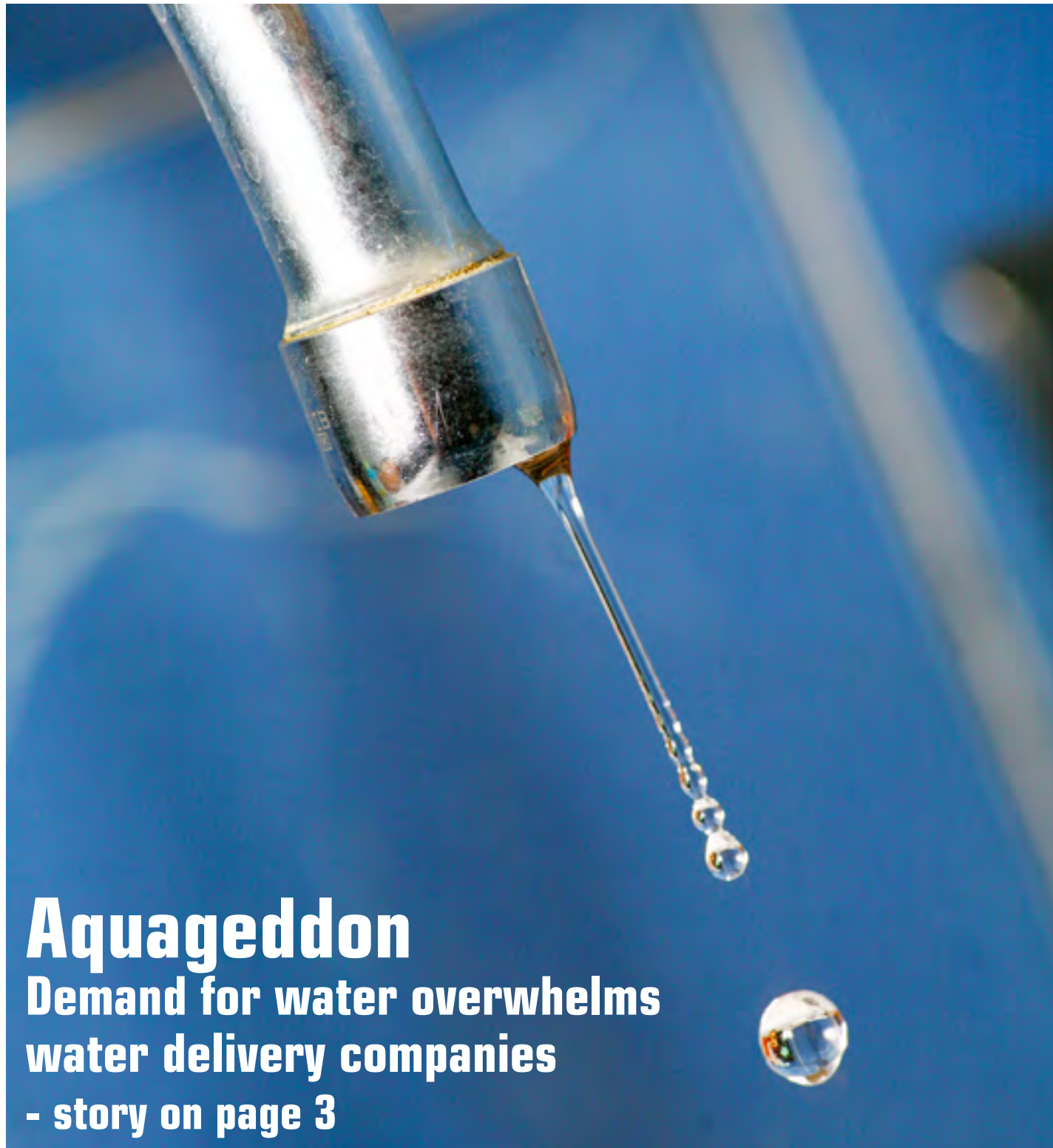


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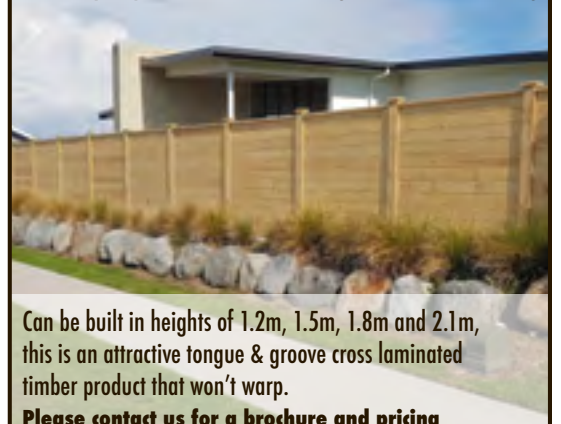
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Guest editorial

by deputy mayor of Auckland, Bill Cashmore

We are back at work and the holidays are a receding memory. No matter where you went and what you did, I hope you had a great time with family and friends.

Sadly, some in our communities have not had a great summer, having faced crime, violence and tragedy. Police say firearms are becoming more prevalent in their day-to-day work.

Over the past year, police have dealt with a large number of incidents across the country involving firearms. In Counties Manukau, you will be aware of a number of high profile homicide cases and firearms incidents last year,

and police put a significant amount of work into investigating those cases. Thankfully, arrests were made in all of those homicide cases last year, with police seizing all firearms allegedly involved. Arrests were also made for a number of incidents involving firearms.

The Armed Response Team trial, which is partly being run in Counties Manukau, has seen teams of specialist response staff available in the district that are equipped to respond to critical incidents in a timely manner. This new model of deploying specialist staff helps to keep both the public and police staff safe in potentially volatile situations. This trial will be reviewed once

it is completed later in the year.

Our police have a difficult and challenging job and deserve our whole-hearted support. Violence has no place in our communities and de-escalation of potentially harmful situations through professionalism and training is a positive for us all.

You may be aware that NZ Police launched a new non-emergency number (105) in 2019. If something happens and you need help from police, call 111. If the event has already happened and you would like to report it, you can call 105.

Letters

Maybe it's time Auckland Council re-visited its approach to rubbish and recycling.

As the dumping of rubbish around Brookby/Clevedon/Pohutukawa Coast continues, I wonder if it is time for some different thinking by Auckland Council. While it is frustrating, and definitely not acceptable, some people believe it is ok to dump their rubbish wherever they like. I think a few other options might reduce this ongoing habit.

These ideas do try to balance the cost of these ideas against the cost of the clean-up. Firstly, reducing the cost at the refuse stations; even giving everyone who is a rate payer one free rubbish dump a year (on payment of their rates).

Having used the council's inorganic collection, you can only do this once a year, the time is quite fixed (it's late in the year around Brookby) and the rules around collection can be a bit restrictive. So we could increase the frequency, offer wider parameters around the collection (so it's not so strict), or even go back to the old, street-by-street approach. I doubt this service is used by every rate payer, so why not let others use it twice. The old approach definitely encouraged 'up-cycling' – one man's rubbish is one man's treasure. The other thing to consider is whether

we put more money into rubbish collection (especially in rural locations) instead of food scraps for compost. Most rural people compost their scraps or feed to animals – I, for one, don't need a compost collection and would much rather that money went towards general rubbish and recycling collection.

Lastly, is it time for more refuse collection centres, a little similar to what we have in places like the Coromandel, where you take your recycling and rubbish at any time – some with a donation or small cost for dumping.

Above all, we all want to reduce the overall amount of rubbish we generate. In the meantime, we do need some different thinking to reduce the dumping of rubbish on the road side, but also better direct the high cost of our rates.

**Mike Kensington
Brookby**

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Above and below: a large amount of rubbish was dumped along the verges of Twilight Road, Brookby, last weekend. Photos by Mike Kensington.

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Aquageddon: demand for water overwhelms water delivery companies

Residents reliant on water from tanks are finding themselves left high and dry in the current drought.

With no significant rain on the radar and water tank supplies running low, people are urged to conserve water and be patient as overwhelmed water delivery companies do their best to meet the high demand.

Estimated times for water delivery can be as far away as late March, although these times may not be accurate due to people booking with multiple carriers - something which is causing frustration for water delivery business owners.

One tanker driver spoken to by the *PC Times* said he had tried to deliver water to three customers in a row last week - but all of them had received water from another carrier the day before, and had not thought to cancel their order with his company. "I just wasted my whole morning, when I could have been delivering to other people in need."

In previous years, Auckland Council has provided an emergency water supply for the public at the Beachlands fire station, but this year it has shifted the site of emer-

gency water supply to Te Puru Community Centre.

Chief fire officer Shane Rutherford says the brigade has two of its own water tanks on site, but neither are for public use. "One is used as our firefighting water supply - this comes from a bore, and is not tested for drinking. The other tank is for station use; it's the water we use to shower in and wash gear down after attending a callout."

Dam levels in the Waikatore and Hunua ranges are lower this year than in recent years. But despite record-breaking demand so far this month, Watercare says it can source additional water from aquifers, springs and the Waikato River so that it can manage its supply.

In January, Watercare supplied 85 million litres of water through its filling stations; enough to fill 8,500 water tankers.

Watercare spokesperson Maxine Clayton says tanker drivers that supply the Beachlands/Maraetai coastal communities generally fill up at the East Tamaki filler station. "This has been open all summer and unlike some other filling stations

elsewhere in Auckland, it has no flow rate restrictions either. There may be a shortage of water delivery companies in your [Beachlands-Maraetai-Clevedon]

area. We have also been told by operators that some customers are double booking - which is adding to frustrations."

Good samaritans offer free laundry and showers to those in need

A finalist in the Young New Zealander of the Year 2020 awards has teamed up with a Beachlands business to provide free showers and laundry to those currently rationing water or without water.

Eddie Uini is the founder of Orange Sky, a mobile laundry unit which runs a free regular laundry and shower service across Auckland, helping those experiencing homelessness. When he's not running regular shifts in Auckland, Eddie has committed to visiting Beachlands for as long as needed to support anyone in need of water.

"We're starting with a session this Thursday [13 February]," says Eddie, "and after that we're hoping to get out at least 3-4 times a week, though it will be dictated by demand and we're happy to try and get out more if there's need."

Eddie learned of the Pohutukawa Coast's water shortage from local resident Stephanie Pollard, and offered to bring Orange Sky's mobile unit to Beachlands to provide showers for Pohutukawa Coast residents. Beachlands business Kiwi Laundry Co has offered to supply Orange Sky with additional water if the mobile unit runs out of its self-contained supply. Kiwi Laundry owner Tim Grimley says his business will also offer free laundromat use for anyone struggling to buy water, whenever the Orange Sky mobile unit is parked outside the shops.

Eddie Uini's support for people living on Auckland's streets has earned him a finalist spot in the Young New Zealander of the Year awards, to be held next week.

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Metlifecare granted resource consent for retirement village

Metlifecare has been granted its first major resource consent for the recently named 'Pohutukawa Landing' retirement village development near Pine Harbour. The resource consent will allow the company to move forward with the construction of 64 villas, an internal roading network and temporary common amenities including a bowling green, and associated landscaping areas that will allow Pohutukawa Landing to begin operations as a retirement village.

Metlifecare CEO Glen Sowry says he is pleased to get development underway and aims to deliver the first 32 villas before the end of 2021, meeting the needs of an area that is not currently served with retirement living options.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Metlifecare and the locals of the Beachlands, Maraetai and the Whitford area. With the closest existing villages nearly 20km away, we are very pleased to be the first retirement village provider here."

"The village will have a relaxed coastal feel, providing a mix of single-level villas for those who want to live more independently, as well as apartments and a fabulous community facility," says Glen.

Metlifecare plans to invest around \$180 million (including care and common costs) developing the site, that will feature a similar open-plan approach as Metlifecare's 'Gulf Rise' Village in Red Beach, and will also provide a selection of "vibrant social spaces" among private, secluded areas and trails for walking and



Artist impression of the Metlifecare Beachlands retirement village villas, Pohutukawa Landing

cycling.

The delivery of the first stage of the village will see Metlifecare investing around \$22 million into the construction of the first 32 villas. Earthworks and roading are already well underway and construction on the villas is expected to start early 2020.

Future stages will see approximately 31 two and three bedroom villas, 85 apartments ranging from 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms, plus 5 serviced apartments and a modern care home.

A public information evening held at Pine Harbour Marina late last year was well attended by the local and wider Whitford, Beachlands and Maraetai community. Metlifecare shared the masterplan concept design, followed by a feedback session on name, design, layout and architectural style preference.

"As with our other villages, the design will reflect the character of the local community.

"The name Pohutukawa Landing is an acknowledgement of the amazing beach-

es and amenities the Pohutukawa Coast offers.

"The word 'Landing' was inspired by the nearby marina and it was fantastic to involve the community in the naming process," says Glen.

Metlifecare will soon open an information centre in the West Quarter building on Ninth View Avenue behind the Pine Harbour Marina.

The space is designed to provide information to interested locals and prospective residents and will be open regularly or by appointment.

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Feva yachts put wind in the sails of young Maraetai boaties

Young coast resident Madison Russell was on the verge of giving up sailing last year, but Maraetai Sailing Club's purchase of five new 'Feva' yachts has convinced her to stick with the sport.

"I wasn't going to do sailing this season. I didn't like it by myself in the Opti [small single-handed boats sailed by beginners]. When we got the Fevas I started doing that, and it was much more fun!"

On board the Feva, Madison looks after the sails, while crew buddy Kate Rasmussen skippers the boat. Both girls are 11 years old. Kate has been sailing for just over two years, and agrees that the Feva is a lot of fun.

"There are lots of things to remember," says Kate. "But I like that it's self-draining, so you're not having to bail all the time! I also like the look of the Feva, it is cool and goes really fast. I can still sail my opti as well as doing Feva sailing".

Two other young sailors who have taken a shine to Feva sailing are Luka Ropers and Carter Robson. The two 14-year-olds will head to Germany this winter to compete against 200 other yachts in the Feva World Championships.

Luka and Carter have only been sailing together for about 9 months, but are ready for the hard training and the experience that is coming their way. The boys know they'll be up against some stiff competition, but are confident that with continued hard work, they can make New Zealand proud.

"We can get some big speeds, doing 10-plus knots," says Carter. "It's quite a big step up from other boats, so you have to adapt. Our light weight isn't always an advantage - we've capsized a few times, but it's all about learning."

Luka says that stepping up to sailing a two-handed boat with three sails has been a challenge, but "way more fun".

Both Luka and Carter are enthusiastic about the future opportunities that sailing a Feva provides. "By learning to sail this boat, you can move onto bigger boats," says Luka.

Maraetai Sailing Club spokesperson Geoff Rasmussen says that before the club purchased the boats, it was losing some of its junior members to other clubs, or the children were giving up sailing entirely. "It's giving our junior members something more technical to move onto locally, and means they can develop the skills they will need to move onto bigger boats. These are an international class boat - they're lots of fun, but they can also be very competitive."

Geoff says the new boats are great for all ages, and that there is even a special class for parents and children. "We have a dad and daughter team, plus a mixed boy/girl team. You can really mix it up on board, which makes it a great family sport. Beginners can learn to sail in these boats too, which makes them really versatile. One of the highlights for the kids is having company on the boat, and I've seen their confidence really grow on the water."

Luka and Carter are currently fundraising to get to the world champs in Germany, and are also seeking business sponsorship.



Carter Robson (left) and Luka Ropers training offshore from Maraetai for this year's Feva world sailing champs in Germany.

Anyone interested in supporting them can find out more on Facebook: sailingfornz

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To find out more about learning to sail with Maraetai Sailing Club, visit maraetaisailingclub.org.nz.



Above: 11-year-olds Kate Rasmussen (left) and Madison Russell enjoy each other's company as they sail their new yacht.

Left: (from L-R) Carter Robson, Luka Ropers, Kate Rasmussen, Madison Russell are all enthusiastic about hitting the water in Maraetai Sailing Club's new Feva yachts.



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Stingy swimmers hit coast

Warm weather has people flocking in their thousands to our local beaches - and many are going home with more than just wet hair and salty skin. There have been many reports of uncomfortable, red, itchy rashes experienced by people who have been swimming.

Sea lice are often blamed for the rash which affects areas of skin covered by swimwear, but the red, raised itchy bumps are actually caused by jellyfish larvae. In other countries, it is known as 'pica-pica', a Spanish description which translates to 'itchy-itchy'.

In New Zealand, itchy or painful rashes which occur after you get out of the water are known as 'sea bather's eruption'.

The jellyfish larvae are happy whilst they are in the water, but problems start once swimmers leave the sea. Any larvae trapped inside swimwear release a toxin into the skin when they are removed from water, rubbed with towels or rinsed with freshwater.

Swimmers may notice an initial prickling sensation, followed by the onset of itching. Additional symptoms may include headaches, lethargy, nausea, a rash that appears underneath where a bathing suit would be, and red bumps that may come together and resemble a large, red mass.

The jellyfish larvae also have a particular liking for hair, which is why many people may find the bites begin on the back of their necks.

The rash usually lasts about two to four days. However, some people may experience a rash for up to two weeks.

Children are most affected, probably due to their softer skin. Those prone to allergic skin reactions are also more likely to be severely affected.

The best ways to avoid sea bather's eruption are:

- stay out of the water
- after swimming, remove your swimwear as soon as possible
- pat dry with a towel before getting dressed
- do not rub the affected areas with towels or hands, as that could cause additional stinging.

The most useful treatment for sea bather's eruption is 1% hydrocortisone lotion applied 2-3 times a day. Topical calamine lotion and/or ice packs may also be soothing. Ibuprofen and aspirin may help reduce pain and inflammation.

The stinging cells can remain in swimwear even after it dries, so put togs through a machine wash or rinse thoroughly with vinegar then wash by hand with soap and water.



The red, itchy rash known as 'sea bather's eruption' is caused by microscopic jellyfish larvae stings.

Community and business input sought for Hunua trail opportunities

A new walking and cycling trail that will link Clevedon to Kaiaua could open business opportunities for the Clevedon, Hunua and Pohutukawa Coast areas, and people are invited to provide input at two community events this weekend.

The Hunua Trail will link the two villages over a 44-kilometre walking and cycling trail on existing tracks and Watercare roads.

The Franklin Local Board has led the charge for the trail, forging a partnership with Watercare, Auckland Regional Parks, ATEED, mana whenua and business.

Board deputy chair and Clevedon resident Angela Fulljames says businesses and individuals will want to prepare to make the most of the opportunities the trail will bring.

"The board hasn't championed this because it's a nice to have, it's because it has the capacity to bring a lot of economic benefit to the area in terms of tourism and the businesses that support it."

Clevedon Community and Business Association's chair Victoria Richards says it's impossible to know how many visitors would be attracted by a route through the stunning Hunua Ranges and on to Kaiaua.

"It will be possible to walk the track over three days using huts as overnight accommodation, and for the hard core to cycle

it in one hit. That means a lot of people will be attracted to the area, which in turn opens up opportunities for business.

"It's entirely possible visitors will want accommodation, they'll need food, petrol, bike maintenance and repair services, transfers to part of the route and of course visitors might well stay on and see other attractions in the area.

"Otago's Central Rail Trail rejuvenated an area that struggled to attract visitors despite its natural beauty and today it supports tour operators, accommodation businesses, bike hire companies, tour guides and it is responsible for millions of dollars of income. There is no reason that couldn't happen here," says Victoria.

The business community is being asked to engage with the board and stakeholders at Hallertau at 6pm on 17 February, and the wider community will get its chance to have input at a community event at the Clevedon District Centre on 14 March from 11am to 2pm.

"It's critical that existing or new businesses get involved to provide the visitor support services, as it's one of the most proactive opportunities for this area and Auckland in recreation cycling. We will be connected to the national cycle network and that's pretty exciting," says Angela.



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Woman caught by power line Worker jumps her way to win

A Clevedon woman in the act of being a good samaritan is lucky to be alive after she was caught up in a live power line and thrown three metres through the air.

When the power went off at Sue Alderson's property late in January, she didn't expect that it would lead to a potentially life-threatening experience.

Sue was inside her house when the power unexpectedly went off. "We're rural, so it's not uncommon for our power to go out. But then I noticed the spa pool was still working."

Thinking that the power outage may have been caused by a vehicle crash, Sue and her husband put on fluorescent safety vests and headed out to the road.

The pair discovered a downed power line over the Papakura Clevedon Road, just outside Sue's driveway entrance.

She and her husband began alerting oncoming traffic to slow down, when a car travelling at "well over 100kmh" approached. The vehicle stopped directly on top of the downed power line, before a vehicle travelling in the other direction caught the live line and sent it in Sue's direction.

"It flicked up and wrapped around my

body and threw me up into the air," says Sue. "All I remember is this incredible severe jerking feeling."

Fortunately Sue was thrown clear of the line, landing on her knees in the roadside gravel.

She credits her thick fluoro vest with protecting her from the worst of the electrical current, though was left badly bruised and grazed, and more than a little shaken. She spent the night in hospital.

The second car to run over the downed lines was rendered immobile, and had to be towed away.

"It was a very frightening experience. My husband watched the whole thing. I'm lucky though - it could have been so much worse. I'm pretty good, considering."

Sue says the site, near the intersection with West Road, is notorious for accidents. She has some words of advice for motorists, particularly when they come across accidents.

"Slow down and smell the roses. If you notice something, slow right down and check it out before whizzing through."

"And try to do one good deed in your car every day, like letting somebody into a queue."



Worker by name... Kirsten Worker (pictured above) somehow found time - amidst organising the 404 horses and ponies entered in last weekend's Brookby Showjumping competition - to win the Pro Amateur showjumping class at the same event. Kirsten also organised the previous weekend's charity polo match in Clevedon.

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Tearfund recipient shares life story at Beachlands church

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As part of a series of free events, Richmond Wandera will share his inspirational story to Pohutukawa Coasters at Beachlands Baptist Church on Wednesday 19 February at 7pm.

Life started out well for Richmond. He had five siblings and a mother and father who loved him dearly. His father was a hard-working lawyer—the breadwinner for the family. Richmond could go to school and had everything he needed. But this all changed in an instant.

When Richmond was eight, he returned home from school one day to learn that his father had been murdered in the presence of his mother.

After his father's death, the family was evicted as they could no longer afford to live in the home. They ended up in a slum

community called Naguru.

His mother's health suffered and Richmond says he vividly remembers the day his mother announced there was no money left, even to afford the cheapest of meals.

"We knew our time had come to grow up and scrounge for food on the streets for survival."

One day Compassion, Tearfund's partner, came into Richmond's home and told him he had a sponsor. Not only did that change his life but his family's as well.

"I am forever grateful for Heather—my sponsor who lived simply so I could simply live."

ply live."

Richmond carried on to study and graduated with Honours in Accounting, followed by a Master's Degree in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship, which placed him among the top 10 per cent of pastors in Uganda with an education. He then founded the Pastors Discipleship Network.

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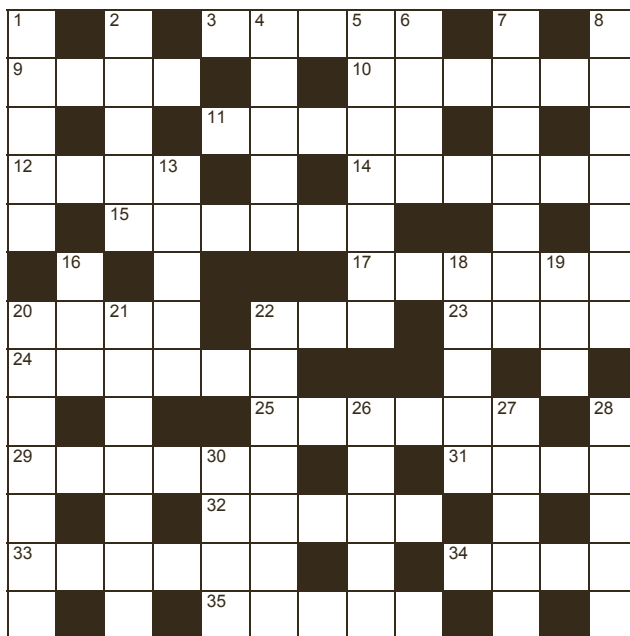
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12. Work determinedly at something (4)
14. Set of six (6)
15. Muffled, crackling sound (6)
17. Beginner (6)
20. Acidic (4)
22. Completely empty (3)
23. Unknown author (abbr) (4)
24. Soft, delicate (6)
25. Use up (6)
29. Subtle difference (6)
31. Implement (4)
32. Tearful vegetable (5)
33. Dwarf ornamental tree (6)
34. Dextrous (4)
35. Gently mock (5)

Down

1. Luxurious (5)
2. Country house (5)
4. Respond (5)
5. Gift (7)
6. In this place (4)
7. Hold within (7)
8. Besotted (7)
13. Sentinel (5)
16. Sorrow (3)
18. Boast excessively (5)
19. Shy (3)
20. Wait for action (7)
21. Oddly mysterious (7)
22. Conservationist (7)
26. Devout (5)
27. Headless peg (5)
28. Chosen few (5)
30. Cover (4)

Answers on page 10

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

- **CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU** 1-3pm. 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at Beachlands Library. 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at Maraetai Library. Ph Louise 09 576 8331. Free, confidential advice on a range of matters.
- **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 till 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@xtra.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.
- **KOKAKO VOLUNTEER DAY:** 8.15am-3.30pm, Northern Hunua Ranges. Ph: Mags Ramsey 536 7012.
- **PRE-SCHOOL RUNNING RACES** from 6pm at Te Puru.
- **RUMMIKUB** 1pm - 4pm, Te Puru Centre \$2. Ph: Bernadette 021 170 9350.
- **MARAETAI (LAWN) BOWLING CLUB:** Cnr Te Pene Road. Roll ups Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. 1pm. Enquiries. Ph Derek 536 4626

- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 9.30-10.30am, Te Puru Centre, FREE.
- **BASKETBALL:** All ages, Te Puru Centre. Email pcbasketballclub@gmail.com. Ph: 027 775 5320.
- **MEN'S AND INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LADIES TENNIS:** Te Puru. 7pm to 9pm. Contact Stephen 021 217 7587
- **HOUSIE/BINGO** Beachlands Charter Club, 7.30pm, \$15.
- **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 10am-12pm. Call 536 6124 if you would like transport.
- **NATTER N STITCH** 12.30-4pm, Te Puru. Phone Diane 0274 756 526.
- **KAWAKAWA BAY PLAYING WITH MUSIC** 10.30am at The Cottage. Facebook: Kawakawa Bay Music or ph Rhiannon on 021 132 2412
- **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
- **DANCE IN THE DARK** - Women only, 7-8pm Te Puru Scout Hall \$5 first time, \$10 thereafter. Contact dancenoireast@gmail.com or Facebook Dance Noir NZ

THURSDAY

- **MAINLY MUSIC.** Sessions at 9.30am and 10.45am. Beachlands Baptist. Morning tea served between the sessions. Ph 536 6360

Fortnightly, monthly & one-off events

OMANA STAMP CLUB

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

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Free community lunch, **NEXT LUNCH 11 MAR.** 12.30pm Beachlands Hall. Ph: 536 6124.

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POHUTUKAWA COAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (PCCA)

7.30PM THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, Rowan Muir Community Centre, 211 Maraetai Drive.

POHUTUKAWA COAST ROTARY

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

COTTAGE CAFE

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

BEACHLANDS/MARAETAI U3A

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 on Thursdays, Maraetai Bowling Club. 7-9.30pm. All welcome. Contact: Paula 09 530 9141 or 021 059 2444.

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HUNUA TRAIL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

17 FEBRUARY, 6PM (Business community) at Hallertau
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- **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
- **TOY LIBRARY:** Thurs 10.00am-12.00pm, Sun 9am-10.00am. 59 Third View Ave. Beachlands. 021 492 325. Term time only.
- **LINE DANCING:** 10-11am, Memorial Hall, \$5. Ph: Karen 021 213 6020.
- **ADULT GYMNASTICS/FITNESS CLASS:** 11am-1pm FREE Te Puru

Swimwear wanted for ‘tog treasury’



Clevedon’s Painga Project is asking local residents to donate children’s swimwear to its ‘tog treasury’.

Clevedon-based Painga Project has kicked off 2020 by looking to fund additional swimming lessons for low decile schools - but the kids need togs first!

Painga Project founder Sarah Corson says they need donations of second hand boys and girls togs, in all sizes from 5 years up to adult, as well as towels, for its ‘tog treasury’.

Sarah says that providing students with togs and towels results in increased participation in school swimming lessons.



Togs can be dropped to the Clevedon Co-op, or at Kelvin Road School in Papakura (74 Kelvin Road).

The swimming lessons will help support water safety for an upcoming Painga Project swim/run duathlon, as well as the Painga Project’s Kohukohunui pilot project which aims to encourage intermediate school student engagement with science, technology, engineering and maths via weekly educational sessions in the Hunua Ranges this year.

Stream unsafe for swimming

Ongoing water testing at Green Bay continues to show high levels of contamination from the stream which flows from Formosa Golf Resort.

Water samples are taken from three locations at Green Bay (accessible from Pine Harbour) after each rainfall. Two areas of the beach are tested, as is the stream.

Health Waters results from the most recent testing in December show that while the beach is safe for swimming, the stream contains high levels of Enterococci and e.coli which mean a high risk of illness from swimming.

At this stage the cause of the ongoing high levels of contamination are unknown.

Visitors to the beach should not wade in the stream, and dog owners are urged to keep their dogs away from it too.

The next round of testing will take place after the next significant rainfall.



Green Bay, adjacent to Pine Harbour Marina.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS - Across: 3. Graph, 9. Liar, 10. Reform, 11. Wager, 12. Slog, 14. Sextet, 15. Rustle, 17. Novice, 20. Sour, 22. Gut, 23. Anon, 24. Tender, 25. Expend, 29. Nuance, 31. Tool, 32. Onion, 33. Bonsai, 34. Deft, 35. Tease.

Down: 1. Plush, 2. Manor, 4. React, 5. Present, 6. Here, 7. Contain, 8. Smitten, 13. Guard, 16. Woe, 18. Vaunt, 19. Coy, 20. Standby, 21. Uncanny, 22. Greenie, 26. Pious, 27. Dowel, 28. Elite, 30. Coat.

Catch of the Week photo competition

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