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To the EDITOR

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

Whangamata Info Centre closure

I am a volunteer at the Info Centre. This morning (Tuesday June 4) we were informed about its closure at the end of June.

Does the Info Centre really need to close?

The Info Centre is the hub of our community.

- 7,100 international visitors came for advice and information about the whole of the Coromandel over a 10 month period.
- 55,000 door count of customers in the same period.

- The centre supports the community by: booking tickets for accommodation and travel throughout NZ; Collection point for Grey Power; Lions projects; Dress for Success; agent for dry cleaning service; Courier agency; Information for new residents; Information about local service and businesses.

- Thames and Whitianga i-Sites get sufficient funding from the Council.

- The info centre was reinstated after a public outcry, by Enterprise Whangamata on behalf of the council five years ago after the previous one was closed.

Some funding comes from Council but is not sufficient to make the centre viable.

Enterprise Whangamata have done everything possible to try and get the council to keep the facility open.

On behalf of the Whangamata Info Centre Volunteer Staff: is this what you want?

Let the decision-makers know what you think:

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Robyn Pilcher
WHANGAMATA

Fair share

Dear Editor,

I think it is important for the residents of Whangamata to know that Enterprise Whangamata have done their

utmost to make the Centre work but due to council not fully funding it like they do in Whitianga and Thames, it is not sustainable.

Whangamata has the most visitors than any other centre on the Coromandel but again are the poor cousins. Having been a member of Enterprise Whangamata, I support their decision to make TDCD accountable.

It doesn't help that long term councillors vote against increase funding. Let's vote later this year for those who want to see the town get its fair share of ratepayers' money.

Davina Andrews

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Spirited voyage

For Shantae Sellars, a 10-day trip aboard the Spirit of New Zealand was a life-changing event.

The 16-year-old, Yr 12 Whangamata Area School student said mixing with more than 30 strangers on board the yacht 'definitely' improved her confidence.

'I learned several things - one was I learned to sail, I learned to socialise and I also learned I could make friends easily,' Shantae said.

On board, the 36 students - 18 boys and 18 girls - sailed from Auckland's Viaduct to Great Barrier Island, down to Coromandel Town area and back to Auckland, starting each day with an early morning jump over the side in to the water.

'That really woke us up,' Shantae said.

They learned to set sails, clean the boat, prepare dinner, clean cabins, pair up for 2-hour night shifts on watch, and how to cope without technology.

'Each day we had a quiet hour in which we could do whatever we wanted. Otherwise, we were kept busy and the time just flew.'



Shantae feels the Spirit of New Zealand adventure isn't publicised enough. She knew about it because her sister Tiarna had experienced the venture and had also found it a great boost to her confidence.

'We had to raise our own money to go on the trip and I was so lucky the Whangamata Lions and the RSA both gave me grants. As well as the onboard experience I also got to see dolphins at close range several times,' Shantae said.

She recommends that any student who might be interested in the experience, talk to her about the trip or see their teacher at school.



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13	Thu	03:03	1.9	15:40	09:16	0.3	21:40	07:28	17:03
14	Fri	04:00	1.9	16:39	10:13	0.3	22:38	07:28	17:03
15	Sat	04:55	1.9	17:35	11:09	0.3	23:35	07:28	17:03
16	Sun	05:49	1.9	18:27		0.3	12:01	07:29	17:03
17	Mon	06:40	1.9	19:17	00:28	0.4	12:51	07:29	17:03
18	Tue	07:30	1.8	20:04	01:19	0.4	13:39	07:30	17:03
19	Wed	08:17	1.8	20:49	02:07	0.4	14:24	07:30	17:03
20	Thu	09:02	1.8	21:33	02:54	0.4	15:08	07:30	17:03
21	Fri	09:46	1.8	22:16	03:39	0.4	15:50	07:30	17:04
22	Sat	10:29	1.7	22:59	04:23	0.4	16:32	07:31	17:04
23	Sun	11:12	1.7	23:41	05:06	0.5	17:14	07:31	17:04
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28	Fri	02:41	1.7	15:13	08:53	0.5	21:13	07:31	17:06
29	Sat	03:31	1.7	16:07	09:44	0.5	22:07	07:31	17:06
30	Sun	04:22	1.7	17:00	10:36	0.4	23:01	07:31	17:07

July

☾ New Moon: 3rd ● Full Moon: 17th

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2	Tue	06:07	1.8	18:44		0.5	12:19	07:31	17:07
3	Wed	07:00	1.9	19:35	00:47	0.4	13:10	07:31	17:08
4	Thu	07:53	1.9	20:26	01:40	0.3	14:00	07:31	17:08
5	Fri	08:46	1.9	21:18	02:32	0.3	14:51	07:31	17:09
6	Sat	09:39	1.9	22:09	03:25	0.2	15:42	07:31	17:09
7	Sun	10:33	1.9	23:02	04:18	0.2	16:34	07:30	17:10
8	Mon	11:28	1.9	23:56	05:11	0.2	17:28	07:30	17:11
9	Tue		2.0	12:24	06:05	0.2	18:23	07:30	17:11
10	Wed	00:50	2.0	13:22	07:00	0.2	19:21	07:30	17:12

At one with the environment

Last week saw 73 students, three teachers and a team of parents from Whangamata Area School attend a 5-day camp at MERC - Marine Education and Recreational Centre based in Long Bay Auckland.

The full name of the camp is The Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreational Centre after the famous New Zealand sailor murdered on the Amazon.

The trip was planned as an extension to the Year 7 and 8 students' current classroom programme based on the protection of our marine environment.

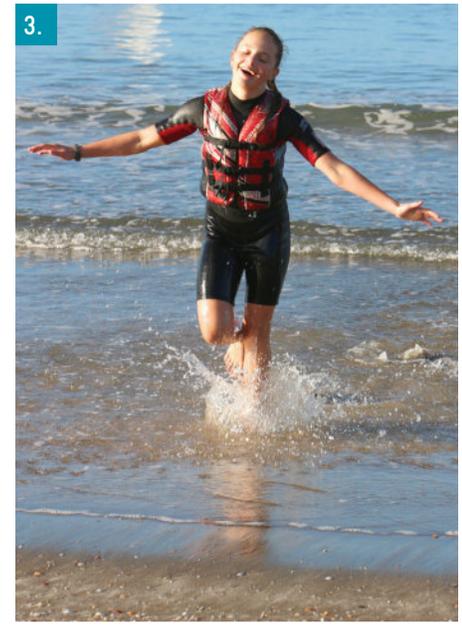
After starting the week at Goat Island, snorkelling with snapper and stingray the students returned to Long Bay Monday night.

Accommodation was next to the beach and the students were surrounded by equipment that would tempt, challenge and totally engage them over the coming days.

As well as expanding their appreciation for our marine environment the camp involved a wide range of team building challenges that the students responded to with vigour and commitment, whether it be sailing, abseiling, kayaking - both flat water and surf - archery or mountain biking.

Seemingly simple tasks were given an edge that made for a memorable and educational trip for all involved.

- Photos and report from Whangamata Area School



1. (Left to right) Ryan Brickwood, Liam Rogers, Austin Dyer and Ben Milne.
 2. Samuel-Flynn New.
 3. Emma Hodgson.
 4. Tayla Davis Mateara (waving) and Caitlin Wairepo McNee (below boom facing camera).
 5. Jaxon Higgins.

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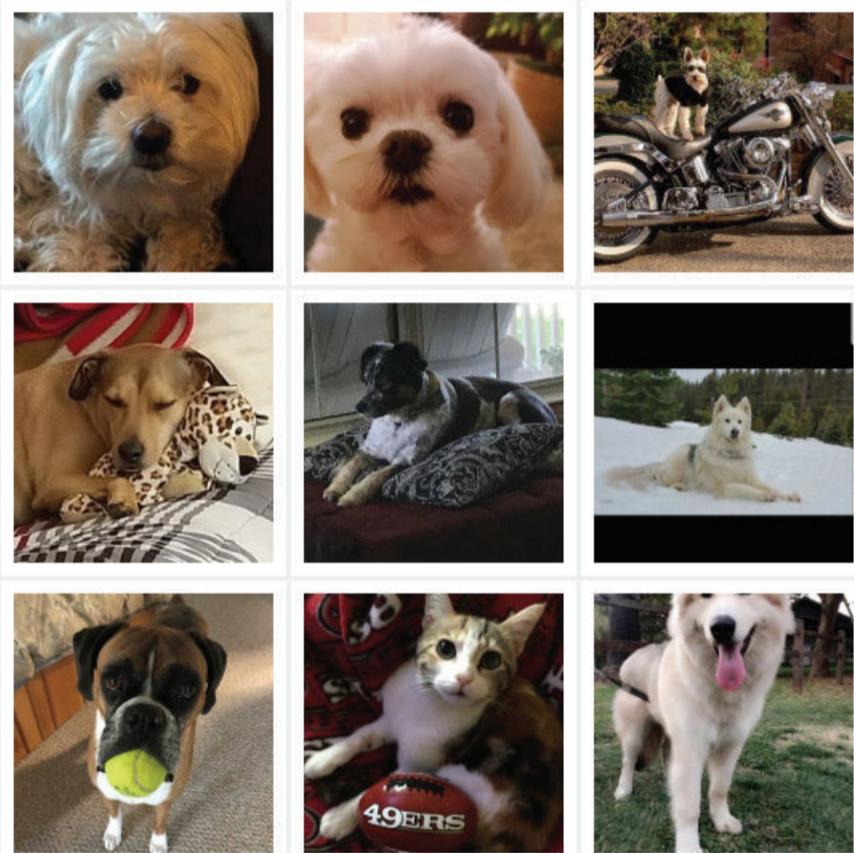
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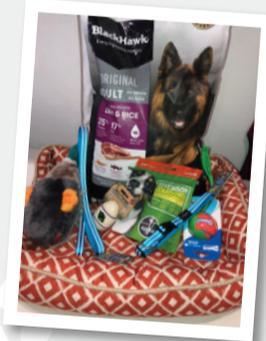


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Winners announced by phone or email and again in our *Whangamata NEWS* August edition!



EDITORIAL

Caring, sharing community digs deep

What an amazing community we live in. With a permanent population of less than 4000, parents, businesses, community groups and other individuals - no matter how rich or poor - constantly come up with the goods to help others.

That is evidenced in this month's *whangamataNEWS* with numerous groups and individuals doing their thing for cancer causes - all up, close to \$13,000 was raised.

Another huge effort was put in to raise funds for a group of young people and their chaperones to go to Vanuatu to build water tanks and help the villagers who don't have the privileges we do here in

New Zealand.

A fancy gumboot day raised money for the Muslim victims and their families in Christchurch - and next month we will feature the generosity of the Whangamata Lions Club, a local business donating brand new cabinetry and a couple who work tirelessly for the good of the people of Whangamata.

If you know of an organisation or someone who has gone out of their way to help others, please let us know at whangamatanews@gmail.com

- Remember, *whangamataNEWS* is delivered to outlets in and around town on the second Wednesday of every month.



Looking ahead to next year's elections

I know it seems early to be thinking about next year's general election but at voting time in 2020 there will be a referendum asking us all to answer the question - should marijuana be legalised for personal use?

We're having this referendum thanks to the political trade off that led to the coalition Government. It's part of the price the Labour Party paid to cobble a coalition together following the last election.

I often hear people from other parts of the country joking about 'Coromandel green' being our biggest local export and there's no doubt we have something of a reputation in that regard. But this referendum is a serious question which could lead to marijuana being legalised.

We deserve to be fully informed about the implications and risks of legalising marijuana because there is evidence that it does harm.

Many people see cannabis as part of an epidemic of illegal drugs that are tearing our communities apart, robbing young people of their ambitions, damaging mental and physical health, and ruining lives.

The question about legalising recreational use of marijuana deserves the robust process of public consultation, select committee deliberations, expert evidence and debate that would bring drug reform legislation into law and allow the public to be crystal clear what they're being asked to vote on in 18 months' time. But we know that this won't happen.

It's a poor political decision. The Labour Government has decided that New Zealanders will have to rely on a draft Bill when they vote next year. Voters will be asked to say yes or no to a referendum that is based on a Bill that may not survive through a select committee in the next Parliamentary term.

The referendum effectively won't be binding. What the public votes on in 2020 may be completely changed by the time any actual Bill is introduced to the House, and then changed again at Committee.

This referendum has forced us to ask many questions as there is so much uncertainty in this policy.

Could this referendum lead to more young people becoming regular users? Will drugs in the workplace become a bigger problem? Are we comfortable to share the road with someone who is driving stoned? These and many others are all questions that must be answered first.

There are the other risks that haven't been discussed like approval for marijuana infused snacks such as lollipops and gummy bears that may accidentally be consumed by children.

So even though the 2020 election seems some way off, it's not too early for us all to be thinking about the issues around potentially legalising marijuana and the impacts that may have on our society.

- Authorised by Scott Simpson MP, 614 Pollen St, Thames



Barbara's Pink Ribbon



Another Pink Ribbon event held in Whangamata was Coffee and Cake at Smash Pipi. Organised by Barbara Collett, the event attracted 56 people, several of whom had experienced their own cancer journey. Almost \$800 was raised for the Cancer Society. 'I was expecting about 30 people but the turnout at 56 was quite overwhelming,' Barbara said. She wore her now-famous-in-Whangamata pink fluffy hat adorned with little badges, each representing the people Barbara has helped through their cancer.

Going pink for cancer awareness

The Whangamata Ocean Sports Breast Cancer Awareness High Tea last month raised more than \$8000 for the Breast Cancer Research Fund.

The speakers for this year's event were Ange Davie and Jenny Kranenburg who both raised awareness of the need for vigilance within the younger female community by sharing their journeys.

Jan Collins from the local Cancer Support Group also outlined their role.

Support from the local community and businesses was amazing with impressive sponsorship of more than 100 prizes. Thanks to the generous Whangamata community very few ladies left

without something extra not to mention a lighter purse for those who 'won' auctioned items and/or bought raffle tickets.

Generous donations by our business sector were auctioned, raffled or awarded as spot prizes. The variety was endless, reflecting the array of businesses and community minded people who gave willingly.

Thanks to Dennis Coombes who donated his time to conduct the auction. Thanks also to Jacqui James for her role as MC and the sponsorship committee for the many km walked in approaching business owners.

This event couldn't have been possible without the tireless work of the Pink Ribbon High Tea Com-

mittee and the participation of the WOSC with Phil Keogh and his team promoting the event, selling tickets and providing the space, bubbles and generally putting up with the Pink Ribbon Committee's requests and disruptions to the club routines.

In our community we also have generous ladies who not only bought tickets but also contributed tasty morsels for this Breast Cancer Research fundraiser.

Roll on 2020! An equally successful Breast Cancer Awareness Event already being planned as the Team acquires feedback and debriefs.

- Britta Frogley

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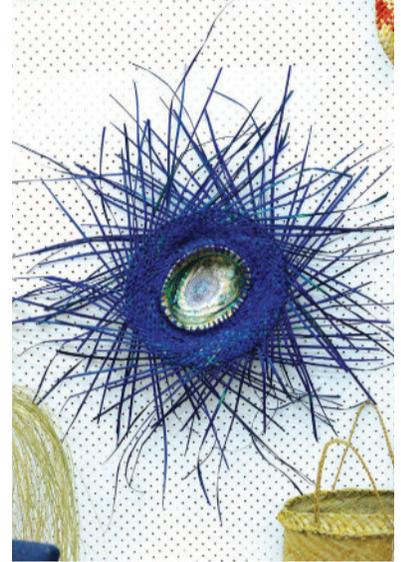
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A big day out...

The two-day Big Arts Day Out, an annual display of art and 'give-it-a-go' sessions organised by the Whangamata Arts Collective, proved another success this year. Held at the Memorial Hall every Queen's Birthday Weekend, the event is ideal for the entire family to view or try spinning, weaving, making book marks, painting, flax work, and many more crafts.



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Clubs NZ North Island Mah Jong Champ 2019

The event was hosted by the Whangamata RSA Inc. this weekend 25th/26th May.

This was the 10th Anniversary of this event. It was started ten years ago at the Whangamata Club Inc in 2009 spearheaded by Janet Randell with a small group of eager ladies.

Geoff March opened the tournament on Saturday. It was a fun filled event with lots of laughter serious twittering, heaps of punging and konging. We had players from as far south as Upper Hutt, East Taradale, West Hamilton and North Auckland. This is the last year the Clubs New Zealand North Island Champs will be held as at a Delegates Meeting on Saturday night it has now been changed to the Clubs New Zealand National Mah Jong Tournament. This will now incorporate any player from the

North or South Island.

The winner of the Clubs New Zealand prizes were Kathleen Cochet Papakura Club and Snow Harris Whangamata Club.

Due to it being the last North Island Champ a unique and special club was formed called the "Exclusive CNZ Naughty Mah Jong Club". Why Naughty you may ask, well the 18 Ladies all scored a zero or nought in one of the sessions so a certificate was provided to each of those lucky or should I say not so lucky players of which I was one. The President of the Whangamata Mah Jong Club Aldevina Carroll actually scored two naughties.

Now down to the serious business, the winners of the tournament were 1st Carol Ferris Whangamata Club, 2nd Joyce Deeming Whangamata Club and 3rd Nancy Soper Whangamata Club.

Upper Hutt presented to a lucky player an entry into their tournament in March 2020. The Winner was Linda Harris. Thanks go to the Upper Hutt Mah Jong Club.

There were 7 Session Winners and lots of other prizes handed out.

The first Clubs New Zealand Mah Jong Na-



tionals will be held at the Whangamata Club Inc. in 2020 and 2021 Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club.

Special thanks for your Sponsorship, First National Whangamata, Maree Schiphorst and The Foodmarket Whangamata. Thanks to the amazing group of Ladies who helped with morning and afternoon teas, scoring and our Games Controllers. Last but not least thanks to Kerry, Sara and Angela from our Club office. A special mention to Sara who did an amazing job decorating our Mah Jong corner with a Chinese Mah Jong theme it was beautiful.

- Compiled by Janet Randell
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Absent - Phil Keogh (Nigel), Julie Watkins and Sally Gulbis (Women and Sugar Plum Fairies).

Stepping Out was first produced in the West End in London in 1984. It received the Evening Standard Comedy of the Year Award. It has also played on Broadway in New York.

Liza Minelli starred in the musical film version of Stepping Out with Julie Walters and Shelly Winters.

Mark your calendars now as you won't want to miss it.



Stepping Out, written by Richard Harris, will be the winter highlight for many, as the cast and crew of Whangamata Theatre Society present this hilarious British comedy.

Director Aisne Edwards describes Stepping Out as a 'feel good' comedy which follows the lives of seven women and one man who meet at a weekly dance class to tap their troubles away.

They are led by the ex-professional dancer, now teacher, called Mavis (Sarah Christensen - also choreographer).

Mrs Fraser (Mardi O'Shea) accompanies them with music.

The group begin their journey learning to tap and over several months go from dancers with two left feet to an accomplished dance ensemble.

'The cast are all learning to tap and spend hours each week learning the routines which will culminate in a finale number not to be missed,' Edwards said.

Rehearsals for this Whangamata Theatre Society production are held three times a week.

All 10 characters in the production have to learn a series of tap dances as well as their speaking parts so all are working very hard at this.

'There is also a great backstage crew working on set, costuming, props and marketing.

'Wardrobe person Valda is making beautiful finale outfits while Sandy Moss works on set painting with Adrienne Aislabie getting together props.

'Lois Butcher is prompt and Robyn Pilcher is Production Manager.

'Other crew will be joining in soon to sort set construction, Front of House and everything else involved in a production of this kind,' Edwards said.

The show runs in the Memorial Hall Auditorium from June 26 to 30 and includes matinees on Saturday and Sunday as well as evening performances. Tickets will be available from Whanga Books.



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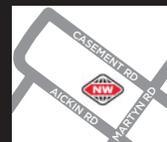
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June 15: Step Right Up - Coastal Rockers celebrate with a Birthday Hop, Whangamata Club, from 7pm. \$15 tickets. Featuring Chet O'Connell & Rock 'N Roll Riot. Dress theme: Circus Carnival. Contact Grace, 022 176 8020.

June 16: A Country Fair with Ocean Air, Whangamata RSA, 11am-4pm. A Whangamata Line Dance Social. \$5 entry. Contact Rochelle 0272605054.

June 26-30: Stepping Out. See the advert on page 9 for times.

• 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: whangamatanews@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.

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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.



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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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The trips have become a regular biennial event for the Whangamata Youth Trust members - aged 16 to 18 - and their chaperones, with this year's trip being the third to Vanuatu.

Four years ago the trust members made a trip to Cambodia but the visits now concentrate on helping the villagers of Vanuatu with water supplies, new buildings, plantings and other projects.

Teenagers, mums, grandmothers, even some men, attended the Fashion for Vanuatu show.

Compered by Bronagh Withell, the show featured clothing from local stores Bettie Monroe, Beach Babies, Mainly Casual, Stirling Sports, Contain, Saltwater Surf and a new designer, Raglan Mermaids.

With a bike from Pedal and Paddle and a barbecue from Bunnings being auctioned, a large chunk of the cost of the trip was raised.

Other events held to raise the funds included a garage sale, Beach Hop fundraisers and a dinner at the Whangamata Golf Club.

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The star of numerous British comedies, including Not the 9 O'Clock News, arrived about four hours later than expected after filming in Whitianga.

A number of disappointed Beach Hop car owners and Coastal Rockers had given up and gone home but the stalwarts remained to greet the comedian-turned-travel-writer.

Rhys Jones' 6-week tour of New Zealand, filming with a Kiwi crew, began at Cape Reinga, taking him down through the Coromandel and on to Rotorua before heading to Taupo and further south.

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Bed and Breakfast providers are an integral part of our tourism offering to visitors and contribute a huge amount to our local economy. An important speaker at the event, Tourism Minister Kelvin Davis also acknowledged support to this industry, as well as a clear understanding of the issues we face in our district, particularly around destination management and freedom camping.

When it comes to hosting visitors, council have to factor in things like additional water use, waste collection, road maintenance, toilet cleaning, compliance monitoring and enforcement costs. We are grateful to the Minister and central government's Tourism Infrastruc-

ture Fund, which has provided financial support to us for things like toilets upgrades and car parking projects. Last year we received \$2million from this fund, and we're currently applying in the latest round for support in costs to managing freedom camping and visitor numbers for this coming summer.

I am lobbying central government to amend Campground Regulations, which would allow councils like ours to approve remote camp facilities on private property, as it's another opportunity to manage freedom campers.

Freedom camping compliance is difficult and costly. Social media can send wrong messages and often prime beach front sites are being degraded through overuse, and abuse of sites available.

Currently, reserve areas can be either managed or leased for a remote camp facility, but councils are constrained by lack of public land where a remote site can be estab-

lished, particularly in more remote locations.

If we can get an amendment to the Campground Regulations definition for remote sites, it would allow us to authorise camps on private land, taking into account distance from existing campground facilities. By providing remote sites where a modest fee is required, the operator provides the basic facilities, at no cost to ratepayers – or the environment.

This proposal is in no way trying to take away from the good work being done by commercial campsites, DOC and sites like the late Peter Simpson's property at Wharekaho/Simpson's Beach, where campervans can park up on the family's private property for a small donation.

It's about finding the right space for freedom camping – because at the end of the day – it's a space where I don't want our ratepayers having to foot the bill.



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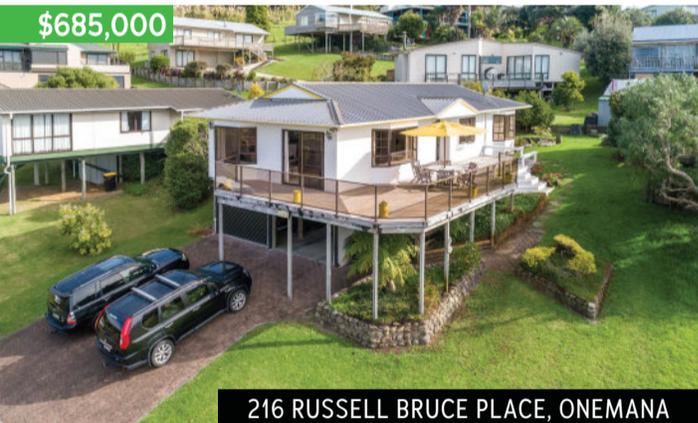
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Letters > FROM P3

Get a Gullinator

I read with interest last week's letter re rubbish/Gullinator.

I agree completely with the writer in some areas but there seems to be a pervading ignorance in our community regarding the Gullinator.

There are a few facts that need to be known...

As the designer of the Gullinator I am qualified to put facts before you and not conjecture.

The name Gullinator came from the owners of (then) Take Note. The design came about with ideas and help from other members of our community and from TCDC.

The Gullinator works which is why Gregg Hampton and other TCDC folk agreed to trial it originally.

For our locals... You can buy a Gullinator for \$15 and try to be proactive or you can do nothing and watch the rubbish get worse and wait for the day when the big plastic bins arrive which you will have to wheel in and out with the same issue... who is going to take them off the side of road?

These huge ugly plastic monstrosities that cost us a small fortune and eventually end up crushed into our land and seas... At least the Gullinator can be thrown back onto the lawn as Street Smart agreed to do.

We are not victims here, we are intelligent and can make good decisions. Get ya Gullinator on! (abridged)

With respect,

Anna Fryer

Generous donation

On Saturday May 4 Whangamata Menzshed had a visit from the organisers of the Whangamata Sunday Market.

To our absolute surprise and delight a generous donation was made to Menzshed on behalf of the Sunday Market stall holders.

Menzshed is a voluntary organisation that enjoys the opportunity to give back to the community where possible, and does not seek reward for this.

Accordingly, an unexpected donation of this nature is both very welcome and will be put to good use.

Menzshed wishes to acknowledge the generosity of the Sunday Market and wishes the organisers and stall holders continued success.

Mark Chapman

Hospice boss excited about challenges ahead



The population growth in the region poses challenges for the new Waikato Hospice chairwoman, Margaret Devlin.

Margaret took over from former chairman Alastair Calder last month.

Hospice Waikato Chief Executive Craig Tamblin, pictured with Margaret Devlin, credits the organisation's success to its willingness to evolve for staff, the leadership and the board to best meet the ongoing challenges.

'We're hugely grateful to Alastair for his contribution. He's guided Hospice Waikato to where it is today, establishing a very solid foundation for the future,' Craig said.

Alastair was a trustee since 2005 and board chair since 2010.

'He's seen us through substantial growth and restructure, as Hospice Waikato moved from a cottage industry to now being the second largest palliative care specialist in the country,' he said.

He said Margaret was now tasked with ensuring Hospice Waikato continues to meet the region's ongoing palliative care needs into the future.

Margaret said it was important to ensure the organisation was always fit for purpose and for the future.

'So we'll be taking the opportunity to look at our strategy,' Margaret said.

'We have an opportunity to ask how we can best deliver our services and to still be innovative in how we do that,' she said.



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Interesting speakers at Grey Power

APRIL: THE MYSTERIES OF ART

Lynne Robinson entertained Grey Power members with a fascinating art history lesson and slide show on Friday 26 April. Lynne, who taught art at Hamilton's Hillcrest High School for a number of years, is now another of Whangamata's talented local artists.

Lynne took us on a tour of art starting with Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" painted as a fresco on a wall in Milan in 1498. Leonardo experimented with the process by painting onto a dry wall rather than the traditional wet plaster wall used for a fresco. Within a few years, it started to flake off. It is reputed to be the most restored and copied painting of all time.

Leonardo da Vinci has the dubious honour of being one of the first to study the workings of the human eye. To gain a better understanding of how our eyes work, he boiled them in water until the whites hardened, then meticulously dissected them.

From Renaissance artists we moved to Realism as portrayed by Manet's 1863 painting, "Le Déjeuner sur l'Herbe" and Monet's well-known "Water Lilies" painted in 1905 is a beautiful example.

Lynne also discussed Cubism, Expressionism, Surrealism, Abstract and Op Art which introduces the skill of optical illusion.

Lastly Lynne showed us a slide of the painting titled "Untitled" done by street artist, Basquiat. He died of a heroin overdose in 1988 aged 27. This garish painting of a skull fetched US\$110.5million at a Sotheby's Auction. Thank you Lynne for providing another interesting and informative morning for Grey Power members.

MAY: SAILING SHIPS AND SEA SHANTIES

Following the Whangamata Grey Power AGM on May 24, at which the existing Com-

mittee were re-elected unopposed, Maree Lewis from Te Puke introduced members to the world of immigrant sailing ships and their musical connections.

As Maree researched her family history, she began to realise that her eight great-grandparents, journeying as immigrants to New Zealand, had differing experiences aboard the sailing ships transporting them here on their 100 day adventures.

The journeys were not all doom and gloom. It was a time of enlightening learning of the experience the sea could bring.

There were sights and sounds they had never experienced before - babies were born, sometimes a life was lost, and they established friendships that endured a lifetime.

Life aboard the ships was harsh at times, but every opportunity for a celebration was taken. The "hidden cargo of hope" also contained many musical instruments from violins, pianos and horns, to bagpipes and harpsicords.

Children aboard the immigrant ships were taught and entertained through music, play and dance.

Every ship held a gathering on deck each Sunday no matter what the weather. The captain took the service if there were no clergy aboard, and hymns from the 1500s to the 1700s were sung.

Other songs evolved through the whaling ships, the Negro spirituals through the slavery ships and even the gold miners sailing between Alaska and Australia and New Zealand developed their own sea shanties and songs.

Thank you, Maree, for such a delightful and entertaining morning.

- Jo Schneebeli



Visitors to the Whangamata RSA.

Gumboot Friday



Thanks to the donations from the Whangamata Club's mahjong adjunct and other club members, \$157.90 was raised on Gumboot Friday in April in support of the Christchurch Muslim families affected by March 15 shooting where 50 people lost their lives and as many again were wounded.

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Hail Pauanui!



Someone - or something - up above flicked the switch on June 1, sending wild weather to the Coromandel area. A Pauanui reader sent us this photo of hailstones that pelted the town, dropping the temperature by several degrees.

Concert fever

It's The Summer Concert Tours 10th Anniversary in January 2020, and it's going to be a biggie! Greenstone Entertainment is bringing five massive international acts with music spanning the decades, from the late 60s through to the early 2000s - Billy Idol, George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Anastacia, Creedence Clearwater Revisited And Smash Mouth.

Coffee supports clubs

Enterprise Whangamata invites everyone to join them for coffee to support two local organisations. The Charity Coffee Mornings are back through winter with proceeds from the first one - Friday 14th June, 10.30am-noon at The Lincoln - to be shared between Mission Vanuatu and Whangamata Netball. Come and enjoy coffee and cake for just \$10. Sponsored this month by Pitcher Electrical Whangamata. Join us as a business to sponsor our community projects... all proceeds to charity of your choice. Be a part of it! Contact Doreen Pitcher on 027 272 2381.

Art commissioned

Coromandel Town artist Rebekah Pearson has been selected to create an art piece which will be revealed next year when it is installed at Whangarahi Reserve, to mark the 200 year anniversary of the naming of Coromandel Town. The art piece will be kept a secret and revealed as part of the celebrations next year.

Improving weaving knowledge

Whangamata Spinners and Weavers hosted a two-day weaving workshop with Creative Fibre Tutor Nynke Piebenga leading the workshop.

Nynke is recognised as a National Award winning weaver and experienced teacher and mentor.

Seven weavers from the Whangamata Group, two from Thames Creative Fibre and one guest from Auckland participated in the event which comprised two seven hour days spent studying, practising and applying loom weaving techniques, design and application. Looms used varied from rigid heddle to four and eight shaft table looms.

Each weaver produced individual and unique samples of their work.

Nynke worked with individuals and small groups covering project planning, pattern draft, interpretation, yarn and sett, and any other technical issues or weavers' needs.

In the afternoon of Saturday May 25, we paused to attend the Memorial Service for our much loved and valued club member Pat Lee. She passed away on 12 April, and is greatly missed by many.

There were many 'aha!' moments during the workshop and the atmosphere was friendly and relaxed.

Other Whangamata Spinners and



Weaver's group members provided healthy, fresh, homemade food throughout the weekend. Further gatherings to explore and work on all things weaving are planned.

It was a privilege to have Nynke spend the weekend with our weavers and the group of weavers acquired new knowledge, explored new areas of weaving, created their own pieces and were inspired to continue on the weaving journey.



- Workshop organiser, Gaelene Raill



Recue services vital



Whangamata is one of New Zealand's most popular holiday destinations and holds the position as one of the busiest beaches in the Bay of Plenty/Coromandel regarding rescues performed.

To complement our surf life guard contingent the Emergency Call Out Squad operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year (outside normal patrol hours) from the northern end of Mataoroa Bay to Ohui Beach.

This squad was formed in 1995 when local guards saw a need to provide a service for water related emergencies outside regular patrol times.

It was officially recognized in 2008 when SurfCom at the Marine Rescue Centre in Auckland agreed to dispatch the Lifeguards via SMS instead of relying on a 'phone tree' for alerting, a text message alerts staff when required by Police or Coastguard.

The squad is made up of qualified lifeguards from a variety of backgrounds and walks of life including Police, LandSAR, teachers, tradespeople, volunteer firefighter the Area School Head Boy and New Zealand's oldest serving lifeguard. 4 members were recently recognised at the 2019 SAR Awards in Wellington for a rescue per-

formed in very dangerous conditions earlier this year in which 3 people were saved.

Attending to interagency operations with Police, Coastguard, Fire, Ambulance and the Westpac Rescue helicopter, the squad are primarily tasked by Police or coastguard to incidents close to shore or in surf where other agencies cannot access, often at night. These dedicated rescue workers respond to swimmers in distress, overdue divers, grounded boats, fisherman injured on rocks, broken down boats and jet skis and kayakers/paddleboards unable to return to shore due to difficult conditions around the islands. They are also tasked with searching for missing persons and have attended to body recovery incidents.

With regular team gatherings and training exercises to ensure they are rescue-ready this team is responsible for saving many lives and bringing people to safety and we are fortunate to have such a crew based here at Whangamata.

Interested in joining them? New members to the team are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact the Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club onmanager@whangamatasurf.co.nz and one of the crew will contact you to have a chat and answer any questions you have.

In the event of an emergency dial 111.

Emergency squad always at the ready



On Anzac Day, the Emergency Call Out Squad assisted police in conducting a shoreline search for a missing person near Whiritoa.

Two IRBs and Whangamata Coastguard scoured the coastline between Papakura Bay and Mataora Bay, while LandSAR and Fire crews searched walking tracks and local areas, assisted from above by the Police Eagle Helicopter.

The following day IRB crews from Whiritoa Lifeguard Service, Trust Waikato Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club and Waihi Beach Surf Lifesaving Club joined the intensified coastline search, which end-

ed up spanning four days - in total the squad spent over 16 hours on the water.

Unfortunately, the person's body was located by a passing fishing boat by Mayor Island on the following Saturday.

Whangamata SLSC would like to thank all of the lifeguards from Surf Clubs around the region who assisted or offered to help with this search.

If you're interested in joining the Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club Emergency Call-Out Squad, either as a Lifeguard or Support Member, please contact us on manager@whangamatasurf.co.nz

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The Coromandel & Auckland Rescue Helicopters received 12 callouts to the

Coromandel in May.

There was one callout each to Papa Aroha, Waikawau, Tairua, Port Charles, Hikutaia and Opoutere, two to Cooks Beach, two to Whitianga and two to Coromandel.

The call to Opoutere on May 16 was

to help multiple patients involved in a head on crash between a truck and a ute. A woman in her 20s travelling in the ute suffered arm injuries and was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition. Two other patients were transported to hospital by ambulance.

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

WHANGAMATA POLICE



WINTER BLUES BRINGING IN UNWANTED GUESTS

Seems to be a few unwanted guests around but they are feeling the pinch as police have been busy trying to move them on.

Please keep the Crime Stoppers info coming in, it really help clean up town as we can all enjoy paradise.

DRINK DRIVERS

Watch out as we are ramping up breath testing and vehicle stops, after at least three drink drivers were caught over the past month.

I have said it many times: plan before you party and if all else fails, WALK HOME.

LEARNER/ RESTRICTED DRIVERS

Infringement notices are being dished out to all who have not got the message or learnt from their mistake, as it seems some would think it's a big joke.

If your little darling is caught breaching their driver's licence conditions the following will most likely happen.

- 1- Keys obtained
- 2- Vehicle disabled (for repeat offenders)
- 3- Parents called
- 4- Fully licensed driver and/or mum and dad to pick up keys from the police station

- 5- Your little darling forbidden to drive until the appropriate licence is obtained

SO DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T WARN YA!

Please take care on the roads as winter hits the roads making them very slippery so please drive to the conditions. Police have attended some

heart breaking car crashes in recent weeks so please take care

Police are seeking information on a silver type Mercedes, who gave police the slip last weekend. Oh and whoever is doing burn outs on Casement Road: **KNOCK IT ON THE HEAD!**

FAMILY HARM

Again we are going to a number of family harm incidents as the dreaded alcohol plays its part.

Look out for each other, and if you think a family member or mate is struggling in a violent relationship, take a stand and let us know so we can help.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Hope all had a great few days break over the long weekend and enjoyed family time. Stoke up the fire as winter has arrived in paradise.

Happy days.

- *Constable Greg Resink*

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WHANGAMATA FIRE BRIGADE



May has been busy for our team with five medical response calls, three alarm activations requiring investigation, two motor vehicle accidents and a tree fire.

The broad range of incidents attended is a

reflection of the training required for us to stay competent and also to manage all situations.

Suzanne Barker has just passed the recruit course and is now an active Fire Fighter.

Three other recruits are in the process of achieving their rank as well.

These additional members are required to allow numbers to stay to a level

where we can effectively serve those in need.

Again, if you're at all interested in joining us, please contact us as work and family pressures can result in members having to leave the brigade.

Wishing you a safe June and please be careful around the home while keeping the winter chill at bay.

- CFO Nigel Airey

WHANGAMATA COASTGUARD



MAY 2019 CALLOUTS

All assisted vessels and persons on board were returned safely to port.

03 MAY: Power-boat. 5.85m. Engine failure. 2 POB. 3nm E of Whangamata Entrance.

CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to the Whangamata ramp.

Total Coastguard involvement 19 hrs.

03 MAY: Launch. 8m.

Engine failure. 3 POB. The skipper contacted Coastguard Whangamata of his situation and need of assistance. A Vessel of Opportunity (VoOP) nearby responded to the radio transmissions and advised that they being of sufficient size and experience offered to assist the target vessel. This was approved and the VoOP located and tow assisted the vessel to anchorage off Clark island.

CRV Gardner Rescue then met and tow assisted the vessel to a Whangamata berth.

A special thankyou to WHITE HERON the VoOP for their assistance.

Total Coastguard involvement 6hrs.

06 MAY: Yacht. 18.6m. Engine failure. 1 POB. Near Whangamata Entrance.

CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to a Visitor mooring.

Total Coastguard involvement 8 hrs.

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BURNS AND SCALDS

Contact with any source of heat can cause a burn or scald injury. A burn can result from contact with a heat source such as hot metal or electricity, hot liquid or steam. Clothing over the area may retain the heat and cause further injury.

Symptoms and signs

- Not all may be present:
- severe pain
 - red, peeling or blistered skin (or blackened if caused by electricity)
 - watery fluid weeping from the injured area
 - the patient may be pale, cold and sweaty, feeling faint and dizzy, and complaining of nausea or vomiting
 - swelling of the injured area may appear later.

How you can help

1. Remove the heat source from the patient, or the patient from the heat source, whichever is easiest and safest.
2. Cool the injured area.

Immediately cool the affected area for up to 20 minutes using cool running water from a tap or shower. In the absence of water any cool clean fluid (beer, soft drink, etc.) can be used. A first aid burn gel may be used in place of water, provided there is enough to cover the burn. If any clothing is wet with hot liquid or affected by a chemical splash, remove it quickly and carefully.

Remove any tight clothing, watches, rings or jewellery from the injured area, if possible, because of the risk of swelling. If the patient is badly injured, or the burn is causing significant pain, or involves the eyes, or is larger than half the patient's arm - call 111 for an ambulance. See a doctor if the burn is causing ongoing significant pain, or involves the face, hands, joints or genitals.

3. Position patient. If the patient is feeling faint lie them down. The injured part (depending on the location of the burn) can be placed in a

bowl or bucket of cold water if this is easier than pouring water over the burn.

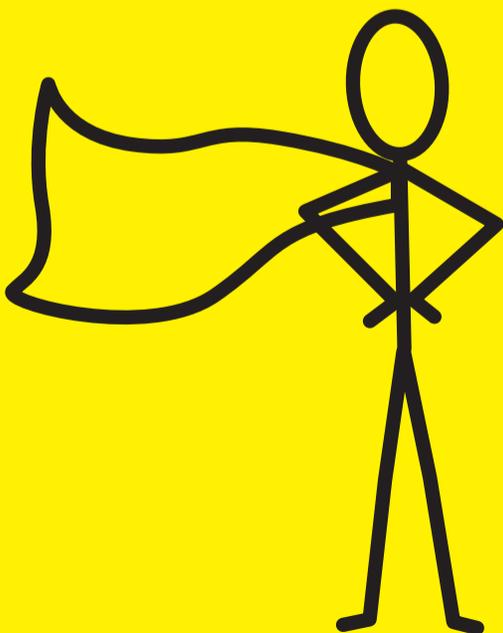
4. Apply a sterile dressing. After cooling the injured area for up to 20 minutes, apply a sterile dressing. Use a non-adherent dressing or a piece of clean plastic kitchen wrap.

DO NOT break blisters or remove peeled skin. DO NOT try to remove any fabric that is stuck to a burn.

DO NOT apply creams, ointments, lotions or butter to any burn injury because infection may occur and complicate the injury.

DO NOT place small children or babies in a cold bath or shower for a full 20 minutes, as this can cause hypothermia.

Remember that any substance applied to a burn injury may have to be removed later in hospital and may also delay the healing process. Avoid using adhesive tape on the skin around the burn because this may cause further tissue damage.



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We'd like your old runners please!

Have you started training yet for the GJ Gardner Run Walk Festival in September?

If you haven't, don't panic - there's plenty of time.

For a training schedule, look at the April issue of *Whangamata NEWS* or check out the Festival website.

Organisers are the Lions Club of Whangamata - and they are looking for old running and training shoes to paint and attach to poles to advertise the event in town.

The festival, to be held on September 7, has 21km half marathon, 10km and 5km events.

It starts and ends at the Whangamata Area School, Port Road, Whangamata.

Drop your old running shoes beside the letterbox at 119 Hetherington Rd (*Whangamata NEWS*).

Check out: whangamatarunwalk.co.nz



A shoe pole - more shoes are needed to make more poles to publicise the GJ Gardner annual Run Walk Festival.

A veteran's viewpoint of the Whangamata Run/Walk Festival

By Doug O'Shea

Me and my friends from Auckland first competed in the 1995 Run Walk Festival half marathon in Whangamata.

The race was memorable because two of us won a spot prize (and sore calf muscles).

I have completed the half marathon five times (four running and last year was my first walk).

The half marathon course is challenging and very scenic. The race occurs at a good time of the year on the first Saturday of Spring.

We enjoyed travelling out of Auckland for a fun weekend many years and have always enjoyed the atmosphere at the race.

It is good to support an event that in turn supports local Whangamata groups.

The entry fees for the races are some of the lowest in the country and, along with the excellent spot prizes, make the event extremely good value.

As age and health have caught up with me, I have found the 10km event suits me just fine.

I have finished it 7 times. Twice, many years ago, I finished in the



top 10 runners. This year I turn 70 and, I will be walking it instead.

That first 2km uphill near the start does not get any easier, but it is great to get to the top of the hill and overlook the town and the sea.

At the end of the race you will probably see me wearing my Auckland Joggers uniform, with fingers crossed for another spot prize.

It has been a long 24 years between spot prizes!



Tilly Topp (right) with friend Alison Purdie.

Never too old to run

Whangamata athlete Tilly Topp finished third in the half marathon at the recent Rotorua distance event.

Tilly competed in the 60-64 year-old female division and this was her personal best time for this distance.

Her time for the 21km run was 2 hours 10 minutes and 36 seconds.

She followed the proven Arthur Lydiard hill work training regime in preparation for this event.

Race statistics put Tilly 3rd out of 20 finishers in her division and

252nd out of 756 finishers in the half marathon.

The Drive and Pacific View roads were testing grounds in Tilly's training schedule.

Her next event will be the upcoming Whangamata Run Walk Festival in September.

Michael Sullivan, also of Whangamata, finished the half marathon. Competing in the Male 75-79 age group he was 4th of the seven entrants and 608th of a total 756 finishers. Great effort!

- Don Mackay

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Students raise \$4300 for Cancer Society



Tyla and Kael's 'shave-a-thon' raised more than \$2000.

Whangamata Area School students last month used their initiative - and their shears - to raise more than \$4000 for cancer research.

Year 8 students Pia Rogers and Neveah Leach set up a Givealittle page while Year 13 students Tyla Beaver and Kael Cornwall organised a 'Shave a Head Day'.

All up, the students raised an incredible \$4300.

Hairdresser Terri Sorenson volunteered his time and was ably assisted by several students who had great fun cutting off long locks, or simply trimming students' and teachers' hair.

'We wrote up a short draft and took it to the principal and deputy principal for approval,' Tyla said.

'Then we had to organise permission forms, sponsorship forms and contact hairdressers. Three said they would help but with illness and other matters, only Terri could help on the day.'

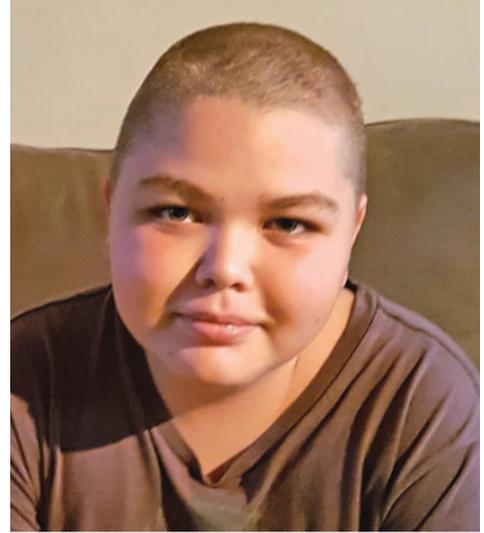
There were four categories for the 'shavees' to consider - snip, cut, super cut or shave.

With the school ball looming at the time, Tyla opted for the snip.

Helped by Years 12 and 13 students, the shave-a-thon which was supposed to take about an hour, turned into an afternoon marathon as more and more students, teachers and parents joined the challenge.

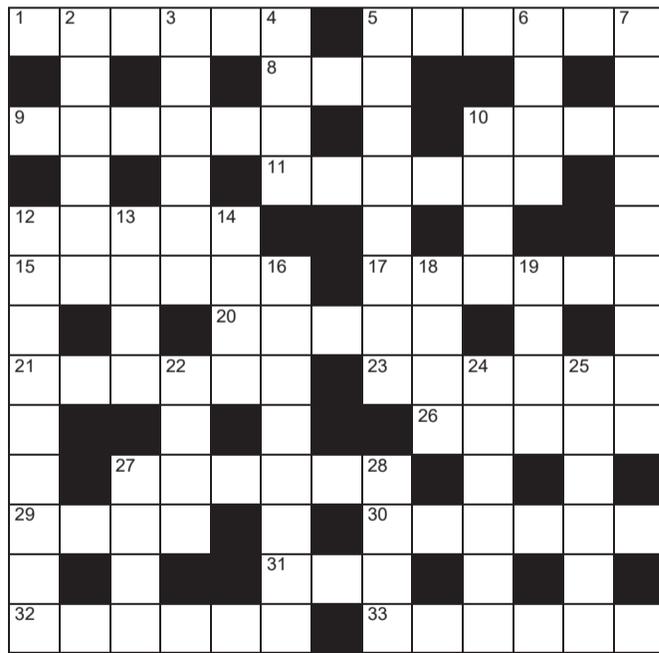


Before and after - Chris Higgins sacrificed his flowing locks for the cancer cause.



BRAIN BENDERS answers for each puzzle are included on this page

QUICK crossword



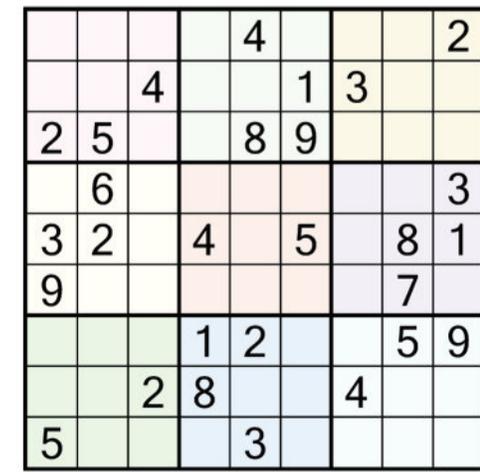
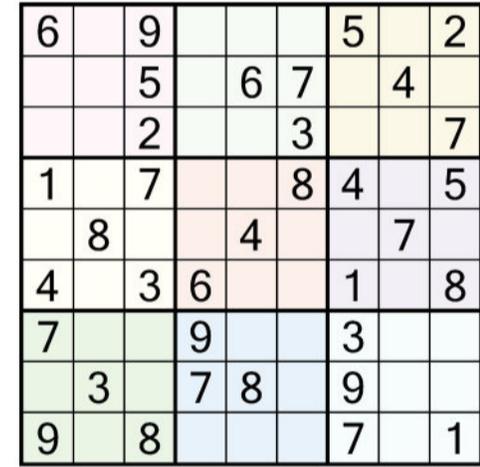
ACROSS

1. Afternoon nap (6)
5. Portable computer (6)
8. Romance (3)
9. Reflect (6)
10. Become indistinct (4)
11. Well paid young professional (6)
12. Dispensed (5)
15. Symbol (6)
17. Compel (6)
20. Search through hurriedly (5)
21. Season (6)
23. Curtain call (6)
26. Lower pitched instrument (5)
27. Block (6)
29. Bullets (abbr) (4)
30. Delicate (6)
31. Travel over snow (3)
32. Hire (6)
33. Hypothesis (6)

DOWN

2. In the same source (L) (6)
3. Roll of parchment (6)
4. Not functioning properly (4)
5. Flaw in a law (8)
6. Scrabble piece (4)
7. Boundary line (9)
10. Invoice (4)
12. Ravage (9)
13. Share a boundary (4)
14. Section of school year (4)
16. Downplay (8)
18. Twisted (4)
19. Press (4)
22. to (archaic) (4)
24. Light, clear red (6)
25. List of work shifts (6)
27. Self-satisfied (4)
28. Modify written work (4)

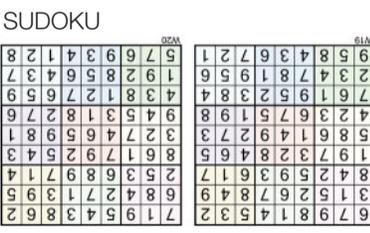
SUDOKU Fill so every row, column and every 3x3 box contains 1-9



WEBWORD

- Outer: ANDY WARHOL
 1. Airport
 2. Neglect
 3. Detroit
 4. Yoghurt
 5. Whipped
 6. Apricot
 7. Request
 8. Hatchet
 9. Opulent
 10. Leaflet

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ASSOCIATION CROQUET:

Played Tuesday and Wednesday mornings; draw at 9.15am, for play 9.30am, Bond Street. All enquiries to Chris 865 7228.

GOLF CROQUET: Played Monday, Friday and Saturday. Draw in at 9.15am with play at 9.30am Bond Street. Also Wednesday with draw at 12.45pm and play at 1pm. All enquiries to Judy 865 6966.

MAHJONG: Played at the Whangamata Club. Mondays is for learners and social playing. Please be there by 1pm for a 1.15pm start. Friday is club day where players are required to come no later than 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start. Any queries or anyone interested please phone Tina Palmer 027 245 5878 or Joan Tapp 027 270 7595.

MENZSHED: Monday & Thursday from 3.30pm; Saturday from 9.30am. Contact Chappy on 022 623 2881

UKELELE GROUP: A Ukulele group meets at the RSA each Thursday at 1.30pm for a fun sing-a-long. Anyone interested to join can come along or can phone Lorna Judd on 027 352 0154.

SPORTS RESULTS

RSA ADJUNCT BOWLS



April saw the ladies singles played and after fierce competition, seven players qualified. In the quarter-finals Trish Schultz bt Joy O'Sullivan, Ann Costar bt Ann Purcell, Betty Wilmer bt Peg Jones, Ellen Martin the bye.

Semi-finals: Ann Costar bt Trish Schultz, Ellen Martin bt Betty Wilmer. The final was a well-deserved win by Ann Costar over Ellen Martin.

Thanks again to Laurene for the morning tea and a big thank you to the men who did the scoring.

April 2: Winner was Ellen McSkimming and Jim Foley over Paulette Glading, Max Hill and Ann Costar. Raffle: John Hares.

16th April: Winner was Ellen McSkimming, Trish Schultz and Denise Braithwaite over John Hares, Ann Costar and Jim Foley. Raffle: John Hares (again).

23rd April: Winner was John Hares, Jim Foley and Denise Braithwaite over Peter Gorries, Trish Schultz and Lynda Callihan. Raffle: Ann Costar.

30th April: Winner was Paulette Glading, Joy O'Sullivan and Barbra Mathereson over Peter Gorrie, Trish Schultz and newcomer Bronwyn. Raffle: Paulette Glading. Welcome to Bronwyn - a good start.

MAY: Formidable couple Tim and Peg Jones played 6 games each to enable them to meet in the final of the RSA Open Singles which was won by Tim. After a long day of play they then went on to Waihi the same evening to play with team mates Trish Schultz and Ann Purcell in the Waimata Fours and with four successive wins they won the night by 2 points from Kevin Boothby's team.

7th May: Winners: Lindsay Tomlin, Jim Bell and Janet Foley. Runner Up: Paulette Glading, Joy O'Sullivan and Denise Braithwaite. Raffle winner Janet Foley.

14th May: Winners: Paulette Glading and Trish Schultz. Runner Up: Ellen McSkimming and Ann Costar.

21st May: was the club open singles with 7 players qualifying the quarter final. Wins went to John Hares over Ann Costar. Tim Jones over Joy O'Sullivan. Peg Jones over Basil Johnstone with Betty Wilmer having the bye. Semi finals saw Peg beat Betty and Tim beat John giving us a family final with Tim coming out the winner. Congratulations Tim and to all who took part.

28th May: Winners: Peter Gorrie and Ann Costar. Runner Up: Betty Wilmer and June Wilkinson. Raffle: Ann Costar.

GOLF CROQUET

6th May: Winner Don O'Sullivan on 20 points and Runners up on 19 points were Dave Burrell and Ken Worthington.

13th May: Winner on 20 points was Ken Worthington and the runners up on 19 points were Bill McGowan and Don O'Sullivan.

20th May: Winners were Joy and Don O'Sullivan and the runner up on 19

points was Bill McGowan.

27th May: Competition winners on the maximum 21 points for the first time were Joy Ross and Bev Lusby and runners up on 20 points were Don O'Sullivan and John Flinn.

3rd June: Winner on the maximum 21 points was Gayel Burrell and the runners up on 20 points were Judy McGowan, Bev Lusby, Dave Burrell, Val Mercer and Mary Kennedy.

MAHJONG

Whangamata Club

3rd May: Winner Joyce Dunning 42, runner up Gael Butler 38.

10th May: Winners Colleen Wilson and Leanne Rymill 44, runner up Rosemarie Rutherford 38.

17th May: Winner Gayle Ryan 35, runner up Alison Gee 34.

24th May: Winner Joy Speedy 52, runner up Marlene Campbell 40.

31st May: Winner Jilly Witiara 38, runners up Gael Butler and Val Pitt 37.

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis is played at the Whangamata Club each Thursday from 1 to 3pm. The draw is made up at 12.50 so you need to be present for that. There have been good turnouts in May with anything from 10 to 17 players. Shining stars have been Brian Ford, Wayne Broome and Angie Dewhirst. It is a very competitive game and the others are trying to tarnish these shining stars so they can get their name in the paper. There's no cost but you do need to be a member of the Club. If you want to 'have a go', come along and try us out.

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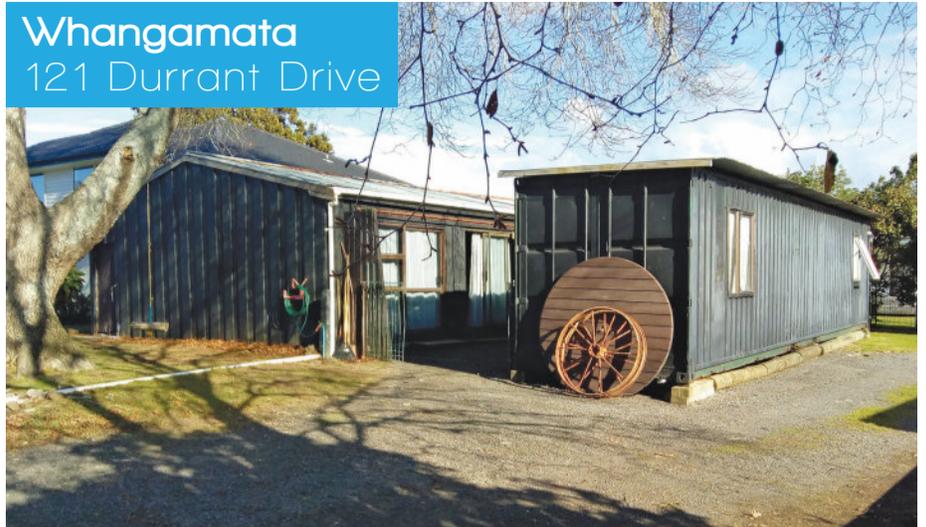


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THE BACH

Looking back

50 years of memories – and more to come



After holidaying at Whangamata for a few years in the 60s and with the prospect of no available house to rent in 1967, Aline and Bruce Swallow decided to build on the site of 115 Beverley Tce which now has two homes on it.

With the help of his cousin and local builder here Len Lister (who's original house still stands opposite Urban Homes in Port Road), a small but fully functional fibrolite bach was built within three weeks.

The first Christmas was a memorable one with all family members staying in tents, backs of cars and in the Whangamata camp ground to celebrate their last Christmas with my grandmother, Ada Webb, who helped fund Aline and Bruce to buy the property.

A further 200 pounds and they would have been beach front on St Patrick's Row, but Aline felt it would be too windy building there.

So many wonderful family Christmases have passed since then,

when dust drops were a necessity as Beverley Terrace was still a dirt road and the only way here from Auckland was through Paeroa and Waihi.

The bach would be closed up from Easter until Labour weekend.

After Bruce's passing and his ashes spread around the 9th green at Titoki golf course, a new era was born there with the youngest daughter Diana and her husband Shaun building on the front part of the block in 2013.

The original bach still stands with some more exterior coats of paint and new bathroom and kitchen, and now belongs to Aline's oldest daughter Jenny and her husband Ken.

The next generation are coming through and with a 1 year old grandson he is enjoying the wonderful back area which is still the same as it was all those years ago.

Many memories still to come.



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