

26 June 2026

Waddle we do now? Penguins throw a spanner in Sunkist Bay wall repair project



Little blue kororā/penguins (like the one pictured above) have decided to nest in the Sunkist Bay seawall which is about to be replaced. Image by istockphoto.com/AnastasiaRas

Work to replace the rock revetment wall at Sunkist Bay has taken a long time to begin. And just as work was about to start, a small blue problem has arisen.

Auckland Council Principal Coastal Delivery Specialist Jason Budd says penguins have been identified within a burrow at Sunkist Bay within the proposed work area.

The penguin's presence was confirmed with the assistance of a dog trained specifically for bird detection purposes.

"We've reviewed the information provided from the penguin survey and following preparation of a Kororā (Penguin) Management Plan, are satisfied that with appropriate controls in place that the planned works can proceed when a contractor has been appointed," says Jason.

"The area containing the penguins will be fenced off and fitted with sound barriers."

Penguins are legally protected under the Wildlife Act 1953, and it is a criminal offence to interfere with them whether they are dead or alive. Members of the public should avoid the construction site entirely for health and safety reasons and maintain a safe distance from the penguin burrow to ensure the chicks can develop without disturbance.

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27 Sat	☉	5:07am ▲ 2.8m	11:21am ▼ 0.9m	→
28 Sun	☉	5:56am ▲ 2.8m	12:08am ▼ 0.9m	→
29 Mon	☉	12:29am ▼ 1.1m	6:44am ▲ 2.8m	→
30 Tue	☉	1:12am ▼ 1.0m	7:29am ▲ 2.9m	→
1 Wed	☉	1:54am ▼ 1.0m	8:12am ▲ 2.9m	→
2 Thu	☉	2:35am ▼ 1.0m	8:53am ▲ 2.9m	→

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Guest editorial by Franklin Local Board member Alix Bonnington

It has now been seven months since I was elected to the Franklin Local Board - Wairoa Subdivision. In that time, I have immersed in a system that is both complex and, at times, overwhelming - particularly given that this is a part-time governance role.

One of the biggest lessons I have learned is that local government is about far more than any single issue. While many conversations with passionate residents understandably focus on matters closest to home - road safety, beach camping, parking, or “the road, the road, the road” - there are also long-term plans, infrastructure challenges, environmental projects, and community development initiatives that all compete for attention and resources.

What has become clear to me is that parts of the Wairoa subdivision have significant needs across many areas. There is plenty of work to be done, and progress often depends on communities making their voices heard.

A few observations from my first seven months:

- If you want something changed, improved, or considered, tell the council. Phone, email, lodge a request, or make a submission. The more feedback council receives on an issue, the more visibility it gets. Putting it on Facebook changes

absolutely nothing.

- Communities that organise themselves around a shared vision tend to achieve more. I have now seen this working in places such as Clevedon and Clarks Beach, where focused community groups have worked constructively with council to identify priorities and help deliver results.

With this in mind, Amanda Hopkins - fellow local board representative of Wairoa - and I have established the Pōhutukawa Coast Network group to begin conversations about what we have, what we value, and what we need for the future.

Our next step will be to create a wider Pōhutukawa Coast Community and Business group focused on identifying community priorities and working collaboratively to achieve them.

From 23 June 2026, the draft Local Board Plan will be open for feedback at: akhaveyoursay.nz/local-board-plans-2026. This is an important opportunity for residents to tell us what they support, what they don't support, and what they believe is missing. Specific feedback is particularly valuable. The more detail we receive about community priorities, the better equipped we are to advocate for them.

I am still learning every day, but one thing

I know for certain is that communities that engage, participate, and speak up are the communities that are most likely to see results.

Alix Bonnington
 Franklin Local Board member - Wairoa subdivision

Fast track declines Jones Road fill site application

The Hūnua community is celebrating, following the rejection of Scarbro's application to apply under the Fast Track Consenting Act to establish a managed fill site at 362 Jones Road, Hūnua.

The application decline follows Scarbro's withdrawal of a resource consent application for the same site, lodged with Auckland Council.

Hūnua Ararimu Paparimu Valley Residents Association (HAPVRA) co-chair Geraldine Schnauer says it has been a very stressful time for many local residents.

“This was unsuccessful primarily because the proposal was deemed not to be of regional significance, along with multiple factors including potential contamination to Auckland's drinking water supply and the unsuitability of the surrounding rural roads.

“This was a huge community effort that demonstrates what can be achieved with enough will and determination.

“As we battled on, we realised that we were representing wider rural communities in NZ to prevent a precedent this would set for similar projects.”

HAPVRA plans to hold a community celebration in the coming months.

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Beachlands Maraetai Pony Club's future hangs in the balance

A Beachlands institution is facing uncertainty after the future of land currently leased by the Beachlands Maraetai Pony Club was discussed at a Franklin Local Board workshop last month.

At the workshop, the board discussed the results of a recently undertaken needs assessment of the site at 855 Whitford Maraetai Road, and concluded that the site should be retained as public open space, but developed as a facility available to the whole community. It was proposed that the club's existing lease be renewed until development commences, and that community consultation would be required.

"We need people to think about what the possibilities are for the site," says Franklin Local Board deputy chair Amanda Hopkins.

The board says a new light commercial area proposed to be developed next door to the club could enable easier access to the site, which slopes away from the road down to a stream. The board says the lower part of the site has potential to be used by an entity like the Manukau Beautification Trust, to run a repair cafe, Menz Shed space, community garden and environmental education centre. The flatter part of the site near Whitford Maraetai Road could be used to build a new community hub with a library, gallery space, or perhaps even a multipurpose centre with sports courts, to alleviate pressure on other existing sports facilities in the area.

The news was a blow to the pony club's young riders and families.

Pony Club President Michelle Drube and Secretary Shelley Vogel say the club has been part of the Beachlands and Maraetai community for 50 years.

"For many local families, pony club has been where children have learned to ride, gained confidence, made friends and spent time outdoors," they say.

"Losing the grounds would be about much more than losing a place to ride. It would mean losing a community space that has helped shape generations of local young people and their families."

The club is entirely volunteer-run, with parents, caregivers and riders donating

countless hours to maintain the grounds, organise events and keep operations going. Current members, their families, pony-grazing members, volunteers, sponsors and supporters would all be affected by a closure or forced relocation.

Membership numbers have dipped from their peak, though not through lack of interest, says the club.

"Across Auckland, urban growth has reduced the amount of land available for equestrian activities and increased the cost of participating in the sport. We also think the uncertainty around the future of the grounds has had an impact. It's hard to attract new members, volunteers and investment when people aren't sure whether the club will still have a home in a few years' time.

"The uncertainty has also made it difficult for some families to commit to purchasing ponies or investing in equipment, knowing the long-term future of the club remains unclear."

The club says the growing population of Beachlands and Maraetai could work in its favour if the land question is resolved.

"Despite that, we believe the club has a strong future. Beachlands and Maraetai continues to grow, and we're actively working to raise awareness of the club and attract new members. We see real opportunities to grow participation if we have certainty around the future of the site."

Auckland Council is understood to be considering offering the club a short-term lease as a transitional measure. The club says it would accept this, while making clear it hopes for something more permanent.

"A short-term lease would give us valuable certainty in the immediate future and allow us to continue supporting our members and serving the community. We are committed to doing everything we can to remain part of Beachlands and Maraetai for as long as possible.

"That said, a longer-term lease would give riders, families and volunteers greater certainty and make it easier for us to plan ahead, invest in the club and grow membership over time."

Finding a new home will not be straightforward. The club has signalled it



Beachlands Maraetai Pony Club member Cam Peake learns the ropes aboard his pony 'V', led by his mum Michelle. Photo / supplied.

is open to exploring options but says there are obstacles.

"We are open to exploring options, but suitable land for equestrian activities is becoming increasingly difficult to find. Relocating a Pony Club isn't as simple as moving a few jumps. The facilities, grounds and community have been built up over many years."

On-site grazing is currently provided by the club for its members' ponies, but is not available at the nearest alternative pony club in Whitford. Other clubs that do offer grazing are not located on school bus routes, which some of the club's younger members rely on to independently care for their ponies and participate in club activities.

"Without a suitable site, there is a real possibility the club would cease operating. That would mean local families losing access to Pony Club in Beachlands and Maraetai," says the club.

"It would also mean the loss of a valuable local pathway for young people to develop riding, horsemanship and life skills within their own community, potentially placing participation beyond the reach of some families due to increased travel distances and costs."

The club is keen to ensure that what is at stake is properly understood.

"Pony Club is about much more than riding. It teaches young people

responsibility, resilience, teamwork and care for animals. It gets kids outdoors, away from screens and connected to their community."

The club is an internationally recognised youth organisation, with members working through structured certificates and qualifications in riding, horse management and horsemanship - skills the club says can open doors into veterinary science, agriculture and other animal-related careers.

Local business support has also played a significant role in keeping the club accessible over the years.

"The club is also fortunate to have the support of several long-standing local sponsors whose generosity has helped sustain opportunities for young riders and their families over many years. Their ongoing support reflects the value the wider community places on ensuring young people continue to have access to Pony Club and the opportunities it provides."

"Facilities like this are becoming increasingly rare, particularly in growing urban areas. Once they are lost, they are very difficult to replace. We'd love to see a solution that allows Pony Club to remain part of the Beachlands and Maraetai community for future generations."

Franklin Local Board's next step is to undertake stakeholder consultation.

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It hasn't all been plain sailing. In 2010, Callum and some of his team went out at their regular harvesting start time of 5am. As they began to harvest, he noticed that the oysters smelled bad.

"The farm was dead. Every oyster was dead ... it was a herpes virus which had come from France and basically wiped out about seventy per cent of our oysters overnight. It wasn't a great day, but it sort of reorganised the industry and that worked out well in the end."

Callum paid tribute to current and present staff, some of whom have been with the business since day one.

"If you've got good staff and you've got people who are prepared to work, you can always make a go of it. So that's what we try to do. It has been hard work, but it's fun work. We'd do it all again."



Staff, family, customers and friends gather at the McCallum Homestead to celebrate Clevedon Coast Oysters 40th anniversary.



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Maraetai Beach School

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Maraetai Beach School students plant at Waiomānu

Although digging through the hard clay soil proved challenging, planting became much easier once the clay layer was broken through. Despite the cold weather and muddy conditions, students remained enthusiastic and committed throughout the activity.

The trip provided valuable practical skills, including how to correctly plant a sapling and safely remove young plants from their bags without damaging their roots.

Students gained a greater appreciation for the effort involved in environmental conservation and habitat restoration. Overall, the visit to Waiomānu Farm was a rewarding and enjoyable experience.



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This year's event will feature a range of groups including Hands on Creatures, who will bring a variety of live animals for visitors to meet while learning about their habitats and conservation. Pest Free Howick will share information on trapping initiatives, protecting native wildlife, and tackling invasive species. Visitors will also be able to meet representatives from Friends of Mangemangeroa, Forest & Bird, The Composting Collective, the Cockle Bay Residents and Ratepayers Restoration Project, and the Pigeon Mountain Garden Club. Together, these groups showcase the incredible work being undertaken to protect and enhance East Auckland's local environment.

Eco Day reflects the strong community spirit that exists across East Auckland and provides a valuable opportunity to learn from the dedicated volunteers and organisations working to preserve the natural spaces that residents and visitors enjoy every day.



'Hands on Creatures' will be at the Howick Village Association's Eco-Day event on Saturday 4 July.

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It's open for feedback until 23 July 2026, but is only as good as the people who help shape it.

Share your thoughts and ideas from 23 June-23 July 2026 at akhaveyoursay.nz/localboardplans2026. It's about local voices and local choices.

The draft plan prioritises connecting communities to encourage more activations and strengthen local participation.

So far, this has made the community-led library trial in Clevedon, youth engagement such as Te Puru's movie night possible, and projects like Clevedon Community Association's welcome packs for new residents.

The plan also backs community-led action, providing opportunity for local event organisers to fundraise for meaningful initiatives and causes.

Through the board's support, as prioritised in its 2023 plan, the Rotary Club of Pōhutukawa Coast recently reported the Beachlands Trolley Derby and Coastal Fun Run raised about \$23,000 for local causes, including Bellyful, Takutai



Aerial view of Beachlands.

Youth Group, Beachlands School, Clevedon School, Speed Freaks, Arts Hub Matariki Arts Festival and local ANZAC memorial projects.

Franklin Local Board chair Alan Cole is pleased to see the benefits of the board's investment and wants to hear from residents on the next three-year plan.

"These examples demonstrate how the board's investment through

the community partnerships programme – an initiative of the Franklin Local Board Plan 2023, can support wider community outcomes and contribute to further investment returning to Franklin communities," says chair Cole.

Franklin Local Board deputy chair Amanda Hopkins says these partnerships are delivering strong results and is eager to hear ideas from the community where the board can add further value.

"These partnerships provide numerous ways for local communities to contribute and benefit. They offer opportunities for people and organisations that specialise in event coordination, fundraising, volunteering and much more to participate and take the lead, drawing on their experience and local connections.

"Not only do they deliver successful local activities and events for residents to enjoy, but their efforts also generate proceeds that support groups with needs or those that could benefit from light touch support or seed funding," says deputy chair Hopkins.

"This strengthens participation, local partnerships, and reinvestment into

community initiatives, extending impact beyond the day of the event itself."

With just over \$440,000 allocated to the 2025/2026 community partnership programme across Franklin, it replaces one-off community grants with longer-term investments that foster local connections, collaboration and community-led delivery.

Should this be a priority for the board? Scan the QR code to view the draft plan and have your say to help shape what comes next.

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The Clevedon Association delivers welcome packs like the one above to the village's newest residents.

SPORTS

Beachlands Maraetai Football Club



RESULTS FROM 20-21 JUNE

Womens First Team vs Uni-Mount Bohemian AFC Diamonds, 0-4
First Team vs Waitemata FC, 3-3
First Team U23 vs Waitemata FC, 3-2
Atletico Beach vs Auckland United Football Club: Young Ones, 4-1
Legionnaires vs Uni-Mount Bohemian AFC Quiche, 1-1
Rebels vs Western Springs Inter Paris, 0-2
Lions vs Ellerslie AFC Metro, 0-3
Coasters vs Manukau City AFC Babasiga Lions, 2-3

Beachlands Maraetai Junior Rugby



RESULTS FROM 20 JUNE

U11 Navy Girls Ripa vs Eden Falcons 95-85, **POD** Ava Barclay
Y4 Navy vs Manurewa Green 60-55, **POD** Jaxon Good, **TOD** Bryn Colenso
Y4 Orange vs Pukekohe Y4 Green 20-120, **POD** Ammon from Pukekohe, **Opposition** **POD** Diego
Y2 Orange vs Ardmore Marist Y2 Red 13-12, **POD** Neve Waite, **ROD** Kohen Waite
U13 Girls Ripa vs Marist Eastern 15-90, **POD** Sidney Pomeroy, **Opposition** **POD** Molly Cleary
Y8 vs Te Kauwhata Y8 87-10, **POD** Aaron Drake
Y6 vs Patumahoe 50-40
U17 Girls Ripa vs East Tamaki 115-35, **POD** Pippa Underwood
U15 Fast Ferns Navy vs College Rifles Falcons 60-50, **POD** Indie Gordon, **ROD** Brooklyn York, **Captain's Choice** Jade Barker
Y5/6 Orange vs Suburbs 45-95, **POD** Rafaela, **ROD** Elsie
Y7 Mako vs Patumahoe Y7 31-17, **POD** Percy Van Der Merwe
Y2 Navy vs Manurewa Green Y2 12-13, **POD** Beau Heaney, **ROD** Mason Nukanuka
Y5 Navy **POD** Harvey McQueen, **TOD** Luke Skeen
U11 Navy Girls Ripa vs Grammar Pink Panthers 100-40, **POD** Tahlia Robinson, **Passing encouragement award** Pippa Spick
Y4 Orange vs Ardmore Marist Y4 Green 60-60, **POD** Beauden A, **Opposition** **POD** Beauden A
Y8 vs Pukekohe Gold Y8 71-21, **POD** Colt Overend
U13 Navy Girls Ripa vs ORFC Moana 0-115, **POD** Margo Kyn
Y4 Navy vs Bombay Black 40-40, **POD** John Alway, **TOD** Noah Tuyay
Y6 Mako vs Onewhero Year 6 40-60



Above: Beau and Mason - Y2 Navy

Pohutukawa Coast Netball Club



RESULTS FROM 20 JUNE

Prem vs Pakuranga Prem, 37-56
S2 vs CBNC S1, 17-31, **POD** Janelle Cridge
S3 vs Waka S1, 30-34
S4 vs Monster Boot Camp S2, 21-22, **POD** Kirsten Davis
S5 vs Shelly Park S3, 21-33
S6 vs Waka S3, 23-34
S7 vs Pakuranga Jade, 21-49
C1 vs Sunnyhills Orange, 18-24
C2 vs Monster Boot Camp C1, 7-38, **POD** Tamara Cockerell, **C.Star** Armahni Repia
C3 vs Monster Boot Camp C3, 8-32
J1 vs Mellons Bay J1, 9-42
J2 vs Howick Ivory, 34-5, **POD** Amy Johnson, **C.Star** Jemma Brooke
J3 vs Monster Boot Camp J2, 18-12, **POD** Skylar Liang, **C.Star** Nina Killian
J5 vs Te Ruapotaka Whanau J1, 0-22, **POD** Harlow van Stee, **C.Star** Mackenzie de Beer
Y6 Kōtare vs Team Takahe, **POD** Scarlett Sayer, **C.Star** Mirka Warrington
Y6 Kōkako vs Sancta Maria Superstars, **POD** Imogen Boggs, **C.Star** Hayley Brooke
Y6 Mātātā vs CB Pink Diamonds, **POD** Aria Halligan, **C.Star** Rosie MacCullaich
Y6 Takahē vs Mellons Bay Stars, **POD** Eva Mulkerrins, **C.Star** Aria Patel
Y5 Kererū vs CB Cosmic Chaos, **POD** Clara Piao, **C.Star** Julia Westbrook
Y5 Pūkeko vs Sunnyhills Sapphires, **POD** Skyla Jacobs, **C.Star** Tatum Coetzee
Y5 Tāiko vs Star of the Sea Allstars, **POD** Ella Ritchie, **C.Star** Ettie Johnson



Above: C2, **POD** Tamara Cockerell, **COAST** Star Armahni Repia

Clevedon Football Club



RESULTS FROM 20-21 JUNE

Challengers U6 **POD** Bella Cadwallader
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Franklin Vets: Emmy's road to a pain-free mouth



- by Dr Samuel Frost BVSc, Veterinarian and Branch Manager

Over the past six months, we've had the pleasure of caring for Emmy, who first visited us with noticeably red, inflamed gums that were causing her discomfort. These symptoms are classic indicators of gingivitis, an early stage of periodontal disease and one of the most common and preventable conditions we see in cats.

Because pets don't allow thorough dental examinations while awake, we placed Emmy under general anaesthetic to thoroughly clean her teeth and assess the health of the surrounding tissues. While the visible surfaces of teeth tell part of the story, the real insight comes from what's happening beneath the gumline. Dental x-rays are especially important in cats, and in Emmy's case they revealed several diseased teeth that looked perfectly normal

on the surface but were contributing significantly to her gum inflammation.

We removed the worst of these teeth during her first procedure, but because so many required extraction, we worked with her family to stage the treatment. This allowed us to keep her anaesthetic time shorter and safer, and to give her owners a clear plan and cost estimate before proceeding. Emmy recovered beautifully, and her family left with a full understanding of her oral health and the steps ahead.

At her follow-up appointment, we performed targeted extractions based on the earlier imaging. The procedure went smoothly, and Emmy is now eating comfortably. Perhaps a little too comfortably, as she's now working on avoiding extra weight gain.

While Emmy needed a staged approach, most pets benefit greatly from a simple dental cleaning that removes tartar, particularly below the gumline. Regular check-ups and early intervention prevent painful disease and reduce the need for costly extractions. Dental checks at our clinic are free, so feel welcome to book one ahead of our dental month in August.



Vet nurse Jaimee with Emmy.



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Ingredients:

- 1 cup warm water
- 1 Tbsp dried yeast
- 1 tsp sugar
- 350g high-grade flour
- 1 cup cooked quinoa
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp salt
- Pizza sauce
- Preferred pizza toppings (cut thinly)
- 1 cup grated cheese

Method:

1. Gently mix water, yeast and sugar in a bowl. Let it sit in a warm place for around 10 minutes until the mixture is frothy.
2. In a large bowl, combine the flour, cooked quinoa, olive oil and salt. Add in the yeast mixture and mix until it forms a dough.
3. Knead the dough for 10 minutes until it has become smooth and elastic. Place the dough into an oiled bowl, cover with tea towel and leave it in a warm place until it has doubled in size. This should take 40-60 minutes.
4. Preheat the oven to 180°C.
5. Divide the dough into thirds. On a lightly floured surface roll out each section into rectangles around 20x30cms (they should be about 1cm thick).
6. Lightly brush the top of each with olive oil and use your fingers to push small dents into the surface to prevent bubbling. Spread your pizza sauce evenly over each base, then cover in your desired pizza toppings and cheese.
7. Carefully roll the rectangles into tight logs and pinch along the seam to seal. Place the log seam side down onto your chopping board and cut the log into 5cm wide slices.
8. Place onto a lined baking tray, sprinkle with extra cheese and bake for 15-20 minutes (until the sides are golden brown).
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The Journey of a lifetime: Sir Hughie Edwards

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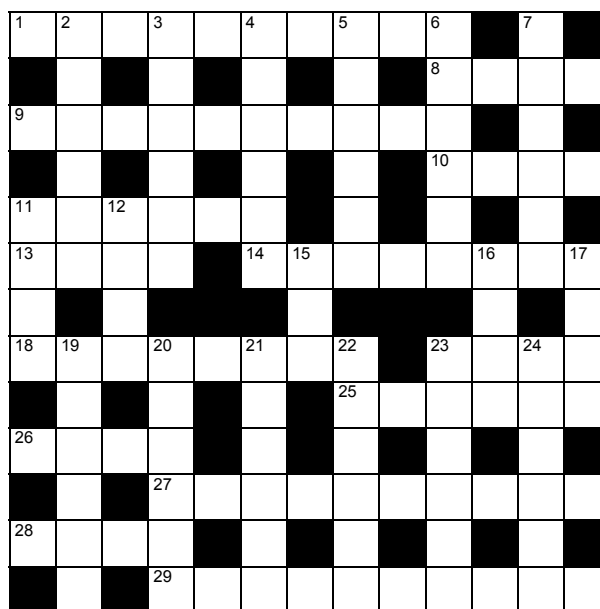
Sir Hughie Edwards was born in Fremantle on 1 August 1914 into a family of five children with two struggling parents. After attending White Gum Valley School, he enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery under persuasion from his sister. Edwards most likely would have stayed in the army, but his brother suggested the pilot officer cadetship. He then joined this programme in 1935 and proceeded to crash a few planes in his first year, but was never hurt. In his later years of training, he went on a cross-country flight and flew blind straight through a cloud. While he was climbing out of the cloud, ice went into his engines and caused the plane to stall; everybody came out unscathed except Hughie. When he was bailing from the aircraft, his parachute snagged and caught on a radio antenna, causing him to go down with the plane. Luckily, he survived the wreckage. After surgery, Hughie got shipped off over the North Sea and the European coast in 1941. In 1943 he commanded a large RAF team as a ground captain in Lincolnshire and Sri Lanka.

He was knighted in 1974 for his brave efforts and contribution to society, and was awarded the highest medal given, the Victoria Cross. Sir Hughie Edwards died on 5 August 1982 in Sydney after a fatal fall.

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- by Finn Corson, Hūnua School

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- 13. Inactive (4)
- 14. Vista (8)
- 18. Rule out (8)
- 23. Essence (4)
- 25. Old-fashioned (inf) (6)
- 26. Domain (4)
- 27. Perilous (10)
- 28. Paste (4)
- 29. Formal stationery (10)

Down

- 2. Over a wide area (6)
- 3. Undertake (6)
- 4. Unlucky incident (6)
- 5. Simultaneous action (6)
- 6. Gypsy (6)
- 7. Lowest point (6)
- 11. Inform on (4)
- 12. Besides (4)
- 15. Also (3)
- 16. Opera solo (4)
- 17. Hanker (4)
- 19. Not often (6)
- 20. Place of worship (6)
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 Pro-Floors Concrete Ltd, Call Grant 0274 951 280

COSTUME HIRE

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Whitford Dental Group 530 8461
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 Bizzy Bobcats & Diggers - call Mark 027 494 4414
 Digginit www.digginit.co.nz 027 656 2270

DOCTORS

Beachlands Medical Centre 536 6006

DRAINLAYERS

Vibe Earthmovers and Drainage call Vincent 0272 225 377
 Probuilt Earthworks Drainage call Steve 0274 849 8947
 Drainage Vision Ltd call Mike Adams 027 593 0326
 Certified drainlayer, CCTV inspections, drain unblocking

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Whitford Early Learning Centre 530 8726
 Clevedon Kidz Early Childhood Centre 292 8358

EARTH MOVING CONTRACTORS

Riordan Contracting 09 530 9429 OR 027 430 9429
 Pohutukawa Coast Earthmoving, Grant 027 475 8468

ELECTRICIANS

Auckland Electrical & Pump Services 536 4074, 027 4741 579
 Pohutukawa Electrical 536 4076, mob 021 769 964

FENCING CONTRACTORS

White Fencing: 292 8064, 0274 957 868
 - rural fencing, retaining walls www.whitefencing.co.nz

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
 Ensom and Biswas Funerals
 John Ensom & Rav Biswas 299 6646 or 524 6765
 Fountains Funeral Directors & Monumentalists -
 Papakura, Franklin and Manurewa 298 2957
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 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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Just Clean Me, Exterior Cleaning Services 022 089 2383
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 No Moss, Pressure Washing Solutions 021 989 274

JEWELLER

Paul Taylor Manufacturing Jewellers 536 4200
 Repairs/Remodelling/Valuations/Insurance Replacements
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KITCHENS

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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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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'lnds/M'tai mower/chainsaw repairs 536 5621 or 027 308 7777
 Greenmount Mowers & Chainsaws 09 970 4816

LEGAL SERVICES

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 Armstrong Smarter Security 0800 506 111

MARINE AND BOATING

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MECHANICAL REPAIRS

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

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 Professional Pest Control 536 6690 or 021 078 3622

PET ACCOMMODATION

Pets at Whitford Spa and Stay (PAWSS) 530 8860

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Beachlands Physio beachlandspysio.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

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Barfoot & Thompson Beachlands 536 4990
 Barfoot & Thompson Whitford 530 8292
 Ray White Beachlands - Five AM Realty 536 7011

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ROOFING SERVICES

Alba Roofing 021 584 530
 Roofing & Spouting NZ Ltd 021 766 260

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Scaffold Connect Ltd 021 235 5963 or 09 576 5879
 DTS Wright Scaffolding Ltd 021 239 4276

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)

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Clevedon Travel Brokers chrisshyashby@ttb.co.nz 027 273 9701
 Traveselect Beachlands call Mark or Sam 536 6730
 Beachlands Travel Broker phone Nicole 021 1769791
 nicole.ambrusfy@thetravelbrokers.co.nz

TREE SERVICES

Coastal Cutters - coastalcutters@hotmail.com 021 196 6509
 Jessep Contracting - JessepContracting.co.nz 022 607 4455
 DS Trees Limited 021 537 171 or 09 537 8595

TYRES - SALES & SERVICE

Maraetai Automotive 536 6542
 Pohutukawa Motors 536 6664
 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
 Open: Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Sat: 9am-12pm

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
 PROWATER - Support Local, Ph Shane/Sheridan 021 530 727

WATER TANK CLEANING & REPAIRS

Maraetai Blue Tank Cleaning Call Jacob 021 029 84170
 Clevedon Pumps & Filtration 027 479 7741

WATER TREATMENT

Malmaks Water Shop 530 8872, 021 470 588
 Allwater Pumps and Supplies Ltd 09 536 5444, 027 536 5444
 Clevedon Pumps & Filtration 027 479 7741

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