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Helen Brougham, from Papakura, was speechless after answering her phone at Ford Reserve on Beach Hop Saturday to be told she had won the 1967 Ford Galaxie car. Photo by Peter West.

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To the EDITOR

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Vigil for Christchurch

I sincerely thank and congratulate the organisers of the Friday Vigil for the Christchurch people.

They put together at short notice a thoughtful and gracious group of presenters who reflected our countrywide empathy for the affected families.

The many people at Williamson Park were appreciative of the opportunity to share in a small way our abhorrence of what occurred in Christchurch Aotearoa New Zealand which caused such suffering for the families who lost loved ones and those injured.

The final item was appropriately the New Zealand National Anthem.

Many attenders were appalled at the gaffe which then spoiled an otherwise sensitive occasion.

The National Anthem was sung only in English, omitting the Maori version. An opportunity to reinforce our multicultural society was lost.

My daughter and I, and many others, felt embarrassed and ashamed at this reflection on our community.

BM Le Prou
WHANGAMATA

Rubbish in Whangamata

I constantly hear we have a problem with plastic waste.

Our Thames-Coromandel District Council still sells plastic bags at \$2.50 to ratepayers for our rubbish,

Anne Ward of Hamilton (Whangamata NEWS, March 2019).

The answer to all your problems would be if the TCDC supplied households with wheelie bins for household rubbish - maybe too easy.

That's only my thoughts.

Nev Sharpe
WHANGAMATA

Local news

Hi Guys,

I would like to thank you for such an awesome local newspaper you are putting out each month.

It has a lot of local news that we have been lacking.

Local people, local news is what we want and this is what you provide to us.

We look forward to the future issues.

Congrats again to you guys You rock.

Liz Claridge and Wayne Montgomery
WHANGAMATA

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Hon Scott Simpson
Member of Parliament for Coromandel

Capital Gains Tax is looming over us and it seems as though this government is still determined to take even more tax money from the New Zealanders.

Whangamata is full of second homes. Baches and a place near the beach are a big part of the kiwi way of life. They provide a relaxing getaway for many, especially those that live in bigger cities. If a Capital Gains Tax was to be implemented, it would hit these people and the property market in this beautiful town really hard.

We're told a capital gains tax would reap \$8.3 billion extra in its first 5 years from ordinary kiwis - small business owners, farmers, bach and lifestyle block owners will be the main targets.

Labour claims this is about fairness - there is nothing fair about saying owners of small businesses, baches and lifestyle blocks will face a tougher capital tax cost than those who own multi-million dollar mansions in Auckland that are the primary residences of the super wealthy.

These taxes will kill our Kiwi dream. I've heard people refer to a capital gains tax as a 'bach tax' and that's certainly what it would be. If the primary home is exempt from capital; gains tax then people will put their capital into the family home and not into holiday homes in places like Whangamata. The negative impact on the total Whangamata property market would be direct and harsh.

On a lighter note, once again we've had a fantastic Beach Hop thanks to Noddy and the wonderful team of volunteers who make it happen. This time of the year is fantastic for many reasons but one of the biggest reasons is because we have this fantastic event right here in Whangamata.

Noddy and the team have put together an amazing event this year and I, as always, am blown away by the sheer effort that everyone has put in to pull it off. Each year, it never fails to impress me and this year has been no exception. I'd like to say thank you and a great job to all those involved!

Authorised by Scott Simpson MP, 614 Pollen St, Thames

Embrace, celebrate diversity

One month on from the mosque attacks in Christchurch, we are all still trying to come to terms with what occurred.

There's shock, there's grief, but there have also been amazing moments of unity around the country. And we're seeing this reflected in our small part of the world on the Coromandel.

We've been in touch with Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel and offered our council's assistance in whatever way we could help - and that offer remains open.

We've seen vigils held in Thames, Whangamata, Coromandel Town and Whitianga and community groups and organisations coming together to raise funds in whatever way they can, to help the victims and families of Christchurch.

Earlier this month, just days after the attacks, I welcomed some of the newest New Zealanders to our district in our citizenship ceremony in Thames.

It was the first time we had ever had a police presence, which showed the heightened level of security monitoring around the



Mayor Sandra Goudie

country and, for me, brought home the magnitude of our innocence as a safe nation, now lost.

On the Coromandel we don't have a large Muslim community, but we are slowly becoming more multicultural. Diversity is to be embraced and celebrated.

We are a district of people who come from many different races, religions and nationalities.

It makes us all unique, but what we can all be united in is how the Coromandel is still good for your soul, and how lucky we are to live in our country Aotearoa New Zealand.

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Businesses, community groups and individuals are encouraged to showcase the brilliant work they do for the environment, by entering the Beautiful Awards.

The awards, run by Keep NZ Beautiful, recognise environmental excellence and positive actions to protect and enhance our local environments.

Last year Plastic-Free Coromandel Town won the Community Group Award, along with the Thames-Coromandel District Council's new Hot Water Beach toilet winning the Plumbing World Best Loo Award.

"Coromandel, let's get behind this again," says Mayor Sandra Goudie.

"Last year was awesome and reflects what our local communities care about and what is truly special and unique to us - our place - our environment."

This annual competition is open to all individuals, environmental groups, schools, businesses and councils.

The 17 official awards are across five categories, including Individuals, Communities, Businesses, Places, Small and Large Towns and Cities.

Entries are valid for projects, campaigns and initiatives which have been completed between August 1 2018 and 31 July 2019 unless otherwise stipulated in the outlined criteria.

Entries close Wednesday July 31 2019.

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Our artists share their talents

Talk about pottery to some people and they're likely to ask: Who does pottery anymore?

Well, Whangamata woman **Holly Morgan** does - she creates mostly domestic ware but it's nothing like the boring old brown glazed mugs and cups of the 60s and 70s when pottery was alive and well.

Holly hopes to create a revival of the art by holding workshops and opening her working studio to the public in the near future.

But Holly's not the only potter to feature in the Arts Collective's Easter Weekend Arts Trail.

Veteran potter and Portage Ceramic Award winner **Maureen Allison** is also taking part with her work on display and for sale at her working studio (old woolshed) on the Whangamata-Waihi Rd.

Kieran Taylor, whose handworked 'Pipi Pouches' will be featured along with her paintings at Bernie Ross' arts hub in Moana Anu Anu Ave, are different again.

The three different forms of pottery will show viewers and visitors to the arts hubs and studios that the art has come a long way since the 60s and 70s!

And on a different note, weaving will be another form of art shown during the arts and studio trail by **Cherry Estcourt**.

She is passionate about all forms of weaving, and colour features strongly in all her pieces.

Experimenting with different forms of weaving, including traditional loom weaving and spindle weaving, Cherry's choice at the moment is the more freestyle form of Saori weaving.

MAUREEN ALLISON



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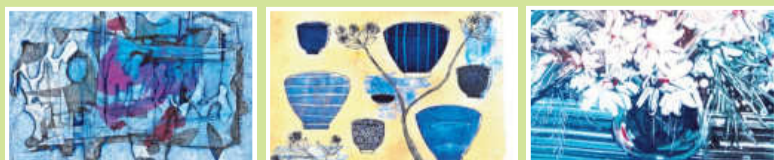
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ARTIST *of the month*

LYNNE ROBINSON

Whangamata's Lynne Robinson grew up watching her printmaker mother working at her press, so it's no wonder Lynne herself has become a renowned artist of the same genre.

Art is so much in Lynne's blood she taught art and art history at Hamilton's Hillcrest High Schol for many years and later was employed by Waikato Museum working with young people in the youth gallery.

Then followed stints at a couple of Hamilton art galleries

'I used to take them through fun art history talks - not the boring stuff that puts them off,' Lynne says.

She has held well-attended 'art history with

a twist' talks at Whangamata's Little Gallery and is also a collector of major New Zealand artists' work - a peep inside the studio (which was the original bach) and the attached house stands witness to her and husband John's passion for art.

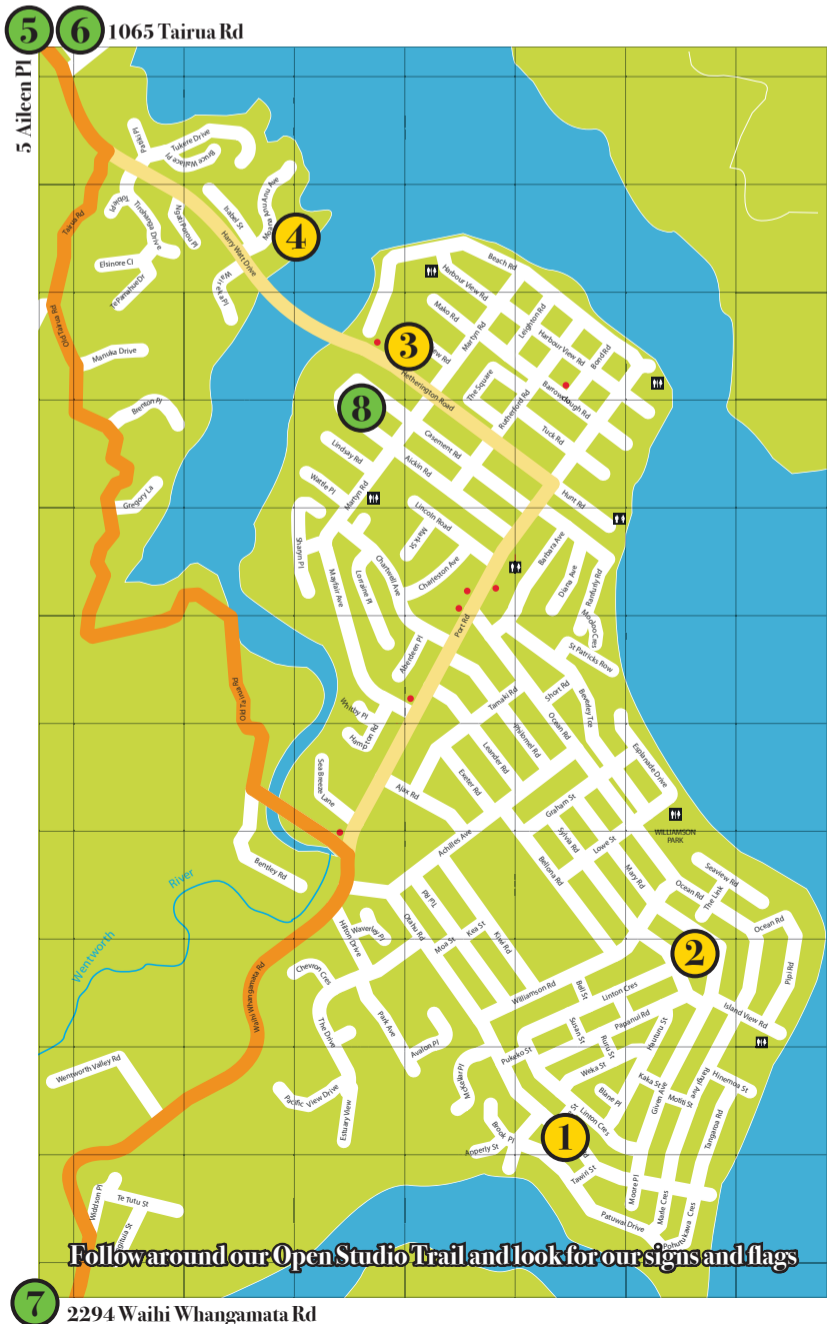
Not only are there paintings in all media but there is sculpture, ceramics and fabric art all hanging together in harmony.

Lynne has recently been changing direction and trying her hand at painting.

'Whangamata professional artist and mentor Kate Jones Madill has given me lots of encouragement. I'm finding that painting is a looser, less strict form of art,' Lynne says.



Lynne's artwork will be exhibited at Studio 423, Otahu Rd, at the Whangamata Arts Collective's Easter Studio Trail this month.



**Easter Saturday
& Sunday
20 & 21 April,
10am to 4pm**

HUBS

- 1 Studio 423, 423 Otahu Rd**
 - Kate Jones Madill – paintings
 - Ted Pickett - sculpture
 - Gretha Whyte – fibre art
 - Lynne Robinson – printmaking
 - Linda Bigge – paintings
 - Nikky Seales – clay sculpture
 - Mardi O Shea – paintings
- 2 Artworks Studio, 421 Given Ave**
 - Nita Petersen – paintings, outdoor art
 - Holly Morgan – pottery
 - Gaelene Raill – handwoven stories
 - Pat Lee – weaving
 - Janice Marshall – portrait drawings
 - Jenny Blomeley – paintings, mosaics
- 3 Cre-Art Studio, 306 Hetherington Rd**
 - Sue Jamieson – 2D and 3D mixed media
 - Margie Lucas – paintings
 - Janene Hill – paintings
 - Cherry Estcourt – weaving
 - Daphne Inglis – paintings and drawings

- 4 Hub 4, 129 Moana Anu Anu Ave**
 - Bernadette Ross – raranga (Maori weaving)
 - Maree Burt – charcoal drawings
 - Kieran Taylor – pottery, paintings
 - Sarah Alves – quilling
 - Judie Savage – paintings, mixed media
 - Kaetaeta Watson – flax weavings

STUDIOS

- 5 Kauri Cliff Gallery, 5 Aileen Pl**
 - Tony Howse – kauri sculpture
- 6 Grant Simpson Studio, 1065 Tairua Rd**
 - Oils on canvas, coastal landscapes
 - NOTE: afternoons only*
- 7 Pottery Studio and Kiln, 2294 Waihi Whangamata Rd**
 - (7kms on south bound road)
 - Maureen Allison, pottery
 - NOTE: Saturday only*
- 8 Morganmade Studio, 314 Aickin Rd**
 - (next to Dandelion Cakery)
 - Holly Morgan, pottery
 - NOTE: Saturday only*

Follow around our Open Studio Trail and look for our signs and flags

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Help needed to bust the baddies!

Whangamata Harbour Care 1997 Inc is on a mission!

Protecting and maintaining harbour health is the target.

Since 1997, community members have maintained a constant battle against rodent pests and mangroves. But they need more help.

Membership of the group, which is free, needs a boost.

Joining is simple: email or phone the numbers below and we will include you in a monthly newsletter and advise of 'working bees'.

Participation is at your own level and speed.

John McCombe chairman of the Whangamata Harbour Care group along with the committee are planning street stalls over the next month in Port Rd.

'Our fight unfortunately is not only with pests, but also the Waikato Regional Council,' John says.

'The community has, through rates, paid

millions to control mangroves, only 10 percent of this money has been used to remove the plant, the rest on meetings, reports and unending scientific studies.'

'An example of this WRC madness is the need for a new resource consent, for seedling removal costing \$40,000 or more to continue the same work carried out for 20 years'.

The Waikato Regional Council writes the consent, makes the conditions almost unworkable and then charges the community through rates, John says.

A glimmer of hope was the introduction of a TCDC and Hauraki District Council bill on mangrove control introduced to parliament by local MP Scott Simpson.

The select committee then presented a document so unworkable its outcome is now unlikely.

**To offer your help, please contact
John McCombe on 0274 330 461 or
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A harbour care volunteer cutting seedlings from a cleared area in Whangamata Harbour.



Wild Women

Last year's Wild Women participants came to Whangamata from as far as Dunedin and Napier as well as Auckland, Waikato and the Bay of Plenty.

An interesting feature of the weekend was the number of mothers and daughters bonding through the various activities, says organiser Shaun Fay.

'Over all, the feedback was very positive. The combination of exercise, cuisine and dancing seemed to strike the right cord.'

The 93 women had the choice of attending yoga sessions, a walk through the Wentworth Valley, playing tennis, whacky golf or squash, and having social times.

'This year we have had terrific local interest and support and as a result increased the number of events, including a Wild Women's Party Night at Smoky Pallet and a sexologist, Shaun says.

'We hope to grow our numbers to 200-plus people. In its current format this may be the limit. Unlike other events in town which are 'open air', many venues do not have capacity for

more people.'

Spread over three days - May 17 to 19 - the weekend will conclude when the women attend the Ocean Sports Club's Breast Cancer Awareness High Tea.

Shaun says he's aiming to attract up to 300 women in 2020 and then seek further local support to grow the event further around the Coromandel.

'Remember, this is the home of Beach Hop - an event that attracts 110,000 people. It started with less than us the first year!

'We learned from last year that people are happy to buy on line, that the early support comes more from people out of town - they clearly have to plan more.

'We also learned we need to be more diligent on some of our briefings, especially for The Wentworth Falls walk. We forgot to mention that it wasn't a loop track which two ladies, who got half to Waihi, soon discovered.'

Women seem to really enjoy the time out with friends and its planned scheduling - the weekend after Mother's Day works well.

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Regional trainer, Professional Firefighter Paul Tilsley, is based in Whangamata but trains the troops around the Coromandel.

He is looking for fit people of all ages (from 16 years and older) to join the brigade after several members have moved from the area or have, for personal or work reasons, become unable to help out anymore.

‘We need new blood for various roles, from active people who want to be firefighters or support officers or admin

‘To be a firefighter applicants must be prepared to undergo pre-entry tests, undergo a medical and police check, and be interviewed by our Chief Fire Officer, Nigel Airey.’

Paul says the first year is the toughest for a new firefighter as they undergo recruitment training and a first aid course.

But it’s not all about firefighting – the brigade has about 120 callouts a year and that can involve car crashes, medical assists (when their help is required by the St John Ambulance teams), diesel or petrol washdowns, fundraising, appearing



Greg Meikle, left, Paul Tilsley and Barry Romero want more hands on deck.

in the Lions Christmas Parade and other PR exercises.

There’s also participation at community events and, for the really keen, there’s also the annual Sky Tower Challenge.

‘The main thing for operational

firefighters is that we need commitment,’ Paul says.

‘Older members are there to help new recruits if they’re at all uncertain about anything. We’re a good team – and it’s a good challenge for young mums with

kids at school or people who are unemployed.’

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Change of pace in Whiritoa

It was a huge leap of faith for Auckland professional Bronwyn Majoor when she bought a small general store in a quiet little village on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Bronwyn came to Whiritoa to housesit - and to look after a cat, a dog and a guinea pig - at Labour Weekend last year.

'I arrived here on the Friday, and on Sunday I heard that the store was for sale. I met the owners and by Sunday evening I had made an offer.

'Seven weeks later, I was living here and eight weeks later I owned the store. I had a good but busy job in Auckland as an office manager and PA for a pharmaceutical company and wasn't looking for another job or change.

'I loved Auckland but I fell in love with this quiet little hamlet,' says Bronwyn.

Since arriving, she and her daughters have been well received by the community.

'I'm surprised at how quickly the community has accepted us. They come down for a chat and we hold a coffee club on Thursday.

'We are dog friendly - dogs are welcome to come in with their owners.

'We've kept the price of staple items - bread, milk and so on - at supermarket rates because there are a lot of elderly people here who can't afford to, or are unable to, drive into Whangamata,' says Bronwyn.

Over the busy summer time she was helped out by daughter Chelsea, an Auckland University student. Another daughter Tabitha is store manager.

Colourful cushions and umbrellas have been brought in to brighten the store- although the flowering hibiscus and other plants at the entrance already make the store a relaxing and welcoming place to visit.

Bronwyn has two other children who live 'very happily' in Auckland - Brittany and Clinton.



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A bird's eye view of Whangamata from the Whangamata Marina, taking in the upper harbour to the Otahu Estuary.

Fantail fascination

It's a well-known fact that fantails like human company and this cheeky little chap was no exception. He (or she) kept the wood-kiln stokers amused for hours, flying in and out of the old woolshed - now converted to a pottery studio - at Maureen and Dennis Allison's farm south of Whangamata.
Photo: Lesley Staniland



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United we stand

Whangamata people came out in support of a vigil in Williamson Park last month to remember the 50 people killed in the Christchurch mosque attacks.

Organised by Kristin Lopez and Denise Wallace, with Anne Hunter hosting the event, close to 300 people turned out wearing headscarves, as at other vigils around the country.

Some came with candles which they lit during the sombre ceremony.

In the audience were members of St John

Ambulance, Whangamata Police and Whangamata Fire Service as well as Church representatives who also paid tributes to the families of those who died and suffered as a result of the attack on the Muslim community.

Members of Whangamata's Muslim community also addressed the crowd and the remembrance ended with the singing of the New Zealand National Anthem.

Whangamata Area School also showed their support with a vigil at the school during school assembly.



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going to the RSA. This how lasting memories happen and give us a great future.

Whangamata RSA sponsors the player of the day at the Whangamata Soccer club, there are four teams, each player of the day in each team get a voucher for a meal at Yings @ the RSA, last year the coaches were asked if the kids go to the RSA for lunch, no adults as they had saved up their vouchers and had enough for them to come along, we are working on this for them. The senior team attends the RSA for their debriefs and to rehydrate as well.

Ying's @the RSA has gone from strength to strength, just recently they have employed two more highly qualified chefs, so Ying's and the RSA are now open seven days, we are watching this development with positive interest.

We have a very full social calendar, with functions and events booked with us as far out as December already, if you want to know what is going on, check out our



Website, Facebook and our noticeboard in our foyer.

We look forward to seeing you, and hope you will come and experience Whangamata RSA, our draw and raffle nights are Wednesday's, Friday's and Saturday's, plus on Friday Nights we have the First National Quiz Night from 6.30 to 7.30 teams of 6 maximum, \$2 per player. Make up a team and come and see how good you are.

Or just come along and see if what we offer is for you and your family, you are always welcome.

Anzac Day Order of Service

Thursday April 25

6.30am: Assemble at Surf Club for sunrise flag raising, with guest speaker and RSA Padre.

7.15am: Breakfast at Blackies - \$10pp.

9.30am: Whangamata RSA for Mix and Mingle, rum ration, tea and coffee.

10.20am: Meet at TCDC building and carpark, Port Rd.

10.45am: Fall in behind the Bay of Plenty Pipes and Drums and march to the Whangamata War Memorial Hall. Medals to be worn.

11am: Service at the hall. Welcome by RSA President Geoff March. Guest speakers. To be followed by the laying of wreaths and floral tributes at the Wall of Remembrance.

Parade and service attendees are invited to the RSA clubrooms afterward for a light lunch, raffles and an afternoon of entertainment. With Ebonivory, the BOP Pipes & Drums and the Katikati Scottish Dancers.

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GENERAL TRAINING TIPS

- If you have never jogged or walked 5km or 10km before, please visit your doctor for advice before you start training.
- **Don't over train:** Always make sure you get plenty of rest in between training sessions and make sure you get at least one day's rest every week.
- **Never train when ill or feverish:** Don't try and train through illness, it will probably make it worse.
- **Be sensible about injuries:** If an injury becomes worse when you try to train, then stop training.
- **Be careful with stretching:** Although stretching before a run is desirable, your muscles will not be warmed up and over-zealous stretching can do more harm than good. The rule should be to warm-up before you work-out by doing the intended activity very slowly with low intensity. Leave stretching for after your work-out, you are less likely to damage your muscles at this point because they have warmed up. Make sure you know the correct stretching techniques.



BEGINNER TRAINING GUIDE

- **Use the right shoes for your running style:** A good specialist running shoe store can help here. Stirling Sports are able to offer a professional appraisal of your running shoe needs. If you over-pronate, you may need shoes with extra medial arch support or you may simply need a shoe with good heel support. An appropriate pair of well-fitting shoes can make a big difference to your running. Don't expect your shoes to last forever. The cushioning of running shoes usually fails well before the sole wears out.
- **Enjoy your training:** This is most important. You are training for your enjoyment. Vary your running routes and don't push yourself too hard in your training all of the time. The Training Programme that follows should be used as a guide only.
- **Keep your training individual:** We all have different bodies and goals and our training programmes should be individual. You should not go out and do what others are doing.
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Water upgrade

The Whangamata water treatment plant is fourth on the list of Thames-Coromandel District Council's \$15.83m upgrading programme.

In all, 10 water treatment facilities across the Thames-Coromandel district will be upgraded to ensure the Coromandel's drinking water quality complies with the 2005 (2008) NZ Drinking Water standards.

The first to be upgraded is the Whitianga water treatment plant, where Masons Engineers has been building a new \$2.8 million water treatment facility on the current site.

This is a brand new plant with the latest technology and methodologies for treating water. This is on track for completion in May.

Tairua is the next town on the schedule, followed by Pauanui.

The upgrade schedule will then continue to the water treatment facilities at Whangamata, Coromandel Town, Matarangi, Hahei and Onemana.

Mayor Sandra Goudie said the council had budgeted \$15.83 million in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan for the upgrade programme, which would take three years through to June 2021.

Five of the drinking water plants that treat river-supplied water (Coromandel Town, Thames, Tairua, Whitianga, Matarangi), will use membrane filtration technology, the highest-quality treatment available for this type of water source.

The other five drinking water plants will use filter/cartridge systems for treating bore-supplied water.

The drinking water treatment plant at Thames has already been upgraded and is not due for an upgrade as part of this project.

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APRIL

- April 19-22:** Easter
- April 20:** Whangamata Lions Craft & Farmers Market.
- April 20-21:** Easter Open Art Studio Trail, 10am-4pm. Visit or individual or hubs of artists in their studios.
- April 25:** Anzac Day.

MAY

- May 17-19:** Wild Women's Weekend - music, tennis, golf, walking, yoga, cuisine, sexologist. www.wildwomensweekend.co.nz

SEPTEMBER

- September 7:** GJ Gardner Run Walk Festival - start training now!

• If you have an event coming up that you'd like us to list or cover please let us know. Email details of the event, the date, the venue and the time to: wordy1@gmail.com



BEACHES

Whiritoa - 12km south of Whangamata. Swim or walk, collect shells.

Whangamata Harbour, Ocean Beach and Otahu Estuary - check these areas for yourself. The various spots are ideal for SUP, kayaking, surfing, swimming, diving, spearfishing, snorkelling, jetskiing and skiing.

Onemana - swimming is OK along the beach. The south end is safest for children. A good beach for surfcasting. Mussels and kina in the area around the rocks.

Oputere - All the above activities. Access through the pine forest. Bird watching is an added attraction here.

Note: At all beaches, watch for rips and do not swim out beyond your comfort zone.



CYCLING

Just about anywhere is safe to ride in Whangamata as long as you respect the rights of other road users. The path from the Marina and along Moana Anu Anu estuary is ideal for walkers, runners and cyclists. Again, have respect for other users.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Whangamata Ridges Park, five minutes north of Whangamata on SH 25 has numerous tracks from Grade 1 to Grade 6, offering exciting rides and spectacular views. The tracks are in a forestry area so please check accessibility before riding.

Facebook: Whangamata Ridges Mountainbike Park. Information also available from Pedal and Paddle shop, cnr Port Rd and Winifred Ave.



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SURFING

Whangamata is renowned for its surf beaches - take your pick! There are several surf schools close to the beach. Check with the info-Plus Visitor Information Centre for further details.



WALKS

Whangamata and surrounds have numerous walks. In town one of the favourites goes from the Marina along the Moana Anu Anu estuary and river, with a fitness trail along the edge.

There are many kilometres of beach to explore - and if you get too hot, take time for a dip.

Pokohino Beach and Te Ananui are on forestry roads off Whitipiroua (Onemana) Rd, with fairly steep tracks down to each.

Walking tracks at the end of Peninsula Rd offer spectacular ocean views and over Whangamata.

Wentworth Valley - a popular area with walkers and campers. Not accessible if fords are flooded. About 1.5km heading south of town, turn right onto Wentworth Valley. Many attractions on the valley walks, including waterfalls and swimming holes. Grab a brochure from info-Plus Visitor Centre in Port Rd.

Numerous adjuncts and clubs, from athletics to yoga, meet regularly in Whangamata so check with info-Plus if there's anything specific you're interested in.

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- 1. Volunteers set up Beach Hop Central in the days before the big event.
- 2. A new paint job for an old petrol tin.
- 3. Whangamata's Lorna Judd sold Beach Hop programmes at the entrance to the NZ Petrolhead Vintage Market.
- 4. Happy traders at the Vintage Market.



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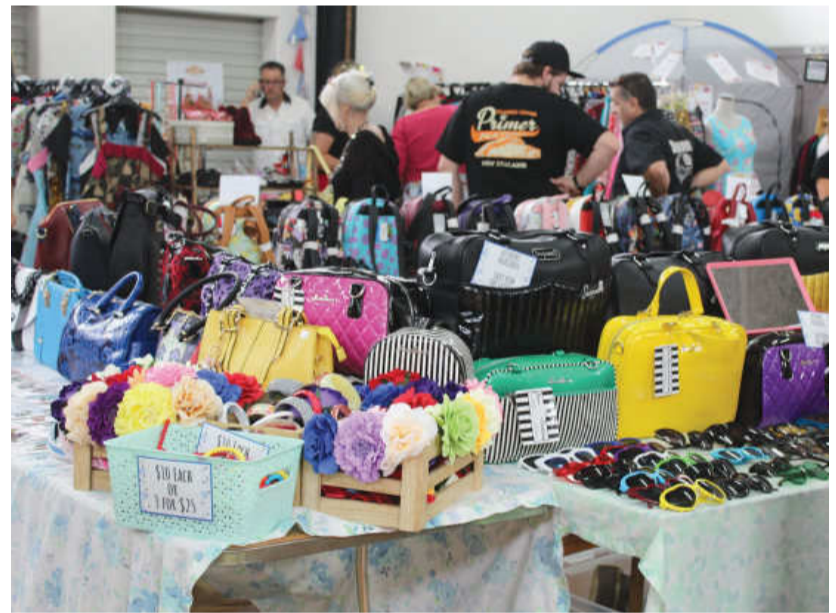
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Vintage market

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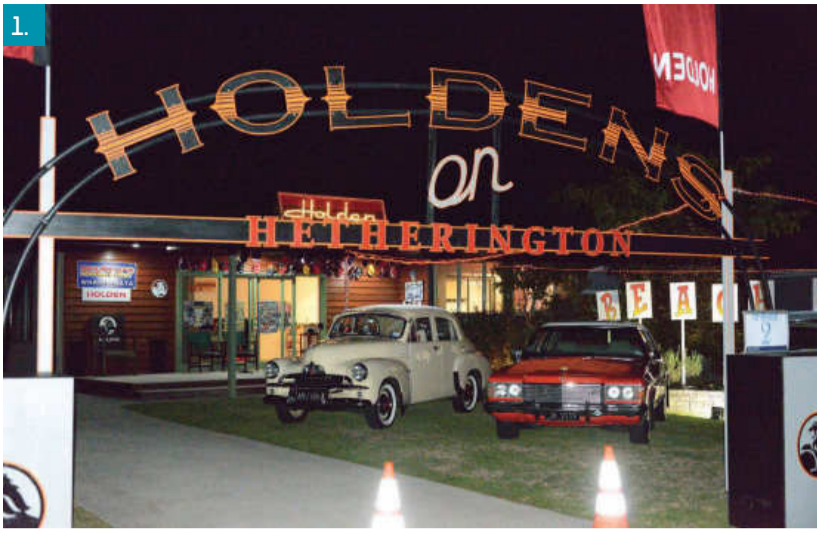
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This photo taken at Sunday's prizegiving shows just a small part of the crowd that attended Repco Beach Hop 2019. Photo by Peter West

Hop's popularity increases yearly

Repco Beach Hop 2019 was, by all accounts, the biggest yet with Williamson Park overflowing on Saturday afternoon for entertainment and the announcement of the big winners (see page 31).

Showers - some heavy - throughout the five day event appeared not to have an effect on the thousands of visitors who enthusiastically lined the roadsides to watch or took part in the convoys to Waihi, Whitianga and Onemana.

While official numbers are not yet known it is believed the

event attracted more than 120,000 overall.

Organiser Noddy Watts said he and his fellow organisers were 'really happy' with how it went.

'We were really lucky with the weather.

'It was a big crowd and felt bigger than ever. We have a great format, crew, sponsors and local community.

'We couldn't hold this event anywhere else. We know not all locals are happy with the noise and congestion etc but it's

only for five days of the year - and hopefully they can see the benefits for the town.'

He said he was disappointed to hear that some locals abused volunteers because of the inconvenience caused during the five days.

'We offer a big thank you to the Police, TCDC and emergency services for the role they played.'

With next year being the 20th anniversary of Beach Hop, who knows what will happen? Watch this space!

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Pictured above, enthusiastic residents from Moana House cheer as the convoy passes on its way to Onemana.



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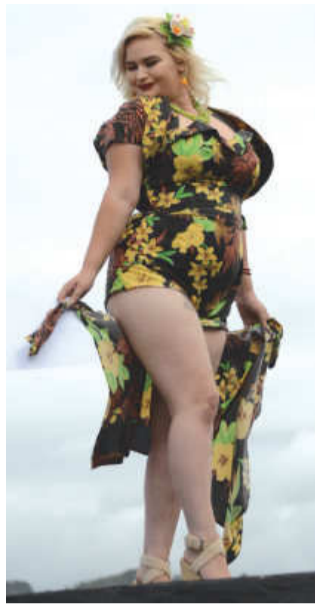
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☾ New Moon: 5th ● Full Moon: 19th

Date		High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
10	Wed	10:33	1.8	22:58	4:18	0.4	16:41	06:37	17:56
11	Thu	11:18	1.8	23:46	5:05	0.4	17:27	06:38	17:55
12	Fri		1.8	12:07	5:55	0.4	18:17	06:39	17:53
13	Sat	0:39	1.8	13:01	6:49	0.5	19:12	06:39	17:52
14	Sun	1:38	1.8	14:01	7:48	0.5	20:11	06:40	17:51
15	Mon	2:39	1.8	15:05	8:49	0.4	21:14	06:41	17:49
16	Tue	3:41	1.9	16:10	9:52	0.4	22:16	06:42	17:48
17	Wed	4:42	1.9	17:13	10:52	0.3	23:17	06:43	17:46
18	Thu	5:40	2.0	18:12	11:51	0.3		06:44	17:45
19	Fri	6:35	2.0	19:07	0:14	0.3	12:45	06:45	17:44
20	Sat	7:28	2.0	19:59	1:08	0.2	13:38	06:46	17:42
21	Sun	8:18	2.0	20:49	2:00	0.2	14:27	06:47	17:41
22	Mon	9:08	2.0	21:38	2:51	0.2	15:15	06:47	17:40
23	Tue	9:56	2.0	22:25	3:40	0.3	16:02	06:48	17:39
24	Wed	10:43	1.9	23:13	4:29	0.3	16:49	06:49	17:37
25	Thu	11:30	1.8		5:18	0.4	17:35	06:50	17:36
26	Fri	0:02	1.9	12:17	6:07	0.5	18:22	06:51	17:35
27	Sat	0:51	1.8	13:06	6:57	0.5	19:12	06:52	17:34
28	Sun	1:41	1.7	13:57	7:48	0.6	20:04	06:53	17:32
29	Mon	2:33	1.7	14:51	8:41	0.6	20:57	06:54	17:31
30	Tue	3:24	1.7	15:45	9:32	0.6	21:51	06:55	17:30

May

☾ New Moon: 5th ● Full Moon: 19th

Date		High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
1	Wed	4:14	1.7	16:37	10:23	0.6	22:42	06:56	17:29
2	Thu	5:02	1.7	17:27	11:10	0.5	23:29	06:56	17:28
3	Fri	5:48	1.8	18:14	11:56	0.5		06:57	17:27
4	Sat	6:32	1.8	18:59	0:15	0.5	12:40	06:58	17:26
5	Sun	7:15	1.8	19:42	0:59	0.5	13:22	06:59	17:25
6	Mon	7:59	1.8	20:25	1:43	0.4	14:05	07:00	17:23
7	Tue	8:42	1.9	21:09	2:27	0.4	14:48	07:01	17:22
8	Wed	9:27	1.9	21:54	3:12	0.4	15:33	07:02	17:21
9	Thu	10:13	1.9	22:42	4:00	0.4	16:19	07:03	17:20
10	Fri	11:02	1.9	23:33	4:49	0.4	17:08	07:04	17:20



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Team effort

Members of Whangamata's Patch and Quilt group are a versatile lot.

Their usual gatherings see them hard at work on quilts of all sorts for family, friends and for exhibition.

But when member Sandy Briggs saw some material featuring hot rods and classic she decided it would be perfect as a fundraiser during Whangamata's Repco Beach Hop 2019.

She threaded around the vehicles to give a slightly 3D effect then John Waldron made a suitable - and solid - frame.

The piece of work was shown to Beach Hop committee member Noddy Watts at the group's March meeting and he immediately selected the orange hot rod at the top as his favourite.

Pictured with him are, from left, Margaret Wells, Wendy Dowling, Ann Rawlinson (in front), Judy Francis, Debbie Adding and Jean Whitaker.

Letters > FROM P3

Response

I raised my eyebrows when reading Mr Gotlieb's letter to the editor (Whangamata NEWS, March 2019).

His comment: "it is time to vote out our representatives who failed in their elected duty"... I wonder who is he talking about? Who has failed in their duty?

Maybe Mr Gotlieb doesn't understand how our democratic system works.

Bringing an open mind and listening to both sides of the discussion is the first skill required in local politics.

People having a closed mind to others' views are not the most suitable representatives.

The Whangamata Community Board has six members and they are ALL very much involved in any discussions and decisions made.

Attendance at public meetings is not a display of the work a member has done. When a candidate stands for election they win by the number of votes they receive; however, once elected they then represent ALL residents and ratepayers.

I am surprised by Mr Gotlieb's comments, and see them as derogatory to the Community Board members.

His final comment: "all the current Community Board come from permanent residents. So it's time for a change and rejuvenation" suggests locals are not motivated or suitable to stand for the Community Board.

I have found the permanent residents of Whangamata do engage and will voice their opinions and concerns. However, a non-resident ratepayer, willing to work hard for the community, would be a welcome candidate.

Terry Walker

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Longtime residents moving on

Whangamata is about to farewell a couple who have sold their family home of 35 years.

Lionel and Trish Hooker, pictured, who have been visiting Whanga since they were 'knee-high to a grasshopper' and been married for more than 50 years, have become well known in the community.

Lionel, now a retired builder, was once a Lion and has been involved in Harbour Care, setting trap lines to catch stoats and rats that devour birds eggs and fledglings.

Trish is well known as a music teacher, conductor and singer.

She says learning a musical instrument is 'very important' in training young brains, teaching them coordination, self-esteem, concentration and discipline.

Over the years of living in Hamilton and Whangamata, Trish has taught hundreds of students to play the piano, flute, recorder and other instruments.

She became involved in playing church music at both the Baptist and Anglican churches.

They will miss their family home that has been central to family gatherings and special events for



more than three decades but they are looking forward to a new life in Thames.

Lionel said he was delighted with

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16 Gregory Lane Sold (we need another)



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Investment Opportunity

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723 sqm flat site, big dble gge.
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Beach Pad Gem - Onemana

Immaculate, low maintenance beach pad. Extensive outdoor courtyard living with a spa to relax & enjoy. 2 bedrms flow out to the courtyard. Carport plus secure fencing for the pets & kids. Ocean views. Short walk to beach & cafe.

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Holidays & Income -Whiritoa

Spacious family beach house with options. Upper floor w open plan living area opening onto front deck. 2 bedrms & bathrm/wc. Lower level has huge bunk/games room, open plan living, bedrm and laundry. Rental option there.

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Stunning beach views, 1007 sqm
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New Price

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Big Section

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WHANGAMATA COASTGUARD

MARCH 2019 CALLOUTS

Whangamata Coastguard had just one callout during March.

10 MAR: The CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded to a call to a 5.6m power boat whose engine had failed.

The boat and three people on board were towed from 5nm NW of Mayor Island to the Whangamata ramp.

Total Coastguard involvement 15 hrs.

WHANGAMATA POLICE

WHAT A STUNNER

Whangamata put on a Stunning Beach Hop event which I reckon would have reached an international audience

A big shout to the community and all who helped make this a very successful and fun event.

LOCK UPS

We had a few minor disorder type matters to deal with, not to mention a few knits in cells kicking off.

All who got locked up got free accommodation and time to think about their actions.

Again, with large crowds this sort of behaviour sometimes rears its ugly head, but all in all we had no major incidents.

The liquor ban was enforced with a number of infringements issued - seems like a few don't listen, aye.

CRASHES

We had reports of a number of crashes on the way home - this was a combination of some cars' braking capacity and some nasty rain at the end of the weekend.

Police are also investigating a crash in which some ne'er do well did a burn out

and crashed their car into a house.

Thanks to all of the out-of-town staff who came to increase the Police presence in relation to Beach Hop and Op Whakahaumanu.

You will continue to see an increased Police presence at all educational facilities and places of worship so please don't be alarmed. This is in place to protect everyone.

Look after each other and remember HAPPY DAYS!

*Constable Greg Resink
Whangamata Police*

WHANGAMATA FIRE BRIGADE



The Beach hop was very quiet call-wise for our brigade with only the one medical call on Saturday.

With the huge crowd during the event it was one of the quietest on record for us and this must be accredited to the intensive planning of the Beach Hop crew and our emergency services combined.

At our station the brigade assisted in catering for some of the thousands of visitors by cooking mussel fritters and sausages.

The Monster Grocery raffle, kindly donated by Whangamata New World, was also drawn with a local woman, Lisa Julian, winning the prize.

Currently our brigade is fund

raising for an upgrade of facilities around the station which will future-proof us for years to come.

The generosity from individuals and businesses offering products, services and financial support towards our project to date has been exceptional and a huge thank you goes out to you all.

We would love to speak with any others who feel they could contribute in any way to our project.

A quick message to please check your smoke alarms with the changing of daylight saving next weekend - and also, please have chimneys and flues checked before lighting indoor fires.

Nigel Airey, Chief Fire Officer

Over the past month Whangamata Fire Brigade attended eight calls including a petrol leak from a vehicle in Port Rd on March 7.

Two callouts on March 14 were to an alarm activation and, later that day, to smoke in a rural setting causing concern.

On March 20 the crew were involved with a medical assist, and on March 22 and 23, two separate serious medical events, followed on March 26 by a fire at a rural address.

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TREATING CHEMICAL BURNS

How you can help

1. Quickly remove any contaminated clothing

- Avoid contact with any chemical and further injury to the patient.
- If the chemical is a powder brush it off, avoiding contact, before flushing with water.

2. Cool the injury

- Flood the burned area with copious amounts of water and continue for up to 20 minutes.

3. If a chemical solution has splashed into the eyes

- Hold the affected eyelids open to ensure water washes thoroughly under the lids to remove any trapped chemical.

Call 111 for an ambulance urgently.

Bitumen burns

If a limb or finger is involved, keep flooding the area with cold water for up to 20 minutes.

If you can, crack the bitumen when it cools so it does not constrict the limb.

Source: St John Ambulance online library - stjoh.org.nz



SENIOR SAFETY FORUM

Wednesday 17 April at the Whangamata Baptist Church

THE FORUM IS FREE
and open to anybody who has an interest in senior safety

Speakers each have 10 minute slots and will cover:

- Age concern
- Grey Power
- WINZ
- Medical alarms
- EPOA and wills
- Financial Safety
- Internet Safety
- Staying safe at home and in the community
- Elder abuse
- Entering an aged care facility
- Menz Shed
- Counselling and other services from WCST



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Registration starts from **9.30am**, introduction and housekeeping brief at **9.50am**.

Forum commences at **10am** and goes until **12 noon**.

There will be an opportunity to meet and mingle afterwards.

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AUCKLAND RESCUE HELICOPTER TRUST



For the Auckland & Coromandel Westpac Rescue Helicopters

1 MARCH 2019 - 31 MARCH 2019

1 MAR: Whitianga - Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a male patient in his 50's who injured his shoulder after a tree he felled swung around and pinned him to the ground. He was extricated from the scene by winch and flown to Thames Hospital in a moderate condition.

3 MAR: Pinnacles - Crew tasked to the Pinnacles to assist a male patient in his 40's suffering a medical complaint and trapped above some bluffs on the summit. He was winch extracted from the remote scene and flown to Hikuai in a moderate condition. Transportation to hospital by helicopter wasn't required.

3 MAR: Whangamata - Crew tasked to Wentworth Track, Whangamata to assist a female patient in her teens with a possible dislocated hip. Because of the remote location, she was winch extracted from the scene and flown to Thames Hospital in a minor condition.

3 MAR: Whangamata - Crew tasked to Whangamata to assist a female patient in her 70's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a critical condition.

10 MAR: Pauanui - Crew tasked to Pauanui to assist a male patient in his teens who was towed on a sea biscuit when a wave hit the towing boat and spun it around. As a result, he and another friend were hit by the boat's propeller. Sadly, his friend died and the teenager Westpac 2 crew treated suffered multiple lacerations. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

11 MAR: Waiaro - Crew tasked to the Waiaro area, north of Colville, to assist with the search and rescue of persons in the water. Fortunately all casualties were located and recovered ashore and Westpac 2's services weren't required. Crew were stood down and returned to base.

13 MAR: Thames - Crew tasked to Thames to assist a female patient in her 20's suffering a medical condition. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

17 MAR: Waihi - Crew tasked to Waihi to assist a male patient in his 50's who had a fall in the shower and suffered a neck injury. He was flown to Middlemore Hospital in a serious condition.

20 MAR: Pauanui - Crew tasked to Pauanui to assist a male patient in his 80's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

20 MAR: Waikawau - Crew tasked to Waikawau to assist a male patient in his 70's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

22 MAR: Hauraki Gulf - Crew tasked by Maritime Police to a possible search and rescue after contacting Coromandel Search & Rescue about a red parachute being spotted by a local fisherman. Crew aboard Westpac 2 searched an area between Manaia and the northern edge of Waiheke Island. Multiple search runs were made but nothing was found and Westpac 2 returned to base.

22 MAR: Whangamata - Crew tasked to Whangamata to assist a male patient in his 60's suffering a medical complaint. The patient had to be rapid sequence intubated at the scene, to assist his breathing, and he was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

26 MAR: Whitianga - Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a male patient in his 70's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

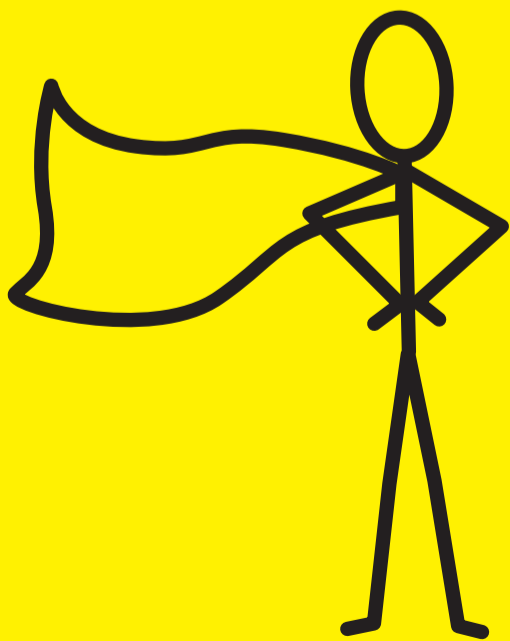
27 MAR: Coromandel - Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 70's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

30 MAR: Thames - Crew tasked to Thames to assist a female patient in her 50's suffering multiple injuries from a car versus truck head on collision. She was the front seat passenger of the car and flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

30 MAR: Pauanui - Crew tasked to Pauanui to assist a paddle boarder in trouble off the Pauanui bar. Crew were stood down enroute and returned to base.

DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

- Area School gymnasium
- Bunnings, Aickin Rd
- Bowling Club, Rutherford Rd
- Combined Squash and Tennis Sports Club, Barroclough Rd
- Carters, 103 Lindsay Rd
- Coastguard, 619 Beach Rd
- Community Swimming Pool, Achilles Ave
- Fire Station, Port Rd and both fire appliances
- Medical Centre, Lincoln Rd
- Moana House, SH25
- New World Supermarket, Aickin Rd
- Onemana Rural Fire depot - Dial 111
- Onemana Surf Club
- Onemana Boatshed Café, Onemana Dr
- St John Ambulance station, Lincoln Rd
- St John Health Shuttles
- St John Op Shop, Martyn Rd
- Surf Club, Williamson Park
- TCDC Area Office, Port Rd
- The Marina, end of Beach Rd
- Titoki Golf Club, Waihi Rd
- Whangamata Club, Port Rd
- Whangamata RSA, Port Rd
- Whangamata Ocean Sports Club, Port Rd
- Whiritoa Rural Fire Station - Dial 111
- Whiritoa Surf Club, Kontiki Rd
- Williamson Golf Club, Achilles Ave
- Z Gas Station, Port/Ocean Rd corner



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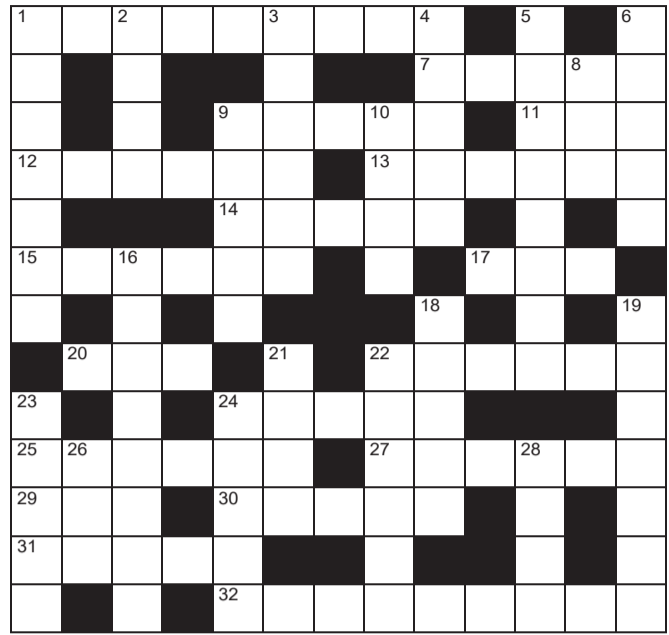
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THAMES

BRAIN BENDERS

answers for each puzzle are included on this page

QUICK crossword



ACROSS

1. Sacking (9)
7. Typical (5)
9. Sceptic (5)
11. Finish equal (3)
12. Kidnap payment (6)
13. Quality of voice (6)
14. Combined (5)
15. Accept without proof (6)
17. Be mistaken (3)
20. Some, or all (3)
22. Meagre (amount) (6)
24. Intimidate (5)
25. Irreverently humorous (6)
27. German submarine (1-5)
29. Geological age (3)
30. Lending money at excessive rates (5)
31. Lamp dweller (5)
32. Adhesive strip (9)

Down

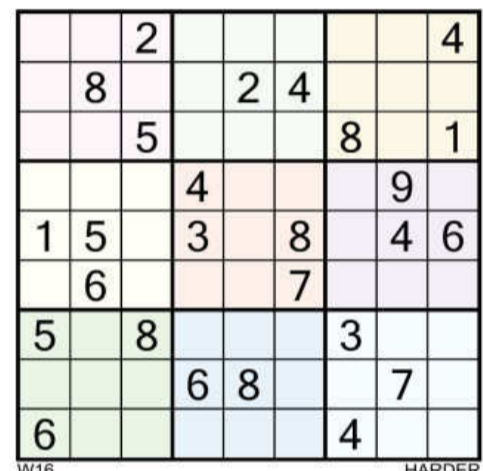
1. During daytime (7)
2. Avoid (4)
3. Hinder or block (6)
4. Coherent (5)
5. Flare up (8)
6. Fast moving (5)
8. Short melody (3)
9. Punctuation mark (5)
10. One thing on a list (4)
16. Underwater barrier (8)
18. Hire purchase (3-2)
19. Ugly (7)
21. Froth (4)
22. Grammatical term for two or more (6)
23. Sediment (5)
24. Musical state of melancholy (5)
26. Anger (3)
28. Water (L) (4)

SUDOKU

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



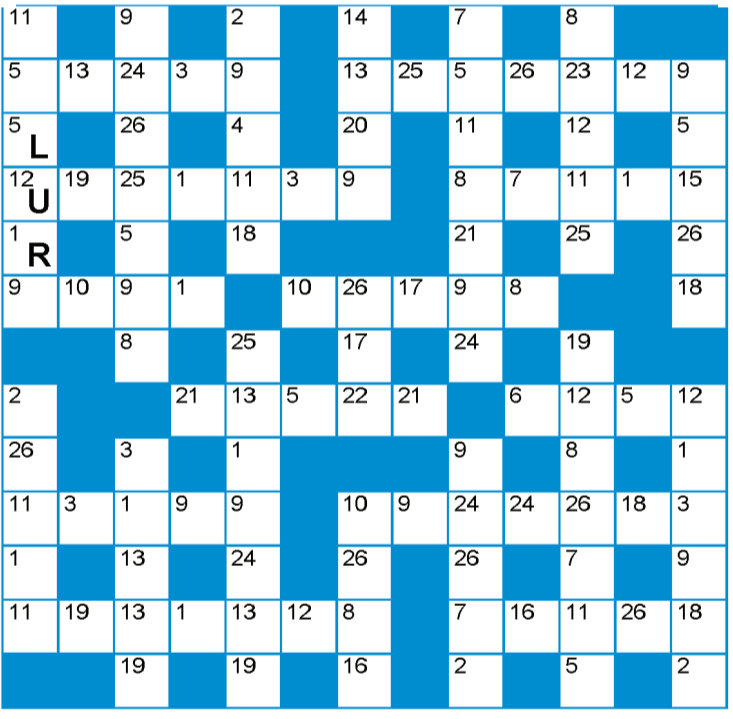
W15 EASY



W16 HARDER

DECODER

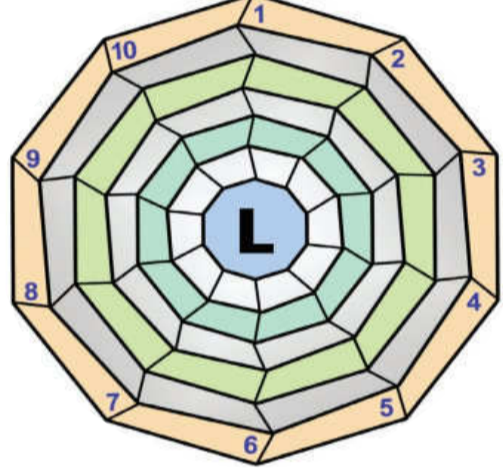
Each number in our DECODER grid represents a different letter - there is a number for all 26 letters of the alphabet. Enter the given letters into all squares with matching numbers. The challenge now is to work out which letters are represented by the other numbers. As you get the letters, enter them into the main grid, and the reference grid. To keep track of the letters you have found, cross them off the alphabet provided.



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													
R				L							U														
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26													

WEBWORD

The answers from 1 to 10 are all seven-letter words ending with L in the centre. If your answers are correct the letters in the outer ring moving clockwise from 1 will reveal the name of a screen comedian (4,6)



- 1 Surgical blade
- 2 Threadlike shoot
- 3 Clothing
- 4 Air hole
- 5 Lascivious
- 6 Naval commander
- 7 Odd
- 8 Musical performance
- 9 Everlasting
- 10 Broad-minded

TRIO

Find the 3-letter sequence that completes these four words.

___PT
OUT___
A___LIC
DE___

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WORDSEARCH - Easter

AUTUMN	Y	N	N	U	B	C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	P	E	F	E
BUNNY	H	A	G	I	F	T	P	R	A	Y	E	R	S	W	I	K	R	X
CHICKEN	S	V	O	F	E	P	O	H	O	C	H	U	R	C	H	U	I	Y
CHOCOLATE	R	S	O	C	P	S	T	A	H	M	U	S	I	C	S	V	E	A
CHURCH	E	W	D	I	S	N	H	O	L	L	O	W	B	A	R	T	N	C
CROSS	W	W	F	N	S	U	E	T	A	R	O	C	E	D	O	N	D	Z
DECORATE	O	O	R	C	U	B	E	A	S	T	E	R	Z	M	W	Z	S	B
EASTER	L	L	I	I	S	S	N	N	Y	K	T	M	B	H	N	L	M	E
EGGS	F	L	D	P	E	S	E	O	S	N	F	U	N	C	T	I	O	N
FESTIVE	T	A	A	Q	J	O	K	I	R	A	B	B	I	T	R	V	H	X
FLOWERS	P	M	Y	F	H	R	C	S	N	O	I	S	S	A	P	U	C	W
FRIENDS	G	O	O	D	F	R	I	D	A	Y	T	N	E	L	W	E	E	K
FUN	U	H	G	U	T	C	I	S	G	G	E	K	C	Y	N	Z	T	W
FUNCTION	R	S	F	N	Y	T	H	I	N	U	V	L	X	T	X	V	Y	P
GIFT	P	R	C	O	Z	O	C	M	Y	O	E	A	U	T	U	M	N	R
GOOD FRIDAY	L	A	J	U	G	H	B	R	E	V	I	T	S	E	F	N	C	U
HATS	E	M	L	S	I	U	S	C	N	O	I	G	I	L	E	R	X	L
HOLIDAY	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	T	N	E	L	W	E	E	K	E	N	D
HOLLOW																		
HOPE																		
HOT CROSS BUN																		
HUNT																		
JESUS																		
JOY																		
LENT																		
MARSHMALLOW																		
MIRACLE																		

SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU

W15

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

W16

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

TRIO CRY

WEBWORD

1. Scapel
2. Tendril
3. Apparel
4. Nostri
5. Lustful
6. Admiral
7. Unusual
8. Recital
9. Eternal
10. Liberal

Outer: STAN LAUREL

WORDSEARCH

CROSSWORD

Down: 1. Durnal, 2. Shun, 3. Stymie, 4. Lucid, 5. Outburst, 6. Fleet, 8. Air, 9. Comma, 10. Item, 16. Sandbank, 18. Lay-by, 19. Eyegore, 21. Suds, 22. Plural, 23. Dregs, 24. Blues, 26. Ire, 28. Aqua.

DECODER

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

OMNI Celebrations



Four founding members were among those who celebrated 30 years of Omni Whangamata on March 19.

Those founding members - Doreen Pitcher, Rae Giles, Shona Waters and Tilly Scherer - cut the cake after a lovely meal Rae gave a lively presentation about the club's beginnings.

The name OMNI, short for the Latin word omniscient - meaning all encompassing - was chosen with members feeling it reflected their membership well.

Please be clear it is not an acronym for Old Men Not Invited!

Meetings have always been held monthly, with early meetings often held in members' homes with a pot luck dinner and lively discussion on current issues.

Over the years there have been many

interesting, entertaining speakers at lots of different locations, eg: the old Whangamata Hotel, the Hauraki Tavern, a barbecue then a movie, and a boat ride around the harbour with a fish 'n chip dinner.

Since its inception the club has provided a scholarship to a senior female student at the Whangamata Area School.

This year the scholarship has gone to head girl Ashleigh Crofskey-Howse, enabling her to attend a leadership course.

It is remarkable that, 30 years on, the club continues to flourish with new membership capped at 66.

Rae payed tribute to Loraine Cleaver for formulating the idea of OMNI and the committee members for all their work over the years to ensure the club's success.




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111 TUNA PLACE

COSY AS – IN ONEMANA

This property is all about location, it's just a short distance to the beach. It has 70s charm and can come with the matching furniture from that bygone era! Open plan kitchen, dining and lounge area at patio level for easy indoor/ outdoor living. Up a few stairs to the two bedrooms, toilet and combined bathroom / laundry. The master bedroom has direct access to a north /east facing deck. It's a compact freehold title with shared driveway but has its own off-street parking space. Given the location, it could work well as a casual rental. Have a look and explore how it could work for you.

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109 ACHILLES AVENUE

HOME & INCOME

This well-appointed three-bedroom home sits on an easy care 809m2 (more or less) site, is fully fenced and gated and has a carport at the rear of the house with extra lock-up storage.

Practical layout with open plan living/dining at the front followed by bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet and large lined utility cupboard.

A fully self-contained 1-bedroom unit is located near the rear boundary which could be utilised as extra income or accommodate family and friends.

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\$810,000



109 TE TUTU STREET

BUILT FOR THE FUTURE

Not only great workmanship but also thought and material choice both inside and out have been major factors in constructing this property. This spacious 3 bedroom modern home has an office which could serve as a 4th bedroom. The property also boasts quality fittings throughout, an expansive kitchen, open plan lounge/dining flowing on to a spacious north facing deck.

The home enjoys the choice of an alternative power source from solar panels, as well as heating by way of a 'Marshal' heating system, or normal electricity supply. Single garaging in front and a huge high stud tandem garage/workshop facility at rear.

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221 ONEMANA DRIVE

STRONG ON STYLE

Take in the view from this commanding spot in downtown Onemana. A grand sized deck is the perfect vantage point to take in the stunning ocean vista. The floor plan honours the owners while invited guests and family have been well catered for in their separate wing with own lounge and patio outdoor area. All four double bedrooms are spacious, as are the ensuite, bathroom, powder room and laundry. The internal access double garage was designed with a sizeable boat in mind! There is a wide staircase plus a lift and pragmatic separate storage room. The property features a modern entertainer's kitchen, open plan living area flowing to expansive deck making family gatherings a breeze. Outdoor areas and gardens continue the theme of low maintenance, good design and practicality.

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BY NEG



301 RANGI AVENUE

BEACH WITHIN REACH

There are many great features on offer here, with proximity to the beach likely at the top of the list. It's right there - just cross the Island View Reserve and you are on the beach or taking a dip. Five bedrooms over two levels with dual kitchens and bathrooms and a lift between the two.

These separate facilities may inspire plans for a B&B or offer rental income options. Having two lounges plus an additional bunk room gives everyone space. The expansive deck, overlooking the reserve and out to the ocean, can host the biggest & best of BBQs.

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AUCTION



312 MARY ROAD

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Mary Road is a sought after location without a doubt. Add the attraction of what is currently a nice big open space between you and the beach via access 10/Seaview Road and you have a stand-out property.

The original bach and serviced garage remain excellent for holidays and the site has great potential at 814sqm (more or less). It's not hard to recognise quality in terms of beach location and 312 Mary Road has plenty. The 3 bedroom bach can be enjoyed for many years yet with reasonable space, serviceable kitchen including a dishwasher and decking on the north east side of the house!

There is a separate shower room and laundry off the kitchen area, with a separate toilet at the rear of the house. The house has recently had upgrades to the roof & new flooring. The garage is roomy and offers good storage etc - plus an extra toilet. Loads of space on site for vehicles etc.

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How did we do it?

By Chris Woudenberg

Opoutere Bird Saver started small as a bit of back yard hobby really, but then grew into something special that we have today.

I attended numerous talks and did a Controlled Substances Course and learnt about best industry practices. One thing I did pick up was that best industry practice is not always the best for all industries.

So the concept of island trapping was born. We were lucky in Opoutere that our project was not restricted by a lack of funding. So we had the ability to try all methods as pests like stoats and rats are not the predators they are by accident, they are smart and highly intelligent animals – killing machines – so to be able to catch them we had to also be smarter and not be scared to be different.

Island trapping is around the concept of an island, where everything is in one place – a DOC 200 trap, a bait station and a good nature trap.

What I had learnt is that the design of the DOC 200 wooden trap was an accident, meaning that rats and stoats are attracted to the box because of its design, not because of the lure being used – it caught many a rat with no lure at all.

Rats are inquisitive by nature but are very cautious as well which is a big downfall for the Good Nature traps. These are a fantastic Kiwi invention but by nature rats and possums are just not attracted to them.

They are attracted to them

by the lure, so when food is in abundance why would a possum or rat want to point upwards towards the sky and walk up into a trap and kill itself – that, in my opinion, is not natural behaviour.

Yes, they work well as a mechanical function and do that job, but they fail in the first sense of attracting the animal. Our possums in New Zealand spend 90 per cent of their time mating or looking for a mate and 10 per cent eating or looking for food. In Australia where they come from it's the complete reverse.

Sadly this is where toxins like sodium fluoroacetate (1080), brodifacoum (active ingredient in your rat bait) and diphacinone come in.

The pests are doing something that is natural to them – they eat.

But these toxins are designed so the animals eating them don't get sick immediately, so they don't know that the toxin they are eating is killing them.

The problem with this method is it's not painless and it is a toxin, but sadly they are very effective in what they do and is why they must be used, especially in steep, dense and dangerous bush.

But they do break down in the environment and in the case of 1080, simple old water breaks it down and it turns into vinegar all very quickly – what could be more perfect as a toxin. Luckily in NZ we don't have a shortage of water.

Next month – Our success, what has been achieved.

Banded rail decapitated



Whangamata Harbour Care pest control volunteer John Dick (pictured) saw first hand the results of a stoat attack on a banded rail chick in its salt marsh habitat round the Whangamata Harbour.

The chick was decapitated in the attack and left, a random killing common to stoats.

The banded rail is a secretive marsh and farmland bird slightly smaller than a hen pheasant, its habitat reduced by the spread of mangroves in recent years.

Eight Whangamata Harbour Care pest control volunteers maintain a series of traps and bait stations reducing predators . . . sadly one was missed.

Readers' photos



Neil Wallis snapped this unusual shot of Whangamata-owned Buick, 2 LO 4U.



Too big for its boots – David Branks was tickled by this photo of another Buick that just couldn't quite squeeze into its garage.

Bowl me over! What a great game...



Whangamata Bowling Club held their annual Classic tournament in March with 96 players from 24 clubs around the Coromandel, Bay of Plenty and Waikato competing for honours.

The club also hosted the Whangamata RSA annual welfare bowls tournament where all funds raised were given to help returned servicemen and women for their requirements.

The RSA tournament fell on St Patrick's Day so most players got into the groove and wore green outfits - some very peculiar ones among them.



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CLUB NOTICES

RSA ADJUNCT INDOOR BOWLS

February and March

From the bowling alley to the mat...

We welcomed Nancy Stewart this year as a bowler. The past six weeks showed an interesting start to the year with a good mix of winners – most consistent was John Hares with 2 wins, Laurene Eades 2 wins plus 1 raffle win, Trish Schults 2 wins plus 1 raffle win, Lynda Callaghan no wins but 2 raffles.

So the player of the month goes to Laurene by a well baked cake.

We're into competitions now with men's singles played on March 26 and ladies singles on April 9.

The three qualifiers in the men's singles were Peter Gorrie, John Hares and Tim Jones, with some exciting bowls (yes, exciting) bowls being played.

Peter had a win over John in the semis and Tim was triumphant in the final with both games coming down to the last end. Congratulations Tim.

Thanks to all who took part and to the ladies who scored (and made the tea) and to Bill Watson who washed up!

Good luck to Cynthia – we hope to see you bowling again soon.

New players and visitors are always welcome – 9.45am prompt for a 10am start every Tuesday at the RSA.

– Trish Schultz

WHANGAMATA GOLF CLUB

21 March: Arthur Reid Pairs – RD 3. 27 players. Winners: Keith Hodgson & Neil Baker.

Prizewinners: Jan McCarron 22, Anne Gibbons 18, Gay Adam 17, Gillian Denson 16, Marj L'Amie 16c/b. Keith Hodgson 21, Neil Baker 21, Leyden Baker 21, Ross McKinnon 21, Terry Lynch 19, Colin Brinkworth 18, Bob Hamilton 17. NTPs: No 3: Carole Bishop, No 7: Leyden Baker. Julian West Whangamata Real Estate Longest Putt, No 4: Carolyn Alderton.

14 March: Vets Stableford – 2nd Round Arthur Reid Trophy. Number 28 players. Prizewinners: Jan McCarron 22, Anne Gibbons 19c/b, Carolyn Alderton 19c/b, Gail Spencer 19c/b, Gay Adams 17c/b. Neil Baker 20, Brian Wilson 19, Bill Witham 18c/b, Bill Barker 18c/b, Colin Brinkworth 18c/b, Hugh Aitchison 17c/b, Rod McLeod 17c/b. NTPs: No 3: Sarah Walker. No 7: Colin Brinkworth. Julian West Whangamata Real Estate Longest Putt, No 4: Bill Barker.

WHANGAMATA CLUB INDOOR BOWLS

Well here we go again with another fantastic publication for our lovely little Beach Town where we all love to enjoy fun times together.

DON'T FORGET WHANGAMATA CLUB INDOOR BOWLING WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY AT 1.15PM

Friday 1 March: Winners Alex Steel, Jenny Harpur & Trish Schultz. Runners Up Tim Jones Jim Hiley & Max Hill. Raffle won by Sue Staub.

Wednesday 6 March: Winners Tim Jones & Gary St Clair. Runners Up Peter Gorrie & Ann Costar. Raffle won by Nancy Stewart.

Friday 8 March: We held the Ivy Horn Drawn Fours Championship which was won by Alex Steel, Ann Purcell, Jim Bell & Denise Braithwaite. Runners Up were Tim Jones, Laurene Eades, Marilyn Steel & June Wilkinson. Raffle won by Barb Mathieson.



Tim Jones triumphed in the RSA men's singles.

Wednesday 13 March: Winners Gary St. Clair & Dexter Harpur. Runners Up Paulette Glading & Stu Braithwaite. No Raffle.

Friday 15 March: Winners Lindsay Tomlin, Pat Mortenson & Ann Costar. Runners Up Ann Purcell, Stephen Hodgson & Dexter Harpur. Raffle won by Sue Staub.

Wednesday 20 March: Winners John Hares & Joy O'Sullivan. Runners Up Peter Gorrie & Ellen Martin. Raffle won by Lindsay Tomlin.

Friday 22 March: Winners Jim Ritchie & June Wilkinson. Runners Up Pat Mortenson, Trish Schultz and Barbara Mathieson. Raffle won by Jim Bell

Well done to all winners, runners up & raffle winners for the Month of March and we would like to welcome a new couple who have joined our Club Kay and Jim Ritchie who come through from Whakatane on a regular basis to their beach home and friends here in Whangamata.

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Try mahjong



WANTED – more mahjong players, especially men! Roger and Snow (pictured) are the only two men among about 60 women who play at the Whangamata Club on Friday afternoons.

A learners group is held on Monday afternoons at the club – just pop along on either day and there will be many people willing to coach you!

Ask for Vina or Diane – or bowl on up to Roger or Snow and make yourself known.

The game is ideal for warding off boredom and is a great stimulant for the brain!

Lions gift \$18,000 to fire brigade

Whangamata Fire Brigade has reached its fundraising target to add an 8m by 11m extension to its existing Port Rd building - thanks in large to Whangamata Lions Club.

At the beginning of April Lions Club President Trish Schultz presented Chief Fire Officer Nigel Airey with cheques totalling \$18,000, the

final amount needed to build the extension.

Fundraising, however, will continue for furnishings once the extension is completed.

The addition will provide better training and meeting facilities for the brigade members as well as other organisation that use the building.



HOP RESULTS

Go Waihi Warm Up Party

- Best Hot Rod Kevin Watkins, 1933 Ford Roadster
- Best 50s/60s Classic Brian O'Connor, 1959 Volkswagen D Cab
- Best Dressed Female - Margaret Maclaurin
- Best Dressed Male - Bob Neville
- Best Dressed Girl - Crystal Edward
- Best Dressed Boy - Alex Bennie
- Best Dressed Family - The Tuckers
- 50" Panasonic TV Draw - Cheryl Wakelyn

Repco Whitianga Beach Party

- Best Shop - Mainly Casual
- Best Staff - Harbour House Café
- Best Dressed - Male Brian Strickland
- Best Dressed Couple - Colleen & Bryan/Carol & John
- \$1000 Entrant Draw - Sandra Strickland
- Top 2 Cars - Bob Neville, 1928 Ford Speedster

Top 2 Cars - Suzy Mattock, 1931 Ford Victoria

Castrol Edge Thundercruise

- Best of Show - Ted Williams, 1926 Ford Lakester
- \$1000 Entrant Draw - Kerry Grant, 1923 Ford T Bucket

Best Nostalgia Car - Bob Neville, 1928 Ford Speedster

Best Shop - Cut Backs
Best Rock'n'Roll Club Banner - The Drifters

Repco Best Hot Rod - Dean Croker, 1948 Chev Thriftmaster

Best of Show - Cool Classic Car Show - Valentine Savage, 1960 Ford Galaxie
Best Classic Boat - Guy McNab
Best Ford - Peter Manual, 1963 Ford Fairlane

NZHRA Trophy - Lyal Stewart, 1932 Ford Coupe

Des Rea Memorial Award - David Fenton, 1958 Chev Impala

Best Tot Rod - Glen Longley ,Austin Harcourts Best Hop House - Stacey & Mel, Tikiville

Top 3 Bikes

- Matt Jukic, Big Bear
- Bruce Sharp, Harley
- David Keogh, Triumph

Top 2 Retro Caravans

- Phil Dunston, 1957 Norma Jones
- Patrick McCullouch, 1959 Liteweight Kiwi

Top 5 Cars

- Ted Williams, 1926 Ford Lakester
- Dave Murtagh, 1964 Ford Galaxie
- Todd Collins, 1955 Chev Nomad
- Lyal Stewart, 1932 Ford Coupe
- Nigel Clothier, 1932 Ford Tudor

- Best Bike - Matt Jukic, Big Bear
- Best Retro Caravan - Phil Dunston, 1957 Norma Jones
- Best Car - Dave Murtagh, 1964 Ford Galaxie

NZHRA Members \$1000 Draw - Marie Bird, 1932 Ford Coupe

Prize Draw

- 1967 Ford Galaxie - Helen Brougham
- 2019 Harley-Davidson Iron - Paul Campbell
- Jack Daniels JCD Customs Retro Caravan Auction Winner - Kaye Holwerda
- \$10,000 Entrant Draw - Phil Jorgensen, 1969 Chev Camaro

New World Whangamata Junkyard Fashion Show - Mark Dunn
Whanga Bar Hop Idol - Eugene from the Campground

Burger Fuel Retro Pin Up Show

- Winner - Miss Gambie
- Runner Up - Madeline Mayhem
- Special Prize - Eila Mei

Strictly Time Gold Charm Bracelet Draw - Cath Norrie, Napier

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Last minute coup by Tairua

Whangamata Red & Whites were just pipped at the post – literally – in their game against Tairua on Saturday March 29.

Whangamata was 14-3 in the lead at half-time and near the end, the score was 21-15 in their favour.

In the closing minutes Tairua stormed back with a converted try, making the score 22-21.

The next home game will be at Rugby Park, Aickin Rd, this Saturday April, 13.



Sharp as a dart – that’s our Jude



Jude Fenton began playing singles darts in 2004 and for the next 12 years she won the Whangamata Club women’s singles trophy.

The following year she missed out as she was competing overseas at the time – but the following year (last year), she was back with a vengeance, taking out the trophy again.

Not content with singles, Jude (known in the game as Judge Judy) also started playing pairs in

2006 – taking out 10 ladies pairs titles since then.

A couple of weeks before a tournament Jude will practise for 2 – 3 hours a day, using a webcam to compete with players from all around the world.

‘I’ve made quite a few friends that way,’ Jude says.

Her latest successes include the Canterbury Classic in February where, with Jo Steed from

Northland, she won the ladies pairs (and was runner-up in the singles); and the Northland Open in March where she was defending her title. Sadly, she was pipped at the post.

Her next challenge is in Invercargill followed by the North Island Masters in Hastings at the end of April.

Jude has also qualified to compete at the Worlds champs in London later this year... so watch this space.

The trophy room continues to overflow with Jude’s latest trophies from Canterbury and Northland.

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THE BACH

Looking back



1. Dianne relaxes with her dog Molly, right, and a visiting dog, Rex.
 2. An interesting outdoor hanging made from corks and paua shells.
 3. An old surfboard and bird bath create a relaxing, beachy garden.
 4. While parts of the interior have been modernised, the furnishings are faithful to the style of the 60s and 70s.
 5. A collection of hats features on a wall.
 6. A triptych of artwork hangs above the couch.
 7. An old potbelly is fired up to keep the chill from the evening air.
 8. The galley-style kitchen has been revamped to make a pleasurable working space.

Unit becomes beloved family bach

The bach that Dianne Camp has owned for more than 30 years was originally one of two side-by-side units, both of which were, allegedly, home to numerous parties, giving both properties a 'really bad reputation'.

Dianne has been coming to Whangamata from her home in Arapuni where she and her husband owned and operated the Arapuni Garage, for decades.

'We bought this little place and did it up, modernising the kitchen and putting new joinery in. There were no gardens here until I came - it was just a little unit sitting on bare grass,' Dianne said.

'It was meant to be a stepping

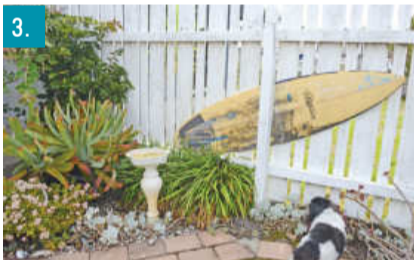
stone to something bigger and better but we loved it so much we never got round to selling.'

In Hetherington Rd, it's the perfect spot for watching Beach Hop vehicles pass by - and for simply relaxing in a cottage garden atmosphere.

With a sheltered barbecue area out the back it's the perfect spot for a lazy summer evening.

When she's 'in residence', Dianne, who is in her 70s, enjoys kayaking, cycling and walking with the friends she has made in Whangamata.

Back home she also enjoys walking the Waikato River trails and dancing.



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