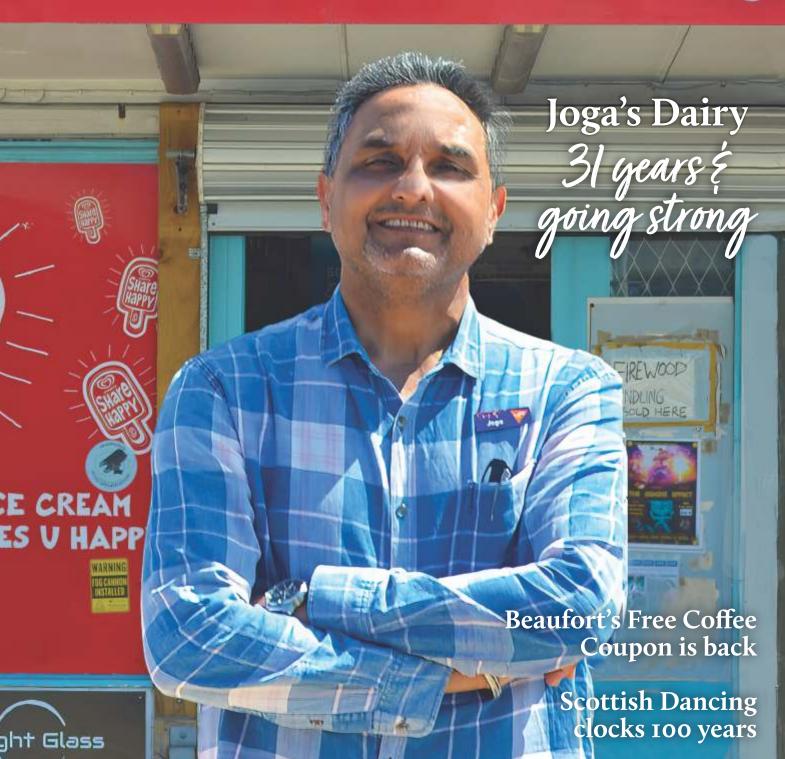
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Celebrating the Kiwi Dairy

For more than 30 years Joga Singh has been opening the Torbay Dairy. He opened it as a young man with his brother who has since moved to Australia. But it remains a family business with his wife Rupinder Kaur. They have two grown up daughters and one son. "The Dairy is very important to me. It is my life, my bread and butter," said Joga. "That's why the shop is open from 6.30am to 9pm in the summer and 8pm in the winter."

During the time he has been in Torbay, naturally he's seen many changes in population, traffic and what he sells. But throughout, he has valued his involvement with the community. Joga was one of the founding signatories setting up the Torbay Business Association.

His one regret has been the removal of parking spaces outside his shop which he claims had an impact on his business both during the road works and since. However, he's done his best to adapt.

"I suppose one of the major changes to my business," explained Joga, "has been the introduction of charge cards – virtually everyone uses them. When the schools return, every afternoon sees the shop fill up with the kids on their way home, many paying with cards. But I also enjoy the little ones coming in buying their lollies and ice cream, paying with a collection of warm coins!"

The Dairy, like virtually every Dairy, sells something of everything, from milk to magazines, chips to Lotto tickets. His biggest seller? Fish bait! His most notable? A range of Phoenix gluten-free products from the dedicated gluten-free bakery Phoenix.

As might be expected, times have changed, especially during the past few years coping with Covid and facing the recovery. However, Joga is cautiously optimistic that there is still a place for the Village Dairy and he looks forward to welcoming both old and new customers with his infectious smile.





LOCAL SALES NOV-DEC 2023*

December 2023 Local Sales*

145 Glenvar Ridge	\$900,000
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49 Awaruku Rd	\$1,060,000
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82 Glenvar Rd	\$1,125,000
69 Awaruku Rd	\$1,177,000
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17 Moki Pl	\$1,350,000
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1007A Beach Rd	\$2,085,000
8 Kina Place	\$2,305,000
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13 & 13a Ellangowan	\$2,424,000
	*Source REINZ

December 2023 Local Summary

18 Homes sold locally in Dec. Range \$900,000 - \$2,424,000 Median sale price = \$1,353,000 Median days to sell = 29 Average days to sell = 32

November 2023 Local Summary

42 Homes sold locally in Nov. Range = **\$580,000 - \$2,350,000** Median sale price = **\$1,347,500** Median days to sell = **37** Average days to sell = **49**

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Chair's Letter

By Steve Piner, Chairperson **Torbay Business Association**

Whew! I don't know about you, but it seems the 'holidays' were just as busy as the rest of the year.

Our cover story this month is a very familiar face. Joga at Torbay Dairy has been a fixture in the Village for 31 years! He doesn't look a day over 45. Joga's a founding signatory and invaluable member of the Torbay Business Association.

Torbay Santa Day was such a great day (photos pg 17), thanks to: Laura Hewetson for painting just about every child's face in the village; Guy McRae for awesome tunes; Stefan the Magician for his ever-popular sleight of hand; Kevin and the Beaufort + Co team for the delicious doughnuts (see pg 17 for their FREE COFFEE offer); the stallholders with an amazing array of wares; and Hibiscus & Bays Local Board for funding this event. Thanks to everyone who supported Plunket's fundraising BBQ with sausages from Torbay Village Butchery and other products supplied by BK's Four Square, Torbay Dairy, and the Torbay Fruit Shop. Of course, thanks to Santa and the elves for flying in. Big thanks to Candice for organising the day and Anna and volunteer elves. The event

demonstrates just how involved and dedicated our community is.

On a serious note, on pg 5 we highlight one of the biggest issues facing our stores, not only in the Village, but all retailers shoplifting.

Now back to school, work or whatever it is you do! Our blessings to you for Chinese New Year! Stay safe in the sun, water and on the roads and most of all come February 14th spoil your beloved.





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Stealing from shops may result in businesses having to increase prices. They may have to invest in security cameras and other crime-prevention strategies that further increase the cost of running the business. The increased security measures implemented by businesses to deter and catch thieves can affect law-abiding customers. Imagine the inconvenience of not being able to take your bag into a store.

Over the last two years, the Torbay Business Association has been assessing the village's security needs. People have stolen doormats from outside a business, groceries, alcohol, fruit, and vegetables. About shoplifting, one store owner said, 'It happens all the time.' There have been instances of staff being abused when they asked a person to pay for the goods they were walking out with. The business association has wanted to put more plants and flowers around the

village, but plants have also been stolen. And in December, someone stole the lights off the Village Christmas tree the same day it was erected!

Combating shoplifting will require a collaborative effort by businesses, the business association, police, and local customers who can help by keeping an eye out. If you have experience or ideas on how to deter retail crime, we'd love to hear from you: theteam@torbay.co.nz.



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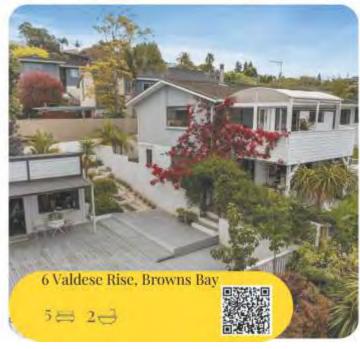
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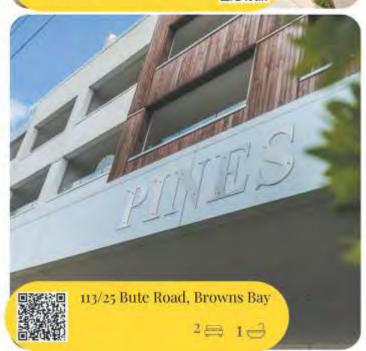












Shorecare Sure Cares

By Marewa Glover

Whether by smarts or luck, I'd never experienced a broken bone until December. The day before Santa Day, while inadequately trying to be a fence, I was bowled over by our pet Jellybean. Now 3 years old, Jellybean is a big girl, and she had a full fleece on her - a fleece she decided at the last minute, the shearer wasn't having. Being familiar with only scratches and bruises and having never had an immobilising illness, breaking a leg was a shocking experience. It certainly opened my eyes to the complexities of injury recovery and the importance of exceptional medical care.

I was blown away by the service at Shorecare, Northcross. Everything I needed – the X-ray, getting a cast put on, getting some crutches, and seeing an orthopaedic doctor - was onsite. Dr. Walid Waked patiently explained the damage and why I would have to be in a cast for six weeks and then a moon boot alongside a lengthy program of physio.

While cared for on the physical side of healing a broken leg, I was unprepared for the emotional and psychological toll of not being able to walk, drive, and do the many daily things I usually do. Lying around elevating the leg, being dependent on others - that's not me. During the cast check-ups, the nurses were good to talk to about this. One invaluable tip was to hire a knee scooter. This got me zipping around the

house and helped lessen my frustration. Google had more tips, such as having a flask with a screw-top lid for moving beverages safely from kitchen to couch and wearing a bag stocked with my phone, tissues, Panadol, and glasses.

It's a relief to be on the mend and have Shorecare so close to home. I can highly recommend, that if you get bowled over and you feel a joint squish, buckle 'n snap, get to Shorecare they'll look after you.





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- Cook from scratch with whole ingredients rather than buying prepared foods. Make meals from fresh vegetables, meat, eggs, dairy, dried lentils/chickpeas, flour, etc. It's healthier too as your own food doesn't have preservatives and other unnatural ingredients.
- Have some simple vegetarian meals in your week, like lentil versions of

- mince dishes (e.g. lentil loaf, lentil bobotie) and some egg dishes (e.g. quiche, cheese soufflé).
- Add cooked brown lentils and lots of chopped vegetables to mince dishes like moussaka, lasagne or bolognaise for good flavour and to make the minced beef go further.
- Make your own hummus from dried chickpeas.
- Bake cakes instead of buying them (more delicious and cheaper). I aim for meals which are healthy as well as economical.



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Business House Bowls Tournament in Full Swing

The bowling greens at Browns Bay Bowling Club are alive with energy every Wednesday evening with a full complement of Business House Bowls Tournament teams. Sponsored by Wendy Treadwell of Harcourts, teams from local East Coast Bays businesses are already rolling their way through the 8-week showdown.

More than just a competition, the tournament is a vibrant blend of fun, camaraderie, and a dash of friendly rivalry. Team members ranging from bowling novices to seasoned Business House Bowlers not only get to try lawn bowls, or sharpen their technique, they get to network and meet other locals. It's a great way to rev up your energy levels for another year of work after the Christmas break.

But it's not just about learning about bias (which side of the bowl has more weight) or strategies like 'running the

jack', the tournament is also about supporting Browns Bay Bowling Club. After the challenges of last year's flooding, this event brings in a welcome boost of income. It can also bring in new members - people and teams who'd like to do better at it, or who just find the fun atmosphere a welcome additional recreation they'd like to keep enjoying.





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Companion Planting

By Nanette, St Mary by the Sea Community Garden

Plant many things. Mix them up – plant herbs, vegetables, and flowers together. Watch them grow. Creating an environment where flowers, edibles, and herbs all intermingle describes a version of companion planting that is approachable to newer gardeners, those who garden in small spaces, and those with room to spare.

Companion plants are mutually beneficial. They create an ecosystem within the garden in which plants thrive. It's a great way to repel insects and attract pollinators and beneficial insects to the garden. It also helps to improve soil fertility. A tall growing plant will provide much needed cover for shade-loving plants but may suppress other low-growing, sun-loving plants.

Plants also communicate with each other. Some of these actions are not as observable to the gardener, because they cannot be seen with the naked eye. For instance, if a tomato plant has been attacked by a pest it secretes a chemical to warn the other tomato plants that an attack is imminent. The fragrance of the chemical secreted by the attacked plant will send a message to the other neighbouring plants. Those plants will then produce chemicals that are toxic to the pests.

Many plants release excretions into the soil through their leaves and roots. Some plants find these excretions toxic, while others thrive in such an environment. By carefully choosing plants that grow well together our gardens will enjoy better flowering, heavier crops, and a more beautiful environment. What to plant together:

- Asparagus, basil, carrot, celery and parsley are ideal companion plants for tomatoes.
- · Garlic planted among roses deters aphids.
- Growing beans, peas, and clover together will add nitrogen to the soil.
- Carrots and radishes together help prevent the soil from getting too compacted.
- Plant zucchini or summer squash with radish. Add lettuce, clover, spinach, or alyssum.







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The Community Garden at St Mary by the Sea

Our community garden in Torbay has come a long way since its inception in September 2020. From bare land over three years ago, we are now well on the way to a thriving and productive community enterprise of 28 garden beds and 24 gardeners, and many friends of the garden. After a rather disappointing year in 2023, due to disastrous weather events, we made an application to The Tindall Foundation for a grant late last year and with the funding we received we have installed 11 kitset beds from Cypress Sawmills, lined them with black plastic and filled them with Dalton's Garden mix.

The difference these kitset beds and good soil has made is phenomenal and we are very pleased with the results. It took several working bees and lots of manpower and womanpower from members, partners and friends to put the kitsets together. An original method was used in their construction due to the uneven ground we had to work on. We are very grateful to Cypress Sawmills and Dalton's, Silverdale for their excellent products and great service and to St Mary by

the Sea for their support and advice.

We hope to apply for further funding in 2024 to purchase the remaining kitsets needed to complete our garden renovation.

HELP NEEDED

We need help with weed-eating. If you can help us at all, please contact either Dianne or Nanette.

We still have two or three allotments available for more gardeners to join us, so if you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact us (details below) to express your interest.



Join St Mary By The Sea Community Garden to learn more and start growing. Dianne (027 313 7116) or Nanette (021 140 4548) would be happy to hear from you. 168 Deep Creek Road, Torbay.











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Local Braemar Scottish Country Dance club members had the pleasure of attending an Auckland Region ball and dinner that night. Dressed up to the nines, they were treated to a sit-down dinner with 120 other dancers and then a night of dancing to a fantastic band. All levels of dancers and ages

were able to participate and enjoy themselves, and all agreed that it was a highlight of the year.

Braemar Club itself has been in the bays for over 60 years, providing friendship and a fun, relaxed way to keep fit and the brain active. It is said that "Laughter is the best medicine" and we have plenty of that every club night.

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You Can Never Have Enough Friends

By Delphine Pearson, Torbay Friendship Club

After a brilliant 2023 we are looking to make the New Year as exciting and more. Torbay Friendship Club is all about making new friends within the community and encompassing the love and friendship of others and sharing in their interests.

The first meeting of the year is on the 8th February 2024 at 10.30am to be held in the Torbay Community Hall, 35 Watea Road, Torbay and there is plenty of parking.

Our AGM will be held on the 14th March 2024, so, with new Committee members and new ideas, we believe the Club will go from strength to strength. We are urging both old and new members to come forward and participate in the organising of the club and weekly groups. We need your expertise and ideas to keep the vibrant social contact running throughout the year. There is always someone to assist if help is required.

After a range of speakers passing on their expertise on many different subjects, from trips and falls of the aged to round the world travels, and excellently managed excursions from visiting the Maritime Museum to watching a French film at Bridgeway Theatre, we have had many laughs and plenty of fun.

November saw us celebrate Christmas with most members attending an exquisite lunch at the Browns Bay Club.

If you are retired or semi-retired, you are welcome to phone us to find out more about the club. Noreen McArthur on 027 271 3524 or I (Delphine Pearson on 0220729813) look forward to hearing from you. Alternatively, just come along on the 8th February where you will be welcomed.



Cliff Evans, winner of the 2023 Christmas Hamper

For more information, please contact Noreen McArthur on 027 271 3524 or Delphine Pearson on 022 072 9813. We look forward to chatting to you.



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Our wardrobe experts so deserve their nomination. Valerie joined Torbay Theatre in 2012 to help with the production of *A Christmas Carol*, and the following year Therie joined for *Pirates of Penzance* — the first of many Gilbert and Sullivan productions. They have worked on every major show since, as well as most of those held in the Gate Theatre.

Getting the costumes right is a pivotal part of any show, setting the era, and the style. Torbay Theatre has an extensive wardrobe that has been amassed over many years, and Therie and Valerie's superb sewing skills have enabled them to re-fashion and upgrade the clothing, as well as making many quite complicated costumes from scratch. They and their helpers also put in many hours for each show ironing, mending, and washing the costumes.

The club has reciprocal arrangements with other theatre groups to lend and borrow from each other's collections. And the wardrobe is just one part of putting on a production – Therie and Valerie (pictured below) stress that it takes many willing helpers backstage to put on a successful show. While actors have

time off between major shows, the Theatre's **Backstage Club** meets year-round to maintain costumes, and care for and create props and scenery. Anyone interested in costuming is welcome to pop into the Gate Theatre Wednesdays 10:15-12:00 for a chat and a tour.





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2023 Christmas Party

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It is not too late to make a New Year Resolution to come and learn something new. We're open and have a great Term 1 lined up for you.

SEWING, QUILTING, PATCHWORK

Basic patchwork and quilting will be introduced in our very popular sewing classes this term. Whatever your level, the Monday class is 'tailored' to you. Every Monday, our dynamic duo, Jen and Ruth, can help with anything related to fabric. One-on-one sewing lessons are available during the daytime and on Thursday evenings. Want to learn how to make a pattern from a favourite garment you have in your wardrobe? We'll be running a three-session **How To Workshop** later this term.

CARDS, JOURNAL, GIFTS

Our **Papercraft** class will teach a range of techniques and tools to create greeting cards, envelopes, tags, gifts, and junk

journals, which are currently very popular. Our **Mixed Media** class is also into journal making, and Helen, our mixed media artist, has a whole range of mixed media techniques to share. Helen's philosophy is that there is no such thing as a mistake, it is just another learning opportunity.

PENS, PAINT, WATER

Our Wednesday **Abstract Art** class and Thursday afternoon **Casual Art Group** are great places to try painting and meet other like-minded artists. You do not need to be experienced or skilled. Our members' interests range from adult colouring books to large-scale canvases, from felt pens to watercolours and acrylic paints. Like all of Raft's groups, the atmosphere is informal and comfortable. All tools and materials are included in the very reasonable class fee. This is useful if you are not sure what medium you like. Our classes give you the chance to try before you buy.

ART FOR WELLBEING

Art Therapist Lorraine is running two **Art for Wellbeing** sessions this term, as her sessions last year were so popular. These sessions give participants the opportunity to use art journaling techniques to explore issues in their own lives in a safe and confidential environment. Again, no experience or skills are required.

If you would like to see us in action just pop into the studio any time between 9.30 and 3.30 Monday — Thursday when our sessions are running.

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Alternative Launching Options



By Nathan Pont

There are three conditions I consider when deciding where to put the boat in: the condition of the beach or boat ramp, available car parking and the ocean conditions.

BEACH/BOAT RAMP CONDITIONS

When deciding to launch off a beach I

look for potential hazards when launching and when retrieving the boat. These are the factors I consider:

- 1. Steepness of the beach at both high tide or low tide. The steeper the beach the easier it is to launch and retrieve as you don't have to get your car as deep in the water.
- 2. The firmness of the sand. This will dictate whether your car is going to get stuck.
- 3. Size and busyness of the beach. I always try to launch from beaches with proportionately low numbers of other beach users. I also look at how easy it would be to drive down to the waterline, turn around and reverse back.

I recommend you visit the beach at both low and high tide to help you plan your trip according to the conditions. Always have a tow rope handy. A tow rope allows you to unhook the trailer so you can walk it into the ocean and then use the tow rope to pull the trailer back to your vehicle.

CARPARKING

These are some factors I consider when looking at carparking:

- 1. Is there an adequate amount of parking for a car and trailer?
- 2. Is it convenient to where the boat will be launched to minimise the time having to walk to and from the car, especially if someone is holding the boat for you?
- 3. Is there room for loading and unloading the boat?

OCEAN CONDITIONS

Here's what to consider when looking at the ocean conditions:

- 1. Is the beach a surf beach?
- 2. Are there any structures that offer protection, such as breakfalls or reefs?
- 3. Depending on the tide, are there any hazards such as rocks or sandbars?

WAIAKE AS A LAUNCH SPOT

When I choose to launch at Waiake, I launch from the northern side because the steepness of the beach is perfect. The sand is also very firm. I have only struggled when it was a king tide at low tide. At those times the beach can start flattening out and at high tide there isn't enough room to turn the car around on the beach. There is carparking on surrounding streets for car and trailers. The Tor offers protection from any swell and the only hazard are rocks on the southern side of the reef going out to the Tor. This is only an issue in low tides.



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Finding a Hairstyle to Suit YOU

By Tanith Carrington, Black & Gold Barbershop

As a barber I know 'It's what's on the inside that counts' but appearances, of which hair makes up a large part, can change how we feel about ourselves and how we move through the world. I've watched kids and adults alike light up a room when they're happy with what they see in the mirror. Our appearance can impact our self-esteem and confidence. For some people, grooming is just a matter of necessity — it's humid and hot, 'just shave it all off,' right? Others style their hair to express themselves, their individuality, and their identities. A person's hairstyle may be influenced by their culture and traditions. A hairstyle can reflect someone's mood. Certain styles help us feel that life is fun or we're trendy; we fit in or stand out. Whatever shapes hairstyle choice, most people want to look and feel their best, whatever that means to them.

A STYLIST YOU 'CLICK' WITH CAN HELP

The most important part of finding a hairstyle to suit you is a thorough consultation with a haircare professional. Good communication is key — the stylist and client must understand one another. Find someone you feel comfortable with. Share your preferences or what you'd like to avoid. If you've seen pictures of a style you like, show them. Are they patient with you and you feel they want to help? If you feel

rushed or unheard, mistakes are more likely to occur. A hair stylist should prompt you with questions and be the guide.

Make sure you play an active role. Tell them what's unique about your hair and skin. Such as whether your hair is fine or coarse, lacking volume, frizzy, oily, dead straight, curls or waves, or is unruly. Do you have double or triple crowns? What directions does your hair grow? This all helps the stylist

learn about your hair faster and choose which products to use or avoid. Ask questions. If you're unsure of anything, ask them to go over it. Relax and be open to trying different styles. Give feedback and with time, you and your hair stylist will find a style you like.



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What to Recycle and Where



By Michelle Beard, Pumpkins in Trees
Hello Pumpkins!

Weekly I see landfill bags and bins filled with recyclable items that I have around my house. These items will go to a landfill to be entombed for many lifetimes. Not only does this waste resources, but it also fills the land with items that could have

been recycled. Properly recycling these items is the easiest (and free) way to reduce outgoing waste into landfills. Thankfully in Auckland, we have the opportunity to recycle so much of what we use.

WHAT CAN GO IN YOUR KERBSIDE RECYCLING BIN?

- Glass bottles and jars (empty and cleaned)
- Aluminium, tin, and steel cans (empty and cleaned)
- Plastic trays and food containers (grades 1, 2, and 5)
- Plastic bottles (grades 1, 2, and 5)
- · Advertising mail, newspapers and magazines
- Paper and cardboard, including empty pizza boxes and egg cartons. Window envelopes are also okay.

Make sure you follow these instructions before placing items in your recycling bin:

• Empty and rinse all recyclables. Place loosely in the bin.

- Remove all lids from bottles and containers and dispose of them in the rubbish bin.
- Remove bubble wrap, polystyrene, or plastic packaging from cardboard boxes, but tape and labels can be left intact.
- · Containers should be no larger than 4L.
- Items must be larger than 50mm, so no small cosmetic or spice containers.

Liquid paperboard (Tetrapak and juice boxes), aluminium foil and trays and grade 3, 4, 6 and 7 plastics do not go in recycling. Put these in your rubbish bin.

OTHER RECYCLING DROP-OFF POINTS:

Used garden pots can be dropped off for recycling at Kings Plant Barn, Bunnings and Mitre 10.

Soft plastics can be dropped off at Countdown Browns Bay, New World Long Bay and inside Albany Mall (next to New World and Espresso Caffe).

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Polystyrene can be taken to Mitre 10 Albany and put in the white bins inside the landscaping area, past the trade counter.



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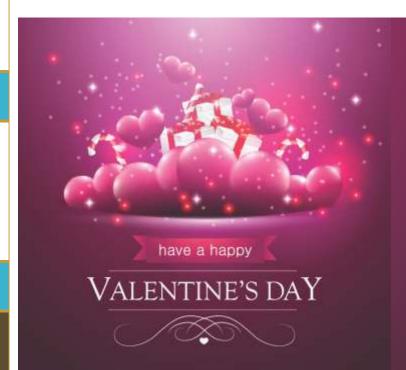
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TBA Survey Winners

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey to inform our HBLB funded project on developing a shared vision for our wider rohe (area), one that will support and improve our local economy, business and employment opportunities.

The 5 winners of a \$50 voucher are: Bella, Evelyn, Sian, Grace Li and Gareth Robert.



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Great Park Society Looks Forward to a Big 2024

The Long Bay Okura Great Park Society has been in existence for almost twenty-eight years. These years have resulted in the protection and enhancement of the Long Bay Regional Park which attracts more than 1.3 million visitors per year. 2023/2024 has seen the committee focused on:

- the ongoing battle to reduce silt runoff into the Marine Reserve from development sites, especially now with the extreme weather events we have been having. The focus now is ensuring that the current sediment guidelines are fit for purpose.
- another concern is a large piece of land which North Shore City Council bought in 2010 and which still doesn't have the same protections into perpetuity as the rest of the park. It is situated at the northern most end of the park overlooking the estuary (see picture). Our committee have been lobbying the Council for clarification of the current status and will continue to do so until this is resolved.
- land at 251 Vaughans Road (see photo) we hoped would be acquired for the Regional Park has recently been sold to a private buyer. We understood the Council were negotiating to buy it, but it was sold regardless. However, we have not given up and will work with our Local Board members to see if some of the land can still be purchased for the Park.

- the Society is pleased to report approximately one hundred and thirty thousand trees will be planted inland behind Pohutukawa
 - Bay. This is offset planting from Penlink and will be managed by the Auckland Council Urban Forest Team. Members of our committee have supported this project at meetings with Penlink and council staff. The Society welcomes the enhancement and protection this project will bring to the Park.
- the Society's "Hands on the Park" volunteer group continues to work in the park, planting and weeding. In May, over one hundred volunteers planted 4,000 trees and shrubs on the edge of the sand dunes. The plants thrived but so did the weeds! In November we worked with sixty volunteers from Chubb Insurance weeding and cleaning up the beach with sustainable coastlines. If anyone is part of an organisation who may be interested in contributing to the Park in this way, please contact Elaine on 021 246 5872.

The Society's work this year is to enhance Long Bay Regional Park for the enjoyment of all who value it as we do. If you are interested in being involved in the Society's work, please make contact - longbaypark.org.nz.

We are looking forward to another positive year in 2024.



Piripiri Point land status



Long-time Park volunteers Margaret and Harry



The land at 251 Vaughan Road which was just sold



A future volunteer supervising the adults

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ACROSS

- 2 * Broken? They'll take care of you
- 7 La-dee-da or flash
- 8 *Evan's Kebabs new store is where?
- 10 Marshy bodies of water (South America)
- 11 Urban
- 13 * Torbay School bright event
- 15 To carve, mold or stamp to stand out in relief
- 16 Xmas gift evey Dad expects
- 18 * Nathan talks about Alternative __ Options
- 19 Meals cooked with dry heat
- 21 * City Ross the TBA Treasurer was born in
- 24 Invertibrate endemic to NZ
- 25 Pulls suddenly; slang for Americans
- 26 * 2024 Chinese Year of the ___
- 28 * Leg breaking sheep

DOWN

- 1 *Joga's biggest seller
- 2 Said of the Christmas season
- 3 Pandemonium
- 4 Undersea hazards for boats
- 5 *A way of gardening suggested by Nanette
- 6 *A crime hurting local shops
- 9 *The R in RHB
- 12 Trousers
- 14 Eight sided figure
- 16 * \$50 voucher winners did one
- 17 What you do on a chair
- 20 Small to medium enterprise (Acronym)
- 22 Bristle like plant of a plant
- 23 * A driving business with a flowery name
- 27 Some people have the gift of the ____

Answers on page 30.

Answers to clues marked * can be found in this months magazine.

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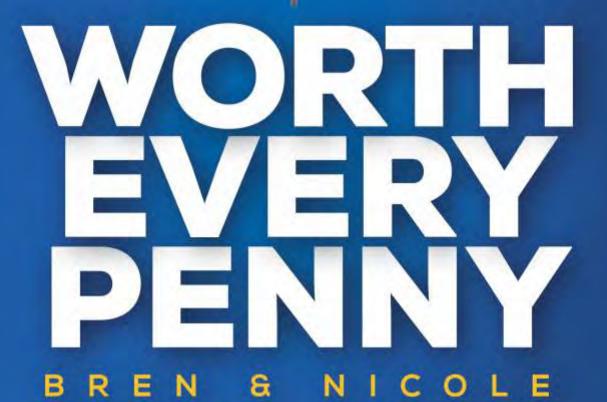
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RHB Volunteers Rescue Turtle

By Dan de Klerk and Kathy McCormack, Restore Hibiscus and Bays

Kathy McCormack, a dedicated volunteer with Restore Hibiscus and Bays (RHB), recently led an extraordinary rescue in the serene wetlands between Helvetia Drive and Bayside Drive. Committed to native bush restoration and environmental care, Kathy embarked on a mission that took her outside of her usual conservation activities.

Kathy knows our native bush well enough to spot when something is out of place, so she got a surprise when she spotted a non-native turtle in a wetland pool. Kathy recruited "the Turtle Rescue Lady", Rebecca Buchanan, of North Shore Turtle, Reptile & Amphibian Rescue Auckland to help. The two of them returned to the pool later that day but the turtle, named Tilly, had vanished.

The following day, Kathy teamed up with fellow Bushglen volunteers, Tony, and Maria. They searched the wetlands to find the elusive turtle - but to no avail. On the third day, while checking RHB traplines, Kathy spotted Tilly again. She swiftly captured Tilly with gumboots and a basket.

Tilly, estimated to be five years old, had been inhabiting the pond for approximately 18 months. Despite surviving so long in the wild, Tilly displayed signs of distress, including shell rot, a flaky shell, and a crack underneath her. She needed care so

was delivered to Rebecca who introduced Tilly into her backyard turtle shelter.

Rebecca, a dedicated member of the community has been tirelessly working to rehome turtles in need. Living on Glamorgan Drive, Rebecca currently cares for 34 turtles in two ponds in her backyard. Days after Tilly's rescue, Rebecca says that Tilly is on her way to recovery and that, "She hasn't stopped eating since I got her!"

If you'd like to contribute to Tilly's rehabilitation efforts, you

can reach out to Rebecca, through Restore Hibiscus and Bays or through the North

Shore Turtle, Reptile & Amphibian Rescue Auckland Facebook page.

Amid restoring native bush and caring for the environment, Kathy and her fellow Restore Hibiscus and Bays volunteers exemplify the ongoing challenges and triumphs in preserving the natural balance of local ecosystems. To find out more about volunteering see https://restorehb.org.nz/





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Torbay School's Colour Run

By Susan Ye

Happy New Year to our *tamariki* and *whānau*. We hope you have all had a wonderful, fulfilling, and fun holiday, and are ready for another exciting year ahead.

In a burst of colour, Torbay School hosted a lively and vibrant "Colour Run" last year on Saturday 25th November, organised by our dedicated PTA.

More than just a fundraising event, our "Colour Run" was a celebration of family, community, and the boundless joy of childhood. The inspirational day brought our school community together in a shared commitment to the future of our children, as the funds raised contributed towards a meaningful cause, our "Garden to Table" project.

At the heart of the Colour Run, was of course, the joyous laughter and playfulness of the children. There were many tamariki and whānau involved, including some of our newly enrolled students that are joining us this year. From preschoolers to adults, every age group enthusiastically participated in the exciting occasion. The obstacle course, strategically placed throughout the run, challenged the kids and added an extra layer of excitement to the already exhilarating activity. It was a sight to behold, as children, covered head to toe in a riot of colours, radiated pure joy, and innocence. Participants adorned in white shirts eagerly embraced the chance to be showered with an array of environmentally friendly coloured powders as they traversed the designated course.

The Colour Run stands as a testament to the strength and love within our community. It was truly a magical day for all, leaving us with memories to treasure and a garden to cultivate for generations to come.

We would like to acknowledge the volunteers and companies that supported this event. A special thanks to the Fire Brigade, Fon Candyfloss, Kombucha City, Ice Cream Social, Double Dutch Fries, Neco Sushi and Maddison Bailey-Cookie time. We would like to also thank some of our sponsors, Paper Plus Browns Bay, Berrymans, Black Antler, Clip n Climb and Browns Bay Brewing Company. Most importantly, our group of wonderful PTA members. You all made this event come to life for our *tamariki*.











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We celebrated our formal academic prizegiving on the 4th of December at the Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna.

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We recognised the First and Second placed students in each of our Year Levels, First place in each curriculum subject, Outstanding, Special, and Excellence award winners.

Other highlights of the evening included the formal acknowledgment of over \$100,000 in Scholarships supporting university study, outstanding musical performances by our 'Big Band,' and the performance by students and staff of our new school waiata.

We are immensely proud of our award winners, and we now look forward to announcing and celebrating our Dux and Proxime Accesit after the NZQA Scholarship results are announced in February 2024.



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For more information see RAFT page 28 or phone: 021 145 2865

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ROTARY BROWNS BAY—Torbay meets every 1st and 3rd **Tuesday** of the month for a 7am breakfast at the Bays Club in Browns Bay. If you are interested in doing different things in your community, come for a visit. Ph: Paul Mees 021 0257 0993.

www.brownsbayrotary.co.nz

RUMMIKUB GROUP—Join our friendly group on Wednesday

mornings 10am-12 noon in the Council Building in Glen Road, Browns Bay. Ph: Annette 021 061 2199 or just come along.

SALVATION ARMY OP SHOP-473 2150

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GARDEN, TORBAY— Allotments available to grow your own veges, herbs, flowers. Join a fun sharing group. Ph: Nanette 021 140 4548 or Dianne 027 313 7116.

TORBAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB—A lively and thriving club for retirees. The club meets monthly (except January) on the second Thursday, 10.00am at Torbay Village Hall. Activities include great speakers, excursions, coffee mornings and games groups. Annual membership \$25.00, plus joining fee. Call Noreen 027 271 3524. Visit fnzi.nz for info on Friendship Clubs in general.

TORBAY GARDEN CLUB-478 1601

TORBAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY—473 6482

TORBAY INDOOR BOWLING CLUB—Looking for a new activity? Come join this friendly club on **Monday** 6.45pm at Torbay Community Hall. Entrance off Watea Road by the Tennis Courts. All ages welcome. Ph: Janet 473 1621

TORBAY INTERNATIONAL COFFEE GROUP-473 3259

TORBAY SAILING CLUB—948 Beach Rd, Waiake. For information about hiring hall email: hire@torbaysailingclub.org.nz.

TORBAY SENIOR CITIZENS— Email: torbaycommunityassociation@gmail.com

TORBAY STEP BEYOND STUDIOS-022 596 8440

SCHOOLS

City Impact School	477 0302
City Impact Arts Academy	477 0300
East Coast Bays Community Crèche	479 1241
Glamorgan Free Kindy	473 5099
Glamorgan Primary School	473 6453
Long Bay College	477 9009
Long Bay Primary School	473 6077
Northcross Intermediate School	477 0167
Titoki Montessori School	473 0362
Torbay Kindergarten	473 9340
Torbay Play Centre	27 880 5413
Torbay School	473 8603

TORBAY TENNIS CLUB—Behind the Community Hall offers tennis for all ages. All inclusive membership fees. Junior fee includes coaching. Club coach Jason Hart offers exciting programmes. For more info or to register see our website for open day dates: www.torbaytennis.org.nz

TORBAY THEATRE—Backstage Club: To volunteer for anything backstage or lighting, Wednesdays 10.15am-12, pop in, contact Daphne 473 7494 or see our website (page 15).

TORBAY VILLAGE SANTA DAY—Saturday 9th December, 11am-1pm

TORBAY WALKERS—A group of friendly women meet every **Wednesday** afternoon at 4pm and walk for 1 hour. Please come along and join us at the bus stop in Torbay Village. Ph: Irene 473 1159 or Diane 473 1761.

U3A BROWNS BAY—A group of likeminded people in their 3rd age (retired or semi-retired) who wish to keep their mind active through learning and gaining new skill, meet the FIRST Tuesday of the month at Outran Hall, Murrays Bay. We have amazing speakers and over 30 Special Interest Groups. Annual fee \$40. Ph: Val Lloyd 021 763 662 or go to website www.U3ABB.nz

UCAN2 DANCE STUDIO—Ballroom & Latin, & Street Latin dancing free 1hr intro class. Beginners 7.30pm; Improvers 8.30pm. No partner required. Date: Tuesday 31 January. One person wins an 8 week course. 23 Tarndale Grove, Albany. For more info see www.ucan2dance.co.nz or phone Marie on 415 5997



CHURCHES

Browns Bay Presbyterian Church	479 2441
City Impact Church	477 0300
East Coast Bays Catholic Parish	478 4565
Graceway Baptist Church	473 8562
Long Bay Baptist Church	473 2498
Long Bay Baptist Mainly Music	947 3378
Shore Presbyterian Church	022 241 23460
St. Mary's By The Sea Anglican Church	473 8180
Trinity Methodist Church	478 5107

Happy Year of the Dragon!

The Year of the Dragon is here in 2024. Welcome! Blessings to you and your loved ones. We wish you all a bright future, that everything goes smoothly, and you enjoy happiness and a happy life in the new year! May you be as vigorous as dragons and horses, and may you enjoy great fortune.

龙年快乐! May good things come true in 2024, may your dreams come true, be healthy, and may your ambitions be fulfilled 恭喜发财



Torbay Business Association Members

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

Liquorland, Long Bay	473 0065
Torbay Dairy	473 9721
Torbay Fruit Shop	473 9429

HAIR & BEAUTY

Absolute Thai Massage, Torbay 473 5080
Black & Gold Barbershop 391 4089
K Five Design (The Cutting Room), Torbay
La Bella Vita Beauty, Torbay 473 0856
Simply Colours & Cuts, Torbay 473 8111

HEALTH SERVICES

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Community Laboratory, Torbay 473 1908
Torbay Chinese Acupuncture Centre
Torbay Medical Centre 477 9000
Torbay Pharmacy 473 9629 or 473 0730

Torbay Physiotherapy & Hand Cli	nic
	473 0333
Torbay Skin Clinic	477 1111

HOME & GARDEN SERVICES

Cedar Master Ltd	022 690 6650
JMC Build	021 234 383
Premium Garden Solutions	473 3878
or 021 723 751	

REAL ESTATE AGENTS

Barfoot & Thompson Torbay 473 9190
Matt & Maggie - Harcourts 027 777 0737
Wendy Treadwell - Harcourts021 042 7370

OTHER SERVICES

Acquire Financial	022 107 0106
Dogs Body Grooming Parlour	473 1500
RAFT Studio	. 021 145 2865
COREISS Research Centre, Tor	bay 972 2757

Meet Ross Ironmonger

Late last year we welcomed Ross Ironmonger into the role of Treasurer for the Torbay Business Association.

Ross was born in Mombasa, Kenya and went to school in Nairobi. From there he went to university in the UK. After that "I made a perfect decision to move to New Zealand" he said. After a career in financial services, Ross is now enjoying retirement. He has lived in Torbay since 2001. When asked about his interests, Ross said:

"I served for nine years on the board of Wilson School in Takapuna, and I am currently the board chair of PHAB, a charitable organization that provides services to people living with disabilities. My main interest lies in music.

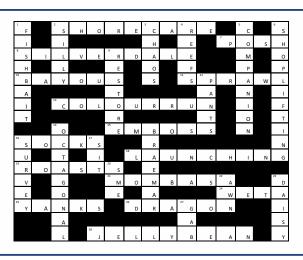
Back in 1986 I played banjo in a music hall production for the Torbay Dramatic Society, which was the start of many amateur productions in which I was involved – either as a musician or on stage. I currently play guitar for Showstoppers and we do performances in retirement villages, or for anyone else who will have us! In addition, I regularly play for church services in Paremoremo prison. So that's me – I am very

much motivated by helping others and it's a joy to be able to serve with the Torbay Business Association."

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