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17 Sat	1:57am ▲ 3.2m	8:02am ▼ 0.8m	☞☞
18 Sun	2:55am ▲ 3.0m	9:03am ▼ 1.0m	☞☞
19 Mon	3:57am ▲ 2.9m	10:07am ▼ 1.1m	☞☞
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# Editorial by Orere Community & Boating Club

Like scores of organisations around New Zealand, the Orere Community and Boating Club converts the bounty of the sea to the benefit of our community. We run three relatively small fishing competitions each year, fish being caught, donated then auctioned to raise funds.

These are virtuous circle days. Families and friends have a fun day out, people who don't catch fish can get the freshest they ever will, our local school or similar gets some funds and community goodwill is enhanced.

The essential element of this circle is the fish, and sadly this looks like its weakest point.

Over the past decade there have been a series of reports and research findings that scream one thing – the fish and undersea life of our Hauraki Gulf is in real trouble. Fish stocks are declining and the health of many fish being caught reflects a distressed environment.

Kina barrens exist where kelp beds once supported all levels of the food chain through the Gulf. Commercial fishing of all species means fewer predators like snapper and crayfish allow kina to graze kelp freely, ironically making them both less fertile and more unpalatable without roe, so they flourish

to the detriment of everything.

The nearly 4000 tonnes of nitrogen chundering into the Firth of Thames each year doesn't help, resulting in low oxygen levels, increased acidification, and decreased denitrification in bottom waters. The clear sources of this are the rivers draining the Waikato and Hauraki Plains, but we can't do much about this because, you know, milk powder.

This will be a big year for the Hauraki Gulf, but little of the action will be on or under the water. Instead the future of the Gulf could be charted in a windowless Wellington room when parliament's Environment Committee decide the fate of the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill.

Introduced to parliament on virtually the last day of the Labour Government last year, this bill seeks to revitalise the health of the Gulf by designating 2 new marine reserves, 5 seafloor protection areas, and 12 high protection areas in the Hauraki Gulf. These reserve areas would triple the protected area of the 14,000 hectare Hauraki Gulf Marine Park from 6 to 18%.

Over a decade of work ultimately went into this Bill, led by the groups like the Hauraki Gulf Forum and Sea Change, and it was underpinned with deep knowledge of the Gulf and research showing a huge

majority of respondents to credible surveys strongly in support.

However its final (or any) form is likely to be different when it emerges from the Select Committee for a Second Reading. Commercial operators will object to restrictions on their destructive fishing methods while others will be calling for their total ban in the Gulf. The concept of customary fishing entitlements will trigger those wanting triggering, risking the Bill being embroiled in another manufactured cultural battle.

Hopefully it emerges intact if not strengthened. It is needed, now.

Around 2 million of us live with the waters of the Hauraki Gulf as a significant background part of our lives. It is food, recreation, employment and trade, and has been the key selling point of Auckland forever. Included in this two million are at least 10 current Cabinet ministers with electorates that contain some of the country's most valuable real estate, underpinned by its very relationship to the Hauraki Gulf.

It's in everyone's interests to see this bill progress and be implemented before we realise, too late once again, that tomorrow depends on what we do today.

- **Tim Greene, Orere Community & Boating Club**

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It's super easy to enter - draw or paint a picture of a trolley (let your imagination go wild) or draw a picture of the trolley derby event itself.

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## New group strengthens sisterhood

- by AUT journalism student Henry Lee

A new social group is offering women the chance to meet new people, hang out and enjoy each other's company at a range of social activities.

The Pōhutukawa Coast Ladies group was created this year by Tayla-Rose Maxwell, who was keen to meet others and make new friends after moving to the area recently.

The initial launch of the group on Facebook attracted 200 members within

24 hours, which came as a happy surprise to Tayla-Rose and her friend who created the group on the off chance that others had the same idea.

"I was surprised that a group like this hasn't been made already to be honest... after making it, I was shocked by how many women are in the group and how many women are in the same boat about needing friends!" says Tayla-Rose.

With brunches, picnics on the beach, and a Paint and Sip event already scheduled, the group has made strides towards becoming a staple part of the Pōhutukawa Coast's social fabric.

Tayla-Rose hopes that the group will help ladies of all ages branch out of their comfort zones and meet like-minded individuals in the community.

"It's not just for the events we hold monthly either, it's for anyone to freely post if they have plans and if they want people to join them for a coffee or a walk. I know it can be hard for women to open up and put themselves out there, especially if they are shy."

Having made a start, Tayla-Rose says the hope is for everyone involved to make an effort to host and attend events, and to make experiences as memorable as possible for all members in the group.

To find out more, look up 'Pohutakawa Coast Ladies' on Facebook (note spelling of Pohutakawa is as per Facebook group).



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A Maraetai jiu-jitsu instructor is offering local women the opportunity to learn self defence this Saturday 17 February.

John Mellows, owner of Mellow Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, will run the complimentary two-hour course at the Pōhutukawa Presbyterian Church, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai from 10am.

John says the free self defence seminar will focus on technique and skill rather than strength, ensuring that every participant can benefit regardless of their physical capability or fitness and mobility levels.

"Women often face unique challenges and barriers in self-defence and martial arts," says John.

"We wanted to create a safe and supportive environment where women can learn practical self-defence techniques without the intimidation factor often associated with martial arts. By providing this seminar for free, we aim to make this accessible to all women in our community. It's about giving every woman the tools they need to feel safe and strong in any situation."

Participants will learn how to defend themselves if attacked while standing up, and if they are taken down to the floor.

"You will learn how to defend yourself from various positions, especially from the ground, which is where many real-life



Jiu-jitsu instructor John Mellows.

altercations end up," says John.

John says Brazilian jiu-jitsu (BJJ) is a great martial art because it emphasises technique, leverage, and strategic thinking over brute strength, making it ideal for individuals of all sizes and strengths.

BJJ's core principle is that a smaller, weaker person can successfully defend themselves against a bigger, stronger person by using joint locks and chokeholds.

To book a spot on the free self defence seminar, see <https://www.mellowjiujitsu.co.nz/events>.



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The *PC Times* has two double passes to give away to *Grand Horizons*. To go into the draw, please email your name and phone number to [info@pctimes.co.nz](mailto:info@pctimes.co.nz), with 'Grand Horizons' in the subject bar. Entries close 5pm Friday 23 February 2024.

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# Clevedon farewells high-ranking army officer Daphne Margaret Shaw

A Clevedon nurse who became the highest ranked woman in the New Zealand Army died just prior to Christmas at the age of 80 years.

Daphne Shaw was Clevedon born and bred, a descendant of the 'Viola' settlers who arrived in Clevedon in 1865. She attended Clevedon primary school, and at the completion of her high school years she decided upon a career in nursing, training at Middlemore Hospital. In the mid 1960s she travelled to London where she worked at Hammersmith Hospital's busy accident and emergency department.

Upon her return to New Zealand, Daphne was keen for adventure. She joined the New Zealand Army and certainly got her fair share of adventure within her first year of service, when she was deployed to Vietnam during the war. Daphne's nursing skills were put to the test at the first Australian Field Hospital at Vung Tau, where she treated wounded servicemen. While the survival rate from injuries was high thanks to fast helicopter evacuation of the wounded soldiers from battle areas to hospital, many of them also suffered from malaria or dengue fever.

Upon her return to NZ in 1971, Daphne continued to rise through the NZ Army ranks, eventually attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. At the time, she was

the highest ranked woman ever to serve. She collected a swag of military honours including:

- The New Zealand Operational Service Medal
- The Vietnam Medal
- An Ordinary Member of the Royal Red Cross – First Class (RRC)
- The New Zealand General Service Medal 1992 with clasp Vietnam
- The New Zealand Armed Forces Award
- The New Zealand Defence Service Medal with clasp Regular
- The South Vietnam Campaign Medal

Her adventures continued when she left the army. She was a personal nurse to Prince Charles when he visited Aotearoa with Princess Diana and baby William. She also nursed in a Saudi Arabian hospital with scud missiles falling around her. Her later years were spent as head nurse at Counties Care in Papakura.

Daphne is fondly remembered by her Clevedon-born brother Doug and sister Norma.

Daphne received a full military funeral in Taupo in December 2023. Her family will inter her ashes at the Clevedon cemetery on Saturday 17 February.



Daphne Margaret Shaw, 1 May 1943-2 December 2023.

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# Would you pay \$1 a week to build better pathways?

Franklin residents will be asked if they support a \$52 a year (\$1 a week) targeted rate to help pay for local paths and pedestrian safety improvements when Auckland Council consults on its 10-year Budget – the Long-Term Plan.

The LTP covers what council intends to do, and how it will fund that work. It is one way council uses to shape the city, reviewing it every three years, and allowing local boards to propose targeted rates for local investment.

Paths and pedestrian safety are a board priority, Franklin Local Board chair and Wairoa subdivision representative Angela Fulljames says. “We have developed a paths and pedestrian safety investment programme that includes Clevedon, Beachlands and Whitford,” she says.

“But council funding issues make a targeted rate essential. Without one, nothing happens, with one, the funds remain in the area and can be used only for pathways. It’s an approach that has been adopted in Rodney.”

Projects on the programme include a Hunua Road footpath from the service station to Cowan Road, a connection from Clevedon Scenic Reserve to the northern boardwalk, and from the village to Tourist Road/McNicol Road. A path from the War Memorial Domain to Whitford-Maraetai Road, and the coastal section between Broomfields Road and Strathfield Lane in Whitford are also planned.

Beachlands projects include the missing section of the Liberty Crescent path connection, Shelly Bay Road –



where part of the road has no footpath, a path from Maraetai School Road to Te Puru Park, and upgrading the pedestrian crossing at the school to improve safety.

The board has already spent about \$2.4 million since 2017 to progress paths. Fulljames says it’s important the community speaks up when consultation opens.

“Every property would pay, and some people will simply say no to anything that adds to the rates bill. But people have told us at earlier consultations they would consider it if sufficient information allowed them to make informed decisions.

Fellow Wairoa representative Malcolm Bell says investment in paths is a public

good because they generate benefits to the area through improved connections and allow people to move around safely, especially children going to school.

“Addressing climate change is also

important and providing people with alternative walking and cycling routes for short journeys allows residents to contribute to climate action.”

Council staff have recommended the rate – with annual inflation increases – to generate around \$20 million over the 10-years from 2024-2034 – the period the LTP covers.

Consultation is open 28 February – 28 March. Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the targeted rate and LTP. You will be able to see more and give feedback online at [akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](http://akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan).

A hearing style event is also planned for Pukekohe from 5-7pm on Tuesday 26 March, where people can share their views directly with the board. To register for a 10-minute slot email [franklinlocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:franklinlocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).

The board will also attend other local events across Franklin to hear views – find out where at [akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](http://akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan) when consultation opens.

## Road repair challenges continue

A year after the devastation left in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle, Auckland Transport continues to repair roads across the city.

Franklin Local Board Wairoa representative Amanda Hopkins says the board works with AT on solutions for roads that remain damaged or closed.

“We understand how frustrating it is for people whose lives are impacted, but the scale of the problem was unprecedented.

“The carnage left in the storm and cyclone’s wakes mean work has had to be prioritised and it’s easy to forget that more than 2000 slips occurred, leaving us with a repair programme that’s expected to take another two years to complete.”

The need for more than 800 repairs was identified across Auckland, with 383 remedial projects completed by the end of last year, and another 34 under construction.

Hopkins says eight roads remain closed, almost 30 are only operating on a single lane basis, two only open

on a restricted basis, and six remain open only to residents.

Within Franklin, Monument Road in Clevedon remains single lane via signals, Skyhigh Road is down to a single lane in two places, and Hunua Road a single lane with signals. There are also issues at Karaka, Mauku, and particularly on the Awhitu peninsula.

“Auckland Transport continues to ask for patience, especially when major damage is still being worked on at several sites. Locations that have the highest risk and safety needs, or are the only access, are being prioritised.”

She says the board is aware of concerns around McNicol Road, where a repair attempt was not as successful as hoped, and it’s possible a longer and more expensive solution will be needed, especially given the heavy traffic on the road.

“Auckland Transport is doing everything it can but there are roads that will take time to fully repair. You can stay up to date at the [at.govt.nz](http://at.govt.nz) website by searching for long-term road repairs.”

## Ferrets and willows on Friends of Te Wairoa eradication radar

The fight against ferrets continues to rage, with Friends of Te Wairoa on the frontline, Franklin Local Board chair Angela Fulljames says.

January catch records point to rising numbers, with nine from one property, eight at another, two at a third site, and evidence of their presence, alongside stoats, at others.

Fulljames is full of praise for the Friends of Te Wairoa, a group supported by the board.

“We all have a responsibility for the environment. It’s not someone else’s problem.

“The Friends are actively doing something, and I’d encourage anyone with an interest in contributing to get in touch, via the website.”

She says the group has a limited number of trappers, but January indicates numbers are high.

“That’s a problem because the damage ferrets do can be devastating, but it’s not all bad news.

“Friends have also reported its willow eradication campaign is ongoing, with poison used to kill several problem trees.”

Older trees can have multiple trunks that weaken and split, but grow on, adding to the number in an area, while new trees can shoot from felled ones left to lie.

“The group has a youtube video on what to do. Willows dam the Wairoa, add to flooding, erosion and sediment loading. Anyone interested in joining



the battle against them can see the video by searching for willow eradication.”

The group has 8.30-10.30am open days at its community nursery – driveway next to Art Industry in Clevedon - on the second Wednesday of the month, including 13 March. It sells plants to locals at \$2 each. You can contact [info@tewairoa.org.nz](mailto:info@tewairoa.org.nz) to visit by appointment or drop in during an open morning.

## Toiletries and bags wanted for appeal

Unwanted handbags are being sought to honour the memory of Grace Millane, in the 2024 Love Grace Handbag Appeal.

Grace was a British tourist visiting Aotearoa when she was killed after a Tinder date with a stranger. Grace's family established the Love Grace charitable appeal, which combines Grace's love of handbags with a legacy to end violence against women.

Run in association with Women's Refuge, the appeal asks people to donate unwanted handbags filled with toiletry items.

Items that can be donated include basics such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant. Other items such as wipes, soap, lip balm, face cloths, plasters, sanitiser gel, make up, perfume, hairties/bands/clips, gloves, notebook, pens, playing cards and purses are also welcomed.

Clevedon resident Jan Tappin is coordinating the local appeal, and says donations can be dropped off at ReMax Real Estate in Clevedon Village.

The collection period runs from 14 February-8 March 2024.

## Meet the Maraetai carver with rock solid talent

A chance spotting of a stone sculpture in a Melbourne garden centre some years ago has led to a passion for carving for Maraetai resident George Smith (Tainui).

In his backyard shed, George designs and creates carved Oamaru stone artworks, as well as bone and greenstone carved pendants.

His creations are popular – just prior to Christmas last year he displayed a large number of his works outside his Maraetai Drive home, and sold out of them within two hours.

Fishhook designs are pretty popular with Coasters, he says, though he designs a wide range of works. While some of his art is contemporary, much of it is influenced by Maori culture, though he is quick to emphasise that he does not rate himself as a traditional carver.

"I like taking cultural aspects and blending my own touch into them," he says.

George does a lot of commission work, but says it's not about the money.

"It's about providing what the customer needs. If they are Maori, I'll ask where they are from and design around that. If they aren't Maori, I'll ask where they plan to position the sculpture and will design it for that place."

George uses wood carving chisels, and

occasionally a drill, to bring his creations to life. When he first started his carving journey while living in Melbourne, it would take him three days to finish a stone piece. Now he can carve a sculpture out in a single hour.

He is happy to donate pieces to help out any local causes, so that fundraising groups can auction them off and benefit from the proceeds.

Carving isn't George's only passion. When he's not in the garden shed or working at his job on a Maraetai farm, you'll find him in his music studio with his guitar. George is a familiar face on the Auckland covers scene, and has composed 2,000 original songs over the past 20 years. He hopes to record an album later this year.

Amidst the carving, music, gardening, work and catching up with children and grandchildren, the 72-year-old is somehow also finding time to embark on a full immersion Te Reo Maori course this year.

Anyone interested in contacting George about his artwork can reach him at [kconceptz52@gmail.com](mailto:kconceptz52@gmail.com) or on 021 969 886.

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# Brookby School celebrates the opening of new playground



Year 8 student Brooke Walden cuts the ribbon to open Brookby School's new playground.

"A massive team effort over many years," is how Brookby School principal Wayne Gillard describes the school's new playground, which officially opened last week following a blessing ceremony by Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki.

Discussions about replacing the old playground began four years ago, and since then the PTA has fundraised to make the dream a reality.

"It's involved many amazing Ag Days, and been many years in the making," says PTA chair Rochelle Kenny on behalf of her team. "We're all just proud of what we've been able to achieve with the support of our community."

Students supplied their own ideas about what structures and features the new

playground should have.

With additional funding from the Trillion Trust and the Four Winds Foundation, the new playground was constructed over the summer holidays by contractors The Playground People, with project management and on-the-ground help from principal Wayne Gillard.

The new playground features a basket swing, flying fox, monkey bars, slide, cargo net and a rock climbing wall. A playhouse from the old playground has become part of the new playground.

Year eight student Brooke Walden opened the new playground with a ribbon cutting ceremony, and celebrated her birthday on the same day.



Year 8 students enjoy the playground's new basket swing.

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- by Beachlands Montessori

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Days are busy and filled with fun. A typical day at Beachlands Montessori sees children learning through purposeful activities like cutting fruit and watering plants, developing their fine and gross motor skills in the classroom and the playground, and exploring concepts that prepare them for later learning as they work with mathematic, sensorial and language materials. You will also see children making muffins and cakes in the sandpit kitchen, creating artistic masterpieces, constructing vehicles and cities, swinging from the monkey bars and dressing up and engaging in

numerous scenarios created by their own wild imaginations.

The team of experienced teachers are constantly striving to provide the very best care and education to the tamariki and work closely with whānau to meet the everchanging needs of their children. This is particularly evident in the infant and toddler space where the youngest children are able to establish a close bond with their primary caregiver who, with family support, endeavours to follow individual care routines that have already been established at home.

At Beachlands Montessori Preschool, they wholeheartedly believe that "joy, feeling one's own value, being appreciated and loved by others, feeling useful and capable of production are all factors of enormous value for the human soul" (Maria Montessori).

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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](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. 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.
  - **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](http://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 Bchlns-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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  - **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.

- 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](http://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.
  - **BEACHLANDS CHARTERED CLUB COMMUNITY MARKET DAY LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCEPT JUNE)**. [janicehawken05@gmail.com](mailto:janicehawken05@gmail.com) or 021 184 5354.
  - **pc country music club FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**. From 1pm. \$5 per entry. \$3 for food. Beachlands Chartered Club.
  - **OMANA STAMP CLUB SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**, 1.30pm at Maraetai Library. David 530 8869 / 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.

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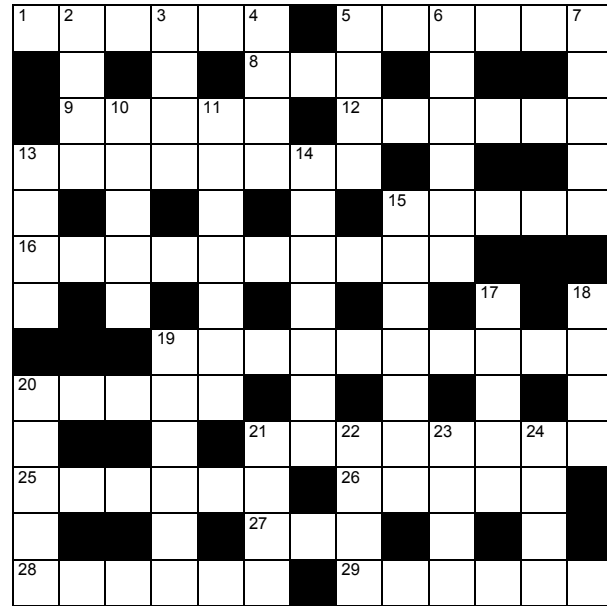


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- 9. A play (5)
- 12. Agreement (6)
- 13. Danger (8)
- 15. Gunge (5)
- 16. Insignificant (10)
- 19. Meeting place (10)
- 20. Rascal (5)
- 21. Audacity (8)
- 25. Male paid escort (6)
- 26. Up in arms (5)
- 27. Bloke (3)
- 28. Edict (6)
- 29. Swindle (6)

### Down

- 2. Conceal (4)

- 3. Jump down someone's throat (4)
- 4. Laugh loudly (4)
- 5. Postpone (4)
- 6. Hesitant (6)
- 7. Unit of length (5)
- 10. Boisterous (5)
- 11. Daytime performance (7)
- 13. Bring bad luck (4)
- 14. Lessen (7)
- 15. Glass worker (7)
- 17. Put forward as argument (5)
- 18. Catch sight of (4)
- 19. Hearsay (6)
- 20. Stiff (5)
- 21. Weighty book (4)
- 22. Be bothered by (4)
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