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Gloriavale survivor tells her story in new documentary



Ōrere Point resident Theophila Pratt is one of a number of Gloriavale survivors who tell their story in the newly released docu-series, *Escaping Utopia*.

An Ōrere Point resident is taking aim at what she describes as a culture of fear and control within the Christian community of Gloriavale.

Theophila Pratt was one of eight siblings born in the West Coast sect which is the subject of a new docu-series on TVNZ, called *Escaping Utopia*.

In the series, Theophila describes her experience of living in an environment where women work 12-hour days and are expected to be subservient to men. When she refused to sign an agreement to enter an arranged marriage at the age of 18, she was evicted from the community, literally dropped at the side of the road and cut off from her family.

“I knew the outside existed, but I didn’t know the extent of the outside. I didn’t know what a bus stop was.”

With no idea of how things worked in the outside world, she was fortunate to be taken into the home of a family friend in

Auckland who helped her transition to a new life in Auckland.

It was a far cry from what Theophila was used to, going from working long days to not having a job and realising she could do whatever she wanted with her time.

“As a female I could do whatever I wanted, which wasn’t possible in Gloriavale. Getting over that mindset that I had to be working long, hard hours every day... that I could do other things. Learning that I could dream, and do things that actually made me happy,” Theophila says.

After spending a year with her host family, she went flatting while she attended AUT.

“It wasn’t easy. I moved flats five times in that first year,” she says.

After three years studying at AUT, she graduated with a

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Editorial by Franklin Local Board

We want to thank everyone who took the opportunity to make a submission on Auckland Council's Long-term Plan, and those who delved deeper into Franklin Local Board's plans.

With a proposal for a targeted rate to help fund safety improvements on our paths and walkways, and to add to the wider network across the area, we expected a good response, and we weren't disappointed.

Franklin's response was stronger than in other areas, probably because of the rate question.

Council staff and board members will carefully analyse the responses, which ranged from a yes or no, to detailed and well-thought-out arguments both for and against.

What we can say is that nothing has been decided and the information gathered will help us reach a decision.

It isn't just a case of counting the submissions and saying it's 100 for and 99 against so we can go ahead.

Board members are keenly aware they represent everyone across the three subdivisions, all of which would benefit from the rate, and which could advocate to have things added that the rate could fund.

That means that while those who submitted have given us plenty to think about, we must do our best to represent the people who didn't make a submission, for whatever reason, because they are just as much a part of the community.

We'll consider the responses and factor in things like, is it fair at a time of economic stress for many to be adding an extra cost on our people?

You could build an argument that younger working people might be much better placed to cope with the rate than older people whose incomes are restricted.

Auckland Council has told us it does not have the funding to continue work that began as a result of previous consultations where people told us they would like to see more pathways, especially in areas with high numbers of children walking near roads that have the potential to add to the risks they take just getting to and from school.

There are always those who take a narrow view of our spending - that it should be restricted to must haves like water and sewers, and those who take a wider view, that it's our role to provide other amenities - the nice to haves - that make communities better places. Both views are compelling and need to be given

equal weight.

If the decision is to recommend a targeted rate, that's a cost that is loaded on to all our ratepayers, and those who might choose to come to make our area their home in future, because the responsibility for the rate would transfer to any new homeowner.

Then there is the old bogey that ratepayers pay, but non-ratepayers also benefit. That's true of libraries, sports parks, swimming pools, playgrounds and many other board and council-funded amenities.

What we can guarantee, is that all members are aware of the current financial stresses many face, and no decision will be made lightly, or without debate and consideration of the information and advice available to us.

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Sad season for dotterels

Shoreline nesting birds have had an unsuccessful nesting season.

For the first time, oystercatchers were seen sitting on a nest at Te Puru, but unfortunately the chicks did not survive.

At Omana, a pair of dotterels hatched three chicks which disappeared one-by-one.

It is possible the chicks were killed by rats or cats.

The Omana dotterels then had a second attempt at nesting, but on the day the eggs were due to hatch they disappeared. It is suspected that a high tide on the day of hatching may have pushed other birds into the nesting area, and that they ate the chicks.

Library bus announces timetable changes

Some changes are coming to the local mobile library timetable.

Between April and June, the timing of some mobile library stops will change, and a new location has been added.

The new timetable is as follows:

Every Wednesday
 8.40-10.30am: Maraetai (finishes 15 minutes earlier to allow more time for the new stop in new Beachlands)

10.50-11.50am: Pōhutukawa Coast Shopping Centre (new stop in response to customer requests for a stop in new Beachlands)

1.30-3.45pm: Clevedon (no change -

the service was extended from 3.30pm until 3.45pm last year)

Every Saturday
 9.00am-12.30pm: Wakelin Road, Beachlands (extended by 30 minutes for a three-month trial)

Both Beachlands and Maraetai Rural Libraries also offer a pick up request service for locals.

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Road safety initiative lights up Beachlands School assembly

There were 650 big smiles on the faces of Beachlands School students recently, when local residents Martin and Tania MacKenzie visited the school to present each child with an LED bike light to help keep them safe on the roads.

The *PC Times* wrote about Martin in September 2023, when he launched an initiative ‘Love enough to care’ aimed at keeping cyclists seen by giving away heart-shaped LED bike lights.

Martin’s desire to help other people stems from a tragedy a decade ago, when his 23-year-old son died in a crash with a drunk driver on Chapel Road.

Shortly afterwards Martin began volunteering for Victim Support, accompanying police when they visited families of people who had died unexpectedly.

Helping others has become something of a passion, and Martin was delighted to get support recently from Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands, who have sponsored bike lights for all Beachlands School students and staff as well.

Speaking to the Beachlands School students, Martin said: “Every one of you is precious to someone - either your mum and dad, brother and sister or grandparents. Road safety is very important.”

Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands branch manager Daniel Wei says there were “so many good reasons” to be part of the initiative.

“I’m a young dad, I’ve got three little ones. The two older ones are 6 and 4 years old. We’ve recently been enjoying riding our bikes locally. I’ve got a great deal of respect for Martin and Tania and when we got the opportunity to join together to do this, I was really proud to be involved.”

Martin is also offering the bike lights to anyone who wants them. Most people offer to pay the \$6 wholesale cost for them, but he is happy to give them away to anyone who can’t afford to buy one. Contact Martin via his Facebook page called “Love enough to care”, or by email mamac1990@yahoo.com.



Front row (L-R): Beachlands School senior students Skyla Symister, Alexis Wrenn, Harry Tyson and Josh Hayes with their new bike lights.

Back row (L-R): Martin and Tania MacKenzie, and Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands branch manager Daniel Wei

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Gloriavale survivor tells her story in new television documentary

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degree in Occupational Therapy.

Eight years on from leaving Gloriavale, Theophila now hopes that sharing her story will help raise awareness and bring an end to the cult.

The response to the docu-series has been very positive, she says. "I think even the people who have left Gloriavale have said the doco is the most accurate, that the story is being told right for the first time."

"People are asking what they can do to help, and they are sort of in shock that it's in India as well. Doing the doco, that was my big reason, to raise awareness of that."

Gloriavale established a community in southern India in about 2009. Theophila's sister, Precious, is one of six young women from Gloriavale who now live in the Indian chapter, without access to their passports. Precious entered an arranged marriage and now has six children, who have no birth certificates and are therefore unable to travel.

In *Escaping Utopia*, Theophila travels to India to assess her sister's welfare. She found her sister living in third world conditions, sharing a small mouldy room with no door on the toilet. Confronting the Indian community's leader on camera, Theophila was all but told that the women who live there are subjected to sexual abuse. "What is rape? ... Indian men are

very forceful around women," the leader says in the documentary.

While in India, Theophila also met her six nieces and nephews. In one scene of the documentary, she can be seen carrying her young niece who hugs Theophila tightly around her neck.

"My niece hugged me for hours. Mum said she doesn't normally hug anyone, but she just hugged me for hours and wouldn't let me go."

Since the visit Theophila has only managed to speak to her sister once.

"It's really hard seeing her in that situation. She's sort of going through what my mum lived through, it's a repeat of being in an abusive environment. She can see no future for herself or her kids."

Following Theophila's visit, human rights lawyer Deborah Manning has been in touch with Police.

"She's had really good feedback from the police, and they have got someone on the case now. They are taking it seriously," says Theophila.

"Now it's just keeping up that awareness, and hopefully getting other locals to keep pushing it with their local MP. If locals want to help, just keep ringing your local MP's [Judith Collins] office and asking what they are going to do."

In the meantime, Theophila continues her mission to raise awareness of what is happening at Gloriavale. She has just

finished documenting her story in a book which she hopes will be in stores by the end of the year.

"Writing the book has helped me but it has also really brought to reality what I lived through and what I thought was normal, that was not. I guess you keep finding out more things, sadly. But the more we speak about it, the more awareness there is."

Theophila says she is no longer religious. "I do believe in a higher power, but I'm not religious. I think you can find meaning in other places than church."

One thing she would like to ask, is that people be kind if they see people from Gloriavale.

"My mum's just had spinal surgery, and I've been out with other family members who turned up to try and help my mum. Quite a few locals were filming them, and that sort of response... I think, just be kind. They're human."

She finds it hard to understand how Gloriavale has been allowed to continue, given the testimonies of people who have left the sect, and convictions of sexual abuse by Gloriavale's male leaders. Theophila is one of 10 complainants due to give evidence in the Greymouth District Court later this year in the case of Gloriavale leader Howard Temple, who is accused of 24 charges of indecent assault involving complainants aged between 9

and 20 at the time of the alleged offending.

Previous cases lead to the jailing of founder Hopeful Christian on sexual abuse charges in 1995.

"The sad thing is that people shouldn't have to keep coming forward," says Theophila. "There's enough [evidence] there, why should kids keep being damaged while people just keep hoping it will be shut down? Suicide and mental health is a huge problem with young people who are in cults. How many more people have to commit suicide for the government to do something?"

Theophila's relationship with her mother (who still lives in Gloriavale) has improved in recent years, but Theophila was worried about her mother's reaction to *Escaping Utopia*.

"I was really scared of what her response to the documentary was going to be. But she's seen it and thinks that it's all true."

While Theophila's mother has had something of a mindshift about what is going on at Gloriavale, she has about 40 nieces and nephews who still live at the Gloriavale compound which makes it difficult for her to leave.

Theophila sums up Gloriavale as a cult. "A very fear based environment, psychologically. Fear and control," she says. "You can see the trauma in the kids' eyes."

"It just needs to be shut down."

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This year’s Anzac Day commemorations in Clevedon will return to a two-part format, with a short formal service at the Clevedon Monument, followed by an organised procession to the Clevedon Hall where a more comprehensive ceremony will take place. The Clevedon Monument service will commence at 9.30am, followed by a procession to the Clevedon Hall which will be marshalled with the main road closed. The service in the Hall will commence at 9.45am and conclude at 10.30am, followed by light refreshments and a chance to continue fellowship and discussions. Enquiries to gina.sanders@xtra.co.nz

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Equine therapy course proves a hit with local neurodiverse youth

Equine therapy sessions have proved a winner with three local children.

Whitford resident Michelle Godsiff and business partner Lissa Gilliver offered ten weeks of horse therapy for the children at Whispering Hope, based in Clifton Road.

Fourteen-year-old Olivia*, who has an anxiety disorder, undertook equine therapy in the hope she would be able to find some sense of peace in it.

“I’m not someone who has spent an enormous time around horses but I have always found them to be amazing animals. Even just the aspect of getting to be around them really appealed to me so when mum told me that we were going to go take a look at it and see what it was all about, I was quite interested,” says Olivia.

“I also was hoping to find some benefit throughout the whole experience, that maybe it would have a positive impact on my life in some way. I’ve tried many things over the span of my life and it really is hard to find something that really makes a difference, so I was willing to give it a try.”

Despite having doubts about equine therapy at the start, Olivia says she found the experience of laying down on the ground with therapy horse Cracker Jack incredible.

“I actually felt something rare. I wasn’t fidgety or wanting to just get up and do the next thing even though I was enjoying it. I felt really at peace. I think part of it was that it was all just so surreal. Horses are massive and I was laying with one. I felt like I was there for maybe 20 minutes at the most but I ended up laying there for an hour.”

Olivia says she also enjoyed the attention the horses gave her. “When they take an interest in me of their own accord it makes me feel super special. The connections we built with the horses felt great. It left me feeling energised and relaxed at the same time for a while after. Such huge powerful creatures being so gentle is part of that.”

Humans and horses share more in common than people might think, says Olivia. “The behaviour and emotions I saw in the horses were often ones that I am familiar with.”

While Olivia says the programme has not resulted in dramatic changes to her everyday life, it was worth doing.

“I would definitely say that it was great for me. It gave me a place to escape to where I could be calm. It felt so separate to everything else and when I was there it felt as though I was in a completely different realm where only the farm existed, there was nothing else outside of that. None of my problems felt so in my face when I was there and being with the horses was beautiful. It may not have healed me or fixed all my problems but it definitely left an imprint on me.”

Programme facilitator Lissa says that a lot of the initial part of the programme involves learning how to slow down.

“A big part of this is slowing people down enough to learn how to just be in the moment a little bit more.”

Each of the ten sessions focuses on an important aspect such as safety around horses, kindness/friendliness, respect, helpfulness, trust and connection. Participants spend time grooming, interacting with and occasionally riding the horses, and are taught to notice the horse’s body language as a way of communication.

For six-year-old Rose*, who has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), the horses have offered an opportunity to learn how to slow down and just be in the moment. Rose’s father Chris* says he has found the programme really good.

“It’s really clear that when she’s here she behaves differently than she does at home. She seems to be able to focus, maybe not all the time but she is attentive. She has a fascination with the world and she wants to learn but at home she doesn’t necessarily listen and take it all in. Whereas here, it might be something about the environment, because animals and horses are a special interest for her, she can focus.”

“On the back of the horse she looked happy and content, which is not something she does often.”

Rose has commented that she loves the sound of horse’s feet, and that she found it relaxing.

“That’s a pretty big thing because she doesn’t usually say things like that,” says Chris.

While Chris says he hasn’t seen any changes in Rose’s behaviour at home, he is realistic that a ten-week course is not going to instantly change hard-wired neurodivergence.

“I’m sure she’s learned stuff here that will resonate with her at some point in her life, like building positive relationships with the horses and people and having positive memories that will stick with her.”

Chris says the course has opened his eyes to being more tolerant, and has even prompted him to seek answers about his own behaviour which he suspects is also due to undiagnosed ADHD.

Olivia says she would recommend the programme to others.



Rose* enjoys some down-time with one of the equine therapy horses at Whispering Hope in Whitford.

“It may not suit everyone simply because people like different things but I think that if you’re the right person for it then you should definitely give it a try. It is a spectacular experience and not one that just anyone can have. Michelle and Lissa who took us through the journey and were with us the whole way are wonderful people and it wouldn’t have been possible

without them. I am so grateful for them and loved getting to know them. They were a part of the experience too, along with the horses and the place itself.”

* Names have been changed to protect the privacy of programme participants and their families.

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- by Olivia Saxton, Year 7, Brookby School



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Weekly events

MONDAY

- **BABY CHAT** 10.30-12:00pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, Age 0 to 1 yrs.
- **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
- **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.
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- **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, \$6 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.

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.

Other events and services

BEACHLANDS/MARAETAI U3A FOURTH THURSDAY of each month, 10am @ The Presbyterian Church, Jacobs Way. Monthly speakers, plus special interest groups. Chris 0274 961260.

CLEVEDON & DISTRICTS' HISTORICAL SOCIETY LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH at 7:30pm McNicol Homestead, 12a McNicol Road Clevedon. All welcome. Judith 292 8741.

OMANA STAMP CLUB SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 1.30pm at Maraetai Library. Mike 536 5976 / Graham 536 6958.

POHUTUKAWA COAST FRIENDSHIP CLUB, 10am, second Thursday of each month at Pohutukawa Coast Presbyterian Church, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai for morning tea and speaker. We promote friendship and fun for seniors. Rhonda 021 909 724.

Council consults on shoreline plan

Auckland Council is consulting on its latest Shoreline Adaptation Plan (SAP), which covers the coastline from Pine Harbour to Bucklands Beach.

SAPs are being developed by Auckland Council across the city to manage council's coastal assets as erosion and sea level rise creeps up the coast. The SAP covering the coastline from Beachlands eastwards was approved last year.

Council would now like to hear from communities about what makes the coastal area between Pine Harbour and

Bucklands Beach special, and is seeking feedback about:

- Why is this shoreline area important to you?
- What do you do at the coast? (walk, access the harbour, fish, swim etc)
- What beaches or parks do you visit? Why?
- What do you know about this area that you want us to consider?

For anyone who wants to find out more about upcoming in person events or the project itself, here is the AK Have Your Say link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/shoreline-adaptation-plans-tamaki-river-inlet-and-bucklands-beach-to-pine-harbour>

SAPs are continuing to be developed across the city.

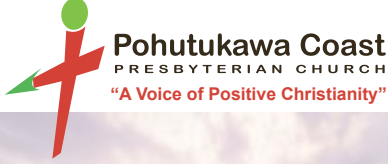
Once all the SAPs are completed, council will begin a prioritisation scheme to see how much money is needed for this work.

New road names for Clevedon

Franklin Local Board has approved three new road names within Metlifecare's new retirement village development in Clevedon.

The new road names are:

- Te Ara Wai Tukutuku
- Atchison Lane
- Kumekume Way.



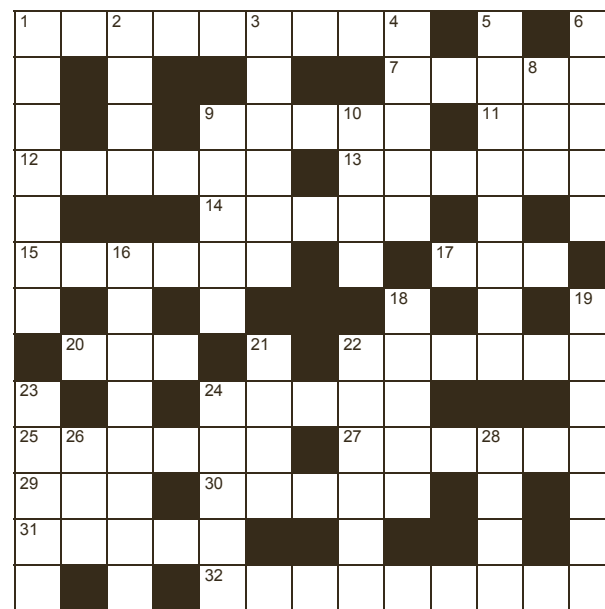
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Across

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7. Incompetent (5)
9. Form of expression (5)
11. Illuminated (3)
12. Grave (6)
13. Scold (6)
14. Foundation (5)
15. Grab something in short supply (4,2)
17. Combine (3)
20. Animal house (3)
22. Specialist terminology (6)
24. At the lowest level (5)
25. Flow (6)
27. Musical instrument (6)
29. Misdeed (3)
30. Triangular block (5)
31. Tip over (5)
32. Measuring standard (9)

Down

1. Comprise (7)
2. Gemstone (4)
3. Hold for ransom (6)
4. Multiply (5)
5. Taking it easy (8)
6. Speak (5)
8. Deep hole (3)
9. Suffuse (5)
10. Death notice (abbr) (4)
16. Lawyer (8)
18. Appraise (5)
19. On course (2,5)
21. Match (4)
22. Serrated (6)
23. Matter (5)
24. Humorously indecent (5)
26. Extremity (3)
28. Car for hire (4)

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Franklin Local Board meeting

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Find out more: phone 09 301 0101 or visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Sunday 21st April 2024 - 2pm

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Across: 1. Close-knit, 7. Inept, 9. Idiom, 11. Lit, 12. Solemn, 13. Berate, 14. Basis, 15. Snap up, 17. Mix, 20. Sty, 22. Jargon, 24. Basal, 25. Stream, 27. Guitar, 29. Sin, 30. Wedge, 31. Upend, 32. Yardstick. **Down:** 1. Consist, 2. Opal, 3. Kidnap, 4. Times, 5. Relaxing, 6. Utter, 8. Pit, 9. Imbue, 10. Obit, 16. Attorney, 18. Value, 19. On track, 21. Game, 22. Jagged, 23. Issue, 24. Bawdy, 26. Tip, 28. Taxi.

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