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Santa cruises on in to Christmas at Sunkist



Santa smiled and waved to the crowds from the back of an Oldsmobile convertible, as he arrived in town for the seventh annual Beachlands Santa Parade last Saturday.

Council charges Formosa over wastewater breaches

Auckland Council has filed 17 charges against three defendants relating to discharges of wastewater at the Formosa Golf Club in Beachlands, East Auckland. The defendants have been summonsed to appear at the Manukau District Court on 22 January 2020.

Auckland Council's Regulatory Compliance Manager, Steve Pearce said: "We take a graduated approach to enforcement, however where there are serious effects from non-compliance and the council's requests are ignored we will take offenders to court."

Concerns about Formosa's wastewater discharge processes were first noted by Auckland Council as early as 2010. In 2013, a council audit found the site's wastewater systems to be overall non-compliant.

Formosa was issued with abatement notices early this year relating to sewage discharge, which it failed to comply with. Video footage was aired on TVNZ in June, alleging that thousands of litres of raw sewage was being discharged

from tanks into an on-site gully.

Shortly after, Auckland Council issued an Insanitary Building Notice in relation to the club house, sports complex, laundry and all of the villas, prohibiting the discharge of any waste and giving the property owners 30 days to remedy the problems.

On Monday, Auckland Council notified the *PC Times* that it had filed charges against 3 individuals from Formosa. If convicted under the Resource Management Act, each person could face up to two year's imprisonment, or a \$300,000 fine.

Steve Pearce says: "The council takes improving Auckland's water quality very seriously and significant effort is spent in working to maintain the quality of streams and other waterways across Auckland."

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15 Sun	4:05am ▼ 0.4m	10:32am ▲ 3.3m	→
16 Mon	4:51am ▼ 0.4m	11:19am ▲ 3.3m	→
17 Tue	5:39am ▼ 0.4m	12:08pm ▲ 3.3m	→
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Guest editorial

by Franklin Local Board Wairoa representatives: **Angela Fulljames, Malcolm Bell & Lance Gedge**

Hard to believe Christmas is nearly upon us.

That brings the inevitable running about, stress and last-minute rushes when we can let our driving standards slip. So above all else, please be careful on our roads.

Don't be that fool who believes it will never happen. Drinking and driving kills. Everyone has a right to expect Mum and Dad to get home safely.

We could also be more patient as extra traffic fills our roads. Would it really hurt us to slow down, or even do something to make the life of another driver easier?

Our roads are always a topic of conversation. This road should have been fixed, that one widened, Auckland Transport is hopeless and so on, though it's also true that usually whoever is doing the complaining believes their gripe is more important than anyone else's.

There are three significant projects planned over summer, most notably along the Whitford-Maraetai Road, and we will sort out a method to keep you

informed of what AT is up to.

New Wairoa representative Lance Gedge is firing on all cylinders and getting on top of the issues while trying to come to grips with understanding the workings of council. We were sad to lose Amanda Hopkins, who did a lot of the AT work, much of it going unnoticed, but Lance is going to be a tireless advocate too.

Summer also brings us more leisure hours, so keep an eye out on our Facebook page for events, and sign up for our monthly e-mail newsletter. Speaking of events, there's the Christmas at Sunkist parade on 7 December and the opening of the Kahawairahi Playspace at 4.30pm on 12 December, where we hope to see as many of you as possible.

If you are heading to the beach check out safeswim.org.nz, the website that records water quality across many of the city's beaches. There is also a digital sign going in at Maraetai.

At Green Bay/Formosa Healthy Waters is monitoring water quality and Malcolm Bell will continue to post the information on Facebook. Monitoring will go on until

the end of February when a local group might take over, depending on results.

If you are planning a walk in the bush, expect to see enforcement officers in the Hunua Ranges, on the lookout for anyone using closed tracks because of the risk of spreading kauri dieback.

Council has laid charges against one man caught three times on a closed track, and almost 50 trespass notices have been issued to others, mostly to people local to the area.

The man charged goes to court in January, with each charge carrying a maximum \$20,000 fine.

Most of you agree that doing everything we can to protect native bush is critical, and we thank you for that support. Let's ensure generations to come can still marvel at kauri.

As ever, if you see something that needs repairing, removing or reporting phone 09 301 0101 or go online at www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Beachlands School principal welcomes news of property funding

Beachlands School principal Anthony Noble-Campbell says he is delighted with the government's announcement of additional funding for property works.

While the detail is a light on the criteria

for the spending, it was reported in the *NZ Herald* last week that Beachlands School could expect to receive around \$400,000.

Anthony says the funding boost would be used for fencing, lighting upgrades, roof replacements and some internal painting and carpeting.

"It's been a great year for education, with the Collective Contract for teachers settled, the announcement of Learning

Support Coordinators - Beachlands School will be appointing one of these," says Anthony.

"Plus there is an offer on the table [from the government] to increase payment of our valued support staff in schools."

Anthony says last week's announcement will add value in ensuring Beachlands School property is maintained to the highest of standards.

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The problem of what to do with Auckland's wasted food has just been solved - and Clevedon resident Andrew Fisher (pictured above) has played a major role.

Andrew's company, Ecogas, signed a contract with Auckland Council last week to turn the majority of the city's household food waste each year into biofuel and liquid bio-fertiliser.

Andrew is the founder and director of Wiri-based company Ecostock Supplies, which currently turns 35,000 tonnes of

commercial food waste into stock feed each year.

Ecstock Supplies has partnered with Pioneer Energy - a South Island company which operates 26 major energy facilities, including woody biofuels into gas and industrial process heat - to form Ecogas, the company which will transform the city's food waste into useful energy.

"Dealing with Auckland's household food waste (food-2-fuel) will just be an extension of what we're already doing (food-2-feed)," says Andrew.

With food scraps making up almost half the weight of an average Auckland household rubbish bin, the move is expected to help reduce greenhouse gases.

Auckland Council ran a food waste collection trial in Papakura last year, and now plans to roll out a kerbside food waste collection across the city in 2021.

Auckland Council general manager for waste Parul Sood said as part of the new service every household in urban Auckland would receive a 23-litre bin for their

food waste which would be collected each week. Food scraps including fruit and vegetable peelings, leftovers, bread, pasta and rice, dairy products, meat, bones and shellfish shells, coffee grounds and tea bags would all be able to be put in the bins. The service would be paid for by a targeted rate.

Ecstock's philosophy is that food by-products are not waste. "We call it food biomass, because due to the process of anaerobic digestion, it actually creates valuable energy that we can harness and use," says Andrew.

Andrew says that creating biofuel from landfill methane has traditionally been a somewhat inefficient process in New Zealand. "Ecogas will use a modern design proven worldwide, using full computerisation and stainless steel tanks."

Andrew has run his Ecstock Supplies business in Wiri for the past 12 years, and is passionate about using innovation to help the environment. Ecstock Supplies won the title of 'Sustainable Super-

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Goodbye Andrew, Hello Judith? Electoral boundaries change the landscape

Massive changes lie ahead for voters on the Pohutukawa Coast.

Beachlands, Maraetai, Whitford, Kawakawa Bay, Oere Point and Clevedon will all be included in a re-drawn Papakura electorate (currently represented by Judith Collins) under boundary changes planned ahead of next year's general election.

The population in every electorate has grown since the boundaries were last adjusted in 2014. Some have increased more than others and the changes proposed by the Representation Commission aim to balance the populations in each electorate.

Hunua MP Andrew Bayly's seat will be severely impacted by the proposed changes.

es. Its area will shift south and its name will be changed to Port Waikato.

Hunua will lose almost two-thirds of its area to the redrawn Papakura seat and to Flat Bush, the newly created electorate to the east of Manurewa.

Ararimu, Hunua, Ramarama and Bombay will also go to Papakura.

Andrew Bayly has held the Hunua seat since 2014, and says the saddest part of the boundary changes is losing the relationships he's worked hard to build up over the past five years.

"In my current electorate I have developed relationships with 41 schools, 60 early childhood education centres, 14 Fire Brigades,

and 14 residents & ratepayers groups.

"I'm going to lose half of those, if not more, and I will have to develop new relationships with those groups in the new electorate.

"That's the brutal part about boundary changes – you spend time building up trust and knowledge of the communities you represent and, more importantly, the people you meet and engage with, and suddenly at the stroke of a pen, you lose access to those people."

His essentially urban seat will also become a rural electorate. That changes the seat's demographics and the issues that will be important to its people, he says.

"Being a local electorate MP, it's really important that you represent an area well – and it's essential to feel that you can adequately support a community that covers a certain geographical area."

Andrew says it's essential that people feel a sense of belonging to whatever electorate they are included in, and it's important that they have their say on the changes proposed.

The boundaries won't be finalised until April 2020 and people are encouraged to give their feedback on them. To check out the details of the changes and make a submission go to <https://vote.nz/boundary-review-2019-2020/>

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Student's artwork wins placement on Florida billboard

- by journalism student Zoe Garden

Whitford resident Mackenzie Alley's artwork will grace a Florida, USA, billboard early next year, after being selected from over 16,000 entries in an international competition.

Out of 16,118 entries from 127 countries, the Year 9 Saint Kentigern College student was one of fifty to be included in the exhibition, titled 'Embracing Our Differences'. Mackenzie's art will feature on a billboard in Sarasota, Florida for several months.

Mackenzie's artwork is titled 'Be a voice, not an echo'.

"It was designed to represent how we sometimes feel forced to suppress our true identities as we fear society's judgement," Mackenzie, 13, says. "All it takes for us to unlock who we are is the words of one person not afraid to speak up."

Mackenzie has shared a love of art and drawing since she was very young. When she was 12, she had a poster selected for the NZ and Pacific Islands entry in the International Lions Peace Poster Competition.

"I thought it would be a challenge to enter the competition" Mackenzie says. "I was shocked when I learned my artwork was selected!"

She participates in a weekly after-school club that revolves around entering student artwork into national and worldwide competitions. In her free time, she likes to sketch and draw and prepare. Leading up to competitions such as Embracing Our Differences, she spends a lot more time



Mackenzie Alley's artwork 'Be a voice, not an echo' will spend nearly 3 months on a Florida billboard next year.

working on her pieces.

"What I most enjoy about art is it's so relaxing and I never get sick of it," Mack-

enzie says. "There is a lot of freedom. Plus there's so many different media available to use for art that I never get bored of it."

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- by Phil Long, owner Pohutukawa Motors

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of your car's engine.

With the engine cold check the coolant reservoir and/or radiator is at the correct level (filtered water is fine for a small top up). If the level is very low get the system checked for leaks.

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economy) and poor handling.

If you're loading up the car with gear or piling it all in the boot – make sure you increase the tyre pressure to the correct setting.

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Parade and Christmas @ Sunkist draw large crowds yet again

Santa smiled and waved to the crowds from the back of an Oldsmobile convertible, as he arrived in town for the seventh annual Beachlands Santa Parade last Saturday.

Beachlands' largest event of the year attracted crowds of more than 2000, by one estimate, for the parade and Christmas@Sunkist community event on the Sunkist Bay reserve.

Community groups entered colourful floats and Beachlands Volunteer Fire Brigade, Police, Crime Patrol, St Johns and Coastguard Maraetai all took part along with Coastal Cruisers classic cars.

This year the best float trophy, sponsored by Barfoot and Thompsons Beachlands, was won by Beachlands-Maraetai Playcentre (pictured below).

"I think it was a fabulous event - the community turned out and the weather turned out - it was great," says one of

the organisers Robyn Daniel. "Everyone was happy - it went like clockwork and we've had masses of positive feedback. It was one of the best community days we've had."

Community groups ran stalls selling Christmas fare and gifts, plants, strawberries and more.

Santa was in residence for photos in his magical Christmas grotto at the Log Cabin. Pony rides, cardboard slope sliding, bouncy castle, selfie tent, eco Christmas tree display, junior talent quest and disco entertained.

Robyn says thanks goes to Beachlands Community Trust manager Jenny Carter who established the event seven years ago.

"I take my hat off to Jenny for having the vision to start this amazing event for our community," says Robyn. "Everyone looks forward to it and it's always a very special day."



Above: Santa parade and Christmas@Sunkist organisers Robyn Daniel (left) and Rachel Gu (right) with event founder and Beachlands Community Trust manager Jenny Carter.





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TE PURU	Week 1:	MON 6TH JAN	TUES 7TH JAN	WED 8TH JAN	THU 9TH JAN	FRI 10TH JAN	TE PURU
JUNIORS (5-7yrs)		CLOSED	PLAYGROUND CRAWL A big trek to the Omana Park & Omana beach playgrounds for a day filled with adventure	LEGO CREATIONS Build & Create your way through today with our very first Lego Day	BOX CITY Cardboard box city! Build your own skyscrapers and dream homes	DISNEY DAY Dress up and celebrate all things Disney. Heaps of Arts & Crafts today	
SENIORS (8+yrs)			TE PURU SUMMER GAMES Touch Comp, Cricket, Volleyball. Today is all about Summer Sports!	WIPEOUT Outdoor water course for our seniors to get stuck into. Don't forget your togs!	BUSH TREK A big bush trek with a picnic out and about. Don't forget your shoes.	THE AMAZING RACE Team up! An amazing adventure to find a winner for the Te Puru Amazing Race!	
JUNIORS (5-7yrs)	Week 2:	MON 13TH JAN	TUES 14TH JAN	WED 15TH JAN	THU 16TH JAN	FRI 17TH JAN	
SENIORS (8+yrs)		STRAWBERRY PICKING Both groups are off to Bells Berries in Ardmore for strawberry picking. Before we leave we will have a real fruit ice cream! *Trip Day Cost applies \$58	OMANA BEACH A quick walk to Omana to have day of sports and swimming. Beach soccer, shell collecting and a swim to finish the day. Make sure you bring your togs and a change of clothes!	ICE SKATING Always a popular trip and a great way to cool down in the Summer! Pants and Jackets will be required for this day *Trip Day Cost applies \$58	TEDDY BEAR PICNIC Bring your teddy bears & stuffed animals. We will head out for a picnic in the park.	VEGE PATCH Our very own veggie patch at Te Puru. Planting plenty of veges for us to grow	
JUNIORS (5-7yrs)	Week 3:	MON 20TH JAN	TUES 21ST JAN	WED 22ND JAN	THU 23RD JAN	FRI 24TH JAN	
SENIORS (8+yrs)		MINI GOLF & ICE CREAM A trip to Mission Bay for a round of mini golf. Followed by lunch and an ice cream at the Mission Bay park and playground. *Trip Day Cost applies \$58	BUSH NERF WARS A quick walk to Omana, build your forts, create your tribes and battle in the bush!	KELLY TARLTON'S SEALIFE AQUARIUM Our biggest trip of the programme! Following a big bus ride to Mission Bay we will be journeying through the underwater world at the Kelly Tarltons. Sharks, Turtles, Penguins & more! We will finish the day at Orakei Park before heading back to Te Puru *Trip Day Cost applies \$58	WATER WARS & SLIDE Water wars and a slip and slide to cool off during the hot summer day	SUMMER BASH Arts, Crafts, Games, Sports and everything in between. A massive day with a carnival theme! Plenty of outdoor activities today to celebrate summer.	
JUNIORS (5-7yrs)	Week 4:	MON 27TH JAN	TUES 28TH JAN	WED 29TH JAN	THU 30TH JAN	FRI 31ST JAN	
SENIORS (8+yrs)		CLOSED Auckland Anniversary	HARRY POTTER DAY Dress up and celebrate all things Harry Potter. Making wands and potions throughout the day.	FRENCH FESTIVAL Celebrating everything French! Making crepes, playing petanque & creating moustaches! Everything French and plenty more!	ULTIMATE SANDCASTLE COMP Can you build the best sand castle? Let's find out at our very own Kelly's beach	BACK TO SCHOOL BONANZA BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA Science experiments, DVDs, Stadium games as well as our Bouncy Castle. Celebrate the last day of the school holidays in style	

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Xtreme Beauty wins business excellence award at Indian Business Awards

Xtreme Beauty owner Keshwin Nand has worked hard to establish her two beauty salons in Beachlands and Botany Junction. And recently her hard work and attention to detail was recognised when Xtreme Beauty was announced winner of the 12th annual Indian Newslink Indian Business Awards 'Business Excellence in Retail Trade' category.

The award recognises a successful retail business which exceeds customer expectation. At the awards ceremony held at Skycity Convention Centre on 25 November, judges said that Xtreme Beauty had achieved significant growth and profit,

and was a standout retailer.

Kesh says that the move from managing salons for others to owning two of her own in Auckland has been a journey filled with challenges and satisfaction.

"We were humbled to win the Business Excellence in Retail Business award," says Kesh. "It was an award that we dedicate to our team and our customers."

Pictured right: Xtreme Beauty owner Keshwin Nand (centre) receives her award from Finance Minister Grant Robertson and Ethnic Communities Minister Jenny Salesa at the Indian Newslink Indian Business Awards night.



Beachlands-Maraetai Country Music Club seeks members

- by journalism student Zoe Garden

For more than 25 years Beachlands-Maraetai Country and Variety Music Club has brought the sound of Nashville to the Pohutukawa Coast, and now the club is keen to see new members join in the fun.

Club president Paula Johnstone says there are 24 country clubs in Auckland, and that on a good night as many as 20 visitors from other clubs might visit the Coast events.

The Country and Variety Music Club has about 10 committed members who come along to the club's events every second Thursday at the Maraetai Bowling Club. Unfortunately this year five of their club members have passed away.

"It's a good time to let people know that

we are here," says Paula.

Beachlands-Maraetai Country Club has an open microphone, and any budding artist can perform, regardless of genre. Performances are accompanied by the club's four-piece band.

Young people are especially welcome.

To keep costs down, the club does not charge membership fees. Entrance to the Thursday night gigs is just \$3.

Paula says it is the perfect occasion for a family night out: it's cheap; there's tea, coffee and delicious food; and it has a friendly atmosphere.

"You do not have to perform when you come," Paula says. "You can just sit back and enjoy the music and the company."

As well as entertainment and good com-

pany, the club also offers access to events such as performances at the Clevedon A&P Show.

Club performers can also enter the Country Music Awards, where winners are eligible to enter the New Zealand Entertainer of the Year.

Paula says plans are afoot to establish a sister club, called the Pohutukawa Coast Country Club, in Whitford next year.

Everyone is welcome at the Beachlands-Maraetai Country and Variety Music Club. Evenings are held every second Thursday at the Maraetai Bowling Club from 7-10pm, with a break over Christmas.

For more information, contact Paula, 530 9141 or 021 059 2444.

Fire season prompts advice from Fire Service

Fires can and do start from the smallest spark - especially in rural and semi-rural areas during the summer.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand is encouraging people to visit its new website to find out how to protect themselves, and our land, against potential wildfires.

If you're considering lighting a fire outdoors, the site will tell you how to do it safely, whether you need a permit, and direct you to the fire permit site to apply.

There is also advice to rural and semi-rural people on how to protect their homes, by clearing anything that could burn away from the house, and creating safety zones to act as a barrier against fire.

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Fun run entries up 44 per cent



Amy Rickertt crosses the line to complete the 5km ALLFIT Coastal Fun Run.

The weather turned it on for this year's second Rotary ALLFIT Coastal Run in Beachlands-Maraetai.

Nearly 550 runners and walkers enjoyed the magnificent Pohutukawa Coast last month, while testing their fitness in the sunshine.

"The great thing about an event like this is that not only do the proceeds go to back to the community, but those who took part get a huge boost from getting out into the fresh air and exercising. I know many people who are now doing more exercise as a result of this event and that has to be good for the health of the community," says event director and Rotary president Alex Garden.

The event winners were Lachlan Haitana (10km, male), Gretchen Falloon (10km, female), Wayne Gillard (5km, male) and Leah Anstis (5km, female) with Shelley Park School and Maraetai Beach School taking out the school relays.

Numbers were nearly 44% up on last year with a far higher proportion of entrants from outside the Pohutukawa Coast area than last year.

The event is expected to raise \$8,000-\$9,000 to go towards helping local young people in the community.

The event is organised by the Rotary Club of Pohutukawa Coast Passport with support from naming sponsor ALLFIT Gym. Other key supporters were Franklin Local Board, Fletcher Living, Jaedon Manufacturing, Beachlands Medical Centre, Paul Taylor Jewellers and Sealink.

Volunteers were from Rotary, the PCCA and Clevedon Lions as well as other local people who gave their time.

Maraetai wins triples tournament



Triples competition winners (L-R): Neville Laing, Robyn Mulcock and Brian Laing.

Sixteen teams took part in Maraetai Beach Bowling Club's annual invitation triples tournament sponsored by Stihl Shop Botany.

All the club's rinks were in use, bolstered by team entries from a number of other bowling clubs. However, once again it was a team from the host club that emerged triumphant.

Three teams ended up with three wins and the winners on count back were (pictured) Neville Laing, Robyn Mulcock and Brian Laing. Runner-up was another Maraetai team – Owen Wildbore, Wayne Gemmell and Janet Gemmell.

Meanwhile, Maraetai Bowling Club will stage a Bowls 3 Five Business League tournament in the New Year. Local businesses are invited to enter a team of three. No prior bowls experience is necessary and all equipment, including bowls, will be provided. All that is required is soft-soled shoes. Bowls 3 Five is a shortened, fast version of the game...the bowls version of cricket's T20!

The format will be three bowls per player with five Ends per game. There will be prizes for winners, runners-up and spot prizes. The league is sponsored by Pohutukawa Landing.

Play will be on the following dates: 20 January; 3,10,17, 24 February; 2, 9 March starting at 6pm sharp. Entry is \$90 per team and entries close 18 January. To enter, phone Brian on 536 6905 or email: carol.brian@xtra.co.nz

Foodie Guide

How to create the perfect glaze for this year's Christmas ham

- by Jenny @foodbox.co.nz

I was filming and photographing this recipe, for the Christmas Holiday recipe book coming up. The ham turned out amazing, so I couldn't help but write it up as a recipe for everyone on the coast to see. It is perfect for this year's bone in free range hams that



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- 4-5kg bone-in free range ham
- 1/2 cup of water
- 100g butter
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- 1/2 cup of honey
- 2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 20-30 cloves

1. Remove the rind from the ham
2. Score the flesh in a square grid pattern and pop cloves into the corners

3. Pop onto roast at 150°C for 1.5 hours
4. Meanwhile, make the glaze from the ingredients above by adding everything to a pot and bringing to a simmer for 5 minutes until it thickens
5. Baste the ham every 15 minutes or thereabouts throughout the cooking time (the more, the merrier, it's Christmas!). It's cooked when its browned on top and your house smells fantastic.



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Friday	27 December 2019		CLOSED
Saturday	28 December 2019		CLOSED
Sunday	29 December 2019		CLOSED
Monday	30 December 2019	OPEN 8AM-5.30PM	
Tuesday	31 December 2019	OPEN 8AM-3PM	
Wednesday	1 January 2020		CLOSED
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Friday	3 January 2020		CLOSED
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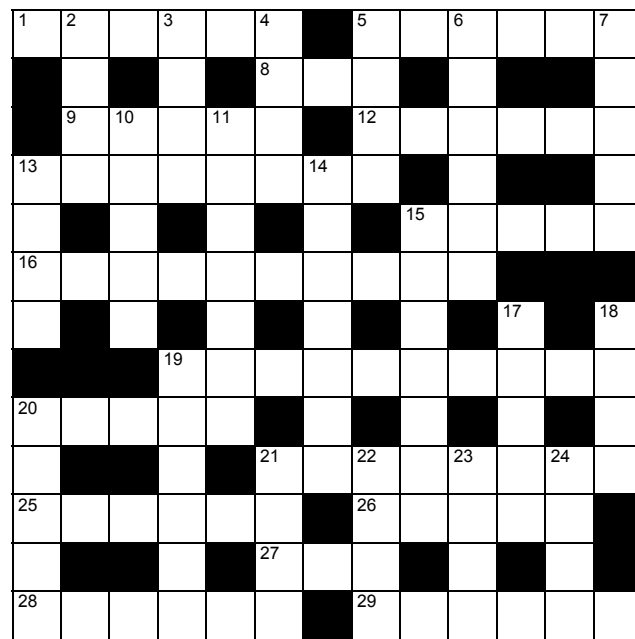


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13. Usual (6)
14. Rough shelter with a sloping roof (4-2)
16. Nuance (6)
18. Affected by drugs (colloq) (6)
20. Shows off (6)
23. Gesture (6)
26. Tie up (6)
27. Youngster (colloq) (6)
28. Probability (4)
30. Alleviate (7)
31. Head dress (6)
32. Large jug (4)
33. Smoothly (6)

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2. A ban (4)
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23. Holy place (6)
24. Scramble for favour (6)
25. Sheen (6)
29. Moist (4)

Answers on page 14

Community Calendar

Weekly events

Advertising in our Community Calendar is 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.

FRIDAY

- **TE WAIROA NURSERY** Potting Bee, 9am-12pm. E: 2jodiem@gmail.com
- **CLEVEDON ART GROUP** McNicol Homestead 10am to 12noon. Free tuition available. New members very welcome. Marian 027 296 3827
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am Te Puru Centre, \$5 Ph 536 5360.
- **HOBBY ART GROUP:** 10am-12pm, Beachlands Log Cabin. Ph: Anne 021 180 4595 or Barbara 021 055 7370.
- **COTTAGE CAFES** on first and third Fridays of each month 10am til 12pm – FREE great coffee and food, awesome company.
- **BeachUTH:** 7-10pm, Youth Group for years 9-13, Y7/8 6-7pm Beachlands Baptist Church. Ph: Lisa Leat 021 068 7300, E: lisa.leat@extra.co.nz
- **CYG YOUTH GROUP** for years 9-13. 7.30-9.30pm, Clevedon Hall. Contact Fran 021 326 237 or fran@clevedonpresy.co.nz
- **KAWAKAWA ORERE YOUTH** Thursdays 6.30pm at Kawakawa Bay Hall – FREE for ages 10-18yrs. See Facebook for updates and info.

MONDAY

- **POHUTUKAWA COAST PLAYGROUP:** 9.30-11.30am, Beachlands Memorial Hall.
- **THE GOLDIES WALKING GROUP:** 8.45am, Pine Harbour Marina ferry base, or another local site. Ph: Chris Shirley 536 5106/027 498 7857.
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am \$5 Te Puru Centre
- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 7.30-9pm, Te Puru Centre, \$5. Ph: 536 5360
- **ST JOHNS YOUTH:** 6-7.30pm, St Hilda's Church, Wakelin Road.
- **CASUAL TABLE TENNIS:** 7.30-9pm. Te Puru, \$5
- **SOCIAL TENNIS:** Adults beginners/intermediate 7-9pm Te Puru. Linda 0211253964 maraetaitennisclub.co.nz.

TUESDAY

- **COASTAL PLAYGROUP** PC Presbyterian Church, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. 9am-12pm. Bubs till 5 yrs. Ph Sarah 022 082 6432.
- **COFFEE & KIDS** 9.30 - 11am, Beachlands Baptist Church, playgroup, refreshments, home baking.
- **NATTER N STITCH** 11.30am-3.30pm. Beachlands Log Cabin. Phone Diane 0274 756 526.
- **KOKAKO VOLUNTEER DAY:** 8.15am-3.30pm, Northern Hunua Ranges. Ph: Mags Ramsey 536 7012.
- **PRE-SCHOOL RUNNING RACES** every Tuesday in Term 4 from 6pm. Ages 2-4 years old at Te Puru Fields. The cost is \$10 for the whole term.
- **RUMMIKUB** 1pm - 4pm, Te Puru Centre \$2. Ph: Bernadette 021 170 9350.
- **MARAETAI (LAWN) BOWLING CLUB:** Cnr Te Pene Road. Roll ups

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- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 9.30-10.30am, Te Puru Centre, FREE.
- **BASKETBALL:** All ages, Te Puru Centre. Email pcbasketballclub@gmail.com. Ph: 027 775 5320.
- **ADVANCED TENNIS:** Adults intermediate/advanced. 7-9pm Te Puru. Belinda 0226949244 maraetaitennis.co.nz.
- **MEN'S AND INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LADIES TENNIS:** Te Puru. 7pm to 9pm. Contact Stephen 021 217 7587
- **HOUSIE/BINGO** Beachlands Charter Club, Every Tuesday 7.30pm prompt start. 16 games, plus a super house \$15. Nice friendly atmosphere.
- **THE POHUTUKAWA COAST CHOIR:** 7-9pm, Presbyterian Church, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Ph: Sue 022 415 6897.

WEDNESDAY

- **COASTAL MAINLY MUSIC** PC Presbyterian Church, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. 9am-12pm. Bubs till 5 yrs. Ph Sarah 022 082 6432.
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am \$5 Te Puru Centre First Wednesday of the month BYO plate for coffee after.
- **SENIOR SPORTS:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru Centre. All welcome. FREE
- **THE GOLDIES GYM GROUP:** 1-2pm, Perform Fitness Gym, Formosa Sports Centre. Ph: Chris Shirley 536 5106 or 536 7231
- **PEST CONTROL DAY:** Southern Hunua Ranges, Ph: Mags 536 7012, E: mags.ramsey@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
- **MANUKAU MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB:** Wed & Sat, carpooling from Beachlands Maraetai: contact president@manukaumasters.co.nz
- **"CREATIVE WINGS" ART FOR THE SENIORS:** St Hilda's Church, 3 Wakelin Road, Beachlands 10 am – 12 pm. Light lunch provided Please Call 536 6124 if you would like transport.
- **KAWAKAWA BAY PLAYING WITH MUSIC** 10.30am Wednesdays at the Cottage – all caregivers and children welcome. Find us on Facebook at Kawakawa Bay Music or contact Rhiannon on 021 1322412
- **KAWAKAWA BAY CRAFTERS** K Bay Hall, 10am-12pm. Ph 292 2666.
- **MANCAVE** 12.30-1.30pm. Shared luncheon for semi retired/retired men. BYO Lunch. Beachlands Baptist Ph 536 6360
- **GIRL GUIDES:** 6.30-8pm, Beachlands Memorial Hall
- **CLEVEDON FIRESIDE BRIDGE CLUB:** 10.15am, Anglican Church Hall, Clevedon. Lessons available. Ph: Pauline 299 7433 or Jill 530 8562.
- **MARAETAI BEACH INDOOR BOWLING CLUB:** 7pm, Maraetai Hall, Rewa Road. Ph Gae 536 6227 or 027 676 6473.
- **WRIGGLE & RHYME FOR 0-2 YEARS:** Every second week. Maraetai Rural Library or Beachlands Rural Library
- **HILLPARK SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB** 7.30-9.30pm, Hillpark School Hall, Grande Vue Road, Manurewa. Contact: Heather 09 267 6375; Les: 09 299 6668 or Glenis 2922 825
- **MAHJONG:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru, \$2
- **CLEVEDON SOCIAL BADMINTON:** 8pm, Clevedon Hall, \$3. Ph: Tony 536 6881 or Mags 0274 245 723

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SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 1.30pm at Maraetai Library. Ph David 530 8869 or Graham 536 6958.

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SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6PM, Pepperjacks, Pine Harbour.

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FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY EACH MONTH: 10am-12pm Kawakawa Bay Presbyterian Church. Ph: Jan Rouse on 292 2701.

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TUESDAYS: Third Tuesday of each month, 10-11.30am St Hilda's Hall, 3 Wakelin Rd. Interesting programme, morning tea. All welcome.

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Fortnightly, Maraetai Bowling Club. 7pm to 9.30pm. All welcome. Contact: Paula 09530 9141 or 021 059 2444.

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THURSDAY

- **MAINLY MUSIC.** Sessions at 9.30am and 10.45am. Beachlands Baptist. Morning tea served between the sessions. P. 536 6360
- **SENIOR EXERCISE:** 9.15am. A gentle exercise program at McNicol Homestead. Contact Cath on 021 349 417
- **GENTLE EXERCISE FUN & FRIENDSHIP FOR SENIORS 65YRS+** \$5 per session 10am - 12.30pm St Hilda's Church Hall Chris 021 133 5283
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- **ADULT GYMNASTICS/FITNESS CLASS:** 11am-1pm FREE Te Puru

Catch of the Week photo comp



Karen McCormick caught her biggest-ever trevally, during an early morning fish from the dinghy at second reef. Both the trevally and the snapper were shared with locals.

To enter the Catch of the Week photo competition, email your photo and details about your catch (where it was caught, name of the boat, what you did with the fish, plus any other special details) to liz@gasmaraetai.co.nz.

The weekly winner will receive a \$50 Top Catch voucher from GAS Maraetai, and the season winner will receive a fishing rod and reel.

Leap Day Challenge to raise funds for First Responders

Teams of six are sought for a fundraising challenge to raise money to equip Kawakawa Bay's First Responders with specialist life-saving equipment.

First Responders are community volunteers who are first on the scene at rural accidents or emergencies, providing help until St Johns Ambulance or the Westpac Rescue Helicopter arrive.

The Leap Frog Challenge is a fundraising event, hosted by the fundraising committee for Kawakawa Bay First Response.

Teams of six people are sought for the challenge, to be held on Leap Day next February.

Organisers say that the ability to touch your toes is not a pre-requisite for taking part in the challenge, but that an ability to identify a cheeky chardy from a late-harvest sticky could be helpful.

The challenge is designed for low to

moderate fitness levels - perhaps to make sure that the First Response team don't need to be called on the day.

Teams will be picked up by a personal driver and driven to the challenge venue at the waterfront McCallum Residence on Clevedon Kawakawa Road. Entrants will be kitted out in a colour-coded t-shirt and sponsor's cap before taking part in a series of fun challenges. Food, refreshments and Clevedon Coast Oysters will be served throughout the day.

Cost is \$3,000 incl GST per team of 6. The winning team will receive a night's stay for up to 12 people at The McCallum Residence, including butler, a mid-winter Christmas dinner and breakfast.

Fur further info, email jan.mccallum@mccallumresidence.co.nz or skayes@slingshot.co.nz.



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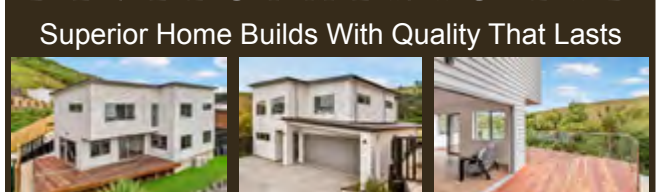
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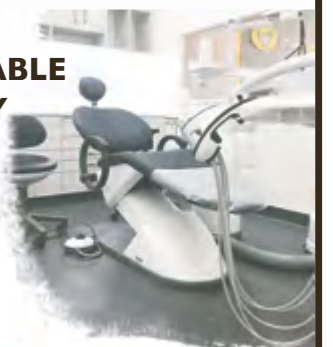
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