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# "Magical" twilight market launched

A Friday night market where families can gather, watch a movie under twinkling fairy lights, and enjoy food truck fare at 'candlelit' tables, is a new highlight in Pāpāmoa this summer.

The new Pāpāmoa Twilight Market is driven by the team behind the Sunday Pāpāmoa Community Market at Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School, and launched at the end of October.

Market founder Carmen Cristescu says her 'marketeers' asked her to organise a night market, which she agreed to if it could be "beautiful and magical".

"I wanted to create something really special and different; something that's going to last forever."

The "something special" includes fairy lights, beautifully arranged tables with battery-powered candles, and a free family-friendly movie on a big outdoor screen, every week. All while the sun sets, and with a few surprises.

The market primarily features top-tier food vendors and a select few arts and crafts stalls, offering something different to the daytime Sunday market. You won't find produce, seedlings, plants, a barber on-site, eggs, or honey. Instead, expect an evening filled with unique experiences.

Carmen says the interest from potential vendors has been incredible, and she is dedicated to bringing something "truly special" to Pāpāmoa.

Being able to provide free entertainment to local families is important to her, including screening Christmas movies in December. Children can also enjoy the playground at the school during the market.

"I want to be able to offer something to all families, who may not usually be able to afford to go out. At the market you can always get something inexpensive to eat and make it a cheap night out for the whole family. There are so many kids in Pāpāmoa."

The project is a labour of love for Carmen, who runs the Sunday and Friday markets to provide a service to the community.

"I get to offer something to the community. I love it."

The night market is weather dependent and held every Friday over summer at Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School from 5pm, with the movie starting about 7.30pm. To keep up to date, follow the Facebook page 'Pāpāmoa Community Market'. ■

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## Get ready for emergency services food drive

Once a year the streets of Pāpāmoa are alive with the sound of sirens – but it's heralding fantastic community spirit rather than causing alarm.

The Emergency Services Food Drive sees local fire officers and police officers team up with volunteers including Neighbourhood Support, driving round the streets of Pāpāmoa and collecting items for our local food bank.

Neighbourhood Support coordinator Bruce Banks says the organisation is excited to once again assist in the planning and execution of the food drive on Tuesday 26 November from

5.30 to 7.30pm.

"Last year was another record collection, and in 2024 we want to smash that record again. Very soon I will go out to our Neighbourhood Support members asking for volunteers to help with the collection. Last year we had over 200 people volunteer their time or vehicles to help make the food drive a success.

"Our promise remains that all items donated stay in Pāpāmoa, and are distributed to those in need, in your community."

Residents are asked to leave donations at their letterbox. Recommended items are tinned food, non-perishables, pasta

and rice, cleaning products, baby food and formula, nappies, pet food, personal hygiene items and sanitary products.

"And a polite plea – no expired items please," says Bruce.

Although the food drive happens annually, each year there are people in the community who are taken aback at the presence of so many emergency services vehicles.

"Do not be alarmed by the sound of sirens all over Pāpāmoa, as our teams will be very loud and obvious as they snake slowly through the streets of Pāpāmoa. Please give generously if you are able." ■

## From the editor's desk

The opening of New World The Sands on November 5 represents huge confidence and investment in this community, and provides more choice, jobs, and vibrancy in the area. Congratulations to the team behind it.

Growth in Pāpāmoa was a hot topic when newly elected Mayor Mahe Drysdale fronted up to the Pāpāmoa Residents and Ratepayers Association (PRRA) last month. It was an opportunity for locals to express their concerns and be heard by the Mayor, who admitted that Tauranga has poorly managed growth in the past. Read more on page 5.

Enjoy your month.

■ Ellen Irvine

# The Sands Town Centre to open 5 Nov

Excitement is building in Pāpāmoa East as stage one of The Sands Town Centre will officially open on 5 November, a month ahead of schedule.

The anchor tenant is New World, together with a large-scale Anytime Fitness gym, and a new food precinct offering sushi, kebabs, pizza, and more. It is anticipated that more than 150 jobs will be supported from stage one alone, positioning the centre as a significant economic contributor to the region.

Behind the project is established developer Bluehaven Group, which regards the projected billion-dollar town centre as a 'once in a generation' opportunity and is thrilled to see this milestone occur.

"We are strong advocates for Pāpāmoa East since we embarked on development in the region," says Bluehaven Group Chief Executive Nathan York.

"Fundamental to our development philosophy has always been the establishment of this sub-regional town centre in the heart of Golden Sands, so that we could support those who live along the coastal belt and the wider Bay of Plenty area.

"Convenience, quality and prominence for our fast-growing community has driven decision making as we've sought to lay the foundations for one of the most significant and far-



reaching commercial hubs in the Bay of Plenty on completion. Already there are 115,000 people who live within 20 minutes of The Sands, and that number is forecast to grow by over 25 per cent in the next decade."

Within this radius lies the neighbouring Pāpāmoa East/Wairākei urban area largely developed by Bluehaven, plus the greater Pāpāmoa region, Mount Maunganui, Te Puke and Maketū, Rangiuru Business Park, and the future developments of Te Tumu and Bell Road.

Bay of Plenty MP Tom Rutherford says the opening of The Sands Town Centre marks a significant milestone for the development of Pāpāmoa East and the Bay of Plenty.

"It brings new amenities, job opportunities, and economic growth to the region. I look forward to watching The Sands evolve into a thriving heart of our community in the years to come."

The Sands marks the fourth and largest sub-regional shopping centre for the wider Bay of Plenty. At 230,000 square metres on completion (or the equivalent of 50

rugby fields), it will open over a number of stages, with Mitre-10 Mega announced to anchor the next stage together with national and international brands. Stage Three is also almost fully leased, and both stages are set to open in 2026.

On completion, The Sands will feature retail and mixed commercial outlets, a comprehensive health hub, community facilities, home improvement centres, increased hospitality offerings, hotels and accommodation, and government services.

Access to The Sands is currently via Emerald Shores Drive (off Pāpāmoa Beach Road), Stevenson Drive (accessible via Te Okuroa Drive) or The Boulevard, with a combination of roadways, cycle and walkways, and buses all servicing the area. The Pāpāmoa East Interchange on the Tauranga Eastern Link will offer major access to the wider region once it opens in mid-2026.

Family fun activities and opening specials are planned for the first days and weeks of opening. ■

## Opening on November 5:

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- Pablo's: Latin American cuisine
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- Pizza Hut
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- Hello Sushi

## Legacy puts wheels in motion for a safer Omanu Beach.

Every year, thousands of people are kept safe by the services that the Omanu Beach Surf Life Saving Club provides. From water confidence and safety training to lifeguarding and surf sports, the club would not be able to do what they do best without the help of volunteers and sponsors, Legacy included.

Legacy began its support of the Omanu Beach Surf Life Saving Club back in March 2008, with a financial donation of \$8500. This support has continued over the years, with contributions made in more recent times enabling the club to purchase two lifeguard vehicles. The first, purchased in 2015, was instrumental to the club, allowing them to undertake numerous rescue operations on the beach and, to transport lifeguards to competitions across New Zealand. "Recently, Legacy has stepped up again", says Scott Bartlett, General Manager of Omanu Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Legacy have helped "us upgrade our lifeguard vehicle and purchase a second car, now utilised by former World Ironman Champion and Omanu Club Coach, Cory Hutchings", Scott adds. The club are humbled by Legacy's consistent support, which has played a significant role in enhancing beach safety over the years. Legacy is proud to support the club and give back to the local community. Here's to a sunny and safe Omanu Beach this upcoming summer!

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# “Forgotten suburb” reminds Mayor

Pāpāmoa is Tauranga’s biggest suburb but often feels like “the forgotten suburb”, Tauranga Mayor Mahe Drysdale heard at the Pāpāmoa Residents and Ratepayers Association’s (PRRA) October meeting.

The newly elected Mayor was there to meet the community, give an update on council, and listen to residents’ concerns – of which there was no shortage.

Roading – including the state of Pāpāmoa Beach Road, Domain Road, Te Okuroa Drive, and speed bumps – was a recurring gripe. Another hot topic was the urgent need for safe tsunami escape routes. And there was anger about the cost of rates, effectively pricing some people out of the area.

Seventeen questions were presented to the Mayor, who was well-received at the meeting. However, he largely responded by saying he needed more information to provide answers, while assuring attendees that he was taking their concerns into consideration.

### Tsunami evacuation

PRRA chair Philip Brown emphasised the organisation’s commitment to establishing clear and safe tsunami evacuation routes to the Pāpāmoa Hills. Philip noted that while residents would need to evacuate to the hills on foot in the event of a tsunami threat, there are currently no footpaths along the far end of Parton Road or the overbridge.

“It could be deadly serious, and we are not prepared for it.

“PRRA has been putting forward proposals for evacuation paths; at the moment not much is happening.”



The Mayor was asked why there was an ongoing delay and if there was any chance of progress. He said the council was due to be briefed on this in the next month.

“It’s something we are absolutely aware of. I give my word we will certainly look at it and see what we can do.”

### Te Tumu Development Levy

Another concern was targeted rates for the Te Tumu growth area (Pāpāmoa and Wairākei) from 2024/25. Pāpāmoa ward councillor Steve Morris campaigned on this

issue as being unfair for local residents. The Mayor was asked if the Te Tumu levy would be removed.

“This is something we have heard a lot from Steve about,” says Mahe. “This is an area we are doing a bit more work on, we have done a poor job in this city of paying for growth.”

### Roading

“Why does Pāpāmoa get treated like a backwater when it comes to roading infrastructure?”

The Mayor pushed back at this question, citing the Pāpāmoa East Interchange, which is due to open in mid-2026.

“Tauranga City Council is spending \$100 million out here putting an interchange in off the expressway,” says Mahe. “It’s not that there is no money being spent out here. Whether that is the greatest priority for it, I didn’t make that decision.

“If you look at the last 10 to 15 years and amount of growth out here, there has been a huge amount of money spent, most of it under the ground.

“With the amount of growth in Pāpāmoa, there has been a huge amount of investment.”

### Pāpāmoa Beach Road

This 50-year-old road is one of the busiest in Tauranga, and has not been upgraded since it was built, Philip says.

Pāpāmoa Beach Road is not fit for purpose; it needs to be asphalt and have safe crossings like the equivalent roads in Mount Maunganui, a resident told the Mayor.

The last 500m of Domain Road is still rural, and as a key tsunami exit route, needs to be improved, the PRRA says. And Te Okuroa Drive needs to be upgraded to the four-lane road originally planned.

### Communication

Mahe says the council is committed to finding better ways to engage with the community.

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# Migrants welcomed in third Pōwhiri hosted by Ngai Te Rangi

Calling all migrants – Multicultural Tauranga has organised a special welcome to help you settle and integrate into your new home.

The not-for-profit organisation has been a community hub and the voice of migrant communities for 30 years. One of the events it organises is the Migrant Pōwhiri, which is now in its third year and will be hosted by Ngai Te Rangi at the Opopoti Marae in Maungatapu on Saturday 9 November.

Multicultural Tauranga President and Pāpāmoa local Premila D’Mello says it’s a wonderful opportunity for people new to New Zealand to learn about local culture and history, and to feel part of it.

“We think that many migrants will benefit from attending this event, and experiencing the hospitality of tangata whenua helping to foster social cohesion in our rohe [region],” says Premila.

“This year’s event will be extra special as we are working with Ngai Te Rangi to give the visitors/manuhiri an opportunity to learn about the history of the marae.

“There will also be Māori cultural activities to participate in. Multicultural communities will be supporting the event



with performances and traditional food for a shared kai.”

Migrants will assemble outside the marae at 9.30am and be welcomed onto the marae through the pōwhiri process. Speeches, kai, and Māori cultural and multicultural performances will follow, while people will participate in cultural activities and visits to the whareniui.

The welcoming ceremony or pōwhiri by Ngai Te Rangi has been compared to breaking the pot and planting our roots in the soil of Aotearoa.

This event is sponsored by Tauranga City Council, MBIE, Ministry of Ethnic Communities, and Tauranga Western Bay Community Event Fund.

For more information see the ‘Multicultural Tauranga’ Facebook page. Registrations via Eventbrite. ■



## 3rd Powhiri for migrants to the Bay of Plenty

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# EVES Open World Tennis Tour returns to Pāpāmoa

Sports lovers in Pāpāmoa will have the opportunity to watch some of the best up and coming tennis players from around the world this December, when The World Tennis Tour returns.

Now in its third year, the EVES Open will be held at Pāpāmoa Tennis Club from 16-22 December, attracting players who will compete for coveted world rankings points and more than \$60,000 in prize money.

The tournament has fast become a favourite for young players on the tennis circuit.

Tennis New Zealand Commercial & Marketing Manager Gareth Archer says several players have declared it amongst the best in the world at this level of the

professional tennis pyramid.

“We’ve had players from more than 20 different countries come to Tauranga over the first two years of this event and it’s quickly become a real highlight they look forward to. The crowds, the entertainment and the summer vibes are what really make it iconic,” says Gareth.

The event will have something for everyone, featuring a school holiday programme for junior players and the NZ Wheelchair Tennis Championships, which will be held alongside the pro tournament.

Popular courtside hospitality tables will be available, featuring local food and wine served just metres from the action. Public entry is free for spectators, with good van-



Some of the action at a previous EVES Open World Tennis Tour in Pāpāmoa.



Gareth Archer of Tennis New Zealand, Sam Watherston and Paula Milner of EVES Pāpāmoa sales, and Gerald Greig of Pāpāmoa Tennis Club.

tage points watching from the grass banks behind the courts.

Pāpāmoa Tennis Club president Gerald Greig says it’s fantastic to have the event return for a third time to Pāpāmoa.

In previous years, supporters came from across the Bay of Plenty and Waikato, he says. The event has been a success within the local community since it was first held in December 2022. It brought large crowds every day of the week in the lead-up to Christmas, with fans young and old sitting on the grass banks under pōhutukawa trees watching high-quality tennis action.

There was “nothing but rave reviews, just complete over-the-top rave reviews”, says Gerald, who adds that the local tennis community is supportive of the event.

It is an opportunity to host a free community event for locals in Pāpāmoa and promote the sport they love, which Pāpāmoa Tennis

Club is “super excited” about.

“Tennis is a sport for everybody,” says Gerald. “Everybody’s really, really excited.”

Naming rights partners EVES Real Estate are also looking forward to bringing world-class tennis back to Pāpāmoa.

“This event is always a highlight of the summer season and EVES are thrilled to be back on board for another year, helping bring world-class sport to Pāpāmoa,” says EVES Sponsorship & Events Manager Vicki Semple.

“If you’ve never seen top level tennis up close, you need to get along this year.”

In addition to EVES, the event is supported by Tauranga City Council and TECT through their event funds, helping ensure the event remains free to attend for spectators.

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# Record-breaking team aces Pool Rescue Championships

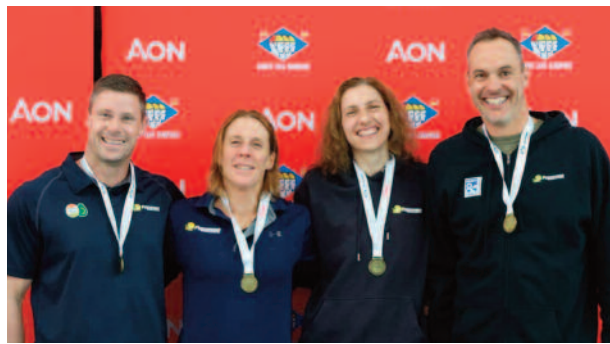
Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club broke three national records and won more medals than any other team at the 2024 National Pool Rescue Championships.

With more than 50 athletes representing juniors, seniors, and masters, Pāpāmoa was the largest team at the event and also played a significant role in officiating, contributing extensively to the smooth running of the competition.

The Pāpāmoa team achieved personal best times and podium finishes in a tough competition. Breaking three national records is a massive achievement, says coach Jack Bullock, showing the determination and talent within the team.

“Our athletes worked incredibly hard this winter, and it’s great to see that pay off in such an impressive way.”

Some of the weekend’s highlights included Bella Davoren’s win in the U17 female 200m obstacles, and the U12 gold medal in the 100m patient tow with fins by Ricky Broadley and Cooper Taylor-Jonsson.



Manikin relay winners Richard Williams, Naomi Davoren, Jen Roberts-Lochray and Rob Pepers.

Both the U19 male line throw team of Ryan Bevin and Triton Dickens, and the U17 team of Lockie Cairns and Oliver Pepers, brought home gold in their divisions. Lockie and Oliver also broke the U17 NZ record with the fastest time of the weekend.



Oliver Pepers and Lockie Bella Davoren.

Pāpāmoa’s Masters team retained their national title in dominant fashion, amassing over three times the points of any other club.

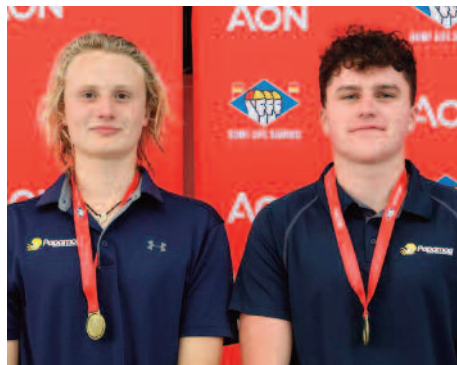
Jack says the dedication of the club’s Masters squad is remarkable.

“Many of them already contribute so much to the club, and to see them dominate like this is a credit to their hard work and passion for surf lifesaving.”

Their victories included a new NZ Masters record in the 100m manikin tow with fins by Naomi Davoren, and a record-setting Masters mixed 4x25m manikin relay team of Rob Pepers, Jen Roberts-Lochray, Naomi Davoren, and Richard Williams.

Overall, Pāpāmoa finished 6th, an improvement from last year’s 7th-place finish.

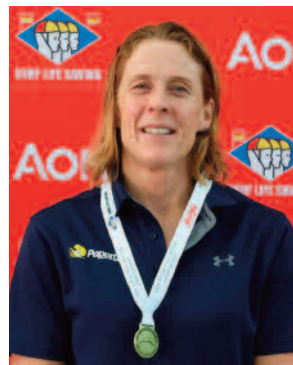
“It’s been a fantastic season, and we couldn’t have done it without the support of our coaches, parents, and club volunteers who helped manage, officiate, and support the team. It was a true team effort,” says Jack. “We’re looking forward to building on this success next year.” ■



Triton Dickens and Ryan Bevin.



Ricky Broadley and Cooper Taylor-Jonsson.



Naomi Davoren.



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# National honours for Shaun and Jo

Long-time Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club member Shaun Smith has received the highest honour that exists in lifesaving – being named a life member.

Shaun was recognised at the 2024 Surf Life Saving New Zealand National Awards of Excellence, held in Christchurch. Fellow Pāpāmoa member Jo Miller was also honoured at the event, receiving the prestigious Surf Official of the Year award and a Distinguished Service Award.

Shaun became a surf lifeguard in 1977 with the Ōpōtiki club, and spent time patrolling in Australia as well as 28 years at the Pāpāmoa club.

He has continually shaped the surf lifesaving community as an instructor and examiner for SLGA and IRB, and he continues to train Pāpāmoa clubbies and examine all candidates in the Bay area for their crew and drivers awards throughout each winter season.

Pāpāmoa Surf Club chairman Jim Pearson says Shaun had already been honoured with a Distinguished Service

Award in 2021.

“Becoming a Life Member marks another significant milestone in his journey since starting as a lifeguard. He should be incredibly proud,” says Jim.

“We are deeply grateful for Shaun’s incredible legacy of service, and we thank him for his ongoing dedication and commitment to our club and to surf life saving.”

Jim also commends the contribution to the club by Jo Miller, who was honoured with the prestigious Surf Official of the Year award and also received a Distinguished Service Award.

Jo has been instrumental in officiating numerous surf competitions, mentoring officials, and continuously supporting the club’s operations with a level of dedication that sets her apart.

“Both Shaun and Jo embody the true spirit of surf lifesaving. We are immensely proud of their outstanding achievements and grateful for all they continue to do for our club and the wider community,” says Jim. ■



Shaun Smith, who received Life Member status, and Jo Miller, who was named Surf Official of the Year at the 2024 SLSNZ Awards.

# Call for Junior Surf coaches

Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club is calling for volunteer coaches for the Junior Surf season. Junior Surf is run entirely by volunteers, and the more people on board, the better they can provide a fun, safe experience for the kids.

Registrations are now open for this summer’s season, which starts on 10 November and runs on Sunday mornings until 2 March. The programme is designed for children aged five to 14 years old.

Kids – and their whānau – learn how to spot rips, what to do if they get in trouble in the water, and how to be safe at the beach.

Age groups have their own dedicated volunteer coaches who oversee the activities and teach those all-important beach skills.

Coaches are given full support and enjoy benefits including building memories with their children, staying active and

enjoying the beach, and making friends with other surf families. All while teaching important water safety skills to the next generation.

It’s all about shaping the lifeguards of tomorrow, the club says, while giving kids the chance to learn vital surf lifesaving skills and knowledge. Along the way, they enjoy loads of fun, stay active with healthy exercise, and learn how to stay safe on the beach and in the water.

Junior surf coach Jenna Waite-Leonard encourages others to give coaching a go. Kids love seeing their parents get involved, she says.

“Being a junior surf coach at Pāpāmoa is such a rewarding experience. Growing up by the ocean and now being a lifeguard myself, I know how important it is for our kids to stay safe in the water, and I love sharing that knowledge while having fun. With the amazing crew and resources we have,

coaching is easier than you think. It’s a great way to give back to the community and help keep our beaches and kids safe.”

Fellow junior surf coach Gillian Johnston says coaching gives you the opportunity to watch your kids grow, build their confidence, and enjoy being present with them while they do this.

“It’s a fantastic way to bond with my own kids and meet other like-minded families. You don’t need to be an expert to be a great coach. With simple drills, fun activities, and plenty of support from the club, you’ll start off helping to encourage the kids and keeping things fun. It’s all about creating a positive space for them to learn. Seeing their smiles and knowing you’re helping them grow is so rewarding. If you’re thinking about it, jump in. I’ve loved every minute of coaching, and I’m sure you will too.”

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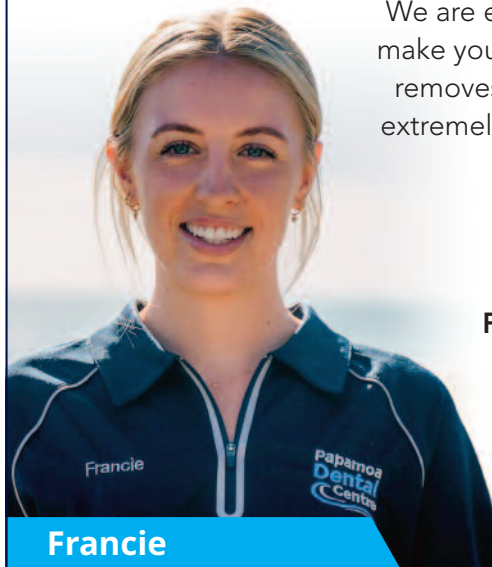
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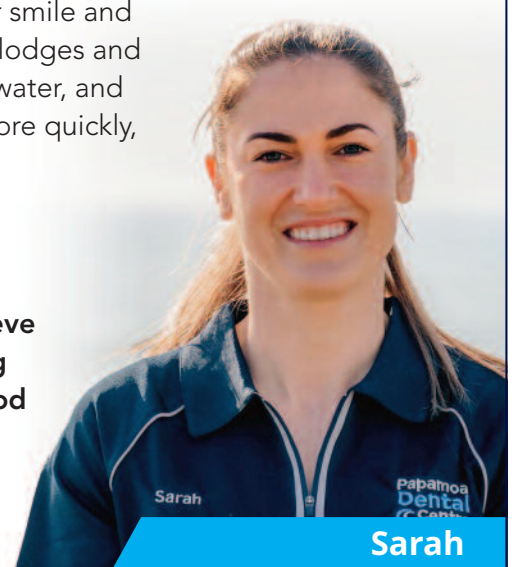
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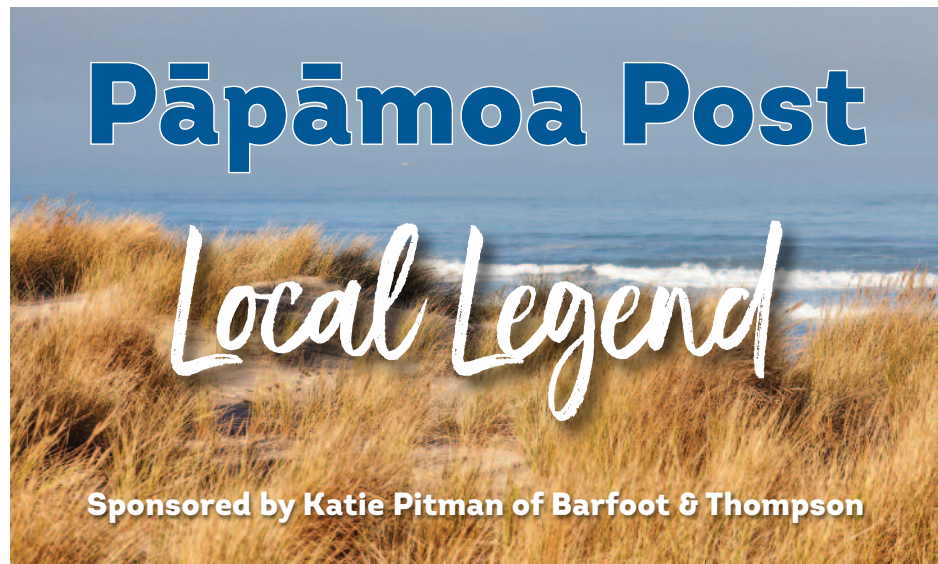
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# Volunteer firefighters celebrated

Community service has been part of Rex Cotter's life for more than 60 years, and his six decades of service was celebrated at Pāpāmoa Volunteer Fire Brigade Honours Night.

Rex received a rare 60-year service certificate, a testament to his extraordinary commitment to fire and emergency services.

After beginning his service in Tirau in 1957, Rex served there for 30 years before moving to Pāpāmoa for another three decades of service.

While Rex no longer rides on the truck, he remains a valued member of the brigade, helping out around the station. He is also a key figure at The Rock Community Garden, working

in the earth there most days, and has also been involved with Grey Power.

Rex is this month's winner of Pāpāmoa Post Local Legend, and receives a prize sponsored by Katie Pitman of Barfoot & Thompson.

Bay of Plenty MP Tom Rutherford says the brigade awards event highlighted the crucial role volunteers provide in protecting the community.

"People like Rex, and all our other local volunteer firefighters, play an important role in helping keep our local community safe," says Tom, who also extended his gratitude to Rex's partner Barbara for her support throughout his long service.



Rex Cotter and his partner Barbara, pictured with Bay of Plenty MP Tom Rutherford.

"Volunteer firefighters play a vital role in helping protect our community."

The Fire Brigade Honours Night was attended by friends and family of the brigade, representatives from neighbouring brigades, local councillors, and Fire and Emergency New Zealand leadership. The event served as a platform to present various brigade awards and acknowledge the collective effort of all volunteers.

Other award recipients were:

- Best attendance to musters - Arron King
- Best attendance to callouts - Brent Sanford
- Firefighter of the year as nominated by brigade - Pat Wilson

Firefighter of the year as nominated by the Chief Fire Officer - Greg Jensen.

Other Service Honours:

- Aleck Evans - 7 years
- Cam Manderson - 11 years
- Jeroen Van Wijk - 11 years
- Greg Jensen - 15 years
- Randy Offenbaker - 23 years
- Aaron Dawson - 29 years
- Brent Sanford - 41 years

Also acknowledged was Dianne Sanford, who stepped down as Brigade Secretary/Treasurer after 16 years. Dianne was presented with a Life Honorary Membership medal. ■



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# Police news: motorcycle clocked 226kmh on TEL

By Sergeant Jason Perry,  
OIC at Pāpāmoa Police

Our Road Policing Team recently arrested a 20-year-old motorcyclist who had been riding his bike at 226kmh on the Tauranga Eastern Link – a way too dangerous speed.

After being charged with dangerous driving, he was also suspended from driving and had his motorcycle impounded.

Even worse was the driver doing 220kmh in his vehicle, which was fitted with a 'space saver' spare tyre. It didn't have a WOF and had already been ordered off the road by the Police due to defects. This driver was also charged with dangerous driving and has been convicted.

You can probably think of descriptive words for these drivers. Most of us are just going about our daily business, but we have these people on the road putting our families at risk. The message is really just keep the speeds down, and think about other road users.

Retail crime has also been a focus of Western Bay of Plenty Police. That includes Pāpāmoa. Since the Retail Crime Unit started earlier this year, it has charged 488 people with retail crime offences, resulting in just over 2400 charges.

They have also been carrying out visits to our well-known repeat and recidivist thieves, in an effort to prevent them from reoffending. And retail outlets themselves



Sergeant Jason Perry

are doing a great job in deterring shoplifters. As a result, I have seen a marked reduction in shoplifting and retail theft being reported to Police.

We often have clusters of burglaries

occurring which can be attributed to one offender. A recent example was one person arrested for three overnight burglaries here in Pāpāmoa, and a further one in the Mount. He is currently in custody. And a Pāpāmoa

offender apprehended in Te Puke is now charged with six burglaries and eight thefts. He is also in custody. These two people were responsible for the bulk of our crime in one month, and with them out of the picture, hopefully the community can feel a little safer.

But please be vigilant. We still have reports of tradies' vehicles being broken into and tools taken, and of cars broken into in an attempt to steal them. Although we have suspects for these, prevention is better than dealing with the hassle of having your day ruined by a thief. Keep your vehicles secure and valuables out of sight.

Lastly, scammers are still very active. Whether it's an online marketplace with a scammer deceiving someone into handing over money, iTunes card scams, fake \$50 notes circulating, sextortion, investment scams, identity theft, or simply receiving a phone call purporting to be from Spark or a bank, there are ever more inventive ways for criminals to take your money.

Scammers seem to be able to talk people into logging into their banking accounts, handing over passwords and login details. There is no worse feeling than having your bank account cleaned out.

Take a minute and go onto the Netsafe website to check out all the types of scams: [netsafe.org.nz/scams](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/scams). Think twice before handing over any passwords, banking details or making that payment. ■

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The Pāpāmoa Lions Club is once again selling its traditional fruit cakes, with the net earnings going back into the local community via charities, projects and other services.

The club donates thousands of dollars every year to the local community, including in the last year to Kai Aroha, Sarah Moore as a member of Koru Under 16 Basketball Team, Tahatai Coast School, Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School, Tauranga Diabetes, Lions International Youth Camp, Heart Kids NZ, Pāpāmoa Kindergarten, Blind Low Vision Guide Dogs, Autism NZ, Bella Muir for Surf Lifesaving exchange, Pāpāmoa College Leos Club, Pāpāmoa Football Club, Brain Injured Children, Georgia Goninon as a member of Tauranga U16 Hockey Team, Cancer Society Daffodil Day, and the Alzheimer’s Association.

The club is also working with the Pāpāmoa Volunteer Fire Brigade to raise the funds required to buy an ATV for the brigade - Our Beach - Our Brigade - Our Safety.

Sue McCowan of Pāpāmoa Lions Club says there is limited stock of the Christmas cakes – once sold out they are unable to reorder – so get in quickly so you don’t miss out.

Each Christmas cake is \$25, or buy a carton of 12 individually packaged cakes for \$300 (GST inclusive). To order, email papamoa@lionsclubs.org.nz or phone 07 808 0832. ■



## Nell Gwynn hits the stage

Pāpāmoa actor Alyssa Stringfellow is part of a cast performing in a 16th Avenue Theatre production of Nell Gwynn this month.

The play opens on 22 November and runs until 7 December.

It celebrates love and the triumph of personality over class, is set in the mid-1600s and features period costumes. Charles, the King, falls in love with Nell Gwynn, an orange seller, outside Drury Lane Theatre in London after she becomes an actor and thrills local audiences. The play tracks the story of their meeting and their continued relationship over the years and is a mix of drama and humour, described as “fast paced and wickedly funny... a love story that’s anything but dull.”

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# Where are all the volunteers?

By Pāpāmoa Neighbourhood Support  
co-ordinator Bruce Banks



We still need your help to achieve our goal of growing Neighbourhood Support by more than 1000 member households this summer.

When Covid arrived, membership in Pāpāmoa plateaued, and it is time to turn that around and get more households on board.

But I need your help. I still need a group of about six more volunteers to help me achieve this lofty goal.

The plan is simple. Go door-to-door in streets where there is low or no Neighbourhood Support membership, talk to residents about the benefits of NS, sign them up, and hopefully identify some-

one to help set up a street group and become the street co-ordinator there. A street group is a cluster of up to 30 households that share contact info among the members.

If you are confident and like meeting and talking to people, this role could suit you. The hours are completely flexible to suit your availability and spare time, but the role requires at least a couple of hours a week. There is not much to learn but full training and support is available.

We start in the next couple of weeks, so please contact me

ASAP to have a chat if you think this role might be a good fit for you.

Contact me on 027 271 3772 or [nspapamo@wbopns.org.nz](mailto:nspapamo@wbopns.org.nz). ■

# Defib installed at Taylor Reserve

A community-funded defibrillator has been installed at the Taylor Reserve boat access ramp.

Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club says the initiative was inspired by a serious incident last summer when a long-time local surfer collapsed at the beach. Thanks to the quick thinking of friends, bystanders, and life-guards, he was successfully revived with a defibrillator.

In recognition of the importance of this life-saving equipment, the surfer and his friends rallied together to raise funds for the new unit.

If you need to use the defibrillator, dial 111 to get the access code. The surf club says it is easy to use, with step-by-step instructions that talk you through the process. ■



# Pāpāmoa Food Hub update

By Pāpāmoa Food Hub founder  
Bruce Banks



PAPAMO A FOOD HUB

The food hub is being kept very busy with requests for food support from the community. We are a charity that is run almost entirely by volunteers, who I might add do an amazing job.

More and more people are feeling the pinch and reaching out for help, and we are doing our best to answer those calls for help.

We are receiving requests from those working and those not, those in rentals, social housing and even those carrying a mortgage.

People struggle for all number of reasons, and the Pāpāmoa Food Hub will assist whenever we can, providing a hand up rather than a hand-out. Providing assistance for families is our main priority. By being a short-term

food security solution, the benefit we provide is spread to as many needy families as possible.

Here are four ways you can help the Food Hub.

Donate items on the monthly "wish list" (toiletries and baby care products) and drop them in the donation bin at Eves Real Estate at Pāpāmoa Plaza.

List your house with Tremains this spring. They are offering a \$500 donation for each house sale in spring to be given to a local foodbank (choose the Pāpāmoa Food Hub).

Make a cash donation - we are a registered charity so all donations are eligible for a 33 per cent tax credit. The bank details are: Pāpāmoa Food Hub Charitable Trust 01-0475-0270717-00

Follow us on Facebook and share our posts. (Search 'Pāpāmoa Food Hub' on Facebook).

You can make a request for food support at [www.papfoodhub.org.nz](http://www.papfoodhub.org.nz)

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# Allergies: Put the Spring back in your step!

By Blur Eyecare

Spring is here - and so is the pollen! Unfortunately, for some of us, this time of year can be pretty uncomfortable: red, swollen, and itchy eyes can really get you down.

Just like any other allergic reaction, eye allergies are caused by a misfiring of the immune system. The body's natural defence mechanism reacts to things that aren't really harmful (like pollen) and releases a chemical called histamine, which causes swelling and inflammation. The blood vessels in the conjunctiva (clear membrane on the surface of the eye) swell and the eyes become red. Sometimes the eyelids also become swollen, and there might be some light sensitivity. Often the eyes water and there may be some stringy discharge or mucous in the tears. A big giveaway for ocular allergy is the itching - and children especially want to rub their eyes or blink a lot!

There are many allergy relief products out there. Some of the same oral medicines that you use for nasal allergies also work for eye allergies (ask your GP or pharmacist which option is right for you). A cold, damp facecloth can provide some temporary relief. Taking your contact lenses out can also help alleviate some of the irritation. And don't rub your eyes, no matter how much they itch! It will only make the irritation worse.

Sometimes eyedrops will be the most effective for itchy, watery eyes - but not all allergy eyedrops are created equal. Some



eyedrops (called decongestants, or 'anti-red' drops) should not be used for more than a few days at a time, and can cause a rebound redness if used too frequently. Some eye drops are a topical lubricant (artificial tears), which can be used to soothe the eyes and flush out any antigens (e.g. pollens) that the body is reacting to. Some eye drops work over a longer time period, and the effects last longer, so are best used before you know your symptoms will hit. These are often combined with an antihistamine to relieve the itch quickly and will require a prescription.

If you think allergies may be getting the better of you, call us on 07 578 1513 or book online at [www.blureyecare.co.nz](http://www.blureyecare.co.nz). One of our therapeutic Optometrists will be able to advise you on what treatment will suit best for you. ■

# Tips to help you upgrade to a new property

By Rachel Cole of Harcourts



Rachel Cole.

## Future finance

Consider the value of your current property, your household budget, and your borrowing capacity. It's a good idea to talk to a broker early, seek pre-approval for your new loan before selling or making an offer on something new, or investigate bridging finance which can help you transition between properties. This is the perfect time to think about debt consolidation, or funds you may need in the future.

## Prioritise lifestyle

This is more important than the quality of any property you might wish to buy. If you love cafes and restaurants, then you need to stick to areas where they feature. If you're starting a family, then perhaps a suburban home with amenities nearby is more suitable.

## Financial growth

Homes that need a fix-up can deliver the best financial gain, however, they often attract heavy bidding from builders and developers who see the same potential. If you don't fancy the workload of renovation, then you'll find excellent investment opportunities in newer suburbs.

## Consider your space needs

If you're about to start a family, then bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchen are essential elements of an ideal property. A spacious garden is also a plus, but perhaps you can find a home near a local park.

## Go for good bones

A property with "good bones" will save you thousands of dollars in structural renovation costs over the years. Pay attention to what

might need updating and features that might be missing. This is especially important if you extend yourself financially as your budget may mean you have to wait before making improvements.

## Hot and cold questions

Be confident the properties you inspect are built for the climate. You want your home to be comfortable, so ensure that properties have good insulation and heating or air conditioning.

## Understand running costs

Large gardens and pools require maintenance, equipment and additional running costs. Make sure you've budgeted for these things, and the cost of transport or commuting if you're moving further away from your place of work.

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# Walk, talk, and strengthen your body

**M**ove your body, meet new friends, and share a free coffee afterwards, at a new initiative from Proactive Pāpāmoa and Pāpāmoa Plaza.

Every Thursday, physiotherapist Nicole Crump leads a group on a 30–45-minute walk at Pāpāmoa Plaza. Along the way, she shares some simple exercises to boost strengthening and balance.

Nicole says the session is aimed at seniors, and it's been well received by those who have joined in since it began in October.

The sessions are very relaxed, and go at the pace of whoever is there that week. Pairing physical movement and social connection is a winning combination, she says.

"I love the social side of it. It's

fun, it's social, and it gets you moving. As we get older, it's really important to be doing walking throughout the day.

"It's super chilled though, we are not going for world records!"

It's a perfect way to start your Thursday on the right foot, boost your activity levels, and socialise.

Everyone who takes part receives a voucher for a coffee (alternate weeks at Robert Harris and Double Teaspoons), which they can either share with their new friends or grab to take away.

If you'd like to join in, meet at 8.30am on Thursday mornings outside Proactive Pāpāmoa Plaza (located on the exterior of the Plaza, next door to what used to be the NZ Post shop). The session runs rain or shine. ■



Physiotherapist Nicole Crump from Proactive Pāpāmoa is excited to lead a free exercise initiative at Pāpāmoa Plaza.

## News in Brief

### Pedestrian crossing construction

Construction of a pedestrian crossing on Pāpāmoa Beach Road near the intersection with Alexander Place is expected to be complete in mid-November, weather dependent. During construction there will be narrowed lanes and a reduced speed limit of 30kmh through the work site. The crossing is the final part of Tauranga City Council's safety upgrades on Pāpāmoa Beach Road between Domain Road and Parton Road. To make it safer to cross the road, three pedestrian refuge islands on Pāpāmoa Beach Road were constructed close to Allan Place, Douglas Place and Grant Place.

### Pāpāmoa shared pathway update

Construction of the new permanent pathway over the dunes on Pāpāmoa Beach Road, near Alexander Place, was due to begin at the end of October and is expected to be complete by February. Pedestrians are advised to use the temporary path provided while work is taking place. The council is also constructing four swales, designed to help with stormwater run-off from the road during high levels of rainfall and reduce flooding of Pāpāmoa Beach Road. These are located at low points along the shared pathway route.

### Opal Drive daytime closure

A daytime closure for through traffic is in

place on Opal Drive, on weekdays between 7am and 6pm, to support new pump station construction. Through traffic is diverted via Topaz Drive, Domain Road and Doncaster Avenue. Residents continue to have access to their property at all times. Pedestrian and cycle access remain at all times. Tauranga City Council is investing in a new wastewater pump station on Opal Drive to replace the existing facility. This new pump station will ensure a resilient wastewater service for the Pāpāmoa community that can accommodate future growth, the council says. ■

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# Markets return

The Little Big Markets and Dinner in the Domain return to Pāpāmoa this November.

The Little Big Markets will be held on 16 and 30 November from 9am to 2pm at Pāpāmoa Pony Club, featuring stallholders, gourmet street food, live music and children's entertainment.

Dinner in the Domain launches for the season on 28 November, running every Thursday from 5pm to 9pm until the end of

March at Pāpāmoa Pony Club.

The Pāpāmoa Community Market continues to run every Sunday at Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School, and the Lions Club Market is held on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at Gordon Spratt Reserve.

The new Pāpāmoa Twilight Market is held on Friday nights at Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School (see page 2 for more details on the new market). ■



## MP for Bay of Plenty Steve Morris

# Making Pāpāmoa even better

The Pāpāmoa Santa Parade and "Light Up The Waterway" Matariki event are two of our community's most loved activities, bringing together thousands of locals each year.

Behind these fantastic celebrations is Pāpāmoa Unlimited, our local business association – similar to "Downtown Tauranga" or "Mount Maunganui Mainstreet." Its funding comes from a targeted rate that Council collects from commercial property owners within Pāpāmoa Unlimited's defined area, which currently covers Pāpāmoa Plaza, Fashion Island, and a few shops at the Domain. Despite having just 16 per cent of the budget of Downtown Tauranga, Pāpāmoa Unlimited still delivers two of the most significant events in the city.

Maybe it's time to expand Pāpāmoa Unlimited's catchment area to include the shops at the Coast development in the west through to the new town centre in Pāpāmoa East. This would require close consultation with business owners to ensure everyone is on board. If an expansion goes ahead, the challenge will be for Pāpāmoa Unlimited to create events that benefit each of the eight commercial zones along our 18km stretch of Pāpāmoa while continuing to add vibrancy to the wider community.



Steve Morris

This is an extremely early heads-up. There is no proposal before Council, and we would need to consult well with local businesses and residents before it gets anywhere near a decision.

As always, I'd love to hear your thoughts. Feel free to get in touch at [steve.morris@tauranga.govt.nz](mailto:steve.morris@tauranga.govt.nz) or 021 0900 1817. ■

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# MP for Bay of Plenty Tom Rutherford

Having your say is important to all of us, and with that in mind, Parliament will soon consider the 'Repeal of Good Friday and Easter Sunday as Restricted Trading Days (Shop Trading and Sale of Alcohol) Amendment Bill'. The intention of this Bill is to remove the nationwide trading and alcohol restrictions on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Currently, local authorities decide if trade is allowed on Easter Sunday. Where trade is allowed, employees have the right to refuse to work without repercussions.

Currently, alcohol cannot be sold on Easter Friday and Sunday except in very limited circumstances (alongside Christmas Day and ANZAC Day prior to 1pm). This Bill would mean alcohol can be sold on Easter Friday and Sunday, as if they were normal trading days.

This Bill effectively means trade could occur carte blanche on Easter Friday and Sunday without the current public holiday restrictions. It retains the provision allowing employees the right to refuse to work and extends this clause to Good Friday.

Here's your opportunity to have your say.

As your local Bay of Plenty MP, I want to hear your views on this important change. Whether you support or oppose this Bill, please share your thoughts with me at: bopmp@parliament.govt.nz.

Your feedback will help inform my position on this legislation. I look forward to hearing from you. ■

## HAVE YOUR SAY

on the Repeal of Good Friday and Easter Sunday as Restricted Trading Days (Shop Trading and Sale of Alcohol) Amendment Bill

The proposed Bill seeks to remove the restriction on businesses being able to trade, and would lift the current ban on alcohol sales on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

As your local MP, it would be great to hear from the Bay of Plenty community with your thoughts on this matter – please email me at bopmp@parliament.govt.nz

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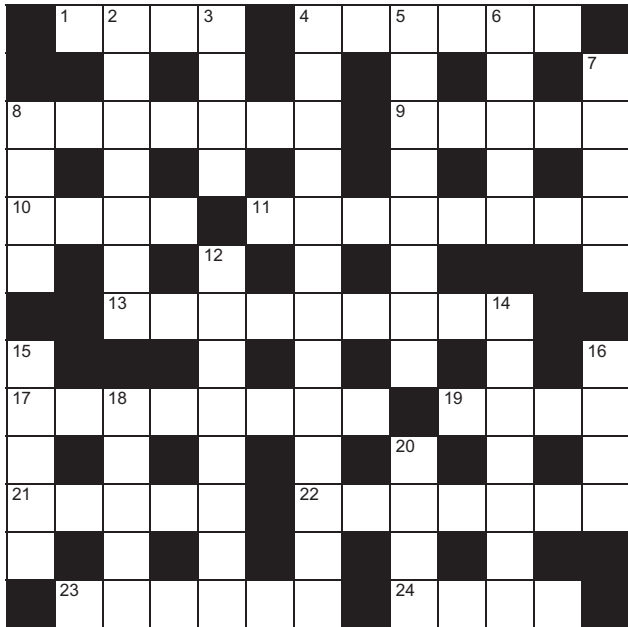
# QUIZ

- Which TV show featured a coffee shop called Central Perk?
- In what year did Michael Jackson release his album *Thriller*?
- What is the name of the fictional town where *Stranger Things* takes place?
- Who played the character of Forrest Gump in the 1994 film *Forrest Gump*?
- In the show *Friends*, what is the name of Ross Geller's second wife?
- Which artist sang the 1991 hit "Smells Like Teen Spirit"?
- In *The Simpsons*, what is the name of Bart's best friend?
- What Disney animated movie is set in the fictional kingdom of Arendelle?
- In the *Harry Potter* series, what is the name of Harry's godfather?
- Who won the Academy Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role for the film *La La Land*?
- What year did *Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope* first release?
- What planet in our solar system is known for having the most prominent ring system?
- Which rock band was the subject of the 2018 biopic *Bohemian Rhapsody*?
- In the movie *Toy Story*, what is the name of the toy cowboy?
- What actor voices Darth Vader in the original *Star Wars* trilogy?
- Which actress played Elle Woods in the 2001 film *Legally Blonde*?
- What long-running animated TV show features a character named Stewie Griffin?
- Which movie has the famous line: "I see dead people"?
- What is the name of the fictional high school in *High School Musical*?
- Who sang the 2003 hit song "Crazy in Love"?
- What is the name of the spaceship in *Guardians of the Galaxy*?
- In *Breaking Bad*, what is Walter White's alias in the drug world?
- Who directed the film *Inception*?
- In *The Office*, what is the name of the paper company the characters work for?
- What year did the sitcom *Seinfeld* premiere on TV?
- Which character famously says, "We were on a break!" in *Friends*?
- What is the name of the fictional hotel in *The Shining*?
- Who sang the theme song for the James Bond film *Skyfall*?
- In *Game of Thrones*, what is the name of Arya Stark's sword?
- What is the highest-grossing film of all time (as of 2023)?
- In the TV show *The Big Bang Theory*, what is Sheldon Cooper's catchphrase?
- Who plays the title character in the 2019 film *Joker*?
- In *Parks and Recreation*, what town does Leslie Knope serve as a public official?
- What is the name of the villain in the *Avengers* movies *Infinity War* and *Endgame*?
- Who directed the film *Jurassic Park*?
- In *How I Met Your Mother*, what is the name of Ted's best friend who's also a lawyer?
- Which actor starred as the title character in the 2004 movie *The Aviator*?
- What fictional band is the focus of the TV show *Daisy Jones & The Six*?
- In *Schitt's Creek*, what business do Johnny and Moira Rose purchase when they lose their fortune?
- Who played the character Jack Dawson in *Titanic*?

## ANSWERS

1. *Friends*
2. 1982
3. Hawkins
4. Tom Hanks
5. Emily Waltham
6. Nirvana
7. Millhouse Van Houten
8. *Frozen*
9. Sirius Black
10. Emma Stone
11. 1977
12. Saturn
13. Queen
14. Woody
15. James Earl Jones
16. Reese Witherspoon
17. *Family Guy*
18. *The Sixth Sense*
19. East High
20. Beyoncé
21. The Milano
22. Heisenberg
23. Christopher Nolan
24. Dunder Mifflin
25. 1989
26. Ross Geller
27. The Overlook Hotel
28. Adele
29. Needle
30. *Avatar* (2019 re-release)
31. "Bazinga!"
32. Joaquin Phoenix
33. Pawnee, Indiana
34. Thanos
35. Steven Spielberg
36. Marshall Eriksen
37. Leonardo DiCaprio
38. The Six
39. A motel
40. Leonardo DiCaprio

## Quick crossword



### Across

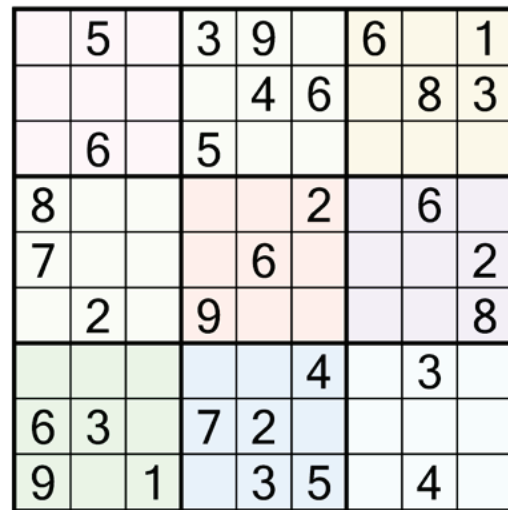
- Holiday house (4)
- Make happy (6)
- Praise and worship (7)
- Amusing (5)
- Twirl (4)
- Highest point (8)
- Cruel (9)
- Watcher (8)
- Shopping centre (4)
- Myth (5)
- Stupid and silly (7)
- Playful (6)
- Group of players (4)

### Down

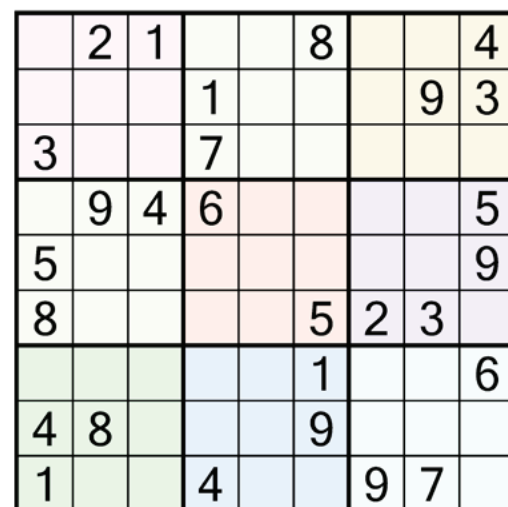
- Do away with (7)
- Tresses (4)
- Post-injury treatment (13)
- Put at risk (8)
- Unemotional (5)
- Streamlined (5)
- Deep cut (4)
- Bald (8)
- Staying power (7)
- Harmlessly eccentric (5)
- Down (4)
- Teetotal (5)
- Present (4)

## Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.



125 MEDIUM



126 HARD

## Kids' corner

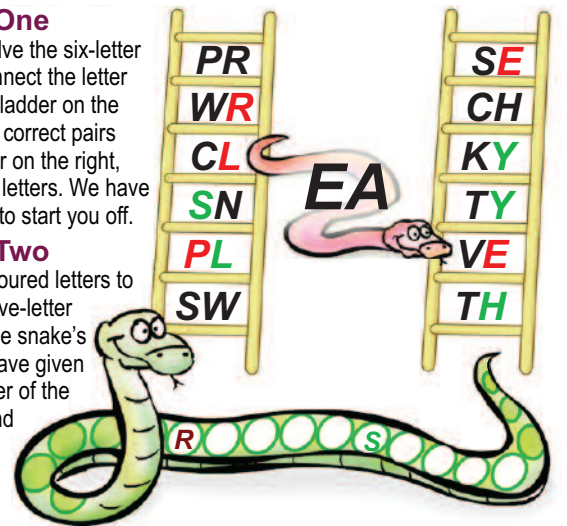
### Snakes and Ladders

#### Puzzle One

Can you solve the six-letter words? Connect the letter pairs in the ladder on the left with the correct pairs in the ladder on the right, with middle letters. We have solved one to start you off.

#### Puzzle Two

Use the coloured letters to make two five-letter words on the snake's back. We have given the first letter of the red word and the green word.



## Solutions

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### Crossword

**Across:** 1. Bach, 4. Please, 8. Glory, 9. Droll, 10. Spin, 11. Pinnacle, 13. Heartless, 17. Observer, 19. Mail, 21. Fable.  
**Down:** 2. Abolish, 3. Hair, 4. Physiotherapy, 5. Endanger, 6. Stoic, 7. Sleek, 8. Gash, 12. Hairless, 14. Stamina, 15. Goofy, 16. Blue, 18. Sober, 20. Gift.

### Snakes and Ladders

**Puzzle 1**  
 PREACH, WREATH,  
 CLEAVE, SNEAKY,  
 PLEASE, SWEATY,  
**Puzzle 2**  
 REPEL, SHYLY.

### Sudoku

7	2	1	3	9	8	5	6	4
4	8	7	2	6	9	3	5	1
9	3	2	5	7	1	8	4	6
8	1	6	9	4	5	2	3	7
5	7	3	8	1	2	6	4	9
2	9	4	6	7	8	1	5	3
3	4	9	7	5	1	8	7	9
6	5	8	1	2	4	7	9	3
7	2	1	3	9	8	5	6	4

# Where art and nature collide

Many Pāpāmoa gardening and art enthusiasts will be preparing to hit the local trails this month during the much-anticipated BOP Garden & Art Festival. The biennial festival will be held from November 14-17 and will showcase the talents of gardeners and artists from Paengaroa to Pahoia, including, of course, Pāpāmoa.

Paula Knight (pictured) is one of those returning. While her coastal art is familiar to many, Paula's home-based studio is surrounded by a compact and colourful tropical garden where 30-year-old natives combine

with colourful tropicals, all fuelled by sea-wood from across the road. She is on the trail as an artist and garden stop.

Festival director Marc Anderson says long-time favourites like Paula will be joined by those new to the festival, and he's confident there will be something to please everyone.

In amongst all the beauty on display at the festival will also be learning opportunities, and Pāpāmoa has a part to play in this too. Ticketholders timetabling a stop at Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School Garden into their day

will find an organic food garden lovingly and carefully crafted by school pupils. Every child has had the opportunity to participate in gardening and learning about the life cycle of plants from seed sowing through to seed saving, Marc says.

The festival's Bloom in the Bay also involves Pāpāmoa folk. It will include displays by landscape gardeners, exhibitors, live music, food and beverages, a festival gallery and a wellbeing zone. New participants include a tattooist, a sauna operator, musicians, and tai chi, yoga, and reiki practitioners. There will also be an outdoor long lunch along the waterfront, and Marc urges those interested to book smartly. Access to Bloom

in the Bay is free to all festival pass holders – and at only a small amount for non-ticket holders.

It's not too late to buy festival passes at only \$45 for one day, or \$80 for a multi-day ticket. Local ticketing outlets are: Tropicana Garden World, Pacifica, and Te Puke Florist. See [www.gardenandartfestival](http://www.gardenandartfestival) for more ticket, and general, information and to gain an understanding of all the splendour on offer.

Bayleys returns as the BOP Garden & Art Festival principal sponsor. The garden and art trail is sponsored by Palmers Bethlehem, and Bloom in the Bay by Craigs Investment Partners. ■



Local artist Paula Knight will be showcasing her art at her compact garden, which combines 30-year-old natives with colourful tropical plants.

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