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Coast's businesswomen unite



Women business owners from Beachlands and Maraetai pictured at the first Pōhutukawa Businesswomen's Network meeting at Formosa, organised by Victoria Syddall (far left) and Dawn Engelbrecht (far right).

Women running businesses on the Pōhutukawa Coast have a new place to connect, following the launch of the Pōhutukawa Businesswomen's Network.

Twenty-one women attended the group's first networking morning, and the organisers say plenty more were keen but unable to make it on the day.

The network was started by Beachlands resident Victoria Syddall, who owns an ocean research consulting business. It is aimed at women running businesses in Beachlands, Maraetai and surrounding areas.

"In my consulting work I advise on gender equality and inclusion, so supporting women to thrive in business is close to my heart," says Victoria. "Living here, I see how many talented women run businesses on the Pōhutukawa Coast, often on their own, without a local network to lean on. I wanted to create one."

To test local interest, Victoria organised a workshop about how to use AI. Afterwards she emailed the attendees to ask whether they would like to meet again, and was offered help by Beachlands resident Dawn Engelbrecht.

"Victoria has really been the driving force – I'm just the cheerleader in the background!" says Dawn. "I'm a firm believer in the power of the group and especially when women put our heads together, amazing things can happen."

At the first network gathering, guest speaker Christina Rogstad, Franklin Local Board's economic development broker, updated attendees on the district's growth and the opportunities it is creating for local businesses.

"The energy in the room was fantastic, and people were already swapping ideas and referrals over coffee," says Victoria.

Attendees were also invited to help shape what the network becomes, including the events, skills sessions and support they would value most.

"There's a real opportunity to grow something special here: a place where local women can find support, build their knowledge, give back to the community, grow their own businesses, and have fun while doing it," says Victoria.

Dawn expects the network to develop into a regular networking and support group, with a mix of invited guest speakers and shared knowledge from within.

The next get-together is planned for December. Anyone interested can contact Victoria at victoria@orcaconsulting.co.nz or 021 1900 420.













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15 Sun	5:42am ▼ 0.8m	12:14pm ▲ 3.0m	
16 Mon	12:29am ▲ 2.8m	6:23am ▼ 0.9m	
17 Tue	1:12am ▲ 2.7m	7:08am ▼ 1.0m	
18 Wed	1:59am ▲ 2.7m	7:59am ▼ 1.1m	
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Guest editorial by Friends of Te Wairoa

As we round out another year caring for the environment with our local communities in and around the Wairoa Catchment, we're grateful to look back on what we've achieved and where we are headed in the future. With the development of *Whakaoraora Te Wairoa: The Wairoa Catchment Regeneration Strategy*, a guiding document now paves the way for river regeneration catchment-wide, and we have a clear path forward alongside all of the other groups in the area working towards similar goals.

In the past year we have supported Auckland Council Local Parks team and passionate volunteers to manage predator control in the Hūnua Domain and Te Nikau Pā. We're already seeing changes – ferns usually heavily munched by possums are flourishing, and the tracking indices show that rat numbers are well down in the Hūnua Domain less than a year into the project. Volunteers have removed two ferrets, five hedgehogs, 91 possums and two rats from these public reserves, alongside baiting for rats and mice.

Another branch of volunteers is making its way around Clevedon village, removing pest plants with the Clevedon Pest Plant Group, and Metlifecare residents at Ōtau Ridge have started a conservation group where everyone can play a part according to their capacity. People are mobilising beyond the fences bounding their own properties, for the wider health of our ecosystems. It's heartening to see and we are incredibly proud to support these efforts where we can.

Together with our supporting group, Te Ara Hīkoi, there's a new, exciting stream of work happening in the upper Wairoa catchment (Ararimu, Paparimu and Hūnua). Four priority pest plant species have been identified, and our staff can help property owners get started with systematic removal of crack willow, woolly nightshade, tree privet and Chinese privet. We acknowledge that not everyone has the time, equipment or physical ability to remove invasive species from their property, but with a 'contribute what you can' model, our staff are happy to lend a hand.

This work is part of *Whakaoraora Te Wairoa: The Wairoa Catchment Regeneration Strategy* and its accompanying Operations Plan. By targeting priority invasive plants in the upper catchment, we can reduce their downstream spread, protect existing ecosystems, and support native vegetation regeneration. We'll track our regeneration efforts through the Awa Regeneration Monitoring System (ARMS) to help us record progress across the catchment.

The future is bright if we continue working towards a shared vision, across property and village boundaries. We thank everyone who has engaged with us in the past year for their support, and look forward to working with you again next year and building on what we've managed to achieve so far.

Together, we can regenerate our whenua/land and awa/river, creating a healthier catchment for future generations.

Start your engines for the Rotary Trolley Derby

It's almost time to dust off your trolley: the Rotary Trolley Derby returns on 28 February 2027, promising spills, thrills and exciting racing.

If your trolley needs minor repairs, or you'd like advice on building one, Paul McGuire from the local Men's Shed may be able to help. Contact him at paulraymondmcguire@gmail.com.

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Luxon and Chatterton poised to win electorates

Results from the Electoral Commission show National candidates Christopher Luxon (Botany), and Emma Chatterton (Papakura), currently lead the electorate vote counts in this year's elections.

Preliminary results (excluding special votes and recounting checks) show the following vote counts as at Monday 9 November:

Electorate votes:

Botany:	
Christopher Luxon (Nat)	20,855
Anae Leavasa (Lab)	7,782
Papakura:	
Emma Chatterton (Nat)	16,118
Anahila Kanongata'a (Lab)	7,724

Party Votes:

Botany:	
National	16,328
Labour	5,846
ACT	4,013
NZ First	2,285
Greens	1,839
Opportunity	1,406
Papakura:	
National	10,881
Labour	8,097
ACT	3,422
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Maraetai Beach Hall turns 100!

Maraetai Beach Community Hall has marked its 100th birthday with a morning of laughter, memories and more than a few rounds of bingo.

Built by the community in 1926, the hall welcomed past and present residents, local families and members of the Pollard family to the centenary celebration on Saturday 24 October.

Council representatives also attended, including Franklin Local Board chair Alan Cole, Councillor Andy Baker and local board member Alix Bonnington.

Guests observed a minute's silence in memory of former Franklin Local Board member Malcolm Bell. The hall committee acknowledged his longstanding commitment to the Maraetai community and his unwavering support for the hall and its volunteers.



Karyn Fisher's painting of the hall is unveiled at the 100th celebrations.

The rest of the morning was spent reminiscing and reconnecting. Guests took a trip down memory lane through historical photographs and stories shared by the Pollard family, over refreshments and some entertaining games of bingo.

A highlight was the unveiling of Rewa, a painting by local artist Karyn Fisher. The hall's volunteer committee bought the work to commemorate the centenary, as a lasting gift for future generations to enjoy.

Since at least 2015, the hall has been managed by a volunteer committee through Maraetai Beach Community Hall Incorporated. The committee works alongside Auckland Council to preserve the historic building and keep it beautiful, affordable and accessible for everyone.

The committee says the community spirit that built the hall a century ago is still going strong.

"The hall is so much more than a building. It's a place where generations have gathered, friendships have formed and memories have been made."

"A place. Our people. Our story. Here's to another 100 years!"

The hall is available to book for celebrations, classes and community gatherings, and the committee welcomes new members of the incorporated society. For bookings or to get involved, email maraetaihall@gmail.com.



Locals gather to mark a century of hall use.







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Construction underway on Coast ANZAC Memorial

After many years of debate about where it should go and what it should look like, construction of the Beachlands Maraetai ANZAC Memorial is underway at the Beachlands Chartered Club site. The milestone follows a lengthy period of planning, during which the project team worked through a number of obstacles.

The first sod was turned on Monday 2 November, before local business Digginit prepared the site. Construction managers By Design Concrete will build the memorial.

Construction is expected to take two weeks, with the memorial complete mid-November.

An opening ceremony is planned for 28 February 2027.

The memorial brings to life a long-held dream of the late Beachlands resident John Harris.

ANZAC Committee chair Michael Sommerville says the project is progressing well and "everything is falling into place".



L-R: Stuart Rowe, Michael Sommerville, Fred Wilkings, Mike Leith-Heggie (Diginnit) and Darren Maxwell.



COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

Wastewater in Whitford

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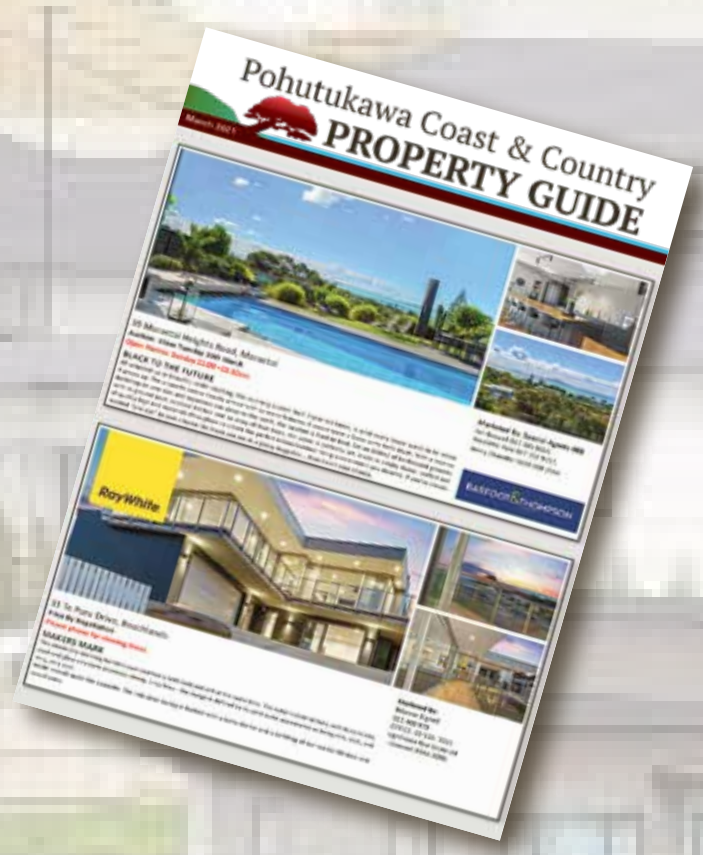
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Housing market down again in lead up to election

- by Cotality

New Zealand's housing market remains subdued as we head into the General Election, with property values continuing to fall month-on-month.

Cotality NZ's latest Home Value Index (HVI) recorded a -0.4% fall in October, marking the seventh consecutive monthly decline. National property values are now -2.3% lower than a year ago, with the median value slipping to $790,987, the lowest figure since December 2020 ($774,009).

The national median has risen by an annual average of 3.0% over the past decade (for a total rise of 34.7%), but remains -19.1% below the cyclical peak in January 2022.

While the nationwide trend remains soft, performance across the main centres was mixed. Kirikiriroa Hamilton, Tauranga, and Ōtautahi Christchurch all held steady, while Ōtepoti Dunedin only edged down by -0.1%. But Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland was down by -0.7% and Te-Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington by -0.9%.

Cotality NZ Chief Property Economist, Kelvin Davidson said the latest figures confirm that conditions in the housing market remain in favour of buyers.

"Agreed sales volumes have been drifting gradually lower throughout 2026 and with the seasonal Spring uplift for new property listings now firmly underway, the stock of unsold dwellings on the market remains elevated. As such, provided that would-be buyers are confident about their own job security and can satisfy the bank too, they remain in a strong bargaining position."

"That being said, relatively few vendors are currently 'forced sellers', given that employment has actually remained relatively resilient through the cycle so far. Mortgagee sales also remain very low, at only about 400 in the past year, still well below the post-GFC level of more than 2,600 at its worst."

"Even so, there's no doubt that the balance of power still lies with buyers in most cases, and hence property values remain subdued in many parts of the country."

"Although the RBNZ's OCR hold last week gave borrowers a temporary respite, we now move into the General Election and potentially some protracted coalition negotiations. All of this could extend the soft patch for house sales and prices into 2027, and that's before you even consider the usual holiday slowdown over December and January."

"The upshot is that the housing market looks set to stay on its soft trajectory for a while yet, which many would argue is a 'good thing' and long overdue anyway."

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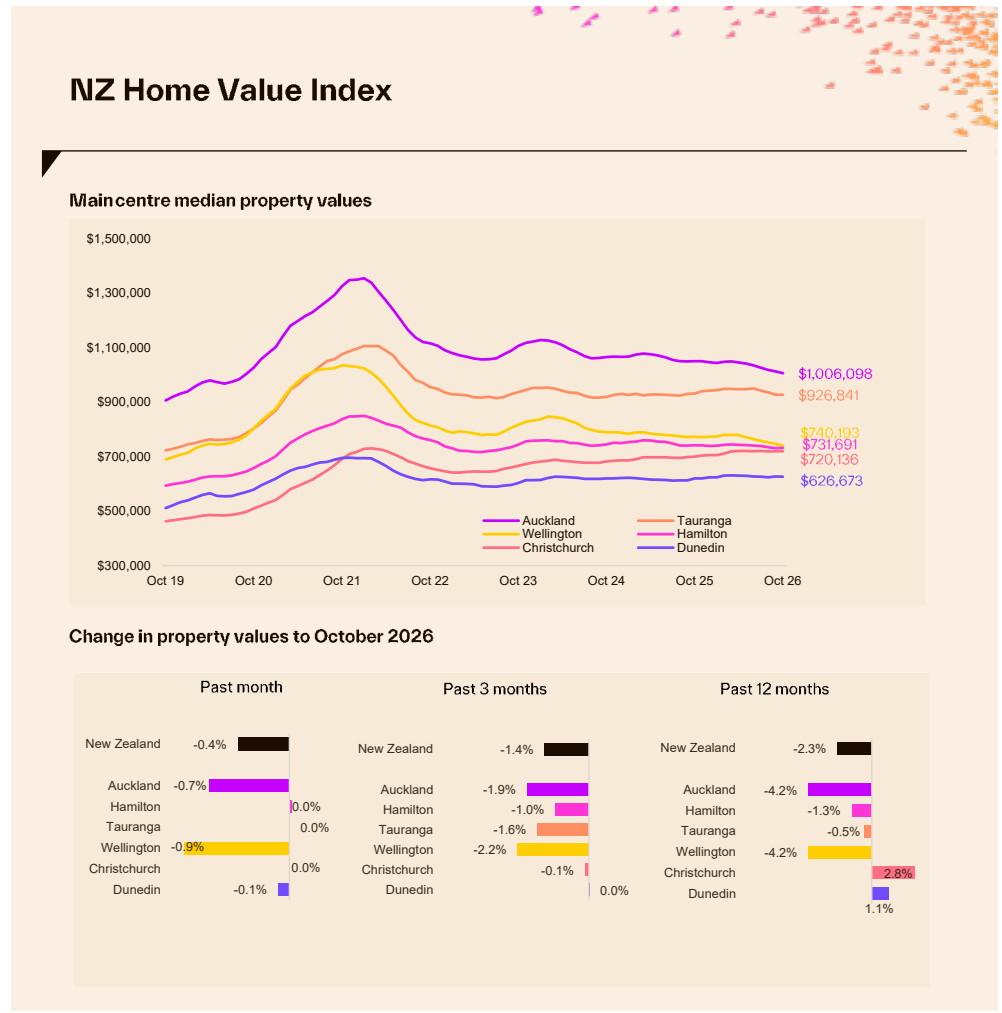
October was another subdued month for Auckland's housing market, with all sub-markets recording value declines. The fall in Rodney was fairly small (-0.1%), but Franklin dipped by -0.4%, and Papakura by -0.6%. In Manukau, Waitakere, Auckland City, and North Shore, the falls were all in the range of -0.7% to -0.8%.

Rodney, Franklin, and Papakura have also seen smaller declines over a 12-month period, but Waitakere has dropped by nearly 5% over the past year, with Auckland City and North Shore a touch worse than that figure.

"In the most recent few years, Auckland's property market has been restrained by a subdued economy, especially the services sector, and caution on the part of both businesses and households," Mr Davidson said.

"Added to that, there's also been the continued growth of new housing supply, especially townhouses, which goes to show what a more favourable planning system can do for housing affordability."

"Regardless of which side of the political spectrum is in power in the next three years, this supply response looks set to stay healthy. As such, it would not be a surprise to see Auckland property values stay on the softer side for a while yet."



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11:00 - 11:30am		By Negotiation	Lots 2-8, 163 Ara-Kotinga, Whitford	Six exceptional lifestyle sections, with prices starting from $980,000	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
3:00 - 3:30pm		$729,000	1/11 Paketai Lane, Beachlands	2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, downstairs apartment with front and rear courtyard	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	12:00 - 12:30pm	$805,000	1A Fourth View Avenue, Beachlands	2 bedroom cottage, 1 bathroom, 999m2 section, separate garage	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	1:00 - 1:30pm	By Negotiation	18 Shelly Bay Road, Beachlands	3 bedrooms, beautifully renovated, extra large separate garage, quarter acre	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
11:00 - 11:30am		By Negotiation	5 Angiangi Crescent, Beachlands	3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, office, 2 lounges, 3 car garaging, expansive sea views	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	3:00 - 3:30pm	$1,649,000	1 Harbourside Court, Beachlands	5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 living areas, double garage, new kitchen, approx 266m2	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	12:00 - 12:30pm	$1,189,000	16B Marine Garden Crescent, Beachlands	3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, single garage, butler's pantry, double glazed, 400m2 flat section	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
12:00 - 12:30pm	12:00 - 12:30pm	By Negotiation	63 Angiangi Crescent, Beachlands	4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 lounges, 2 car garaging, private corner site, established	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	3:00 - 3:30pm	For sale	9 Intrepid Crescent, Spinnaker Bay, Beachlands	4 bedrooms, office, 3 lounges, 3 bathrooms, triple car garaging, approx 330m2, 1200m2 sec-	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
11:00 - 11:30am		$1,295,000	17 Kowaitau Avenue, Beachlands	4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 living areas, ducted air-conditioning, close to Marina	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
2:00 - 2:30pm	2:00 - 2:30pm	Tender 19th Nov (unless sold prior)	27 Pine Harbour Parade, Beachlands	5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 living areas, double glazed, 3 car garaging	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
12:00 - 12:30pm	12:00 - 12:30pm	$1,379,000	6 George Couldrey Lane, Maraetai	5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 lounges, 2 car garaging, butler's kitchen	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
11:00 - 11:30am	11:00 - 11:30am	$1,259,000	22B Cadwil Drive, Beachlands	3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open plan living, double glazed, single garage, stand-alone house	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
3:00 - 3:30pm	3:00 - 3:30pm	$865,000	5 Rewa Road, Maraetai	2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 927m2 section, 100m from the beach	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	2:00 - 2:30pm	$1,469,000	1 Neill Boak Place, Beachlands	4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 living area, private and quiet backing on to Brookwood Lodge	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
11:00 - 11:30am	11:00 - 11:30am	By Negotiation	1 Nukuao Lane, Clevedon	4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living areas, double garage, 1094m2 section	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	1:00 - 1:30pm	$1,539,000	9 Weatherly Drive, Spinnaker Bay, Beachlands	4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living areas, double garage, double glazed	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
1:00 - 1:30pm	1:00 - 1:30pm	By Negotiation	61 Potts Road, Whitford	6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3 lounges, pool, tennis court, 5 acres	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
2:00 - 2:30pm	2:00 - 2:30pm	By Negotiation	152 Ninth View Avenue, Beachlands	5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 living areas, views, approx 287m2	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	11:00 - 11:30am	$1,025,000	11 Swordfish Place, Maraetai	3 bedrooms, double garage, single level, lovely gardens, 790m2	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
2:00 - 2:30pm	2:00 - 2:30pm	$1,890,000	170 Ninth View Avenue, Beachlands	5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3 lounges, central air-conditioning, spa pool	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	1:00 - 1:30pm	$1,549,000	26 Crossland Place, Maraetai	5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 living areas, private location, approx 316m2 floor area, 3 separate zones	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	1:00 - 1:30pm	$1,689,000	84 Intrepid Crescent, Beachlands	5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, 3 living areas, home office, light-filled and modern	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
1:00 - 1:30pm	1:00 - 1:30pm	By Negotiation	7 Sea View Terrace, Maraetai	5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 lounges, pool, panoramic vistas	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
3:00 - 3:30pm		$1,180,000	8 Kowaitau Avenue, Beachlands	4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living areas, ducted air-conditioning, single garage	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	2:00 - 2:30pm	$1,325,000	2 Alexander Avenue, Maraetai	2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living areas, big garage, off-street parking, views, close to Omana Beach	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
	1:00 - 1:30pm	Tender 25th Nov (unless sold prior)	32 First View Avenue, Beachlands	Waterfront, 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 living areas, views, quarter acre section, approx	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
2:00 - 2:30pm	2:00 - 2:30pm	$3,275,000	350 Clifton Road, Whitford	5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 lounges, designer kitchen, rural views, barn with sleepout	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
12:00 - 12:30pm		$1,558,000	24 Marine Garden Crescent, Beachlands	4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living areas, double glazed, private & quiet location	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
12:00 - 12:30pm	12:00 - 12:30pm	For sale	9 Third View Avenue, Beachlands	4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, SIX car garaging, pool, quarter acre, 2 lounges	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands
1:00 - 1:30pm	1:00 - 1:30pm	Tender 24th Nov (will not be sold prior)	58 Craig Road, Maraetai	3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double garage, sea views, 974m2 section, mostly double glazed	Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands



Beachlands-Maraetai u3a celebrates 10th anniversary

What began with a small ad in the *Pōhutukawa Coast Times* has grown into a thriving club of more than 200 members, as u3a Beachlands-Maraetai celebrated its 10th anniversary.

The club marked the milestone on 29 October with an afternoon tea at the Pōhutukawa Coast Presbyterian Church, complete with three cakes made and decorated by member Mary Whitehouse.

u3a is for people who have retired or no longer work full-time but still want to enjoy lifelong learning and social activities. Friends Barbara Kilgour and Pat Ross founded the local club in 2016, and 18 people came to its first meeting at St Hilda's Church Hall in Beachlands.

Pat had helped develop the u3a group in Papatoetoe before moving to Maraetai.

"I'm not an organisational sort of person - I might have some ideas, but that's as far as it goes sometimes. Anyway, I thought, 'I'll ask Barbara, she's a great organiser'. And that's how it came about," she says. "We've all got something to offer."

Past presidents shared highlights from the club's first decade. Chris King admitted she nearly didn't join.

"I thought it would be frightfully academic, and it wouldn't really be for me," she says. "I thought 'Well, I could sneak in and see what it's like, and if I don't like it, I could sneak out again.' And I'm still here."

During the Covid lockdowns, Chris kept members connected with a weekly email newsletter, while members phoned others they didn't know just for a chat.

Mike Groves recalled introducing the club's popular book table, and a marketing push that saw membership double from 100 to 200 during his term. He credited current president Brenda Saunders for leading the campaign.

Richard Montier, president from 2022, was unable to attend but sent memories of a hilarious lockdown poetry session and a backstage tour of Howick Little Theatre.

Brenda presented each past president with a commemorative wine glass, and the club has produced a 10th anniversary history booklet.

u3a Auckland Network president David Thompson praised the club.

"What stands out about Beachlands-Maraetai is the warmth of your members, your willingness to try new things, and the strong sense of community you have created together."

Today the club runs 20 interest groups, from cards and hiking to New Zealand history, geology and artificial intelligence, alongside its monthly meetings. It lives by the u3a motto: "Learn, Laugh, Live."



Above: u3a members gather at the Pōhutukawa Coast Presbyterian Church to celebrate the club's 10th anniversary.



Right: u3a Beachlands-Maraetai founders Pat Ross (left) and Barbara Kilgour cut a celebratory cake made by u3a member Mary Whitehouse.

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½ lemon rind
Mixed herbs
Salt
Pepper
400mls coconut milk
½ a lemon, juiced
½ cup mozzarella cheese
2 packs pre-made gnocchi

Method:
1. In a medium sized pot on medium heat, melt the butter and let it brown very lightly. Add the garlic and lemon rind and cook until fragrant.
2. Add in a shake of mixed herbs, salt and pepper. Cook for 1 minute then add the coconut milk.
3. Bring the mixture to a boil then reduce heat and simmer until the mixture has reduced by around one third.
4. Add the lemon juice, stir, then add the cheese slowly. Mix while bringing back to a simmer and continue stirring until the cheese has combined with the milk mixture.
5. Cook gnocchi as per packet instructions.
6. Combine the gnocchi with the sauce. Serve and enjoy!

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Down: 1. Unify, **2.** Quits, **4.** Unarm, **5.** Protect, **6.** Seer, **7.** Liqueur, **8.** Assault, **13.** Atone, **16.** Ace, **18.** Swarm, **19.** Aim, **20.** Scratch, **21.** Archaic, **22.** Flatter, **26.** Bulge, **27.** Nylon, **28.** Ghost, **30.** Sago.

Community Calendar

Listings in our Community Calendar are free. Activities must be not-for-profit and have a community focus. For listings, email info@pctimes.co.nz - include activity, day of week, time, venue and contact details.

Weekly events

MONDAY

- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** ages 16+ - 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
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9:00-10:00 Te Puru Community Centre, $7
- **JUMPING JUNIORS GYMNASTICS:** ages 1-4 - 11.00-11.45 Te Puru Community Centre, $14
- **COASTAL PLAYGROUP:** 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. 9am-12pm. Bubs till 5 yrs. Sarah 022 082 6432.

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:** 9:00-10:30am, Te Puru Centre, FREE.
- **TABLE TENNIS** - 1:30pm-3:30pm, Te Puru Centre - Free
- **BASKETBALL:** All ages - 4-8pm, Te Puru Centre. Email sport@tepuru.co.nz, 027 775 5320.
- **MEN'S AND INT/ADV LADIES TENNIS:** 7-9pm, Te Puru. Stephen 021 217 7587
- **HOUSIE/BINGO** 7.30pm, Beachlands Chartered Club, $15. Ph: 536 6233.
- **POHUTUKAWA COAST COMMUNITY CHOIR:** 7.15 - 8.45pm. pcsings@hotmail.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). Contact 022 656 1154.
- **SENIOR STRENGTH & BALANCE:** 9:30-10:30 Te Puru Community Centre, $10
- **FEVER DANCE:** Fever Line Dance Beginners, 11-12pm Te Puru Community Centre. Stomp It Out, 7-8pm Franklin Tavern. Ezabelle Els 02108439334.

WEDNESDAY

- **JP SERVICE:** 5.00-6.30pm, Beachlands Library.
- **COASTAL PLAYGROUP** 9am-12pm, for 0-5yrs, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Sarah 022 082 6432.
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am $7 Te Puru Centre.
- **CASUAL BADMINTON:** 10.15am-12.15pm, Te Puru Centre. All welcome. FREE.
- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 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 Bchlnds-Mtai. president@manukaumasters.co.nz.
- **CLEVEDON FIRESIDE BRIDGE CLUB:** 10.15am, Clevedon Anglican. Lessons avail. Pauline 299 7433.
- **MAHJONG:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru, $2.
- **QUIZ NIGHT:** 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6, $5pp Every second week Beachlands Club 536 6233
- **BADMINTON GAMES:** 8pm, Clevedon Hall, BYO racquet, $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 before1S7pm at 25 Liberty Crescent (unless raining) or phone Tania on 021 644 722.
- **CASUAL PICKLEBALL:** (FREE) 12-2pm, Te Puru Community Centre

THURSDAY

- **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:** 9.30am-10.30am, 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.
- **COASTAL UKES (UKELELE 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:** 5:00pm, all ages and abilities welcome. Te Puru Sports Fields by the playground. Term time only. Anna 021 428 971
- **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 6-9pm, 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
- **FEVER DANCE:** 6.30-8pm Beachlands Memorial Hall. Country Swing 6.30pm, Line Dance Beginners 7pm, Line Dance Intermediate.7.30pm. Ezabelle Els 02108439334.

FRIDAY

- **SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9-10am Te Puru Centre, $7 casual, $60 concession card. 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.
- **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 DISCOVER:** 6:00-7:30pm, Discover is for students in Years 6–9. Email Jaedon Burgess at jaedon@beachbap.org.nz for more details. Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave.
- **COAST YOUTH HORIZON:** 7:30-9:00pm, Horizon is for students in Years 10–13. Email Jaedon Burgess at jaedon@beachbap.org.nz for more details. Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave.
- **CLEVEDON ART GROUP:** Meets weekly 10-12 noon. Clevedon Sports Centre, 65 Monument Road. All welcome. Phone Marian 027 296 3827 or Gerri 022 414 0449.
- **CASUAL PICKLEBALL:** ($7) 10.30am-12pm, Te Puru Community Centre
- **ART GROUP:** 10.30-12.30 Beachlands Hall - bring your project, share knowledge and connect. Email Samantha pcartshub@gmail.com

SATURDAY

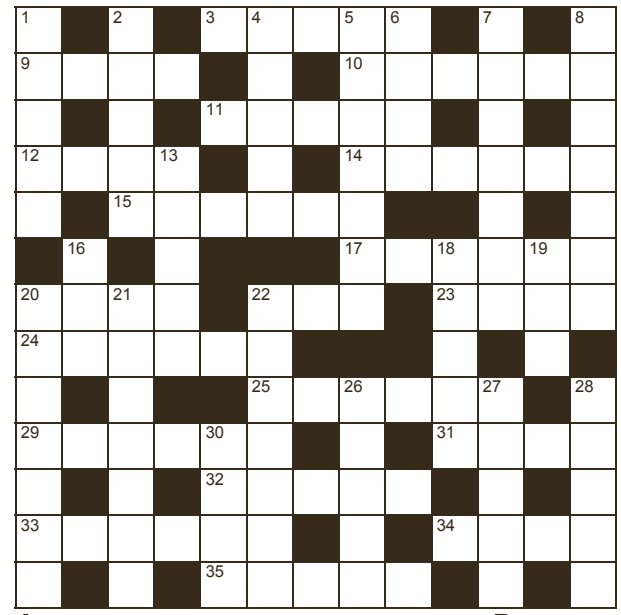
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- **TWICE LOVED OP SHOP:** Open 10am-3pm, 104 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai.
- **COMMUNITY MARKET DAY:** Last Saturday of every month (Except June). For info email janicehawken05@gmail.com, ph 021 184 5354

SUNDAY

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

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9. Naming word (4)
10. Neglectful (6)
11. Kayak (5)
12. Greek cheese (4)
14. Shocking ordeal (6)
15. Obstruct (6)
17. Nonchalant (6)
20. Read quickly (4)
22. In good health (3)
23. Legal document (4)
24. Breakfast food (6)
25. Reddish-brown (6)
29. Shocked (6)
31. Traditional story (4)
32. Coral island (5)
33. Shrink from (6)
34. Tricks (4)
35. Arrange methodically (5)

Down

1. Bring together (5)
2. Gives up (5)
4. Take weapons from (5)
5. Guard (7)
6. Prophet (4)
7. Sweet alcoholic spirit (7)
8. Attack (7)
13. Make amends (5)
16. Hole in one (3)
18. Large group of insects (5)
19. Aspire (3)
20. Withdraw from competition (7)
21. Antiquated (7)
22. Compliment (7)
26. Swell out (5)
27. Synthetic fabric (5)
28. Spectre (5)
30. Starchy pudding (4)

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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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All through her phone
Everyone wants views, likes, & follows.
They think it's cool, "Oh you only got 5 views, I got 5,000"
You suck, you're not cool, you don't matter, you don't "FIT" in.

She's scrolling on her phone looking at what she "wishes" she was.
It's FAKE, it's a LOOP, **it's all through her phone**.
Everyone has these "PERFECT" lives she wants to live.
No matter how hard she tries she not "GOOD ENOUGH"

It's taking over her life, all this "Wanting to be what your not"
Her mum wants her to be present; she's trying her best.
She wants to be "a better kid" but it's **all through her phone**.

Texting boys, making TikToks, doomscrolling.
She can't stop, she's in this never ending loop.
This wave of sadness consumed her, she doesn't tell a soul.
It's **all on her phone**, hiding behind little locks, in the deep depths of her hidden folders.
It's all there, social media ruined her.

At school she's the happy friend nobody knows how she really feels.
Except for **her phone**, if only she had someone to talk to.
To let the gateway of sadness gush out onto someone else.
Fearful feelings filling her body taking her over like a tsunami.

All because of her phone, "It's just people dancing on a screen"
They say, but no it's just a fake video of what's not true.
What she wished was true, "I want her hair, I want her smile.
She says behind her locked door, tears streaming down her face at 2 in the morning.
Broken feelings, no one to talk to, no one to **feel** what she's going through.

Sitting alone in her thoughts, contemplating what she's done in the past.
"Are you okay?" she hears a faint voice, nobody's there.
She's alone, she's broken, now she's gone.

- by Harlow, Year 8, Hūnua School

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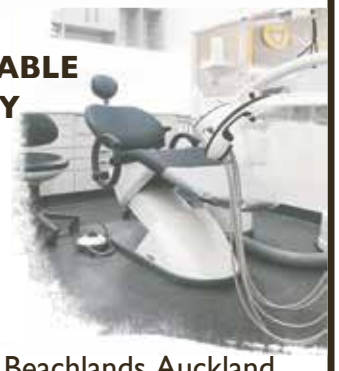
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