

5 September 2025

The Pōhutukawa Coast Times and The Clevedon Association
invite the community to a

MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT

This is your chance to hear from candidates standing to
represent you on the Franklin Local Board (Wairoa subdivision),
as Franklin Ward Councillor, and as Mayor of Auckland.

START: 7.00PM (ARRIVE EARLY TO SECURE SEATS)
Tuesday 16 September
Clevedon Hall, 1 Papakura Clevedon Road

Format: The event will be chaired, and each candidate will have a three-
minute speaking slot. At the end of all candidate presentations, there will
be a Q&A session, followed by tea and coffee.

This event is organised by the Pōhutukawa Coast Times and The Clevedon Association
and is not an endorsement of any candidate for office.

See page 2 for details of a Beachlands/Maraetai Meet the Candidates event

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PINE HARBOUR ELECTRICAL

Weekly Tide Chart

5 Fri		3:29am ▲ 2.7m	9:48am ▼ 1.1m	
6 Sat		4:25am ▲ 2.7m	10:44am ▼ 0.9m	
7 Sun		5:22am ▲ 3.2m	11:37am ▼ 0.8m	
8 Mon		12:01am ▼ 1.0m	6:15am ▲ 2.8m	
9 Tue		12:47am ▼ 0.9m	7:05am ▲ 2.9m	
10 Wed		1:33am ▼ 0.8m	7:52am ▲ 3.1m	
11 Thu		2:18am ▼ 0.7m	8:38am ▲ 3.2m	

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Guest editorial

by Franklin Ward Councillor Andrew Baker

There have been a lot of questions about how the Auckland Council rating system works. The legislation enacted to establish Auckland Council sets down that Council must use the capital value rating (CRV) system to determine what share of the rates derived revenue each property has to pay to achieve the Council’s budget as determined through the 10 year and then annual budgets.

This current annual budget has the average residential property incurring a 5.8% rates increase. That is generally due to the fact the Central Rail Link (CRL) will be open next year and there are considerable costs associated with having it operating. In some parts of Auckland there was also a shift to rates funded waste bins and in Franklin the Local Board targeted rate for the trails and pathway programme, all of which have been consulted on several times.

There are three categories of properties used for rating purposes: residential, business and farm and lifestyle properties. Farm and lifestyle properties pay lower rates compared to a residential property with the same rating valuation through what is known as a differential. It is normally 80c in every \$1 paid by a residential property. However, if across the region the value of the properties in this category increases by more than

properties in the residential category, then they will see a higher percentage increase in their rates. This year the differential was dropped to 73c as an effort to mitigate the increases. Due to a request from the Government valuation auditor to confirm some data associated with the big drop in land values, Council did not know the valuations at the time they had to adopt the budget.

The valuation process determines what the value of the average residential property is and for what the differential will be applied.

Across the region, properties in the farm and lifestyle category have seen average increase of +1% whilst the baseline residential property category values have decreased by an average of about minus 9%. If a property decreases by more than minus 9% the share of rates to be paid decreases. However if the property value decreases by less than 9% or actually increases as it has in Franklin, then the share to be paid as rates increases.

This movement in residential values reflects the general economic conditions and falling house prices and values. Franklin prices have bucked the trend and have either held their value or increased which is bad when paying rates but can be good if selling.

It was reported in the latest annual

report for Council that there have been significant savings and efficiencies (spending reductions). There are \$90m savings targets year on year in the 10 year. Whilst yet to be audited, last year there were actual savings of over \$156m. There has also been an increase of non rates revenue through the creation of the Future Fund (\$34m return in first 9 months) and better returns from the Port. Increasing non rates revenue and thus reducing the amount of rates revenue remains a focus in the current budget.

The opinions in this editorial are those of the author and are not intended as political endorsement.

**Meet your Franklin
Local Board Candidates**

**Sunday 14 September,
4.30pm, Beachlands
Chartered Club**

You’re invited to come along and meet your Franklin Local Board candidates. At a population of around 10,000 people and growing, Beachlands-Maraetai is the largest population of the Wairoa subdivision.

The event will be chaired and each candidate will have a few minutes to speak about themselves and why they are standing. This will be followed by a few minutes of questions from the floor. There will be time at the end for you to discuss local issues further with the candidates.

This is not an Auckland Council organised event and does not support any particular candidate but remains neutral.



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Correction

Information published in the *PC Times* 15 August issue regarding the installation of a new bus stop at 51 Ninth View Avenue (to service the new 738 Pine Harbour bus route) was incorrect.

Auckland Transport says their original plans included a bus stop at Ninth View Avenue, but following feedback from the local community a decision was made to change the location. The new bus stop will instead be located on Jack Lachlan Drive.



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New book aims to give women the “manual” they never had

Beachlands naturopath and counsellor Jody Nicholson is set to release her first book, *Womanhood: Why Didn't It Come With a Manual?*, which shares insights gleaned from decades of work supporting women's health and wellbeing.

Jody has worked with women across different stages of life, and says the book was motivated both by personal reasons and by what she has seen in her practice.

“I wanted to leave behind the knowledge I've had the privilege to learn for my daughter, granddaughter and nieces,” she says. “Their self-worth is incredibly important to me, as it is for most mums. On a professional level, after many years of working in women's wellness, I have seen the struggles, the silent battles, and the incredible resilience women carry every day. I felt compelled to bring those insights together in one place - to create a book that not only supports and uplifts but also reminds women of their power and worth.”

The book addresses a range of topics including hormones, menopause, perimenopause, stress, mental health, nutrition and lifestyle and includes strategies for dealing with each.

“At 54 chapters, this isn't just a book – it's a library of knowledge on women's health. This is the manual we were never given – but always needed,” says Jody.

Jody says a key message is challenging the idea that women must simply tolerate

symptoms such as fatigue, mood changes or brain fog.

“Too often women are told it's just part of being a woman or part of getting older,” she says. “That isn't true. In my work, I've seen how transformative it can be when women understand their hormones, their mental and emotional health, and how everything is connected. When we give women knowledge, we give them choices - and that opens the door to healing, strength, and thriving instead of just surviving. Ultimately, it's about supporting women to nurture their health, joy and overall wellness at every stage of life.”

Jody recalls one client who began to make progress by committing to one small change: saying “no” to something that didn't serve her each day. Jody says that within weeks, the client noticed more energy and clarity about what truly mattered. “Sometimes thriving starts with one simple step.”

The book will be officially launched at ALLFIT, Studio 1, 42A Kouka Road, Beachlands, on Sunday 14 September at 1.30pm. The event will include a talk from Jody, and copies of the book available for purchase.

Jody says the launch will be a fun, uplifting afternoon complete with a glass of bubbles, laughter and inspiration. Guests will also have the chance to win a copy of the book. Spaces are limited -



Debut author Jody Nicholson.

register at avivahealth.co.nz/book-launch-registration/ or via the QR code (right).

Following the launch, *Womanhood* will be available through Jody's website, avivahealth.co.nz, with delivery available nationwide and overseas. Copies will also be stocked locally at No. 5 Design in Whitford.



Notice to drivers



Fewer lanes on Pakūranga Road

Saturday 20 September to Friday 24 October

so that Rā Hihi – flyover above Reeves Road – can open in October.

Major work is needed on Pakūranga Road to build the access to Rā Hihi – flyover – so it can open during October, five months ahead of schedule. We are working round the clock to get the job done and improve travel for east Aucklanders.

From **Saturday 20 September to Friday 24 October** there will be fewer lanes on Pakūranga Road. **Expect significant congestion and delays.** Plan ahead to avoid travelling at peak times.

To find out more, visit easternbusway.nz/construction. Visit AT.govt.nz/journeyplanner to plan your journey.

Rā Hihi – flyover – opening dates:
1 October – from Pakūranga Road towards Waipuna Bridge
27 October – open in both directions



Agriculture Day Photo Competition entries



Left: Pippa Fitzpatrick, age 5, Clevedon School with Sparkles. Above: Sophia Harris, age 13, Brookby School with Mr Nibbles.



AUCTION

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Candlelit concert series returns to Clevedon’s historic church

Clevedon’s beloved All Souls Church will once again glow with candlelight and greenery as it hosts the Sanctuary St James Spring Concert Series. The Sunday evening performances begin at 7pm on 21 September and continue on 28 September, 5 October and 12 October.

Opening the series on 21 September is the renowned New Zealand String Quartet – Te Rōpū Tūrū o Aotearoa, the country’s longest-running professional chamber ensemble. Their programme will feature works by Grieg and Shostakovich, along with a new composition by Mika Cornelius.

The following week, 28 September, audiences can look forward to French Toast, a lively trio fronted by chanteuse Linn Lorkin, often described as “the Edith Piaf of the Pacific.” Their repertoire blends beloved French chansons, performed in both French and English, with ventures into Italian and German.

On 5 October the dynamic AOTANGO quintet takes the stage, bringing a vibrant mix of world music and tango. Finally, the series concludes on 12 October with celebrated tenor Benjamin Fifisa Makisi, joined by soprano Holly Evans, in a programme of vocal brilliance.

With such variety on offer, the series promises something for every musical taste, as well as the chance to discover something new. More than just concerts,



these evenings are an opportunity to enjoy world-class performances in the warm and intimate setting of Clevedon’s historic church, celebrated for its beautiful acoustics.

All Souls Church will transform into a 1920s-style picture house on Wednesday 24 September at 7pm, with two Charlie Chaplin classics brought to life by live music.

Tickets are \$30 each, or \$105 for a four-concert season pass. For details, visit: clevedonanglicans.org.nz/concert-series.html.

Santa stages a comeback

Christmas cheer is saved! The Coast’s beloved Pōhutukawa Coast Santa Parade is back this year with Santa coming to town on Saturday 6 December.

A committed group of volunteers from the community, led by Andrea Cross, have been busy preparing for this much loved community event. Supported by the Takutai Charitable Trust, the Pōhutukawa Coast Santa Parade will have all the family favourites this year with local entertainment, Santa’s grotto, food and community stalls and of course the Pōhutukawa Coast Santa Parade itself.

This year organisers are looking to acknowledge four categories of Santa Parade participation for floats: education (early childhood and schools), business (commercial), community groups (non profit) and classic/muscle cars. These can be parade floats, a walking group, or a classic/muscle car. Get your creative juices flowing as there are prizes up for grabs and there will be a winner from each category!

The Pōhutukawa Coast Santa Parade is also looking for key sponsors, so if you’re a business owner who would like to support this community event please contact the team via email at pohutukawasantaparade@gmail.com.

To find out more and to register your float or community stall for free, head to www.pohutukawasanta.co.nz. To stay updated, follow the Pohutukawa Coast Santa Parade Facebook page.

Local police warn of phone scam

Beachlands Constable Sam Peake is warning residents to be wary of a text scam which claims to be sent from NZ Police.

Sam says that the current scam has two identifying features. The first is that the sender’s number is not a New Zealand number, and may begin with the Australian international phone code of +61.

The second feature is that the text asks for payment. Sam urges people to use extreme caution on clicking on any links which direct you to make payment.

“Asking for payment is not a practice the NZ Police use to enforce infringements,” says Sam. “If a person is issued an infringement/letter of compliance the issuing officer should be confirming a mailing address and a physical copy will then be sent out. Payment instructions are always on the back of Police issued infringements.”

Sam says the key message is that people should check the sender’s number, and if there is any doubt about the legitimacy of the message, they can report it to the Ormiston Police Station for confirmation on 105.



\$188,694 raised for Starship!

Last Thursday, **almost 650 members** of the Barfoot & Thompson family gathered at Eden Park for our annual Quiz Night Fundraiser for Starship.

The evening was filled with laughter, celebrities, delicious food, and plenty of friendly competition.

Through silent and live auctions, raffle draws, and bidding for athletes and doctors to join quiz teams, **\$188,694 was raised for Starship.**

Thanks to this, Barfoot & Thompson was able to fund vital medical equipment that will make a life-changing difference for children, their families, and hospital staff.



The Beachlands office “beach bums” were dressed to relax but ready for business! In the end, the Beachlands squad might not have placed in the quiz rankings... but we got to be part of an awesome night, and the amazing wider B&T team.

SPORTS

Beachlands Maraetai Football Club

RESULTS FROM 30-31 AUGUST

U14 Blue v NRF U14 Tōtara, 2-0, **POD** Maddox Tudman
15th Girls White v NRF Girls 15 Piwakawaka, 2-4, **POD** Esme Hooker & Charlotte Skelton
15th Girls Blue v NRF Girls 15 Kereru, 1-1, **POD** Ayliah Dillon
Legionnaires v NRF Veterans Div 3, 4-0



Clevedon Football Club

RESULTS FROM 30-31 AUGUST

Cadets U9, **POD** Arlo Searle, **Merit Award** Devon Matheson
Chiefs U10 v Waiau Pa, **POD** Joe Riedel, **Merit Award** Indie Waters
Cyclones U11 v Otahuhu, **POD** Rayyan Alam, **Merit Award** Toby Needham
Colts U12 v Manurewa, **POD** Mason Jonker



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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.
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- CASUAL PICKLEBALL:** (FREE) 12-2pm, Te Puru Community Centre

THURSDAY

- MAINLY MUSIC.** 9.30am, Beachlands Baptist. Morning tea provided. 021 385 535.
- GENTLE EXERCISE FUN & FRIENDSHIP FOR SENIORS 65YRS+:** \$5 per session 10am-12.00pm St Hilda's Church Hall, Wakelin Road, Beachlands. Contact Christine Bruinsma 021 133 5283.
- LINE DANCING:** 10-11am, Beachlands Hall. Karen 021 213 6020.
- TOY LIBRARY:** 10am-12pm, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.
- 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.
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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 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

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MEET YOUR LOCAL BOARD CANDIDATES

In the lead-up to local body elections the *PC Times* will pose three questions to candidates hoping to represent the Wairoa area at local government level. We ask about their connection to the Franklin Ward, and how it influences the perspectives they bring to the role; how their previous leadership or community roles have equipped them to represent the ward; and what they see as the area's biggest issues. This week we feature Franklin Local Board candidates Darron Gedge and Malcolm Bell.

Darron Gedge (candidate for Franklin Local Board)

I grew up in the Wairoa subdivision, attending local schools, and my roots in the area run deep. I have relatives here, work locally, and over many years have enjoyed the parks and beaches that make this community special. Recent severe weather events - including flooding in Clevedon - have strengthened my commitment to practical, community-focused solutions. I drive the Whitford–Maraetai Road daily and see first-hand how it is struggling to cope with increasing traffic. My perspective is shaped by lived experience, enabling me to advocate with authenticity and determination for our local communities.

I've been actively involved in a range of local initiatives, particularly in environmental protection and community projects. I've taken part in practical conservation work, including Kawakawa Bay Weka Watch, the Department of Conservation's Bird Atlas of New Zealand, and community tree planting days. My activities took me to every part of the district, so I know the area very well. These experiences have taught me how to work with diverse groups, navigate challenges, and turn ideas into action - skills that will help me serve effectively as a Local Board member and deliver real results for our community.

The most pressing issues facing Beachlands, Maraetai, Whitford, Clevedon, Hūnua and surrounding areas over the next three years include managing growth and development while preserving our unique rural and coastal character, improving infrastructure - especially roads like Whitford–Maraetai Road that are struggling with increased traffic - and responding effectively to challenges such as flooding in low lying areas like Clevedon.

As a Local Board member, I will:

- Advocate for targeted upgrades to key local roads to improve safety and traffic flow.
- Push for stronger stormwater management and flood mitigation projects to protect homes and farmland.
- Support sustainable growth policies that balance new development with environmental protection and community values.
- Work closely with council agencies and community groups to ensure timely and transparent communication during storm recovery efforts.
- Encourage investment in local amenities like parks and community facilities that enhance our quality of life.

I think that one of the pressing issues for the Pōhutukawa Coast part of the district is the need for a high school. Students in Beachlands and Maraetai have had to travel into Howick by bus or car for as long as I remember. When school holidays come around the reduction in traffic on the Whitford Maraetai Road is considerable. With the Beachlands South development being recently consented, that issue will be further exacerbated.

By focusing on these practical steps, I aim to help preserve the character and wellbeing of our communities while preparing for the challenges ahead.



Malcolm Bell (candidate for Franklin Local Board)

I have lived in the subdivision for many years, ten of them as a JP in Beachlands where I continue to serve each month on the service desk. I now live in Hūnua/Ararimu, making me ideally placed to represent the entire area, something I have strived to do since first being elected in 2013.

I've been involved in projects across the region. Some highlights have been electrical undergrounding within old Beachlands, advancing a secondary school, putting a better Pine Harbour ferry and bus schedule in place, advocating for renewal of the Sunkist Bay seawall, while the new pump track has added another recreation facility for our youth.

Beachlands Road planned and Maraetai Beach School crossing upgrades completed means our kids are safer, more kerb and channel and footpath work will be done, Kahawairahi playground has its shade sails and toilets are planned, the Maraetai Wharf has been refurbished and the playground is to be renewed, whilst the Omana playground has been upgraded.

I'm pleased that work continues around overtopping at Maraetai, while working with volunteers such as Friends of Adah Platts Mills means we're planning further boardwalk and wildlife protection work. Working with the PC Community Response Team led by Nick Cockerell is beneficial for all.

In Whitford meeting the Residents and Ratepayers Association and involvement with the Whitford Manor residents, plus regular attendance with the Landfill liason group.

At Clevedon, plans for the village centre and showgrounds were reworked after community feedback, the relationship with The Clevedon Association is ongoing, and the Hūnua Traverse is delivering benefits. Work is planned on tracks and paths, the board has continued to support the A & P Show, the Historical Society and McNicol Homestead.

In smaller communities such as Kawakawa Bay the targeted rate will allow for paths to link the two bays. At Whitford Point we've listened to calls for playground protection after serious incidents, and there have been boat ramp repairs and toilet upgrades, while at Hūnua our submission on the Jones Road fill site helped achieve full notification status, so opponents can be heard, with a similar situation likely in Ararimu.

Grassroots interaction has been critical too, via Let's Do Lunch, working with Coastguard, Takutai Trust, the Youth Council, Log Cabin and Pōhutukawa Coast Rotary on the trolley derby. Meeting with people from organisations as diverse as the bowling club, U3A, Menzshed, pony clubs, officiating on Anzac Day, and many others, helps me gain an understanding of community concerns.

Over the next three years the most pressing issues facing Beachlands, Maraetai, Whitford, Clevedon, Hūnua and surrounding areas over the next three years, and what I would do to address them include:

- The careful allocation of funding so that it achieves the most it can for the community has to be uppermost in the minds of whoever is elected.
- The calls for better roads and public transport continue and we must manage our community facilities so that we protect what we have and plan for a future that will continue to include substantial growth.
- Enhancing our parks, paths and trails is a given, while so too is continuing to negotiate for a secondary college. Growth will not stop, and we must use our opportunities to receive the funding that comes with it from council's Governing Body.



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Clevedon residents urged to vote for Community Response Team in Z's Good in the Hood campaign



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The Community Response Team (NZ) was formed following the weather events of early 2023. The team is made up of ordinary members of the public who will be the first to respond and keep the community safe for the first 72 hours of an emergency. The CRT's goal is to have trained teams across all Wairoa communities (Beachlands, Maraetai, Clevedon, Hunua, Whitford etc) who are resourced and confident to support the specific needs of their communities.

The Community Response Team held a successful information and recruitment drive in Clevedon on 21 August with a number of volunteers signing up to help. The group completed an initial training session last Sunday and the CRT is now working to get its Clevedon team kitted out and further trained.

If the CRT is selected as a winner of Z's Good in the Hood initiative, the funds will go directly to the Clevedon Team to ensure they are better prepared to support the community in an emergency situation.

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