

# Pāpāmoa Post

OUR COMMUNITY, OUR NEWS

FREE

## Looking back to look forward

Local history celebrated  
Stories page 3 & 5



JASMINE KROEZE 2024

## COME DINE WITH US

*Experience the Great Spice difference*

# Great Spice

Beautiful ambience, top service and simply the best Indian food.  
"Worth a detour for a good Indian meal." – Trip Advisor



Great Spice Papamoa East | Excelsa Centre, 4 Golden Sands Drive, Papamoa | 07 542 4666 or 07 542 4333

ORDER ONLINE at [greatspice.co.nz](http://greatspice.co.nz), [menulog.co.nz](http://menulog.co.nz) or [ordermeal.co.nz](http://ordermeal.co.nz)

**NEWS & ADVERTISING**

**Ellen Irvine**  
07 220 9795  
021 305 505

ellen@papamoapost.co.nz  
www.papamoapost.co.nz

/Papamoapost

**DEADLINE**

Our news and advertising deadline is around the middle of the month. If you'd like us to design your ad, please give us as much notice as possible so we can get it right.

**LAYOUT and DESIGN**

Creative By Design  
team@creativebydesign.co.nz

**PRINTING**

NZME

**RATES**

Contact us for our competitive advertising rates. We offer discounts to regular advertisers.

**DELIVERY**

The publication will be delivered around the start of each month.

Follow Pāpāmoa Post on Facebook and Instagram

/Papamoapost

**WE WANT YOUR LETTERS!**

We welcome letters to the editor for publication. Email [ellen@papamoapost.co.nz](mailto:ellen@papamoapost.co.nz). Letters should not exceed 200 words, and may be edited, abridged, or rejected at the Editor's discretion.

*Get In Touch!*

**Got a story to share?**

If it's local and it's news, we want to know about it! We invite local clubs and organisations to get in touch and contribute your stories. Are you a business owner who wants to advertise with us? We would love to hear from you. Email now: [ellen@papamoapost.co.nz](mailto:ellen@papamoapost.co.nz).

# New boardwalk through dunes

A boardwalk over the sand dunes to connect the Pāpāmoa shared pathway will be completed by Christmas.

Until now the pathway, which runs between Domain Road and Parton Road, had a gap in the middle near Alexander Place.

Tauranga City Council general manager: community services, Barbara Dempsey, says the original proposal for this section of the pathway was to align the route of the path adjacent to the road.

But community feedback raised concerns about the loss of the road shoulder, and the ability to pull off the road before turning to enter driveways. So council revised the design to incorporate a board-

walk over the dunes.

"The dunes are ecologically protected, and we required a new resource consent and Wildlife Act permissions to ensure we protect the area and fauna that live there," says Barbara, confirming the resource consent has now been issued.

A lizard management plan was reviewed by the Department of Conservation which consulted with iwi, and a wildlife permit was granted in August.

"Building the boardwalk over the dunes involves a number of procedures to ensure we do it correctly," says Barbara.

This includes setting up the site with traffic management, environmental controls,

and pre-site checks to ensure nesting birds are taken care of. Vegetation along the alignment of the new boardwalk will then be cleared, and any fauna (lizards) that are found will be relocated. Once the clearance work is complete, construction of the new boardwalk can commence. This will also include planting and restoration of the areas of disturbed dune.

Construction of the missing section will begin in mid-October and is anticipated to take eight weeks. ■



Artist's renders of the route over the dunes.

## Thinking of Selling?

*Think Team Kelly*

**Are you thinking of selling but not sure where to start? We're happy to drop by at any time, to give you the advice that will add value to your home. We know where you should spend your money so you'll make it back and more when you decide to sell.**

**To find out more, or to book a FREE market appraisal on your home, give us a call on 0800KELLYO.**

*Contact Us*

- 0800 KELLYO**  
(0800 53 55 96)
- www.kellyo.co.nz**
- teamkellyo@eves.co.nz**

EVES Realty Ltd, Licensed under the REAA



**Pāpāmoa Tennis Club**

**Book a court online**

Everyone can play

[clubspark.kiwi/papamoia](http://clubspark.kiwi/papamoia)

## From the editor's desk

One of the unique aspects of living in Pāpāmoa is bearing witness to just how quickly this neighbourhood has grown.

For those of us who have moved here in the last five, 10, or even 20 years, it's difficult to imagine what Pāpāmoa was like 30 years ago as a small sleepy beachside suburb.

It has been fascinating to take a walk down memory lane in this issue, in celebration of the 30th anniversary of Pāpāmoa Sports and Recreation Centre at Gordon Spratt Reserve.

We are now fortunate to have many clubs and opportunities available here for our children – they can play rugby, tennis, football, athletics, swimming, do martial arts, dancing, surf club, drama, and plenty more, all without leaving Pāpāmoa.

This was not the case 30+ years ago, when the foresight of a group of people helped bring about some of the wonderful resources we

have today. Read more about the anniversary on page 5. It is also celebrated by the stunning mural by Jasmine Kroeze, featured on this month's cover.

While the fast growth of Pāpāmoa may sometimes be frustrating, it does mean that there are more and more opportunities here on our doorstep. When I became a first-time mum 12 years ago, all the baby support groups I attended such as antenatal class, SPACE at playcentre, and Parents' Centre classes, were 'over the bridge' in Tauranga. We packed up our newborn baby in her capsule and drove across town several times a week; even Plunket was at the Mount. It's wonderful that parents now have all these kinds of resources available here in Pāpāmoa, which is helpful in building their own 'village'.

Enjoy your read.

■ *Ellen Irvine*





# Dear diary, I'm thriving in my new home, just like the strawberries

## Love life on your terms.

At Summerset there are fewer chores and more choice. So if you're done with gardening, you can hang up your gloves. But if you're a big fan of getting amongst the flowerbeds, there's a community of green-thumbs just waiting to meet you.

## Love the life you choose.

Summerset by the Dunes  
07 542 9082

The logo features a red brushstroke above the word "Summerset" in a white serif font, with "RETIREMENT VILLAGES" in a smaller white sans-serif font below it.

# More than bricks and mortar – sports & rec centre celebrates 30 years

The foresight of a group of people who instigated the Pāpāmoa Sports and Recreation Centre was celebrated at the centre's 30th anniversary.

The milestone was marked in September with a celebration that reflected the diversity of the more than 50 groups that use the facility every week, and hundreds more over the last 30 years.

For venue supervisor Monique O'Reilly, it has been a labour of love to learn about the history of the centre and find the people who helped make it happen more than three decades ago.

"This is just a building with walls, but it's a place for people to come and be welcome, be active, enhance their wellness and connect with people. It's a community hub," says Monique.

"I feel a sense of duty. I want to preserve the history of the place, and honour the people who brought this to fruition. They were all volunteers. They put thousands of hours into advocating for this venue and getting it off the ground.

"To be where we are, and to look forward, we have to look back. It is a really integral part of the community."

## A rich history

The centre was opened by then Tauranga Mayor Nobby Clarke on 17 September, 1994, in a day of celebration that included an appearance by the Warriors team, a fun run, aerobics display, pony club appearance, brass band, and a lolly drop.

Having a dedicated sports and rec centre was a dream of Pāpāmoa locals including Kevin Hennessy, Dave Gallon, and Bruce



Monique O'Reilly, venue supervisor at Pāpāmoa Sports and Recreation Centre, has loved exploring the history of the facility.

Keyes, among others. In the 1980s, children had to travel to play sports, and there was nothing for them to do in Pāpāmoa.

To prove the need, Kevin started Pāpāmoa junior rugby teams in the 1980s, which held their practices on the less than ideal site of Topaz Reserve.

In 1991, he brought together a group of different sporting codes to form a committee; a united front to bring the centre to life, according to a newspaper report at the time.

The project was innovative in its multi-use for more than 40 clubs and organisations, setting a blueprint for the future.

It included not only the building, but also the grassed multi-purpose sports fields.

At the time, tennis and netball courts were also under construction and opened by Christmas 1994.

The team behind it also expressed their plans for lawn bowling facilities, squash courts, a large gymnasium and an all-weather race track - only the lawn bowling eventuated.

## From then to now

Monique says the centre was a thriving social hub in the 1990s, with about 300 people gathering every Friday to socialise at the licenced bar, which had pool tables and 'pokies'.

## A gathering place for 30 years

Today the centre remains an important community hub where around 50 regular groups meet weekly, as well as one-off bookings.

Monique gives the example of the line dancing group; members meet twice weekly for two hours, and have lunch together afterwards once a week. With many members in their 80s, it keeps them well, active, and social, says Monique.

"This resource was before its time. We are at capacity now.

"The original intention of it being a hub for the community is exactly what it is now. The people who started it should be really proud." ■

## Who was Gordon Spratt?

In a newspaper article in 1993, Gordon Spratt said he was grateful to have a new sports centre named after him – "even though in 20 years' time, someone will probably say 'who on earth was Gordon Spratt?'"

Gordon was a Tauranga County Councillor for 30 years, and he turned the first sod on the Pāpāmoa Sports and Recreation Centre build.

He first became a county councillor in 1956, and was part of the plan to transform three large blocks of farmland into what we now know as Gordon Spratt Reserve. ■



The sports and recreation centre featured a bar and pokies and was a hub for socialising in the 1990s.



Gordon Spratt and his wife, pictured with then Tauranga Mayor Nobby Clarke, on the future site of Gordon Spratt Reserve.



Planting the trees which now line Alice Lane.



The first tractor gets work underway.

# beyond.

D E N T A L

## It's our birthday!

Thank you to our amazing patients for your support

### Come Celebrate With Us!

**\$69**  
special

- Existing Patient Check-ups
- New Patient Comprehensive Examinations

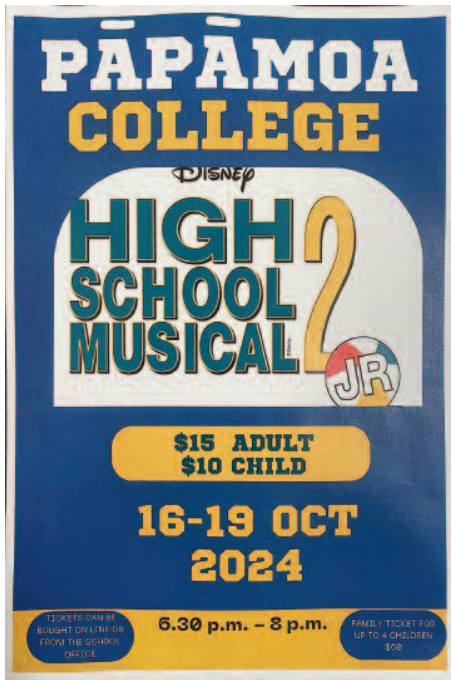
### General + Advanced Dentistry

- 1 Dental Implants
- 2 Orthodontics
- 3 Wisdom Teeth
- 4 Dental Sedation

Cosmetics | Family | Emergency

[beyonddental.co.nz](http://beyonddental.co.nz) | 07 987 2825 | 7/33 Toorea Street, Papamoa

# High School Musical 2 Jr hits the stage



Pāpāmoa College is bringing the summer vibes to life this month with a high-energy production of High School Musical 2 Jr.

The college produced the original High School Musical Jr in 2020, and four years later follows with the sequel.

Auditions were held at the end of term 1, and the cast have spent two terms rehearsing to get the show stage-ready.

Director Liz Proudlock says the talent was so strong that the production team decided to create a double cast of leads. The junior cast features students in years 7-9, and the senior cast years 9 and 10.

Liz, who is a performing arts teacher, says it will be a night of high-energy performances that will leave audiences dancing in their seats.

"The students have worked really hard, and we are excited to finally get the show on stage.

"It's a really fun and modern musical, and is sure to be a memorable evening of enter-

tainment showcasing the talented students."

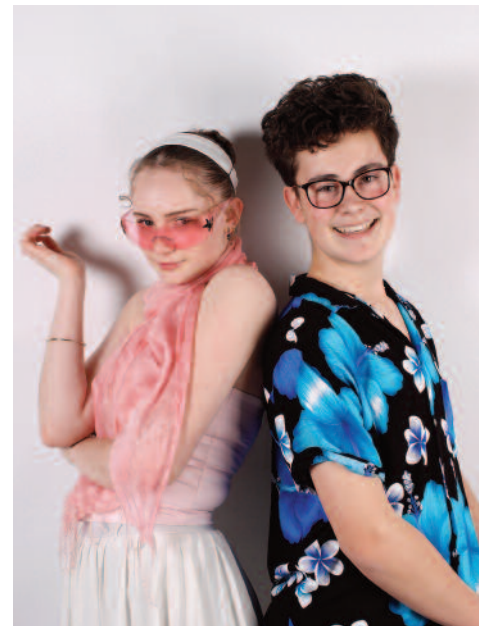
Playing Troy Bolton are Tyler Karl and Michael Snell, with the leading female role of Gabriella Montez played by Videl Harrison and Jade Harley.

The comedic character of Sharpay Evans is played by Sophie Brown and Luara Pessoa Mariotti, with her sidekick brother Ryan played by Thomas Isaac and Kaden Mullaney.

The plot of the show follows Troy, Gabriella, and the Wildcats basketball team as they find summer jobs at a country club. The sequel features the same light-hearted fun as the original, but with the characters facing the realities of the adult world and beginning to grow up.

The show will be held at the Pāpāmoa College theatre from Wednesday 16 October to Saturday 19 October, 6.30pm-8pm. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite.co.nz, or at the school office.

Tickets are \$15 adult and \$10 child, with a family ticket for up to four children \$60. ■



Sophie Brown and Kaden Mullaney as Sharpay and Ryan Evans.



Luara Pessoa Mariotti and Thomas Isaac as Sharpay and Ryan Evans.



Michael Snell and Jade Harley as Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez.



Videl Harrison and Tyler Karl as Gabriella Montez and Troy Bolton.

TE PUKE  
LANDSCAPE  
SUPPLIES

## SPRING SPECIAL

Till the end of November  
**BLACK MULCH**  
\$155 per cubic metre

We do free delivery to  
Papamoa after 4.30pm

*Your garden is our garden*

Locally owned and operated, we pride ourselves in providing a range of locally sourced landscaping and home gardening products.

Phone 07 573 3962  
31A Station Road, Te Puke  
www.tepukelandscape.co.nz

**BULK OR BY THE BAG**  
TOP SOIL | BUILDERS MIX | SAND  
BARK | ORGANIC COMPOST  
CEMENT | ORGANIC GARDEN MIX  
ORCHARD MIX | LOTS MORE

Delivery Service  
Loan Trailer



Stanley Lawton, left and above, and Billy Dow, right, competing at the AIMS Games surfing event. PHOTOS: JAMIE TROUGHTON

# AIMS Games

## Riding the wave

Surfing has successfully carved its way into the Zespri AIMS Games, with Pāpāmoa College students among the 61 groms competing in tricky conditions in the first ever AIMS surfing competition.

Among them were Billy Dow and Stanley Lawton, pictured, while fellow Pāpāmoa College students Lachie Ferns, Mason Littlejohn, Nate Liddle, and Thomas Lineker

also competed.

Conditions at Tay Street Beach were tricky, but surfers from as far north as Ahipara and as far south as Christchurch all had a great time, event organiser Andrew Fredrickson says.

"It's been a good vibe. One of the highlights from an organisational point of view is we've had our Mount College students really step up and take ownership of the event." ■

## Medal success for PC

160 students from Pāpāmoa College competed at AIMS Games, making their school proud and achieving personal growth.

Highlights included gymnast **Karin Aono** (pictured) taking home five medals from her week at AIMS.

Karin, who competed at the step 7 level, won the overall gold medal, as well as gold for beam.

She earned silver medals in floor and vault, and third equal for bars.

It was Karin's second year of AIMS Games success; she won a gold medal last year in the artistic gymnastics open junior advanced event.

**Anneka Forlong** finished with two bronze medals in canoe slalom and team sprint.

Also in canoe slalom, **Flynn Spreadbury** got bronze in the team sprint and fourth in canoe slalom.

In other highlights, the Pāpāmoa College cross country team finished in sixth place in the open team relay race, competing against 25 teams.

Sylvie McLeod was 8th in rock climbing, the girls' football team finished 15th out of 35 teams, and the netball team finished 24th out of 140 teams.

The college is proud of the hard work, sportsmanship, and dedication shown by every athlete who participated, and is grateful to the coaches, managers and parents.

"It's such an amazing opportunity for our students to compete at this level and experience the joy of representing our school." ■



**Papamoa  
Dental  
Centre**

*Family dentist in the heart of Papamoa*



- General family dentistry
- NZ trained dentists and hygienist
- Dental hygienist available
- Easy access/ off-street parking
- Quote pricing comparisons welcome
- Free dental treatment for teens under 18
- ACC covered treatments
- WINZ quotes

For bookings or more information phone 542 2294  
or book online at [www.papamoadentalcentre.co.nz](http://www.papamoadentalcentre.co.nz)  
Or visit us 532 Papamoa Beach Road



Papamoa Dental Centre





# AIMS Games

## Climbing to success

Pāpāmoa College student Ryka Minchin 'rocked it' at the AIMS Games rock climbing event, despite being in a serious car crash just three weeks before the games.

The Year 7 student didn't want to let his big bruises, and a slightly sore sternum, stop him from competing at his first-ever AIMS Games. Three weeks prior, however, Ryka didn't think he would make it to the games.

The night of the crash, Ryka's family were on their way to Ōhope, driving the same road they travel every Friday. Ryka's mum

Yolanda Minchin says while no one was seriously injured, they were still recovering from the ordeal.

Ryka says his approach to the tournament was to "try to get through to the next day". And he did.

To help him recover from the crash, Ryka engaged in mindfulness practices, such as breathing techniques, and writing about his experience.

David Enticott from Rocktopia, where the AIMS Games rock climbing took place, said there has been an influx in foot traffic after



Ryka Minchin in action at the rock climbing event. PHOTO/ ALEX CAIRNS.

the Paris 2024 Olympics, where New Zealand speed-climbing youth world champion and former AIMS Games athlete Julian David competed. ■



## Hip hop hooray

Pāpāmoa College's AIMS Games hip hop team danced their way to being the highest scoring local school in the competition. The eight-strong team placed 9th overall for their fast-paced routine they had practiced for four months. Dance teacher Janelle Reid says AIMS Games hip hop was something different for the dancers, who had never danced in a hip hop competition before but were experienced in other genres including ballet and tap. "It's using their skills across different genres and not worrying about what dance school they come from. And it's a whole lot of fun." PHOTO: ALEX CAIRNS ■

Pictured left are Jade Harley, Briella Drew, Penny Irvine, Isabel Rees-Jones, Isabella Ahern, Georgia Clarke, Lucy George, and Brianna Wong Too (obscured).



Actual patient of Cosmetic and Veins treated for varicose veins non-surgically, before and after nine months. Individual results may vary.



Consultations and treatments may be covered by your health insurance. Medical necessity criteria apply.

# Aching, cramping, itchy, restless or swollen legs?

Varicose veins may be causing these symptoms. Call to book an assessment with Dr Anuya to see what can be done non-surgically for your varicose or spider veins.

BOOK YOUR CONSULTATION TODAY AND GET ONE STEP CLOSER TO HEALTHIER LEGS



74 Tenth Avenue, Tauranga 3110 | 0800 DR ANUYA | 0800 372 689

www.cosmeticandveins.nz | info@doctoranuya.nz

# Fruit orchard provides legacy



The children at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School are excited to leave a legacy by planting fruit trees.

Leaving a legacy for children of the future is one of the goals of a new fruit orchard planted at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School.

The orchard of 38 trees including apple, pear, blueberry, feijoa, peach, plum, and lemon were planted at a special ceremony opening the grove.

Parish priest Father Eamon blessed the orchard, which was planted in conjunction with PiPS – People, Plants, Schools.

The trees were donated by whānau from the school, who planted them on a beautiful spring September day. Other families will contribute to the second phase of the orchard.

Principal Anthony Mills says the orchard creates an opportunity to connect with nature and grow fruit for the school community and wider community.

It is a great learning experience for the tamariki about sustainability and growing their own food.

“The wonderful thing about this orchard grove is the idea of creating a legacy. You get to watch your tree grow, and see

the fruit come off the tree. In years to come, when you come back and visit our school as an adult, you can come back and say ‘that’s my tree’. That’s really special, and it’s leaving a legacy for the future,” Anthony told the children.

Each tree will be tagged with an engraved plaque bearing the name of the family who donated it. The plaques were created from a log of manuka wood, which was chopped by Bob Gillon into 40 plaques.

The orchard was designed by the team from PiPS and the school’s learners to create a space to grow fruit for the school community. Nina Henderson from PiPS visits the school every week to work with the children on their garden.

The children worked hard in the lead-up to the tree planting, says Nina. Pāpāmoa’s sandy soil means it needs plenty of added nutrients, and she encouraged the children to water the plants frequently to help the roots establish.

The trees were provided by Tropicana Garden World and Palmers Bethlehem. ■



The Kedian family, including Shirley, Amber, Wyatt and Maddy, were thrilled to donate a tree to the orchard.

## Meet the mayor

New Tauranga Mayor Mahe Drysdale will speak to Pāpāmoa residents at a public meeting in October. Mahe is the guest speaker at the Pāpāmoa Residents and Ratepayers Association meeting, which will be held on Monday 14 October at 7pm, at Legacy Gardens, Te Okuroa Drive.

PRRA chairman Philip Brown says all ratepayers are welcome to attend. ■

## Steve speaks at Grey Power

Pāpāmoa ward councillor Steve Morris will be the speaker at Grey Power Pāpāmoa’s next meeting, on Friday 11 October at 1pm at Pāpāmoa Library & Community Centre. All are welcome, and a cup of tea will be shared after the meeting. \$5 entry. For enquiries, phone Jonathan on 07 572 2091. ■



## Elevated Care in Your Later Years.

Te Manaaki Care Centre allows Pacific Coast Village to offer a full continuum of care – from independent living, serviced apartments to residential aged care. Te Manaaki is a continuation of this considered design, crafted to provide residents with luxury living as well as elevated care and with it an added sense of security in their later years. The Care Centre offers rest home, hospital level and dementia care.

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TODAY

Telephone 07 572 3029 | [pacificcoastvillage.co.nz](http://pacificcoastvillage.co.nz)



# Burnt house offers a cautionary tale

It was an open home with a difference, as the public was invited to visit a Pāpāmoa house that was badly damaged by fire and smoke.

The Palm Beach Boulevard house went up in flames in July due to an electrical fault in the garage.

Arron King, who is a community awareness adviser and recovery officer at Fire and Emergency Bay of Plenty, says the 'open home' is a rare opportunity for people to see first-hand the damage caused by fire and smoke.

In his other role as fire chief at Pāpāmoa Volunteer Fire Brigade, Arron was part of a team who arrived on one of five fire appliances to tackle the fire.

He saw first-hand the destruction of the blaze, and says visiting the 'open home' is a way to make it real for others too.

"It's all very well to say it on the TV, 'don't forget to check your smoke alarms'. This is an opportunity to show the public the consequences."

The aim of the event was to show people the benefit of working smoke alarms, escape plans, and safe



Arron King of Fire and Emergency Bay of Plenty urges people to install multiple working smoke alarms.



The open home with a difference.



The Palm Beach Boulevard house caught fire in July.

meeting places.

Walking through the home, seeing the smoke covered walls and the fire's path along the ceiling cavity, is an eye-opener. Viewing the damage, it's obvious to see the difference in rooms where the doors were open or closed – closed doors help stop the spread of smoke and fire.

Arron says smoke alarms are essential – and best practice is to have one in every bedroom. When you're asleep, you can't smell smoke. A maintenance regime is also needed – vacuum smoke alarms monthly to ensure there is no dust or cobwebs that may stop smoke getting inside.

The fire service recommends 10-year photoelectric smoke

alarms, and installing heat detectors in the kitchen and garage.

Having a three-step escape plan is also crucial, says Arron. That means having two means of escape from every room, and planning in advance a safe meeting place where everyone should gather.

"When I turn up as a [fire] officer, my first question is, 'is everyone out?'" says Arron.

"As a whānau or household, have a meeting spot so everyone goes to the same place when they get out."

Arron's final advice for anyone who finds themselves caught in a fire: "Get down, get low, get out." ■

# It's our Birthday!

## 10 YEARS

Proudly providing legal services in  
Papamoa since 2014!

Join us and celebrate with a sweet treat  
when you visit our office in October

📞 07 281 1459

🏠 94 Parton Road

🖱️ [www.beachlaw.co.nz](http://www.beachlaw.co.nz)

**BeachLAW**  
PAPAMOĀ



# Young talent shines at Pāpāmoa's Got Talent



Dahlia Kroeker



The winning act, rock band Indigo.



Hosts Henry Bing and Mason Currie.



Gurangad Singh Matharu

Ventriloquism, Indian drumming, hoop dancing, hip-hop, musical instruments and so much more. Local primary school students proved Pāpāmoa does indeed have talent in the second annual inter-school talent quest.

Pāpāmoa's Got Talent featured the top four performers from each of Pāpāmoa Primary School, Te Akau ki Pāpāmoa School, Golden Sands School, Tahatai Coast School, and Suzanne Aubert Catholic School.

For the second year in a row, Tahatai Coast School took home first place and the wooden

shield of honour. Its rock band Indigo, featuring Nash, Rev, Zac, and Izzy, took out first place overall.

Second place went to Leo Henderson, also from Tahatai Coast School, who played keyboard and saxophone.

Suzanne Aubert singer Mikey Francis, who performed the Benson Boone hit Stay, came in third place.

Hosts Henry Bing and Mason Currie of Golden Sands School provided the 'Ant and Dec' vibes in their double-act role as hosts, shared with Pāpāmoa College students Videl Harrison

and Stella Riley.

Judges Hannah Robson of The Academy Studios, and Pāpāmoa College senior student James Ferns, also awarded some special prizes:

Best musical instrument performance – Franklin Matthews of Pāpāmoa Primary School for his keyboard performance.

Emerging talent – Thea Lee of Suzanne Aubert School for her jazz dance.

Most creative – Maddy Kedian of Suzanne Aubert School for her hoop dance.

Most original – Dahlia Kroeker of Pāpāmoa Primary School for her ventriloquist and singing act.

Most entertaining – Campbell Joynt of Tahatai Coast School, for his hip hop dance.

Special recognition award – Gurangad Singh Matharu of Golden Sands School for his drumming.

Best overall vocalist – Harper McEvoy of Te Akau ki Pāpāmoa School.

Prizes were provided by sponsors Fresh Choice, Coastline Productions, Upton School of Music, Rock Shop, Dani Archer education tutoring, Catherine Roberts piano teacher, Rotorua Canopy tours, Four Square Pāpāmoa, Kedian family, and Luxe Cinemas Pāpāmoa. ■



Mikey Francis



Maddy Kedian



Harper McEvoy



Franklin Matthews



Campbell Joynt



Leo Henderson

# TUMBLE

## LAUNDROMAT

Mount Maunganui  
HomeZone Owens Place

Papamoa  
27 Toorea Street

Tauranga  
184 Cameron Road

Open 7 Days | 6am - 10pm  
Last wash 9pm

[tumbleit.co.nz](http://tumbleit.co.nz)

This month's winner of Pāpāmoa Post Local Legend is The Rock Community Garden.

The garden is tucked away on two acres of land off Hartford Ave, but it's the people who make it special.

The purpose of the gardens is to bring community together, provide sustainability and food resilience education, and teach people how to grow food in their own backyards.

## The Rock Community Garden

### Community spirit alive and well

The children of Waiapu Kids preschool on Evans Road are regular visitors to The Rock Community Gardens.

So it was a fitting opportunity for them to 'give back' to the gardens by holding a fundraising gala - generating more than \$400 for the gardens.

The Rock secretary Chris Brown called it "a wonderful display of Pāpāmoa community spirit".

"Children and parents baked scones, cakes

and biscuits, made scented soap and a range of pot plants to sell at their gala," says Chris.

It also offers a peaceful place to connect with nature and with others in the community.

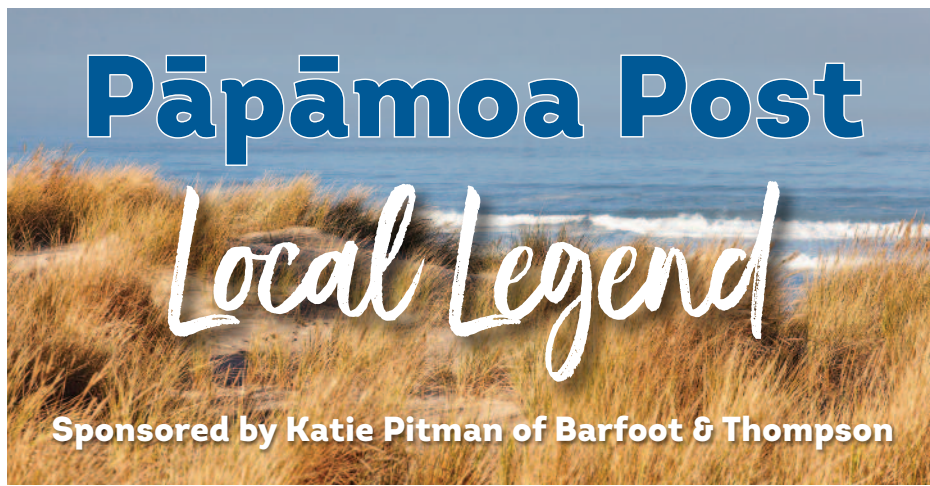
The Rock receives a prize donated by the sponsor of Pāpāmoa Post Local Legend, Katie Pitman of Barfoot & Thompson.

To nominate a Local Legend, email [ellen@papamoapost.co.nz](mailto:ellen@papamoapost.co.nz).

and biscuits, made scented soap and a range of pot plants to sell at their gala," says Chris.

"The fundraiser was well supported by parents and locals, and the children were kept busy attending their stalls and honing their retail skills."

Continuing the theme of community connection, the children from the preschool later invited the trustees of The Rock to a high tea, where they proudly presented the money they had raised.



Everyone enjoyed scones and tea in fine china cups, and the trustees thanked the children and staff for their wonderful effort.

"The spirit of community is alive and well in Pāpāmoa," says Chris.

If you want to get involved, contact garden coordinator Rex (07 572 2154) or check out the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/the-rockpapamo](http://www.facebook.com/the-rockpapamo).

The gardens are located between 51 and 53 Hartford Ave, Pāpāmoa. ■



## YOUR LOCAL SALESPERSON



**Katie Pitman**

027 2002 158

Scan today to find out what your home is worth

**BARFOOT THOMPSON &**  
LICENSED REAAL 50008

[papamoaplumbing.co.nz](http://papamoaplumbing.co.nz) - 027 774 4221

**OWNER - OPERATORS**  
**ANDREW RANGER &**  
**BRUCE MCBRIDE**

**GASFITTING**  
**MAINTENANCE**  
**RENOVATIONS**

**24/7 EMERGENCY**  
**CALLOUTS**  
**027 774 4221**

**MASSAGE SPECIALISTS**  
Sports / Remedial  
Dry needling / Cupping  
Pregnancy / Restorative

**NEW LOCATION AT**  
**OCEANBLUE, PAPAMOÁ PLAZA**

**021 023 16016**  
Book online: [embodymassage.co.nz](http://embodymassage.co.nz)

**For all your accounting needs - call me!**

**Accounting ZERO PLUS LTD**  
BOOKKEEPING · XERO ACCOUNTS · ADMIN SERVICES

- Annual accounts, tax & bookkeeping
- GST, Wages, PAYE
- Xero system & training
  - Xero certified
  - Xero Gold partner
- At reasonable prices

**Local Papamoá based service**

Contact Christine: 027 224 1712  
[www.accountingzeroplus.co.nz](http://www.accountingzeroplus.co.nz)  
[chris.parker@accountingzeroplus.co.nz](mailto:chris.parker@accountingzeroplus.co.nz)

# Sunglasses: the superheroes of sun protection

By Blur Eyecare

First things first, let's talk about why you should protect your eyes from the sun. Basking in the glory of a sunny day is all very well, but without UV protection, your eyes are taking a beating, just like your skin. UV rays can cause all sorts of mischief, from cataracts to macular degeneration, and even melanoma. Not to mention sunburnt eyeballs, scientifically known as photokeratitis. Yes, that is a thing!

Sunglasses are not just a fashion statement, they're the superheroes of sun protection, and picking the right pair is crucial. You want lenses that block 99-100% of UV rays. Polarised or not, the aim is to protect your eyes in the best way possible. Both will do the job! Polarised lenses simply reduce the effects of reflective glare. UV tinted lenses will give you the same amount of protection, just without that glare reduction. If you're wondering which option is best suited for you, get in touch and we will guide you in the right direction.

When shopping for sunglasses, you might feel a little overwhelmed by the choices. Aviator, cats-eye, square, round, the options are endless. Our advice? Choose the style that makes you feel like you! Because if you're going to protect your eyes, you might as well look good and confident while doing it. Just



don't go for the tiny sunglasses trend. They entirely defeat the purpose of what sunglasses are designed to do!! Stop peeping over them. Yes Gen Z, we are looking at you.

And let's not forget about the young ones! Sunglasses and hats are their superhero gear, shielding them from harmful UV rays that can cause future eye problems. Imagine their little eyes are like delicate camera lenses; without proper sun protection, they're at risk of developing issues faster than you can say, "Where did you put your shoes?"

So, there you have it, an alluring and informative guide to keeping your eyes safe from the sun. Remember, sun protection for your eyes is no joke. So, grab those sunglasses, don that hat, and strut into the sun with confidence that you're shielding yourself from an eye related headache later in life. Your future self (and your optometrist) will thank you for it. Here at Blur Eyecare we have a fantastic range of sunglasses that will tick all the boxes. Pop in store to see what we have on offer, pun not intended. ■

# Should I sell my property privately?

By Rachel Cole of Harcourts

People who attempt to sell their properties themselves usually assume they can attain the same price as an agent will, however:

1. Buyers generally do not want to deal directly with the seller.
2. Buyers discount the price by the agent's commission.
3. Agents have a far wider reach into the market and access to agents-only websites and publications, such as realestate.co.nz, and the Property Guide.
4. Agents can filter through the buyer interest to work out who the serious buyers are.
5. The real estate industry is regulated and governed by the Real Estate Agents Act, buyers want the protection of the law when dealing with an agent.
6. Sellers wrongly assume that just listing on trademe.co.nz will sell their home; people are a key part of the selling process.
7. Unless you have explored all marketing options you do not know you have achieved a premium price.
8. Buyers need assurance of a third party when negotiating the terms of their purchase.
9. At Harcourts we offer our sellers more than \$3000 of free marketing to assist with achieving the best result.



Rachel Cole.

10. Agents do all the necessary preliminary work, arrange photography, signboards, order LIM reports, arrange open homes, create digital advertising, print advertising and web based advertisements.
11. Agents are only paid on the successful completion of the sale – no sale means no selling fee is payable by the seller. Call me on 0800 RACH 4 U to discuss my tailored marketing approach for your property. ■

**blur**<sup>TM</sup>  
EYECARE

**SERVICES:**

- COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAMINATION
- PRESCRIPTION GLASSES AND SUNGLASSES
- EMERGENCY EYECARE
- CONTACT LENS FITTINGS
- OCT SCANS
- RETINAL PHOTOGRAPHY
- DRY EYE MANAGEMENT
- GLASSES REPAIRS

**Book Online!**

UNIT 5/17 TOOREA STREET, PAPAMO A 3118  
07 282 7129 | WWW.BLUREYECARE.CO.NZ

What's Your Property Worth?

Call me for your **free**, no obligation Market Appraisal. No pressure, and it's good to know the value of your property. I'll keep you updated from time to time as the market changes.

**Phone 0800 RACH 4 U**

No.1 Agent Papamo a Office 2020-2024  
Top 5 Greater Tauranga Area 2020-2024

**Rachel Cole**  
Marketing Consultant  
M 027 232 1535 | DD 07 542 2550  
E [rachel.cole@harcourts.co.nz](mailto:rachel.cole@harcourts.co.nz)

**Harcourts**  
Advantage Realty Ltd MREINZ  
Licensed Agent REAA 2008

# Tumble Time starts in Pāpāmoa

Monday mornings are tough but for parents and preschoolers living in Pāpāmoa, the start of each new week now means something totally different.

New friends and toys to play with, climbing equipment, trikes, bikes, cars, scooters, moon hoppers, balls, building blocks, and even a bouncy castle.

Monday mornings in Pāpāmoa now means Tumble Time is on.

The popular play programme for preschoolers started in September and is held every Monday morning from 9.30am-12pm at Pāpāmoa Sports & Recreation Centre in Gordon Spratt Reserve.

Tumble Time costs \$6 per child.



“Come along and choose your own adventure,” Bay Venues Sport & Community Activation Manager Annalise Klay says.

“Tumble Time is all about play. It’s a fun way for our little humans to develop their physical and social skills. They can work on their balance, coordination, climbing, agility, and fine motor skills, while also mixing and mingling and meeting new friends. And the same goes for their parents!”

Each year there are more than 17,000 visits to Tumble Time sessions at Mercury Bay-park Arena in Mount Maunganui and Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre in central Tauranga.

“We love seeing so many happy little faces each week and we [are excited] to bring Tumble Time a bit closer to home for the Pāpāmoa community and become part of their weekly routine.” ■



## Summer is approaching

It's time to prioritise your skin health

Book your comprehensive skin cancer check today

- Full Body Skin Checks
- Single Lesion Checks
- Surgical Treatments
- Topical Treatments

**Skin Cancer Clinic**

0800 776 877 | skinspots.co.nz  
42 Girven Rd, Mt Maunganui



**MUMBAI MASALA**  
BISTRO & TANDOOR  
TAKEAWAYS | DINE IN

Bring in this ad and get \$7 off on orders over \$50!  
Takeaway and dine in.

Curry lover?

Visit India without leaving Papamoa Beach!

Classic dishes made from the freshest ingredients

- Delivery
- BYO
- Gluten free
- Dairy free
- Bar
- Loads of free parking!

Mumbai Masala Indian Restaurant Papamoa  
Shop B1, 30 Gravatt Road, Papamoa | 07 574 3640  
order online at mumbaimasalapapamoa.co.nz

Welcoming new patients

Tend Pāpāmoa Medical Centre  
53 Domain Rd, Pāpāmoa

Simply scan the QR code to download the Tend app and enrol.

Visit [tend.nz](https://tend.nz) for more information

tend

# MP for Bay of Plenty Steve Morris Welcome transport news



Steve Morris

Anyone commuting daily from Pāpāmoa to Tauranga knows the frustration of slow-moving traffic on Maunganui/Hewletts Road or 15th Avenue. It's often a crawl regardless of whether you're taking the coastal or city route. That's why the Council voted last month to begin progress on four-laning 15th Avenue and converting the existing Hairini Bridge into a three-lane "tidal flow" system.

Under tidal flow, two lanes will enter town in the morning, and one lane will exit. In the

evening, this will switch to two lanes exiting town and one lane entering. Clear signage, including LED "cats' eyes" on the road, will be essential to avoid any confusion. There are examples where tidal flow has been used in Auckland, including the harbour bridge, for many years.

While four-laning the bridge would be far better, the time it would take to receive the necessary resource consents, and the costs involved, mean a tidal-flow system offers a faster, more cost-effective solution to easing

congestion. Plus, NZTA is likely to help fund the project, with construction expected to start in 18 months and be completed by 2028.

NZTA is considering opening the bus lanes on Hewletts Road to vehicles carrying three or more passengers. This would encourage carpooling and ease congestion, a win-win situation.

Closer to home, after receiving the Department of Conservation's approval (due to lizard mating season concerns!), work on the

missing section of the Pāpāmoa Beach Road shared path is set to begin in October and wrap up by December.

As always, I'm here to represent you. Feel free to contact me on 021 0900 1817 or [steve.morris@tauranga.govt.nz](mailto:steve.morris@tauranga.govt.nz) ■

## Pāpāmoa Food Hub update



PAPAMOAO FOOD HUB

**By Bruce Banks, Pāpāmoa Food Hub founder**  
What a busy month we've had at the Pāpāmoa Food Hub. It's great news that we are now an official charity, known as Pāpāmoa Food Hub Charitable Trust. This means we are now able to issue tax deduction receipts to our donors so they can claim the 33 per cent tax credit.

We have now completed our move to a bigger space. It was very clear early on that we needed more space, and now we have taken a giant leap of faith and gained three times the space we used to have.

We have a new Facebook page; you can find it at [facebook.com/61563335109662](https://facebook.com/61563335109662). Please like and follow the new page. We would love to share all our news instantly with you all.

Our "Struggle Street" campaign is getting a lot of attention. We have started a Givealittle page to draw attention to this growing problem. You can read more here - [givealittle.co.nz/cause/struggle-street](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/struggle-street)

"Struggle Street" shows that there are people from all walks of life that sometimes hit a bump in their lives and need short-term help to get through. In current financial times this extends to hard-working families, many of whom are too proud or embarrassed to reach out for help, and just suffer in silence.

Let me tell you the story of a couple I met last month. Let's call them John and Jane (not their real names). John and Jane had saved

hard, and in 2020 took a huge leap and bought their first home. They were both earning quite well and took on a \$600,000 mortgage, which was manageable at an interest rate of 2.9 per cent.

Roll forward to 2024. John's business is feeling the effects of the economic downturn and some significant contracts have reduced, thus reducing his income. Jane has been made redundant and is trying hard to find another job, any job. Worse still, mortgage interest rates have increased significantly and now sit at over 6 per cent. Those repayments are starting to hurt, and it is now costing \$1000 more a month to service the house loan.

The reality for them is that they may have

to sell up in a slow market, so they are exploring every way to keep afloat without doing that. They have both traded down to cheaper vehicles, but the hurt goes on.

I hear stories like this more and more, and our "Struggle Street" campaign is drawing attention to the problem in an attempt to break down the barrier of pride, shame or embarrassment that prevents Pāpāmoa people reaching out to Pāpāmoa Food Hub for help. We are here to help.

The Food Hub is running low on some items for our care packages, especially deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste, and all nursery items. These can be donated at our donation drop-off point at Eves Real Estate at Pāpāmoa Plaza. We thank you in advance for your kind donations. Every little bit helps bring relief to another family in need. ■



## Meet your Papamoa Funeral Director

**Leah Kelly-Frith.**

Leah lives in Papamoa and is proud to be part of our local community. She is a fully qualified and experienced funeral director who can support you at the most difficult time.

**Leah can advise on all funeral related matters including:**

- Pre planning
- Pre arranging
- Pre payment options

If you have any questions at all Leah and the team would love to talk to you. No obligation of course.

**☎ 575 5187**  
anytime - 24/7 service

**Proudly Serving Papamoa**  
Excellent local venues available for services.

**Offices** Tauranga - Katikati - Mt Maunganui  
**Email** [staff@elliottsfunerals.co.nz](mailto:staff@elliottsfunerals.co.nz)  
**Website** [elliottsfunerals.co.nz](https://elliottsfunerals.co.nz)



MEMBER Funeral Directors ASSOCIATION OF NZ

## List with me....

and receive over  
**\$3000 FREE Marketing**

\* Conditions apply

## Leanne Brown

Marketing Consultant

**M** 027 270 7892

**F** 0800 532 663 (0800 LEANNE)

**E** [leanne.brown@harcourts.co.nz](mailto:leanne.brown@harcourts.co.nz)

**W** [www.facebook.com/LikeLeanne](https://www.facebook.com/LikeLeanne)



**Harcourts**

Advantage Realty Ltd MREINZ  
Licensed Agent REAA 2008





# MP for Bay of Plenty Tom Rutherford



I regularly hold 'coffee catch-ups' across the Bay of Plenty as a way for locals to come and meet with me in a more informal environment and discuss any topics they would like.

At one of my recent coffee catch-ups in Welcome Bay, I met 11-year-old Pippa, who has severe dyslexia (with an underlying auditory processing disorder) and who had written a speech that she wanted me to share with the Prime Minister, Christopher Luxon.

Her speech was about dyslexia and the inequity between those kids who get the right assessments and support and those who don't. This is what her speech was about.

I admire Pippa for speaking up and wanting to bring about change. We need more people like her in our local community who

have first-hand knowledge about the challenges they face.

I delivered Pippa's speech to the Prime Minister a couple of weeks after meeting her, and he wrote a response. I then had a very excited Pippa when I called her to say that I had the response from the Prime Minister she had been waiting for!

The Prime Minister outlined that the government is looking into how we can make these diagnoses more accessible for everyone. As the number of doctors and health workers in New Zealand continues to grow, more people can access diagnostic services through the public healthcare system at no cost to the patient.

Thank you, Pippa, for your commitment to being a champion for others who are neurodiverse so that all children and young people

have the same opportunities and can learn in the ways that best suit them.

I firmly believe you should never let circumstances or other people shut you down, because the only limits in your life are those that you accept yourself. Pippa is a local Bay of Plenty champion, not afraid to stand up for a cause that she is passionate about and knows the effects of firsthand.

It was my pleasure to help Pippa ask a question of our Prime Minister and get the message out to our wider community. If you have a matter or issue that you would like raised on your behalf, please get in touch and I will do what I can to help. ■

## Neighbourhood Support

By Pāpāmoa Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator Bruce Banks

Spring has finally arrived and that heralds the "busy season" for Neighbourhood Support. Traditionally it is the time to get out and set up many more street groups, to hold driveway meetings with our Community Constable Adrian in attendance, and to encourage neighbours to come together once again.

Growing Neighbourhood Support in Pāpāmoa is the main purpose of my role, and to be honest, that was going really well until Covid came our way. During and since Covid, the household membership of Neighbourhood

Support has plateaued, and I intend to turn that around in the summer of 2024/25.

But I need your help. In order to achieve growth, I need a group of about six volunteers to help me achieve the goal of 1000+ more member households joining NS this summer.

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 someone 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 at least a couple of hours a week is required.

There is not much to learn but full training and support is available.

It starts in October 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. ■



**BAY CREMATION CARE**

At a difficult time, know that you won't pay a fortune for you and your loved one to be looked after with dignity and respect.

Qualified and experienced Funeral Directors

Fixed Price Farewell Plans Available

**07 282 7922 or 0800 777 433**  
Email: [info@baycremationcare.kiwi.nz](mailto:info@baycremationcare.kiwi.nz)  
[www.baycremationcare.kiwi.nz](http://www.baycremationcare.kiwi.nz)

Funeral Directors  
ASSOCIATION OF NZ  
MEMBER

**CLEANER CARPETS**  
FAST DRY  
CARPET CLEANERS

- Carpet cleaning • Stain treatment
- Pet deodorising • Flood restoration

Covering Papamoā, Te Puke & Mount Maunganui

**0800 RUG SQUAD | [info@cleanercarpets.nz](mailto:info@cleanercarpets.nz)**  
[www.cleanercarpets.nz](http://www.cleanercarpets.nz)

## Pāpāmoa Post

**Advertise with us**

Contact  
[ellen@papamoapost.co.nz](mailto:ellen@papamoapost.co.nz)  
021 305 505 | 07 220 9795

## Tom Rutherford

### MP for Bay of Plenty

I'm a local, just like you

Bay of Plenty Electorate Office  
3/9 Domain Road, Papamoā  
07 542 0505  
[bopmp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:bopmp@parliament.govt.nz)

Facebook: TomRutherfordBOP  
Twitter: @tomrutherford\_bop

Authorised by Tom Rutherford,  
Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

## WOF ONLY

# \$75

Fast and friendly service you can trust

**Car valet/grooming service now available**

- Full exterior wash and dry
- Full interior vacuum and dust
- Deodorising

- Punctures
- Diesel repairs
- Courtesy cars
- Air conditioning
- Tyres
- Wheel alignments
- Nitrogen inflation
- Electronic diagnostics
- Brakes
- Services
- Batteries
- Cambelts

### Papamoā Automotive Service Centre

Unit 6/ 57 Te Okuroa Dr  
Ph 572 3998  
[www.papamoaservicecentre.co.nz](http://www.papamoaservicecentre.co.nz)  
Check our website for specials

We now offer afterpay

## Papamoā Retirees: Hear Better at Home!

**FREE Expert Advice on:**

- Easy-to-use amplified phones
- TV listening devices
- Louder doorbells & alarms

Plus other hearing support

**Book your FREE consultation**

Call: **0800 008 011**  
Visit: [www.yourwaykiaroha.nz/hearing](http://www.yourwaykiaroha.nz/hearing)  
Location: **520 Gloucester Road, Papamoā**  
Local, friendly, expert service for better hearing

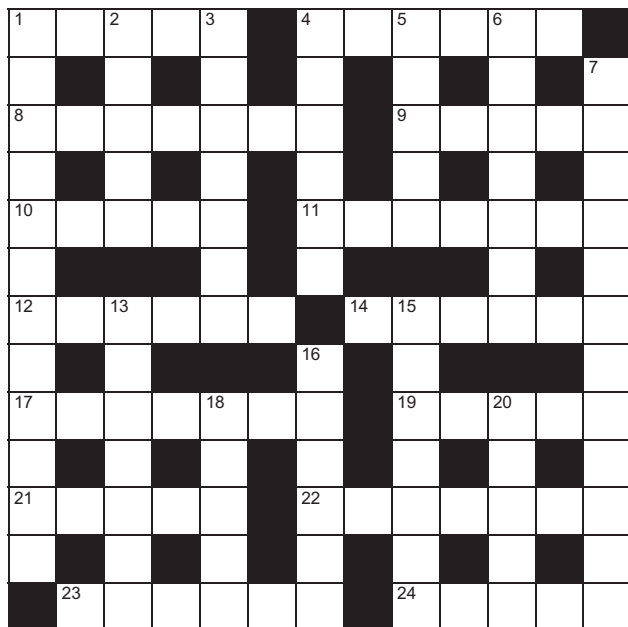
# QUIZ

- Which organelle in the cell is responsible for energy production?
- In Greek mythology, who was the first woman created by the gods?
- What is the capital of Kazakhstan?
- Which famous physicist is associated with the development of quantum mechanics and had a famous paradox involving a cat?
- What is the main ingredient in a traditional French "bouillabaisse"?
- Who wrote the novel Brave New World?
- In what year did the Berlin Wall fall?
- What chemical element has the atomic number 79?
- What is the longest river in Europe?
- Who is credited with inventing the World Wide Web?
- What is the national sport of Canada?
- Which country became the first to legalize same-sex marriage in 2001?
- In the film The Matrix, what color pill does Neo take to learn the truth about the Matrix?
- What was the former name of Sri Lanka before 1972?
- Who developed the theory of general relativity?
- Which Shakespeare play features the characters Goneril, Regan, and Cordelia?
- In computer science, what does the acronym "RAM" stand for?
- Which planet in the solar system has the shortest day?
- In the game of chess, which piece can move in an "L" shape?
- Who was the first female prime minister of the United Kingdom?
- Which Asian country is known as the Land of the Rising Sun?
- What is the capital city of the U.S. state of New York?
- Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
- In what year was the Berlin Wall built?
- What is the hardest natural substance on Earth?
- What type of energy is associated with motion?
- Which language is primarily spoken in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu?
- What is the term for animals that are active during the night?
- Who is the lead singer of the rock band U2?
- The phrase "elementary, my dear Watson" is famously associated with which fictional character?
- What is the name of the highest mountain in Africa?
- Who is considered the father of modern philosophy and wrote Meditations on First Philosophy?
- What natural phenomenon causes the sky to appear blue?
- In Norse mythology, what is the name of the hall where warriors go after they die in battle?
- Which ocean is the smallest by surface area?
- Who was the first emperor of China?
- What is the capital city of Finland?
- In economics, what does GDP stand for?
- In the human body, what hormone regulates blood sugar levels?
- What is the name of the ship in Herman Melville's Moby-Dick?

## ANSWERS

- Mitochondria
- Pandora
- Astana (formerly known as Nur-Sultan)
- Erwin Schrödinger (Schrödinger's cat)
- Fish
- Aldous Huxley
- 1989
- Gold (Au)
- The Volga River
- Tim Berners-Lee
- Lacrosse (though ice hockey is also widely considered a national sport)
- The Netherlands
- The red pill
- Ceylon
- Albert Einstein
- King Lear
- Random Access Memory
- Jupiter
- The knight
- Margaret Thatcher
- Japan
- Albany
- Michelangelo
- 1961
- Diamond
- Kinetic energy
- Tamil
- Nocturnal
- Bono (Paul David Hewson)
- Sherlock Holmes
- Mount Kilimanjaro
- Rene Descartes
- Rayleigh scattering
- Valhalla
- The Arctic Ocean
- Qin Shi Huang
- Helsinki
- Gross Domestic Product
- Insulin
- The Pegnord

## Quick crossword

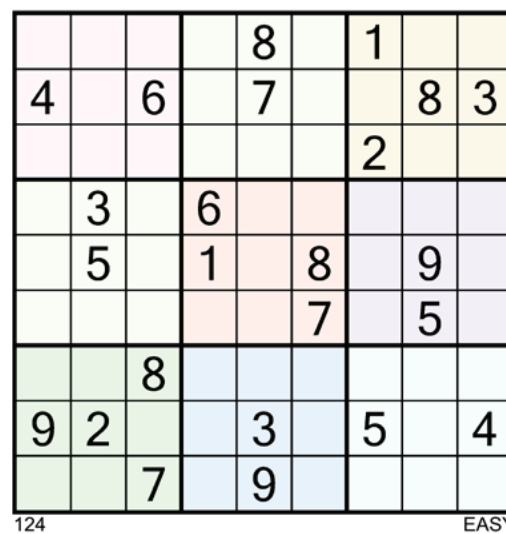
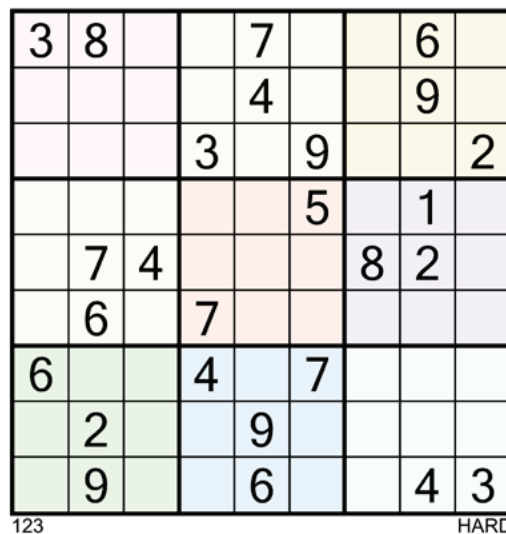


- Across**
- Annoyed (5)
  - Defer (6)
  - Error (7)
  - Spike (5)
  - Did something (5)
  - Aerial swing (7)
  - Din (6)
  - Infected (6)
  - Style and flair (Fr) (7)
  - Part of a helmet (5)
  - Run away to marry (5)
  - Plague (7)
  - Double-cross (6)
  - Sniffed (5)

- Down**
- Slip up (colloq) (4,1,7)
  - Beginning (5)
  - Wrap in cloth (7)
  - Slender and elegant (6)
  - Additional (5)
  - Brutal (7)
  - Influence beneath the surface (12)
  - Reluctantly approve (7)
  - Covetous (7)
  - Contemptibly few (6)
  - Shout in praise (5)
  - Splurge (5)

## Sudoku

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



## Kids' corner

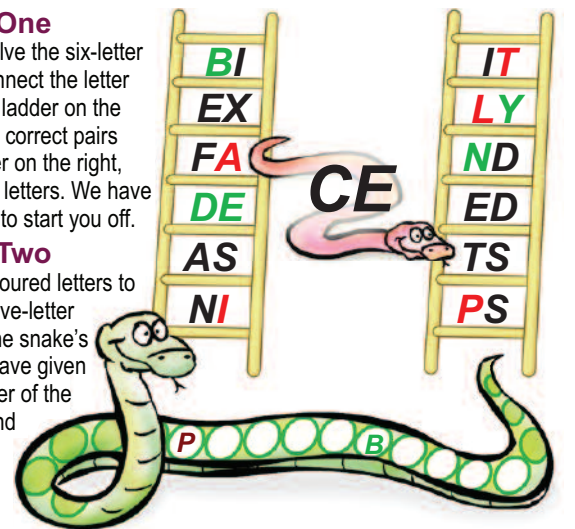
### Snakes and Ladders

#### 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

### Crossword

**Across:** 1. Cross, 4. Shelve, 8. Mistake, 9. Thorn, 10. Acted, 11. Trapeze, 12. Racket, 14. Septic, 17. Panache, 19. Visor, 21. Elope, 22. Scourge, 23. Betray, 24. Smelt.  
**Down:** 1. Come a cropper, 2. Onset, 3. Swaddle, 4. Svelte, 5. Extra, 6. Violent, 7. Undercurrent, 13. Condone, 15. Envious, 16. Measly, 18. Cheer, 20. Spree.

### Snakes and Ladders

**Puzzle 1**  
 BICEPS, EXCEED,  
 FACETS, DECEIT,  
 ASCEND, NICELY,  
**Puzzle 2**  
 PLAIT, BENDY.

### Sudoku

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

# Apprentice of the year win for Scott



Apprentice of the Year BOP Scott Davies

Pāpāmoa's Scott Davies has been named the Bay of Plenty & Central Plateau 2024 Registered Master Builders CARTERS Apprentice of the Year. Scott was trained through BCITO and is employed by Gudsell Designer Homes.

The judges said Scott excelled in the competition with his natural leadership skills and friendly, engaging demeanour. His preparation was evident throughout, and he demonstrated a profound understanding of the building process.

"During his interview and site visit, Scott showcased an impressive knowledge base, answering questions with confidence and clarity. His site induction was superb, highlighting his commitment to health and safety. Scott's ability to engage with the judges left a lasting impression,

marking him as a standout performer. He has huge potential as a future leader in the industry."

Each apprentice had to submit details of a building project they are working on and participate in a two-hour practical challenge, constructing a bench seat. The top 10 participants from each region then advanced to an interview stage with a judging panel and an onsite visit to discuss their building project in detail.

The top apprentice from each region will go head-to-head and compete in the national competition. This includes a 45-minute interview with the national judging panel and an additional six-hour practical skills test. The national competition will take place on 7 - 8 November in Auckland. ■

# Championing sustainability initiatives

Innovative projects in Pāpāmoa aimed at reducing waste and promoting sustainability were among 10 recipients of Tauranga City Council's Resource Wise Community Fund.

A total of \$119,000 was awarded, with double the number of applications from last year reflecting Tauranga's growing commitment to sustainability.

This year's successful projects include the following from Pāpāmoa:

- Bin Inn Pāpāmoa: Changing consumer habits for waste minimisation and circular economy
- Emroce Ltd: Designing out textile waste
- Pacific Coast Village Partnership: Waste reduction programme

These projects align with Tauranga City Council's Waste Management Minimisation Plan 2022-2028, continuing the city's commit-

ment to reducing material consumption, promote reuse and repair, prevent food waste, and transition towards a circular economy.

The fund is sourced from the Waste Levy, provided to councils by the Ministry for the Environment for waste minimisation education, and does not impose additional costs on general rates.

Among the projects is Pacific Coast Village's trial of reusable, washable incontinence products in its high-care assisted living facility, along with waste-reduction workshops. Erika Rans, operations & sustainability manager, noted the project will not only reduce waste but also improve residents' wellbeing.

"By raising awareness of sustainable, reusable products tailored for seniors, we aim to empower our community with environmentally friendly choices." ■

## Letter to the editor

Kia ora,

On 30 August, the people of Pāpāmoa came together in support of Daffodil Day.

You may be aware that Daffodil Day is the Cancer Society's most important fundraiser. The funds we raise together help us continue our services for another year in the region, ensuring we are there to give support at the time it is needed the most.

But Daffodil Day is important for another reason as well. It unites the community, bringing us together to wear our daffodils in solidarity with those we know and love on the cancer journey.

I'd like to personally thank the people of Pāpāmoa for the support they have given us this Daf-

fodil Day. I'd also like to acknowledge the many volunteers who donated their time to be on our collection stands.

I'd also like to express my gratitude to Gillian Checkley who put in dozens of hours of her time as volunteer coordinator and who was responsible for making sure Pāpāmoa was painted yellow.

Thank you all so much for being there for us this Daffodil Day. With your support, we can be there for the 1 in 3 with cancer.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Helen Carter  
Chief Executive, Cancer Society Waikato/  
Bay of Plenty

## LUXURY LAKESIDE RETIREMENT

Pacific Lakes Village is set amongst tranquil park like grounds and private lakes. Spacious modern villas and terrace houses have been designed to create a vibrant community, providing an ideal setting for your active and independent lifestyle.

The village's main community facility, The Pavilion, is currently under construction. Positioned on the lakes edge, this impressive building will house an eatery, lounge bar, library, art studio, beauty salon, wellness suite and extensive recreational facilities. Experience our community first-hand - show home available by appointment.



PACIFIC  
LAKES  
VILLAGE

07 262 0191

242 Grenada Street, Mt Maunganui. Open 7 days 10am - 3pm.

pacifclakes.co.nz

EAT LOCAL  
SHOP LOCAL  
PAPAMOA PLAZA  
YOUR LOCAL

*We are open!*



JOIN THE MAGIC

# Free Daily Shows

with **Elgregoe the Magician**

Monday 30 September - Friday 4 October

Join us these school holidays for a magical show like no other!

**FREE** daily shows at 11:30am and 1:30pm, in the Food Court, no bookings required.

www.papamoaplaza.nz  
FOLLOW US: [Instagram] [Facebook] [WiFi] FREE WIFI

PAPAMOA PLAZA  
Love being here

Thrive Sensory

# THRIVE Slime

SCAN ME

Design your own SPOOKY SLIME

## Slime workshops & Slime Bar

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
Mon 7th - Fri 11th October  
Papamoa Plaza Food Court

**\$16**  
PER CHILD

BOOK ONLINE  
www.thrivesensory.com

# PAPAMOA PLAZA

*Love being here*

www.papamoaplaza.nz | 7 Gravatt Road, Papamoa | 07 572 0383

Open Monday - Saturday 9am - 6pm, Sunday & Public Holidays 10am - 5pm  
Foodcourt 9am - 8pm daily