shy and sometimes tries her very best to pull a hissy face, she then melts to the touch and snuggles in for a cuddle. Chanel would be best suited to a quieter home with either no children, or older children and the time to continue to help this stunning kitten gain confidence. She is well on the way to becoming a perfect companion.

If you would like to know more about Chanel, or want to enquire about the other adorable cats and kittens we have in care, please email coastalcattrescuenz@gmail.com or join Coastal Cat Rescue (NZ) on Facebook and PM. Please include a little about yourself and the home you can offer a deserving rescue companion.



## CATCH OF THE WEEK PHOTO COMPETITION

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Eight year old Stella Kemshall was fishing off her grandparents' boat, *Pacific Pearl*, near Pōnui Island recently when she reeled in this 56cm whopper. She's pretty pleased to have equalled dad's best snapper catch!

TO ENTER, EMAIL YOUR PHOTO TO  
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include your full name, plus details about your catch (where the fish was caught, boat name, special gear used, what you did with the fish after it was caught etc).



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](mailto:info@pctimes.co.nz) - include activity, day of week, time, venue and contact details.

### Weekly events

#### MONDAY

- CASUAL BADMINTON:** 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](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)
- SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9:00-10:00 Te Puru Community Centre, \$6
- JUMPING JUNIORS GYMNATICS:** ages 1-4 - 11.00-11.45 Te Puru Community Centre, \$14

#### 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
- BASKETBALL:** All ages, Te Puru Centre. Email [sport@tepuru.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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 \$6 Te Puru Centre.
- 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 Bchlnds-Mtai. [president@manukaumasters.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto:tepuru@group.scouts.nz).
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- 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 5:30-9.30pm, Te Puru Community Centre
- POHUTUKAWA COAST FRIENDSHIP CLUB (formerly Probus):** Every second Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Church, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Secetary: 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.
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- 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.
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- 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

- All the world's oceans (5,4)
- Greyish white (5)
- Cowboy show (5)
- Argue (3)
- One sided (6)
- Classical piece for soloist (6)
- Change to suit a new purpose (5)
- Agreeably (6)
- Occupation (3)
- Sprite (3)
- Calm (6)
- Main artery (5)
- Airless (6)
- Repulsive (6)
- Offspring (3)
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- Speedily (5)
- Citation (9)

#### Down

- Matter (7)
- Expression of acclaim (4)
- Poorly made (6)
- Fire (5)
- Unjustified suspicion (8)
- Minor road (5)
- Decay (3)
- Field of interest (5)
- Sight (4)
- Sharing work and property (8)
- Having exhilarating effect (5)
- Formally rebuke (7)
- Go up and down (2-2)
- Heavy food (6)
- A literary work (5)
- Later (5)
- Uppermost (3)
- Candid and honest (4)

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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.

A Letter To Parliament

Dear Christopher Luxon,

I am writing to you because the oceans are dying. Parts of the Hauraki Gulf are covered in rubbish and the kina barrens are getting too big. Parts of the Hauraki Gulf need to be protected. We need to protect the ocean because kina are spreading through the Hauraki Gulf. My favourite creatures, the snapper, are dying because they are getting taken out.

There are only 44 marine reserves in New Zealand. Sea animals mistakenly eat the rubbish floating in the sea. How will you help get rid of the issues in the Hauraki Gulf?

- by Sethum Dissanayaka, Year 3, Ardmore School



# Why it's important to tackle pest plants

[Over the coming months the PC Times will publish a series of articles focusing on local environmental issues, written by Year 10 student Eleanor Vogel who is undertaking this project as part of her Duke of Edinburgh qualifications.

In New Zealand, we love our flora and fauna. But are we doing enough to protect it? While it is very important to trap pest animals, there is also another growing threat: pest plants.

Pest plants are non-native, invasive species that grow aggressively and spread quickly, often overwhelming native plants while disrupting ecosystems. Pest plants include all types; climbing/smothering plants, groundcover/shrubs, trees and coastal invasive plants.

When pest plants are introduced to an ecosystem, they will harm the native plants either by smothering or by soaking up nitrogen, phosphorus, and other essential nutrients from the soil and starving the native plants around them to death. We can even see the impact of this in our gardens - for example, moth plants. They will smother feijoa trees, young manuka, flax and more.

These pest plants don't only affect others of their kind though - they also affect native animals in the area. As they replace the vegetation, they are also replacing homes for weta, geckos and birds, leaving these species very little time to adapt. Piwakawaka rely on dense native shrubs to nest, but without these they are left exposed to predators and the weather. With little time to change their habits, they are often left without a home.

So, what can we do? To start, we can learn to identify pest plants. Once we know this, we can remove them from our gardens to help stop them spreading and encourage the growth of native plants. We can also join local weeding days to help stop them in the forests. Websites like weedbusters.org.nz provide great guides for beginners. Every pest plant we remove is one step closer to protecting New Zealand's unique natural environment.

A common pest plant in New Zealand backyards is the moth plant. Here is a step-by-step guide on how to get rid of it. You don't have to take the entire weed out, which is a common misconception, all you need to do is follow these simple steps:

- Find the tap root (main root of the plant), and snip it.
- Remove all seed pods (if any), place them in a plastic bag and throw them in the rubbish.
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<b>ROOF PAINTING SERVICES</b>		
Master Tradesman. Text details for fast service:		027 517 8494
Visit our website: www.5starroofpainting.co.nz		
<b>ROOF SOFTWASHING</b>		
Skyhigh Roof and Gutter Cleaning Ltd		
Website: www.skyhigh.nz		021 951 719
<b>ROOFING SERVICES</b>		
Alba Roofing		021 584 530
Roofing & Spouting NZ Ltd		021 766 260
<b>SCAFFOLDING</b>		
Scaffold Connect Ltd		021 235 5963 or 09 576 5879
DTS Wright Scaffolding Ltd		021 239 4276
<b>SECURITY SYSTEMS</b>		
ADS Security Ltd (alarms & monitoring)		536 6860
Armstrong Smarter Security and Alarms		09 274 0999
<b>SEPTIC TANK CLEANING</b>		
SST Services phone Rob		09 2947611 or 0274 967430
<b>SURVEYORS - LAND</b>		
McInnes, Read & Lucas Ltd		298 7288
Churchill Land Development Services Ltd		273 4182
Survey Plus Ltd		020 4 SURVEY (020 4 787839)
<b>TAXIS/TRANSPORT/SHUTTLES</b>		
Coast Shuttle - local hire & airport trips		536 6488 or 0274 722 613
Omana Shuttles - Airport Transfers		536 5935
Driving Miss Daisy		09 534 7712 or 021 174 9999
<b>TRAVEL - INTERNATIONAL &amp; DOMESTIC</b>		
Clevedon Travel Brokers chrissyashby@ttb.co.nz		027 273 9701
Travelselect Beachlands call Mark or Sam		536 6730
Beachlands Travel Broker phone Nicole		021 1769791
nicole.ambrusfy@thetravelbrokers.co.nz		
<b>TREE SERVICES</b>		
Coastal Cutters - coastalcutters@hotmail.com		021 196 6509
Jessep Contracting - JessepContracting.co.nz		022 607 4455
<b>TYRES - SALES &amp; SERVICE</b>		
Maraetai Automotive		536 6542
Pohutukawa Motors		536 6664
Tyre Guard - Mobile Tyre Service, Call Mike		021 901 034
<b>UPHOLSTERY &amp; CANVAS</b>		
Eastern Cover Centre. Boat & Outdoor Furniture Covers		535 7524
<b>VALUERS - PROPERTY</b>		
Property Valuations Ltd, Papakura		299 7406
<b>VETERINARY SERVICES</b>		
Franklin Vets - Pohutukawa Coast Shopping Centre,		538 0010
Beachlands, Open: Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Sat: 9am-1pm		
Pohutukawa Coast Vets - 43 Wakelin Rd, Beachlands		320 1472
Open: Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Sat: 9am-12pm		
<b>WALLPAPERING</b>		
Lucy Cui		536 5899 or 021 174 8466
<b>WATER DELIVERY</b>		
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
<b>WATER TANK CLEANING &amp; REPAIRS</b>		
Maraetai Blue Tank Cleaning	Call Jacob	021 029 84170
Clevedon Pumps & Filtration		027 479 7741
<b>WATER TREATMENT</b>		
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
Clevedon Pumps & Filtration		027 479 7741
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