

What's on in Franklin this month

FREE LISTING

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Lotus Festival

Saturday 31 January - Thursday 15 February

31 Jan - 15 Feb at Wrights Watergardens. Don't miss these gardens while the sacred Lotus flower is at it's best! Phone-09 236 3211 wriwatgdn@xtra.co.nz <http://www.wrightswatergardens.co.nz>

Charity Adventure Trail Ride

Sunday 01 February 9am

For anyone who has a 2 or 4 wheel off road motorcycle or ATV. Starts at Wairamarama Hall. Rolling to Steep Country. Separate Kids loop. Signposted from the Mercer & Tuakau Bridges. Phone-09 238 3176

Jazz, Wine & Food Festival

Sunday 01 February

Bring along a blanket, a picnic, some money and enjoy a family day out! Clevedon Valley will be on show with local wines, foods, produce, stalls, community groups/clubs & live bands. Contact-Lions International

Exhibition - U R Here

Thursday 05 February

5 - 21 February. A group of contemporary artists collaborate on a unique conceptual exhibition. We will offer a unique consideration and perspective of the local environment and culture of Franklin. Make sure 'u r there' www.franklinarts.org.nz

Exhibition - The New Zealand Steel Gallery

Thursday 05 February

5-21 January 'Where the * r u ?' - Conceptual art by Whakatane and participation local artists. www.franklinarts.org.nz

Glenbrook Steam and Vintage Country Festival

Friday 06 February - Sunday 08 February

Steam trains trip, vintage farm tractors & equipment in action, steam-powered threshing mill operating, Clydesdale horses working, vintage cars, steam boats on the lake, vintage aircraft in action. The Sunset Coast Big Band plays, food, stalls, children's activities. Contact-Ross Crook Phone-09 6369361 rosscrook@ihug.co.nz www.railfan.org.nz

Mauku Cricket Club 150 years Celebrations

Saturday 07 February - Sunday 08 February

Patumahoe Domain. Mauku Cricket Club was established in 1859 and is the oldest Cricket Club (that is still registered) in New Zealand. We would love to see all with an interest there! Phone-09 2363202

Polo Week at Clevedon

Monday 09 February - Sunday 15 February

www.aucklandpolo.co.nz

Waiuku Dirt Track Club Race Meeting

Sunday 15 February, 01 March 10am

Cnr Hill / Eastern Drains Roads, Aka Aka. All welcome. Contact-Les Thomas - Club President Phone-0272753667 www.waiuku.net.nz/watc

Rotary Club of Waiuku Sunset Coast Walk

Sunday 15 February

5 or 10 km walk over beautiful coastal farmland on the Awhitu peninsula Contact-Mike Valley Phone-09 235 8202 or 09 235 8500 rotary@waiuku.co.nz

Kelvin Cruickshank Soul Food Show

Wednesday 18 February 7:30pm-10pm

With the outstanding success and popularity of TV2's award winning series "Sensing Murder", Kelvin has been literally swamped with people wanting to see him. Experience an evening with NZ Medium Kelvin Cruickshank at Pukekohe Netball Centre. Phone-09 361 1000 www.kelvincruickshank.co.nz

Franklin A & P Show

Friday 20 February - Sunday 22 February 9am

Cattle, Sheep, Alpacas, Goats, Horses, Wood chopping, Shearing, Fairground Rides, Entertainment, 14 tonne excavator Competition, Food & Trade Stands. Free Parking Admission: \$10. Children under 12 Free. Phone-09 238 8773 enquiries@pukekoheshowgrounds.co.nz www.pukekoheshowgrounds.co.nz

Improve Acting Course

Saturday 21 February 9:30am-4:30pm

21-22 Feb 2009. Have heaps of fun and learn professional performance skills. The actor will learn the importance of ensemble work and learn their responsibility within a cast, while feeling a sense of belonging on a stage. \$45.00 per person. Contact-Kelly Manning Phone-09 238 6120 kdmanning@hotmail.com www.ckelso.com

Molenberg SUB Ride & Stride

Saturday 21 February

This annual walk and cycle event, promoted by Sarah Ulmer, takes place at Clevedon Showgrounds.

Kaiaua Seabird Coast Wine & Food Festival

Sunday 22 February

Main entertainers for the Festival will be Dennis Marsh, and band Upfront from Waihi. Confirmed attractions for the kids - Mr Walnut the clown, & John Rew the puppeteer. Contact-Vivian Coker Phone-09 2322516 coker@clear.net.nz

Summer Sunday Festival of Racing

Sunday 22 February

Horse racing at Pukekohe Park. www.countiesracing.co.nz

Franklin Mayoral Challenge

Tuesday 24 February 6pm-8pm

Join us for a night of Franklin family cycling fun. Bring along your bike, helmet, friends and family and grab the chance to chase Mayor Mark Ball around the track on your bike! Events for everyone so come along and join the fun! Arrive at 5.30 to register & get your bike checked. Contact-Monique Haines Phone-027 2710 795 monique_haines@franklin.govt.nz www.franklin.govt.nz

Concert - Pacific Curls

Wednesday 25 February

Onewhero Society of Performing Arts are proud to present Pacific Curls. Hailed as a "...standout act..." by The Wellington Dominion Post, and recognised for their "impressive resume of performance experience and musical talent..." Waikato Times. Contact-Richard Gemmel Phone-09 232 8424 <http://www.myspace.com/pacificcurls>

Evening with author Jane Puji

Wednesday 25 February 5pm-8pm

Jane will be at Chapters Book Shop (King Street) for signing and discussion of her book "Follow yourself home - Word Remedies to Heal and Inspire." Followed by her live reading and interactive session, 7.30pm at New Harvest Restaurant. Contact-Janice Orr Phone-09 239 1797 janiceorr@vodafone.net.nz

Exhibition - The New Zealand Steel Gallery

Friday 27 February

27 February - 28 March. Artist Maryann Pennington's contemporary installation. www.franklinarts.org.nz

NZ Offshore Powerboat Racing

Saturday 28 February

Following its introduction in the early 1960's, Offshore Powerboat Racing has developed into one of New-Zealand's most well-established water sports. The Maraetai 2009 event will be held on 28 February www.nzoffshore.co.nz

Savile Cup Polo

Monday 02 March - Sunday 08 March

One of New Zealand's oldest sporting events, the national club polo championships are being held in Clevedon 2 - 8 March 2009. www.polo.org.nz

Regular Events

Clevedon Farmers Market

Sundays Weekly

Leave the rush and bustle of the week behind and join the friendly atmosphere of the Clevedon Village Farmers' Market on Sunday mornings. The market is located at the Clevedon A&P Sale Yards and Exhibition Hall at the Clevedon Showground, Monument Rd Contact-Helen Dorresteyn Phone-021 523 616 fresh@clevedonfarmersmarket.co.nz www.clevedonfarmersmarket.co.nz

Cycling Franklin

Sundays Weekly 8am

Leisurely bicycle rides on quiet country roads. Free bicycle safety and maintenance tuition. All ages welcome. Meet at the Subway Rd - Station Rd junction, Pukekohe. No club, no fees. Just be there. Contact-Ed Austin edaustin@xtra.co.nz

Waiuku Twilight Market

Saturdays Monthly 7 February 4pm

Waiuku welcomes back summer and the Waiuku Twilight Market, every Friday at Tamakae Reserve 4-8pm. Organics, whole foods, art, crafts, health & wellbeing, gourmet products, live music. Contact-Anita Manning Phone-09 235 8201

Franklin Market

Saturdays Weekly 8am

Fishmarket, Fruit & Veges, New Books, Thai Kai, Fast Food, Flowers, Pre-loved furniture, Jewellery, clothing, asian veges, berries, organics, food, bric-a-brac. Carboot stalls also available from \$10 a site. Fundraising stalls FREE

Franklin Bipolar & Depression Support Group meets at Pukekohe Methodist

Church Hall, Wesley St on the first and third Monday of each month at 7.30 pm

Our confidential and safe peer-run support group for people with lived experience of depression and/or a bipolar condition is a non-clinical, well-resourced and offering a positive recovery focussed approach. Friends and family members are also welcome. Contact Val Phone 09 2356312 or Jeanette Phone 09 2357512 Email franklinbpdsg@actrix.co.nz

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