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Neigh-bourhood heroes rescue pony from tomo

Why the long face? You'd have one too if you unexpectedly found yourself stuck inside a tomo. Photo / supplied.

Lola the pony is enjoying an influx of carrots and apples following her rescue from a large tomo (sinkhole) which formed suddenly in Hūnua last Tuesday 9 June.

Her owner, Amanda Harrison, noticed Lola was missing when she went to feed her herd of horses at 7am.

"I'd put her into the paddock the night before, but when I went to feed her in the morning I couldn't find her," says Amanda.

Lola had fallen into a large tomo which had opened up overnight. While the entrance to the tomo was small, Lola had somehow fallen through it, and down into an underground hole large enough to accommodate a horse.

The appearance of the tomo was a shock to Amanda.

"There is a spring nearby. But I've been here 20 years and there have never been any tomos here, especially not right up by the barn here. It's obviously just eroded over the years, it's just bizarre where it is. It's a massive cave - obviously big enough to fit a horse."

The Hūnua Fire Brigade, a local digger driver and a vet were called to the scene, and began the tricky task of extracting Lola from her predicament.

Brigade members dug around the hole by hand, with one

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Editorial by the Takutai Charitable Trust

Celebrating community, commitment, and momentum

Over the past few months, the Takutai Charitable Trust has been privileged to witness the extraordinary impact of community engagement.

One of the most significant undertakings during this period has been the completion of our community-based survey. This initiative was driven by a desire to better understand the aspirations, concerns, and priorities of our community.

We were also delighted to host the Pōhutukawa Coast Leaders Forum at Formosa, an event that brought together local leaders, organisations, and changemakers. This forum created an important space for collaboration, discussion, and shared vision-building. It was both energising and inspiring to see the depth of passion across our community, and we extend our sincere thanks to all those who attended, contributed, and supported the event behind the scenes. The success of both the survey and leader's forum is testament to the work of Karen Titulaer, her efforts have given us a valuable foundation of knowledge - one that will guide our future decisions and help ensure our work remains responsive and relevant. Results of the survey were published in last week's *PC Times*.

Another meaningful moment in recent months was supporting the "swan song" of the Beachlands Community Lunch. This much-loved initiative has been a cornerstone of connection and companionship for many years, and it was a privilege for the Trust to help honour its legacy. We acknowledge all those who have been involved in the Community Lunch over time - the organisers, helpers, and attendees who made it such a special and enduring part of our local fabric.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who applied for the Administration/Youth/Intergenerational role. It was no easy task to select from such a strong group of candidates, and we are grateful to each and every person who expressed an interest.

Looking ahead, we are entering an exciting phase as we move into strategic planning. The insights gathered through our survey and community engagement are already shaping our thinking, prompting us to reflect deeply on where the Takutai Charitable Trust can make the greatest difference. We are committed to focusing our efforts on the areas of need and opportunity identified by our community - ensuring that our work remains grounded, inclusive, and impactful.

These are exciting times, and we are energised by the possibilities that lie ahead. Together, with the continued support of our volunteers, partners, and community members, we will build on this strong foundation and continue working toward a thriving, connected Pōhutukawa Coast.

From all of us at the Takutai Charitable Trust, thank you for being part of this journey.

Six taken into custody following vehicle thefts

In the early hours of Monday morning, three vehicles travelling in tandem along Maraetai Coast Road caught the attention of the Police Eagle helicopter.

Counties Manukau East Police Senior Sergeant Simon Cornish says the vehicles, two Nissan Tiidas and a Toyota Premio, were quickly confirmed as stolen.

"Officers on the ground swiftly put down spikes along Maraetai Coast Road, which all three vehicles drove over.

"One of the Nissans and the Toyota came to a stop a short time later and four people were taken into custody."

Senior Sergeant Cornish says the last remaining vehicle continued driving through Clevedon township towards Papakura, and was spiked again.

"The driver has continued on until all tyres were obliterated and undrivable.

"Police have then quickly taken the two occupants into custody."

Six people, aged between 13 and 16, have been referred to Youth Aid Services.

Clevedon Tennis Club AGM

Clevedon Tennis Club will hold its annual general meeting on Wednesday 24 June, 7pm at Clevedon Tennis Club, Monument Road, Clevedon. All welcome.

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20 Sat	5:12am ▼ 0.6m	11:31am ▲ 3.3m	
21 Sun	6:07am ▼ 0.7m	12:24pm ▼ 3.2m	
22 Mon	12:49am ▲ 3.3m	7:01am ▼ 0.8m	
23 Tue	1:41am ▲ 3.1m	7:54am ▼ 0.8m	
24 Wed	2:34am ▲ 3.0m	8:47am ▼ 0.9m	
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Hūnua fill site applicant withdraws resource consent application

Scarbro has withdrawn its resource consent application to establish a managed fill site at 362 Jones Road, Hūnua.

The application, lodged by Scarbro, had been on hold under section 91A of the Resource Management Act (RMA) at the applicant's request. That suspension expired on 21 May 2026. With no move from the applicant to restart the process, council planners elected to press ahead. However earlier this week Auckland Council informed all parties involved that Scarbro had withdrawn its application.

Auckland Council's Head of Resource Consents James Hassall said the application for resource consent was withdrawn at the applicant's request.

"Accordingly, processing of the application will cease," says Hassall.

The development has drawn significant community opposition.

Hunua Ararimu Paparimu Valley Residents Association co-chairs Geraldine Schnauer and Maxine Clayton say their group was very pleased to learn of Scarbros' withdrawal.

"There was overwhelming opposition from our community, with more than 500 submissions against it. We'd like to thank everyone who took the time to write one, as well as our local politicians who played their part," say the pair.

"Auckland Council's own planning officers recommended refusal over traffic safety fears due to our narrow winding roads (particularly through Hunua Gorge) and potential impact on the rural character of the area, while Watercare opposed it due to possible contamination of Hays Creek Dam catchment."

HAPVRA is not celebrating just yet though. The proposal has been lodged under the government's Fast-Track Consenting process, where it will be referred to a panel who will decide whether the application will be accepted for consideration.

"Common sense would say not, given that Winstone's Quarry, a viable alternative with ample capacity is just 5km down the road!" says HAPVRA.

"We'll keep fighting. We have a responsibility to our community and to all of rural New Zealand. If this goes ahead, nowhere will be safe."

Clare Alder wins Franklin Local Board Wairoa subdivision by-election

Bombay resident Clare Alder has been elected the newest member of the Franklin Local Board, taking up the seat vacated by former member Malcolm Bell, who resigned earlier this year due to ill health.

Clare's 1630 votes were enough to secure the by-election win, narrowly edging out former Waiuku College Principal Tom Van der Laan who won 1520 votes.

Voting across the Franklin region was subdued, with just 17% of residents returning completed voting papers.

Clare will undertake governance training over the next few weeks, and will be sworn in as an official member of the board later this month.

"[Franklin Local Board Chair] Alan Cole has said he'll take me under his wing, and I'll be taking guidance and learning from existing members," she says. "I've also attended a few community group meetings, so I've already met quite a few local residents."

Clare has spent most of her life in rural Franklin. She and husband Max raised their family in Ardmore for 14 years, and she says she understands what day-to-day life looks like in Beachlands, Maraetai, Clevedon and surrounding communities.

One of the immediate issues she is keen to be involved with is the Jones Road landfill application.

"I'm keen to support Hūnua locals with their landfill fight," she says.

In an interview with the *PC Times* earlier this year, Clare said she planned to focus on making sure development and population growth works well for locals, and that rural road maintenance including clearing of road drains and vegetation would be given priority.

Small business support and facilities and services were also high on her list.

Clare will join fellow Franklin Local Board Wairoa subdivision representatives Amanda Hopkins (Whitford) and Alix Bonnington (Beachlands) in advocating for local communities within Auckland Council.

Franklin Local Board's newest member, Clare Alder.

Neigh-bourhood heroes rescue pony from tomo in Hūnua

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member digging while another caught the dirt so that it didn't fall on Lola and scare her.

Once the dirt was far enough away from her head, the digger got to work.

Amanda says Lola remained amazingly calm, even when the digger began scraping at the earth nearby.

"She knew she was being helped, and she didn't struggle. Finally they dug a track out in front of her, and she suddenly jumped up. The vet grabbed her lead rope and face planted in the dirt!"

Lola was cold - her temperature had dropped to 34 degrees due to cold water flowing through the tomo. She was warmed up with a rug and hay, and is now recuperating with antibiotics and pain relief.

"I've had her since she was a three-year-old," says Amanda. "She's now in her early 20s, and she's everyone's favourite. I'm so lucky I've got her."

Amanda has been inundated with messages and phone calls from people who have ridden Lola at her place over the years.

"People have dropped in with carrots and apples for her. She's actually really enjoying coming in and having a hard feed morning and night, so she thinks she's very spoilt!"

It took three tonnes of rock to fill the tomo after Lola was extracted.

Clockwise from above: Lola inside the tomo; a digger removes earth, creating a track for Lola to exit the hole; Lola enjoys cuddles and hay following her successful rescue. Photos supplied.

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Whitford apprentice defies odds to complete career qualification

In January 2025, Charlie Gilchrist's life was turned upside down by a serious car accident that left him with 18 broken bones, a broken neck, brain bleeds and collapsed lungs. He spent four weeks in a coma, followed by six weeks in hospital and another four weeks in rehabilitation. Doctors warned his family that the outcome could be severe, preparing his mother for scenarios including permanent disability or paralysis.

Yet little more than a year later, the Whitford resident has managed to return to work and complete his drain laying qualification.

"They definitely weren't expecting me to get back to drain laying," Charlie says.

Charlie grew up in Whitford with his grandparents, mum and three siblings and always wanted to become a tradie. He left school midway through Year 12 to begin an apprenticeship.

Charlie had early exposure to construction through an uncle who runs a building company, but it was drain laying that really captured his interest.

"I tried drain laying and really enjoyed it. No two days are the same and there's always something different to do."

Drain-layer Charlie Gilchrist (right) with Skills Trades Training Team Advisor Dan Pattison.

Working at Probuilt Earthworks in Whitford, Charlie was progressing steadily through his drain laying apprenticeship with Skills Trades Training and was close to completing his qualification when the accident occurred. Charlie and a friend were heading home from a night out when their vehicle crashed into a ditch, with emergency services taking four hours to retrieve him from the wreckage. His friend walked away without a scratch.

Charlie's recovery was slow and filled with challenges.

"At the start I couldn't do anything - I couldn't even give a thumbs up with my left hand."

Despite setbacks, Charlie remained focused on his goal.

"I always had it in my head that I was going to finish my qualification."

Throughout his recovery, Charlie was supported by family, friends, his employer and the team at Skills Trades Training, who stayed connected and helped him complete the remaining requirements once he was ready to return to study.

Training Advisor Dan Pattison worked closely with Charlie and the wider Skills Trades Training team, alongside Plumbing, Gas Fitting and Drain Laying Tutor Matthew Baylis, who supported him through his final two block courses on campus.

For Dan, Charlie's determination stood out.

"Anyone who survives an accident with the multiple injuries Charlie sustained is remarkable in itself," he says.

"It would have been very easy for him to give up on a lot of things, but he didn't."

Dan says Charlie's story highlights the importance of pastoral care in vocational training.

"Our role isn't just about helping someone complete a qualification," he says.

"It's about building relationships and supporting learners through whatever life throws at them."

Charlie officially completed his drain laying qualification earlier this year. The milestone was celebrated with a surprise gathering organised by his mum and Dan, bringing together family, friends, workmates and his girlfriend.

"It meant so much to me to have everyone there and to receive my qualification," he says.

Now back at work part-time, Charlie is continuing his recovery while gradually increasing his hours.

"I'm working three days a week at the moment and will move up to four soon."

The experience has reshaped his outlook.

"I appreciate my health and everyone around me and how much they care."

Pōhutukawa Coast Bike Club lands $20,000 boost for trail rebuilding

The Pōhutukawa Coast Bike Club has received a $20,000 grant from the Franklin Local Board, funding a major rebuild of five trails within its Maraetai Forest network.

Club president Callum Wilson says the club owes a big thanks to the Franklin Local Board.

"The money will go towards rebuilding a number of trails that are getting a bit worn out," he says.

The grant forms part of a wider fundraising push, with the club aiming to raise significantly more to complete the project.

"We hope to raise around $70K via club subs and various funding applications such as the council one," says Callum.

Five trails are earmarked for rebuilding: the technically demanding Grade 5 Ground Effect; mixed-terrain Grade 4 Bazooka; flow trail Grade 4 Tunnel Vision; flow and jumps Grade 5 Screamers; and the more accessible Grade 3 flow and jumps trail Sweet As. Club members will continued to carry out routine maintenance across the wider network alongside the rebuild work.

Winter has arrived, making biking conditions trickier. "The trails were fantastic up until recently but we are now into winter and around half our trail network becomes pretty slippery and challenging and generally not recommended until it dries out. The other half are usually pretty good after a day or two of fine weather."

The forest itself remains open to members throughout winter.

Riders, walkers and runners should note that the forest is private land. Access requires club membership, available at $75 per year for individuals, $150 for families, or $10 for a day pass. Passes can be purchased online at pohutukawacoastbikeclub.com.

Trail building and mainteance is an ongoing labour of love for Pōhutukawa Coast Bike Club members.

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RESULTS FROM 13-14 JUNE

Womens First Team vs Ellerslie AFC Zamantix Roverines, 0-7
First Team vs Metro FC, 0-0
First Team U23 vs Metro FC, 0-1
Atletico Beach vs Ellerslie AFC Screaming Eagles, 2-0
Legionnaires vs Bucklands Beach AFC Saints, 2-0
Rebels vs Onehunga Sports HUNGA, 2-2
Lions vs Fencibles United AFC Diggas, 2-2
Coasters vs SAR Ba Lions, 1-4

Pohutukawa Coast Netball Club

RESULTS FROM 13 JUNE

Prem vs Sunnyhills Pulse, 38-44
S2 vs Monster Boot Camp S1, 26-20, **POD** Kim Jones
S3 vs CBNC S1, 38-36
S4 vs Mellons Bay S5, 24-34, **POD** Toni Dawson
S5 vs Sunnyhills Tactix, 22-10
S6 vs Livewires S2, 21-19, **POD** Brooke Campbell
S7 vs Shelly Park S2, 24-35
C1 vs Mellons Bay Violet, 18-34
C2 vs Sunnyhills Yellow, 17-45, **POD** Libby Bastin, **C.Star** Tamara Cockerell
C3 vs Mellons Bay Blue, 11-34, **POD** Kylah Chapman, **C.Star** Breann Hignett-Morgan
J1 vs Shelly Park Tui, 23-26
J2 vs Moster Boot Camp J2, 28-11, **POD** Thea Colenso, **C.Star** Matilda Standing
J3 vs CBNC Goal Getters, 4-9, **POD** Brooke Doidge, **C.Star** Emilia Meszaros
J4 vs Shelly Park Kea, 18-14, **POD** Paige Foster, **C.Star** Nicole Spektor
J5 vs Mellons Bay J4, 1-17, **POD** Bailee Seabright, **C.Star** Ayla Impey
Y6 Kōtare vs CBNC Black Tigers, **POD** Jack Morton-Mason, **C.Star** Maddalena Braida
Y6 Kōkako vs Mellons Bay Magic, **POD** Aylah Wellis, **C.Star** Isabella Larkins
Y6 Takahē vs Shelly Park Kereru, **POD** Georgia Robb, **C.Star** Sophia Hodges
Y5 Kererū vs Howick Pukekos, **POD** Hadley Jones, **C.Star** Madison Syddall
Y5 Tāiko vs Sunnyhills Sapphires, **POD** Sophie Esam, **C.Star** Lucy Wright
Y5 Pūkeko vs Mellons Bay Pulse, **POD** Evie Birchall, **C.Stars**, Siena Halligan & Adeline Laws

Above: J4

Above: Y6 Kōtare

Beachlands Maraetai Junior Rugby

RESULTS FROM 13 JUNE

U15 Fast Ferns Navy vs Waitakere, 110–35, **POD** Brooklyn York, **ROD** Tatiana Fletcher, **Captain's Choice & OPOD** Imogen White
U17 Girls Rip vs Waiheke, 100–50, **POD** Ayla Dromgool
Y3 Navy vs Ardmore Marist, 110–40, **POD** Isaac Boggs, **TOD** Toby White
Y3 Orange vs Ardmore Red, 100–50, **POD** Thomas Syddall, **TOD** Carter Wynyard
U11 Navy vs Eden Falcons, 95–85, **POD** Ava Barclay
Y7 vs Pukekohe, 34–11, **POD** Carter Jones
Y2 Navy vs Ardmore Marist, 13–11, **POD** Leon Spoelstra, **ROD** Lucas King
Year 1 Navy vs Papakura, **POD** Ferguson Dwyer, **Shark of the Day** Louie Van Oosten
Y5 Navy vs Manurewa Green, 30–40, **POD** Emily Stickland, **TOD** Ben Dawson
U15 Girls Orange vs Ponsonby, 60-90, **POD** Blayke Szabo, **ROD** Stevie Millar
Y5/6 Orange vs Waitakere, 50–120, **POD** Hazel, **ROD** Poppy
Y4 Mako Navy vs Manurewa, 60 - 55, **POD** Jaxon Good, **TOD** Bryn Colenso
Y4 Mako Orange vs Pukekohe, 20 -120, **POD** Ammon from Pukekohe, **POD BMRC** Diego
BMRC Y2 Orange vs Ardomre Marist, 13-12, **POD** Neve Waite, **ROD** Kohen Waite
Girls Rippa U13 vs Marist Eastern, 15 - 90, **POD** Sidney Pomeroy, **Opposition POD** Molly Cleary
BMRC Y8 vs Te Kauwhata, 87 - 10, **POD** Aaron Drake
BMRC Y6 vs Patumohe, 50 - 40

Above: Girls Rippa U13

Clevedon Football Club

RESULTS FROM 12 & 13 JUNE

Crushers U5 POD Daniel Naera-Scott
Cruisers U5 POD Jax Hall
Challengers U6 POD Ashton Eade
Chaos U6 POD Harry Steed
Cannons U7 POD Blake Young
Cheetahs U7 Merit Reign Martin
Chasers U7 POD Micah Sullivan
Coyotes U8 POD Shaan Dhanaser, **Merit Award** Scott Baldwin
Comets U8 POD Arthur Nielsen-Vickers, **Merit Award** Hugh Potter
Cardinals U9 POD AvikGauli, **Merit Award** Jackson Connelly
Chiefs U11 vs South AKL Rangers, **POD** Thomas Delaney, **Merit Award** Feltcher Nicholson
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Above: U7 Chasers

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A new chapter in caring for Clevedon

- by Clevedon Village Medical Centre

Many in our community will have heard that Dr Teresa Kelly has sold her ownership in Clevedon Village Medical to Health Improvement Group. We want to share what this means for you and how we're continuing to support the health and wellbeing of our growing community, now and into the future.

Most importantly, Dr Teresa and her dedicated team remain at the heart of the clinic. Their ongoing commitment to caring for local whānau continues to guide everything we do. We're proud to build on the strong foundation they have created and to ensure the same trusted, personal care remains available to our patients.

We are pleased to be welcoming new patients to enrol at the practice. Enrolments can be completed either in clinic or online via our website, making it easy and convenient for individuals and families to join us. As a warm welcome, all new enrolments will receive a free flu vaccine, helping to support better health across our community.

We continue to provide accessible and reliable care, with appointments available Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 5.00pm. We're also pleased to share that a new female GP is available on Wednesday afternoons, offering more choice and flexibility for patients when booking appointments.

In addition to GP services, we offer adult blood testing onsite from 8:30am to 1:00pm, Monday to Friday, making it easier to complete essential tests without needing to travel elsewhere.

We have also recently introduced a new patient portal, giving patients a simple way to manage appointments, request prescriptions, and stay connected with their healthcare. Our website, launched earlier this year, provides helpful information about our services and team, as well as updates from the clinic.

We look forward to continuing to care for our existing patients and welcoming those new to the practice. Thank you for your ongoing support - we're excited for this next chapter and for continuing to serve the Clevedon community.

Funeral services are changing

- by Aroha Funerals

Aroha Funerals, which serves families throughout the Pohutukawa Coast, has seen a noticeable change in the way people approach funerals.

The change is reflected in the choices families are making. In 2024, 56% of the families cared for by Aroha Funerals chose a traditional funeral service. By 2025, that figure had fallen to 43%, while direct cremations increased from 35% to 46%.

These changes are not unique to Aroha Funerals. Similar shifts are being seen across New Zealand as families explore different options and think carefully about what matters most to them when arranging a farewell.

That does not mean saying goodbye has become any less important.

Many families are choosing simpler arrangements while finding their own ways to gather, remember and celebrate a life. Favourite beaches, community halls and family homes are increasingly being used alongside more traditional venues. Personal touches such as playlists, meaningful items and contributions from family and friends are becoming more common.

It is also true that costs are rising. Like many households, families are feeling financial pressure and are thinking carefully about how they spend their money. Funeral costs have not been immune to these increases, with fees and services such as cemeteries, cremation, venue hire, catering and flowers all becoming more expensive over time.

A more personal farewell does not necessarily have to cost more. In many cases, it is the simple things that make a service feel meaningful. Favourite music, family stories, a special location, a display of meaningful items or a chance for family and friends to contribute in their own way.

Every family is different. What feels important to one family may not matter as much to another, and there is often more flexibility available than people expect. By understanding a family's priorities, a funeral director can often help identify options and choices that create a meaningful farewell while remaining within budget.

Whether a farewell is traditional or unconventional, large or small, the purpose remains the same: bringing people together to remember someone important and support one another through a difficult time.

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More than a haircut: Beachlands business elevates dog grooming standards

- by Fuzz to Fab

For many local dog owners, grooming has traditionally been viewed as a simple maintenance appointment - a bath, a haircut, and a tidy-up every few weeks. But one Beachlands business is working to change that perception entirely.

Fuzz to Fab, located in Beachlands, is entering a new phase focused on something far more specialised: canine coat care.

Founder Jaco believes the future of professional grooming lies not only in appearance, but in understanding the science, structure, and individuality of every dog's coat.

"No two coats are truly the same," he explains. "Different breeds, genetics, environments, grooming histories, and even lifestyle factors all affect how a coat behaves and what it needs."

This new direction sees Fuzz to Fab placing a greater emphasis on coat health management, preventative maintenance, and owner education - particularly for breeds such as oodle crosses, schnauzers, golden retrievers, border collies, and other dogs with coat types that require ongoing maintenance to remain healthy, comfortable, and mat-free.

As part of this elevated standard of care, Fuzz to Fab is now an official stockist of premium New Zealand canine wellness and grooming brand Smith & Burton. The partnership reflects the salon's focus on healthier skin, healthier coats, and long-term coat maintenance.

The business is also investing in advanced coat-care education, specialist grooming techniques, and practical home-maintenance guidance to help owners better care for their dogs between appointments.

"We want owners to understand their dog's coat properly," says Jaco. "When you understand your dog's individual coat, identify problem areas early, and use the correct tools and products at home, you can prevent many of the issues that lead to matting and discomfort, while helping your dog maintain a healthy, comfortable coat between grooming appointments."

For Fuzz to Fab, grooming is evolving beyond aesthetics. It is becoming a partnership between groomer and owner, focused on maintaining comfort, wellbeing, and coat health throughout a dog's life.

As part of its commitment to the local community, Fuzz to Fab is introducing the Golden Paws Club, offering Gold Card holders a 10% discount on grooming services to help make professional coat care more accessible for local seniors and their dogs.

Fuzz to Fab owner Jaco van Zyl.

After all, a healthy coat is about far more than appearance. It contributes to a dog's comfort, wellbeing, and quality of life - and that's a standard of care every dog deserves.

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Blueberry cheesecake crepes

Ingredients:

¾ cup plain flour

1 cup milk

½ tsp vanilla essence

1 Tbsp sugar

Pinch of salt

2 eggs

Butter, for frying

½ cup frozen blueberries

½ cup cream cheese

1 Tbsp icing sugar

Method:

1. Combine the flour, milk, vanilla, sugar, salt and eggs in a bowl. Whisk until smooth.
2. Heat ½ Tbsp butter in a pan over medium heat.
3. Ladle crepe batter onto pan and quickly spread thin by tilting the pan in a circular motion. Repeat until all the batter is used.
4. In a pot, melt down the frozen blueberries until lightly bubbling.
5. In a bowl combine the cream cheese and icing sugar. Add a splash of blueberry juice for colour if desired.
6. Spread the cream cheese mixture and blueberries over a crepe and fold in half, then half again, to serve.
7. Enjoy!

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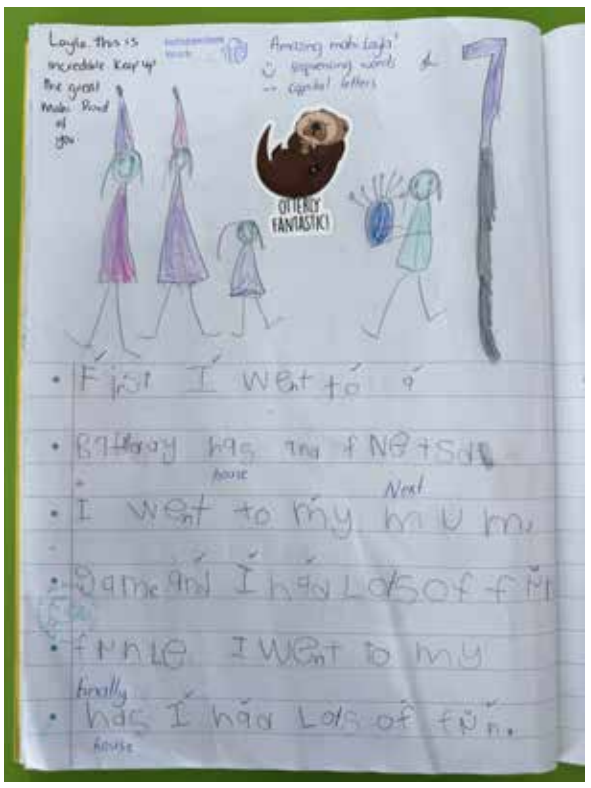

- by Layla, Year 1, Maraetai Beach School

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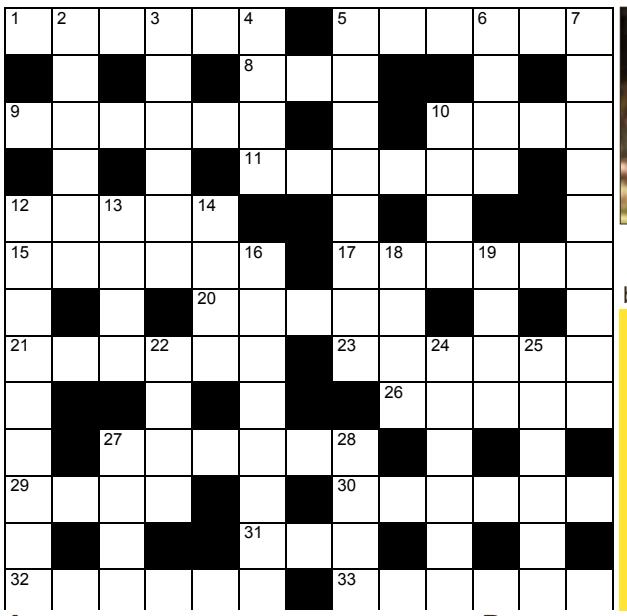

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Across

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5. Potent (6)
8. Block up (3)
9. Shouting (6)
10. Without (4)
11. Even-handedness (6)
12. Uncomplaining in suffering (5)
15. Curry (6)
17. Decay in timber (3-3)
20. Loose hillside stones (5)
21. Smaller in size or value (6)
23. Fundraiser (6)
26. Measuring device (5)
27. Neighbourhood (6)
29. Similar (4)
30. Jumbled (6)
31. Fitness centre (abbr) (3)
32. Ignite (6)
33. Commotion (6)

Down

2. List of mistakes (6)
3. Tincture (6)
4. Brink (4)
5. Burn slowly (8)
6. Satisfactory (inf) (4)
7. Type of tradesman (3,6)
10. Endure (4)
12. Chitchat (5,4)
13. Probability (4)
14. Lawsuit (4)
16. Cadge (8)
18. Paper measure (4)
19. Falling out (4)
22. Eschew (4)
24. Chain (6)
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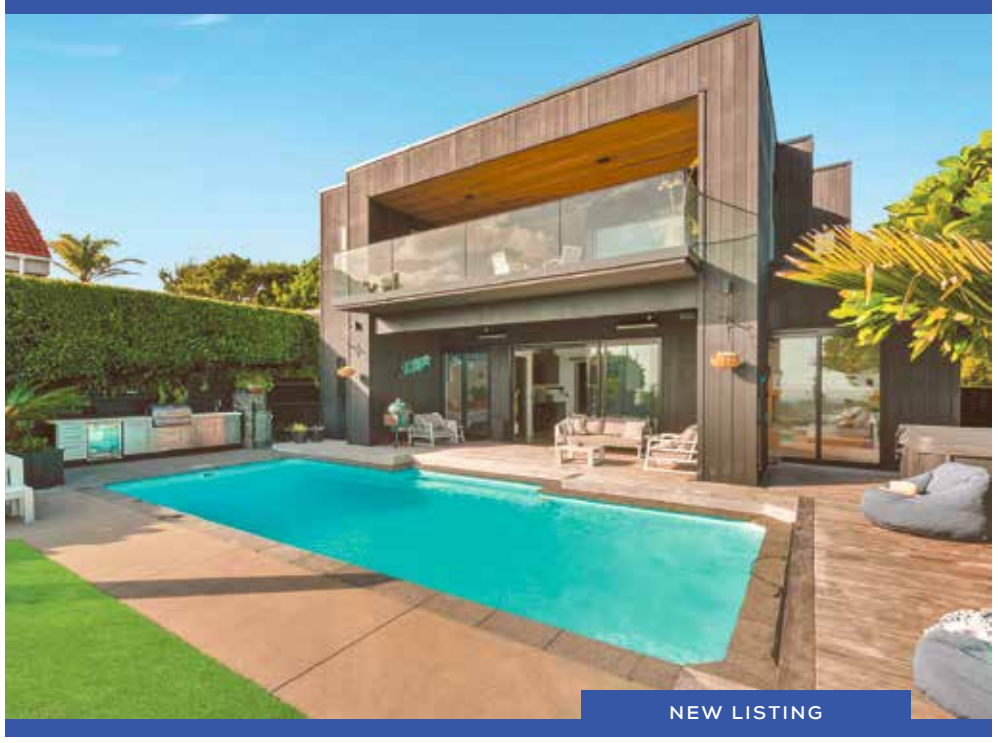

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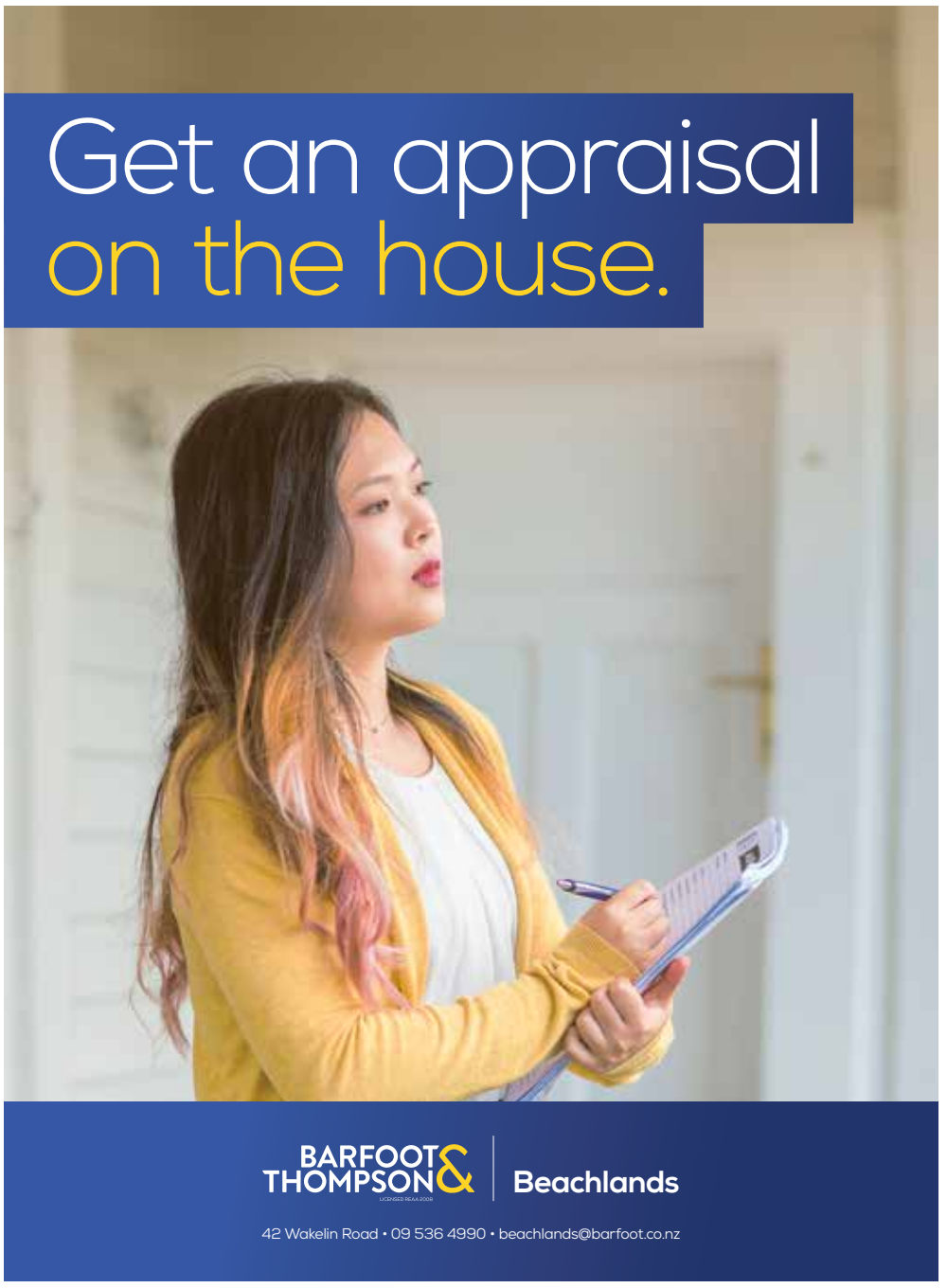

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GH Building 021 564 263

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Aladdin Carpet Cleaning, Phone Sheryll 09 537 4320

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www.brookwoodchocolate.co.nz - Heather 027 285 5068

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Murray Douglas Limited 027 498 5267
Pro-Floors Concrete Ltd, Call Grant 0274 951 280

COSTUME HIRE
Clevedon Costumes and Vintage Apparel 022 018 2711

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Whitford Dental Group 530 8461
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DOCTORS
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Vibe Earthmovers and Drainage call Vincent 0272 225 377
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Pohutukawa Electrical 536 4076, mob 021 769 964

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Rachel Benns & Raewyn Proctor 533 7493, 267 2530
Ensom and Biswas Funerals
John Ensom & Rav Biswas 299 6646 or 524 6765
Fountains Funeral Directors & Monumentalists -
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Aroha Funerals Maraetai, www.arohafunerals.co.nz 0800 276 420

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GARDEN CENTRE
Beachlands Mitre 10 536 6567

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Howick Glass 535 4180

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Skyhigh Roof and Gutter Cleaning Ltd
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HAIRDRESSING
Cooper Hairdressing, 16 Te Pene Rd, Maraetai 027 329 1781

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Local Handyman: 536 5050 or 021 156 7370
Oakes Build Landscape Maintenance,www.oakes.nz 021 903 020

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Website: www.aes.nz 575 1191
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LANDSCAPING
Eastside Landscapes 021 484 158

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Kiwi Laundry Co, www.kiwilaundryco.co.nz 022 463 8416
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LOCKSMITHS
Local Locksmith - Tony 536 5050 or 021 156 7370
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MARINE AND BOATING
Ovlov Marine Pine Harbour LTD 536 5249

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Pohutukawa Motors, 57 Third View Ave, Beachlands 536 6664
Garaway Autos 022 395 6185

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Pets at Whitford Spa and Stay (PAWSS) 530 8860

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Unichem Beachlands Pharmacy 536 6500, fx 536 6590

PHYSIOTHERAPIST
Beachlands Physio beachlandsphysio.co.nz 09 222 4120

PILATES
Krystel Jeffery www.mypilatesstudio.co.nz 021 646 729

PLUMBERS
Dynamo Plumbing 0800 175 988
BF Brown Plumbing & Drainlaying 0800 477 455

PLUMBERS & GASFITTERS
Ashby Plumbing & Gas 292 2445 or 0272 553 499

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Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands 536 4990

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Auckland Electrical & Pump Services 536 4074, 0274 741 579
Malmaks Water Shop 530 8872, 021 353 158
Allwater Pumps and Supplies Ltd 09 536 5444, 027 536 5444
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Website: www.skyhigh.nz 021 951 719

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Roofing & Spouting NZ Ltd 021 766 260

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Churchill Land Development Services Ltd 273 4182
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nicole.ambrusfy@thetravelbrokers.co.nz

TREE SERVICES
Coastal Cutters - coastalcutters@hotmail.com 021 196 6509
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DS Trees Limited 021 537 171 or 09 537 8595

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Tyre Guard - Mobile Tyre Service, Call Mike 021 901 034

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Property Valuations Ltd, Papakura 299 7406

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Franklin Vets - Pohutukawa Coast Shopping Centre, 538 0010
Beachlands, Open: Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Sat: 9am-1pm
Pohutukawa Coast Vets - 43 Wakelin Rd, Beachlands 320 1472
Open: Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Sat: 9am-12pm

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Beachlands/Maraetai Water Supply 273 9763
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Whitford Water Supplies 530 8164
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Malmaks Water Shop 530 8872, 021 470 588
Allwater Pumps and Supplies Ltd 09 536 5444, 027 536 5444
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