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Maraetai swimmer Amber George (left) with her mum, Pati Bloor. Story on page 3. Photo supplied.

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Guest editorial

by Hūnua Ararimu & Paparimu Valleys Residents Association

We may have defeated two managed fills in four months but we’re not letting down our guard.

Four weeks after a proposal for a managed fill containing construction waste in Jones Rd, Hūnua failed to progress through the Fast-Track system, we are already looking at ways to provide long-term protection for the Hūnua Ranges region.

The 790,000 cubic metre fill was due to be built on top of a hill on farmland, just five kilometres from Winstone’s Quarry, an existing managed fill facility. In a letter to the applicant, Chris Bishop, Minister for Infrastructure said the project did not have significant regional or national benefits and may result in “significant adverse environmental effects, including effects on road safety and the potential contamination of a drinking water supply.”

This echoed our concerns and also those of Watercare and Auckland Transport. Common sense has prevailed.

Auckland Council’s planning officials have agreed to meet to discuss how greater protection for the region could work. We would like to see similar protections offered by the Waitākere Ranges Area Heritage Act, although we are acutely aware this in itself risks being undermined by potential RMA reforms.

HAPVRA is also pushing for more assessment work to be done on capacity levels of current quarries and managed fill in the Auckland, to show there’s no need for future facilities. Stevenson’s Quarry has just been granted Fast-Track approval to massively expand, Winstone’s Quarry is going through the same process.

The Hūnua Ranges is Auckland’s playground, famous for its outstanding natural beauty. But we have narrow rural roads, a very high rainfall and the area is prone to flooding and slips. Fill belongs in quarries, not on farmland, it would be madness to consider any more proposals.

Planning is also underway for a Country Fair on 15 November at Y Camp Adair. The event will allow locals to relax, unwind as well as celebrate the twin fill victories (a similar proposal for Ararimu Rd, Paparimu was killed off in February).

We are the mouse that roared. Rural voices do matter. We have many people to thank for our success including national and local politicians. We had cross-party support for this, as well as many community experts and residents who put in many hundreds of hours of work on the campaign. We stood up for ourselves and we won!

Whitford wetlands planting day

Locals are invited to get their hands dirty for a good cause, as the Turanga Restoration Project hosts two community planting days at Potts Road Esplanade Reserve in Whitford this winter.

The first planting day will take place on Saturday 25 July, from 10am to 1pm, with a second session following on Saturday 8 August, at the same time. Both events will be held at the reserve, accessed via the end of Clifton Road near its junction with Potts Road.

The planting days are part of ongoing efforts to restore and enhance the reserve’s unique wetland environment, and will go ahead rain or shine. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the conditions - sturdy, covered footwear, and sun or rain protection. Bring gardening gloves if you have them, and a water bottle. Children



are welcome, but must remain under adult supervision throughout.

A limited number of spades will be supplied on the day, those with their own are encouraged to bring them along.

Those interested in taking part should RSVP through Humanitix by searching “Potts Road Esplanade Reserve Community Planting Day”. Enquiries to blongsarah7272@gmail.com.

AT delays Clevedon pedestrian works

Auckland Transport has advised that works scheduled to improve pedestrian safety in Clevedon have been delayed.

The works were due to run from 13-31 July, but have been rescheduled to 23 July-14 August. Traffic delays are expected on Clevedon’s main street during this time.

Correction: Last week’s article about the Matariki Community Celebration incorrectly named the Chairperson of the Pōhutukawa Coast Arts Hub, who organised the event. The Chair is Samantha Sutherland.



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Maraetai resident Amber George is preparing to don the silver fern on one of sport’s biggest stages, after being selected to represent New Zealand in backstroke at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow this month.

“Representing New Zealand is something I’ve dreamed about since I was little. Every time I get to wear the silver fern it’s a huge honour, and being selected for the Commonwealth Games is definitely one of the proudest moments of my career. It’s really special to know all the hard work over the years has led to opportunities like this,” says Amber.

The 21-year-old’s swimming journey began in the ocean alongside her father, Rhys. “Ocean swimming was always something I did with my dad. I never really saw it as a competitive sport - it was just something we loved doing together and a way to spend time with him,” she said. It was Rhys who encouraged her into a squad, moving her between clubs around Auckland as she progressed.

“I’ve been really lucky to have parents who have always believed in me every step of the way, and along the journey I was lucky to have coaches who believed in me too.”

Amber says her early ocean swimming days shaped her as an athlete, even one memorable early race in which she was trampled at the first buoy.

“Ocean swimming taught me resilience more than anything. You can’t control the conditions, and races never go exactly to plan. Looking back now, the lessons I learned through ocean swimming taught me to stay calm under pressure, adapt quickly and keep fighting no matter what’s happening around me,” she said. “I still get upset after races that don’t go the way I want them to, and sometimes it takes me a while to find the positives or the lessons from those experiences. But they’ve taught me to trust the process, and those lessons have carried over into pool swimming and helped shape the athlete I am today.”

Amber has made significant progress over the past few years. In 2025 she claimed both the New Zealand 50m and 100m backstroke national titles across short and long course, and broke the national short course record in the 50m backstroke. This year she successfully defended both long course titles. She also made her World Championships debut last year.

“I didn’t perform the way I had hoped, but competing on that stage taught me so much and gave me valuable experience that I’m excited to take into the Commonwealth Games,” she says.

Overcoming challenges out of the pool takes up a significant amount of time and energy too.

“I think a lot of people don’t realise how expensive elite swimming can be. While representing New Zealand is an incredible honour, many international competitions are largely self-funded. Between flights, accommodation, uniforms, equipment,

race suits, training costs, physio, recovery and time away from work, it adds up very quickly,” she said. “It definitely takes a village, and I’m incredibly grateful for everyone who has supported me along the way.”

She works part-time alongside her training. “It’s nice to have something that keeps part of my brain occupied away from swimming, even if it’s only a few hours here and there.”

Both parents remain central to her success. “They have always been my biggest supporters, and that’s never changed. They have been there through every stage of my swimming journey and continue to support me however they can. Having that kind of support from family makes a huge difference and I feel so incredibly lucky to have that.”

A large part of her preparation for the Games is focusing on mindset. “Right now the focus is on trusting the work that’s already been done. Training has been really consistent, and mentally it’s about staying present, focusing on what I can control and enjoying the opportunity. Racing at this level is something I’ve worked towards for a long time, so I’m excited more than anything.”

Amber will head straight from Glasgow to compete at the Pan Pacific Championships in Irvine, California, before returning to New Zealand.



Amber George. Photo supplied.

About 3,000 athletes from 74 nations will compete at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, from 23 July to 2 August 2026, in a streamlined programme of 10 sports across four venues.

Amber will compete at 9.30pm on 25 July (NZ time) in the 100m backstroke preliminary race, and at 9.30pm on 27 July (NZ time) in the 50m backstroke preliminary race.

Public notice of changes to Auckland Council waste bylaw

Auckland Council’s new Waste Minimisation and Management Bylaw 2026, Collections on Kerbside and Premises Control 2026, and amendments to the Public Trading, Events and Filming Bylaw 2022 and Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw 2013 come into effect from 27 July 2026. The new and amended Bylaws and Control will replace the 2019 bylaw and 2012 and 2023 controls about waste. Changes will have no noticeable impact on kerbside collections and recycling.

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15-year-old Netflix stunt star prepares for stage debut

For most 15-year-olds, a “normal” Tuesday doesn’t involve dodging blank-firing gunshots on a Netflix set or getting dried off by a costume department after face-planting in the ocean. But for Beachlands local Ty Mealings, that was just another day at the office, working on the Netflix hit series *Sweet Tooth*.

This month Ty will make his stage debut, playing a lead role in Howick College’s production of *High School Musical*.

Ty will play the role of Ryan Evans when the show opens at the Bill Dimery Performing Arts Centre from 28 July to 1 August. It’s his first-ever stage musical, and a big change from his stunt role behind the scenes as an action double for the character Gus across two seasons of the hit Netflix series.

Ty has lived in Beachlands since he was four years old, attending Beachlands School before moving on to Howick College. He says he is excited to perform for a local audience.

“Performing for a local audience feels very different from working on a screen set because you’re performing live for people in your own community rather than acting for a camera,” he says. “It’s a pre-established community coming together to support the show, rather than a new one being formed on set. I’m excited to put on a fun show that this amazing community deserves.”

His path to working on Netflix’s *Sweet*

Tooth came about almost by accident. “Originally my agent submitted me and I got short listed for the body double role of Gus, and coincidentally one of my close friends was submitted for that role and he got it,” says Ty. “At the beginning of filming season 2 the stunt double got injured and was unable to continue shooting. Given my gymnastics background, my friend’s mum submitted me and I started working a week later where I finished season 2 and 3.”

Life on a major production had its share of surreal and chaotic moments. “On arrival I was completely starstruck because I watched season 1 when it came out and I was a huge fan. It was crazy to see faces I had already seen on TV,” he says.

Ty’s role on *Sweet Tooth* involved some challenging ocean stunt sequences, filmed at sea with full safety crews on standby. “Since I’m a gymnast I had faith in my abilities to perform,” he says, “however there was definitely a lot of pretending like I knew what I was doing because I was surrounded by the best of the best.”

One filming day stands out. “There’s a little bit where Gus has to run through ankle deep water before reaching the boat. I remember when we were shooting it I slipped in the water and landed completely on my face. The costume department had to dry me with hairdryers while we were standing on the beach. I recall Christian



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Convery coming up to me and we were joking about how I fell over, then the next day filming a similar scene he fell over and I told him it’s harder than it looks.”

Ty is now facing new challenges in his *High School Musical* role as Ryan Evans, one half of the show’s scene-stealing Evans twins.

“What I love most about Ryan is that he has so much growth throughout the show and we see him gain confidence,” he says. “I love how he’s the stereotypical bad guy but we see that deep down he’s a nice person.”

Ty says his ability to juggle a stage and screen career while attending school is only possible with the support of his family and friends.

“I can’t do any of this without the support of both my parents Vanessa and Scott,” he says. “Additionally Sam and Freya Johnson for their continued support and help with my rehearsal. And of course to my agent Liz for her help in the development of my career.”

Ty hopes to build a career in screen acting.

“I would love to one day be in Hollywood movies. I also love the stunt side of the industry and would love to work in that. My dream role is definitely Spiderman and I would love to one day reach that milestone,” he says.

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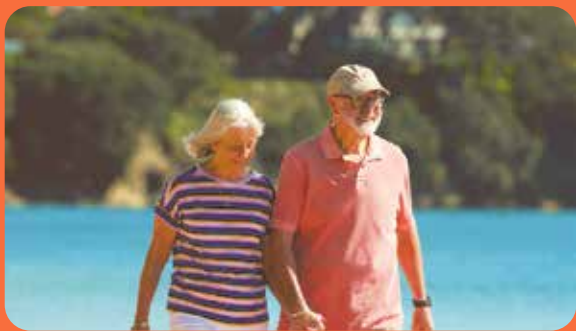
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- by Darien's DIY Decks

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- by BestStart Shelly Bay

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The experienced teaching team at BestStart Shelly Bay.

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- by Dr Samuel Frost BVSc,
Veterinarian and Branch Manager

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Before photo (left) showing dental disease, and the result of a professional scale and polish (right) which removes build-up and prevents serious problems from developing.

this can be surprising, removing a painful or infected tooth is often the kindest option for our patients' long-term comfort and wellbeing.

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Auckland Council to crack down on dodgy septic tank systems

Auckland Council is preparing to escalate enforcement against thousands of property owners who have failed to bring their septic tanks into line with regulations.

Septic tank compliance across the region has jumped from just 25 per cent to 75 per cent over the past six years, with more than 30,000 systems now inspected and verified by qualified service providers. Of the 41,349 on-site wastewater systems operating as permitted activities across Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf Islands, 30,109 sites have engaged with the programme and provided evidence of regular inspections as required under the Auckland Unitary Plan.

Auckland Council Acting Compliance Manager Jesse Hindt says properly maintained systems play a critical role in protecting waterways, beaches and public health, particularly in rural and fringe urban areas such as the Pōhutukawa Coast and Clevedon, and that the jump in compliance signals a significant shift.

The council’s proactive monitoring has proven far more effective than relying on public complaints. Over the past 12 months, monitoring identified 1,879 faulty systems, with 938 already repaired. By contrast, only 111 septic-related complaints were received over 14 months, roughly half of which are expected to result in no confirmed breach, making proactive checks around 17 times more



Auckland Council is cracking down on failing septic tank systems.

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Despite the progress, around 11,240 properties, about 27 per cent of all systems, have still not engaged with the Safe Septic programme despite repeated letters and warnings. The council estimates as many as 950 of these could be operating faulty systems undetected.

Councillor Josephine Bartley, who chairs the Regulatory and Safety Committee, said failing wastewater systems can cause serious, cumulative damage to water quality, especially in areas without reticulated sewerage.

The council says it has now reached the point where stronger measures are necessary. Enforcement action will begin in the highest-risk areas, with tools including abatement notices, LIM notations that alert prospective property buyers, and fines of up to \$2,000.

Council says the crackdown is about fairness and environmental protection rather than punishment, urging the remaining non-compliant owners to catch up with the majority who have already done so.

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J3 vs Shelly Park Team Kiwi, 16-9, **POD** Nina Killian, **C.Star** Skylar Los
J4 vs Monster Boot Camp J4, 23-1, **POD** Laneia Richards, **C.Star's** Harlow van Stee & Bailee Seabright
Y6 Kōkako vs Mellons Bay Magic, **POD** Isla Ellingworth, **C.Star** Mila Rose Sharp
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Above: Coast Star's Harlow van Stee & Bailee Seabright & POD Laneia Richards



Above: POD Nina Killian, Coast Star Skylar Los

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1 egg
½ cup chocolate chips

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius.
2. To make the cornflake crunch, combine the cornflakes, butter and sugar in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir until the butter has fully melted and the cornflakes have turned a deep golden brown. Set aside.
3. Over medium heat, brown the second measure of butter in a saucepan, remove from heat once little brown specks appear and it has a nutty aroma.
4. In a large bowl whisk the browned butter with salt and both sugars until combined. Add in the egg and vanilla and whisk until light brown.
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Down: 1. Tactic, 2. Than, 3. Reggae, 4. Vanity, 5. Assets, 6. Sluice, 7. Hermit, 10. Vegetate, 15. Skirmish, 17. Hob, 19. Eel, 20. Attack, 21. Senior, 22. Busted, 23. Stupor, 24. Arcane, 25. Eyelet, 29. Upon.

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Cut through the flowers am I a cheater?
Oh! Of course not I am a fighter!
Uncle is watching will he see that I am ashamed
Nothing can stop me I am that way
Trying so hard nothing can stop me.
Running so fast my feet start to burn!
Yay! I've finished, next time 1st!

- by Noah, age 8, Clevedon School

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Across

2. Unimportant details (6)
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9. Slender and elegant (6)
11. Fret (7)
12. Pungency (4)
13. Self-regard (6)
14. Savvy (6)
16. Impertinent (6)
18. Urban road (6)
20. Soak up (6)
23. Steady and unchanging (6)
26. Round-up (6)
27. Racquet sport (6)
28. Heal (4)
30. Substitute (7)
31. Dress (6)
32. Connecting point (4)
33. Become angry (6)

Down

1. Stratagem (6)
2. Grammatical term used for comparison (4)
3. Music genre (6)
4. Pride in appearance (6)
5. Items of value (6)
6. Rinse freely (6)
7. Recluse (6)
10. Stagnate (8)
15. Fracas (8)
17. Cooktop (3)
19. Snake-like fish (3)
20. Assault (6)
21. Older, or higher in rank (6)
22. Broken (6)
23. Daze (6)
24. Mysterious (6)
25. Shoelace hole (6)
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Pohutukawa Coast Earthmoving, Grant	027 475 8468	
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Auckland Electrical & Pump Services	536 4074,027 4741 579	
Pohutukawa Electrical	536 4076, mob 021 769 964	
FENCING CONTRACTORS		
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- rural fencing, retaining walls	www.whitefencing.co.nz	
Kimpton Fencing	027 270 2614	
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FLORISTS		
Clevedon Flowers, www.clevedonflowers.co.nz	292 9540	
FOUNDATIONS & FLOOR SLABS		
Pro-Floors Concrete Ltd, Call Grant	0274 951 280	
FUNERAL DIRECTORS		
Resthaven Funeral Services		
Rachel Benns & Raewyn Proctor	533 7493, 267 2530	
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Papakura, Franklin and Manurewa	298 2957	
Howick Funeral Home Robert Johnstone - Mark Rowley	534 7300	
Souly Funerals Beachlands	0800 47 68 59	
Aroha Funerals Maraetai, www.arohafunerals.co.nz	0800 276 420	
GARAGE DOORS		
Repairs & Service, Metro Garage Doors	263 6608	
GARDEN CENTRE		
Beachlands Mitre 10	536 6567	
GLASS AND GLAZING		
Howick Glass	535 4180	
GUTTER CLEANING		
Skyhigh Roof and Gutter Cleaning Ltd		
Website: www.skyhigh.nz	021 951 719	
HAIRDRESSING		
Cooper Hairdressing, 16 Te Pene Rd, Maraetai	027 329 1781	
HANDYMAN SERVICES		
Local Handyman:	536 5050 or 021 156 7370	
Oakes Build Landscape Maintenance,www.oakes.nz	021 903 020	
HEAT PUMPS		
Auckland Wide Electrical	536 6800	
AES - Auckland Energy Solutions		
Website: www.aes.nz	575 1191	
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Your local specialists		
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HOUSE WASHING		
Just Clean Me, Exterior Cleaning Services	022 089 2383	
House washing, gutter cleaning, roof treatments, water blasting.		
No Moss, Pressure Washing Solutions	021 989 274	
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Paul Taylor Manufacturing Jewellers	536 4200	
Repairs/Remodelling/Valuations/Insurance Replacements		
Shop C/7, 129 Beachlands Rd, Pohutukawa Coast Shopping Centre		
KITCHENS		
Kitchen Craft Ltd, Ph Warren	09 274 4221	
for Sizzling Kitchen Design & Cabinetry	www.kitchencraft.co.nz	

LANDSCAPING		
Eastside Landscapes	021 484 158	
LAUNDROMAT		
Kiwi Laundry Co, www.kiwilaundryco.co.nz	022 463 8416	
7 DAYS at GAS Maraetai, 131 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai	536 4218	
LAWNMOWING & GARDENING SERVICES		
F.K. SERVICES - Call Frank	027 415 3657	
Greenacres – Stephen Howe	292 4165 or 021 2266 753	
Prolawns (Beachlands based) Shane	021 746 887	
R&R Garden ServicesRichie: 021 917 332,Roanne: 027 252 8183		
LAWNMOWER SALES/SERVICE/REPAIRS		
B'inds/M'tai mower/chainsaw repairs	536 5621 or 027 308 7777	
Greenmount Mowers & Chainsaws	09 970 4816	
LEGAL SERVICES		
Sutcliffe Matson Law	09 279 8351 or 021 327 030	
LOCKSMITHS		
Local Locksmith - Tony	536 5050 or 021 156 7370	
Armstrong Smarter Security	0800 506 111	
MARINE AND BOATING		
Ovlov Marine Pine Harbour LTD	536 5249	
MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
Maraetai Automotive	536 6542	
Pohutukawa Motors, 57 Third View Ave, Beachlands	536 6664	
MIRRORS		
Howick Glass	535 4180	
OUTBOARD REPAIRS/ MARINE ENGINEERING		
Eastern Marine - Mercury Certified Service Centre – Outboards, sterndrive, petrol & diesel.	536 6252	
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East Auckland Painting Ltd	027 619 2619	
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Soul Workouts, mobile fitness training	021 768 596	
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Coastal Pest Solutions (including rats, rabbits,possums, pest birds, wasps & bees)	536 6020 or 0273 932 125	
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PET ACCOMMODATION		
Pets at Whitford Spa and Stay (PAWSS)	530 8860	
PHYSIOTHERAPIST		
Beachlands Physio beachlandspshysio.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	
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT		
Rent People Ltd	0800 426 580	
Ray White Beachlands - Five AM Property Management	536 7011	
Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands	536 4990	
PUMP SALES & REPAIRS		
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	
Clevedon Pumps & Filtration	027 479 7741	
QUARRY		
Manukau Quarries	263 0220	
REAL ESTATE AGENTS		
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Barfoot & Thompson Whitford	530 8292	
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Alba Roofing	021 584 530	
Roofing & Spouting NZ Ltd	021 766 260	
SCAFFOLDING		
Scaffold Connect Ltd	021 235 5963 or 09 576 5879	
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SECURITY SYSTEMS		
ADS Security Ltd (alarms & monitoring)	536 6860	
Armstrong Smarter Security and Alarms	09 274 0999	
SEPTIC TANK CLEANING		
SST Services phone Rob	09 2947611 or 0274 967430	
SURVEYORS - LAND		
McInnes, Read & Lucas Ltd	298 7288	
Churchill Land Development Services Ltd	273 4182	
Survey Plus Ltd	020 4 SURVEY (020 4 787839)	
TAXIS/TRANSPORT/SHUTTLES		
Coast Shuttle - local hire & airport trips	536 6488 or 0274 722 613	
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TRAVEL - INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC		
Clevedon Travel Brokers chrissyashby@ttb.co.nz	027 273 9701	
Travelselect Beachlands call Mark or Sam	536 6730	
Beachlands Travel Broker phone Nicole	021 1769791	
nicole.ambrusfy@thetravelbrokers.co.nz		
TREE SERVICES		
Jessep Contracting - JessepContracting.co.nz	022 607 4455	
DS Trees Limited	021 537 171 or 09 537 8595	
TYRES - SALES & SERVICE		
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Tyre Guard - Mobile Tyre Service, Call Mike	021 901 034	
UPHOLSTERY & CANVAS		
Eastern Cover Centre. Boat & Outdoor Furniture Covers	535 7524	
VALUERS - PROPERTY		
Property Valuations Ltd, Papakura	299 7406	
VETERINARY SERVICES		
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	
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WATER DELIVERY		
Beachlands/Maraetai Water Supply	273 9763	
Clevedon Water	292 8099	
Whitford Water Supplies	530 8164	
Maraetai Blue Ltd	536 6437, 027 536 6437	
Carlton Haulage	0800 420 246	
Coastal Water Cartage	0508 262 7825	
WET AZZ – www.wetazz.co.nz	0800 WET AZZ (0800 938 299)	
A Plus Water	021 0727 163	
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WATER TANK CLEANING & REPAIRS		
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Clevedon Pumps & Filtration	027 479 7741	
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Allwater Pumps and Supplies Ltd	09 536 5444, 027 536 5444	
Clevedon Pumps & Filtration	027 479 7741	
WEDDING VENUES		
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Maraetai Beach Boating Club	536 6649	



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