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## Good times roll at Trolley Derby

The weather gods were on side at this year's annual GJ Gardner Beachlands Maraetai Trolley Derby.

About 2000 adults and children arrived at Ōmana Regional Park last Sunday to watch 41 racers take on the infamous downhill course.

The majority of the contestants were under 12, with the 7 to 11-year-old category won by Finn Randle in *Randle Rocket*.

Anro Venter took top honours in the 12 to 14-year-old category in his trolley *G-Force 2.0*, while Zoe Walker in *Black Flash* clocked the best time for the 15+ years age group.

Anro Venter raced his way to the fastest time of the day on the 280m course, crossing the line in 29.76 secs.

The Top of the Hill final was won by Anro Venter in 31.06 secs, just 0.06 seconds ahead of rival Chase Dexter in 31.78 secs.

Derby organisers, Rotary Club of Pōhutukawa Coast, would like to thank all those who raced on the day, and the following sponsors:

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“Without the support of local businesses and organisations, there would be no Trolley Derby,” says Rotary president John Stacey.

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3 Mon	4:24am ▼ 0.4m	10:52am ▲ 3.6m	🐟
4 Tue	5:12am ▼ 0.5m	11:41am ▲ 3.5m	🐟
5 Wed	12:04am ▲ 3.5m	6:03am ▼ 0.6m	🐟🐟
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# Editorial by Hūnua, Ararimu and Paparimu Valley Residents Association

HAPVRA has had a busy few months, with all hands on deck across a range of events, including the official Hūnua Triangle ceremony, Christmas market, CCTV and Starlink setup, a community movie night, and the recent success of our Emergency Readiness Workshops - just to name a few!

Our biggest recent news has been the Emergency Readiness Workshops held across the valleys at Paparimu, Ararimu, and Hūnua. Each location had a great turnout, and the discussions with local residents were truly insightful. A special thank you to the Rural Support Trust for sharing harrowing yet invaluable stories from farmers affected by extreme weather events across New Zealand. Rural Support Trust offer a unique set of support services for people in rural communities, we recommend you check them out: rural-support.org.nz

With Cyclone Gabrielle still fresh in our minds, community preparedness remains a top priority. Thanks to the team at Pōhutukawa Coast Rescue Trust, we are grateful to receive emergency kits including beds and blankets.

With the learnings from the recent workshops we are now working on a Community Resilience Plan, connecting all three valleys. As part of this ongoing work in building resilience, we've also worked towards having Starlink at the

Hunua Hall, which is proving to be a practical resource.

**CCTV Success and Crime Prevention**  
 Speaking of Starlink, it now powers Hūnua's CCTV system, which directly feeds number plate information to the Police (HAPVRA does not have access to recordings or data). This system has already helped detect and trace nine stolen vehicles over the Christmas period. There is also anecdotal evidence that the presence of these cameras is acting as a deterrent, which is great news for the community. We are investigating further CCTV possibilities in the area.

### Willy Wonka comes to Hūnua!

We recently hosted a free community movie night at the Hūnua Hall, screening WONKA (2024). It was a fantastic evening, featuring guest vendors - the popular Woodfire Pizza Garden food truck and Clevedon Strawberries. Given the success of the event, we plan to host another movie night in winter - stay tuned, we'd love to host the wider community.

### A special tribute at the Hūnua Triangle

If you've recently driven through Hunua (perhaps heading toward Paparimu or Ararimu) you may have noticed a new plaque at the Hūnua Triangle. At the end of 2024, the HAPVRA team came together for an official ceremony to pay tribute to all the hard work that's gone in over the years, and to also celebrate the



dedicated outgoing chair Jane Berney, who is moving out of the area but still very much in touch.

### Take care while driving

Last week saw three serious crashes in 24 hours within the Hūnua area, so bear in mind that the roads are tricky in the heat, and that summer showers make them even more dangerous!

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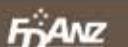


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# Local boards push for Mill Road corridor

Local boards in the south continue to advocate for Mill Road to provide an alternative corridor to the Southern Motorway.

The chairs of the Papakura, Manurewa and Franklin boards wrote to the New Zealand Transport Agency at the end of last year expressing support for designating land from Alfriston to Drury for the project – named as a road of national significance by the Government.

Papakura Local Board chair Brent Catchpole says his residents look forward to seeing progress because an alternate route to the motorway is desperately needed. “It would support economic development, relieve congestion and provide options when the motorway is closed.”

Manurewa Local Board chair Matt Winiata says Mill Road was included in last October’s Fast Track Consenting Schedule, a move that included changes around 21km of road between Redoubt Road and the proposed Drury South interchanges.



“It involves a new corridor that will be a mix of new roads and upgrades.”

Franklin Local Board chair Angela Fulljames joined her colleagues in raising concerns around delays adding to costs but NZTA infrastructure delivery manager Peter Wiles responded, saying Mill Road would be delivered in three stages, with the first from Manukau to Alfriston progressing

to construction soon.

While that work takes place, he says route protection and approvals will be sought for stages 2 and 3, with investment cases expected to be developed in the middle of next year, and design, consenting and approvals occurring from mid-2027, with a start date subject to funding.

“I acknowledge Mill Road has a long

history, and to enable us to provide certainty, we will build on the work previously undertaken so we can move at pace and deliver the project effectively.”

Local boards in the south have advocated for an alternative road to successive governments to enable effective freight movement and to allow communities to connect with services and employment to the north.

Fulljames says that has become increasingly urgent as growth in the south and in the north Waikato has accelerated. “Everyone can see what is happening in our areas, and it is putting significant pressure on the motorway, which impacts our people.”

All three boards have included advocacy for Mill Road in their Local Board Plans and hope the commitment will see landowners gain certainty over what is planned in their areas.

## Shading the way: Beachlands playground gets cool upgrade

Kahawairahi Drive Reserve Playground is getting some exciting upgrades that will enhance the park experience for everyone, thanks to Franklin Local Board.

Locals can expect outdoor seating, a new pathway connection and the addition of shade.

This will include two picnic areas arranged alongside the new pathway.

The picnic areas are perfect for families who want to relax and enjoy a meal while watching the kids play. Two new park benches will be installed at the rear of the existing playground, giving comfortable seating options to parents.

Perhaps the most anticipated feature is the addition of shade sails throughout the park. Shade sails will be installed around the existing playground equipment, offering much needed protection for the sun. On top of that, two large sails will be added alongside the new pathway to provide a cool spot for everyone.

Board Chair Angela Fulljames says the improvements will make the space even more inviting and enjoyable for visitors of all ages.



“It’s a simple yet thoughtful design upgrade that will make the park a more inviting community space for local families and visitors.”

“The board acknowledges the community’s request for a toilet facility, and site investigations are set to begin this week.”

“If site investigations go well, we will aim to deliver the toilet facility by 2025/2026.” she says.

Please adhere to any health and safety signage at the park during the construction period.

Check out more parks to visit around Auckland here:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/>

## Franklin Local Board agrees tool to help in emergencies

A new plan is set to empower the Franklin community to better prepare for and respond to emergencies.

The Franklin Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plan, created with Auckland Emergency Management (AEM), offers practical guidance to help residents and businesses stay safe before, during, and after an emergency.

The plan responds to lessons learned from the devastating Auckland floods and Cyclone Gabrielle in 2023, which highlighted the importance of local preparedness and community support during emergency events.

Franklin Local Board deputy chair Alan Cole says planning for an emergency has to start at the home level.

“We can have community centres ready to respond but residents need to know what to do in their own homes. It’s the old saying, not planning, is planning to fail.”

The response plan identifies the area’s major hazards and provides tips on reducing risk, preparing for emergencies, and navigating the recovery process.

Developed through consultation with community and faith-based groups, subject matter experts, and key agencies, the plan is designed to reflect the unique needs of the area.

Printed copies will be available in libraries and community centres, while a digital version will soon be accessible on the council website.

“We all know people who were badly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle

and the terrible floods a few years ago. Taking a few moments to prepare now and understand what the risks are could save a lot of grief in the future, Cole says.

“If the events of the last few years have taught you anything it is that we all have to be prepared.”



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## Get along to the Clevedon Art Trail Open Studio Event 2025

As summer's warmth draws near, prepare to experience the Clevedon Art Trail Open Studio Event. The artists, creators and makers in Clevedon have been busy creating artwork and gearing up for this popular annual event, now in its ninth year! It's all happening on the weekend of 15-16 March 2025. The festivities commence a day earlier with an Art Trail Exhibition Opening on Friday 15 March from 5-8 pm at Hallertau Clevedon. This preview will tease your artistic senses with a sneak peek of what's in store for The Clevedon Art Trail over the weekend.

The Clevedon Art Trail beckons as an idyllic self-drive journey into the heart of authentic rural New Zealand. Awaiting visitors are Open Studios, free live artist demonstrations, immersive workshops and captivating exhibitions, all within easy reach in Clevedon.

Art industry: James and Cheryl Wright's gallery in Clevedon Village showcases the unique work of 35 established and emerging artists.

A brief stroll up the road leads to Clevedon Creatives + Co, whose space will come alive with demonstrations throughout the weekend.

Down the Alleyway and up the stairs Gracie Matthews - Costumier, will be in her new studio where you can try your hand at vintage hand-crank sewing. At the District Centre you'll find Helen Morrison, an artist known for expressive landscape paintings. She will be running a free Landscape Painting Workshop at 12-2pm on Saturday. Limited spaces available, to book email [morrison.helen@gmail.com](mailto:morrison.helen@gmail.com).

Also at the District Centre will be Ana Ter Huurne with her works, an artist inspired by indigenous tees, birds and natural clay pigments in Te Wairoa.

At 331 North Road, you will find the Gallery and Studio of Katie Blundell Artist. See her contemporary artwork and creative space. Join her for a Free Drawing workshop 10-11am, no booking needed. In the same driveway, you will find Riverhaven

Artland. Walk the 40-acre sculpture Park guided by the trail map.

McNicol Homestead showcases the Clevedon Art Group's talent in a historic setting. Here hands-on painting activities are offered from 10am-12pm each day.

View Ginny Fisher's exhibition at The Wild Fermentary's Soda Door. Ginny fuses photography, painting and printmaking into her practice which explores her connection to the natural world. Take the opportunity to refuel with a refreshing fermented beverage.

New to the Clevedon Art Trail is Sandy Littlejohns-Clark, who paints using bold colours and dynamic imagery. Visit her at Vin Alto, where she will be holding a free 'Landscape of Significance' workshop from 10-12pm Sunday. Limited spaces available, to book email [clarkx@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clarkx@xtra.co.nz). Back in the village visit Hallertau to wander through the Clevedon Art Trail Exhibition and while you are there, grab a bite to eat.

Up Moumoukai Hill Road throughout the weekend knifemaker Bruce Stuart

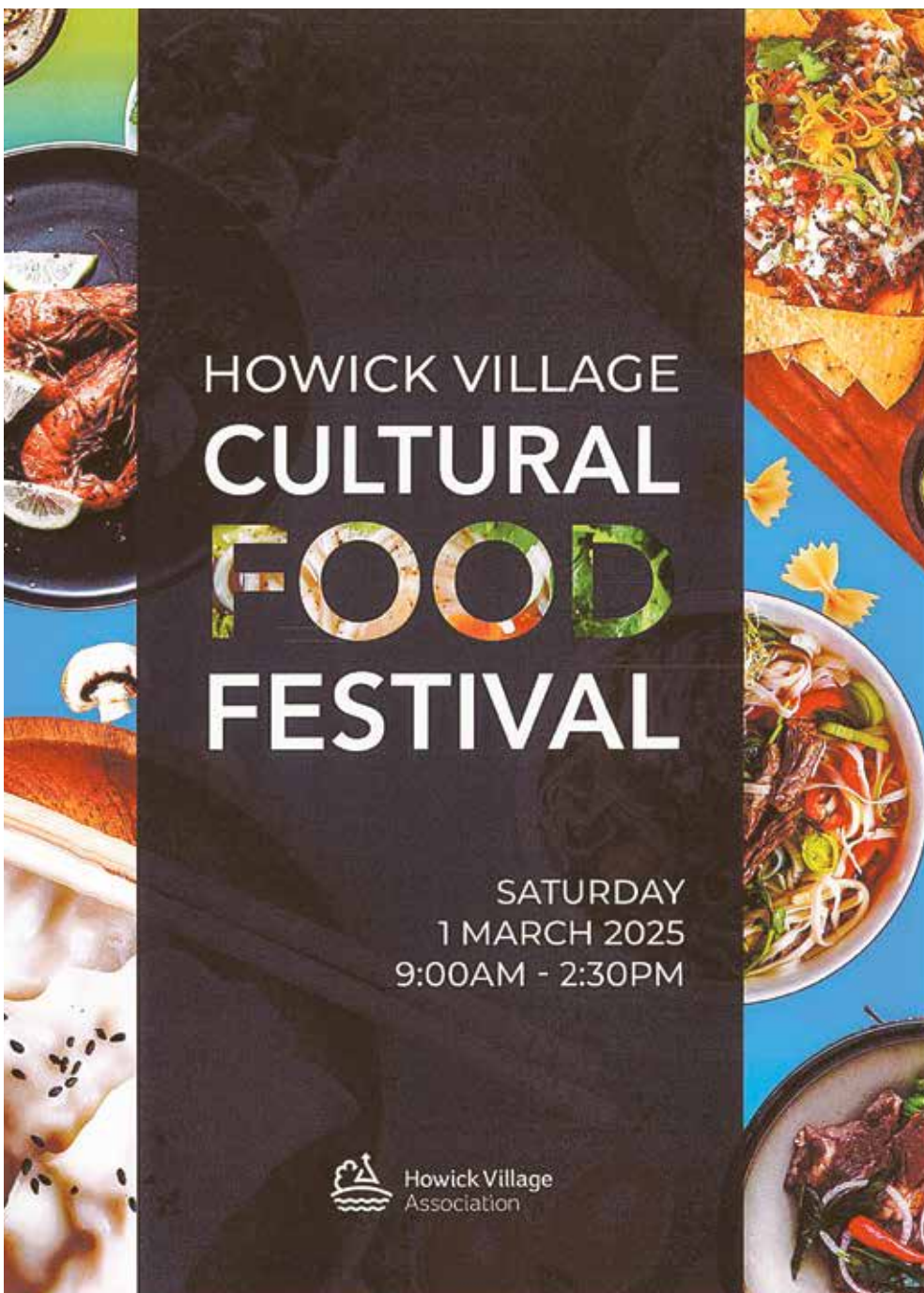
will demonstrate various aspects of knifemaker's art. Take part in a knifemaking workshop from Saturday 8am-4pm. To book visit [www.lostarts.co.nz](http://www.lostarts.co.nz) (fees apply).

On Saturday only, check out Pop-Up Printmaking with Toni Mosley, who will be at the Farm House Café 10-12pm, where you can make a monotype to take home with you for free.

On Sunday, visit Helen Dorresteyn at the Farmers Market. Helen will host an exhibition of her own and other ceramic artists' works.


These are all the wonderful, inspiring people and places you can visit during the Clevedon Art Trail. The Opening Exhibition is on Friday 14 March 5-8pm and the Open Studio Event is on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 March 2025 from 10am-4pm each day.

The Clevedon Art Trail is part of the Clevedon Community Business Association, it is supported and funded by the Franklin Local Board and Auckland Council. For further details see [www.clevedonartrail.co.nz](http://www.clevedonartrail.co.nz)



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- by Te Puru Community Centre

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Our community concession cards allow you to purchase 10 sessions and apply them across different activities. The colour-coded system clearly indicates which activities can be interchanged on each card, based on their pricing. All concession cards can be purchased at the Te Puru front office.

We continue to offer popular free sessions, including badminton and table tennis every Tuesday. Additionally, don't miss our Senior Social, which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month. It's open to all community members, and we encourage attendees to bring a plate of food. Te Puru will provide tea and coffee to enjoy during morning tea with fellow community members.

We're also introducing several exciting new offerings! On Mondays, join us for



senior circuit, led by our new Sport and Recreation Manager, Shante Cameron, who has been a vital part of both the Te Puru community and the local netball club for many years. On Tuesdays, we're thrilled to launch line dancing classes, starting 4 March. These will be

available for just \$13 per session or a package of 10 sessions for \$100.

Due to popular demand, we've also added Friday pickleball at 10.30am for just \$7 per session — come along and give it a try!

For more information on our community

calendar or any of the activities listed, feel free to contact Shante at [sport@tepuru.co.nz](mailto:sport@tepuru.co.nz) or call 09 536 5360. You can view our full timetable, including youth activities, on our website at [www.tepuru.co.nz](http://www.tepuru.co.nz).

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11.00 am - 12.00 pm

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## Dr Daniel Stoddart joins the team at Franklin Vets

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Daniel joined us from the UK late last year, and while he is predominantly based at our Papakura clinic, he will provide veterinary care for Beachlands patients on Fridays. He hails from North Devon and studied biomedical science at the University of West England and veterinary medicine at the University of Bristol.

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Dr Daniel Stoddart.



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## Weekly events

### MONDAY

- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 7.30-9pm, Te Puru Centre, \$7. Ph:536 5360.
- **ST JOHNS YOUTH:** 6-7.30pm, St Hilda's Church, Wakelin Road.
- **CASUAL TABLE TENNIS:** 7.30-9pm. Te Puru, \$7.
- **SOCIAL TENNIS:** Adults beginners/intermediate 7-9pm Te Puru. Stephen 021 217 7587.
- **KEAS:** scouts for ages 6-8 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, [tepuru@group.scouts.nz](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)
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9:00-10:00 Te Puru Community Centre, \$6
- **JUMPING JUNIORS GYMNASTICS:** ages 1-4 - 11.00-11.45 Te Puru Community Centre, \$14

### 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 [sport@tepuru.co.nz](mailto:sport@tepuru.co.nz), 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.
- **SENIOR STRENGTH & BALANCE:** 9:30-10:30 Te Puru Community Centre, \$10

### 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 Bchinds-Mtai. [president@manukaumasters.co.nz](mailto:president@manukaumasters.co.nz).
- **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 Bruinma 021 133 5283.
- **LINE DANCING:** 10-11am, Beachlands Hall. Karen 021 213 6020.
- **TOY LIBRARY:** 10am-12pm, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.
- **SCOUTS - AGES 11-15 - 6:30-8:30** Te Puru Scout Hall, [tepuru@group.scouts.nz](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.
- **261 FEARLESS - SOCIAL WOMEN'S RUNNING GROUP:** 10.15-11.15, all ages and abilities welcome. Te Puru Sports Fields by the playground. Term time only.
- **U3A BEACHLANDS-MARAETAI** Fourth Thursday of each month, 10am at Presbyterian Church, Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Monthly speakers, plus special interest groups. Brenda 021 777 171.
- **JUMPING JUNIORS GYMNASTICS:** ages 1-4 - 9:15-10:00 Te Puru Community Centre, \$14
- **CLUB NIGHT:** Open to everyone 5:30-9.30pm, Te Puru Community Centre
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST FRIENDSHIP CLUB (formerly Probus):** Every second Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Church, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Secretary: Rhonda Pike 021909724

### FRIDAY

- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 10-11am Te Puru Centre, \$7 casual, \$60 concession card (10 sessions) Ph 536 5360.
- **SENIOR STRETCH & STRENGTH:** 9-10am, Beachlands Memorial Hall, \$12 per month (8 sessions).
- **COTTAGE CAFE** 10am-12pm, K Bay, 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, free coffee + food, company.
- **WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.
- **TWICE LOVED OP SHOP:** Open 10am-3pm, 104 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai.
- **COAST YOUTH:** 6:30-8:30pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Anyone in intermediate or high school welcome. Contact Majella 021 079 3117 for more info.
- **CLEVEDON ART GROUP:** Meets weekly 10-12 noon. Clevedon Sports Centre, 65 Monument Road. New members, beginners or advanced most welcome. Phone Marian 027 296 3827 or Gerri 022 414 0449.
- **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.
- **FREE YOGA CLASSES WITH MACA SALAS-PAMPALONI:** 8.15am-9.30am, Beachlands Chatered Club. Contact [alma.tribe.nz@gmail.com](mailto:alma.tribe.nz@gmail.com), 021 751 1760.

### SUNDAY

- **TOY LIBRARY:** 12pm-1pm, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.

## Other events and services

**OMANA STAMP CLUB** SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 1.30pm at Maraetai Library. David 530 8869 / Graham 536 6958.

# BARFOOT THOMPSON & Student Voice

## LOCAL STUDENTS' NEWS, VIEWS & LITERARY TALENT

This column features news, views and literary talents of students from Beachlands, Maraetai, Clevedon, Brookby, Hunua, Papparimu, Orere and Ardmore Schools.

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.

Morena koutou. Ko Lachlan Norris taku ingoa. Ko Ngai tahu te iwi  
When I was trying to write this speech I thought back to when I started at Brookby School and how I looked up to the head students. I wanted to be a head student when I was older because of how they welcomed me into the school and how they talked to me and the kind things they did.

I want to be a leader in our 150th year of Brookby for so many reasons, but mainly I want to lead with kindness and by setting good examples of behaviour to everyone. I am helpful, I'm encouraging, I love laughing and have a great sense of humour. I think I have a really good way of leading by not being too bossy, but still organising everyone.

I have loved being Kaitiaki of Davies and I think Mrs H will tell you I am inclusive and genuine with all of the students. I like to get down and talk with the new students at their level and ask them about themselves. I often say to my Mum I like putting up my hand to help out whenever I can, and if there is a new student in our class I am always one of the first ones to make them feel welcome.

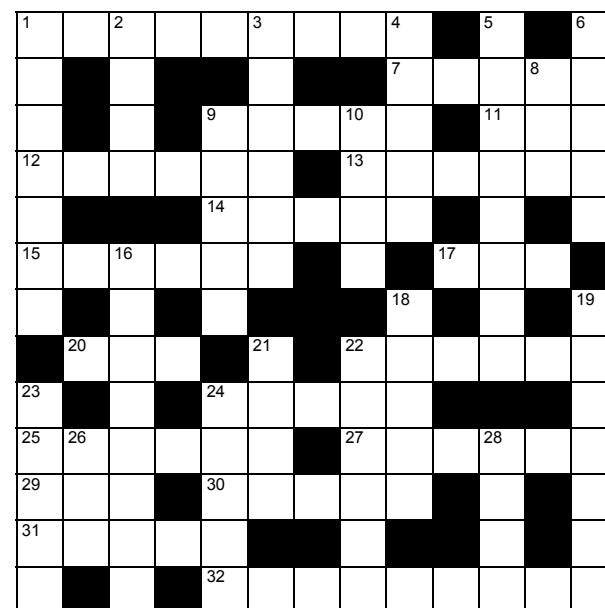
I try hard at school, I put up my hand to be involved in every production, show quest and sporting event. I think I'd be great at assemblies and public speaking. I even love doing speeches, and I like doing the slides for assemblies too.

I think all of these things would make me a great head student. It would be an honour for me and my family if I was chosen to follow in my brother's footsteps and for me to be an even better leader than he was at Brookby.

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- by Brookby School head boy Lachlan Norris, Year 8

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### Across

1. Latent qualities (9)
7. Clay for making bricks (5)
9. Small branch (5)
11. Bath (3)
12. Produce shoots (6)
13. Remove from office (6)
14. Recluse (5)
15. Try (6)
17. Play a part (3)
20. Pose a question (3)
22. Extent (6)
24. Loom (5)
25. Nappy (US) (6)
27. Slim and elegant (6)
29. Biblical vessel (3)
30. Riotous fight (5)
31. Encourage speed (3,2)
32. Noughts and crosses (3-3-3)

### Down

1. Be blessed with (7)
2. Sightsee (4)
3. Walk on balls of feet (6)
4. Light coloured beer (5)
5. Vehicle (UK) (5,3)
6. Dissenter (5)
8. Public transport (3)
9. Defile (5)
10. Concept (4)
16. In error (8)
18. Coolness in adversity (5)
19. Put aside (7)
21. Impale (4)
22. Leave in the lurch (6)
23. Maxim (5)
24. Entice (5)
26. Anger (3)
28. Oaf (4)

Answers on page 11

# A-peeling results from Bay's potato growing competition



Anne Doherty collected the prize and Potato Trophy on behalf of 2025's winners Terry and Heather Doherty.

In 2009 Kawakawa Bay Presbyterian launched its first Potato Growing Competition, and aside from a 3-year gap between 2022-2024, it continues to attract plenty of entries.

This year saw 52 entries, with contestants collecting their bucket and seed potato on 20 September 2024. On Sunday 2 February entrants returned with their buckets of planted potatoes, emptying them for scrutiny by the judges.

### Congratulations to the 2025 winners:

Potato growers extraordinaire Terry and Heather Doherty won two of the four categories including heaviest weight of all potatoes in bucket (2.725kg) which earned them the coveted Potato Trophy. Terry and Heather also won largest number of potatoes in bucket (18).

Evette Webster recorded the lowest weight of potatoes in her bucket, while Colin Strevens won most unusually shaped potato.

After the winners were announced everyone enjoyed a BBQ dinner at The Cottage.

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