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Guest editorial by Clevedon Community & Business Association

Come and experience summer in Clevedon

Promoting Clevedon as a visitor destination is a big focus of the work we do at the Clevedon CBA. With so many exceptional attractions, experiences and events to offer it's impossible to list them all

Whether you're into picturesque walks, a spot of fishing, or sporting events – summer in Clevedon has you covered. Here's a short guide to some of the not-to-miss attractions and events in Clevedon this summer. The good news is these are right on your doorstep, don't involve long drives in hot cars, and - we've done the research - there's plenty of ice cream available en route to Clevedon regardless of which direction you're coming from.

Waitawa Regional Park

A must-visit park this summer with beach, walking tracks and picturesque picnic spots. Waitawa Regional Park is also popular with kayakers with overnight camping facilities available (only accessible by sea kayak).

Duder Regional Park

Located on Whakakaiwhara Peninsula, which cuts out into the Tāmaki Strait, Duder Regional Park offers a range of walking tracks including a beach track, coastal walk, farm loop and the stunning Whakakaiwhara Pa walk.

Hūnua Traverse

The Hūnua Traverse is a 44.5-km two-way ride encompasing public and private roads between Clevedon Village and Kaiaua on the Seabird Coast. The majority (26km) of the Hūnua Traverse follows Watercare service roads within the Hūnua Ranges Regional Park. Featuring steep bush-clad hill climbs, two scenic reservoirs and two picturesque campsites, the Hūnua Traverse is perfect for ebikes. The terrain is also fantastic for riders of analog bikes with an adequate level of fitness. https://www.hunuatraverse.co.nz/

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Clevedon Art Trail

Immerse yourself in the "Art" of rural living on a self-drive journey through the Clevedon Art Trail.

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visit rustic art galleries, create with artist groups, learn new skills at workshops. The Clevedon Art Trail is being held on 14-16 March 2025.

https://clevedonarttrail.co.nz/

Polo events for the whole family

Pack a picnic, bring the family, a rug or chair to sit on - and park up at one of these not to be missed events (Dec-Mar), running every weekend with finals from 12pm each Sunday. On weekends with no scheduled tournaments, club games are held at both Auckland and Hololio Polo Clubs. See https://www.clevedon.co.nz/news-and-updates/polo

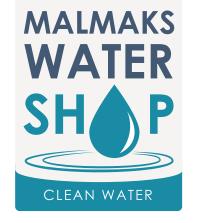
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Clevedon also has a range of cafes and hospitality options catering to all tastes and budgets, many with outdoor seating – perfect for the warmer summer weather. And why not browse through some of Clevedon's boutique retail stores?

The Clevedon CBA website has a full listing of summer events, as well as a range of activities, attractions, cafes and hospitality options, and local retailers – visit clevedon.co.nz.

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Community gathers for Playcentre playground opening

Children who attend Beachlands Maraetai Playcentre are delighted with their new playground, which was officially opened in November.

The playground upgrade was made possible thanks to main sponsors Pōhutukawa Coast Rotary Club, along with the support from the Takutai Trust, two local families, plus money raised from the local community and fundraising efforts supported by Coastal Treasures.

Mitre 10 donated materials, and many

Children who attend Beachlands local businesses donated generously to Maraetai Playcentre are delighted with help the playcentre achieve its targets.

The playground was blessed by local iwi Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, followed by speeches from Beachlands Maraetai Playcentre president Kendall McLaughlin and member Olivia Herring.

Pōhutukawa Coast Rotary Club president John Stacey cut the ribbon, alongside playcentre alumni Lola Jean Herring and Lincoln McLaughlin.

Metlifecare now second largest employer on the Coast



Metlifecare's Pōhutukawa Landing's new care home team.

Pōhutukawa Landing care home has welcomed its first resident, who recently moved the short distance from one of Pōhutukawa Landing's village apartments to her new ground floor room which opens onto a communal garden area.

The new care home team are all new employees who hail from the Pōhutukawa Coast and surrounding areas, making Metlifecare the second largest employer on the Coast after Woolworths.

Pōhutukawa Landing (including the independent village and care home) now has around 146 residents and employs around 26 staff in roles including kitchen, cleaning and maintenance teams to nursing, management and administration staff.



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Proceeds from the op shop help to subsidise funding for professional educational assessments for children whose parents or caregivers, teachers or doctors have concerns relating to dyslexia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia, ADHD, autism spectrum, numeracy issues or who may need special glasses, hearing aids or

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counselling.

"We realise there is a real need in our community as getting assessments done is expensive, and often outside a family's budget, especially in these difficult economic times," say Twice Loved mission coordinators Marilyn Welch and Barbara Kilgour. "We have already helped a number of families in the area to find an appropriate pathway that best suits their specific situation and we are happy to hear from anyone who needs assistance."

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The op shop also helps families who have met with a crisis and need temporary support such as clothing or household goods etc. Families can also be supported through the Pohutukawa

Coast Presbyterian Food Bank, which receives regular funding donations from the op shop.

Twice Loved is a collaboration between St Marks Anglican Church and the Pōhutukawa Coast Presbyterian Church. Staffed by volunteers, it runs out of the de-commissioned church building at 104 Maraetai Drive and is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 3pm.

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Beachlands firefighter competes at Mr Universe in Las Vegas

Competing at the World Fitness Federation (WFF) Mr Universe competition in Las Vegas was "a day to remember" for Beachlands local and volunteer firefighter Kate Winchester.

Kate travelled as part of the Kiwi contingent, Team WFFNZ, who flexed their muscles at the competition in more ways than one.

"Team WFFNZ was the largest team there and it was fantastic to have some team members skilled in performing the haka, as well as a beautiful Maori welcome by well-known NZ and internatioal judge Naera Jean-Jones," says Kate.

"Naera opened the show by presenting the Event Organiser and Official for the Las Vegas Universe with a Taonga (gift) which was followed with a karakia and then a mihi mihi welcoming everyone gathered there, wishing peace and respect for each other and what we believe. She introduced our ropu Aoetearoa WFF NZ and this was followed by a haka."

Kate says the WFF Mr Universe competition day was a long day, but the team did Aotearoa proud.

Several team members received placings on the day, and one of the team walked away with a title in his division.

Kate did not place at the competition this time around, but she is happy with her performance. "My dress was totally out-blinged on the day, but I was rapt with my routine and it was a day to remember for sure!" she says.

Shortly before heading to Las Vegas, Kate placed second in the Glamour category at the WFF Pan Pacific Regionals competition. The Glamour category is a modeling-based fitness event where competitors are judged on their overall presentation, including physique, style and charisma on stage.

Following the USA competition, Kate headed to Wisconsin to indulge her other passion - horses. She spent time with a positive reinforcement horse trainer, based on the banks of the Mississippi River.

"She has 6 incredible mustangs and she had arranged for me to do a photoshoot... in my swimsuit posing with her mustang stallion Santana. Bearing in mind it is winter there I awoke the day of the shoot and it was 6 degrees! I remember thinking this is going to be painful but it HAS to be done!"

Fortunately the sun came out and the photographer captured some memorable moments of Kate with Santana.

"I will treasure this magical reminder of my trip," says Kate.

Since her return to NZ, Kate has reflected upon her journey.

"I've had many insights during this trip that have enabled me to get so much from



Kate Winchester with mustang stallion Santana (above) and with body-building buddy Kim McKenzie in Las Vegas (right).

those two weeks away. I will be sharing these via social media and hope they will inspire others who are pondering or planning or considering plans for 2025!" she says.





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Auckland Council calls on AT to review ferry fares

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Auckland Council is calling for Auckland Transport to reevaluate after a proposal to significantly increase ferry fares.

At the council's Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committeel last month, Auckland Transport (AT) presented the proposed 2025 public transport fare increases.

AT's board has approved several measures in the fare reform including reducing fare zones from 14 to nine, now are really about addressing the

AT also proposes an increase to ferry fares by \$1.40 for inner, mid and outer

Monthly passes for each will increase as well with the Waiheke ferry having the largest increase at \$49 for a total of \$419.

AT's Growth and Optimisation group manager Richard Harrison said operating costs for public transport have increased massively and AT is playing catch up following Covid-19.

"The changes we are working through

further particularly as the city expands," Harrison said.

He said the fare structure review was not about increasing revenue.

Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson said the council was driven to get more people on public transport and noted how AT's quarterly report showed public transport boardings were slightly below the target.

"Petrol prices are slowly declining. Have you undertaken economic analysis about the impact of the rising fares on patronage or is the demand for public transport regarded as relatively inelastic?" Simpson asked.

Harrison responded that fares did not have a drastic effect on patronage but was expecting a slight reduction as a result of the change.

"We have had something like an eight million boarding increase in the last year and patronage is continuing to grow," Harrison said.

Councillor John Watson said outer harbour ferries were already expensive and the fare structure change would increase the costs even further.

"We are getting up into some pretty big sums of money for the type of travel we know we don't perform well in," Watson said.

He questioned whether it was fair to compare operating costs of ferries to other modes of transport as ferries don't use

- by Laura Kvigstad, Auckland capping the fare table at four zones and inequity of people who have to travel roading infrastructure, don't contribute to congestion on the road and were less expensive than the infrastructure required for rail.

> AT's Public Transport & Active Modes director Stacey van der Putten said they needed to make ferries more sustainable from a funding perspective.

> "Ferry is disadvantaged from a higher running cost perspective therefore the fare, in terms of farebox recovery, is considerably lower in proportion to the other modes," van der Putten said.

> "When we actually look at true costs, you [Watson] are right. We have a free highway in terms of the harbour, but – we need to follow what is put out for us by NZTA."

> Watson said a member of his community was using nearly 40 percent of his student loan allowance towards ferry fares.

> "He is travelling by the ferry. There is no \$50 cap, there is no tertiary concession," Watson said.

> He urged AT to look at ways to increase patronage which would positively impact the fare recovery of ferries.

> The committee formally requested that the AT board review the proposed fare structure for ferry travel.

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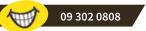
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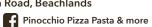


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His young Grandson, Jake, was rapt netting the fish and releasing it on lan's behalf.

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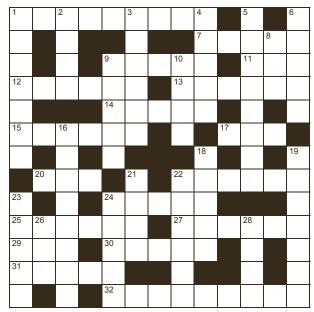
One student featured each week will be presented with a certificate and a \$20 book voucher, thanks to Barfoot & Thompson's Beachlands and Whitford branches.

'Show, don't tell' - Season

I feel the boiling sun beating down on me. I watch as the ocean waves crash like racehorses racing along the white-wash sea foam. I taste my creamy, sweet ice cream as it melts in my mouth. I hear the waves crash as seagulls screech and scavenge for food. I race down to the ocean as my nose inhales the smell of fresh salt water. I look up and am blinded by the glistening sun as it reflects off the water. I dive into the waves and immediately feel the refreshing sensation of cold water. I feel the soft, yet piping-hot sand crumble under my feet. I see sand castles scattered over the beach like little flowers. As the sun shines high in the sky I feel happy and peaceful.

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- 13. Row of covered shops (6)
- 14. Rule (5)
- 15. Inward shiver of embarrassment (6)
- 17. Devotee (3)
- 20. Behind (3)
- 22. Thick, wet mud (6)
- 24. Face of a gem (5)
- 25. Clever (6)
- 27. Accounts book (6)
- 29. Transgress (3)
- 30. Enthusiastic (5)
- 31. Below average size (5)
- 32. Extremely poor (9)

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- 1. Search destructively (7)
- 2. Pant (4)
- 3. Evening party (Fr) (6)
- 4. Strict or severe (5)
- 5. Dreamworld (2-2,4)
- 6. Precious stone (5)
- 8. Piece of turf (3)
- 9. Blend gradually (5)
- 10. Wire pen (4)
- 16. Hellish (8)
- 18. Change (5)
- 19. Metal band around a join (7)
- 21. Computer information (4)
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Council to notify Whitford Manor application

Auckland Council plans to notify a resource consent application, made by the developer of Whitford Manor Estate, to discharge waste water from an on-site waste water treatment plant.

The resource consent application was lodged this year, and Auckland Council then requested further information from the developer.

Council plans to publicly notify the resource consent application on 18 December 2024, giving the public an opportunity to submit their support of or opposition to the application by 7 February 2025.

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