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## Vazey duo rolls with the best in Italy



Father and son duo Rob (left) and Connor Vazey are in Italy, representing Aotearoa in the sport of roller hockey.

Rink hockey athletes Rob and Connor Vazey are representing Aotearoa New Zealand in their respective age divisions at the World Skate Games in Italy this week.

Fifteen-year-old Howick College student Connor is competing as goalie in the U19 World Championships, while Rob takes on the role of forward striker in the Senior Men's

competition which begins on 16 September. The U19s and the Senior Men's team, plus a Senior Women's team, make up the three NZ teams travelling to the games.

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14 Sat	☉	2:55am ▲ 2.7m	9:11am ▼ 1.0m	🐟
15 Sun	☉	4:01am ▲ 2.8m	10:17am ▼ 0.9m	🐟
16 Mon	☉	5:06am ▲ 2.9m	11:17am ▼ 0.7m	🐟🐟
17 Tue	☉	6:06am ▲ 3.1m	12:12pm ▼ 0.5m	🐟🐟
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# Editorial by Franklin Ward Councillor Andrew Baker

Prior to the 2022 election, I campaigned on three wishes regarding the Auckland Transport (AT) Board. Firstly that the two councillor appointments to the Board that existed under Len Brown but discontinued by Phil Goff needed to be reinstated. Secondly that one of those appointed directors needed to be a Councillor representing rural Auckland and thirdly that I wanted to be that rural appointee if elected.

Soon to be Mayor, Wayne Brown, was present at least twice when I said that in various halls, and obviously agreed as I got all three wishes. It was important for councillors to be there because in the six years there were no councillor directors it is clear that the understanding of the need to be accountable to the people of Auckland had dimmed considerably (not helped by the fact there was also no Council committee focussed directly on transport). I believed it equally important that one of those councillor directors had an understanding that not all of Auckland's transport network was in the urban area as from my experience since 2010 on the Local Board, areas like Franklin were never given the attention or response from either the Board or the organisation that they should have had. Lastly, I felt my experience inside and

outside Council gave me the knowledge to get some change at AT.

My experience on the board of AT has been a steep learning curve as it is a multi billion dollar business that is extremely complex with huge funding and political challenges. The independence given to it in the previous 6 years was not helpful to anyone, something the CEO at the time confirmed to me when we met at a function a couple of months back. That independence created a way of working and approach that has required a lot of effort to change. We have seen a completely new board appointed by the current council, a new CEO and new organisation structure from the executive leadership team all the way through the business.

Whilst it is sometimes difficult to see it or hear it, there has been some significant change at AT. It has been helped in terms of how and when our roads are maintained and renewed by the current government stating this to be a priority and allocating more money in the National Land Transport Fund for AT to use. There is still a big change needed in terms of how AT tells its story and engages with people but I know from my experience that the uncircling of the wagons is happening and it is a priority of both Council and the

board to see improvements there.

On 29 August I was caught up in the change itself as I stepped away from the AT Board, replaced by Maurice Williamson whom I get on well with. This was to allow me to take up the Chairs' role on one of the committees of the whole (all councillors and the mayor) - the reshaped Transport Resilience and Infrastructure Committee. The mayor has asked me to chair this (somewhat of an honour I guess as a first term councillor) important committee to bring to the role my experience and knowledge of transport issues but also to drive and oversee some of the big projects and issues the council is delivering or wants to deliver from transport through stormwater and other resilience things as well as the big infrastructure work such as CRL, Central Interceptor and other things delivered by other agencies. Already the work load has ramped up which is a bit scary as I remain on about 16 or 17 other committees or working groups but means I will just have to be a bit more organised.

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# Community scores Maraetai Bowling Club a new roof in radio competition

Thanks to the local community, Maraetai Bowling Club will have a new roof before Christmas.

A competition run through radio station The Hits encouraged listeners to nominate their favourite local club to receive a new roof supplied and installed by Edwards & Hardy. A short list of the nominees was made based on clubs meeting certain criteria, and the public were able to vote for the shortlisted club most deserving of a new roof.

Maraetai Bowling Club made the short list, and by the end of the competition had amassed just under 500 votes from the local community - enough to secure the club a new roof.

The voting wasn't all left to chance. Club president Ross Peden and vice president Glen Fitzgerald spent two weeks doing all they could to encourage people to vote, including hijacking the microphone at the Maraetai Boating Club one Thursday night, encouraging members of other local sports and recreation clubs to vote, and putting out an appeal to Maraetai Beach School parents. Ross even made a desktop video showing people how to vote.

"We hit the Grapevine and our own Facebook page as well," says Ross. "We got on the radio a couple of times too, and pumped it pretty hard."

The new roof is worth about \$30-40,000. "That's 5-10 years worth of fundraising,"



Edwards & Hardy Auckland branch manager Rebecca Money presents Maraetai Bowling Club's Ross Peden (left) and Glen Fitzgerald (right) with a voucher for a new roof.

says Glen, adding that now the club's fundraising efforts can go towards other projects instead.

The bowling club has more than doubled its membership over the past 2 years, and now has almost 100 members.

"Little old Maraetai is now one of the top ten bowling clubs in Auckland in terms of size," says Ross.

Community days, which the club also uses to fundraise for other causes such

as Daffodil Day, have helped grow the numbers while providing a fun and great value day out for locals.

Thanks to community support, the club will also have a new \$200,000 bowling mat installed in January 2025.

"At which point we will have a big celebration!" says Ross.

Edwards & Hardy Auckland branch manager Rebecca Money visited the club to discuss replacing the old roof. She says

her company has 16 branches around the country - all of whom have supplied a new roof to a club within their area. The competition to replace the roofs of 16 local heroes, volunteers and charities commemorated Edwards & Hardy's 65th anniversary.

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# Conservation volunteers celebrate planting of two million trees

Conservation Volunteers New Zealand (CVNZ) planted its two-millionth tree in August, and celebrated locally during a planting day at a site in Brookby where the group is undertaking a massive restoration of the Papakura Stream.

“We are so proud of this achievement and we were delighted to have celebrated it with a stellar group of volunteers who braved the rain and wind to help us plant even more plants on the day!,” says CVNZ regional manager Kiri Huddleston.

The Papakura Stream Restoration Project aims to improve the water quality of the Papakura Stream, increase tree cover in the catchment and create a green corridor from east to west Auckland.

At 63 kilometres long and with a catchment of 4,100 hectares, the Papakura Stream is a significant freshwater system. It has seen a lot of change over the years - tree cover is now extremely low in the catchment and the upper rural sections of the stream have one of the highest E. coli levels in Auckland. This has reduced habitat for native species and increased sediment and pollution entering the stream and travelling to the Manukau Harbour.

CVNZ has worked with many local landowners to plant waterways which feed into the Papakura Stream, including Brookby friends and neighbours Keith and Mike who decided to work with CVNZ this year to plant an overland flow path which straddles both their properties.



A team of Conservation Volunteers New Zealand celebrate the organisation’s two-millionth tree planting.

Nearly 8,000 native plants have been planted by volunteers in the area this year, adding to the work already done by Mike and Keith. CVNZ’s commemorative two-millionth tree celebration day was held at Keith and Mike’s sites.

The 2 million plants planted by CVNZ have covered and/or repaired native habitat across Aotearoa, covering an area of approximately 16,000 rugby pitches! “As they grow and mature they will remove up to 48,000 tones of CO2 from the atmosphere, around the same as 10,000 petrol cars off the road. This is huge!” says Kiri.

Kiri says the plants are also a lasting testament to CVNZ’s “amazing” volunteers across the country who have given their time, and to CVNZ’s

passionate and knowledgeable staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make everything come together. Kiri says CVNZ’s partnerships with other organisations and businesses have also been vital. “Without our partners we would not be able to achieve anything,” says Kiri.

CVNZ formed in 2006, starting with a single office and two staff members. Almost 20 years later it now has offices, projects and volunteers across the motu in Te Whanganui A Tara/Wellington, Ōtautahi/Christchurch and Punakaiki on the West Coast, working towards a vision of “An Aotearoa in which all people act as kaitiaki, nurturing nature and each other for generations to come. We aim to empower the people of

Aotearoa to become kaitiaki for nature in their communities. It’s clear to us that the people of Aotearoa are on board and that people are taking action for nature. We are excited to see what the next 18 years has in store, we know it’s going to be big,” says Kiri.

By the end of the 2024 planting season CVNZ will have planted a further 40,000 native trees, shrubs and grasses in the Papakura Stream catchment and introduced two new locations to the project (seeing a total of 120,000 plants planted over 4 years and a total of 12 different sites).

CVNZ says that going forward, it plans to increase impact monitoring to see what difference its efforts are making to biodiversity in the area. It is also building a new native plant nursery in Brookby which will supply plants for its restoration efforts across the catchment. Once up and running, the nursery will have the capacity to grow more than 50,000 native plants per year and will act as an educational space for the community.

Local landowners interested in restoring sections of their property can contact khuddleston@cvnz.org.nz or call 021 962 284.

Anyone interested in volunteering on the project can check out CVNZ’s volunteer booking portal, email info@cvnz.org.nz or contact 0800 567 686.

## Free course helps charities master Givealittle crowdfunding

Givealittle has launched a free, self-paced, online short course that teaches the fundamentals of crowdfunding, designed primarily for Kiwi charities like Coastguard Maraetai, who are currently running a campaign to buy a new rescue boat.

“The goal was being able to offer a credible, and financially accessible crowdfunding course for Kiwi charities. The Masterclass ticks both of those boxes which is rare, and we’re incredibly proud of it,” says Givealittle spokesperson Michaela Martinez, also a Beachlands local.

“Small Kiwi charities are often driven by

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The Masterclass is taught through professionally filmed video tutorials, short quizzes, downloadable resources and time-saving templates. It is recommended the course is completed in full before running a crowdfunding campaign, to make the most of the knowledge and

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# Community urged to get on board with local pest control efforts

Predator Free Maraetai Beachlands will host a bait and trap day this Sunday 15 September from 10am-11am at the Rowan Muir Community Centre in Maraetai.

The day allows locals to receive advice and tools to help with pest predator control on their properties.

With one Hawke Crescent (Beachlands) resident reporting a total catch of 14 possums over three months on their property this year, there has never been a better time to get involved in reducing pest predator numbers.

Franklin's pest predator catch numbers for the month of July 2024, and for the 12 months until July 2024, are outlined in the image on the right, although Predator Free Maraetai Beachlands spokesperson Betsy Westerton says that they rely on people reporting catch numbers on Trap.NZ.

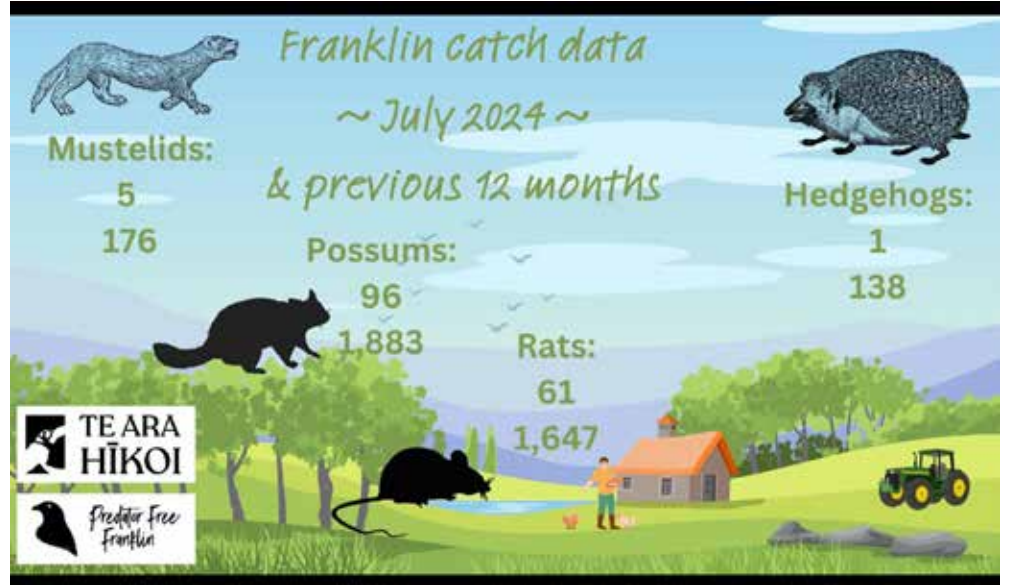
"So those numbers in the graph are really only a fraction of what's actually being trapped," says Betsy.

Local resident Kevin Welch captured night time images (see below) of a possum raiding a ruru nest in Maraetai.

The time stamps show the possum arriving, and the ruru trying unsuccessfully to scare it off. The possum leaves and the ruru is left holding an eggshell. She stays for a little while before leaving, and did not return until the next season.

Kevin's work with predator control has led to the regeneration of forest located behind his house, says Betsy.

"A lot of people don't think possums are carnivorous and are unfairly targeted by DOC," says Betsy. "These photos are pretty damning evidence of the contrary."



Pest predator catch numbers for July 2024, and the 12 months leading up to July 2024.



Maraetai resident Kevin Welch's night time photography captures a possum raiding a ruru nest.

## Ag Day photo competition entries!

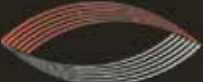
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# Vazey duo rolls with the best at roller hockey champs in Italy

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Both are passionate about the game. Rob started playing rink hockey (also known as roller hockey) at the age of five years.

“This sport is so appealing, it’s a fast, technical and exciting game and you get to travel a lot,” says Rob. “I have travelled the world playing roller hockey and made some amazing friends. Connor has also travelled to other countries with the sport at the age of 15 and now gets to play in Italy.”

Rob had retired from international roller hockey in 2010 and spent time coaching the New Zealand team for a number of years, before leaving the sport to focus on racing his sprint car at Western Springs Speedway for 7 years. But the call of roller hockey was strong, and he found himself back on the rink at Mt Wellington Skateland, playing for the Auckland premier team.

“I got back into shape and managed to

get back into the Senior Men’s team,” says Rob. “I will be taking on a senior role within the team, and mentor the younger players, as I was playing international games before most of them were born!”

“I have played in many world champs, but this one is extra special as I get to watch Connor, and he gets to watch me a week later, that’s just special.

“I have come out of retirement and trained hard to make this NZ team, we have a great team of young players and a couple of us older players so it’s a great mixture.”

Roller hockey is a small sport in NZ. It is fast, skillful and exciting - and very physical. Rob admits injuries happen at times, but says that fitness helps to avoid mishaps.

Connor describes roller hockey as a fast-paced quick-thinking competitive game. “It’s very technical when it comes to ball and stick skills. I enjoy it because it’s a really good community of people who are

supportive of all teams,” he says.

The World Skate Games Italy 2024 will be held in Novara (about 45 minutes from Milan) from 6-22 September, with an estimated participation of over 12,000

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Beachlands Chartered Club Inc will be held at the Club premises at the following date, time, and location:

**Sunday 20th October 2024, 10am. Cnr Wakelin Road and Third View Avenue, Beachlands**

This meeting is open to current BCC financial and life members for the election of Officers in the Executive Committee, consisting of up to 9 Officers including the President and the Vice President. Nominations for the Committee shall be made in writing on a form provided for the purpose and shall be deposited to the Club Manager prior to the AGM. The nominee and his or her proposer and seconder shall, at the date of nomination, be full financial of life members of the Club. If any is not, the nomination shall be void.

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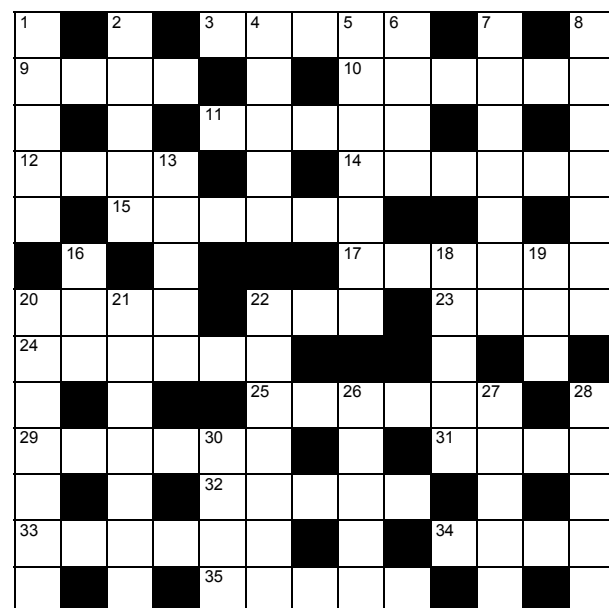


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- Power cut (6)
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- Intensify (6)
- Foray (6)
- Ability, courage (6)
- Eject (4)
- Play on words (3)
- Inheritor (4)
- Light wind (6)
- Fraudulent scheme (6)
- Tediously familiar (3-3)
- Dyke (4)
- Florid (5)
- Lacking justice (6)
- Jerk (4)
- Terminate (5)

#### Down

- Slow, lazy diction (5)
- Fertile spot in desert (5)
- Aviator (5)
- Disapprove (7)
- Very big (4)
- Examine body by touch (7)
- Wander aimlessly (7)
- Strong point (5)
- Pelt (3)
- Lobbed (5)
- Impudent talk (colloq) (3)
- Strong public condemnation (7)
- Farewell celebration (4-3)
- Unsettle (7)
- Fruit drink (5)
- Forbidden (5)
- Laziness (5)
- Operatic song (4)

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# Classified Ads

# Professionals & Trades

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### 2025 OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

The Maraetai Beach School Board of Trustees has a limited number of places available for out-of-zone students. The Board has determined that there are limited spaces for the remainder of 2025 in the following year levels:

- Year 0/1 (turning 5 in 2025)
- Year 5/6

For out-of-zone students seeking enrolment at Maraetai Beach School, **the deadline for applications is Monday, 14th October.** If the number of applications exceeds the available places, a ballot will be held according to the Ministry of Education's priority order. The ballot, if required, will take place on Wednesday, 16th October. Parents will be informed of the outcome within five days.

#### The ballot timeline is as follows:

- Monday, 9th September: Out-of-zone ballot opens
- Monday, 14th October: Out-of-zone ballot closes
- Wednesday, 16th October: Ballot takes place (if needed)

#### No later than Wednesday, 16th October:

Out-of-zone applicants informed of the outcome.

#### No later than Wednesday, 30th October:

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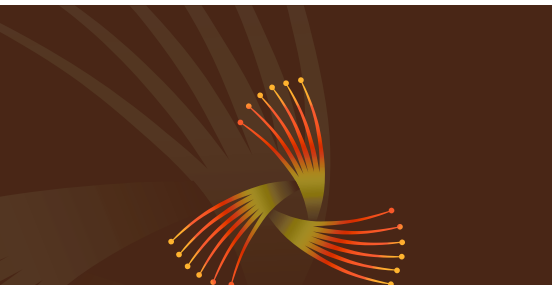


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