

Playcentre fights to protect native tree



Children at Beachlands Maraetai Playcentre enjoy playing in and around this Pōhutukawa tree, which is under threat from the national Playcentre body who believe it should be cut down.

Beachlands Maraetai Play Centre (BMPC) parents have been left astounded by a directive to cut down a large Pōhutukawa tree on their grounds, in the name of health and safety.

The tree has provided shade and a natural climbing frame for children at the centre for decades without incident. But at a recent health and safety review undertaken by Playcentre Aotearoa, which oversees all playcentres in the country, the tree was deemed a risk.

BMPC has argued to save the tree, to be told that another solution could be to remove any branches lower than 2 metres

in height from the ground. In the case of this particular tree, most of the branches stem from a trunk base which is less than a metre in height, suggesting that all branches will need to be removed.

BMPC parent Olivia Herring says they were aware they might need to change a few things in their playground to make it health and safety compliant, but news that the tree must go was a shock.

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Editorial by Clevedon Community and Business Association

Planning for future growth in Clevedon – an important request for community feedback

The appearance of a tower crane in the sky over Clevedon Village recently was a reminder that ours is a growing community. With Clevedon Village expected to grow to more than 4000 residents in the coming years, the past month has seen community engagement in consultation on what some of our cherished public spaces might look like in the future – and how they might serve the people of the Wairoa Valley.

The first set of plans covers changes to Clevedon’s treasured civic spaces; the community hall and adjacent carpark, library and playground, the Clevedon Village Reserve and the Clevedon Village District Centre. Located as they are at a busy intersection, between our two village churches, school and the main street businesses, these sites collectively form an important civic anchor in Clevedon community life. The concept plans under consultation are the result of a masterplanning process overseen by Franklin Local Board who engaged a design agency, Isthmus, to look at these important civic spaces to determine how they should respond to the incoming tide of growth.

The second set of plans under consultation are for Clevedon’s A&P Showgrounds, an extraordinary local

resource utilised by sports and equestrian clubs and for informal recreation. The concept plans for the showgrounds were also drafted by Isthmus.

It’s important to remember the plans are just ideas for now, and budget has not been allocated to any of the significant works detailed in them (with the exception of an upgrade to an existing playground on North Road). However, as Council set their goals and priorities over the coming years, a collective vision for our growing village will be a cornerstone of the decision-making process around where to focus expenditure.

Creating a collective vision requires an informed and engaged community. It’s clear from online chatter that, broadly speaking, the community is aware of the plans and interested in how our village will look in the future – and there’s some great questions being asked. While some may feel a degree of scepticism about engaging in the consultation process, the Clevedon CBA encourages everyone who has feedback to direct this through the official channels to ensure that all feedback is heard by Council. A key area of focus for the CCBA has been to encourage community engagement – initially in the development of the concept plans, and now in the consultation process.

Franklin Local Board Wairoa representative and Board chair Angela Fulljames has watched the process with great interest and has been a clear voice calling for user groups, stakeholders, and the wider community to provide views on the draft plans so the Board can assess what might need to be changed or prioritised. The Franklin Local Board hosted a drop in session at the Clevedon Community Hall on Thursday 2 May where the community was able to ask Local Board members questions about the plans and consultation process. Members of the Clevedon CBA were also in attendance to meet members of the community and understand their perspectives on the plans. There was good constructive conversation and a genuine interest in how these spaces might look, and serve our community, in future.

The Clevedon CBA encourages everyone to take a look at the plans online and have their say by 8 May 2024 - visit akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

- by **Victoria Richards, Chair**

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Council reviews dog walking rules in light of Whitford dog attack

A Whitford family have lost their beloved 13-year-old dog after she was attacked by a pack of dogs at the Porterfield Road Reserve in Whitford.

The attack is the latest in a string of incidents involving dog pack walking business Stimulated K9, based in Takanini.

Barbara Wright was walking her two small dogs, Hugo and Kippa, on the Whitford bridle trail on Monday 8 April when she encountered a woman walking a pack of large dogs which were roaming the trail off-leash. Four of the pack rushed to attack Hugo and Kippa. Two further dogs, who were on leashes, attempted to join the attack, pulling the dog walker to the ground.

"I'm only 5'2" and I was fighting these dogs trying to get them off my dogs. I couldn't get Kippa out - I feel she put herself there to protect me and Hugo," says Barbara.

Wounded and bleeding herself, Barbara ignored her own injuries and rushed her dogs to Franklin Vets where Kippa was diagnosed with crushed ribs, a punctured lung, punctured bowel and a ruptured cruciate ligament. A week later, Kippa was euthanised due to the severity of her injuries.

The incident has left Barbara with over \$11,000 in vet bills, and she says she is deeply traumatised by the event.

The woman walking the pack of dogs was an employee of Stimulated K9. Stimulated K9's owner has messaged Barbara to apologise for the attack, and recently posted a message on her business Facebook page to say she had covered the veterinary costs - something Barbara says is untrue.

"When Kippa was at Franklin Vets, Stimulated K9 had offered to cover the cost of treating any puncture wounds," says Barbara. When the extent of Kippa's injuries became clear however, Barbara says Stimulated K9 said they could not afford to cover the cost. The business has contributed about \$2,000 and has said they are trying to reach a "collective agreement" to help with further costs, which Barbara says possibly means the attacking dogs' owners are being asked to contribute.

Kippa's death comes on the heels of a number of near-misses involving locals

who say their animals have been lucky to escape injury after encountering the pack walking business.

About one year ago, Harriet Brownall was walking with her dog, two pre-schoolers and a baby in a pram when she met a man and woman walking about 20 dogs. "Almost all big dogs - collies, German shepherds, husky mixes etc," says Harriet.

Harriet says many of the dogs were off-leash. "They were entirely out of control, I had to run out onto the sand with the kids and had to let my dog loose."

Harriet's dog was chased by the pack, but managed to escape and find her way back to Harriet's car.

The PC Times has spoken to three other local residents who have had close calls with the dog pack.

One of them, who does not wish to be named, posted a message on the local Grapevine page warning people about the dog walker. She says she was inundated with messages from people who had experienced similar encounters with Stimulated K9, which is identifiable by the white Toyota van it uses to transport dogs. "The feedback was that Animal Management were useless," says the resident, adding that a group of locals have since embarked on a mission to ensure others are kept safe on the trail.

They have contacted Worksafe, the SPCA and Stimulated K9's owner, and have met with Council's Animal Management team.

"We've tried all the channels we are meant to be trying, but had no joy trying to effect any change. Now we want to spread awareness so that others can keep safe," says the resident.

The group says it understands that other communities have experienced similar issues with Stimulated K9 and were not happy to have the business operating in their areas.

"The concern was that with stories filtering through no changes were witnessed in regards to pack numbers, although the owner has said repeatedly she is 'making changes'. The dogs' owners were probably unaware of the risk their dogs face," says the resident.

Auckland Council Animal Management team leader Angie Castro says that an



13-year-old Kippa had to be euthanised after she was attacked by a pack of dogs being walked by Stimulated K9.

investigation is underway into the attack which resulted in Kippa's death.

"While this investigation is ongoing we are unable to provide further details, other to confirm that two dogs were seized in relation to the attack, and have since been released to their owners under strict confinement conditions. We can also confirm the incident took place in an off-leash area."

The Porterfield Road Reserve area, which includes the bridle trail, is listed on Auckland Council's website as an off-leash area. However signage at the reserve car park does not indicate this and only suggests the area is for pedestrians and horse riders.

Auckland Council says that currently a dog walker has the same legal responsibilities as an owner. This includes keeping the dogs in their care under control at all times and ensuring the dogs do not attack any person or animal.

"This means the dog walker is responsible for deciding whether it is appropriate to walk any one or more particular dogs and can be held accountable if an incident occurs," says Angie.

The council's Dog Management Bylaw 2019 is currently undergoing a review, and regulations for commercial dog walkers are being considered as part of that process.

Any proposed changes will be open to public feedback in early 2025.

"We would like to extend our condolences to the family who have lost their beloved dog and to reassure them that we are thoroughly investigating the incident," says Angie Castro.

If a member of the public encounters a dog behaving aggressively, or if they or their dog are attacked, Animal Management's advice is that they should retreat slowly to a safe space and phone the council on 09 301 0101 to report the incident, providing as much information as possible about the dog and owner.

Under the Dog Control Act, the owner of a dog that attacks can be fined up to \$3,000 in addition to any liability for any damage caused by the attack.

In some parts of the country, council by-laws limit the number of dogs a person can walk at a time.

A number of local dog walking businesses use the trail. Residents say these businesses walk dogs responsibly on leads and ensure they have control by not taking more than a few dogs at a time.

Locals say they don't want to see a ban on commercial dog walking, but they do want to spread awareness so that others can stay safe.



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Letters to the Editor

The decision of the three commissioners giving the green light for Plan Change 88 at Beachlands South was predictable in my view given a number of underlying reasons including but not limited to the desirability of the location, the pressure for mixed housing communities, the privilege of enjoying a coastal lifestyle on the outskirts of a seething city plus the expertise of an experienced development company which clearly contributed to the outcome, like it or not! However

I find some of the logic behind the commissioners' thinking lacking in local knowledge and understanding. In fact some of the arguments used are somewhat lame in my view, relative to roading (and road safety) mainly to do with our rural roads including Jack Lachlan Drive still designated as a rural road, to and from the various city boundaries.

Then there was the point raised about transportation particularly in relation to Pine Harbour ferry service availability,

access to and from the marina plus restricted parking once there. There was for example no mention of provision for a parking building somewhere on site or nearby to accommodate the burgeoning number of vehicles inevitably buzzing around due to an expanding population. Realistically walking and cycling as a means of transport is unsustainable given busy, strenuous life these days in many cases.

I've come to the conclusion that the commissioners who I might say do have an important role in these circumstances, could not have been local residents or been well versed in the specifics of our very special rural/coastal area owing to some of the comments cited in this paper recently.

**Geoff Bignell
Maraetai**

Plan Change 88 - no surprises there then! Despite 85 per cent opposition in "consultation", the fait accompli sailed through as expected.

There is little point in trying to fight this, rather to pursue this to see how we can achieve some positives for our community.

The developer obviously has deep pockets. How can they be persuaded to invest in infrastructure spending before

construction rather than play catch-up afterwards?

Examples that spring to mind include:-

Upgrade the excellent ferry service which is already running at capacity during peak periods. Perhaps move the terminal outside the marina to accommodate larger vessels, have a sheltered waiting area and increased car parking. Have a bus stop nearby and perhaps small feeder shuttles.

Upgrade the main road with the Whitford by-pass built to divert Sandstone Road traffic and take pressure off the congested roundabout.

New Secondary School. Maybe purchase the land opposite Te Puru with access to the wonderful sports facilities already in place.

I am sure there are many more opportunities to turn around the negatives of the development to the benefit of all who enjoy our very own slice of paradise.

**David Weston
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[Editor's note: Beachlands South Limited Partnership has outlined a staged approach for ferry capacity upgrades and the Whitford Bypass, plus the allocation of land for a new secondary school, within the recently approved plan change.]

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New roundabout designed to cope with truck and trailers, says AT

A new roundabout being constructed south of Clevedon has prompted some locals to question whether it will be navigable by large truck and trailer units, but Auckland Transport says it is up to the task.

AT spokesperson Natalie Polley says the design of two roundabouts being constructed as part of the new development area will allow vehicle sizes, including large bulk freight and quarry trucks.

“The roundabouts have been designed so that cars and trucks slow to a safe speed, coming from the rural highway into the built-up area. This is to encourage them to continue at a safe speed through the area, which is to become more populated as housing expands,” says Natalie. “It will enable people on foot, on bikes, and on horses, to cross the road safely.”

Conmara spokesperson Cameron Ross says he understands the roundabout looks small at present.

“However it is not completed. The roundabout has been designed in conjunction with AT so that it works for all vehicles including truck/trailer units. These days they design roundabouts with a 1.5m concrete edge that large truck and trailer units can drive over if need be. The concrete used is spec’d with a higher MPA to allow for heavy trucks.”



Construction of a new roundabout is underway south of Clevedon Village to facilitate traffic flow from the new Conmara development.

Right: An aerial view showing how the roundabout will connect with Conmara.



Cameron says that Conmara will plant a 40m wide strip on its roadside edge, extending as far as Clevedon Meadows, that will create a buffer from the subdivision when driving into the village.



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Kotahitanga is a Māori word and it can mean both unity and togetherness, and that’s what my speech is about. To me Kotahitanga means connecting or bonding with someone and working together. Later in the speech I’ll talk about what unity is and why we need to be engaging in it.

Kotahitanga can help people form strong bonds with each other. Unity means that if we are together and work together we can be stronger. That way when we play sport by using this value there will be no losers or winners as everyone is working toward the same goal. People should use kotahitanga because this can bring each other closer to their family and all of their friends.

Using kotahitanga means to be kind, respectful, honest to the everyday people and also it means sharing. It also can be using buddies while you’re working or helping out your family or other people in your life.

Here at Hunua School our students use kotahitanga a lot. Unity is something that all principals and teachers want in their schools, and so do the parents. If everyone in the world used kotahitanga, the world would be a much better place. A lot less fights would break out because people would be more likely to be friends. It is easier to have kotahitanga in a small community or village like Hūnua because most people know each other.

This is a value that everyone should use more.

- by Harper Chesham, Year 6, Hunua School

SPORTS

Beachlands Maraetai Football Club



RESULTS FROM 4-5 May

Blue U9 played Eastern Suburbs AFC Blue U9 POD Tom Saville
Black U9 played Onehunga Sports FC Oranga-Tangs U9 POD Gideon Otte
White U9 played Fencibles United AFC Mako Sharks Black U9 POD Jacob Lukac
Blue U10G played Ellerslie AFC Black U10G POD Zariyah Azeem
Blue U10 played Ellerslie AFC Black U10 POD Cruz Symister
Black U10 played Ellerslie AFC Orange U10 POD Thomas Mortimer
White U10 played Onehunga Sports FC Titans U10 POD Ashton Costar
White U11 played Mt Albert-Ponsonby AFC Gold U11 POD Liam Potham
Blue U11 played Papakura City FC Lions U11 POD Arav
Black U12 played Ellerslie AFC Cobalt U12 POD Blake
Blue U12 played Central United FC Pumas U12 POD Dan Hooper-Spyve
Blue U13 beat Waiheke United Orcas U13 5-0 POD Nico Box
U14G beat Auckland United FC Pearl U14G 1-0 POD Charlotte Skelton
Rebels U15G beat Manukau United FC U15G 4-1 POD Amelia
Blue U15 lost to Fencibles United Red U15/4 3-4 POD Bradley O'Donnell
Aletico Beach lost to South Auckland Rangers NZ Northern Sharks M7 0-3 POD Deaglan McCarthy
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Lions beat M45Waitemata FC RakiRaki M45 4-3 POD Jacob Nyathi
Rebels M40/4 beat Western Springs AFC Goldenballs M40 1-0 POD Mark Bignell
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Weekly events

MONDAY

- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 7.30-9pm, Te Puru Centre, \$7. Ph:536 5360.
- **ST JOHNS YOUTH:** 6-7.30pm, St Hilda's Church, Wakelin Road.
- **CASUAL TABLE TENNIS:** 7.30-9pm. Te Puru, \$7.
- **SOCIAL TENNIS:** Adults beginners/intermediate 7-9pm Te Puru. Stephen 021 217 7587.
- **KEAS:** scouts for ages 6-8 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, tepuru@group.scouts.nz
- **CUBS:** scouts for ages 8-11 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, 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. 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. 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 CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** For primary school ages, 3.30pm - 5pm, at Ray White 'The Shed', contact Rhianon 0212160224.
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST YOUTH CHOIR:** For intermediate and high school ages, 5.15pm - 6.30pm, at Ray White 'The Shed', contact Rhianon 0212160224
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST COMMUNITY CHOIR:** 7.15 - 8.45pm. coastchoir.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.

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 Bchlds-Mtai. 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.
- **MAHJONG:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru, \$2.
- **QUIZ NIGHT:** 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6, \$5pp Every second week Beachlands Chartered Club 536 6233
- **BADMINTON GAMES:** 8pm, Clevedon Hall, BYO racquet, shuttlecocks provided, \$3. Rebecca 021 1109 675
- **WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.
- **COASTAL TREASURES** Open Wednesday - Saturday, 10am-4pm, 41 Third View Ave, Beachlands. Donations welcome Monday, Wednesday and Saturday before 7pm at 25 Liberty Crescent (unless raining) or phone Tania on 021 644 722 for appointment.

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.
- **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.
- **261 FEARLESS - SOCIAL WOMEN'S RUNNING GROUP:** 10.15-11.15, all ages and abilities welcome. Te Puru Sports Fields by the playground.

FRIDAY

- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 10-11am Te Puru Centre, \$7 casual, \$60 concession card (10 sessions) Ph 536 5360.
- **SENIOR STRETCH & STRENGTH:** 9-10am, Beachlands Memorial Hall, \$12 per month (8 sessions).
- **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:** 6:30-8:30pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Anyone in intermediate or high school welcome. Contact Majella 021 079 3117 for more info.
- **CLEVEDON ART GROUP** Meets weekly on Fridays, 10am-12noon. McNicol Homestead. New members, beginners to experienced are very welcome. Phone Marian 027 296 3827.
- **FOODTOGETHER POP-UP SHOP** 2pm - 4pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Grab a \$15 bag of seasonal, fresh fruit & veg at this community pop-up. We'd love to see you there. Pre-order at foodtogether.co.nz or pop in to pick your own. Contact Meg 021 887 902 for more info.

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- **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.

NZSG HOWICK EVERY 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 1.30am at St Andrews Church Centre, Vincent Street, Howick. Door charge \$5. Visitors welcome. Further information phone 576 4715 or 576 5400.

Playcentre fights to save native tree

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BMPC has requested that Playcentre Aotearoa send an arborist to assess the tree. "Their idea is that the tree can't be climbable, but this will be difficult to achieve as all the branches are so low," says Olivia.

Using donated materials from Mitre 10 Beachlands, the centre had already constructed a boxed area around the base of the tree, to enclose an area of exposed tree roots.

"The problem was the roots were a trip hazard," says Olivia. "So we boxed it, but then we were told the box framing itself is a trip hazard!"

The health and safety review also directed that BMPC replace its entire playground, at a cost of between \$14,000-17,000, plus a further \$6-10,000 to place 'soft fall' mulch on the ground around climbing areas.

The mulch, which must be certified, needs to be topped up every two years at a cost of around \$5,000.

"Playcentre is parent-run. We have guidelines and rules given to us by Playcentre Aotearoa. Fundraising is also up to us, so now we are exploring ways

to raise funds to replace our playground equipment," says Olivia.

Parents at the centre believe Playcentre Aotearoa's interpretation of the health and safety legislation has gone "way too far" in its attempt to remove risk.

"The whole philosophy behind Playcentre is that it is messy, explorative, hands-on, child-led learning. Tree climbing being a big part of that," says Olivia. "Taking risks is also essential to building resilience."

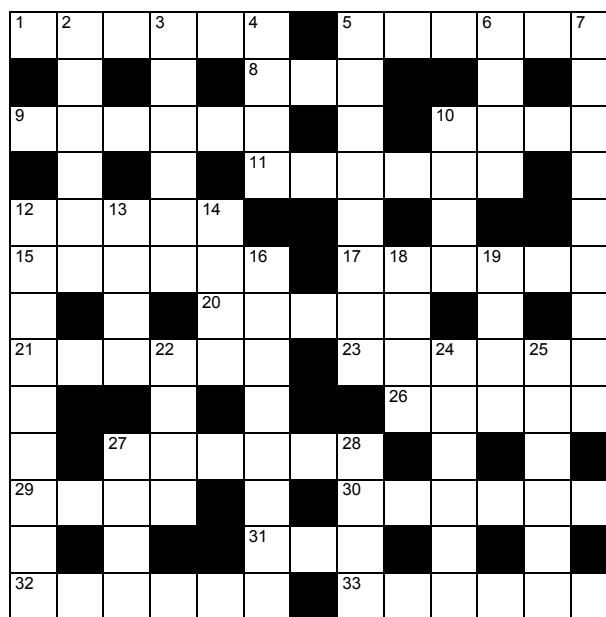
BMPC coordinator Kendall McLaughlin is frustrated that the health and safety process is placing such high demands upon the volunteer-run centre.

"It's a shame that so much of our money, time and resource has to go into a tree. The money could be so much better used," says Kendall.

BMPC is now embarking on a mission to raise funds to replace playground items. So far they have received donations and support from Mitre 10, Rotary and the Takutai Charitable Trust, plus a few other local businesses, but there is still a long way to go.

Anyone interested in donating to replace a piece of playground equipment can contact beachlandsmaraetai@playcentre.org.nz.

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5. Male feline (6)
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9. Unpowered aircraft (6)
10. Jerk (4)
11. Beginning (6)
12. Metal tubes (5)
15. Rubber (6)
17. Fit for consumption (6)
20. Venomous snake (5)
21. Quirk (6)
23. Wave rider (6)
26. Suit (5)
27. Pale (6)
29. Swarm (4)
30. Get down (6)
31. Drunkard (3)
32. Feel remorse (6)
33. Eternally (6)

Down

2. Cream cake (6)
3. Underwear (6)
4. Bushy hairdo (4)
5. Pig's feet (8)
6. Talk (4)
7. Gain courage (4,5)
10. Himalayan monster (4)
12. Distance measuring device (9)
13. Compensated (4)
14. Small religious group (4)
16. Monarchist (8)
18. Smear with paint (4)
19. Polish (4)
22. Mosque leader (4)
24. Examine again (6)
25. Four score (6)
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ALUMINUM WINDOWS

www.windowrenovations.co.nz	
Repairs and Replacements	021 297 2320

APPLIANCE SERVICING

Axial appliance servicing Service@axial.co.nz	573 0877
Appliance Wizard Ltd Ph Paul	0275 784 226

ARCHITECTS

Peter Diprose www.diprose.co.nz	530 9065 or 021 125 1498
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ARCHITECTURAL PLAN & DESIGN

Ross J Willoughby	530 9358
RBG Ltd	027 260 8005

AUTO ELECTRICIAN

Mobile Auto & Marine	0800 662 352
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BARBERS

Joe's Barbershop	536 7265
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BEAUTY

Xtreme Beauty & Barbers	600 2325 or 021 992 686
www.xtremebeauty.co.nz	

BED & BREAKFAST

Brookwood Lodge, Beachlands.	536 6975 or 0274 796 453
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BLIND SERVICES

Blindworks - For all New Blinds - Plus Blind Cleaning and Repairs	0800 999 229
www.blindworks.co.nz	

Onsite blind cleaning & repairs - plus new blinds	
info@onsiteblinds.co.nz	0508 253 262

BOOKKEEPERS

Business Allsorts, MYOB & Xero Experts	536 5850
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BUILDERS

Bryant Builders Ltd	027 493 5507 or 027 692 8777
Homing Instincts Ltd, ph Gareth Price	021 618 181 or 536 6422
Michael Nootobos	536 6628 or 0274 799 776
Revamp Renovations Ltd	027 437 4896
Stehr Brothers Construction	021 939 008
Superior Builders, ph Neil	021 079 2589

BUILDERS' SUPPLIES

Morton Timber Co. Clevedon	292 8656
Beachlands Mitre 10	536 6567

CARPET CLEANING

Aladdin Carpets, Phone Michelle	09 537 4320
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CELEBRANT

Ceremonies by Diana, www.celebrantdiana.co.nz	021 152 9925
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COMPUTER REPAIR

Wi-Fi & Internet, Home and Office IT Support	
Call Graeme Thomas	027 429 0677

CONCRETE SERVICES

Aaron Ross Concreting	0210 233 2673
We Lay Concrete Ltd.	021 038 1086
Murray Douglas Limited	027 498 5267

COSTUME HIRE

Clevedon Costumes and Vintage Apparel	022 018 2711
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DENTISTS

Whitford Dental Group	530 8461
- Dr Rick Parfitt, Dr Alex Lindsay & Dr Susan Clow	
- Hygienist - Shelley Chadwick & Zahraa Talib	530 8461
Anthony Hunt Dental Ltd, Dr Anthony Hunt, Clevedon	292 9071
Marina Dentists Pine Harbour	536 4361
Smile Dental Beachlands	
- Your local dentist. New patients welcome.	022 8888 171
- Free examination since 1996	09 302 0808
www.smiledental.co.nz	0800 4 smile

DIGGER & TRUCK HIRE

The Little Digger	027 278 0335 or 536 4424
Digger Landscapes www.diggerlandscapes.nz	021 415 832
Bizzy Bobcats & Diggers - call Mark	027 494 4414

DOCTORS

Beachlands Medical Centre	536 6006
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DRAINLAYERS

Vibe Earthmovers and Drainage	call Vincent 0272 225 377
Probuilt Earthworks Drainage	call Gary 021 617 611
Drainage Vision Ltd	call Mike Adams 027 593 0326
Certified drainlayer, CCTV inspections, drain unblocking	

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Whitford Early Learning Centre	530 8726
Clevedon Kidz Early Childhood Centre	292 8358

EARTH MOVING CONTRACTORS

Riordan Contracting	09 530 9429 OR 027 430 9429
Stehr Brothers Civil Construction	021 939 008
Pohutukawa Coast Earthmoving, Grant	027 475 8468
www.brookbycontracting.co.nz Earthworks/Cartage/Drilling	027 530 9290

ELECTRICIANS

Auckland Electrical & Pump Services	536 4074, 027 4741 579
Auckland Wide Electrical	536 6800, 021 998 665
Pohutukawa Electrical	536 4076, mob 021 769 964
Positive Electrical Services	021 801 606

ENGINEERS - CIVIL/ENVIRONMENTAL/STRUCTURAL

Fraser Thomas Ltd	278 7078
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FENCING CONTRACTORS

Craig McLeod	027 292 5844
White Fencing:	292 8064, 0274 957 868
- rural fencing, retaining walls	www.whitefencing.co.nz

FLOORING

Nicks Floor Sanding	536 6916, Mobile 021 875 456
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FLORISTS

Clevedon Flowers, www.clevedonflowers.co.nz	292 9540
Harbour Rose Florist - Wedding and Events	021 0243 5299

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Resthaven Funeral Services	
Rachel Benns & Raewyn Proctor	533 7493, 267 2530
Ensom Funeral Services	
John Ensom & Jo Nevin	299 6646 or 524 6765
Fountains Funeral Directors & Monumentalists -	
Papakura, Franklin and Manurewa	298 2957
Howick Funeral Home Robert Johnstone - Mark Rowley	534 7300
Souly Funerals Beachlands	0800 47 68 59

GARAGE DOORS

Repairs & Service, Metro Garage Doors	263 6608
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GARDEN CENTRE

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GARDENING

Rosie's Gardening Service	021 0233 5998
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GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES

Fraser Thomas Ltd	278 7078
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GIBSTOPPING

Gib stopping & painting - Tony	0274 966 394 or 536 6477
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GLASS AND GLAZING

Manurewa Glass	266 7794
Howick Glass	535 4180

GUTTER CLEANING

Skyhigh Roof and Gutter Cleaning Ltd	
Website: www.skyhigh.nz	021 951 719

HAIRDRESSING

Hair Do's @ Maraetai, ph Denise	0274 599 901
Cooper Hairdressing, 16 Te Pene Rd, Maraetai	027 329 1781

HANDYMAN SERVICES

Local Handyman:	536 5050 or 021 156 7370
Oakes Build Landscape Maintenance, www.oakes.nz	021 903 020

HEAT PUMPS

Positive Electrical Services	021 801 606
Auckland Wide Electrical	536 6800
AES - Auckland Energy Solutions	
Website: www.aes.nz Phone: 09 575 1191	

HOUSE WASHING

BEST Property Services	021 366 615
Just Clean Me, Exterior Cleaning Services	022 089 2383
House washing, gutter cleaning, roof treatments, water blasting.	

JEWELLER

Paul Taylor Manufacturing Jewellers	536 4200
Repairs/Remodelling/Valuations/Insurance Replacements	
Shop C/7, 129 Beachlands Rd, Pohutukawa Coast Shopping Centre	

KITCHENS

Kitchen Craft Ltd, Ph Warren	09 274 4221
for Sizzling Kitchen Design & Cabinetry	www.kitchencraft.co.nz

LANDSCAPING

Eastside Landscapes	021 484 158
Nicky Auld - landscape design, consultations	021 972 534

LAUNDROMAT

Kiwi Laundry Co, www.kiwilaundryco.co.nz	022 463 8416
7 DAYS at GAS Maraetai, 131 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai	536 4218

LAWNMOWING & GARDENING SERVICES

JIMS MOWING Beachlands - Frank	027 415 3657
Greenacres - Stephen Howe	292 4165 or 021 2266 753
Prolawns (Beachlands based) Shane	021 746 887
R&R Garden ServicesRichie: 021 917 332, Roanne: 027 252 8183	
Coastal Gardener (Beachlands based) Darryl	022 360 3065

LAWNMOWER SALES/SERVICE/REPAIRS

B'inds/M'tai mower/chainsaw repairs	536 5621 or 027 308 7777
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LEGAL SERVICES

Sutcliffe Matson Law	09 279 8351 or 021 327 030
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LOCKSMITHS

Local Locksmith - Tony	536 5050 or 021 156 7370
Armstrong Smarter Security	0800 506 111

LPG SUPPLIERS

Matagas	0800 954 427
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MARINE AND BOATING

Ovlov Marine Pine Harbour LTD	536 5249
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MECHANICAL REPAIRS

Maraetai Automotive	536 6542
Pohutukawa Motors, 57 Third View Ave, Beachlands	536 6664
Garaway Autos	022 395 6185
Luke's Garage Ltd	09 218 6442 / 022 301 0412

MIRRORS

Howick Glass	535 4180
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OUTBOARD REPAIRS/MARINE ENGINEERING

Eastern Marine - Mercury Certified Service Centre - Outboards, stemdrive, petrol & diesel.	536 6252
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PAINTERS & DECORATORS

East Auckland Painting Ltd	027 619 2619
specialistlinings.co.nz We fix, stop, and paint	0800 54 64 64
Painta Property Services-Beachlands+Sth East Akl	021 101 6937
Interior / Exterior / Roof / Fences - mikegrubb@painta.co.nz	
Paint, waterblasting, plaster, tidy up removal,	027 525 4024
aggregate sand delivery. Joel@insulape.co.nz	

PEST CONTROL

Coastal Pest Solutions (including rats, rabbits, possums, pest birds, wasps & bees)	536 6020 or 0273 932 125
Professional Pest Control	536 6690 or 021 078 3622

PET ACCOMMODATION

Fairfield Pet Lodge, Clevedon	027 222 0307
Pets at Whitford Spa and Stay (PAWSS)	530 8860

PHARMACIES

Unichem Beachlands Pharmacy	536 6500, fx 536 6590
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PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Beachlands Physio beachlandspysio.co.nz	09 222 4120
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PLASTERING SERVICES

Solid Plastering, Bruce Parsons	021 981 812
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PLUMBERS

Dynamo Plumbing	0800 175 988
BF Brown Plumbing & Drainlaying	0800 477 455

PLUMBERS & GASFITTERS

Ashby Plumbing & Gas	292 2445 or 0272 553 499
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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Rent People Ltd	0800 426 580
Ray White Lighthouse Licensed Real Estate	536 7011
Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands	536 4990

PUMP SALES & REPAIRS

Auckland Electrical & Pump Services	536 4074, 0274 741 579
Malmaks Water Shop	530 8872, 021 353 158
Allwater Pumps and Supplies Ltd	09 536 5444, 027 536 5444
Clevedon Pumps & Filtration	027 479 7741

QUARRY

Manukau Quarries	263 0220
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QUANTITY SURVEYORS

Hope & Associates - Residential estimating specialist	021 882 312
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REAL ESTATE AGENTS

Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands	536 4990
Barfoot & Thompson Whitford	530 8292
RE/MAX Clevedon	292 8388
Ray White Lighthouse Licensed Real Estate	536 7011

ROOF PAINTING SERVICES

Master Tradesman. Text details for fast service:	027 517 8494
Visit our website: www.5starroofpainting.co.nz	

ROOF SOFTWASHING

Skyhigh Roof and Gutter Cleaning Ltd	
Website: www.skyhigh.nz	021 951 719

ROOFING SERVICES

Alba Roofing	021 584 530
Roofing & Sp	