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To the EDITOR

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

A worrying trend

Following several phone calls and a letter to the Council, I feel it is important for our community to know that we have an extremely worrying set of incidents in our town.

We have a ranger who has made it his job to wait for elderly residents walking their dogs off leads on our reserves, even on footpaths. These residents have been walking their dogs for many years and are therefore becoming traumatised with the way they are being approached and handed a $300 fine for dogs off the lead.

Surely there is a better way for this to be handled. What is wrong with firstly introducing yourself and politely saying who you are?

Since when have we not been able to walk our dogs (who are usually as old as we are) on reserves and out of the town area.

I feel that our town is not only losing valuable assets but that no-one seems to care what is happening to our residents or to their normal way of life and rules and people are being put in place to make things as difficult as possible.

Our visitors in motorhomes are getting dealt the same raw deal as well if they happen to park over the freedom camping mark. Our Freedom camping is a joke considering we are supposed to be a Motorhome Friendly town. We have even been mentioned once in the Motorhome magazine as a place to avoid camping, if you don't want to be fined. Our businesses are needing all the visitors we can attract to our town, not scare them away because there is no place to park.

What has happened to decent human beings ? Is Whangamata losing its caring attitude we have always had?? We are a wonderful place to live and also a great place to spend a holiday in but we need to get back to the basics and start caring about people not revenue gathering.

Let responsible owners walk their dogs as they have always done and start finding the ones who don't.

K. Baker
WHANGAMATĀ

Whangamata Fire Report



Whangamata Brigade Honours Night, 26 September 2026:

FF Mark Lynch	3 Year Certificate – 3 Years (May 2026)
FF Stuart Watts	2 Year Silver Bar – 11 Years (July 2026)
SO Casey Redman	2 Year Silver Bar – 17 Years (May 2026)

The brigade has been active over the last few weeks with a wide range of incidents attended.

Of note, one call was a fire spreading from a vehicle into the surrounding forest. High winds and under growth allowed the fire to spread quickly. Containment took place with the assistance of neighbouring brigades. This is a example of the care required coming into the summer around behaviours around vegetation.

Last week, we responded to a chemical leak in town. Properties were placed in lockdown until the situation was resolved. The co-operation of these agencies allowed us to concentrate on controlling the spill.

Our brigade honours were held in September with a number of members receiving awards. Past and present members along with other agencies celebrated their achievements.

– CFO Nigel Airey

What's On in our towns

Send your club, group, non-profit or fundraiser event to whangamatanews@gmail.com

Arts Collective Photography Group
The idea is to meet once a month for a relaxed and enjoyable get-together where we can share photos, exchange ideas, learn from each other, and encourage our creativity. All levels of experience are welcome—from phone photographers to camera photographers. The emphasis will be on having fun and enjoying photography together.
If you think you might be interested, contact Gail: gail.stent@gmail.com

Balance & Strength classes
at Whangamata Club every Wednesday 12.30pm only $5 also Mondays low impact 10am and 11am

Girls' Football Academy
Expressions of Interest. Waihī & Katikati 8-10 years, 12-14 years, 14-16 years. Dates to be confirmed email McNichols Football Academy.

Goldfields Railway
is back on the tracks! Hop aboard at the Waihī or Waikino Station. Check out times on their website for fortnightly trips.

Grow on Waihī
including a crop swap. The second Saturday each month, 10-11.30am. Free seedlings for members or for a koha. At the shed next to the Community Resort Centre, 4 Mueller Street, Waihī. See our Grow on Waihī Facebook page.

Waihī Croquet Club
A friendly club, meet new people and have fun. It is a low impact sport and fun to play. Golf Croquet is easy to learn and suitable for all abilities! All equipment supplied. First 3 games free! Golf Croquet: Mon • Wed • Sat — 1pm, Association Croquet: Tues • Sat — 1pm Morgan Park, Kenny Street, Waihī come along – everyone is welcome!
Beginner croquet coaching 22 and 29 October. To book contact Jane Wimsett 021 507 6063 or whangamatacroquet@gmail.com

Paeroa Country Music Club
Third Sunday of the month, 1pm. Baptist Church Wood St, Paeroa.

Whangamatā Cancer Group
Meets every fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am. Lovely group – come join us.
Contact Lareece McGregor, Hospice & Cancer support Nurse: 027 880 5644.

Whangamatā Sunday Market
TCDC carpark, Port Rd, 9am-1pm, first and third Sundays plus school holidays. Stalls $5, all stall fees donated to local community groups.
Phone Suzanne 022 651 2250.

Whangamatā 6am Walking Club
Wharf Car park, meet 5.50am Monday-Friday 5km loop any pace, walk and talk, or bring headphones for music and zone out!

Whangamatā Writing Group
A friendly and supportive environment where you can share your ideas, develop your writing, and connect with fellow writers. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.
Interested in joining? To find out more, contact Angela at acummings@xtra.co.nz

Whanga Country & Variety Music Club
First Sunday of the month. Whangamatā Razza. 1pm-4pm. Always a fun afternoon, dancing, singing, raffles to be won and a lovely afternoon tea. Great local talent, plus a guest artist.

Anglican Plant Sale
Saturday 24 October, 8am at Cornerstone 101 Ocean Rd, Whangamatā

Edisons Comedy Club
Saturday, 24 October. Doors open 7pm. Grab your mates to see Ben Hurley, Tom Sainsbury and Hoani Hotene.

Open Studio Labour Weekend
Come along and discover a fresh collection of artwork at Kea Iti Studio. Lots of new work, including smaller, affordable pieces perfect for unique Christmas gifts or a little something special for yourself. New large unique work to fit a large space. Make a statement!
Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October 11am–3pm.
Monday 26 October 11am–2pm.
Kea Iti Studio, 105 Kea Street, Whangamatā.
Can't make these times? Open by appointment.
Contact Heather Watt – 027 388 8007.

Have A Ball Event
25 October 12-5pm at Whangamatā Bowling Club. 80 retired bowling balls will be on display and for sale.

Waihī Bowling Club
28 October. Pre-Christmas round of Community Bowls. Team of three $120.
Contact Graham 021 210 9267

Country, Country Rock & Rock n Roll Hoedown
1 November. Whangamata Razza.
5pm-7.30pm. $5 cover charge.

Waihi Lions Garden Ramble
7-8 November, 9-4pm, wet or fine, $30 tickets.
Contact Jennifer 027 204 0488

Waihi A & P Show
14 November, Waihi Showgrounds

Go Waihī - Christmas At The Lake
6 December.
We are looking for stall holders and crafts stalls.
Message or email us info@waihi.org.nz

Arts Collective Challenge 2027
Whangamatā Memorial Hall.
All artwork will be for sale.
29 January: Art Challenge
Prizegiving 5pm-8pm. Tickets available from Discover Whangamatā
30-31 January: Big Art Day Out
10am-4pm, koha entry. Artist entry forms online at artscollective.co.nz

Whangamata Police Report

NEW ZEALAND POLICE
Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

The new cycle laws are in place. Wearing a helmet still applies and has not changed.

- allow children up to 12 years old to ride bikes on footpaths and allow parents or caregivers to ride with them
- require a minimum passing gap of 1.5 metres when drivers pass other road users
- allow people to ride e-scooter in cycle lanes

Police conducted a search warrant on a suspected drug dealer and their property recently following continued information from members of the public. We don't just sit on the information, we act on it. Thank you to those for speaking up for their community.

A number of disorder incidents involving young persons has come to light. Instigated by both local persons and visitors. I encourage parents to be out with the young ones when they are, helping avoid situations like this

A 35 year old local man is due to appear again in the Waihi District Court on the 1st of December for using a bank pay wave card he found on the ground, multiple times and various locations. Buying a large number of cigarettes,



petrol, oil, Prezzie cards, phone top up vouchers all while being recorded on CCTV. Maybe gainful employment might be a way to satisfy his addiction going forward.

Very recently, a driver was stopped by police in town and blew 1262 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. Now, keep in mind the limit is 250. I don't think any of us would like that driving toward us!

– Sergeant Will Hamilton, Officer in Charge, Whangamatā Police

Scott Simpson

National Party Candidate for Coromandel



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ADVERTORIAL

Challenge Whangamata named Retailer of the Year



Wayne, Michelle, Simon, Tanya, Zac Andre. Absent Annette/Michelle.

A family business, a dedicated team and strong community connections have helped Simon and Tanya Bratton earn top honours.

When Simon and Tanya Bratton purchased the former Z Energy service station in Whangamatā in 2020, they settled into the business in the middle of the Covid lockdowns. Six years on, their investment in the site and commitment to customer service have been recognised with the overall Challenge Retailer of the Year award.

They chose to rebrand to Challenge, attracted by its distinctly Kiwi identity and community-focused approach. In 2025, the Challenge operators purchased the brand from Z Energy, bringing it into independent ownership by the very people who operate its service stations. For the Brattons, this reflects what they value about Challenge: local operators with the freedom to build their own businesses while maintaining strong connections with the communities they serve.

Since taking over, the family has upgraded the fuel pumps, introduced 24-hour fuel access, modernised the shop into a contemporary convenience store and replaced the underground fuel tanks.

Today, Challenge Whangamatā offers much more than fuel. The modern convenience store stocks food and everyday essentials, alongside Velvet Coffee, locally roasted in Waihī and known for its smooth, rich flavour.

The business also provides tyre and battery sales, tyre repairs and light mechanical work, along with tyre-pressure checking facilities. These services are an important part of the operation, helping local residents and visitors with their everyday motoring needs.

Challenge recognised the business for consistently high standards, excellent site presentation and community partnerships through the My Challenge programme. Its award citation praised the staff, noting that they are loved by the community and know many customers by their first names. The site was described as a true reflection of what the Challenge brand stands for.

Simon and Tanya are quick to share the credit with their team.

"We're incredibly proud to receive this award, but it really is a team effort. Our staff work hard every day, genuinely care about our customers and take pride in what they do. We couldn't do it without them."

Family also plays an important role in the business. The couple's son Zac works alongside them, as does Tanya's brother Andre. During the recent summer, their nieces Gemma and Ella joined the team as baristas while home from university.

The Brattons are equally grateful for the customers who have supported them over the years.

"We're grateful to our staff, our customers and everyone who has supported us along the way. This award recognises what we've achieved together, and we're very proud of that."

75th Jubilee of the Whangamata Bowling Club







Last Saturday, 17 October, *Whangamatā News* were delighted to attend the 75th Jubilee of the Whangamatā Bowling Club. With a sunny but chilling breeze, members past and present started with a special Roll Up. At 12.30pm they held two games of an hour each and then followed by a couple of fun events with a special cake cutting ceremony, scrumptious meal and a local band, catering for 120 guests.

– Photos by Mark James

Some interesting history...

In 1950, Whites Aviation took a series of photos of Whangamatā, one of which showed the very beginnings of the Whangamatā Bowling Club before any grass was grown or buildings erected.

In the beginning it was a Men's Only club but they must have seen the light, as in 1955 the Whangamatā Women's Bowling Club was formed.

It remained that way until 1999 when both clubs were merged.

It started with the one green but such was the interest in the game back then, a second green was built to accommodate the number of members and visitors.

In 2021 our Green Keeper Peter Burgess urged the club to put down a carpet green, This was agreed to and through donations, sponsorships and a non interest earning debenture scheme the money was raised.

This move allowed us to play bowls throughout the year and being so, attracted more members.

that has now lifted the club to have a membership greater than any other Thames Valley Club.

We have been told by a very reliable source that the Whangamatā Bowling Club is currently the fasting growing Bowling Club in New Zealand.

Our bowlers have done well over the years competitively but our best know bowler was the great All Black Bob Scott who was admired by us all for his helpfulness with newer bowlers and his great sense of humour.

We have two qualified coaches who are kept busy two days a week coaching not just our newer bowlers but also the ever increasing number of Whangamatā bowlers that have been invited to represent the Thames Valley Centre. They have certainly improved the competitive standard of many of our members based on a Junior Bowlers tournament held at the Tairua Bowling Club recently with the top four teams were members of our club with the same result occurring a few weeks ago at the Pauanui Bowling Club.

We welcome new members and those that just want to try the game. If anyone is interested just turn up by 12.30pm on Thursday or Saturday We are a warm and welcoming Club.

– Keith Miles



Medal success for Whangamata butchery

Whangamata butchery, Meat At The Beach, picked up a bronze medal for their Real Beef sausage at this year's Dunninghams Great New Zealand Sausage Competition. Their medal winning creation was recognised among the country's best at a special awards evening held in Auckland last week. Meat At The Beach was among more than 67 sausage makers nationwide to take home medals.



A record-breaking 869 entries were submitted this year by 126 sausage makers nationwide, all competing for the ultimate accolade of being named New Zealand's Supreme Sausage.

Judge Brian Everton from Cabernet Foods also noted that the standard of entries seems to go up another level every year."You can see the care and pride producers are putting into their sausages, and that really comes through in the texture and all the technical aspects of making a great sausage. At this final stage of judging, it ultimately comes down to the combination of flavours and innovation – those are the things that can lift one sausage above another.

Category Champions, Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners were also announced across all 13 sausage categories resulting in a nationwide guide to where sausage lovers can find New Zealand's top snags.

The results highlight the incredible depth and diversity of New Zealand's sausage-making talent, with medal-winning snarlers produced by butchers from Northland to Southland. From traditional favourites to more adventurous flavour combinations, the competition showcases both the timeless appeal of the quintessential Kiwi sausage and the creativity of today's sausage makers.

With summer fast approaching, the announcement of New Zealand's top sausages gives Kiwis a great reason to fire up the barbecue. The competition provides a trusted way to discover some of the country's best sausages – giving barbecue lovers plenty of medal-winning snarlers to seek out this summer.



‘Have a Ball’ event

80 retired bowling balls will be on display & for sale on Sunday 25th October 12-5pm at Whangamata Bowling Club.

What is the ‘Have a Ball’ event?

The Have a Ball event is a creative showcase that celebrates art, sustainability, and community. Local artists, creators and a lot of families wanting something fun to do have come together to reimagine retired bowling balls, transforming them into stunning pieces of art, unique home decor, and vibrant garden sculptures.

What inspired this initiative?

The goal was to blend environmental awareness with artistic expression. Instead of allowing these items to reach landfills, we wanted to give them a second life. By upcycling retired bowling balls, our artists demonstrate how everyday objects can be repurposed into beautiful, durable outdoor and indoor art. Its been such a fun event and coincided with school holidays, so families and kids have got on board

What can visitors expect at the event?

Visitors will have the opportunity to browse a diverse gallery of transformed bowling balls, ranging from intricate mosaic garden globes to abstract sculptures, mosaic pieces and painted globes.



Arts Collective
IMAGINE - INSPIRE - CREATE

It is a fantastic opportunity to find inspiration for your own space, support local talent, and discover the incredible possibilities of upcycled art.

What local community groups are you supporting?

We are promoting the local Bowling Club as a fun place to be and donations will be made to the Mens Shed for the work they do in the community. As this is a Whangamata Arts Collective initiative we are fully promoting art in the community.

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Water safety this summer

COASTGUARD WHANGAMATĀ

It was a lovely fine spring Sunday afternoon so Shelby Wright decided to take his wife and kids out in the boat for a fun day on the water.

He towed the boat out from under the tree, brushed off the dead leaves and removed the cover. The fuel gauge showed plenty of petrol in the tank so he was all set to go. They loaded on some snacks and drinks and set off. Sea conditions were beautiful so they decided to do a bit of fishing off the Dogger Bank where they caught a couple of good snapper.

It was getting late so it was time to head home. Shelby then found the battery was dead so the motor wouldn’t start. The VHF radio didn’t work either. He then realised that he had left his phone in the car. Fortunately, he had lodged a trip report with Coastguard and had told his mother what his plans were. When she realised they were overdue she advised Coastguard.

As Shelby had kept his Coastguard membership current, his tow home came at no cost and so avoided the cost recovery charge.

The key safety messages here are:

1. Lodging a trip report with Coastguard on VHF Channel 04 or on the Coastguard app, provides vital information to the Coastguard response to an overdue vessel. Your boat name, call-sign, where you are heading to, the number of people on board and your expected time of return. It’s also advisable to have someone on shore who knows your plan for the day.

2. Before you head out check that you have fresh fuel and enough to get you out there (one third), enough to get you home (one third) and a third in reserve.

3. Check that your batteries are charged. The engine has had it’s regular service and steering is functioning correctly.

4. Be sure to have correctly fitting lifejackets for every person on board the vessel. It is now mandatory for lifejackets to be worn on all vessels six metres or less in length.

5. Always carry at least two means of communication.

MEMBERSHIP

For only $95 per annum, Whangamatā Coastguard offers a comprehensive Coastguard Membership that covers you nationwide for free assistance no matter where you may require it.

Cheap insurance when you consider that the cost recovery charge of $400 per hour for non-urgent assistance applies to non members.

Visit the Whangamatā Coastguard website or contact us on 07 865 8800 anytime 24/7.







Hillary Challenge 2026 Recap

The pinnacle Secondary School adventure racing event, The Hillary Challenge, is in its 26th year and for the first time Whangamatā Area School qualified for a place in the national final.

The 5 day event, held at the Hillary Outdoors centre in Tongariro National Park, comprised of the country's top 12 adventure racing teams. The teams had to qualify by achieving a top 5 place in the North or South Island qualifiers in May of this year.

The Whangamatā team comprised of Archer Easton, Lincoln Easton, Felix Lloyd, Richie Pugh, Ella-Rose Luke, Izzy Nancekivelle, Ari Lansdowne and Louisa Fetscher trained hard in preparation for the event completing overnight practice rogaine expeditions and several problem solving sessions.

The Hillary Challenge Final consisted of two days of problem solving and physical challenges, a 2 day rogaine and overnight camp out in the Tongariro National park and was topped off by a 50km multi-sport race on the final day.

During the first two days Whangamatā demonstrated their strong physical ability in all of the problem solving challenges. The Easton brothers particularly impressed the instructors with their ability to pump out push ups and burpees to help complete a particularly gruelling team challenge.



On the morning of the expedition the students were dropped off in the car park of the Mangatepopo Hut. Their first task was to run the 2km to the hut to collect their maps and plan their route. The challenge was to navigate around Mount Tongariro, Mt Ngauruhoe, and Mt Ruapehu to visit as many virtual checkpoints as possible. The checkpoints were worth various points depending on how difficult it was to navigate to them. Once they arrived at where they believed the checkpoint was, they marked their location with a GPS tracker.

Within the group each member had different roles to ensure that all 8 team members arrived at the finish line. The team navigators, Archer and Felix were put through their paces navigating the team to where they needed to be to collect points. End of day one saw the team having to select a campsite to set up camp for the night. With only a tarp for shelter and 2 small gas cookers to prepare their dehydrated meals, comfort wasn't the order of the day.

After an icy night under their tarp at 1300m elevation the team packed up and continued on their mission. Day two saw the team navigating the terrain between Mt Ngauruhoe and Mt Ruapehu.

To round out the Hillary Challenge 2026 the final day was the multi-sport race. 2km Kayaking, 20km or running and 30km of biking. The team had to dig deep into their energy reserves to make it to the end. The final run lead the students back to the Hillary Outdoors centre where they were greeted by a welcoming committee of their Team managers, Hillary Outdoors staff and the other competitors. The team arrived home knowing that they had conquered the Hillary Challenge 2026 and had also done themselves, their school and Whangamatā proud.

As first timers at the event, Whangamatā Area School was stoked to come away from the event a 4th place result. Also noteworthy was Felix and Archer being awarded the top navigators out of all the teams.

Every team member pushed their limits, lifted their teammates, and tackled each day with awesome determination. Life long memories and friendships were made over the week with many keen to return in 2026.

Thanks to all those that made it possible to attend this event

Special mention to Ryan Thompson for coaching the team, Luke Baxter for helping on training runs, Rachel Luke and Marius Lloyd for being the team managers and supporting us with logistics, nutrition and guidance during the event.

Thanks to our sponsors: Raising Royalty, Isagenix, Whangamatā Menzshed, Whangamatā Lions, Simon Rogers Plumbing, MLC - Marius Lloyd Construction, CoroVets, Whangamatā Jewellery Gallery.



Welcome to the Godwits

As spring arrives, we look forward to welcoming our migratory birds back to the Coromandel. One of the most remarkable travellers to visit our shores is the kuaka (bar-tailed godwit), returning to Aotearoa after an extraordinary journey from its breeding grounds in Alaska.



Some kuaka fly an astonishing 11,000–13,000 kilometres non-stop, completing the journey in as little as seven days. It's an incredible feat of endurance, and a wonderful reminder of the connections between our harbour and the wider world.

Whangamatā Harbour Care warmly invites you to join us at Beach Road Reserve to celebrate the return of our migratory birds. This is the special place that they roost in the harbour, and we want to raise awareness of the area as an important rest area which needs minimal disturbance.

Hear about these incredible birds and the remarkable journeys they make. There will be opportunities to observe the birds and learn more about the important role our harbour plays as a place to rest and feed.

Whether you're a keen birdwatcher or simply curious about the wildlife on our doorstep, everyone is welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Come along, meet others who care about our harbour, and help us celebrate the return of these extraordinary visitors.

We look forward to seeing you there!

– *Whangamatā Harbour Care*

EVENT DETAILS
When: Saturday, 31 October 2026, at 11am
Where: Beach Road Reserve, Whangamatā
Meet: By the BBQ area – we'll put on a BBQ with free sausages for attendees
Bring: Binoculars if you have them, a sunhat, water and comfortable walking shoes.



Rats are everywhere

You're rarely more than 50 metres from a rat in urban or suburban New Zealand.

While you're away, the rats will play! With your pipes, the wiring in your house and your vehicles.

They also pose a serious threat to our native birds, preying on eggs and nestlings - putting breeding birds at risk.

Whangamatā Harbour Care can help.

We can supply:
- Humane traps in wooden boxes, safe for pets and small children
- Bait stations with approved poisons locked away from small hands or paws

We can also service your traps or bait stations if you aren't able to do this yourself.

All this in return for a donation which allows Whangamatā Harbour Care to continue our environmental work in the greater Whangamatā area.

Prices start at $20 for a trap or bait station, and $100 for annual servicing.

Give us a call before there's major damage and you need to call in a tradie.

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Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



23 October 2026

Winners crowned at the Claymark Hauraki Coromandel Business Awards 2026

Coromandel Shelly Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park were named the Supreme Winner at the 2026 Claymark Hauraki Coromandel Business Awards, announced at last week's gala event in Thames.



The holiday park stood out among 26 finalists across eight categories, also taking home the Customer Experience Award.

Judge Sue Loder said the business impressed across every area of operation. "A very well-rounded business with strong financial performance, smart use of technology, good systems and continual reinvestment. What really stood out was that the strength of the business went well beyond one area."

Congratulations to all winners, finalists and award recipients.

See more at **www.tcdc.govt.nz/HCBA**

Know a local hero?

Nominate them for a Community Service Award

Every community has people who quietly go above and beyond to make a difference. From dedicated volunteers and community champions to those who step up when help is needed most, now is your chance to recognise their incredible contribution. Find out more **www.tcdc.govt.nz/csa**



PROTECTING OUR PUBLIC SPACES



Vandalism, theft and anti-social behaviour at public facilities across the district are impacting shared community spaces and creating additional costs for ratepayers.

Recent incidents have involved damage to public toilets in Whangamatā, including an act of arson, along with ongoing vandalism and littering at the Port Road facilities. Council has also been responding to thefts of trees and shrubs from parks, reserves and cemeteries.

These incidents take time and resources away from other important work and can result in facilities being temporarily unavailable to the public.

Anyone who witnesses vandalism or suspicious behaviour is encouraged to report it to Police via the 105 non-emergency service. If an incident is happening at the time, call Police immediately and then notify Council.

Together, we can help keep our public spaces safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone.



Pāuanui Skate Park reopens after refresh



The Pāuanui Skate Park is back open and ready to ride, with Stage 1 refurbishment completed ahead of schedule.

The refreshed skate bowl has been restored to extend its lifespan and ensure it remains a popular community facility for years to come.

More upgrades are on the way, with Stage 2 scheduled to begin in November, bringing new skate features, pathways, landscaping, signage and pump humps.

Find out more at **www.tcdc.govt.nz/pauanuiskate**



What's happening over Labour Weekend?

KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS AND TRANSFER STATIONS



Rubbish and food waste collections are a day later following Labour Day, Monday 26 October. Check your local kerbside schedule at **www.tcdc.govt.nz/bindays** Our seven refuse and recycling transfer stations are open daily, including Labour Day Monday. For more info, visit **www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts**

OFFICES | DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Our offices (and AA services) and district libraries are closed on Monday 26 October. You can still contact us 24/7 at 07 868 0200, **customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz**

THAMES POOL

Thames Centennial Pool is closed on Monday 26 October, resuming normal hours on Tuesday. **www.tcdc.govt.nz/pools**

DOG RESTRICTIONS

Over Labour Weekend, many of our beaches have restrictions on dogs. Look out for Council's traffic light signage and check the rules in your area at **www.tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide**

ALCOHOL BANS

Alcohol bans are in place over Labour Weekend on some reserves, beaches and town centres from 4pm Friday to 4pm Monday. **www.tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol**

OUR NEXT WHANGAMATĀ COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING WILL BE 10AM TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER AT THE WHANGAMATĀ SERVICE CENTRE, 620 PORT RD

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Whangamatā Whai is a rugby league club based in Whangamatā. The club started 4 years ago, after local U11 players represented Hauraki at an Aotearoa NZ Maori Rugby League tournament. The club has grown to more than 200 players across 12 teams from U5 up to Senior Men's and Women's grades.

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Prior to game day or kōtiro were building bonds, making memories and strengthening that whanaungatanga on and off the field.

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A massive ngā mihi to Whaea Rawinia and Thames High School for providing a space for our kōtiro to connect, grow and shine. And to our girls and whānau who attended – thank you!



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– FB/Whangamatā Whai, 11 October

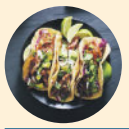
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240km round trip highlights inequitable access to aged care

Real experiences behind a new campaign shining a light on disparate access to aged care

Coromandel has 51 dementia beds, with more than twice that number again – another 110 – modelled as needed now, according to electorate-level data being highlighted through the Aged Care Association's The Long Drive campaign.

By 2038, the total additional requirement is modelled to rise to 190 beds. Coromandel also has just 19 dementia beds per 1,000 people aged 85+, compared with 56 nationally.

The Long Drive is a new nationwide campaign highlighting what inequitable access to aged care means for real New Zealand families – including the prospect of people having to leave their communities or travel long distances when the right care is not available close to home.

The Aged Care Association has today launched ***The Long Drive***, a nationwide campaign highlighting what happens when the care an older New Zealander needs is not available close to home, as years of inadequate funding and planning have left many communities without the aged care services they need

The campaign is informed by real experiences from New Zealand families and aims to bring the human consequences of inequitable aged care access to the forefront of the election conversation.

Aged Care Association data shows 27 aged residential care facilities have closed between 2021 and 2026, representing approximately 1,120 beds lost across the country. More than half of New Zealand's general electorates have no long-stay psychogeriatric beds, and under the Ministerial Advisory Group report's "do nothing" Scenario A, the national shortfall in residential care capacity is projected to reach 9,360 bed years by 2037/38.

Aged Care Association Chief Executive Hon Tracey Martin says ***The Long Drive*** puts a human face on what can otherwise sound like a system or funding issue.

"When someone moves into aged care, the address may change, but their right to care, dignity and connection should not. ***The Long Drive*** brings to life the reality too many families face: travelling long distances to spend time with a husband, wife, parent or grandparent because suitable care is not available close to home.

"No family should have to drive for hours because there is no appropriate care available in their own community," says Martin.

One West Coast family involved in the campaign knows that reality well.

After caring for his wife at home for as long as he could, a Hokitika man faced the difficult decision to move her into secure dementia care as her Alzheimer's disease progressed.

With no appropriate secure dementia care available in Hokitika, she moved to a facility in Westport. The couple had been married for almost 60 years, and for her husband, staying connected meant making the 240-kilometre return journey twice a week to visit her. The fatigue took its toll and, over time, safety concerns on the road meant he had to reduce his visits.

A family member says the experience was not about choosing a preferred facility, but finding somewhere able to provide the care his mother needed.

"Having care somewhere in the system is not the same as having the right care available in your community.

"We also need to remember who is being asked to make these journeys. Often it is another older person, a husband or wife trying to stay connected to the person they have shared their life with."

Report reinforces need for action

The campaign follows the recent release of the Ministerial Advisory Group report, ***A place to grow old: Securing the future of aged care***, which recommended major reform of New Zealand's aged care system.

The report reinforces that aged care is under significant pressure, with growing demand, bed shortages, service closures, financial pressure, workforce constraints and carers under strain.

Martin says the report adds further weight to the Aged Care Association's longstanding message that aged care cannot be treated separately from the wider health system.

"Aged care is health care. When appropriate aged care is not available, the pressure does not disappear. It is carried by older people and their families, and it flows into hospitals and other parts of the health system.

"We need a sustainable system that provides the right mix of care in the right places, whether that is residential care, dementia care, psychogeriatric care, respite, recovery support or end-of-life care.

"Every New Zealander deserves the right care, in the right place, at the right time."

Aged care must be an election issue

With the 2026 General Election approaching, the Aged Care Association is calling on all political parties to set out how they will protect access to quality aged care close to home.

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Fourth annual Pink Walk

On 3 October, Pauanui played host to the fourth Pauanui Pink Walk. As in previous years the event raised valuable funds for Breast Cancer Foundation NZ but this year also saw two local community groups benefiting from funds raised.

Pauanui Preschool's Community Garden and the Tairua River Trail are both grateful and well deserved recipients.

The pink theme started taking shape early on Saturday morning as pink balloon garlands were strung up throughout the village and the local line dancing crew, The Salty Steppers, performed a few of their well-honed routines getting their step count up well before the walk started!

With men, women, children and even the family pooch getting involved the 5.5km Pauanui Pink Walk is really becoming a family affair and this year saw 175 participants take to the start line donned in their finest pink clothing and accessories.

Participants ended the walk at the Pauanui Club where they were able to enjoy some community camaraderie while eagerly waiting to see if they were lucky enough to win one of the many spot prizes on offer.

The fun did not end after the prize giving and plenty of pink could still be seen around town while pink drink and food offerings were enjoyed, competitions and raffles were entered and the good vibes continued.

This years entries combined with local businesses 'sub fundraising' saw just over $7.5k raised which will be split between the three organisations.

Thank you to all the businesses for your support of the event, thank you to those that volunteered their time to make the event happen, and of course thank you to all those that participated on the day and were a part of making this a super fun event.

To see all photos from the day and to keep up to date with developments for 2027 be sure to follow 'Pauanui Pink Walk' on Facebook.

– Jodie Hurst, on behalf of organising committee









Pauanui Skate Park reopens after refresh

Great news for local skaters and families, the Pāuanui Skate Park has reopened ahead of schedule following the completion of Stage 1 refurbishment, with the renewed skate bowl now ready to enjoy.

The upgrade has given the bowl a fresh new look and helped extend the life of this much-loved community facility. With ongoing maintenance, the improvements will help ensure the skate park remains a popular place for young people, families and visitors for years to come.

A big thank you to Weerd Van Skatepark Solutions for their expertise and hard work in restoring the bowl.

More upgrades coming soon

Stage 2 is expected to begin in early November and will bring even more enhancements to the park, including new skate features, improved pathways, landscaping, signage and pump humps.

These additions will help create an even more welcoming and enjoyable space for the community to meet, skate and spend time together.

We're looking forward to seeing the completed project come to life and watching the community make the most of the refreshed facility.



National Lifesaver Awards

2026 Surf Life Saving NZ Awards of Excellence

A huge congratulations to four of our Whangamatā Surf Life Saving Club members who were recognised at the National Awards of Excellence over the weekend!

- **Madison Kidd:** Sportsperson of the Year
- **Dom Sutton:** National Service Award
- **Nathan Hight:** Distinguished Service Award
- **Kelvyn Eglinton:** Distinguished Service Award & Life Membership

These awards recognise outstanding achievements, dedication and contributions to surf lifesaving, both on and off the beach.

It's so special to see our members recognised at a national level, and we're incredibly lucky to have people like you all as part of our WhangaFam. Thank you for everything you contribute to our club and the wider surf lifesaving community.

Javier's dedication recognised

13-year-old local, Javier Lima, a local teenager who recently achieved fantastic results at the Aon New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships at AUT Millennium over the school holidays.



Representing Whangamatā Surf Life-Saving Club, Javier competed alongside some of New Zealand's best athletes. Javier told us "I felt extremely privileged to be amongst so many international athletes, NZ Black Fins representatives, and national record breakers."

He achieved four medals in all four events he raced.

- **Gold:** 50m Brick Carry
- **Silver:** 50m Rescue Medley
- **Bronze:** 100m Swim with Obstacles
- **Bronze:** 50m Swim with Fins

These results are the reward for a huge amount of hard work, dedication and discipline. Throughout the winter, Javier travelled to Hamilton for training, as well as swam with his swimming club, showing real commitment to his sport and his goals.

He is now looking forward to starting the summer season training on Labour Weekend and continuing his journey in surf lifesaving.

His Mum Cida said "I'm incredibly proud of what he has achieved, and sharing his story with the local community. Javier would also love to encourage more local children to join Whangamatā Surf Life-Saving Club and discover how much fun surf lifesaving can be."

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New World winners at Claymark Awards

Congratulations to all winners, finalists and award recipients.

Community Contribution – Community Impact Award winner: Whitianga Community Services Trust - Judges praised the Trust's strong community connections, responsiveness and the meaningful impact it continues to make across Whitianga.

Finalists: Te Whāriki Manawāhine o Hauraki and Tairua Pauanui Sports Fishing Club.

Community Contribution – Business Impact Award winner: My Thai - Judges highlighted the genuine connection between the business, its team and the community, with giving back embedded in its day-to-day operations.

Finalists: Whitianga Community Services Trust and Get It On.

Customer Experience Award winner: Coromandel Shelly Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park -Recognised for its outstanding understanding of customers, responsive approach to feedback and commitment to continuously improving the guest experience.

Highly Commended: Hahei Explorer

Finalists: Woof Woof Ranch and Glass Bottom Boat Whitianga.

Employer Excellence Award winner: New World Whangamatā - Judges were impressed by the supermarket's strong people-first culture, staff development pathways and exceptional employee engagement and retention.

Finalists: Franklin Vets, Hauraki Māori Trust Board and Hahei Explorer.

Marketing & Digital Edge Award winner: Taylor Projects & Solutions Ltd - Praised for its strategic and commercially focused marketing, supported by strong systems and measurable results.



Ricky and Shelly Bowen. Huge congratulations to Whangamatā New World for winning the Claymark Business Awards Employer Excellence Award winner: New World Whangamatā – Judges were impressed by the supermarket's strong people-first culture, staff development pathways and exceptional employee engagement and retention.

Finalists: Bayleys Coromandel and Coromandel Shelly Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park.

New & Emerging Award winner: Onform PM Limited - Judges recognised the business's impressive growth, resilience and clear vision, describing it as one to watch for the future.

Finalists: Future Health & Fitness Club and Reach'n'Clean.

Sustainability Award winner: Glass Bottom Boat Whitianga - Commended for its practical, measurable sustainability initiatives and commitment to environmental education and leadership within the tourism sector.

Finalists: Build Good Architecture and Driving Creek Railway Ltd.

Māori Business Excellence winner: Te Whāriki Manawāhine o Hauraki - Celebrated for its strong sense of kaupapa, deep community connections and commitment to creating positive outcomes for the people it serves.

Finalists: Finest Clothing Limited and Te Irirangi o Pare Hauraki - Ngā Iwi FM.

People's Choice Award – Thames-Coromandel winner: Luke's Kitchen -Selected by the public as a standout local business and community favourite.

Finalist: My Thai.

People's Choice Award – Hauraki winner: Tūrua Bakery - Recognised by the public for its popularity and strong support within the community.

Finalist: Woof Woof Ranch.

Service to Business Award recipients: The following recipients were recognised for their outstanding contribution to the business community:

- Peter Richardson - A trusted advisor, problem solver and mentor, Peter has made a significant contribution to businesses and community organisations across Hauraki and Thames-Coromandel through his expertise, generosity and behind-the-scenes support.
- Ricky Bowen - Ricky's leadership, commitment to developing people and dedication to his community have helped create opportunities for countless individuals to learn, grow and succeed.
- Rino Wilkinson - For more than 35 years, Rino has championed te reo Māori, local history and community wellbeing, creating a lasting legacy through broadcasting and service to the region.
- Colin and Gloria James - Their extraordinary volunteer commitment has helped grow the Historical Maritime Park and Museum into a valued community attraction while supporting tourism and the wider Paeroa business community.

A huge thank you to our awards sponsors for their ongoing support. Their commitment helps make the Hauraki Coromandel Business Awards possible and allows us to celebrate the outstanding businesses, organisations and individuals across our region.



Stars that keep shining

In each edition we catch up with a volunteer and ask them a few questions. In this edition we welcome Jacqui James from the Whangamatā Community Library.

How important is the Community Library to Whangamatā Jacqui?

Every community deserves a library. A library is about more than lending books, it's about a safe, welcoming and quiet space for all. Our library is a community library, differing from a district library, thus requiring a membership fee and fundraising to supplement the service level agreement from our local Community Board.

How long have you been volunteering and what does your role entail?

I've been volunteering for twelve years starting as a volunteer librarian, then have been contributing to the management committee for the past six years, the last three as President. I'm seriously passionate about my role and thoroughly enjoy recommending books to customers.

How are you and the team coping in the temporary premises?

The temporary premises offer a bright, cosy environment albeit too small to accommodate our entire collection. Six thousand books are on offer, with another two thousand in a separate container that can be issued upon request. Our move to the current site was made possible with the outstanding support of staff, volunteers, and the greater Whangamatā community.

How is future planning for the Community Library progressing?

Unfortunately, we remain in limbo with the Council while another round of contractors prepares yet another report on the safety repairs required. That report goes to a full Council meeting in December, and we are keeping our fingers crossed for a positive outcome. Securing a return to our previous venue means we can finally bring back all the extra programmes for families and young readers, with activities that simply aren't possible in our current restricted quarters.

What skills or qualities are useful for volunteers wishing to join your group?

A passion for reading, and definitely the belief that books make a difference. We are a small, friendly and dedicated group who enjoy sharing our love of books with young and old.

Thank you Jacqui, you are a star.

Waihi NEWS

Devastating break-in at historical Maritime Park



We are heartbroken to share that overnight, on 12 October, two historic boats, Ariana and Norita, were broken into at the Historical Maritime Park in Paeroa.

Both vessels were stripped of brass fittings and other important items, including portholes, steering wheels, railings, controls and dials.

One of the boats is more than 100 years old. Their fittings are part of their history and are more than likely irreplaceable. Our team is absolutely devastated. This is a terrible blow to the park, to the volunteers who have worked so hard to preserve these vessels, and to the heritage they represent.

We are appealing for the safe return of the stolen items and for any information that may help. If you saw or heard anything suspicious, have been offered fittings matching this description, or know anything about this crime, please contact the police or the Historical Maritime Park.

Please share this story widely. These pieces of maritime history belong with Ariana and Norita, where they can be preserved for future generations.

givealittle.co.nz/cause/historical-maritime-park-stripped-of-brass

– FB/Maritime Park Paeroa

Waihi Police Report

Community Update: Positive Opportunities for Youth and a Growing Police Presence

There has been plenty happening across the Waihī community recently, with local youth making the most of exciting opportunities and new Police staff joining the district.

Waihī Blue Light continues to provide valuable experiences for young people. Three local youth recently travelled to Sydney, Australia, to attend a leadership camp, where they developed skills in teamwork, communication, confidence, and leadership. In addition, Blue Light recently organised a trip to Rainbow's End for local college students, giving them the chance to build friendships, have fun, and create positive memories in a safe and supportive environment.

The district is also pleased to welcome new Police officers to the area. Their arrival strengthens local policing and supports ongoing efforts to build strong relationships with residents, schools, businesses, and community groups. We look forward to introducing them to the community and working together to keep Waihī a safe and connected place to live.

With holidays and warmer weather approaching, Police are reminding residents to take a few simple steps to help keep their homes secure if they are heading away. Remember to lock all doors, windows, sheds, and vehicles, store valuables out of sight, and avoid advertising your absence on social media. Let a trusted neighbour know you'll be away so they can keep an eye on your property, collect mail, or report anything suspicious.

By investing in our youth, welcoming new officers, and continuing to look out for one another, we can help build a stronger, safer, and more connected community.

– Rachel Gillingham
Youth and Communities, Paeroa

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Barry Road subdivision approved

We've received approval from Hauraki District Council to proceed with our Barry Road subdivision and housing development. The development will help provide additional housing to support anticipated workforce growth associated with the Waihi North Project.

At this stage, we expect site works to get underway in late October or early November, with completion expected around April 2027, weather and other factors permitting.

About the subdivision

The subdivision will feature 12 new homes (and one existing house) with two, three, and four-bedroom designs that complement Waihi's existing character. Eleven new titles will be created, including two with self-contained studio units. (i.e., granny flats).

Access will be from Barry Road via a new road named Mascotte Street (pronounced Mascot), named after the historic Mascotte shaft on nearby Motumanawa (Union Hill).

The homes will be built off-site and transported to Barry Road for installation, reducing construction time and disruption. Nine small trees and saplings along Barry Road will need to be removed to allow for construction activities, with replacement planting to occur after construction.

Looking to the future

Close to town and within walking distance of local shops, services, and schools, the subdivision offers well-connected housing within easy walking distance of Waihi's shops, services and schools.

The approved design and permanent nature of the housing demonstrates OceanaGold's long-term commitment to Waihi. These homes are not temporary or cabin-style accommodation.

Beyond meeting anticipated housing needs for our workforce, the subdivision will contribute to Waihi's long-term housing stock, supporting wider community needs as the town continues to grow.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our community engagement team on 0800 934 444, visit our project information office at 86 Seddon Street, or email waihi.info@oceanagold.com

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we carry out this work.









Looking beneath the surface:

Acoustic Imaging Survey coming to Waihi

OceanaGold Waihi has engaged Fleet Space Technologies to undertake an acoustic imaging survey across the Waihi area, including areas associated with the Waihi North Project. This first-of-its-kind survey for Waihi will help us better understand local geology and support future planning, without the need for digging or drilling.

What is Acoustic Imaging?

A useful way to think about acoustic imaging is as an ultrasound scan for the earth. Instead of using sound waves to look inside the human body, this survey uses controlled vibrations to help us understand what lies beneath the surface.

Controlled vibrations are sent into the ground using a portable electronic vibrator (eVibe). As the vibrations travel through rock layers, small wireless sensors called geophones record the returning signals. This information is then processed to build a detailed picture of the geology beneath the surface.

What can residents expect and when?

Work is scheduled to start in late October. The first thing you may notice is survey crews working around local streets and road reserves. They'll be marking locations along the survey route using spray paint or biodegradable flagging tape before equipment is installed.



An installed geophone.

From mid-November, small sensors called geophones will be placed at regular intervals along the survey path. Once these are in place, the eVibe unit will be used along sections of road reserve to create controlled vibrations that help build a picture of the geology beneath the area.

The survey will move progressively through the area and take about a week to complete, with the overall programme expected to finish by late November, weather dependent.

On company-owned land, such as inside the Martha Pit, a different method will be used, with a weight dropped onto a metal plate to generate the required vibrations.

Traffic management will be in place whenever crews are working in the road reserve to help keep everyone safe.



The eVibe unit in operation.

You may notice surveyors, vehicles, sensors and other equipment around local streets during this time. However, it's unlikely you'll hear or feel the survey activity. While we anticipate minimal noise or vibration effects from these works, monitoring will still take place throughout the programme to ensure compliance with all relevant limits.

After the survey

Once the survey is complete, all sensors and equipment will be removed. The information collected will be combined with existing geophysical and drilling data to improve our understanding of local geological, hydrogeological, and geotechnical conditions.

At this stage, the survey is intended solely to improve our understanding of the area beneath Waihi and support future planning and decision-making. The results will not necessarily lead to additional drilling or mine development.

Want to know more?

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us:

Community Engagement Line:
0800 924 444

Project Information Office:
86 Seddon St., Waihi

To find out more about Acoustic Imaging, scan the QR code:

Investing in our host community

Sponsorships and donations approved in September

Paeroa College	Life jackets for water activities	$1,145
Clear as Mud	New plinths for displays at shows	$2,500
Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust	Contribution towards an adaptive cycle for wheelchair users	$8,000
Whangamata Youth Trust	Purchase of a shared community transport van	$8,000
Royal NZ Plunket Society	Heat pump for Paeroa venue	$2,102
Katikati Concert Band	Support of concert band event	$450
	TOTAL	**$22,197**

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Please note : We are not currently blasting in the Martha Open Pit.
Any changes to this will be notified.

Waihi NEWS

Excellence Award



We are very proud to share that both Dennis Butler and Aron May received a Service Award at the 2026 Toyota Financial Services Waihi Beach SLSNZ Awards of Excellence.

Exceptional individuals, they have made an extraordinary contribution to the Waihi Beach community and we are proud to see this acknowledged and celebrated nationally. Congratulations to Aron and Dennis.

Tolich Cup Win

There was plenty of action at the Waihi Golf club with their first ever success in the Tolich Cup, the annual Oceana Gold combined stableford competition and the Waikato Vets Coromandel Shield.

Waihi won the time honoured Tolich Trophy for 2026 for the first time in the event's 37-year history.

The final includes foursomes (two players alternate shots) in the morning, followed by individual singles matches in the afternoon. The Waihi team included Jethro Meares, Sam Gurney, Paul Williams (captain), Rhys Peden, Grant Wenzlick, Vince Jones and Alex Standfield.

The Oceana Gold competition was battled out in strong winds with winners Sharon Deacon, Bev Ireland, Allen Sarjant and David Lemon with 118 stableford points. Gary Dunning cunningly kept the ball low in flight to score 36 stableford points and win the individual title.

Waihi is strongly represented in the Veterans Coromandel Shield competition with three talent stacked teams.

With two rounds of this competition remaining the Waihi Wanderers have a tasty lead with Waihi Nomads and Vagrants hot in pursuit.



Winning team L-R: David Lemon, Bev Ireland, Allen Sarjant and Sharon Deacon.



Community opinions about mining

From now through until the end of the year, if you live in the Waihi area you are invited to share your opinion on a few topics relating to mining. Look out for the survey link in the next 'Update' and have your say.





Independence

Each year we get an independent survey company to ask people how they think we are doing, what we can improve on, and how things are in Waihi in general. This year the survey is open to anyone in the wider Waihi area who wishes to take part.

Results and Anonimity

Results from the survey form part of the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP), which is required as part of our consent conditions.

The survey is anonymous. OceanaGold gets a table of the results, but any identifying details are first removed, meaning we don't know who said what.

Have your say

We welcome your feedback and encourage you to participate. A survey like this is an important chance for you to "have your say".

Questions and Queries

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Waihi College students experience Seibu, Tokyo

Waihī College students have recently returned from two incredible exchanges to Japan, bringing home wonderful memories, new friendships and experiences that will last a lifetime.





Girls' Exchange – Kyoritsu Girls' High School

Accompanied by staff members Paige Kingston and Rochelle Kean, a group of Waihī College girls travelled to Japan to visit Kyoritsu Girls' High School.

The girls were warmly welcomed into Japanese host families, experiencing everyday life, attending school alongside their Japanese buddies and immersing themselves in a different culture.

Highlights included Japanese language and art lessons, dressing in traditional yukata for a Japanese tea ceremony, tips to Disneyland, and learning to prepare and drink matcha. There was also plenty of sightseeing, shopping and opportunities to explore Japan and experience its wonderful culture.

Boys' Sports Exchange – Seibu Bunri High School

A few weeks later, a group of Waihī College boys travelled to Japan for a sports exchange, accompanied by staff members Stu Pratt and Dot Carter.

Sport provided a fantastic way to connect with their Japanese hosts, with students enjoying rugby, basketball and opportunities to experience school life in Japan.

Outside the classroom, the boys enjoyed spending time with their host families, navigating Japan's busy train systems, exploring their surroundings and making the most of new experiences, including plenty of laughter and karaoke!

A Huge Thank You

Both exchanges were amazing opportunities for our students to step outside their comfort zones, experience another culture and form friendships that will hopefully last for many years.

We've received wonderful feedback from host families about our students, and it's been equally rewarding to hear just how much our students loved their experiences.

A heartfelt thank you to the host schools, families, sponsors, supporters and accompanying staff who made these trips possible.

We're incredibly proud of the way our students represented Waihī College and our wider community. What fantastic experiences and memories to bring home!

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Upcoming Student Art Show

This term our International students in Painting have been working on artworks inspired by New Zealand landscapes and artist models. Their work will be on show at Art Waikino over Labour weekend! Erana will also be exhibiting her tropical sea painting she has been working on this year. Be sure to pop in and see!

EXHIBITION DETAILS:
Waikino Hall
Friday 23 - Monday 26 October
10am-4pm
Gold coin entry



Menzshed assists community



The local Menzsheds continue their fabulous work in both the greater Waihi and Whangamata communities. The recent Mental Health Awareness week - "Belonging Matters Ko au ko koe, ko koe ka au" bought into focus their philosophies and "reasons for being". Providing everyday acts of connection, checking in on a mate, making time for kōrero (conversation) and reaching out to include others. The Waihi Beach Menzshed repairs the inevitable broken, wobbly chair or table leg. Also they make one off projects for local people. Plus they make their own individual creations from coffee tables to abstract wooden art. Open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am.

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Waihi NEWS

What a season Waihi Warriors

What a way to finish our very first season! Sunday, 11 October's prizegiving was a special afternoon celebrating our tamariki, their achievements and everything they have accomplished together as a club in 2026.



CELEBRATING OUR WARRIORS

A massive congratulations to all of our 2026 prize giving award recipients! Your hard work, dedication, attitude and growth throughout the season have been recognised, and we are so proud of you all.

But we also want to give an equally BIG congratulations to every single one of our tamariki who pulled on a Warriors jersey this season!

For some, this was their very first experience playing rugby league, or even picking up a rugby ball. For others, it was a chance to return to a sport they already loved. We've watched confidence grow, friendships form, skills develop and our tamariki show courage, determination and true Warriors spirit.

Because at the end of the day, it's not just about trophies and awards. It's about showing up, giving things a go, being part of a team and having fun along the way.

BRING ON 2027!

When we set out to bring the Waihī Warriors back, we knew it would take a lot of work, but seeing 14 teams and just under 200 tamariki proudly representing our club has made every bit of that mahi worthwhile.

We've learnt plenty along the way, built some awesome foundations and we're only just getting started!

We've already got some BIG plans in motion for 2027, and we can't wait to share what's coming next... Watch this space!

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make our first season one to remember. We're incredibly proud of what we've achieved together, and we can't wait to do it all again!

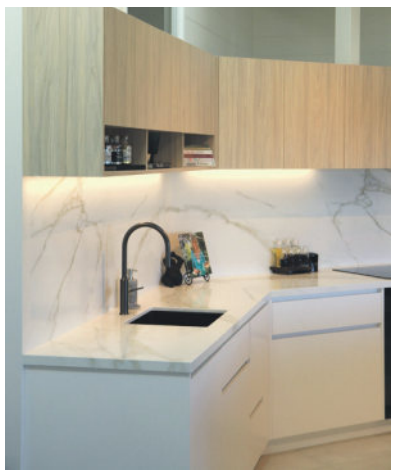
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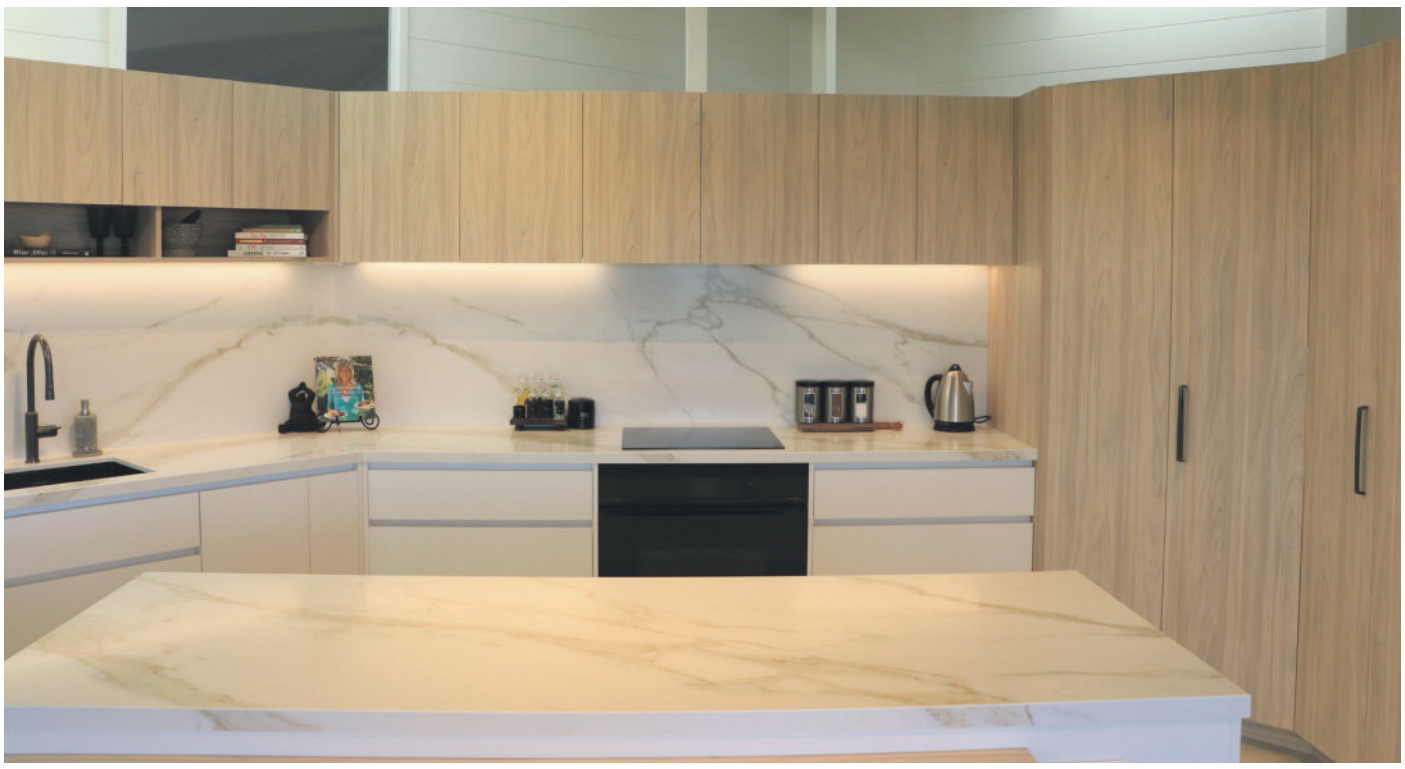


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HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Waihī Ward Meeting
Thursday 12 November | 5:30–7 pm
Waihī Memorial Hall

What's happening in your part of Waihī?

Come along to your local ward meeting to hear the latest updates, meet with Mayor Toby, your councillors and Council staff, and ask questions about the things that matter to you.

You don't need a big issue to raise or questions prepared. It's a chance to connect, find out what's happening locally and have a kōrero with the people working for our district. Everyone is welcome. If you'd like us to prepare something specific, email **info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz** ahead of the meeting.

We'd love to see you there.





Our 26/27 Summer Roadworks Programme

Every summer, we roll out our annual Summer Roadworks Programme to keep Hauraki's roads, drainage and bridges safe and in good shape. You'll see our team out and about around Waihī and across the district over the coming months. This work includes road resealing, road rehabilitation, drainage renewals and bridge repairs.

We understand roadworks can be frustrating, and we really appreciate your patience while our team gets the mahi done. Please follow the traffic management instructions and take care on the road.

Road resealing starts mid-October

- Slow to 30 km/h when travelling through work sites. Expect short delays of around 10 minutes.
- Take extra care on bikes and motorbikes, as loose chips may be present on new seal.
- The schedule is weather-dependent and may shift.

Scan QR code to find out more
www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/roadworks2627

Barry Road upgrade is underway

Road rehabilitation began on 1 October and is expected to finish in March 2027, weather permitting.

The upgrade runs 960 m from Kenny Street (SH25) towards Golden Valley Road.

A 30 km/h limit and detours are in place, so please follow the signs.

Scan the QR code to find out more
https://letstalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/barry-road-upgrade

What's happening in Waihī?

There's plenty happening in our community. From the Morgan Park football field upgrade and Barry Road improvements to the Hauraki Rail Trail extension, explore local projects, improvements and plans for the future across the Waihī Ward and wider district on our Let's Talk / Kōrero Mai page.

Take a look: letstalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/waihi-area-projects

Labour weekend hours and services

Kerbside collections

Kerbside collection is one day later than usual in the week of Monday 26 October, as Monday is a public holiday (Labour Day). Please have your food scraps and rubbish bins out by 7:30 am on your collection day.

Refuse transfer stations

Waihī and Paeroa Refuse Transfer Stations will be open 10 am - 4 pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

Council service centres

All Council service centres will be closed on Monday 26 October.

Need to report something?

For non-urgent issues, report through the Antenno app or online. If your issue is urgent, phone us any time, day or night, on 07 862 8609 or freephone 0800 734 834 (from within the District).

Stay connected with us

From local updates and upcoming projects to community news and important notifications, there are plenty of ways to keep up with what's happening across the Hauraki District.

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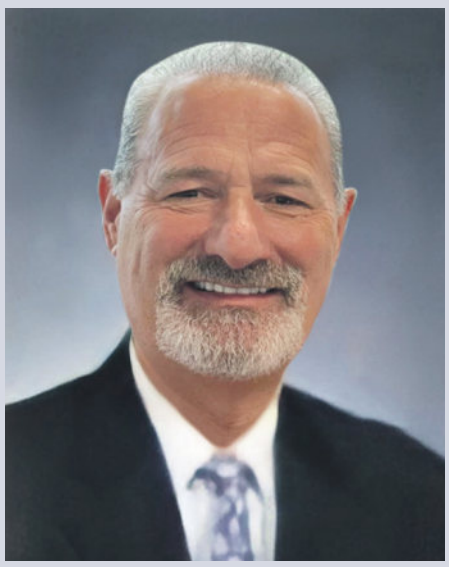
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If you're interested in embarking on this journey with me, please feel free to drop me a message to know about you at oceandeep452@gmail.com.

I'm open to connecting with someone between the ages of 60 and 78.

Whangamatā Tides 2026

OCTOBER 2026 — New Moon: 11th — Full Moon: 26th

Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set
		AM		PM		AM		PM			
23	Fri	5:00	1.6	17:27	1.7	11:02	0.5	23:37	0.5	06:22	19:39
24	**Sat**	**5:54**	**1.6**	**18:15**	**1.7**		**0.4**	**11:54**	**0.5**	**06:20**	**19:40**
25	**Sun**	**6:45**	**1.7**	**19:03**	**1.8**	**0:26**	**0.4**	**12:45**	**0.4**	**06:19**	**19:41**
26	Mon	7:35	1.8	19:51	1.9	1:15	0.3	13:35	0.3	06:18	19:42
27	Tue	8:24	1.9	20:39	1.9	2:03	0.2	14:25	0.3	06:16	19:43
28	Wed	9:13	1.9	21:29	1.9	2:51	0.1	15:15	0.3	06:15	19:44
29	Thu	10:02	2.0	22:20	1.9	3:39	0.1	16:06	0.2	06:14	19:45
30	Fri	10:54	2.0	23:12	1.9	4:29	0.1	16:59	0.3	06:13	19:46
31	**Sat**	**11:47**	**2.0**			**5:19**	**0.1**	**17:54**	**0.3**	**06:12**	**19:47**

NOVEMBER 2026 — New Moon: 9th — Full Moon: 25th

Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set
		AM		PM		AM		PM			
1	**Sun**	**0:07**	**1.8**	**12:43**	**1.9**	**6:12**	**0.2**	**18:51**	**0.3**	**06:10**	**19:48**
2	Mon	1:04	1.8	13:41	1.9	7:07	0.2	19:50	0.4	06:09	19:49
3	Tue	2:04	1.7	14:40	1.8	8:06	0.3	20:50	0.4	06:08	19:50
4	Wed	3:07	1.7	15:39	1.8	9:08	0.4	21:51	0.4	06:07	19:51
5	Thu	4:11	1.7	16:37	1.8	10:10	0.4	22:50	0.4	06:06	19:52
6	Fri	5:12	1.7	17:32	1.8	11:11	0.4	23:46	0.3	06:05	19:53
7	**Sat**	**6:08**	**1.7**	**18:23**	**1.8**		**0.4**	**12:07**	**0.4**	**06:04**	**19:55**
8	**Sun**	**7:00**	**1.8**	**19:12**	**1.8**	**0:38**	**0.3**	**12:59**	**0.4**	**06:03**	**19:56**
9	Mon	7:48	1.8	19:58	1.8	1:26	0.3	13:47	0.4	06:02	19:57
10	Tue	8:33	1.8	20:41	1.8	2:10	0.3	14:33	0.4	06:01	19:58
11	Wed	9:15	1.8	21:22	1.7	2:52	0.3	15:16	0.4	06:00	19:59
12	Thu	9:55	1.8	22:02	1.7	3:32	0.3	15:57	0.4	05:59	20:00
13	Fri	10:35	1.8	22:42	1.7	4:11	0.3	16:38	0.5	05:58	20:01
14	**Sat**	**11:15**	**1.8**	**23:22**	**1.7**	**4:49**	**0.3**	**17:20**	**0.5**	**05:57**	**20:02**
15	**Sun**		**1.7**	**11:56**	**1.7**	**5:27**	**0.4**	**18:02**	**0.5**	**05:57**	**20:03**
16	Mon	0:03	1.6	12:38	1.7	6:08	0.4	18:45	0.5	05:56	20:04

GARAGE SALES

200 B Tuck Road, 24th & 25th October
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110 Papanui Road, Sunday 25th October
Starts at 8am, no earlier please.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

WHANGAMATA RUGBY & SPORTS

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WHANGAMATĀ RUGBY CLUB ROOMS, AICKIN ROAD
Sunday the 8th of November at 1pm

We are looking for new members to join and help fill roles in sponsorship, events, TVRFU delegates, and others.

All welcome from our affiliate clubs as we build to a positive future for sport in Whangamatā.

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Moana House & Village
Whangamata

Notice of Annual General Meeting

to be held on
Thursday, 19th November 2026 6:00 pm at
Moana House, Whangamata

AGENDA
Apologies
Minutes of Previous A.G.M.
Matters Arising
Financial Report
Review of Subscription
Chairman's Report
Ratify new Trust Board members
Any Other Business

All financial Associates welcome.
Intending Associates may pay at entry to meeting.

Moana House
Trust Board Secretary

Sports results

Pickleball

13 October: Too many winners in both games and fun category at the School gym.

We play each Tuesday night from 4.45pm. $3 charge.

Table Tennis

15 October:
First equal: Alby Driver and Wayne Broome;
Second: Angie Dewhurst.

All the rest had equal fun!

Whangamata Club Mahjong

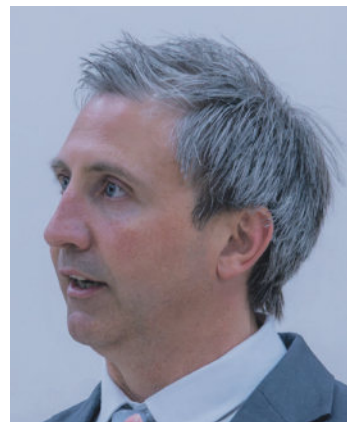
16 October: Today we had 54 players.

Congratulations to the winners:
1st Sally Hitchcock, 42 points
2nd Daphne Inglis, 40 points
3rd Helen Cashen, 38 points
The lucky number was 17 and was won by Noeline Walmsley.

A black Kathmandu puffer jacket was left on one of the chairs today after mahjong. If it is yours, please let us know. We have locked it away in the cupboard.

General Election: Meet the Candidates – Whangamata




Last Saturday, a crowd of 80 locals attended the Meet the Candidates event hosted by Whangamatā Ratepayers Assn.

Warmly welcomed by Peter Priest, Chairman of the Whangamatā Ratepayers Assn, he introduced the five candidates present on the day, Ray Cobb, Steve Hart, MP Scott Simpson, Pamela Grealey and Vincent Anderson.

Unlike other meetings in our townships, the candidates got to brief their platforms and then secondly talk to general questions submitted by the public, those being, finance,Local Government, the proposed Conservation Bill and waste Minimisation. Moderated by Phil Keogh and time keeper John Spencer.

These are a few of the stronger key statements from recordings taken on the day by *Whangamatā News.*

Candidates were asked to respond to several topics being, cost of living, affordable housing options, healthcare, job creation plans and reduction in crime within 8 minutes.

Glen Bennett from the Labour Party sent his apologies. As did newcomer Kingi Kiriona from the Labour Party for Hauraki/Waikato.

Pamela Grealey from the NZ Green Party stated as a representative from an extensive reach within the Coromandel and north, "We have got rural communities, farmlands and wetlands, forest, rivers, harbours and an enormous coastline,wherever we live our environment helps shape the communities we live in."

"Strong businesses need skilled and secure workers, the Greens want everyone to succeed, my idea of prosperity is pretty simple, successful businesses, secure work and genuine opportunity alongside an environment that is healthier and more resilient for the next generation."

Ray Cobb from the Freedom Party believes in direct democracy, he felt current systems keep us fragmented, too many divisions.

"Looking at cost of living, inflation is created by politicians and financiers, not by our spending, we have a debt based economy rather than a production-based economy. Ray discussed supermarket chains. Let's set up co-ops and spend our money and not in the corporate, and then see them bring their prices down."

"We are looking to be the Trim Tab, transitioning our system away from representative democracy to direct democracy."

MP Scott Simpson for the National Party. "I want the National Party to be the anchor to what I consider to be a successful three party coalition over the last three years."

"Most of the really hard work of rehabilitating our economy has been done, has it been easy? Heck no! Is there still work to do? Is it all potentially at risk? Oh yes, because the parties on the left of our political spectrum are determined, in my view, will take us back to high taxes, high spending, high borrowing and for very little return. We as a party have been trying to make New Zealand wealthier, make NZers wealthier."

If elected, what one commitment would you state that you will give to the people of Whangamatā and how would you achieve that?
"My commitment to you today is the same as I have given to Whangamatā and the Coromandel as I have in previous elections, to be a fair, strident, persistent voice and face of our area in Parliament."

Steve Hart – Independent Candidate. Opening statement he said "I'm starting as an independent, why? Because party politics is dead, they have shot themselves in the foot, stabbed themselves in the back and are mere puppets."

"Welcome to the revolution, it's happening, its happening all around the world, Australia is leading the way, and we are going to follow their template."

"All we have to do is have a look back in history and see where we came from and join the dots."

Vincent Andersen - NZ First Party. From Matamata and runs a waste collection company. "I've put my hat in the ring for politics because I want to make a difference to the future of my country, the party that stands up for everyday kiwis, and the only party to challenge globalist elitist status quo."

Vincent believes we have a cost of living crisis in this country, it's built up over time, starting back in the 80s when we sold off our state owned assets. NZ First has a plan, "Reduce the corporate tax breaks for small business from 28% to 20%, that will take the pressure off small businesses."

Vincent spoke about the 'cost of power in this country', we used to have some of the cheapest power in the world. "NZ First proposes to break up the power companies that do the generation and they do the retail, then they put up the prices, line companies need to be looked at."

"We want to grow the economy, we want to double the size of the economy by 2050. Open up oil and gas, survey reserves around our economic zone which is vast, to be self-sufficient."

***Whangamatā News* thank all candidates for their presentations and the audience giving each deserved respect.**

– Jennie Black, Editor

Whangamata holds Area Dart Champs

The Thames Valley – Waikato – Bay of Plenty Area Champs held at the Whangamata Club on 3-4 October.

What a fantastic Area Big Weekend we have had.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Whangamata Club including Bar Staff, Kitchen Staff, and Whangamatā Darts Adjunct Members for hosting our Big Weekend. As always, it was an enjoyable weekend in Whangamatā, and we greatly appreciate the effort that goes into making the event a success.

A special thank you goes to Ray Fitness, Dave Bowman and Karen Donaldson for going above and beyond throughout the weekend. Your hard work, dedication, and willingness to help wherever needed certainly did not go unnoticed.'

Thames Valley, Waikato, Bay of Plenty Clubs Results
Another successful tournament saw approximately 140 players from 17 clubs across the weekend compete keenly daily with the goal of being selected for inclusion in the Area Rep team to compete against other Area teams at the North Island Championships Hamilton Workingmen's Club next March 2027.

LADIES' PAIRS

Consolation: Winners: Connie Dick & Mai Solomon – Hamilton Working Men's Club

Main Round: Winners: Bianca & Charlena Ormsby – Tokoroa CC

Runners – Up: Michelle Saunders & Trish Reynolds – Greerton Marist

MEN'S PAIRS

Consolation Winners: David Pakuru & Selwyn Otimi – Tokoroa CC

Main Round Winners:
Oliver Hendl & Kelemete Silao – Hamilton Workingmen's Club

Runners-Up: Daz Payakovich & Julian – Tauranga Citizens Club

LADIES' SINGLES

Consolation: Winner:
Donna Simpson
– Ohaupo Darts Club

Main Round: Winner:
Kataraina Barnes
– River City Hamilton

Runner-Up: Daphne Walters
– Hamilton Workingmen's Club

Third Equal: Hayley Flintoff
– Ohaupo Darts Club
& Judy Fenton – Whangamata Club

MEN'S SINGLES

Consolation: Winner:
Deacon Walters
– Hamilton Workingmen's Club

Main Round: Winner:
Alan Skayman – Waihi RSA

Runner-Up:
Mai Jonathan
– Opotiki RSA

Third Equal:
Brydon Rhodes – Greerton Marist
& Rhys Corbett – Rotorua RSA

YOUTH

Winner: Brydon Rhodes
– Greerton Marist

Runner-Up: Tipene Wheeler
– Tokoroa CC

JUNIOR

Winner: Ryley Cunningham
– Whangamata Club (pictured)

Runner-Up: Tuta Shailer
– Tokoroa CC

TV/WAI/BOP 2025 AREA TEAM

Judy Fenton, Kataraina Barnes, Hayley Flintoff, Angela Mahani, Zoe Skayman Alan Skayman, Mai Jonathon, Preston Wheeler, Brydon Rhodes, Elkanah Andrews-Peters. Manager: Kani Numanga

At the AGM, held on 2 October, the Whangamata Club was successfully awarded the Area Champs for a record sixth straight year in 2027, directly attributable to the dedication and co-operation of all club staff and management and Darts members over the weekend.

BAYLEYS







Whangamata 315A Mary Road

A Kiwi bach made for memories

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Here is the sort of Whangamatā bach that makes you want to put the bags down, open a cold drink and start enjoying summer. Approx. 390 metres from the beach, this little honey combines the character and charm of a traditional Kiwi bach with thoughtful modernisation, excellent accommodation and superb indoor/outdoor living. Four bedrooms and two bathrooms provide plenty of room for family and friends, while the garaging offers secure parking for the beach toys and storage. The real magic, however, is outside. Decks front and rear create multiple places to relax, dine and entertain, while the outdoor fire and spa pool are perfectly suited to long summer evenings and those cooler nights when everyone gathers together. An outdoor shower is convenient for washing off the sand after a swim at the beach. Whether your priority is family holidays, entertaining friends, or a relaxed permanent lifestyle, this property offers the versatility to make it work.

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Whangamata 305A Beach Road

Harbour front hustler

429 sqm 3 2 3

Perfectly positioned on the waterfront so no day is the same, sometimes peace and serenity of the tide ebbing away, other days you can observe the hustle of the wharf and vessels heading out for a day on the water. Within easy walking distance of the beach, town and Ocean Sports Club, the setting makes enjoying the very best of Whangamatā wonderfully easy. Beautifully refurbished and thoughtfully presented. Multiple living areas provide plenty of flexibility for family and guests, while the additional office/bedroom offers valuable versatility, ideal as a private workspace or extra bedroom depending on your needs. Superb water views and excellent indoor-outdoor flow create a wonderful connection to the coastal setting, with plenty of space to relax, entertain and enjoy time together. The secure three-car garaging is a significant bonus, providing generous room for vehicles, storage and all the essentials.

A location that offers both water views, convenience and lifestyle, this property must be seen!

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DEADLINE SALE

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108A WINIFRED AVENUE, WHANGAMATA

Set on desirable Winifred Avenue, this spacious five bedroom home is moments from the beach and a stroll from the shops.

- Five bedrooms and two lounges
- Large upper floor lounge with amazing views of the bar and surf break
- Two bathrooms and two separate toilets
- Two single garages plus off street parking
- Grassy, fenced backyard
- Heat pump
- Moments from the beach and a stroll to the shops
- Offered fully furnished.

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AUCTION

2 2 1 1 570 sqm

218B LEANDER ROAD, WHANGAMATA

- A serene two-bedroom main house with a stunning master suite and Italian tiled bathrooms with underfloor heating
- Sun-filled kitchen, dining, and lounge areas with vaulted ceilings, fan-assisted cooling, and an electric fireplace
- Gourmet kitchen with a hand-cut Mexican tile splashback, premium appliances, custom cabinetry, and views over the garden and pool
- Two immaculate detached cabins. Complete with mains power, ceiling fans, insulation, and garden views
- Private heated plunge pool.

Auction
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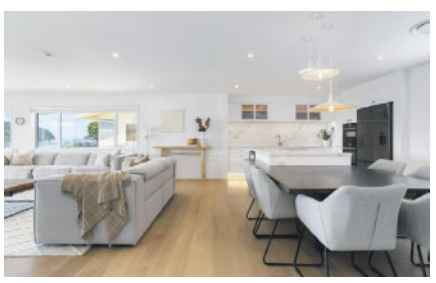
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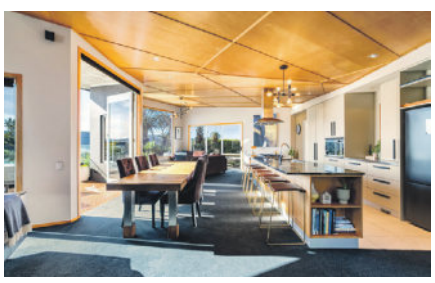












FOR SALE

5 3 2 2 552 sqm

101 ESPLANADE DRIVE, WHANGAMATA

Most Whangamata beach houses are a labour of love; this is a masterpiece of engineering. Stripped to its soul and meticulously rebuilt for the coastal environment, this residence offers something rare on the Main Beach: absolute peace of mind. This isn't just a front-row seat to the Pacific; it's a sanctuary designed to outlast the elements. Our vendors poured their expertise into this rebuild, but with a move to the lake now firmly in their sights, this turn-key trophy is ready for its next chapter.

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FOR SALE

4 3 2 1 1 3 5865 sqm

17 GOVERNORS HEIGHTS, WHANGAMATA

- Ample accommodation, with a master retreat.
- Sun-filled, open-plan living areas that capture lovely harbour views.
- Designer central kitchen featuring a spacious walk-in scullery.
- Resort-style outdoor entertaining with a heated saltwater pool and spa area.
- Extensive garaging and off-street parking for boats or motorhomes.
- Beautifully manicured grounds, established fruit trees, and premium interior finishes.

Asking Price
$2,195,000

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FOR SALE

4 2 1

105B BROOK PLACE, WHANGAMATA

Perfectly positioned just moments from the water, this property offers a laid back lifestyle in a highly sought after Estuary side location.

- Upstairs are two double bedrooms, the master with direct access to the deck
- Designer kitchen
- Tiled bathroom with shower, basin plus a separate toilet
- Sunroom and lounge capturing outlook views across the estuary
- Lower level for separate family living with a further two rooms and spacious bathroom
- Outdoor patio area, carport

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FOR SALE

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220B AICKIN ROAD, WHANGAMATA

- All-Day Sun: Dual north and south-facing decks perfect for outdoor entertaining.
- Open Living: Generous 97sqm layout featuring a well-designed central kitchen.
- Prime Location: Just a short, easy walk to the beach, town, and local parks.
- Ample Parking: Single garage plus extra off-street space for guests or a boat.
- Fully Fenced: Private, gated section complete with its own driveway.
- Low Maintenance: Easy-care setup, ideal for relaxed holidays or permanent living.

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FOR SALE

2 1 1 1525 sqm

10 KAPAKAPA ROAD, OPOUTERE

Elevated outdoor living with sweeping views over the harbour and native bush.

- 2 generous sized double bedrooms featuring built in wardrobes and scenic outlooks
- Light filled central living area, incorporating kitchen, dining and lounge
- Fully lined basement, ideal as a home gym, rumpus/games room
- Single garage plus ample off street parking
- Separate studio/cabin

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64 WAITETE ROAD NORTH, WAIHI

- Situated overlooking the Waihi township
- Open plan Modern kitchen with waterfall stone breakfast bar
- Two living areas with indoor-outdoor flow onto patio and spectacular rural views
- Master bedroom with spacious ensuite and walk-in wardrobe
- Two double rooms, both with wardrobes and views
- Office/study or extra guest area
- Double internal garage plus further detached double garage/workshop.

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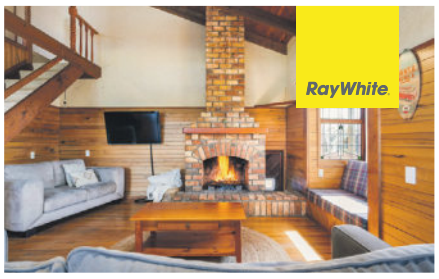
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DEADLINE SALE

3 2 1 698 sqm

307 LINTON CRESCENT, WHANGAMATA

Held within the same family since the late 1980s our vendors are ready to pass this home on to the next family. The 1970s home is full of character and can be enjoyed as it is, while offering genuine potential for buyers with vision. Renovate, modernise and add value over time, creating a home that makes the most of its generous section and sought after coastal location.

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FOR SALE

3 2 393 sqm

213A RANGI AVENUE, WHANGAMATA

Could This Be the Best-Value Ocean View in Town? Elevated and enjoying unobstructed views straight down Hinemoa Street to the ocean, this property puts the beach and Island View Reserve virtually on your doorstep. With ocean glimpses from the sunny upper deck, generous open-plan living, and excellent indoor-outdoor flow, the coastal lifestyle is immediate and effortless.

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Asking Price
$1,460,000

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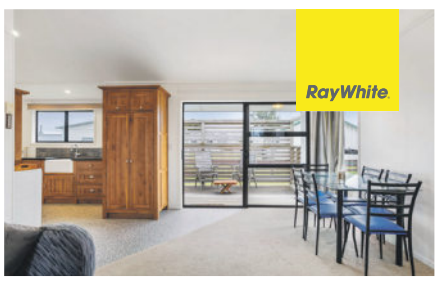
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116B MARK STREET, WHANGAMATA

Nestled in a peaceful Whangamata cul-de-sac just a short walk from the beach and town, this fully furnished, move-in-ready 2-bedroom home features recent updates including a new roof and fresh flooring. With a sunny private deck, single garage, and a backyard with room for pets, it is the perfect lock-and-leave holiday spot, first home, or downsizing opportunity.

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$720,000

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FOR SALE

2 1 2

5/415 PORT ROAD, WHANGAMATA

Located in the ever-popular Palms Pacific Resort, this ground-floor unit offers the perfect balance of relaxation, convenience, and income potential. With a direct pathway leading straight to the main street, you can leave the car behind and stroll to beaches, cafe, shops, and everything Whangamata is known for.

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Asking Price
$434,000

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DEADLINE SALE

4 2 4 454 sqm

20/135 WAIREKA PLACE, WHANGAMATA

Enjoy expansive island and harbour views from this elevated 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom freehold home, located just steps from the waterfront reserve. Featuring open-plan living, a north-facing covered deck, a convenient internal lift, and a versatile ground-floor suite with a kitchenette, it offers an incredibly flexible layout just an easy walk from the town centre.

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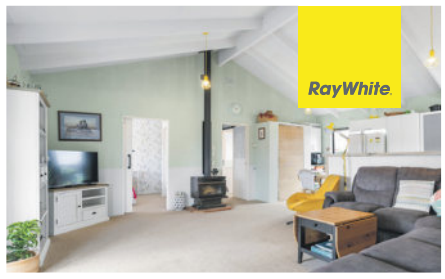
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FOR SALE

3 3 3 809 sqm

208 PORT RD, WHANGAMATA

Set on 809sqm (more or less) of freehold land on a sunny, north-west-facing corner site, this property offers a wonderful separation of spaces, giving everyone room to enjoy their independence while still coming together. Enjoy easy, single-level living close to town, local clubs and the Area School, with plenty of room for family and friends to stay.

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$1,299,000

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FOR SALE

3 2 2

1101A PORT ROAD, WHANGAMATA

Sitting in a prime Port Road position steps from the beach and harbour, this architecturally designed 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home maximizes light and coastal views. The versatile layout features sun-drenched upstairs living with dual decks, plus a separate downstairs lounge ideal for guests. Complete with a spa, double garage, and boat parking, it offers an exceptional lifestyle an easy stroll from town.

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Asking Price
$2,400,000

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FOR SALE

3 3 2 944 sqm

2 HORIZON VIEW WAY, WHANGAMATA

Secure your place in an exclusive gated enclave of just eight properties with this premium 944m² site, boasting breathtaking views across Whangamata, the estuary, and out to the ocean. Offered as a comprehensive house and land package, the 236m² architectural residence will be masterfully crafted by Halcyon Homes.

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FOR SALE

3 1 2 600 sqm

136 DURRANT DRIVE, WHANGAMATA

- Elevated upper harbour views from a quiet cul-de-sac, steps from the reserve.
- Three bedrooms ideal for a permanent home or holiday getaway.
- Modern open-plan kitchen, dining, and lounge for easy living.
- Separate second lounge opening to a sunny deck with water views.
- Freestanding fireplace and two heat pumps for year-round comfort.
- Sheltered rear BBQ deck and an easy-care, family-friendly backyard.
- High-stud single garage and carport with space for a boat.

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FOR SALE

434 sqm

107B DIANA AVENUE, WHANGAMATA

Positioned on desirable Diana Avenue, this freehold 434sqm (more or less) section presents a rare opportunity to secure vacant land in one of Whangamata's most sought after beachside locations.

Just moments from the beach and within easy walking distance of the town centre, cafes and local amenities, the lifestyle on offer here is hard to beat. Whether you're planning a permanent residence, holiday retreat or lock and leave beach base, this well positioned site provides the perfect blank canvas to bring your vision to life.

Asking Price $890,000

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AUCTION

3 3 1 575 sqm

120 SEABREEZE LANE, WHANGAMATA

This well presented property delivers easy coastal living with valuable additional space. The single level home offers three bedrooms, including a master with ensuite, along with a family bathroom and separate toilet. Open plan kitchen, dining and living areas create a relaxed and welcoming hub, opening out to covered decking and a fenced large flat lawn ideal for entertaining, children and pets.

Sold under the hammer

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AUCTION

4 2 1249 sqm

101A MARK STREET, WHANGAMATA

A true Whangamata scale opportunity. Positioned on an expansive 1,249 sqm (more or less) section, this property combines raw land potential with immediate, practical functionality. With the front home set forward and the original bach situated behind, you retain a massive total land footprint.

Sold under the hammer

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Lot 1 - 104 Barbara Avenue, Whangamata

4 bedrooms | 2 car garage

3 bathrooms

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Lot 2 - 104 Barbara Avenue, Whangamata

4 bedrooms | Media Room

3 bathrooms | 2 car garage

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130 Moana Anu Anu Avenue, Whangamata









Spacious, warm and immaculately presented, this substantial home offers plenty of room for everyone to relax, entertain and enjoy. The generous 1,357sqm level site offers ample off-street parking, established gardens and lawn space. Bordering a picturesque reserve, enjoy garden and bush views, and peeps of the harbour. View to appreciate all that's on offer.

- 5 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms
- 2 car garage
- Multiple living spaces
- Games room with pool table
- Expansive deck & lawn

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A Honey for the Money

106 Everitt Crescent, Whangamata

2 2 1

- Easy access level site in a quiet cul-de-sac
- Two bedroom home with ground floor living
- Indoor / outdoor connection to north facing patio & lawn
- Open plan kitchen, dining, lounge
- Freestanding fire and heat pump
- Additional family room plus office / playroom
- Internal access garage / workshop
- Fully fenced and gated with dual off street parking
- Can be sold with a furniture package

View: 3pm Sun 25th

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Old-School Whangamata Bach

213A Hetherington Road, Whangamata

3 1

- Classic bach with original retro character
- Two-level dwelling on a front half-site
- Freehold 431sqm (more or less)
- Spacious upstairs lounge with local views
- Converted garage offering a versatile rumpus room
- Close proximity to town, wharf, marina and beach
- Perfect Beach Hop parade watching possie

View: 3pm Sun 25th

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Barrowclough Highlights

103B Barrowclough Road, Whangamata

4 2 2

- Desirable location three back from beachfront
- Sought after address in quiet beach side cul-de-sac
- Handy to beach, harbour, surf bar, town, cafes and boat club
- Views of the beach, bay and outer islands
- Four bedroom home with lift and multi deck options
- Bathroom on each level plus hot/cold outdoor shower
- Ample room for guests, friends or family
- Dual garage options, with internal access

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Beachfront Timeless Grandure

112 Tangaroa Road, Whangamata

6 2 2

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328 Ocean Road, Whangamata

- Beachfront location with direct access to the dunes
- Uninterrupted views of beach, islands and Pacfic Ocean
- Sheltered deck options on both levels
- Ample accommodation for family & guests
- Open plan kitchen & dining with 2 living areas
- Dual bathrooms, one on each level
- Freestanding fireplace & heat pump
- Internal access double garage
- Register your interest early

View: 2pm Sat 24th

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Ultimate Beachfront

108B Seaview Road, Whangamata

3 3

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328 Ocean Road, Whangamata

- Prime Whangamata beachfront position
- Commanding views of beach, surf & islands
- Private primary suite with captivating views
- Open plan living
- Seamless indoor-outdoor living
- Expansive beachside deck with built in seating
- Off-street parking
- Cool, casual coastal living
- Register your interest early

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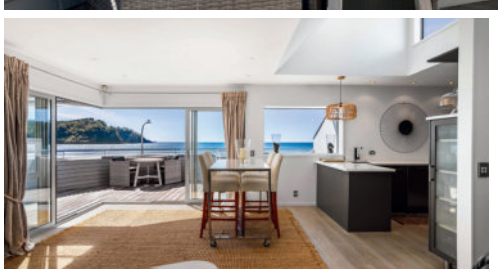


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Bay Watch

3/117 Esplanaade Drive, Whangamata

3 2 2

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3pm 29 Oct 2026

- Panoramic Beach, Bay, Island and Ocean views
- Grandstand vantage point to watch surf action
- Single level apartment living and with exclusive use garage below
- Modern kitchen and bathrooms
- Excellent storage solutions throughout
- Open plan living with dual decks
- Foyer, lift, coded gate access, internal access garage, 2 outdoor hot showers

View: 12pm Sat 24th & Sun 25th

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Harbour Vista and Sunshine

100 Tobie Place, Whangamata

4 2 2

- Spacious family home set on elevated 822sqm freehold site
- Upper harbour and mountain vista, sunrise to sunset
- Sunny and warm, filled with natural light
- Dual decks extend living areas and provide outdoor dining options
- Modern kitchen with morning sun and ever-changing view
- Sunroom provides a reading nook, office, or hobby room
- Featuring timber ceilings and balustrades
- Freestanding fireplace or heat pump

View: 2pm Sun 25th

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Harbour and Mountain Vista

27 Herbert Drive, Whangamata

3 2 2

- 4010sqm Freehold Title with mixed contour land
- Established lawn and mature trees frame the view
- Upper harbour, bush and mountain vista
- Primary suite with ensuite and access to deck area
- Open plan living well connected to the outdoors
- Expansive decks enhance dining and entertainment
- Outdoor heaters keep the space cozy year-round
- Internal access double garage and workshop area

View: 12pm Sat 24th

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Size Space Surf and Sunshine

107 Rangi Avenue, Whangamata

4 2 1

- Freehold 809sqm full site
- Popular address near Surf Beach and Estuary
- Four double bedrooms & two bathrooms
- Open plan kitchen and living area flanked by dual decks
- Second lounge or games room (includes pool table)
- Master bedroom with private balcony
- Large garage and great storage
- Expansive lawn area for camping, pool or games

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- Freehold 945sqm site, fully fenced and gated
- Light filled open plan kitchen, dining and living area
- Large wrap around deck, louvre covered entertainment area
- Separate self-contained studio
- New 7.2m x 6m lined and carpeted garage with auto door
- DVS ventilation system and heat pump
- Freshly painted interior and modern decor throughout

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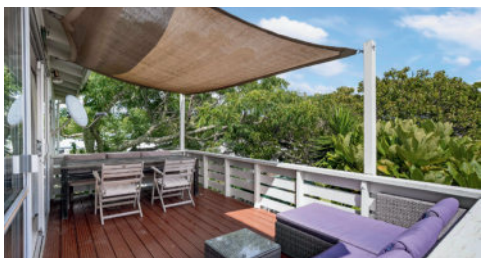
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Private, Spacious and Central

100 Charleston Avenue, Whangamata

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- Four bedrooms across two levels
- Two spacious and versatile living areas
- Huge garage of approximately 13m x 7m
- Private west-facing deck among the trees
- Large backyard in a wonderfully central location
- Two living zones for effortless family fun
- Epic 13m × 7m garage for cars, boats and toys

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Tropical Golfers Paradise

306 Williamson Road, Whangamata

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- Tropical garden setting with direct access on to Williamson Golf course
- Views of greens and fairways
- Expansive louvre covered deck and outdoor living area
- Single level three-bedroom home with primary suite
- Spacious open-plan living with excellent connection to outdoor entertainment area
- Modern kitchen complete with quality appliances
- Indoor gas fireplace, Outdoor wood fireplace

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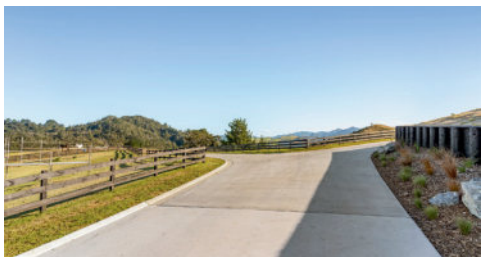
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Sun, Surf & Simplicity

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211B Weka Street, Whangamata

- Open plan kitchen, dining, and lounge area
- Excellent indoor/outdoor flow
- Bonus Caravan and garden shed
- Fully fenced and gated yard area

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Summer Ready!

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- New boundary fence

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Single Level Simplicity

3 2 2

105 Avalon Place, Whangamata

- Freehold full site with fully fenced rear yard
- Low maintenance materials
- Open plan kitchen, dining and lounge
- Internal access double garage,

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Size Space Surf and Sunshine

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306 Sylvia Road, Whangamata

- Single level ease with open plan living on 850m² site
- Central kitchen with butler's pantry
- Separate second lounge, reading room or office
- Plenty of storage throughout

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Beach Retreat

103A Rangi Avenue, Whangamata

3 2 1

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- Prime central beach location with great presentation
- Separate serviced garage
- Open plan living with direct access to deck
- Easy access to Surf Club & estuary beach

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Holiday Haven

404 Otahu Road, Whangamata

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- Desired ocean and estuary location
- Three double bedrooms plus sleepout
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Classic Kiwi Holiday Home

215A Kiwi Road, Whangamata

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- Prime location close to golf course
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- Excellent indoor/outdoor flow

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Harbour Attraction

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Time to Make an Offer!

104 Titiro Place, Onemana

2 1 1

Deadline (unless sold prior) 3pm 4 November 2026

- Fantastic opportunity to secure an entry-level bach
- Full of character, charm and loads of potential
- Sunny, warm northerly aspect with ocean vi
- Freehold 578sqm site (more or less)

View : 1pm Sun 25th Oct



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A Place for Memories to be Made

123 Tuna Place, Onemana

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View : 2pm Sat 24th Oct



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The Views are Incredible!

441 Onemana Drive, Onemana

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- Recent price reduction makes an attractive buy!
- Incredible ocean, pennisula and coastline views
- Modern kitchen and bathrooms
- Serviced sleepout + separate cabin

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Sought After Oratia Place

122A Oratia Place, Onemana

3 1

- Stunning beach and reserve view
- Well-constructed home built in 2000
- Spacious open-plan living, dining & kitchen
- Raked timber ceiling, solid timber floors



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Peaceful Parkside Living

116 Park Avenue, Whangamata

2 2 1

- Sunny north-facing aspect & outlook over reserve
- Excellent renovation potential with good floor plan
- Spacious living, kitchen & sunroom
- Freehold 714sqm site (more or less)

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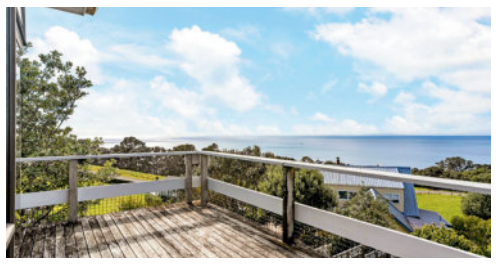
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Fall in Love with Onemana

409 Onemana Drive, Onemana

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Auction (unless sold prior) 1pm 30 October 2026
328 Ocean Road

- Truly breathtaking ocean, island and peninsula views
- Gorgeous beach house with amazing views
- Warm and inviting spacious interior
- North-facing dining and kitchen
- Good outdoor living, dual decks on either side
- Two generous double bedrooms — both with views and built in wardrobes
- Well-appointed bathroom with bath and shower
- Sold fully furnished and ready to enjoy

View: 12pm Sat 24th Oct
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Vendor on the Move!

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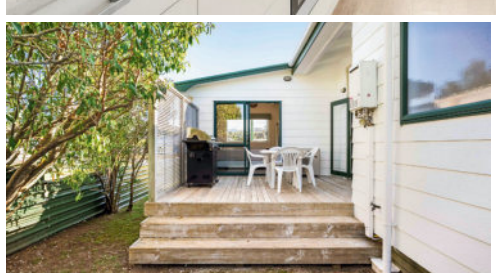
- Recent price reduction, presents great value!
- Beautifully renovated Hampton-style home (fully renovated in 2018)
- Located just metres away from beach and reserve
- Freehold 655sqm corner site (more or less)
- Well finished, with practiclity and quaility in mind
- Double-glazed joinery throughout
- Sunny north facing aspect in nice elevated position
- Two covered outdoor entertaining areas
- Generous garaging /workshop + extra storage shed

View : 11am Sat 24th Oct



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Simple, Stylish & Summer Ready

104A Otahu Road, Whangamata

2 1 1

Deadline (unless sold prior) 3pm 11 November 2026

- Well laid out freehold 355sqm site (more or less)
- Immaculately presented throughout
- Great entry level bach
- Generous modern kitchen
- Spacious open-plan living with raked timber ceilings
- Private deck nicely linked to living
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Team of teens for ISA World Surfing Games

Six Kiwi surfers, led by 23-year-old Tom Butland, will represent New Zealand at the ISA World Surfing Games as the road to LA28 begins next month.

New Zealand will be represented by a youthful six-strong team at the ISA World Surfing Games being held in Punta Rocas, Peru, from 6–15 November, as the first opportunity for national teams to secure qualification for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games gets underway.

The event will bring together close to 300 athletes from more than 60 countries, with the top-performing men's and women's national teams each earning an additional Olympic qualification spot for LA28.

New Zealand will be represented by Lewis Murphy (Dun), Taimana Marupo (Mnt), Tom Butland (Tara), Grace Gundry (Northland), Kyra Wallis (Piha) and Indi-Lee Ruddell (Whangarei), with all six athletes making their debut at the prestigious event.

The team will be looking to improve on New Zealand's 20th-place finish in 2025, with the Olympic qualification opportunity adding another layer of significance to the international competition.



Indi-Lee Ruddell. *Image courtesy of Cory Scott Imagery.*

At just 23, Butland is the senior member of the team, with his five teammates all teenagers. The young squad represents an exciting opportunity for New Zealand's emerging surfing talent to test themselves against the world's best on the international stage.

Butland arrives in Peru following a memorable year, having won the local trials to earn a wildcard into the World Surf League (WSL) New Zealand Pro at Raglan in May. He was one of three New Zealand surfers to compete in the event, alongside two-time Olympian Billy Stairmand and Alani Morse, Morse going on to claim bronze at the World Junior Surfing Championships in September.

Both Stairmand and Morse along with several other Kiwi surfers committed to the WSL Qualifying Series event in Taiwan which clashes with the World Surfing Games.

The World Surfing Games will feature a formidable international field, including some of the sport's biggest names. Reigning 2025 WSL World Champion Yago Dora will lead a strong Brazilian contingent alongside former world champion Italo Ferreira and Miguel Pupo.

The United States will also field a high-profile team, spearheaded by Gabriela Bryan, Olympic gold medallist and former world champion Carissa Moore, and Sawyer Lindblad.

The team gather at Taranaki this weekend for a training camp in preparation for the campaign utilising the numerous point breaks as practice grounds. The camp is supported by the Olympic Solidarity Fund thanks to the National Activities Programme and the New Zealand Olympic Committee.

The 2026 New Zealand Surfing Team is as follows:
Open Men
Lewis Murphy (Dun)
Taimana Marupo (Mnt)
Tom Butland (Tara)
Open Women
Grace Gundry (Ahipara)
Indi-Lee Ruddell (Whngrei)
Kyra Wallis (Piha)

Way forward found in a reroute of Hahei Beach walk

Department of Conservation staff have met with the Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Association (HRRA) for a second time to work through next steps for the Hahei Beach Short Walk.

The Hahei Beach Short Walk is part of the popular Mautohe Cathedral Cove Reserve, connecting Hahei Beach to the track leading to the globally renowned cove and its famous rock arch. The Hahei Beach Short Walk was damaged by a landslide in early 2026, thwarting DOC's earlier reroute project and leading to questions about the track's ongoing viability.

DOC Coromandel Operations Manager Nick Kelly says the first meeting with the HRRA, in August, came about from DOC's public engagement on the future of the walk, during which the HRRA made a submission outlining a proposed way forward.

The HRRA's preferred approach was to retain access along the existing Hahei Short Walk while constructing a new section of track that would bypass the landslide-affected area.

During those discussions, DOC staff proposed the community take a larger role in looking after the track, with a community agreement on the table. The HRRA's preferred approach is to undertake routine maintenance and trapping activities, with DOC continuing to carry responsibility for visitor safety, major asset replacement, and post-event recovery works.

Nick says DOC staff and HRRA representatives acknowledge the fiscal barriers to reopening tracks vulnerable to landslides. Stabilising the track around two bridges located on the top section of the Hahei Short Walk was estimated to cost $303,000 in 2024, compared with $121,000 now to build the reroute.

DOC's position on the existing track alignment has been consistent throughout its discussions with the community.

"Given the ongoing risks to infrastructure and the costs associated with stabilisation, the reroute provides a more practical and resilient long-term option for walking access," Nick says.

A representative from engineering consultancy Tonkin + Taylor attended last week's site meeting, sharing background on the work the company undertook for DOC, including landslide risk assessments across the wider Cathedral Cove Reserve.

Nick says there are issues along the length of the track, and investing in individual sections would not remove those wider risks.

"Given the increasing cost of responding to storm damage across the country, DOC prioritises investment in infrastructure that is better able to withstand future events and provide long-term value."

The new reroute will offer views across Hahei Beach to Te Pare Pā and Hereheretaura Pā, particularly on the descent from Grange Road.

New infrastructure previously installed at Waimata Gemstone Bay is planned for removal and reuse on the reroute. DOC will build a new barrier across the area where the old stairs were damaged at Waimata, and seating will be installed at the bottom of the bay for visitors to enjoy. Te Karaka Stingray Bay infrastructure will be removed as planned.

Existing bridges on the track are also planned for removal once the rerouted track is completed. Nick urges the public to respect the current closure and not use the track which will become a work site when contractors begin on 14 November.

Both organisations acknowledge the cultural connection Ngāti Hei has to Mautohe, protected through whakapapa and settlement legislation. Working with Ngāti Hei will be critical to future success.

Meetings were also attended by representatives from the Harsant and Carter families who have an interest in the area through previous and current land ownership, and Thames Coromandel District Council Mercury Bay Community Board Chair Richard Shelford-Woodcock.

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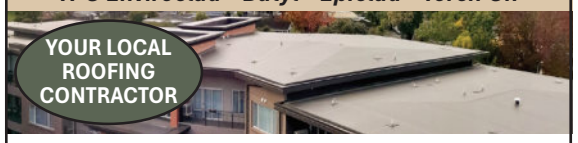
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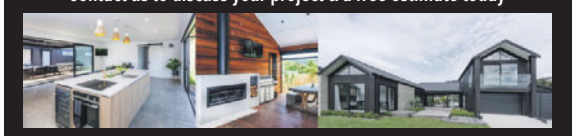
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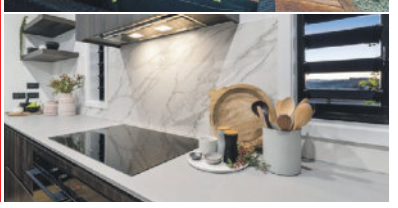
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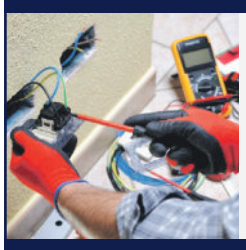
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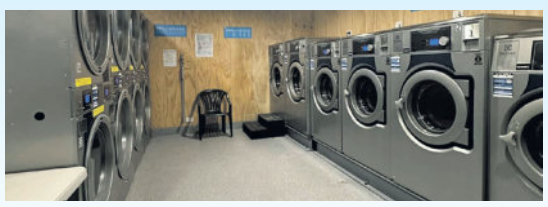
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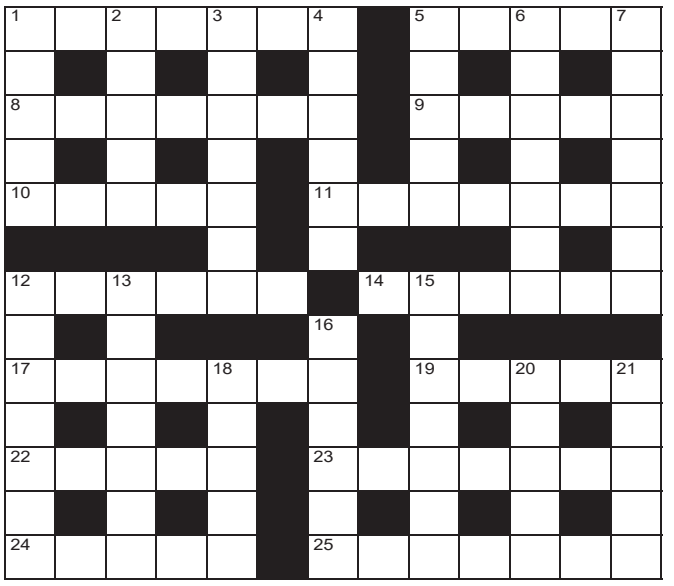
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QUICK CROSSWORD



Across

1. Fold up under pressure (7)
5. Flower (5)
8. Adept (7)
9. Boyfriend (5)
10. Brushed (5)
11. Cancel out (7)
12. Insect antenna (6)
14. Destroyed (6)
17. Opposed (7)
19. Military fabric (5)
22. Destined (5)
23. Bother (7)
24. Tier (5)
25. Link (7)

Down

1. Expenses (5)
2. Bring together (5)
3. Art board (7)
4. Conclusion (6)
5. Herb (5)
6. Loud applause (7)
7. Wealthy (7)
12. Afraid (7)
13. Precisely (7)
15. Not identified (7)
16. Inactive (6)
18. Lowest point (5)
20. Stroll (5)
21. Motionless (5)

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SUDOKU

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

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

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

HARDER

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.

12	■	14	■	3	■	■	■	1	■	17	■	18
22	23	23	13	12	11	■	1	7	1	1	7	3
13	■	22	■	20	■	18	■	3	■	12	■	15
12	5	7	21	23	5	7	■	1	25	5	2	17
22	■	13	■	3	■	16	■	22	■	2	■	2
13	22	25	19	■	13	15	19	7	14	■	■	■
12	■	22	■	8	■	24	■	19	■	3	■	17
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7	■	23	■	22	■	11	■	17	■	21	■	12
5	23	4	7	22	■	7	5	10	25	15	3	26
9 J	■	12	■	12	■	14	■	25	■	5	■	15
23 O	18	22	15	6	7	■	21	12	14	14	7	5
26 Y	■	17	■	7	■	■	■	14	■	17	■	6

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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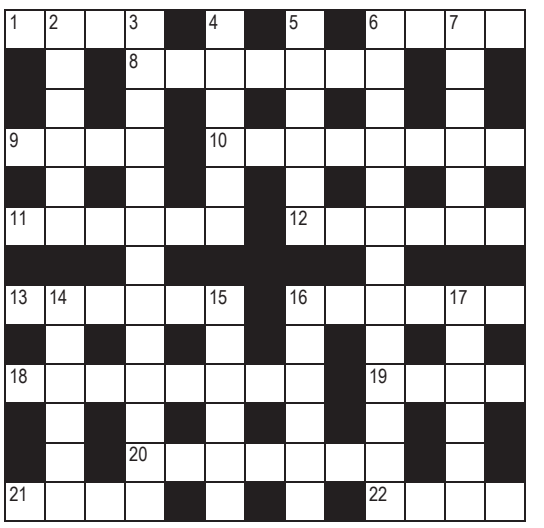
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Across

1. No ales in the chalices? – That's smart! (4)
6. I love, the Latin, say, short bullets e.g. (4)
8. Reportedly where you go before you leave hospital or when you leave? (7)
9. Run riot in the morning, all right? (4)
10. Larch Ivy destroyed in the name of gallantry (8)
11. Quietly phoned the top serviceman because of the accidents (6)
12. Borders on keeping in bed (6)
13. To go fast, I've heard you push on part of the foot... (6)
16. ... so rule out resolutive Russian (6)
18. Pool's fun – In small doses (8)
19. Vaulted over peas in the church (4)
20. It's the enduring power in a mast, maybe (7)
21. No charge – so let go (4)
22. Pull a GI (4)

Down

2. It's a hit with chippies (6)
3. Have a gander in the oven – you'll spoil your chances (4,4,5)
4. Keeps a ready supply of old punishment devices (6)
5. A chair taken in anger – That sounds like a bit of a parody (6)
6. Is it the smell? Obviously! (1,4,8)
7. Plays a small part in Miami cronyism (6)
14. Wonderful, Jack! (6)
15. Not a good time – to be at tip in the heat? (3-3)
16. Alas, Vi goes bush (6)
17. Flag officer (6)



SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU

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DECODER

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

CRYPTIC

Across: 1. Chic, 6. Ammo, 8. Outward, 9. Amok, 10. Chivalry, 11. Prangs, 12. Edging, 13. Presto, 16. Soviet, 18. Spoonful, 19. Apse, 20. Stamina, 21. Free, 22. Yank.
Down: 2. Hammer, 3. Cook one's goose, 4. Stocks, 5. Satire, 6. A dead giveaway, 7. Micron, 14. Ripper, 15. Off-day, 16. Saliva, 17. Ensign.

CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Crumple, 5. Bloom, 8. Skilled, 9. Swain, 10. Swept, 11. Nullify, 12. Feeler, 14. Ruined, 17. Against, 19. Khaki, 22. Fated, 23. Trouble, 24. Layer, 25. Connect.
Down: 1. Costs, 2. Unite, 3. Palette, 4. Ending, 5. Basil, 6. Ovation, 7. Moneyed, 12. Fearful, 13. Exactly, 15. Unknown, 16. Static, 18. Nadir, 20. Amble, 21. Inert.

