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## Clevedon wine judged Pink Perfection by magazine



Marc Udy and Camilla Jones pictured with a bottle of their Ness Valley-grown rosé, judged best in the country by *Dish* magazine.

*Dish* magazine has just named a Clevedon wine as New Zealand's best rosé.

The organically grown 'Pink Ensemble Clevedon Rosé 2022' is a labour of love, produced by Clevedon winemakers Marc Udy and Camilla Jones at their idyllic Ness Valley vineyard, M.A.U Wines.

*Dish* magazine judges awarded the wine Gold, and described it as: 'A truly complex, modern, mix-em up style that had our judges talking immediately. Ultra-pale and showing Provence-style peppercorn, spice and delicate red fruit flavours alongside nutty notes, dried herb and smoked citrus zest followed by a long biscuity finish. Fun and Funky.'

Camilla, who grew up in Clevedon, is understandably proud of their achievement. She and Marc took over the vineyard lease in 2020 and it has been a steep learning curve.

"We literally spend hundreds of hours throughout the season in the vineyard. It is an absolute labour of love from growing the grapes, to making the wine and then offering this to

customers to enjoy. It's a passion for sure."

Harvest time at the vineyard has a special French-style collaborative approach. More than 30 friends and family join Marc and Camilla to handpick the grapes over a weekend, beginning with a pre-picking eve dinner party followed by a celebration when all the grapes are picked.

"We are very lucky to have such a fabulous team to help us with harvest," says Camilla who has previously worked in the wine industry in a marketing and digital capacity for 10 years. "Amongst the hard work there are lots of laughs and it's a great atmosphere."

"We are thrilled 'Pink Ensemble' has received this accolade," says Marc, whose winemaking spans 17 years in New Zealand and Australia, with a vintage in France. "This wine is our first rosé vintage. The vineyard, originally planted in 1995 is predominantly merlot with roughly 5%

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**Editorial** by Franklin Local Board Wairoa representatives

**Planning for perfect parks**

We are about to invite you to submit your ideas on what makes parks perfect. Consultation to help shape a draft Franklin Local Parks Management Plan will run from 12 October until 12 November.

A plan would set a framework for the use, protection, and development of your parks.

We have decision-making authority over about 190 parks, 29 with existing management plans that would be superseded.

It's important people get involved because no two parks or communities are the same.

That's why there's going to be consultation specific to local areas, so while Waiuku on one side of Franklin and Maraetai on the other might have lots in common, we want to be able to identify if there are specific needs.

We believe local parks are exactly that, local. That makes it critical the people who call those parks their own have a say in what happens in and to them.

Engagement by subdivision is also important because of the size of our area, and because there are extensive esplanade reserves around the Manukau

Harbour and Wairoa River.

Any plan is a long way off being finalised, with consultation critical to the process. After feedback is analysed, a draft plan can be prepared.

We are responsible for parks within Franklin we have decision-making authority over, while in others we have only an advocacy role – allowing us to put forward suggestions - notably regional parks and drainage reserves.

A completed plan will outline the reserves where there's local decision-making, and where advocacy-only roles apply, but it's important to say that we remain committed to partnerships and co-management options.

Plans like this one will help us understand your needs or even if a reserve that has never been developed is still being used and remains valued.

They are an important tool to protect the values of parks while providing for appropriate activities, and they give us a framework for consistent, transparent decision-making.

Open space not owned or managed by Auckland Council is excluded, as are regional parks.

It is anticipated a draft plan will be available for public consultation in early or mid-2025.

**Floodplain mapping**

Some people have questioned the accuracy of Council's mapping tool Flood Viewer, largely because areas shown to be flood-prone didn't go under in recent adverse weather events.

Council must make hazard information available, so has it for flooding on Flood Viewer.

The information shown is for an extreme event - what we know as a one-in-100-year flood. Climate change projections show that the intensity of extreme rain is likely to increase.

But even in downpours, rainfall varies from area to area. January's floods were worse in the central, north and western areas than in the east.

The flooding information in the online tool gives an indication of what could happen, and because every storm is different, they will have factors that differ from the model, all of which means, what we see may not exactly match the modelling.

There is a huge amount of science that goes into it, hydraulic modelling results, predicted rainfall, satellite mapping and information from outside groups such as NIWA.

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# Victory for Maraetai in annual Battle of the Bridge

This year's annual Battle of the Bridge rugby competition was an "all of club" affair. The junior girls and boys teams battled it out in September, while the seniors took to the field last weekend. All games, along with tries and points scored, were tallied to determine the overall suburb winners.

After eight consecutive years of losses, Maraetai's senior team had a point to prove at last Sunday's senior Battle of the Bridge (also known as the "real" Battle of the Bridge) held at Te Puru. Beachlands came out firing right from the first whistle, making some great hit-ups and showing off their ball-handling skills. However solid defence from Maraetai denied Beachlands from scoring on numerous occasions, causing turnovers which lead to some of Maraetai's own tries from deep in their own half.

Referee Quinn Murphy kept the game flowing well as the teams returned to the field after half time with Maraetai up 26-12. Maraetai continued their dominance early in the second half, led by some crunching mid-field tackles. A slick move by Beachlands saw them claw back a try of their own, but in the end the skills and tactics of the Maraetai team gave them the winning edge, with a full time score of 43-19 - Maraetai's first win since 2014.

Senior team manager Phil Holloway says: "The Battle of the Bridge was played in the spirit of true friendship. The clash



Battle of the Bridge seniors (top) and juniors (above).

saw a range of ages taking the field with big tackles matched with sideline cheer. Rugby was the winner on the day with Maraetai taking out the shield!"

At the completion and inclusion of all Battle of the Bridge games, Maraetai took overall honours winning 65 points to 60. The Senior's game made all the

difference, by two tries and a conversion.

Anyone interested in playing local rugby in 2024 can follow Beachlands Maraetai Rugby Club's Facebook page which will include details of the club's 'Have-A-Go' and 'Club Muster' days early next year: [www.facebook.com/beachlandsmaraetairugby](http://www.facebook.com/beachlandsmaraetairugby)

# Wine awarded gold

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each of malbec and cabernet franc and is run organically. We are totally driven by a passion to make a sophisticated style of rosé that expresses its turangawaewae; clay soils over disintegrating greywacke rock, tucked away down the idyllic Ness Valley."

The rosé gets its name 'Pink Ensemble' from the blending of three handpicked varieties of grape, which are gently pressed resulting in a pale salmon colour. The silhouette on the bottle label is a nod to Camilla, her passion for style and the favourite pink 'ensemble' that makes an annual appearance at Splore Festival.

Camilla says there are just 1,000 bottles of the award-winning wine available, which can be purchased locally at the Clevedon Farmers Market (until late October), and at Hallertau, Vin Alto and Clevedon Super Liquor. It is also available to purchase, alongside the vineyard's other wines, at [mauwines.co.nz](http://mauwines.co.nz). The vineyard does not have a cellar door, though Camilla says they plan to open one in future.

The rosé has picked up a following, with some of the country's top restaurants now including it on their wine list.

Marc says the 2023 harvest yield was impacted by last summer's wet weather, though he is optimistic about the quality of the batch which will be bottled shortly.

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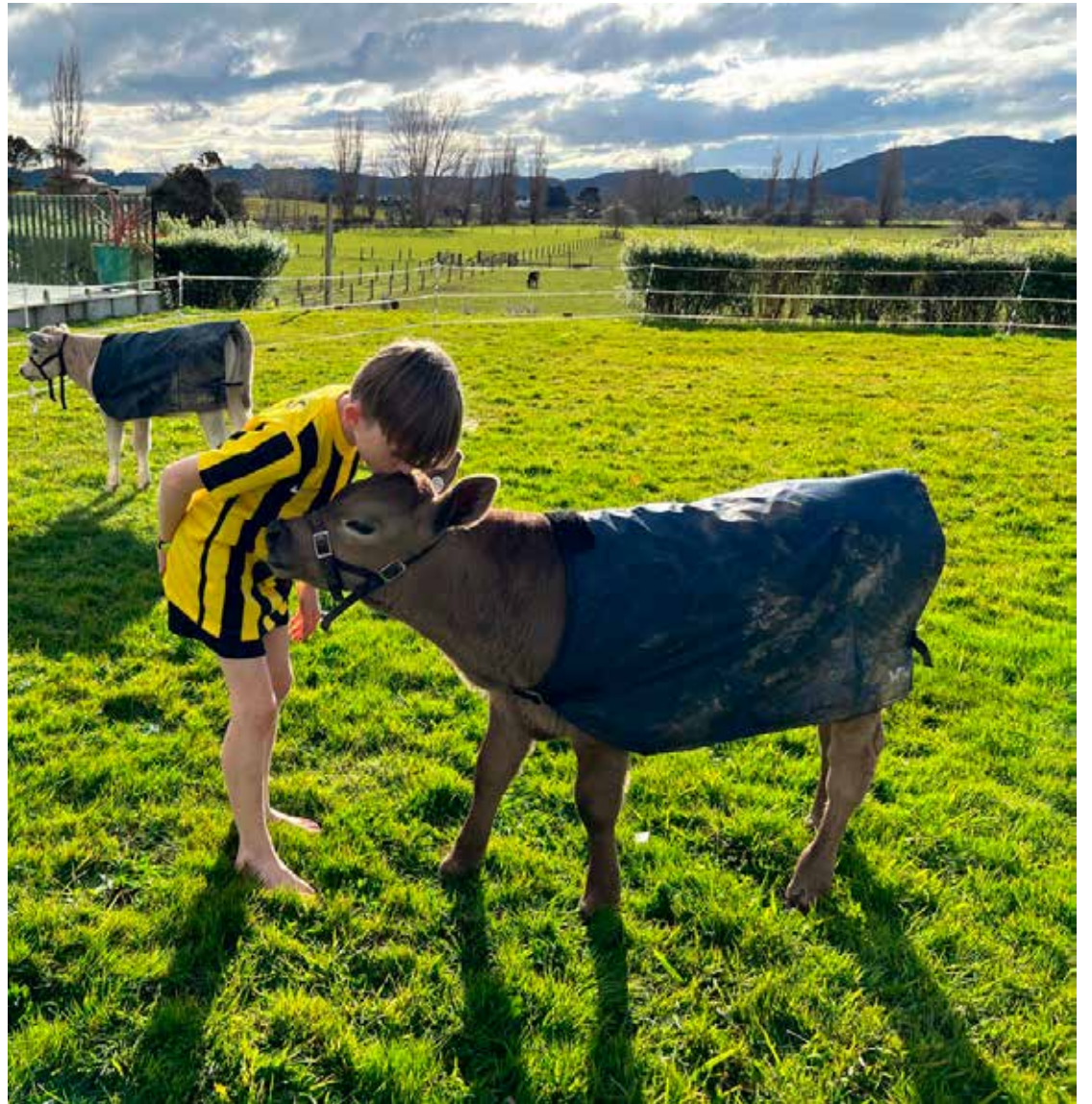
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Clockwise from top left: Boston Gasson, Year 1 Clevedon School with Pepsi; Chloe Richardson, Clevedon Kidz with Marshmallow; Evie Rose Biggs, 6-years-old, Hunua School with Rosie; Reeva Sovo, Year 8 Brookby School with Lilly; James Ilich, Year 5 Clevedon School with Toby.



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# Community spaces feature at Clevedon artist's latest exhibition

Clevedon artist Katie Blundell celebrates community spaces in her latest exhibition, 'Community Minded'.

Katie's newest works feature subjects such as the Clevedon Hall, brought to life via a process of relief carving, printmaking and painting.

Katie says the new work is of an epic scale.

"The work invites the viewer to remember experiences of old and sparks new conversations about our fast-changing world.

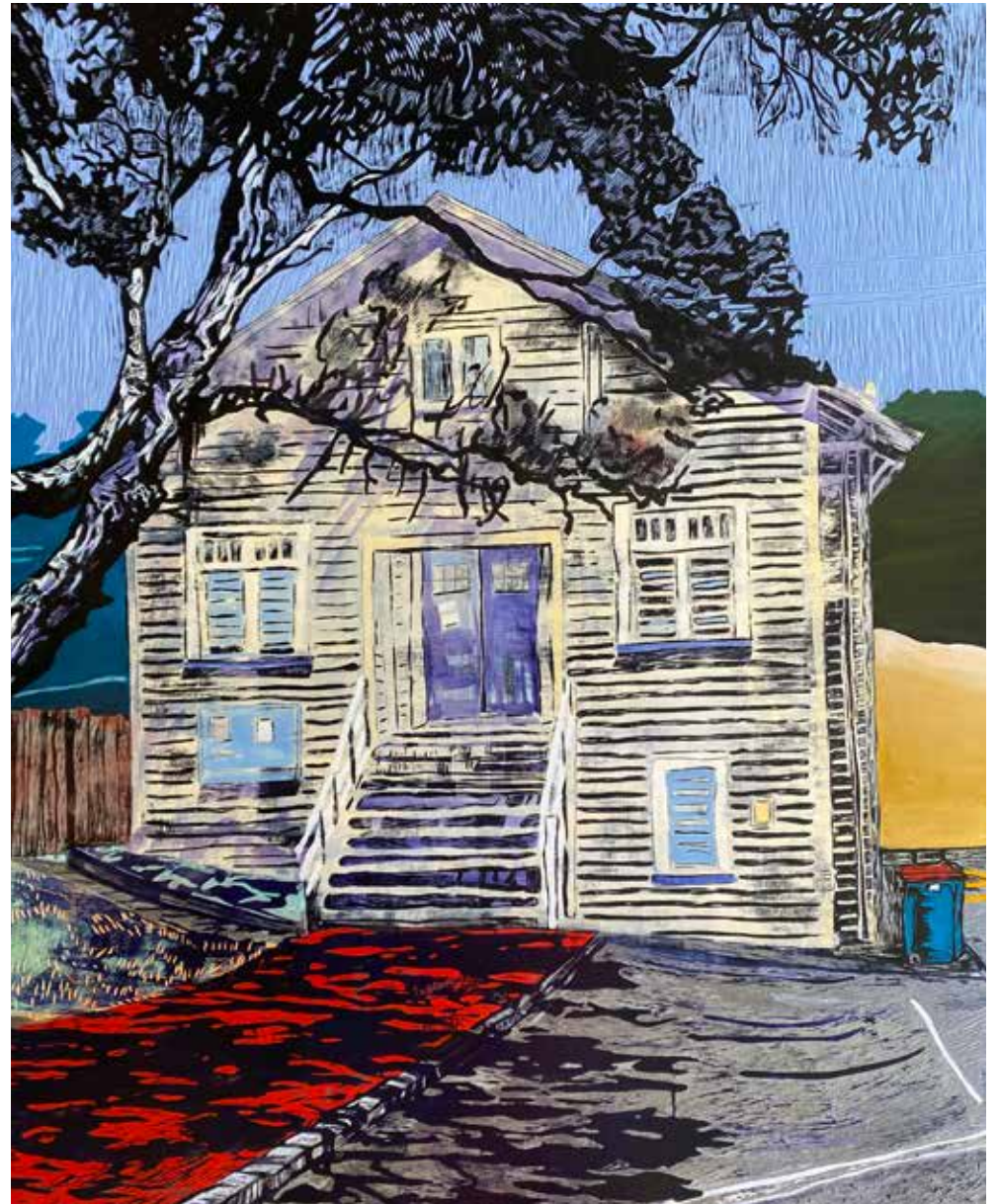
"Carving deep memories of shared experience, community halls have long

been central places that have served the people. As society moves away from a collective approach towards individualism will they simply become an expression of the past? Or could they be recognised as a way to measure a healthy community?"

**Details:**

'Community Minded' Art Exhibition  
 Katie Blundell Artist Gallery + Studio  
 Opening 4pm-8pm 13 October 2023  
 14-29 Oct 10am-3pm  
 331 North Road, Clevedon

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Maraetai Hall (above) is one local space which features in artist Katie Blundell's latest exhibition.

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The most spectacular coastal Fun Run in Auckland returns on Sunday 5 November. The Rotary ALLFIT run/walk has two distances, both one-way: 10km from Duder Regional Park and 5km from the eastern end of Maraetai Beach, both ending at Te Puru Park.

Early Bird pricing ends on 7 October, so if you want to do the event, now is the time to get your ticket(s) at [www.rotarycoastalrun.nz](http://www.rotarycoastalrun.nz). Families receive a 25% discount.

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This year there is a team option over 5km for adults and children, so get your company or school motivated and sign

them up.

Buses are available to take participants to the start lines, leaving from Te Puru Park and travelling to Duder Regional Park and Maraetai. Bus tickets can be bought during registration.

All participants are electronically timed and receive a finishing medal, and there is a range of excellent spot prizes at the finish line prize giving.

It's the event's fifth year, but the local Rotary club says it may also be the last time it can run the event due to high traffic management costs and Auckland Council budget cutbacks.

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Funerals have changed over the years. There's always sadness, but the stories and photos shared in the 'celebration of life' blends tears with laughter, leaving an indelible mark on those who remain, so the one who is gone will not be forgotten.

After the teacups or glasses are put away, and the plates of food cleared, most of us return to our daily lives, saddened but hopefully heartened. For those who have suffered the greatest loss, however, the days often turn cold and dark.

Often, bereaved families say that as the funeral flowers wither, so to, does the contact from the outside world. Please don't forget those who have lost a loved one. The early weeks can be extremely lonely. There's still much to do, and often little knowledge of how to start. Grief can quickly lead to anger, bewilderment, fear, and

frustration. Some hours or days seem normal while others feel endless and hurtful.

An occasional phone call, or a short visit, just to show support and be of help if possible will be welcomed. Leave behind the platitudes – "time heals all wounds" but the scars are always visible. Ask what you can do to help. It may be time for sorting or packing clothes or other possessions. Cleaning, ironing, shopping or gardening may need to be done. Perhaps it's just for you to sit and listen. Don't be offended if your gestures are refused – try again another time. You will be doing much to relieve the loneliness of loss.

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## Weekly events

### MONDAY

- **BABY CHAT** 10.30-12:00pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, Age 0 to 1 yrs.
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am \$6 Te Puru Centre.
- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 7.30-9pm, Te Puru Centre, \$6. Ph:536 5360.
- **ST JOHNS YOUTH:** 6-7.30pm, St Hilda's Church, Wakelin Road.
- **CASUAL TABLE TENNIS:** 7.30-9pm. Te Puru, \$6.
- **SOCIAL TENNIS:** Adults beginners/intermediate 7-9pm Te Puru. Stephen 021 217 7587.
- **KEAS:** scouts for ages 6-8 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, [tepuru@group.scouts.nz](mailto:tepuru@group.scouts.nz)
- **CUBS:** scouts for ages 8-11 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, [tepuru@group.scouts.nz](mailto:tepuru@group.scouts.nz)

### 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. Lynn 027 507 7200 or Gill 021 204 6647
- **MARAETAI (LAWN) BOWLING CLUB:** 1pm, Te Pene Road. Tues, Thurs, Sat. Derek 536 4626.
- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 9:30-11:30am, Te Puru Centre, FREE.
- **TABLE TENNIS** - 1:30pm-3:30pm, Te Puru Centre - Free
- **BASKETBALL:** All ages, Te Puru Centre. Email [pcbasketballclub@gmail.com](mailto:pcbasketballclub@gmail.com). 027 775 5320.
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- **COAST YOUTH:** Years 7-13 at 7-8.30pm. Beachlands Baptist Church. 021 385 535.
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** For primary school ages, 3.30pm - 5pm, at Ray White 'The Shed', contact Rhianon 0212160224.
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### WEDNESDAY

- **JP SERVICE:** 5.00-6.30pm, Beachlands Library.
- **COASTAL MAINLY MUSIC** 9am-12pm, for 0-5yrs, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Sarah 022 082 6432.
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am \$6 Te Puru Centre. First Wednesday of the month BYO plate for coffee after.
- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru Centre. All welcome. FREE.
- **SENIOR STRETCH & STRENGTH:** 9-10am, Beachlands Memorial Hall, \$12 per month (8 sessions).
- **PEST CONTROL DAY:** Southern Hunua Ranges, Ruth 021 950 915.
- **MASTERS SWIMMING:** Wed/Sat, carpool from Bchinds-Mtai. [president@manukaumasters.co.nz](mailto:president@manukaumasters.co.nz).
- **"CREATIVE WINGS" ART FOR SENIORS:** 10am-12pm, St Hilda's Church, Beachlands.
- **CLEVEDON FIRESIDE BRIDGE CLUB:** 10.15am, Clevedon Anglican. Lessons avail. Pauline 299 7433.
- **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB:** 7.30-9.30pm, Hillpark Primary School Hall. Heather 267 6375.
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- **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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### 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.
- **ADULT GYMNASTICS/FITNESS CLASS:** 11am-1pm FREE Te Puru.
- **SCOUTS - AGES 11-15 - 6:30-8:30** Te Puru Scout Hall, [tepuru@group.scouts.nz](mailto:tepuru@group.scouts.nz).
- **TWICE LOVED OP SHOP:** Open 10am-3pm, 104 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai.
- **S.A.Y.G.O. "STEADY AS YOU GO"** Balance and coordination class. 10.30am. Kawakawa Bay Hall. \$2 Fee for Hall Hire and donations to Age Concern and Community. Friendly, gentle exercises. Contact 0210557370 Barbara Long.
- **COASTAL UKES (UKELLE CLUB)** 1:30 - 2:30pm, at Log Cabin, contact Val 027 393 4999 or Jean 021 023 09043.

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- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 10-11am Te Puru Centre, \$6 Ph 536 5360.
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- **COTTAGE CAFE** 10am-12pm, K Bay, 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, free coffee + food, company.
- **WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.
- **TWICE LOVED OP SHOP:** Open 10am-3pm, 104 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai.
- **COAST YOUTH:** 6.00-7.30pm Years 7 to 9, 7.00-9.30PM Years 10 to 13. Beachlands Baptist Church. 021 385 535.
- **CLEVEDON ART GROUP** Meets weekly on Fridays, 10am-12noon. McNicol Homestead. New members, beginners to experienced are very welcome. Phone Marian 027 296 3827.

### SATURDAY

- **WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.
- **TWICE LOVED OP SHOP:** Open 10am-3pm, 104 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai.

### SUNDAY

- **TOY LIBRARY:** 9-10am, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.

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**POHUTUKAWA COAST ROTARY SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH,** 6pm, Log Cabin, Beachlands.

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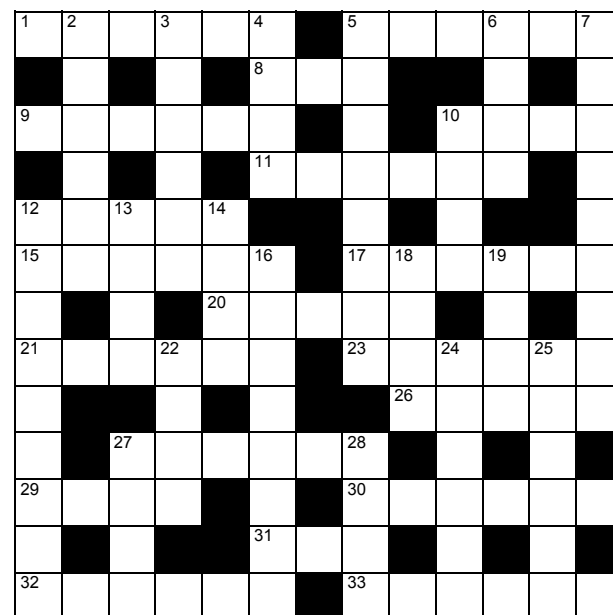
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### Across

- Plaster wall coating (6)
- Snare (6)
- Annoy or worry (3)
- Daisy-like flower (6)
- Acidic (4)
- Ornamental case on a chain (6)
- Implant (5)
- Queasiness (6)
- Attack as false (6)
- Little pancakes (5)
- Printing errors (6)
- Mourn (6)
- Sign up (5)
- Stocks (6)
- Rod connecting wheels (4)
- Humans (6)
- Leaf infusion (3)
- That is to say (6)
- Person who dies for a cause (6)

### Down

- Emotional shock (6)
- Gives birth to young bovine (6)
- Egg shaped (4)
- Demanding (8)
- Origin (4)
- Staff (9)
- Ooze (4)
- Engage and amuse (9)
- Sound in a regional accent (4)
- Liability (4)
- Cheerful readiness (8)
- Swamp (4)
- Drug addict (4)
- A dull pain (4)
- Within a building (6)
- Barrage (6)
- Criticise (4)
- Unsolicited email (4)

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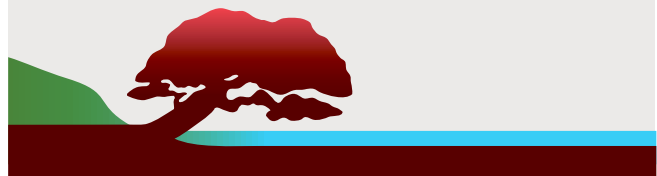
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