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Reving up at 77: Clevedon resident heads to Bolivia for world land speed record attempts



Slow down? Nah. Reg Cook (above) and his motor racing team hope to set a new world land speed record in Bolivia this year. Photo / supplied.

With five world land speed records already under his belt, Reg Cook has spent his whole life going fast. And now, at the age of 77, the self-proclaimed 'geriatric' hopes to go even faster.

A Kiwi can-do attitude will see Reg take to the salt flats of Bolivia this September, as he and his team from Cook Motor Racing (CMR) attempt to chase the world land speed record for a piston engine vehicle of 550mph/880kmh.

The CMR team's journey bears many similarities to the stories of famous Kiwis John Britten and Burt Munroe. Working from a no-frills shed in Ness Valley, Clevedon, Reg and his team have already made a name for themselves on the world speed stage, setting records at Bonneville USA.

Now Team CMR is chasing the big one - a seemingly impossible goal of the fastest piston engine wheel driven vehicle of all time, pushing the record to 880kmh/550mph. The current record sits at 536mph, and was set by a plane!

Cook Motor Racing has recently packed four shipping containers with vehicles and gear, and is about to send them

on their way to Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia. While Bonneville, USA, is usually the location of choice for land speed records, Reg says the track distance is too short for the type of speeds he plans to reach. Bolivia boasts the largest salt flats in the world, with a mirror-like surface offering 10-12 mile track lengths which are ideal for land speed record attempts due to their flat and hard terrain. However, the location also presents unique challenges including high altitude and unpredictable weather conditions.

CMR will run their own Federation International Automobile (FIA) sanctioned event in Bolivia. The main land speed world record attempt will be undertaken by Reg, driving 'Wairua 2' - a 7980cc turbo streamliner vehicle based on its successful predecessor, Wairua 1, which achieved speeds of up to 318mph at Bonneville. Wairua 2 is a similar shape, but with a different wheel layout, cockpit shape and tail geometry.

CMR will also take 3 other kiwi-built cars to Bolivia,

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Editorial by Franklin Ward Councillor Andy Baker

July 1st kicked off the latest 10 year budget or Long Term Plan (LTP) for the Council. There has been a long and challenging process to get to this point and in many ways, there has been a reasonable shift in priorities and how we as a council approach things. The reality is that we will never please all of the people all of the time and that everybody seems to have a different view on what our priorities should be. In over 60 meetings or workshops totalling over 120 hours, I think we have done a reasonable job balancing things in a pretty challenging time for everyone.

There are some significant changes and huge investment in things people have been saying have been neglected or where attention is needed, and with my Director of Auckland Transport hat on, it is really pleasing to see a massive increase in funding to allow for a \$14 billion capital budget with priority on fixing our roads and improving public transport. There is also an extra \$70 million towards the operation of our public transport services which includes the creation of a capped \$50 weekly public transport pass for buses, trains and inner ferries to help make

using those services cheaper.

Water is another area where there is big change and investment, some of it brought on by the Government's scrapping of Three Waters. We have been able to negotiate with the Government a deal that gives us the ability to not only reduce what were some pretty scary water rate increases but allow Watercare to be able to maintain their existing infrastructure and quality whilst also providing for growth.

With our historic stormwater assets coming under a lot of scrutiny following last year's tragic flood events, there has been a commitment of \$779 million for water quality stormwater projects and commitment for our Making Space for Water programme which will see a focus on 9 key initiatives that will have a direct impact on areas like Franklin and the Pōhutukawa Coast area.

There are commitments of \$4b in capital expenditure (new stuff) and \$6.7b in operating expenditure in our community assets, services and open spaces whilst we will also be investing an additional \$35m over the next three years to address a deficit in indoor sports facilities.

One of the more hotly debated new initiatives was the establishment of the Auckland Future Fund which will initially

be capitalised with our remaining shares in Auckland Airport Ltd. The fund will be set up as a trust with some very strict protections that will be strengthened through new legislation. The core purpose of the fund is to generate wealth for Council to help pay for the things we need whilst preserving and protecting the real value of the fund over time.

Local Boards have also received a boost in funding, and certainly Franklin has benefited nicely from that along with the agreement to create the targeted rate proposed by the ward for their trails programme.

Whilst talking about Local Boards, we have been debating over recent months how Local Boards should be structured and thankfully a move to make what I believed were rushed, politically motivated and inappropriate changes for the 2025 elections was defeated at the Governing Body. This leaves us with the ability to take more time and look far wider in regard to how many Local Boards we have and where the boundaries should be for the 2028 elections rather than tinkering around the edges. Not sure if I have the support needed for such an investigation of significant change but time will tell.

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with the intent of chasing as many as 16 FIA world land speed records including 640kmh in the Wairua 1 streamliner and a 350kmh record in 'Cookie', the Nissan Coupe Synergy 2000cc. In a 1959 Mini they will chase 275kmh in an attempt to win the title of oldest and fastest Mini ever.

"What we're doing is probably pretty ridiculous and outrageous. We're just Kiwis. But why can't we?" says Reg.

For Reg, changing people's mindset and empowering others to do their best is more important than setting records.

"I've lived in Alfriston, South Auckland my whole life. I'm born and bred here. My mother lived in Beachlands for years - she was known as the Pōhutukawa Coast guardian at some stage. I'm just a farmer's son who believes that anybody can do anything."

Reg worries that his history of record setting might put people off believing they can achieve similar things. "Because of what I've achieved, people have put me on a pedestal and they think to themselves 'he's capable of doing this, but I can't do that'. But they can - I'm no different to everybody else - my s**t stinks and my blood is red just like everybody else," he says.



Reg hopes to drive Wairua 2 (above) into the history books, by chasing a speed of 880kmh. The vehicle was built in a Clevedon shed. Photo / supplied.

While he grew up tinkering with farm machinery and cars, Reg has no formal mechanical training.

"I did go and study to be a vet, so I've done physics and chemistry and maths and things like that. But I think the difference between me and the way kids are brought up today, is they have this mentality that they can't do anything, when in actual fact they can. The world has changed, and I want to pay homage to the kind of world I grew up in at the end of the second world war, and remind people that we've made a lot of scientific progress - but have we made progress with our people? I don't think we have.

"I don't need to go and do this. But the thing that I should do is help to make a change, and help make a difference like my mother did years ago on the Pōhutukawa Coast."

More than 50 CMR team members will



Reg pictured with 'Cookie', his record setting Nissan Coupe which he is taking to Bolivia to chase further records. Photo / supplied.

spend 24 days on the Bolivia salt flats, familiarising themselves and testing the vehicles before firing up their engines for the world land speed record event on 11-16 September.

It's a huge financial undertaking, and Reg has sold off whatever he can to fund the expedition. There is still a large shortfall, and the team are hoping others will get behind their cause by donating to their PledgeMe page: <https://www.pledgeme.co.nz/projects/7900-kiwi-can-do-bolivia-challenge>

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"I'm doing it for lots of reasons. I was born and bred to do my best, and that's all we ever did - whether we put a fence post in, or milked the cows, we were taught to do our best. I want to do that 'til the day I die. I don't think retiring fits," says Reg.

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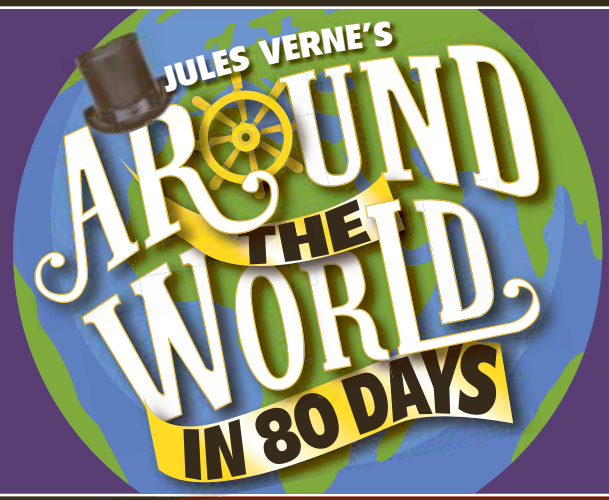
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Local touch referees set off on whistle-stop tour to UK for World Cup

A group of local touch rugby referees will travel to Nottingham, UK, this month, to take part in the Touch World Cup from 15-21 July.

Counties Manukau Touch Association will send its largest-ever contingent of six referees to take part in a World Cup event. The six referees are Brett and Caitlin Kimpton (Clevedon), Quinn Murphy (Beachlands), Shay Spyve (Beachlands), Aaron Tucker (Maraetai) and Raymond Cairns (Manurewa).

Caitlin, Quinn and Raymond will referee the Open category, while Brett, Aaron and Shay will referee the Masters category.

For father and daughter duo Brett and Caitlin Kimpton, it's special to be travelling together to referee at international level.

"There aren't many sports where you can represent your country and be on the same field as your daughter," says Brett, who is director of referees for Counties Manukau.

Fitness and preparation will be key, with referees clocking up 20-25km per day on the field during the event.

"Each game involves 40 minutes of running, and you have to be able to talk while sprinting," says Caitlin.

Games are spread throughout the day, says Brett, so it is important that referees get used to exercising multiple times per day.

The World Cup will be Caitlin's third international event. She has previously

refereed at the Youth Trans Tasman event in Australia, and last year travelled with Brett and Quinn to the Asia Pacific Touch Cup in Australia, racking up 21 international test matches to date.

She began her refereeing journey as a touch player.

"I started off playing for Counties. I wasn't really enjoying the playing part of touch, but I wanted to still be part of it. So I joined Touch [refereeing] and found the people really welcoming. It allowed me to travel around New Zealand, meeting other people. And supported and encouraged me to do more, plus you get to go overseas as well for it. My first time overseas, I was only 15. If I had continued as a player that wouldn't have happened."

Caitlin's goal is to rank in the top 10 females in the world. "Which I can do," she says, "especially after the tournament last year. Then the next World Cup is in New Zealand in four years, so I'd like to be there."

Caitlin says her biggest challenge with refereeing is being a young female.

"Mostly, in like the men's games when they are older than me, they think they can change my decision-making. But I've gotten to know some of the top players, who have been there since I started, and they now have my back. They'll defend me against other teams if they try and have a go at me."

Her favourite thing about refereeing is



Counties Manukau Touch Association referees (L-R): Brett Kimpton, Raymond Cairns, Aaron Tucker, Caitlin Kimpton, Shay Spyve and Quinn Murphy.

the people she meets.

"I like the people. I've got friends all around New Zealand and Australia which is nice."

Brett thinks refereeing is an enjoyable and easy thing to become involved in. "Find a local module, go along and just get involved. Or email me, and I'll put you in touch with the right people. You're never too old to start refereeing - I started at the age of 46," he says.

Counties Manukau Touch will soon have its sights set on the 2028 Touch World Cup, which will be held in New Zealand.

"We hope Counties Manukau can supply 10 or more referees," says Brett.

Brett, Shay and Aaron hope to see themselves among the top 15 referee spots in the world within the Masters' category.

All six World Cup referees are currently working hard to self-fund their trips. Caitlin has also had some assistance from the Clevedon Lions Club, which has contributed towards her trip expenses. Anyone willing to contribute to the group's fundraising can contact bjkimpton@gmail.com.

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Aotea local board highlights disproportionate Caulerpa funding

- by **Laura Kvigstad, Auckland Council reporter. Funded by New Zealand on Air**

A siloed approach and disproportionate funding to Caulerpa incursions caused Hauraki Gulf Members to call for change this month.

At the Hauraki Gulf Forum on 10 June, Aotea Great Barrier Local Board deputy chair and forum member Chris Ollivier presented about the Caulerpa incursion on Aotea Great Barrier Island.

The invasive seaweed species was first found in the island's waters in 2021. It is now three years on from the initial discovery and the weed has spread to several other locations around the Hauraki Gulf, including Waiheke Island and Rakino Island, and further north at Kawau Island.

Exotic Caulerpa spreads rapidly, forming vast underwater fields. The seaweed competes with other species for space, and upsets the balance of local ecosystems.

This presents a risk to recreational, cultural and commercial marine activities.

Ollivier said there is not a united approach to Caulerpa and there are siloed efforts for each instance where it is found.

"The funding is too slow and it's too piecemeal. We have just got to get it going," Ollivier said.

He pointed out the disparity in funding between the incursion at Omakiwi Cove in the Bay of Islands compared to Aotea Great Barrier Island's incursion.

"They have had \$3 million thrown at it and we have had \$200,000."

He said the incursion at Aotea Great Barrier Island was six times bigger than the one at Omakiwi Cove.

"We are just asking for the investment to be proportional to the task."

Waiheke Local Board member and forum member Bianca Ranson asked why

the funding was so disproportionate.

"Has there been any kind of explanation as to why resources have been allocated to deal with Caulerpa that is disproportionate to what is allocated to Aotea?" Ranson asked.

Ollivier said the Northland Regional Council and iwi quickly began advocating for funding early.

"Northland Regional Council went down and thumped the table more than we did," Ollivier said.

Councillor Christine Fletcher said Government Ministers needed to be in the room, listening to the presentations.

"Issues like this can't be partisan. They have to be ones that are owned collectively," Fletcher said.

Fletcher said stronger advocacy needed to be coming through to Government on the matter.

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Finn (age 14) often goes fishing with his friends off the rocks at Pine Harbour.

He told his Dad to bring the chilly bin earlier this year when he caught a 46cm gurnard with his new rod (which he paid for himself).

Finn is passionate about fishing and will spend hours doing it. He often returns the fish back to the ocean but he had to keep this one after his Dad said 'you don't catch much off the rocks'!

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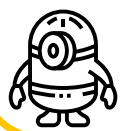
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Friday 19th July

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Down: 2. Adagio, 3. Market, 4. Hick, 5. Clincher, 6. Zeal, 7. Disturbed, 10. Meow, 12. Offspring, 13. Lend, 14. Dusk, 16. Stultify, 18. Open, 19. Loot, 22. Only, 24. Poetic, 25. Settle, 27. Blue, 28. Haze.



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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
- **CUBS:** scouts for ages 8-11 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, tepuru@group.scouts.nz

TUESDAY

- **COASTAL PLAYGROUP** 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. 9am-12pm. Bubs till 5 yrs. Sarah 022 082 6432.
- **KOKAKO VOLUNTEER DAY:** 8.15am-3.30pm, Northern Hunua Ranges. Ruth 021 950 915.
- **RUMMIKUB** 1-4pm, Te Puru Centre \$2. Bernadette 021 170 9350.
- **NATTER N STITCH** 12-3pm, Log Cabin, Sunkist Bay. Gill 021 204 6647
- **MARAETAI (LAWN) BOWLING CLUB:** 1pm, Te Pene Road. Tues, Thurs, Sat. Derek 536 4626.
- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 9:30-11:30am, Te Puru Centre, FREE.
- **TABLE TENNIS** - 1:30pm-3:30pm, Te Puru Centre - Free
- **BASKETBALL:** All ages, Te Puru Centre. Email pcbasketballclub@gmail.com. 027 775 5320.
- **MEN'S AND INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LADIES TENNIS:** 7-9pm, Te Puru. Stephen 021 217 7587
- **HOUSIE/BINGO** 7.30pm, Beachlands Chartered Club, \$15. Ph: 536 6233.
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** For primary school ages, 3.30pm - 5pm, at Ray White 'The Shed', contact Rhianon 0212160224.
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST YOUTH CHOIR:** For intermediate and high school ages, 5.15pm - 6.30pm, at Ray White 'The Shed', contact Rhianon 0212160224
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST COMMUNITY CHOIR:** 7.15 - 8.45pm. coastchoir.com
- **THE GOOD KNIGHTS SOCIAL CHESS** 7:00 - 8:30pm. Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Runs fortnightly (usually 1st & 3rd Tues of the month). All ages and skill levels welcome. Contact 022 656 1154 for more info.
- **U3A BEACHLANDS-MARAETAI** Fourth Tuesday of each month, 10am at Presbyterian Church, Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Monthly speakers, plus special interest groups. Brenda 021 777 171.

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.
- **"CREATIVE WINGS" ART FOR SENIORS:** 10am-12pm, St Hilda's Church, Beachlands.
- **CLEVEDON FIRESIDE BRIDGE CLUB:** 10.15am, Clevedon Anglican. Lessons avail. Pauline 299 7433.
- **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB:** 7.30-9.30pm, Hillpark Primary School Hall. Heather 267 6375.
- **MAHJONG:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru, \$2.
- **QUIZ NIGHT:** 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6, \$5pp Every second week Beachlands Chartered Club 536 6233
- **BADMINTON GAMES:** 8pm, Clevedon Hall, BYO racquet, shuttlecocks provided, \$3. Rebecca 021 1109 675
- **WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.
- **COASTAL TREASURES** Open Wednesday - Saturday, 10am-4pm, 41 Third View Ave, Beachlands. Donations welcome Monday, Wednesday and Saturday before 7pm at 25 Liberty Crescent (unless raining) or phone Tania on 021 644 722 for appointment.

THURSDAY

- **MAINLY MUSIC.** 9.30am, Beachlands Baptist. Morning tea provided. 021 385 535.
- **GENTLE EXERCISE FUN & FRIENDSHIP FOR SENIORS 65YRS+:** \$5 per session 10am-12.00pm St Hilda's Church Hall, Wakelin Road, Beachlands. Contact Christine Bruinsma 021 133 5283.
- **LINE DANCING:** 10-11am, Beachlands Hall. Karen 021 213 6020.
- **TOY LIBRARY:** 10am-12pm, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.
- **SCOUTS - AGES 11-15 - 6:30-8:30** Te Puru Scout Hall, 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.

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 on Fridays, 10am-12noon. McNicol Homestead. New members, beginners to experienced are very welcome. Phone Marian 027 296 3827.
- **FOODTOGETHER POP-UP SHOP** 2pm - 4pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Grab a \$15 bag of seasonal, fresh fruit & veg at this community pop-up. We'd love to see you there. Pre-order at foodtogether.co.nz or pop in to pick your own. Contact Meg 021 887 902 for more info.

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- **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, 021 751 1760.

SUNDAY

- **TOY LIBRARY:** 9-10am, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.

Other events and services

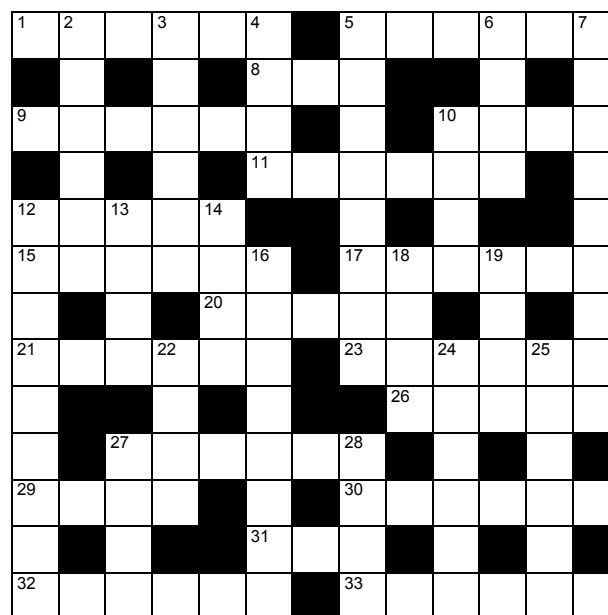
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Across

- Affection (6)
- Mad (6)
- Laid up (3)
- Material (6)
- Heap (4)
- Dog house (6)
- Lubricated (5)
- Embryo (6)
- Glaring mistake (6)
- Almost perpendicular (5)
- Number puzzle (6)
- Lie down in rest (6)
- Famed (5)
- Unightly mark (6)
- Lazily (4)
- Savvy (6)
- Conical red hat (3)
- Fatty (6)
- Surpass (6)

Down

- Musically slow (6)
- Advertise or promote (6)
- Country bumpkin (4)
- Fact that settles a matter (8)
- Fervour (4)
- Troubled (9)
- Cat cry (4)
- Children (9)
- Give temporarily (4)
- Evening (4)
- Dull the mind (8)
- Unlocked (4)
- Money (inf) (4)
- Solely (4)
- Lyrical (6)
- Come to rest (6)
- Depressed (colloq) (4)
- Fog (4)

Answers on page 8

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, Paparimu, Orere and Ardmore Schools.

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If dragons are real we would see them ruining our cities and homes where we live. If they were really real and saw us, they would for sure try to kill us and make us their lunchtime snack!!!

We would lose huge numbers of our population, which would be disastrous and humans would go extinct. Then the beautiful world where we live, which was designed and built for humans, would be all for dragons!

So after this how could you think that dragons are real?

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