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To the

# EDITOR

We welcome your letters! Email to: wordy1@gmail.com

## Parking meters –really?

With only a few hours to go it was a joy to be wandering along Port Road mingling with other happy shoppers on a glorious Christmas Eve, being welcomed by eager teenagers serving in shops gaining valuable work experience and some extra pocket money.

Then returning to the still less than half full car park, was it my imagination or was there really a Grinch standing on a soapbox?

He was extorting [sic] the need for parking meters, not just in the town but next to the beaches, over a thousand of them, and that's just the beginning, traffic wardens adding to the invasion, then council meetings with a predetermined agenda to increase charges.

Happy New Year shoppers!

**John Norris**  
WHANGAMATA

## Taxation Options

In recent times there has been various comments on our tax system and its inherent unfairness and inequalities.

There have been calls for any capital gain to be taxed, no matter its source. The widening wealth gap is also blamed on the tax anomalies surrounding capital investment income.

John Caldwell (NZH 18/12/20) suggests the solution lies in lowering income taxes and increasing GST as it is the tax that captures everyone.

I would go further to suggest that all income tax be abolished in favour of increasing GST to a level that makes up the difference. This would probably require a GST increase to about 40 per cent.

Of course, such a move would unfairly impact the working poor and beneficiaries but we already

have the mechanisms in place to compensate (Working for Families, rent subsidies, etc).

There would be many advantages however.

With no personal income being taxed, much of the heat would be removed from the housing market as the tax advantage has been neutralised.

More balance would be brought to investment decisions leading to more capital being made available for business and industry instead of being tied up in unproductive real estate speculation.

Hard work becomes incentivised as everything earned is 'take-home pay'.

The individual consumer will have discretion over how much tax they pay as they make their purchase decisions. Those with more discretionary spending capacity will pay more tax.

GST is a simple tax to administer so the cost savings for IRD would be considerable.

Tax lawyers and accountants would be endangered species as much of the need for taxation advice would evaporate as a raft of tax law becomes redundant.

**George Williams**  
WHANGAMATA

## The Whangamata Community Marae and Hub Project

Issue: The Whangamata Community Marae and Hub facility wish to apply for a Council lease for land at 101 Lindsay Road, Whangamata.

This project is for a Community Hub and will provide a place for our community groups to interact on one site.

This Community Hub includes a Community Marae, (this is not a

conventional marae under one iwi, it is open to all denominations), including also the Menz Shed, Arts Collective, Community Services Trust, Lions Club, Community Patrol and Theatre groups that all complement each other and can display, create and engage with each other and the marae through cultural shows and services.

This commercially zoned land at 101 Lindsay Road meets the designation requirements for this project, whereas other reserve land in town does not and would raise legal challenges, due to intensive residential housing, possible noise and parking issues.

All possible Council reserves and sites have been visited in and around the town and none match the Lindsay Road site for preferred designation, location, space and distance to residential housing.

Your Community Board are fully

supportive, with public meetings and consultation completed by the committee at 23 local organisations with total support from Kids to RSA elders.

Once adopted, this project costing over \$6M, will be completed without the need of rate payers contribution.

We are asking for your support to retain this piece of Council owned land for this community hub project and not see it sold and lost forever.

This location is the right choice and only choice for this Community marae & Hub as a cultural centre complete with creative communities and services for our people to enjoy on one site. Hope you support this project.

**Terry Walker**

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# They brought country to the beach!

Country music is alive and well in Whangamata - that was evident from the large turnout at the RSA on January 3 for the annual Bringing Country to the Beach. Organised by the Whangamata Summer Festival committee, the free event featuring No Strings Attached, from Taranaki, attracted country music lovers, singers, musos and dancers.



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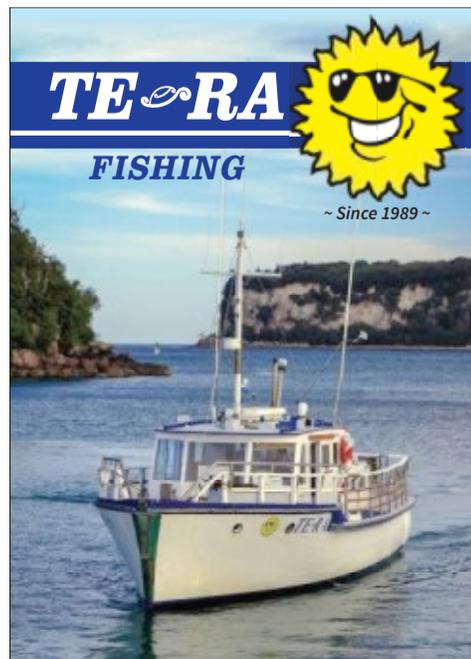
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# Renowned artist to judge Harcourts award

Sculptor and artist Stuart Shepherd has been announced as the judge for the Whangamata Community Arts 2021 Harcourts Challenge and Youth Award.

Shepherd lives in Raglan and teaches at the recently established NZ School of Art and Fashion in Auckland.

His CV lists many impressive credentials and achievements.

He has studied at art schools at Canterbury University, East Sydney Tech and RMIT in Melbourne, gaining a masters degree in painting and installation art.

He has also worked as a sculptor and set designer and was a sculptor for the Lord of the Rings series.

Shepherd has taught drawing and sculpture at Massey University in Wellington, Bay of Plenty Polytech and Hungry Creek school of Art and Craft.

He has also curated exhibitions of art from NZ at the New York Outsider Art Fair, l'impaire gallery



in Paris, Madmuseein Belgium and Parliament House in Wellington.

And it will be of interest to artists entering the Harcourts Challenge, that Shepherd has a special interest in the work of self-taught artists.

- Lynne Robinson

# People power needed to keep councils accountable

Whangamata Ratepayers Association is a really important part of the community.

On behalf of property owners, the group keeps an eye on council (TCDC and Waikato Regional Council) decisions and meets occasionally to discuss any issues of concern.

But the two main players in the association desperately need more help from people in the community.

Brian Grant and Graeme Manson are seeking more members to give them a hand as 'watchdogs'.

'At the moment there is the risk of the organisation going in to recess if we don't get more members,' Brian said.

'If it goes in to recess, or worse, closed completely, there would be no safeguard to take up the cause on behalf of the community.

'At this stage there are a number of projects that need our attention - for instance, power cuts are still happening, stormwater disposal,

Williamson Park usage, mangrove issues and the way the Waikato Regional Council has handled that over the decades.'

Graeme said there was currently a request in writing to the Auditor-General to look into the mangrove problem in Whangamata.

'We require committee members to address these type of problems and at this time we don't have enough members to spread the load. We would appreciate any help we can get.'

'The wider the diversity of talents we can get, the better,' Brian said.

'It would spread the load and make an enjoyable experience for all involved.'

He said anyone who knows how to read and analyse council reports would be welcomed with open arms.

**The association's annual general meeting will be on Saturday 27th February at the Memorial Hall at 3pm.**



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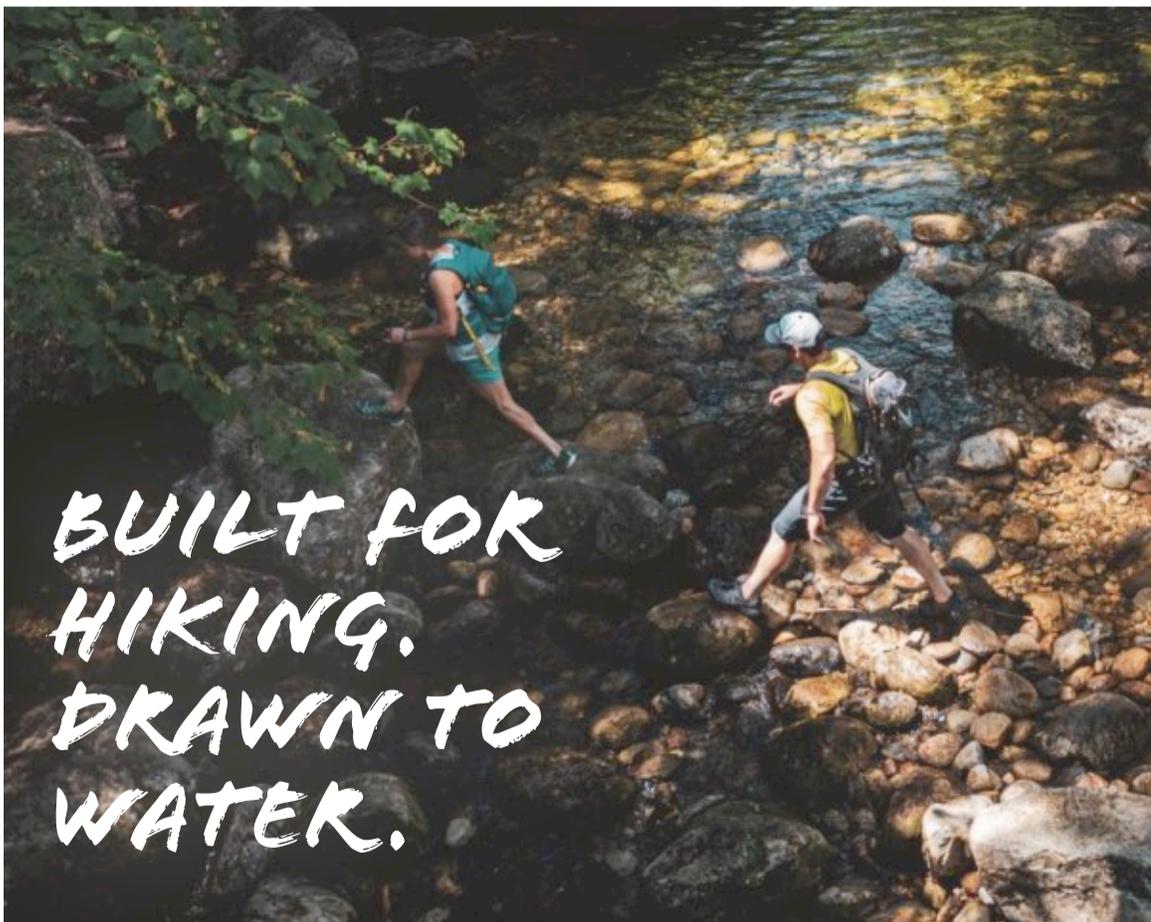
Despite the drop in numbers of contestants and size of the audience, the Whangamata Real Estate Miss Whangamata was well received on a beautiful sunny day. MC for the day was real estate agent and auctioneer Terry Booth and judges were Tamara Echave, Angie Mayell and Robyn Ancel.

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# Seb aims for professional football goal

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Last October he was offered a contract to join the Wellington Phoenix Football Academy in 2021 as a goalie.

Seb will train 4-5 days a week as well as play Sunday games. He will attend Scots College boarding school for the next three years.

Sebastian began playing football in 2017 for the Whangamata Soccer Club and spent the past two years playing federation level for Tauranga City as their goalie.

He would travel to Tauranga and Waikato games three times a week.

Mother Lin Alchin describes Seb as 'a humble kid who never once complained of the travel endured during this time, nor ever bragged about his achievements'.



'Success doesn't come without the help of amazing support networks and Sebastian and his family would like to acknowledge the incredible support we have received from our local community, particularly the RSA,' Lin said.

'The RSA have been a massive support of youth and the local



football club for many years.

'Photo credit: Lesley Staniland and Jennie Black. And huge thanks to the Whangamata Summer Festival for their very generous donation; their focus is on local youth and the Alchin family are very grateful for their support,' she said.

## Help Seb realise his dream

Sebastian's goal is to raise \$4000 to go towards attending the academy.

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**For more details, visit the Facebook page:** The Great Whangamata Quiz Night or to BOOK contact Seb's Mum on 0274 141 740

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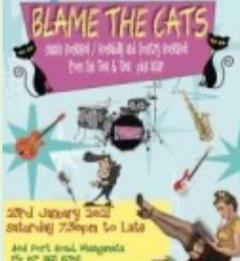
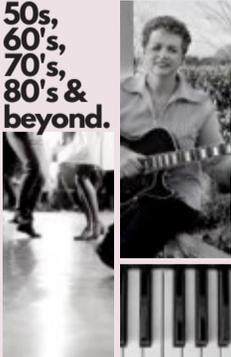
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# The good, the bad and the ugly...

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On the good side, we saw the end to a rather pandemical (if there is such a word) and stressful 2020 and welcomed in 2021.

But some have oddball ideas on what 'welcoming' means. Throwing cans and bottles at Police is not what I would consider welcoming.

Smashing the roof and property of a well-established and favourite cafe is welcoming? I don't think so.

Ripping into equipment and removing more than \$5000 worth of foodstuffs isn't the stuff that



good people are made of.

Smashing tables and other bits and pieces, smashing glass bottle, chucking tins would indicate anger and nastiness in those who did it - and if the cans and bottles were full it would also indicate money is no issue - therefore they're rich and spoilt and bored and want everyone to entertain them.

So what's the answer? Bring back the free NY eve concerts at Williamson Park?

No doubt there will be numerous debates, think tanks and suggestions over the next 11 months in an effort to ensure a repeat of this latest episode doesn't happen on December 31, 2021.

Apart from the problems getting thousands of young people to and from Joe's Farm where Shapeshifter and L.A.B were the star attractions, reports of bad behaviour at the venue were few and far between.

- Lesley Staniland



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'We were slightly down on numbers through the gate due to the fine weather - it gets too hot and people head for the beach or air con,' he said. 'But we are really happy with the day and response.'



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**RESULTS**

**Best Ford:** Cheryl Read, 1928 Model A Delivery  
**Best GM:** Ian, 1939 Chev Coupe  
**Best Mopar:** Kevin Watkins, 1970 Dodge Charger  
**Best Other:** Paul Manning, 1968 Lotus  
**Best Hot Rod:** Lisa Sawyer, 1930 Model A Coupe  
**Best Street Machine:** Tony van den Huevel, 1957 Chev  
**Best Pick Up:** Shane Jamieson, 1946 Chev  
**Best Nostalgia:** Steve & Ally Daniels, 1932 Ford Roadster  
**Best Original Bike:** David Leask, 1986 Honda NS400R  
**Best Modified Bike:** Dave Dunford, 2014 Harley  
**Best Sprocket:** Liam Leask, 2002 Yamaha PW50  
**Whangamata Club Pick:** Graham Steel, 1928 Model A Tudor  
**\$100 cash draws:** Nev & Maree Bentham, 1933 Ford Coupe; Paul Ross, 2020 Dodge Challenger; Dave & Kaye Roche, 1970 Boss Mustang; Kim Norton, 2020 Dodge Challenger; Dave Dunford, 2014 Harley.  
**Car Battery Draw:** Gordon Cochrane, 1932 Ford Coupe; David Leask, 1986 Honda NS400R.  
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- Lesley Staniland



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# Dementia: The realities

During the covid pandemic much has been said over several months regarding the danger to us all of covid and especially the vulnerability of 'elderly' people.

To the frail and elderly it can be fatal, more so than middle aged or younger people. After lengthy emphasis by the media on the pandemic during the year, the media then moved onto the next list of well-known ailments which, it is accepted, are most unpleasant but can be treated and most will survive, these well-known ailments are also likely to be more serious, particularly to the elderly and can also be fatal, more so than to middle aged or younger people.

Much is being added to the list as we all progress into a longer life span. It is becoming accepted that the longer we live the more serious all common ailments will become. This repeated information is now old news - we've heard it all many times during this year.

Alas, there is one ailment not on any list and is generally muted by all and never considered as a possibility. This hidden and fatal condition is dementia.

Families who have not experienced a person with dementia will know little or nothing about the condition and it will not be thought of or considered as a



possibility during the normal daily routine of life.

The general notion for a normal happy and healthy family is 'We'll plod along with our routine of life as we always do' we're all fine. The fatal and silent grip of dementia may have already chosen an unsuspecting 'victim' within a family, who may have become very forgetful, avoids family conversation, and is reluctant to socialise. This is typical of a person with the initial symptoms of dementia.

The family is naturally concerned when the 'victim' falsely claims not to feel well but are self-assured that all will be well soon. That person will quickly learn to hide the advancing condition in order to retain self-esteem and position within the family.

As we get older, especially in our retirement years, we may, in a quiet moment reminisce and retreat onto a misty shell of the bygone years of life to and relive the pleasures of happy years with a happy and loving family. Both achievements and regrets come to the fore in a mist of memories.

What happens to that person when the list of happy memories, and the moments of reminiscence gradually subside, and dementia takes a serious and binding hold on its 'victim'?

Eventually those happy and bygone moments no longer exist, and the ambit of thought and any depth of intelligence will diminish and will become non-existent. It eventually becomes impossible to undergo the very basic routines of hygiene and dressing.

Thus, there is a downward slope into an abyss of complete mental and physical degradation. There is no medication, and no cure to return to normality.

Death is the only relief for confirmed serious dementia. Nature does not put a time scale or age on anyone with dementia, we are all different.

My belief, for all of us, is the desire for a close and happy family throughout our lives. Decisions and

problems can easily be overcome together - except when the demands and the mysterious grip of dementia arrives unexpectedly and unknown into the family.

If no previous thought or brief consideration is ever given to the subject of dementia, an upheaval of stress anxiety and worry will take hold of every member of the family when it is realised that a serious and (to the family) unknown major problem has captured the whole family and needs, in some way, to be addressed.

To be forearmed and to understand what dementia is, how to make an assessment, and what you can do as a family will be of tremendous help to anyone.

The following references will help the whole family:

1. **Alzheimers New Zealand**  
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# WATER METERS FOR WHITIANGA AND WHANĀMATĀ TOWN SUPPLIES

Our Water Demand Strategy identifies conservation measures to manage drinking water demand within our district. A copy of this strategy can be found on our website [www.tcdc.govt.nz/waterdemandstrategy](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/waterdemandstrategy).

Water demand management is a separate matter from our actual water supply sources. Water demand management is about achieving efficient water use by our communities.

One of the demand management measures in our Water Demand Strategy is the installation of water meters on properties. Our Council already has a number of our water supplies on water meters, such as Thames, Thames South, Pauanui and Tairua, so the concept is not new to our district. Water meters will also help us better identify where the leaks are in our network and quantify how much water is actually being lost. This will help improve how we conserve and manage supplies.

We are now extending water by meter to cover properties in Whitianga and Whangamatā. These meter installations are scheduled to take place during the period March 2021-March 2022. This installation will be at no cost to you. We won't be charging residents for water by meter for at least two years following this installation. These first two years will be used to gather consumption data, which will be shared with you.

Water metering is also an essential enabler for volumetric-based charging regimes. Metering also provides a fair and equitable approach to water pricing. In other words, water users will pay for what they use, same as their electricity bill for example. Any water charging regimes in the future is likely to see a reduction in fixed charges and more of a charge based on volumetric use.

Early in the new year we will provide you more information on this water metering programme.

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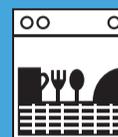
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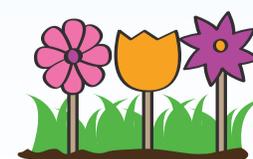


Apply the 'step test' for lawns. If grass springs back, it doesn't need watering.



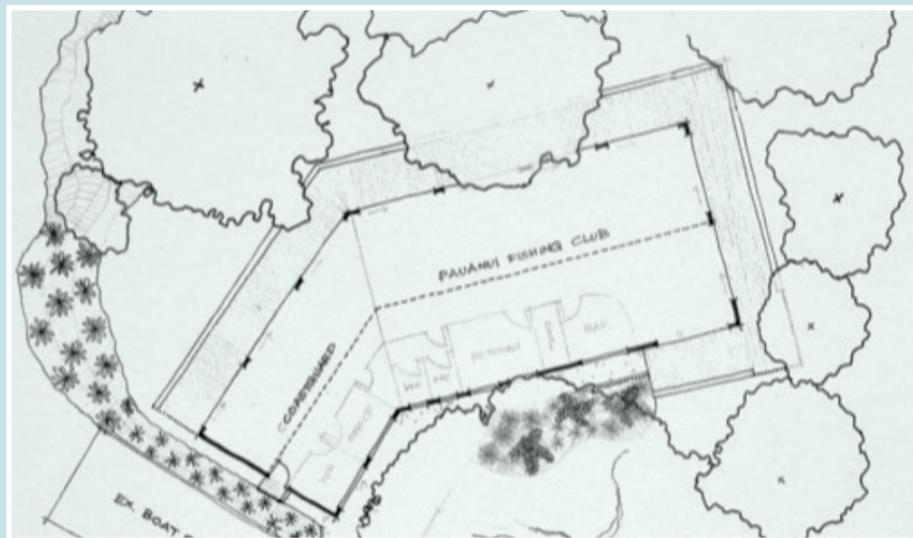
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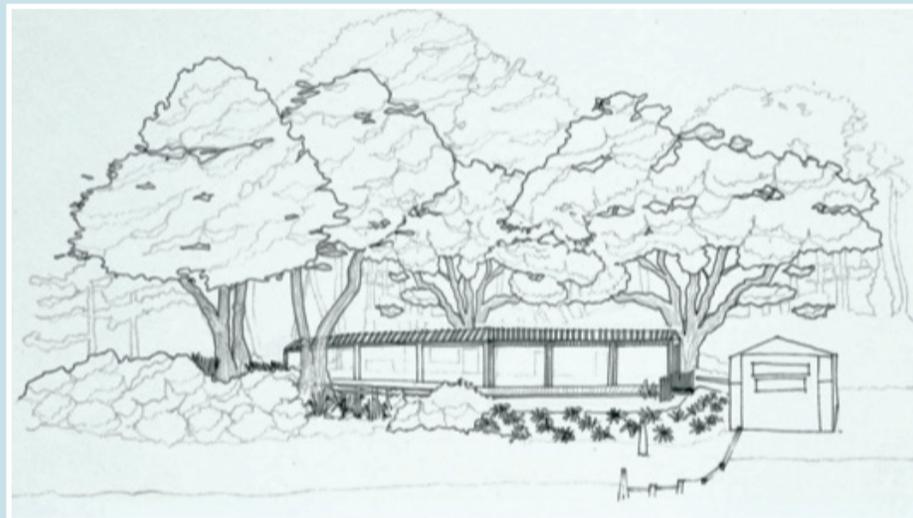


# PAUANUI

## Pauanui fishos battling 'the system'



**PROPOSED PAUANUI FISHING CLUB & COASTGUARD CENTRE**



The Pauanui Fishing and Boating Clubs quest to lease a small portion of land from TCDC is proving a hard act.

The club have been trying to get the Community Board to endorse their proposal to build a fishing club next to the Coastguard Shed at Billy Point on a portion of land primarily unused and an excellent location for a much needed venue.

The proposed project has been endorsed by local MP Scott Simpson, by IWI and now the club's president is trying to get the Pauanui Community Board's support.

'This is a must for Pauanui,' says John Courtney.

'Pauanui is falling behind. We know the land is reserve but Pauanui has no other option. Either town centre - which is all taken - or reserve.

'It is not uncommon for clubs to be established on reserves as is the Whangamata Fishing Club and its car park

'This is also a much needed revenue stream for the council,' John says.

'What's not seen here is the need for more services for the community - employment opportunities and a show piece for Pauanui, as is the Tairua Game Fishing Club's lovely

building at the Tairua Marina.'

He said if the Community Board were to support this great idea then even Coastguard would benefit, as well as local and property owners.

'There are so many boaties and fishing people in Pauanui, Pauanui needs their own fishing club.'

John says there is a support petition already out in circulation and has some hundreds of signatures already.

He also hopes to gain support from the Ratepayers Association in Pauanui.

John says this will not affect the Pauanui Sports and Recreation Club but give the opportunity for people to choose.

The facility would have a restaurant, cafe, bar and club rooms overlooking the estuary, back towards Tairua and out to Shoe Island - all hidden behind a hill and among trees.

John also indicated that if support is given by the Pauanui Community Board then the project will need significant funding and the consent process will really begin.

- Pat Courtney

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# PAUANUI

## Oh what fun – white shirts undergo a transformation



Pauanui Colour Chase 2021 - the smiles say it all with this fun colour event.

This was a great family event putting in colour to kick off 2021 from white wet tee shirts at the start to brightly coloured wet tee shirts at the end.

Five-year-olds to adults ran around Kennedy Park in Pauanui over and through obstacles... one big bunch of happy kids and big kids at heart.

Thank you Pauanui Fire Brigade for that magic water spray on the kids and to the Trek Events trailer for feeding them the Trek Magic Hot Dog supporting Kiwi kids in need.

- Words & photos Pat Courtney



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# PAUANUI

## Miss Pauanui hugely popular



Open skies and roads blocked didn't stop Miss Pauanui happening in Pauanui for 2021.

From tiny tots to Miss Pauanui, to Mr Pauanui and Yummy Mummies, it was all a lot of fun.

Who would want to be a judge when all the tiny contestants were the cutest ever.

Monique Shirley was named Miss Pauanui, 2nd was Courtney Rohrlach and 3rd Ashleyh Rohrlach.

- Words & photos Pat Courtney



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Date	High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
1	Fri	9:37	1.8	21:49	3:10	0.3	15:40	20:40
2	Sat	10:20	1.9	22:33	3:52	0.2	16:24	20:40
3	Sun	11:03	1.9	23:19	4:36	0.2	17:10	20:40
4	Mon	11:48	1.9		5:21	0.2	17:57	20:40
5	Tue	0:06	1.8	12:35	6:09	0.3	18:46	20:40
6	Wed	0:57	1.8	13:24	7:00	0.3	19:37	20:40
7	Thu	1:51	1.8	14:16	7:54	0.3	20:31	20:40
8	Fri	2:50	1.8	15:12	8:52	0.4	21:29	20:40
9	Sat	3:52	1.8	16:10	9:53	0.4	22:28	20:40
10	Sun	4:56	1.8	17:10	10:55	0.4	23:28	20:40
11	Mon	5:58	1.8	18:10		0.3	11:57	06:06
12	Tue	6:57	1.9	19:09	0:27	0.2	12:57	06:07
13	Wed	7:52	1.9	20:06	1:23	0.2	13:54	06:08
14	Thu	8:45	2.0	20:59	2:16	0.2	14:48	06:09
15	Fri	9:35	2.0	21:50	3:06	0.2	15:39	06:10
16	Sat	10:22	2.0	22:38	3:54	0.2	16:28	20:38
17	Sun	11:09	1.9	23:24	4:41	0.2	17:15	20:38
18	Mon		1.9	11:54	5:26	0.3	18:01	20:38
19	Tue	0:10	1.8	12:37	6:11	0.4	18:46	20:37
20	Wed	0:55	1.7	13:21	6:56	0.4	19:30	20:37
21	Thu	1:41	1.7	14:04	7:42	0.5	20:15	20:36
22	Fri	2:29	1.6	14:49	8:30	0.6	21:02	20:36
23	Sat	3:21	1.6	15:36	9:21	0.6	21:51	20:35
24	Sun	4:15	1.6	16:26	10:14	0.6	22:42	20:34
25	Mon	5:09	1.6	17:18	11:08	0.6	23:33	20:34
26	Tue	6:02	1.6	18:11		0.6	12:01	20:33
27	Wed	6:53	1.7	19:02	0:23	0.4	12:52	20:32
28	Thu	7:41	1.8	19:52	1:12	0.4	13:41	20:32
29	Fri	8:27	1.8	20:41	1:59	0.3	14:29	20:31
30	Sat	9:12	1.9	21:28	2:45	0.3	15:16	20:30
31	Sun	9:57	1.9	22:15	3:30	0.2	16:03	20:29

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Volunteers, staff, Menz Shed and others put their talents and muscle into creating a scented garden with a water feature, pergola where residents could sit



and rest and look at the beautiful flower colours, and other items to see, hear, touch and smell.

A small dinghy, shells and other features including signs offered sight and intellectual delights,

while the invitation to touch and smell the flowers catered to other senses.

The garden was officially opened by MP Scott Simpson and Moana House's oldest resident Brant Robinson who is about to celebrate his 103rd birthday.

A cake to mark the occasion was cut by resident Maureen Kingham and general manager Craig Scaman.

The event coincided with the 90th birthday of resident Annie Jones.

- Words & photos Lesley Staniland



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# Whangamata Lions Market is back – better than ever

The Memorial Hall in Port Rd will once again be buzzing with long weekend visitors and locals when the Whangamata Lions Market returns on the Saturday of Anniversary Weekend, the 30th January.

Chock full with more than 100 stalls inside and out, from craft to cucumbers, plants to pictures and puzzles to pickles, there will be something for everyone.

All the old favourites are back, plus exciting first timers from far and near.

Devonshire Scones fresh from the oven at The Market Café will again be in hot demand and the ever popular Lions Book Sale will

present tons of books and games at amazing prices.

The Lions sausage sizzle, with hot bacon and egg buttees, will be a leader in the snacks available from the outside stalls.

Open 8am - 2pm, rain or shine. Cash out eftpos available on site.

Public safety will be front and centre. Covid QR Codes, and sign in, will be at every entrance, and every stall will encourage the use of hand sanitiser.

Come along and join the crowd and enjoy the market fun on Anniversary Weekend Saturday 30/1/21.

- John Hares

## Fire report

Another year has passed with our brigade having attended more than 110 incidents which is high considering the low numbers of calls during lockdown.

Medical assist responses totalled more than 50 per cent, vehicle accidents 20 per cent, fires 20 per cent and others 10 per cent.

The largest event attended was just north of Whangamata where a fire spread into a pine plantation requiring more than 12 appliances.

This highlighted the dry conditions we have experienced throughout our district.

What is concerning is the

number of fires seen before the traditional summer period really kicks in.

A total fire ban is now in force including fireworks and Chinese lanterns which have huge potential risks.

Indications anticipate an increased risk of cyclones and with the fire risk also it is important to have your emergency kits ready should we need to act.

Lastly, enjoy what our region offers especially after what 2020 threw at us but do let people know your plans before venturing out.

Our brigade wishes everyone a great safe summer.

- CFO Nigel Airey



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# Blue Light skateboarding

Further to our last edition showing photos of skateboarders attending the Whangamata Police Blue Light function at the revamped skate bowl in Martyn Road, Police Youth Aid Officer, Senior Constable Melissa Whiteman, said she was delighted with the turnout on the day.

She also wanted to thank all the people who supported and/ or sponsored the event.

'Thanks to Kurt and Judy for manning the BBQ; the judges Shane, Radar and Matt; MC JJ Hazelton; Bronnie Baxter for assisting with organising; New World for the sausages; Saltwater Surf - Pate and Fleur; Harry and Her; Subway; Sarah and Jos Kennings for providing spot prizes; Joyce and David Penne y - DCN Drilling - for sponsoring; Iwi Health/ Te Korowai for spot prizes

Whangamata Volunteer Fire brigade; and all the kids and parents for coming down.'

Melissa says Blue Light is a registered charity that works in partnership with police to deliver a range of youth programmes and activities.



'The goal is to reduce the incidence of young people becoming an offender or victim of crime, and encourage better relations between the police, young people, their parents and the community.

'The skate park is an area where young people like to meet up and it can be a great place for them to socialise and build on their

amazing skills and talents.

'However, police have been receiving complaints regarding some of the anti social behaviour such as fighting, language and large amounts of rubbish. There have also been reports of stealing from the nearby stores,' Melissa said.

'Police would like to encourage young people and their parents to

enjoy the park, which has recently had an upgrade, and for it to be a safe place for kids to be.

'With school holidays on it is a reminder to parents to ensure they know where their kids are and what they are getting up to, and spend some quality time with them over the summer break, so Police don't end up having to babysit them if they get up to mischief.

'Hopefully we can keep running the event and it is awesome to see the kids showing of their skills! And hopefully as the youth aid officer I don't have to pay anyone a visit over the holidays.'

**Placings (in order 1st to 3rd):  
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**Skate under 10yrs: Zuma Falconer, Beau Rogers, Mac Hamilton.**

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# Readers' photos



The flowering gum in Whangamata was photographed by Peter Charles.



Hamilton's Kay Whittle loves bringing her Smithfield Collie dog Dougal to stay in Whangamata. He is pictured here enjoying the Park Avenue reserve dog agility course. The six-year-old pooch also loves swimming in the ocean waves and the estuary, fetching his ball.



The brooding sky before the thunderstorm was taken by Ron Delgrosso.

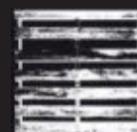
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### January 2021 Gigs

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## Our clubs

Please note: Some of these clubs will be in recess until February

### 8 BALL

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### 500 CARD CLUB

Whangamata RSA: New players always welcome on Wednesdays from 12.30pm - play starts at 1pm.

### BOLIVIA

Whangamata Club: 12.45pm for 1pm start until 4pm-ish.

### COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Whangamata RSA: 1st Sunday every month. Guest artists, open mic, raffles, spot prizes. Everyone welcome from 11.30am. \$5 entry. Ph Kevan 027 459 7194.

### DARTS

Whangamata Club: 6.15pm.

### GOLF CROQUET

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Wednesday: Draw at 12.45

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Whangamata Club: Wednesday and Friday, 1.15pm.

### KEEP FIT

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Last Friday of each month, from 9.30am, at Smash Pipi. All fibre artists welcome.

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Whangamata Club: 12.30pm-1.15pm (Learners); Club from 1.30pm-3pm.

### MAHJONG

Whangamata Club: Learners Monday 1.30pm-4.30pm. Clun day Fridays 1.15pm-4.30pm.

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### SNOOKER

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### TAI CHI

Whangamata RSA, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am.

### TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER

Whangamata Club, 6pm for 6.15pm start until 9.15pm.

### UKELELE GROUP

Thursday: 1.30pm, Whangamata RSA.

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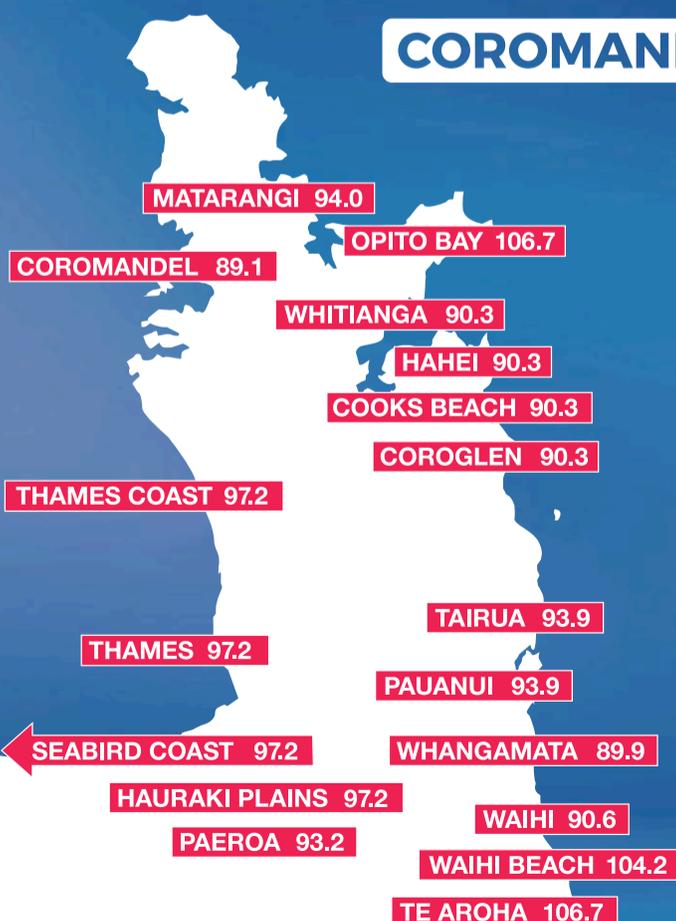
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Peg lives on Titoki Golf Course and is a bit of fun.

Peg has only one leg and he's not alone in that.

There's a spot on our local golf course where the eels gather for a Wednesday and Saturday feed from the golfers.

Can't tell you where it is because there'll be locals down there with torches... several were taken in lockdown.

Peg, along with a few of his duck mates, also started tapping into this feeding cycle and traffic got heavy.

Problem is when you're a duck your legs dangle in the water and if you're an eel, well, a leg can be easily mistaken for half an old sausage.

As a result there's been a few ducks lose a leg or two.

Most don't survive this amputation but somehow Peg is hanging in there.

He often arrives when golfers are on the green and his landings are anything but elegant.

He seems pretty healthy as many of the golfers slip him a morsel or two before moving onto the eels.

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'We expect demand on emergency ambulance services to increase by about 30 per cent during this season.'

'We recognise the importance of ensuring we have extra ambulance crews available to respond to the demand so we have put in place a number of additional emergency vehicles and boosted our staffing levels until Waitangi weekend.'

These resources include:

An additional ambulance crew in Whitianga working 10am - 10pm.

An additional operational vehicle starting from St John Thames station, working from 9am to 9pm, and deployed to Coromandel, Whangamata, or Tairua as needed each day dependent on workload in each area.

Whangamata will transition to paid crewing 24/7 (as opposed to 12/7)

An additional response car in the Coromandel Peninsula for first response and manager support

An additional ambulance to be deployed nights from Thursday - Sunday, 5pm-2am

# Whanga Week activities wrap up

The Whangamata Surf Club's Whanga Week events wrapped up on January 3 with its annual beach fun run and walk. Peter West captured some of the action from the air.




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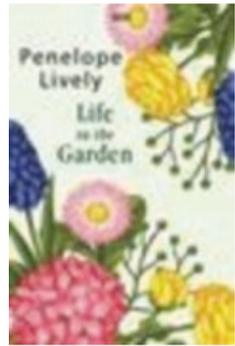
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# Book Reviews

I picked these books purely by their covers. In fact, it's difficult, there's so many enticing book covers; colour; cute; the familiar, a uniform - any uniform wins my attention - erotic; distant horizons; scary; cute; weird; flamboyant and expensively exquisite (Pilgrims Progress) - sounds like a list for a therapist doesn't it? Add intriguing titles - How's it Hanging; Up the Duff - and a quick "just popping to the library" will fail. So, my choice goes with eye catching colour.

## Life in the Garden Penelope Lively

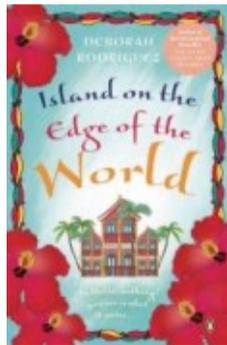


This book is, as promised by an attractive floral cover, a colourful joy to read. Ambling alongside Penelope, I ponder too, whilst absorbing her

gardening and life stories. Although slim and in large print, this top book flourishes with a far-ranging compliment - memoirs of her own and her family's gardens, gardens of literature - Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, writers and painters - Virginia Woolf, Philip Larkin, to Van Gough, mystical gardens - Hanging garden of Babylon, to famous gardens and renowned gardeners - Google and a dictionary help. There are no pictures. Penelope says garden books today are nothing more than vehicles for indulgent photographers. She lets you picture the gardens by nurturing your instincts. It's magic. The immortality that, like humans, comes with gardening; how plants pass through generations - I have Andrew's

mum, gran and a whole host of people in my garden - some I'd rather not, they've taken over. At times the narrative meanders into repetition, and is too upper class. I want more familiarity, her gardening experiences especially with husband Jack, the fun and frustration. And in her later life when time and gardening space have to adapt like the slowing of her body. A treasured book to have for keeps or give for Christmas.

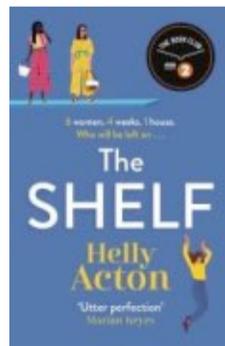
## Island on the Edge of the World Deborah Rodriguez



This exotic cover heightens the reading experience of a story set in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. It's super informative on cultural practises and

history and keeps the theme - the ethical question of aid - almost without preachiness. However, for me, there's no freshness. Many books take on complex issues of third world countries. I like some of Deborah characters - Bea and Mambo Michelle are straightforward, adding needed doses of natural humour. Whereas, the focal characters are wallowing women - analysing and emotional. A story like makes you feel the sensitivity by showing, not telling.

## The Shelf Helly Acton

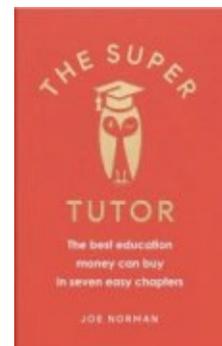


I'm not sure pristine blue is the right cover colour for this fast paced, very witty, feminist book. A modern remake of Marion Keyes' popular relationship

books, but set in a Big Brother reality TV location. Quite clever if you like these scenarios of human behaviour - point a camera at someone long enough and inevitably they show-off and digress to base behaviour. So, naturally Helly overpowers in endorsing the selfishness humans seem to require to function today. This and a marked tendency, particularly later in the story, to dwell on a self-help style of narration is rather off putting. Keyes handles narration with professional decency - fear of showing a VPL said it all. Whereas now, relationship themed books have a prerequisite to be bitchy and shocking and I ponder if knickers are worn at all. I'm too old. For the thirty-something generation this is a blaze of a book. Really good. With a red book cover.

## The Super Tutor Joe Norman

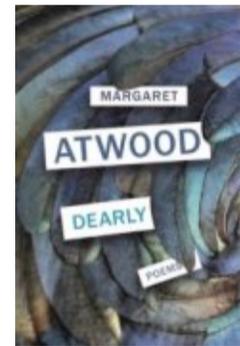
Orange is a brain stimulating colour - good choice. This book is infectious, with anecdotes, amusement, challenges and tips you will remember forever - bring on the exams. A fabulous Christmas present for students or anyone older who struggles with grasping knowledge. It reminds



us that the purpose of life is a love of learning. Give a child books and they will go far. However, I do question the aggressiveness of the Ministry of Education making school students learn

so much depressing stuff, too much adult stuff and stuff that's seems to have moved down from university level. What happened to life skills and "Happy Days"?

## Dearly. Poems. Margaret Atwood



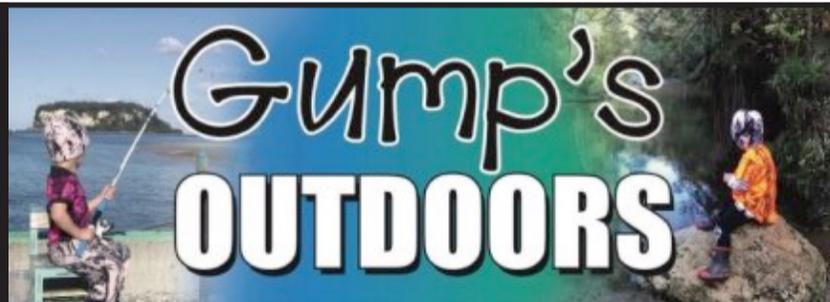
Kate MccGwire, mixed media with magpie feathers is the perfect cover design for this sway of diverse poetry. Each poem is minutely detailed, sticking

totally to topic no matter how small the fragment. I immensely enjoyed the intimacy of the first and almost the second section. The latter poems - I'm not done reading them all - have more thought provoking, emotional, environmental issues and raw nature. A bit depressing, really, paralleling the grittiness of her novels. Another great book for a Christmas gift - accompany with a bottle of good red wine, these poems are to savour.

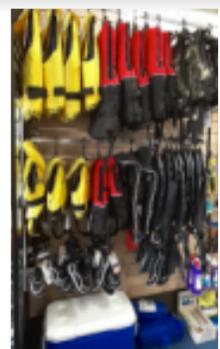
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Pat Courtney, a woman with tonnes of get-up-and-go, captured all the events on her camera. Pictured are scenes from just some of the events.



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# Letters

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## Explanations and action required

We were in Whangamata for our first New Year's Eve here for eight years.

I knew it would be bad but it was even worse than I thought, mainly due to massive explosions from fireworks in the Sylvia/Mary Rd area which continued till 2am or later, frightening the hell out of our dog and other dogs in the neighbourhood.

I went out for a walk with my camera about 4pm and saw large groups of teenagers in several

locations near the surf club, drinking alcohol.

In the space of 90 minutes I saw only two police cars (other people I spoke to have also commented on this) and there seemed to be no rigid enforcement of the liquor ban to the extent I've seen in previous years.

There were crowds of drunken teens everywhere and they were already becoming unruly.

Some houses in our area had 12 or more cars outside, and had large parties going on.

One house opposite ours on Williamson Rd had two portaloos outside and the next morning their

driveway was a mass of shattered glass.

There were people sleeping in their vehicles in Williamson Park - which I thought was illegal - and the area around Blackies and the surf club was carpeted with glass fragments.

I took a picture of a guy who'd been walking his large dog and had to resort to carrying it home in case it cut its paws.

Several council workers were trying to clean up the glass but there were still fragments lying around.

Blackies opened at 7.30am New Years Day but had a notice

saying their food stocks had been depleted by thieves who broke in during the riot.

TCDC Mayor Sandra Goudie praised the police in a NZ Herald story but I reckon serious questions need to be asked as to why police weren't on top of the liquor issue and why their presence was much less visible than in previous years.

We had some teenagers camping at our place, some who went to Joe's Farm but claimed no-one was checking peoples' bags for alcohol etc. (Abridged)

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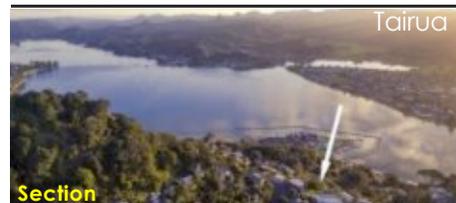
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## 103 KIWI ROAD

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- Fully fenced and gated, off street parking
- Freehold full site – 809sqm

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## 145 BAMBURY PLACE, ONEMANA



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### \$1,150,000



## 119 THE GROVE, ONEMANA



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## 116 CHEVRON CRESCENT



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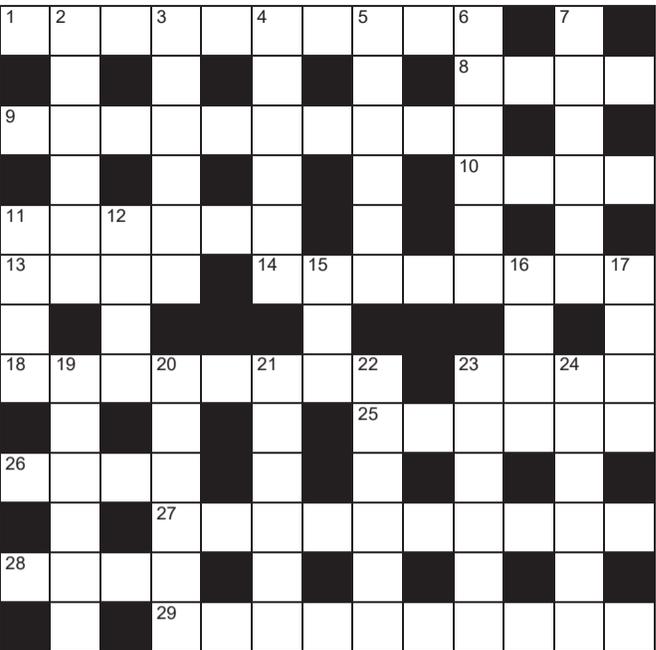
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## QUICK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Vinegar (6,4)
  - Call (4)
  - Artistically experimental (5-5)
  - Lodgings (4)
  - Thin layer or sheen (6)
  - Russian mountain range (4)
  - Dead end street (3,2,3)
  - Reversal of an earlier decision (4-4)
  - Territory (4)
  - Canopy (6)
  - Clear (4)
  - Present from birth (10)
  - Concern (4)
  - Half sibling (10)
- DOWN**
- Pickled roe (6)
  - Throat tissue (6)
  - Brandy (6)
  - Breakfast food (6)
  - Toss in flour (6)
  - Mystery (6)
  - Light gust of wind (4)
  - Hire car (4)
  - Alien object (1,1,1)
  - Indian dress (4)
  - Rock face (4)
  - Lasso (6)
  - Segments (6)
  - Sitting room (6)
  - Reports (6)
  - High jinks (6)
  - Employ (6)

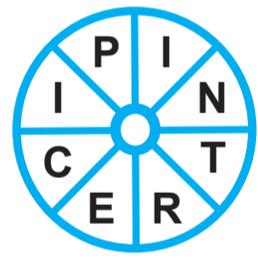
## TRIO

The same three-letter sequence will complete each of the four words

\_\_\_E  
B\_\_\_K  
\_\_\_HES  
E\_\_\_A

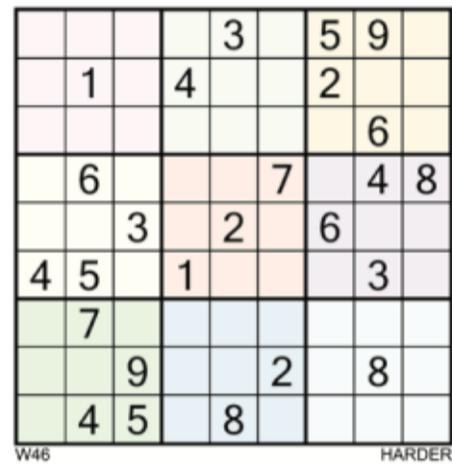
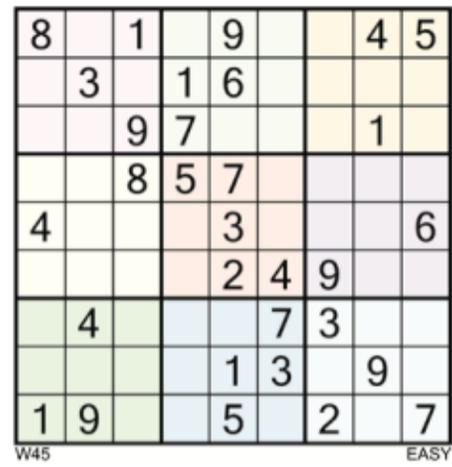
## WORDWHEEL

Add one letter to make a nine-letter word reading clockwise or anti clockwise



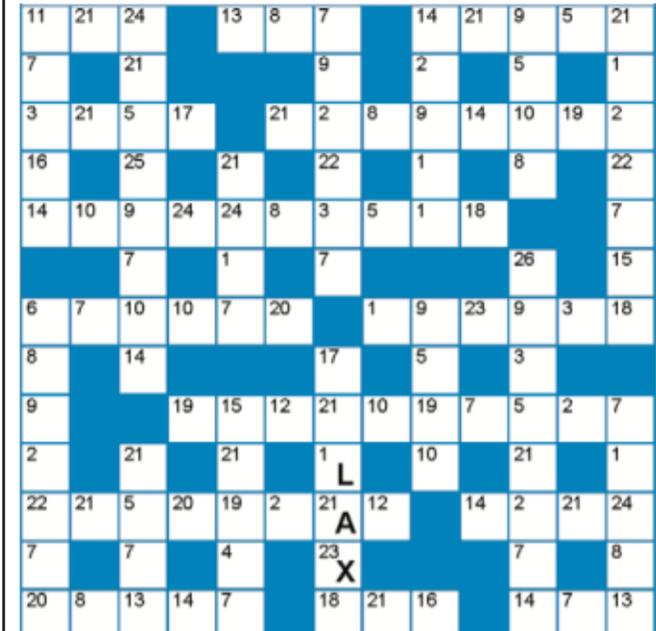
## SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9



## DECODER

Each number below represents a different letter. Find the correct letter for each number by working out the word from the letters given. To keep track, cross the letters off on the grid below.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13													
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26													
									A	X															

WORKING SPACE

## SOLUTIONS

### CROSSWORD

**Across:** 1. Acetic acid, 8. Ring, 9. Avant-garde, 10. Digs, 11. Patina, 13. Ural, 14. Cul de sac, 18. Flip-flop, 23. Area, 25. Awning, 26. Free, 27. Congential, 28. Care, 29. Stepsister.  
**Down:** 2. Caviar, 3. Tonsil, 4. Cognac, 5. Cereal, 6. Dredge, 7. Enigma, 11. Puff, 12. Taxi, 15. UFO, 16. Sari, 17. Crag, 19. Lariat, 20. Pieces, 21. Lounge, 22. Papers, 23. Antics, 24. Engage.

### DECODER



### SUDOKU



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Fri 19 Mar	
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