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Community Achievers Shining



Left to right: Back row: Indie Kranenburg, Pearl Stewart, Elina Fetscher, Chloe Brickwood, Frankie Witehira, Cecilia Humagain. Front row: Miracle Stevens (Lion), Zippora Brown (Dorothy), Mila Kivell (Scarecrow), Addy Bond (Tin Man). Photo by Katrina Brickwood.

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Where once there was water!



Believe it or not, this is our Moana Anu Anu waterways following years of neglect.

Where once there was water, people swam, canoed and paddle boarded down, now it is a wasteland of silt from the forestry , mangroves and debris.

Very soon, I believe, even the high tide water will not be able to flow through let alone when we have heavy rain and the Wentworth water comes down. Is it any wonder the Golf Course continues to flood when it is just heavy rain, let alone a downpour.

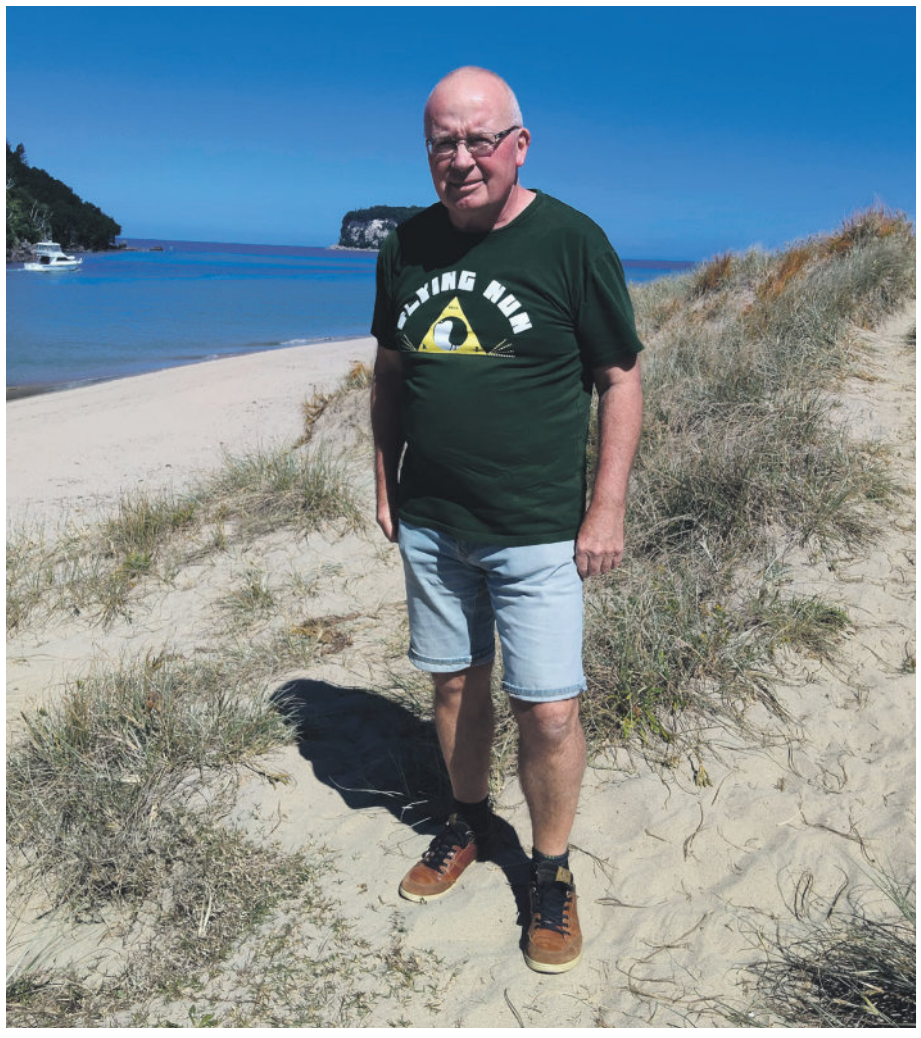
Waikato Regional Council are entrusted with keeping our waterways clear and rate us heavily each year to do so. Why then are ours getting clogged up and nothing done about it? Those in charge of the stormwater are meant to keep the drains clear so that water from the streets, etc., flows out. These continue to be clogged and full of debris.

What if anything is our own Council (TCDC) doing about it?

I guess it's the usual.

K. Baker
WHANGAMATĀ

Stars that keep shining



Volunteers play a very important role in our community, they are the oil that keeps the big cogs turning and help make our town a better place to live. They are caring, kind and capable. In each edition we will catch up with a volunteer and ask them a few questions. In this edition we welcome Stephen Town from Momentum Waikato.

Who are Momentum Waikato?
Momentum Waikato is an independent charitable trust and one of 18 community foundations throughout New Zealand. It was established in 2013 and its focus is growing endowment funds for community benefit. Six place-based funds have been set up to grow and support the communities of the Coromandel Peninsula for the future. This also encompasses giving while living opportunities.

What is your role as a volunteer Stephen?
I'm a Trustee on the Board of Momentum Waikato. All of the Trustees give their time and energy voluntarily. My focus now is on my role as Fund Champion for Whangamatā. I'm sincere in the quest to help raise awareness of what Momentum Waikato offers

How could Whangamatā benefit with Momentum's support?
We're building a culture of giving while living, growing funds to support larger projects here. Momentum is the organisation that can also help families leave a meaningful legacy to this community.

How easy is it to become a contributor to Momentum?
Super easy! Contact Momentum Waikato Community Foundation 07 834 0404 or info@momentumwaikato.nz

Stephen, what's the best way for people to contact you locally if they'd like more information?
Feel free to contact me anytime – stephen.town60@gmail.com

Thank you Stephen, you are a star.

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Waihi Police Update

NEW ZEALAND POLICE
Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

Waihī Police have responded to a variety of incidents across the district over the past few weeks and would like to thank the community for its continued support and assistance.

Officers have attended reports of theft, disorder-related incidents, and traffic matters throughout the area. Investigations remain ongoing where required, and Police encourage anyone who witnesses suspicious activity to report it promptly.

Road policing remains a focus, with staff carrying out patrols aimed at reducing speed-related crashes, impaired driving, and other high-risk road behaviours. Motorists are reminded to drive to the conditions and ensure they are complying with all licensing and vehicle requirements.

Waihī Police are also pleased to welcome several new staff members to the area. You may see some new faces out and about in the community, at local events, schools, and businesses. We encourage residents to come and say hello, introduce themselves, and take the opportunity to get to know their local officers.



Building strong relationships with the community helps us better understand local concerns and work together to keep Waihī a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Community engagement remains a key priority, and our staff are committed to being visible, approachable, and available to assist wherever possible.

Anyone with information about crime or suspicious activity can contact Police via 105, report online at 105.police.govt.nz, or anonymously through Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Waihī Police thank the community for its ongoing support and cooperation. Together, we can continue making Waihī a safe and connected community.

– Rachel Gillingham, Youth & Communities, Paeroa, NZ Police

Fire report

Our brigade alongside Onemana rural attended a vegetation fire threatening a large strip of coastal area during the early hours of Sunday.

Ashes from a camper's fire spread into nearby scrub. On arrival the fire was contained and several plants were dugout with the roots retaining heat. On previous nights we had responded to fires on the beach. One being two couches set alight generating extreme heat.

With the continued dry weather and wind conditions are now becoming concerning. Vigilance on all our parts is required to allow for quick responses and even a word may prevent the fire from being light. Our society has largely lost the ability to understand the what ifs. Please don't put yourself at any risk. Seasonal changes have birds nesting anywhere they can. Machinery and vehicles become targets along with electrical systems. Constantly check over these areas, clear debris around buildings, stay aware parking near grass and have caution around all forms of ignition. These steps will help reduce the risk of an incident for all of us. Stay safe.

– CFO Nigel AIREY

Market gives generous $1000

It's donation time again for the Whangamatā Sunday Market. The weekly market, in the TCDC carpark, collects $5 from each stallholder and this goes to local community groups.

The most recent recipient was the Whangamatā Hospice and Cancer Support Trust who received $1000. Convenor, Judy McClintock, was very appreciative and said the money would go towards storage and maintenance costs as well as fuel.

The trust, formed in 1999, provides hospital beds and other equipment, free of charge, to patients who wish to spend their final days at home or are recovering from treatment. Run entirely by volunteers, they cover Whiritoa to Opoutere, relying on donations and grants, as they are not part of any national group. "They even deliver and pick up the equipment free of charge," says market organizer, Suzanne Clegg, "we are very lucky to have a group like this in Whangamatā and we're keen to help raise awareness of their services."

We would like to thank the TCDC, stallholders and customers for supporting the market and hope this will continue so that we can donate even more next time!

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Whangamata dancers take over The Emerald City

More than 130 local dancers brought a new twist on Oz to the War Memorial Hall

Whangamatā Dance Studio lit up the Whangamatā War Memorial Hall last weekend with *The Emerald City*, its 2026 end-of-year show. More than 130 students performed across three shows on Friday 30 and Saturday 31 October, playing to packed audiences.

The original story picks up years after Dorothy's first visit to Oz. The Lion is now a fearless performer, the Tin Man is loved by all and the Scarecrow is hailed as the cleverest mind in the land, until a new Witch arrives with a score to settle and everything the three friends have built is put at risk.

Competition for the acting and miming roles was strong, with 50 students sending in audition videos earlier in the year. The lead cast was Addy Bond (Tin Man), Mila Kivell (Scarecrow), Miracle Stevens (Lion), Sage Dunn (Glinda), Zippora Brown (Dorothy), India Kennings (Wizard) and Lexie Mainwaring (Wicked Witch), plus a cast of more than 130 dancers.

Studio owner Amy Toroa said "Every one of these kids put in months of work, and you can see it on that stage. One of my favourite things this year was watching our seniors take the juniors under their wing, helping them learn their steps, calming nerves backstage and leading by example. That is what this studio is all about. I'm so proud of the effort every single dancer put in, on stage and off."







Amy thanked the studio's teaching team, Jo Cullen, Maddie Airey, Summer Cunningham, Aja Allen and Sage Dunn, along with the volunteers and parents who helped with costumes, sets and backstage.

Whangamatā Dance Studio classes resume in February 2027. More information is at whangamatadancestudio.com

– Amy Toroa
Photos by Katrina Brickwood

Intertidal take restricted

From 1 November, on the Auckland and Coromandel mainland and Waiheke Island coastlines, it will be illegal to collect most marine life from the area that extends from the high tide mark out to where the water is 2 metres deep, known as the 'intertidal zone'.

The intertidal zone will close to recreational fishing of a broad range of species, including cat's eyes, starfish, limpets, periwinkles, and mussels. People can continue to take limited amounts of some species from the intertidal zone, including pāua and squid within specified catch limits.

It's important that you check the rules every time you go fishing as local site-specific restrictions may also apply. Download the free NZ Fishing Rules app or visit fisheries.govt.nz/rules

– Facebook/MPI BOP/Coromandel/Waikato





Banded Dotterel declining numbers

This species of dotterel is approximately half the size of the NZ Dotterel, and is only present on our local beaches and harbour during the winter months. Up to 80 banded dotterels have been observed roosting at Whangamatā in recent winters, usually alongside flocks of NZ dotterels. Sometimes they gather at the Beach Road wader roost site but often move around to other Whangamatā beach and harbour sites.





In their winter plumage they can be easily confused with their larger NZ dotterel cousins, as apart from their significant size difference both species in their winter feathering look very similar. The two species will flock and comfortably roost closely together and have the same characteristic feeding and foraging behaviours. The distinctive black neck band and chestnut coloured breast band of the male banded dotterel is its summer breeding plumage. The females breeding plumage is similar but their coloured bands of breast feathers are not as broad, or as brightly coloured and well defined as the males. In their winter plumage these coloured breast bands almost completely disappear.

During the summer breeding season the population is widespread over many areas of mainland New Zealand and the Chatham Islands. Some live and breed around sandy coasts of both islands, often close to stream and river mouths. The bulk of their populations however are found on the braided gravel riverbeds of Hawkes Bay, Manawatu and Wairarapa in the North Island and Marlborough, Canterbury, Otago and Southland in the South Island.

Banding studies undertaken during the years 1984-94 indicated the total population to be in the order of 50,000 birds. About 60% of the population (mainly birds from the South Island high country areas) migrate across the Tasman Sea to spend their winters on the coastal areas of Tasmania, South Australia, Victoria and NSW. This East-West migration pattern is most unusual as most migratory bird movements travel North-South to enjoy the warmer summer temperatures of both hemispheres. Those that live and breed in lowland South Island and central New Zealand rivers mostly move north to spend their winters in coastal estuaries, harbours and beaches of the North Island. A small number will 'winter' fairly close to their natal territories. Counts of wintering birds undertaken between the years 1984 and 2014 indicated a population decline of approximately 15%.

Their current Conservation Status is Protected endemic, at risk, declining. A small population of a sub-species of banded dotterel (at least 730 individuals when last counted in 1989) is also located on the sub-Antarctic Auckland Island group. Banded dotterel return to their natal breeding areas each year in July to establish their territories. They tend to favour open coastal sand dune and braided river sites but will be found nesting amongst sparsely vegetated sites in a wide variety of other localities, including rocky and pastoral sites. The pairs aggressively defend their territories from any intruding dotterels. Their nests are shallow scrapes in the ground, sometimes lined with small stones and shell fragments. Usually the clutch size is 3 eggs, hatching after 4 weeks incubation which is shared by both parents. The chicks leave the nest within 24 hours of hatching and feed independently, fledging about 5-6 weeks later.

Their diet consists mainly of animal matter, primarily insects and other small invertebrates but also the berries of small native shrubs when available. Their predators include feral cats, mustelids (ferrets and stoats), hedgehogs, black-backed gulls and harrier hawks.

– John Adams, Whangamatā Harbour Care, photo by Bevan Walker



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Carols in the Park 2026 – singers wanted!



It is that time of year; when the Carols in the Park Committee is looking for singers to perform a range of Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve at Williamson Park and Onemana on 23 December.

There is also the option of joining in the Santa Parade on 4 December and singing at Moana House 20 December. Singers can join any or all of these festive events depending on their time commitments at this busy time of year.

This year Musical Directors Sandie Moss and Sandy Snook are keen to meet with anyone interested in joining the choir for these concerts. Practices are at the Whangamatā Baptist Church at 4pm to 6pm on Sunday 15th November, Sunday 22 November and Sunday 13 December.

The event is gaining momentum all the time and last year the Whangamatā Foodbank was gifted in excess of $1700 from donations the audience made for the Carol Sheet programmes. We are hoping to improve on that this year so that Foodbank is able to use the funds to be well stocked and help out those needing an extra bit of Christmas cheer.

Father Christmas is also going to make his usual stop so note this on your calendars but better still come along to the practices and join in.

Carols IN THE Park WHANGAMATA

Carols in the Park

wants singers all age groups

to sing Christmas Carols at Onemana 23rd December and Williamson Park Christmas Eve First practice at Baptist Church 4pm, Sunday 15th November followed by practices on 22nd November and 13th December from 4pm to 6pm.

Also wanted:

Fairies and elves for the Santa Parade and to help Santa distribute lollies at Williamson Park on 24th December.

Contact Sandie Moss

027 472 7772

Fishing comp huge success

What a fantastic competition! Huge congratulations to all our winners and a massive thank you to everyone who took part.

A huge thank you to our sponsors: 100% Home Whangamatā, Panasonic & Aqua Fun, helping make an incredible $40,000 worth of prizes possible! Please support the businesses that support our club!

– Whangamatā Ocean Sports Club





Results

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- Kay Lankey – 2.19kg | Tuna II
- John Bryant – 2.16kg | The Colonel
- Equal – Kay Lankey & Lisa Bryant – 2.10kg

KAHAWAI
- Chloe Turner – 3.08kg | Jethro
- Rocco McMahon – 2.59kg | Game On
- Lynette Blair – 2.25kg | Sagacious

KINGFISH
- Ryan Wilson – 17.14kg | Breakaway
- Sam Bush – 14.86kg | Breakaway
- Austen Crowe – 14.58kg | Next Contestant

SNAPPER
- Ryan Wilson – 5.27kg | Breakaway
- Jordan Hosking – 5.03kg | Breakaway
- Ryan Wilson – 4.91kg | Breakaway

SPECIAL AWARDS
- Average Weight Snapper: Jaxon Tregoweth – 2.61kg | Slaughterhouse
- Mystery Weight: Lisa Bryant – 1.86kg | The Colonel
- Photo Competition: Chloe Turner | Jethro
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Whangamata welcomes NZ's snooker community

Each year, the coastal town of Whangamatā becomes a gathering place for snooker enthusiasts from across New Zealand, as 48 players come together for an eagerly anticipated annual snooker tournament, being held 13 to 15 November at the Whangamatā Club. Accompanied by supporters, family and friends, competitors travel from near and far to enjoy a weekend of competition, camaraderie and a shared passion for the game.



More than just a sporting event, the tournament has become an opportunity to bring people together, celebrate the skill and tradition of snooker, and enjoy the warm hospitality that Whangamatā is known for.

With 48 players taking their place around the tables, the tournament promises plenty of action, as competitors put their concentration, patience and precision to the test. Snooker is a game that rewards much more than simply potting balls. Careful planning, tactical play, nerves of steel and the ability to perform under pressure can make all the difference between victory and defeat.

Every frame brings its own challenges, with players needing to think several shots ahead and make the most of every opportunity. For the competitors, it is a chance to test their abilities against fellow enthusiasts, while spectators can enjoy the excitement and drama that unfold throughout the competition.

Whether it is a closely fought frame, a cleverly executed safety shot or an impressive break, there is always something to appreciate for those who love the game.

One of the highlights of the annual event is the community spirit that surrounds it. Players and their supporters arrive from all corners of New Zealand, bringing with them a wealth of experience, friendly rivalries and plenty of enthusiasm.

While the competition on the tables is serious, the atmosphere away from them is equally important. Catching up with old friends, meeting new faces, sharing stories and enjoying a few laughs are all part of what makes the tournament special.

For many, the event is as much about the friendships formed over the years as it is about the final results. The shared love of snooker creates an instant connection, bringing people together through a sport that values respect, patience and good sportsmanship.

Hosting an event of this size also provides a welcome opportunity to showcase Whangamatā to visitors from throughout the country. Known for its beautiful coastline, relaxed atmosphere and welcoming community, the town offers an appealing setting for competitors and supporters to enjoy their time away from the snooker table.

Visitors can take the opportunity to explore the local area, enjoy the cafés and eateries, and experience the charm of a Coromandel town that has plenty to offer beyond the sporting arena.



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Jan Wills book launch

Whangamatā News **were delighted to be at our Whangamatā local Author, Jan Wills and her new book launch of *Where the Mountains Breathe* last week. Like many others in attendance, we learned so much about Jan's life with her young family's leap into the unknown to the remote Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea.**



Jan told us "moving to Papua New Guinea was the greatest challenge in my life, staying for six years with the original intent of two years. My two boys were just 8 and 9 years old, it was quite an experience."

When Jan's husband Ross accepted a two year contract in the remote Western Highlands, she was determined to make the best of an impossible situation, Jan immersed herself in research, convinced that careful planning could prepare them for life in a country that felt both mysterious and daunting.

It didn't.

Beyond the brochures and reassuring promises lay a world like anything they could have imagined. A land of breathtaking beauty, rich cultures, extraordinary resilience and challenges that tested them in ways they never expected.

I won't take you through the chapters, only to say this is a must-read, I can't think of another young Mum that would tackle the challenges, it certainly was not what we all expected to hear as Jan told us more details with her delightful humour and wit.

Jan introduced us to her friend and artist Robin Ranga, from Cooks Beach, a multimedia artist winner in both ceramics and painting. Robin has created the fabulous covers to all three of Jan's books, she also presented Jan with a ceramic plate of the book cover, the third for her plate collection, hung pride of place in her home.

At eighty five years of age, Jan finds writing to be a wonderful form of self care, during turbulent health issues.

Readers can purchase the book for only $25 and you can email Jan on jan.wills@xtra.co.nz.

A must-read for your collection.

– Jennie Black

What's On in our towns

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

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

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

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

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

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

Strength & Balance Classes
at Whangamata Club every Monday.
10am - low intensity, 11am - moderate intensity.
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Waihī Croquet Club
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Whanga Country & Variety Music Club
First Sunday of the month. Whangamatā Razza. 1pm-4pm. Always a fun afternoon, dancing, singing, raffles to be won and a lovely afternoon tea. Great local talent, plus a guest artist.

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

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

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

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

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

Waihi A & P Show
14 November, Waihi Showgrounds

Carol singers wanted
for Christmas concerts, all ages welcome. Practices at Baptist Church starting 4pm, 15 November, just turn up... love to have you along.

Calling all creative crafters,
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Christmas Foodbank Collection
Sunday 6 December, 10am-2pm

Go Waihī – Christmas At The Lake
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Arts Collective Challenge 2027
Whangamatā Memorial Hall.
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30-31 January: Big Art Day Out
10am-4pm, koha entry. Artist entry forms online at artscollective.co.nz

Hikuai School adopts a beach

Week one at Hikuai School kicked off with a fantastic Adopt a Beach Day for our Te Awa and Te Maunga classes.

Our students spent the day outdoors discovering what makes our local coastal environment so special and learning how they can help protect it.

A huge thank you to Coastcare, Predator Free Pauanui and the Pauanui Dotterel Group for sharing their expertise and supporting our learners.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the kids to gain awareness of local conservation efforts while making a real difference in our community.

A great day was had by all—special thanks to Sam Telfar from Coastcare for her outstanding organization and hard work in making the event such a success!





RV sites for Hop 27

Bringing your motorhome or caravan to Repco Beach Hop 2027? We've got a limited number of dedicated RV sites available, right in the heart of Whangamatā!

Just a few minutes' walk from the main action on Port Road, you'll be perfectly positioned to enjoy everything Beach Hop has to offer.

Here's what you need to know:

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WHANGAMATĀ HARBOUR SPRING CLEAN

Join us on Saturday 21 November at 9:30am

On 21st November, Harbour Care will again be spring cleaning the harbour area ready to present our town to the best advantage for the influx of summer visitors.

Last year TCDC took 20 bags of rubbish to the dump for us – hopefully it'll be less this year.

WHANGAMATA HARBOUR CARE INCORPORATED 1997 We Care!

Join us at Humphrey the sea elephant on Saturday 21st November 9:30am with sausages about 11am.

Bring your gumboots, gloves and all your friends!

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Hauraki Woodturners Club

The Waihī Museum had a fascinating exhibition of the Hauraki Woodturners Club last week, the endless hours of dedication from all ages was incredible. What these talented people can do by hand, with lathes was truly art.

Hope you all got to see it!

– Photos by Mark James











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Waihī NEWS

Waihi College Senior Art Exhibition

Waihi College Cultural Prizegiving 2026

The College warmly invited our whānau and wider community to join them for one of the most important evenings on their school calendar – the Cultural Prizegiving on 27 October.

Students involved in Kapa Haka, Culinary Arts, Visual Art, Digital Media, Music or Drama, attended a wonderful evening to celebrate the creativity, talent, dedication and achievements of our students throughout the year.

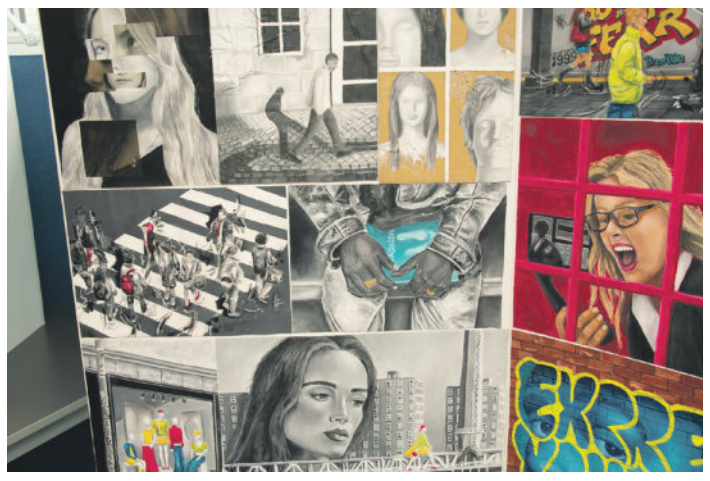
Whangamatā & Waihī News **were delighted to capture the senior Art students showcasing their folio boards and artwork in the Hub Space. The works were breathtaking, and like many others, quiet voices of admiration around the exhibit. A great celebration of another fantastic year of Arts and Culture at Waihī College.**

– Waihī College FB









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Waihī NEWS

Waihi Beach SLC season begins



Our opening weekend to welcome back our volunteer lifeguards and beach goers was big!

On Saturday alone we saw:

- A mass lifeguard refresher making sure our lifeguards are patrol-ready.
- A mission up the coast putting skills into practice.
- Our LGs giving Surf Boats a go – word on the street is there might be a new Waihī Beach crew or two!
- Surf Shack Eatery burgers –an outstanding feed to keep everyone fuelled.
- And best of all three new young lifeguards – welcome Kian, Jack and Beau!

Three Patrols kicked off our season and numbers at surf lifesaving sports training swelled. A great start to summer.

A massive thank you to organisers Zarah and Rosie and to everyone who chipped in to make the opening weekend happen, to our instructors and examiners for getting three new recruits over the line, to Eta Ripples for providing the chips, and to everyone who jumped on patrol. Roll on next weekend!

– FB/Waihī Beach Surf Lifesaving Club







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Waihī NEWS

Waimata Whanau Athletics Day

Last Friday, we went to one of our favourite rural schools, the children were giving their all on the track and field events, even parents got into events and followed a shared kai. It always impresses us, how a small school of just 36 students get that special attention, outside in a howling gusting wind and yet laughter was abundant! High jump, shot put, discus and track. Way to go Waimata School!

– Jennie Black. Photos by Mark James, Waihī News





















Waihi College Cultural Prizegiving 2026

What a fantastic evening celebrating the incredible talent, creativity and dedication of our students at last week's Cultural Prizegiving. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout as we recognised students for their achievements across Kapa Haka and Māori Culture, Culinary Arts, Music, Visual Arts and Drama.

A special congratulations to Luke Stephens, who received our prestigious Supreme Cultural Award, recognising his outstanding contribution to the arts at Waihī College.

We were treated to lovely performances by Cade Tucker, and Isla Menary and Ana Whatarau, adding something special to the evening.

A huge thank you to our fantastic hosts, Cade Tucker (2026 Arts and Cultural Leader) and Stella Shave (2026 Community Leader), who did a wonderful job guiding us through the celebrations. Thank you also to Crystal from Sweet Tooth Catering for the delicious catering.

Congratulations to our 2026 Award Winners:

KAPA HAKA & MĀORI AWARDS

- Kaitātaki Wāhine – Mahana Magee
- Kaitātaki Tāne – Ra Anthym Selwyn
- Kaiāwhina – Deuce Tukaki
- Māori Performer of the Year – Ngatara Magee

CULINARY ARTS AWARDS

- Barista of the Year – Jazmine Jones
- Creative Flair – Ella Troughton
- The Culinary Arts Rising Star – Charisse Mercader
- Manaakitanga – Ana Whatarau
- Commitment to Culinary Arts – Ana Whatarau
- Culinary Arts Student of the Year – Clarisse Mercader

MUSIC & TECH AWARDS

- Hall Tech of the Year – Luke Stephens
- Most Improved Performer – Honoka Korobi
- Contribution to Music – Luke Stephens
- Music Producer Award – Michael Jamieson
- Music Composition Award – Jessica Yeh
- Most Outstanding Musician – Keara Yandell
- Musician of the Year – Cade Tucker

VISUAL ART AWARDS

- Principal's Certificate for Commitment to the Visual Arts – Tiana Reynolds
- Acts of Service to the Arts – Zoe-Beth Naisby
- Most Outstanding in Painting – Ruby Wilhelmi

DRAMA AWARDS

- Contribution to Drama – Luke Stephens
- Most Improved Performer – James Flanagan
- Dramatic Performer of the Year – Stuart Hartley
- Most Outstanding Performer – Isla Menary

SUPREME CULTURAL AWARD

- Luke Stephens

– Facebook/Waihī College

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HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning Ahead This Holiday Season? *So Are We!*



Here's what you need to know about our Christmas and New Year service hours - so nothing catches you by surprise under the tree.

Is a Building or Resource Consent on your Christmas wish list?

Santa's not the only one taking a break! By law, we pause building and resource consent processing over the holiday period.

The clock stops: 20 December 2026 – 10 January 2027. This means the standard 20 working day processing timeframe is paused during this time. Any applications still in progress by 21 December may also be put on hold until 10 January.

Get your application in early - don't leave it to the last minute and find yourself waiting until the new year.

Building Inspections

Our building inspectors will be hanging up their hard hats for the holidays. There will be no building inspections: 22 December 2026 – 10 January 2027.

Land Information Memorandum (LIM) applications

Want your LIM sorted before Christmas? You'll need to get your application and payment in by these dates:

- 7 December 2026 for a Standard LIM (10 working days)
- 18 December 2026 for an Urgent LIM (2–3 working days)

The LIM process pauses from 20 December to 10 January, so applications received after these dates will be completed in the new year.

Holiday Deadlines for Special Alcohol Licences

Planning a special event over the holidays? Applications for Special Alcohol Licences must be submitted at least 20 working days before your event. No late applications will be accepted. Alcohol licensing has a statutory shutdown period from 20 December to 15 January each year.

Applications received after the second week of November are unlikely to be processed before the shutdown, so we recommend applying as early as possible.

Apply online: ***https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/rules-regulations-licences/alcohol-licensing***

LGOIMA Requests

We're committed to being open and transparent - even over the holidays! But if you need information from us under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, please get your request in early.

Submit your LGOIMA request by: 18 December 2026

The LGOIMA process pauses from 20 December until 10 January, so requests received after this date will be picked up in the new year.

Spring cleaning on the cards?



Planning a clear-out this summer?

Before you load up the trailer and head to our Waihī or Paeroa Refuse Transfer Station, check that your vehicle number plate is registered.

Hauraki District residents and ratepayers can receive discounted in-district gate fees and charges with a registered vehicle.

If you haven't registered yet, or you've got a new vehicle, now's a good time to get it sorted before your next trip.

Registration is free. Allow three working days for your details to update. For more information or to register your vehicle, visit **https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling/vehicle-registration-rts**

Need a hand? Pop into one of our Service Centres or give us a call on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834.

Waihī Ward Meeting

Have Your Say

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

Connect with your Council, hear what's happening locally, and share what matters to you. Everyone welcome — no prep needed.

Want us to cover something specific?
Email **info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz** before the meeting.



Waihī Library and Service Centre closed Friday 6 November

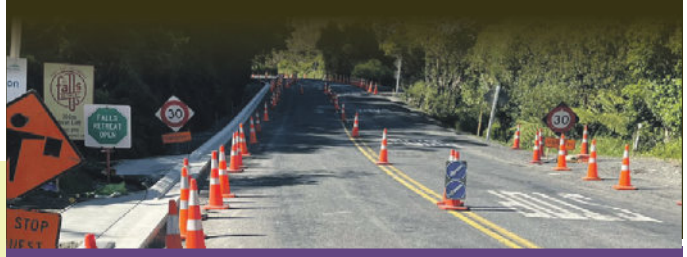
Both facilities will be closed Friday 6 November for improvements. Library reopens Saturday 7 November. Service Centre reopens Monday 9 November. A further one-day closure is planned for later in November — we'll share the date soon.

Summer Roadworks Ahead

Plan Your Journey

You'll see our roading crews across Hauraki this summer tackling essential maintenance while conditions are ideal. We know roadworks can be inconvenient — your patience and kindness toward our crew helps us keep our roads safe year-round.

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Hello Friday – 20th year event celebrated







Labour Weekend was a busy one in Pauanui and super busy in store at Hello Friday too. The weather was stunning, and there was a great turnout for what was their 20th Fashion Parade – still hard believe it's been 10 years of Hello Friday!

Eleven fabulous local models (friends, and even some family) took to the pavement right outside the store, showcasing around 65 fresh looks of new season arrivals.

They did a fabulous job – so much so, many styles sold out! But not to worry, they have been busy re-ordering some favourites and there's also still plenty more new arrivals due in November and December.

If you missed the parade, check out the highlights and photos over on their Facebook page. Be sure to leave a 'like' and comment to let them team know your favourite outfit of the day.

The ladies would like to extend a big thank you to all the helpers behind the scenes and to you, their followers, for your ongoing support – we truly appreciate you!

– The Hello Friday team
Photos by Tanya Paton









Three new senior firefighters for Tairua

Wahoo! A massive congratulations goes to Ernest Welthagen, Lance Williams and Rob Scott, who have recently completed their Senior Firefighter qualifications together!

Reaching this milestone is no small achievement. It takes countless hours of training, dedication, practical experience and a commitment to continually learning and improving.

All of this is achieved while juggling work, family life and the demands of being a volunteer firefighter.

Progressing to Senior Firefighter is about more than earning another rank. It brings greater responsibility, more opportunities to mentor others and the ability to contribute even more to the strength and capability of our brigade.

Having three members achieve this together is something we're incredibly proud of!

A big thank you to their families and whānau, along with everyone who has supported them throughout their training.

Ernest, Lance and Rob well done, lads!

Three more Senior Firefighters, a stronger brigade and three very well-earned achievements!

From all of us at Tairua Volunteer Fire Brigade, congratulations!

– FB/Tairua Volunteer FIRE Brigade



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They came from everywhere...

Waihī, Tairua, Pukekohe, Walton, Pauanui, Te Aroha, Omanu for the Whangamatā Ladies 9-hole tournament, Williamson Course.

The course was in pristine condition and the weather conditions perfect. For many women golfers, the nine-hole comps are ideal. Some of the players are beginners, perhaps looking to move to 18 holes at some stage and several are coming across from 18-hole golf for various reasons like time and health.

The ladies had a great day with Francis Reid from Tairua taking line honours.

Keen to play the game but a little weary of the rules and how good you may be? Contact your local golf club, they'll happily steer you in the right direction for what is probably the most social sport you can play.

– Shaun Fay



Wander Walks kick off at Te Puna Quarry Park

Western Bay of Plenty District Council's Wander Walks series kicks off at Te Puna Quarry Park on Saturday 7 November, inviting local dog owners to explore the District's scenic walking spots with their four-legged friends.



The free, guided walks give pooches and their people the chance to discover dog-friendly walking areas across the Western Bay, meet other dog lovers and help their furry friends build confidence.

Walkers are encouraged to arrive at 9.30am to meet their fellow 'Wander Woofers' before setting off at 10am. For everyone's safety and enjoyment, dogs must remain on leads, and owners are asked to be considerate of other walkers and dogs along the way.

More walks will be held over the coming months, with the series wrapping up with Doggy Day Out in March. Dog owners can find upcoming walk dates at facebook.com/westernbaycouncil/events

Covering nearly 32 hectares, Te Puna Quarry Park is home to scenic walking tracks, native gardens, sculptures, and panoramic views of the Western Bay of Plenty.

Come along and explore the beautiful tracks and add a new favourite walking spot to the vault.

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BAYLEYS







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Whangamata 113 Mark Street

The good old days

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Sports results

GOLF CLUB CHAMPS

19 Oct: Whangamatā Golf Club. A perfect day for a final. Sunday at Whangamatā Golf Club and it was all tension and pressure as the best of the best fought it out for line honours. It's always an important event on any golf club's calendar and Whangamatā didn't disappoint.

Senior Men
Winner: Andrew Priestley
Runner Up: Rob Peart
Intermediate Men
Winner: Paul Mitchell
Runner Up: Brett Glover
Junior Men
Winner: Rick Ewart
Runner Up: Dave Barrance
Junior B Men
Winner: Roger Lawton
Runner Up: Les Matthews
Silver Women
Winner: Jill Agnew
Runner Up: Leanna Hutchinson
Bronze 1 Women
Winner: Jacquie Holland
Runner Up: Shelley Leversedge
Bronze 2 Women
Winner: Jeanny Cooper
Runner Up: Carolyn Roberts
Bronze 3 Women
Winner: Jeannie Wilson
Runner Up: Dianne Tempest

500 CARD CLUB

We meet weekly on Wednesday from 1-4pm at the RSA.

21 Oct: 24 players. 1st Graeme Alen, 2nd Snow Harris, Average score Lloyd May, Raffle winner Chris Boston and lowest score Murray Robson.

28 Oct: 23 players. 1st Mike Tyne, 2nd John Lipanovich, Average score Chris Lipanovich, Raffle winner Colettelette Slack and lowest score Reg Churton.

MAHJONG

30 Oct: This afternoon we had 54 players at mahjong. Congratulations to our winners:
1st: Erin Wyatt, 41 points
2nd: Dianne Trembath, 35 points
3rd: Trish Griffiths, 34 points
The lucky number was not struck.

PICKLEBALL

27 Oct: Another good turnout for games at the School Gym. See you there next Tuesday at 4.45pm.

TABLE TENNIS

29 Oct: We had 3 equal top scorers: Brenda Smith, Keith Gribben and Martin Singer. The tried hards were close behind.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Unique Wonder Tournament



The twittering of mahjong tiles and the chatter of players echoed throughout the Whangamatā Razza on 31 October with the annual Unique Wonder Tournament.

72 players attended from Auckland to Otorohanga. The Tournament was opened by Lynn Ward who welcomed the players. There were two sessions with 16 hands each session.

Whangamatā was well represented in the top 8.

Congratulations to all the prize winners...

Winner of the Gay Laurenson memorial Cup: Christine Lipanovich

Session 1 Winner: Ruth Keir, Club Mount Maunganui
Session 2 Winner: Christine Lipanovich, Whangamatā RSA

OVERALL PLACINGS

1st: Christine Lipanovich, Whangamatā RSA
2nd: Ruth Keir, Club Mount Maunganui
3rd: Donna Lowrie, Whangamatā RSA
4th: Leticia Murray, Whangamatā RSA
5th: Daphne Inglis, Whangamatā RSA
6th: Dawn Styles, Whangamatā RSA
7th: Vina Carroll, Whangamatā RSA
8th: Marion Wall, Otorohonga and Marie Madgwick, Papakura

Whangamatā Tides 2026

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

Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set
		AM		PM		AM		PM			
6	Fri	5:12	1.7	17:32	1.8	11:11	0.4	23:46	0.3	06:05	19:53
7	**Sat**	**6:08**	**1.7**	**18:23**	**1.8**		**0.4**	**12:07**	**0.4**	**06:04**	**19:55**
8	**Sun**	**7:00**	**1.8**	**19:12**	**1.8**	**0:38**	**0.3**	**12:59**	**0.4**	**06:03**	**19:56**
9	Mon	7:48	1.8	19:58	1.8	1:26	0.3	13:47	0.4	06:02	19:57
10	Tue	8:33	1.8	20:41	1.8	2:10	0.3	14:33	0.4	06:01	19:58
11	Wed	9:15	1.8	21:22	1.7	2:52	0.3	15:16	0.4	06:00	19:59
12	Thu	9:55	1.8	22:02	1.7	3:32	0.3	15:57	0.4	05:59	20:00
13	Fri	10:35	1.8	22:42	1.7	4:11	0.3	16:38	0.5	05:58	20:01
14	**Sat**	**11:15**	**1.8**	**23:22**	**1.7**	**4:49**	**0.3**	**17:20**	**0.5**	**05:57**	**20:02**
15	**Sun**		**1.7**	**11:56**	**1.7**	**5:27**	**0.4**	**18:02**	**0.5**	**05:57**	**20:03**
16	Mon	0:03	1.6	12:38	1.7	6:08	0.4	18:45	0.5	05:56	20:04
17	Tue	0:47	1.6	13:23	1.7	6:51	0.5	19:31	0.5	05:55	20:05
18	Wed	1:35	1.6	14:10	1.7	7:38	0.5	20:19	0.5	05:54	20:06
19	Thu	2:26	1.6	14:59	1.7	8:29	0.5	21:10	0.5	05:54	20:08
20	Fri	3:21	1.6	15:49	1.7	9:23	0.5	22:02	0.5	05:53	20:09
21	**Sat**	**4:18**	**1.6**	**16:41**	**1.7**	**10:19**	**0.5**	**22:56**	**0.4**	**05:52**	**20:10**
22	**Sun**	**5:16**	**1.7**	**17:33**	**1.8**	**11:16**	**0.5**	**23:49**	**0.3**	**05:52**	**20:11**
23	Mon	6:12	1.7	18:27	1.8		0.3	12:12	0.4	05:51	20:12
24	Tue	7:07	1.8	19:21	1.9	0:43	0.2	13:07	0.4	05:51	20:13
25	Wed	8:00	1.9	20:15	1.9	1:35	0.2	14:02	0.3	05:50	20:14
26	Thu	8:53	2.0	21:09	1.9	2:27	0.1	14:57	0.3	05:50	20:15
27	Fri	9:46	2.0	22:04	1.9	3:19	0.1	15:51	0.2	05:49	20:16
28	**Sat**	**10:39**	**2.0**	**22:59**	**1.9**	**4:11**	**0.1**	**16:46**	**0.2**	**05:49**	**20:17**
29	**Sun**	**11:33**	**2.0**			**5:03**	**0.1**	**17:41**	**0.2**	**05:49**	**20:18**
30	Mon	11:54	1.9	12:27	2.0	5:56	0.2	18:37	0.3	05:48	20:19

DECEMBER 2026 — New Moon: 9th — Full Moon: 24th

Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set
		AM		PM		AM		PM			
1	Tue	0:51	1.8	13:22	1.9	6:51	0.2	19:33	0.3	05:48	20:20
2	Wed	1:48	1.8	14:18	1.9	7:47	0.3	20:29	0.3	05:48	20:21
3	Thu	2:48	1.7	15:13	1.8	8:46	0.4	21:26	0.4	05:47	20:22
4	Fri	3:48	1.7	16:08	1.8	9:46	0.5	22:23	0.4	05:47	20:23
5	**Sat**	**4:47**	**1.7**	**17:01**	**1.8**	**10:45**	**0.5**	**23:18**	**0.4**	**05:47**	**20:24**
6	**Sun**	**5:43**	**1.7**	**17:53**	**1.7**	**11:41**	**0.5**		**0.5**	**05:47**	**20:25**
7	Mon	6:35	1.7	18:42	1.7	0:09	0.4	12:34	0.5	05:47	20:26
8	Tue	7:23	1.8	19:29	1.7	0:58	0.4	13:23	0.5	05:47	20:27
9	Wed	8:08	1.8	20:14	1.7	1:43	0.3	14:09	0.5	05:47	20:27

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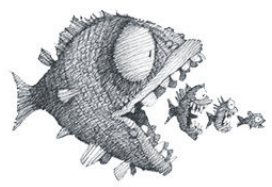
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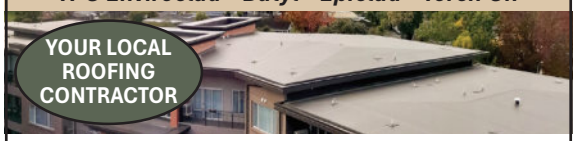
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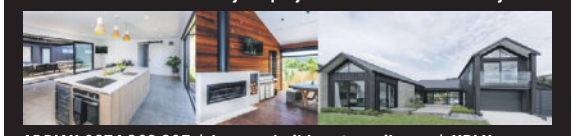
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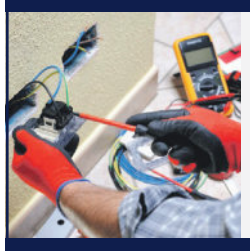
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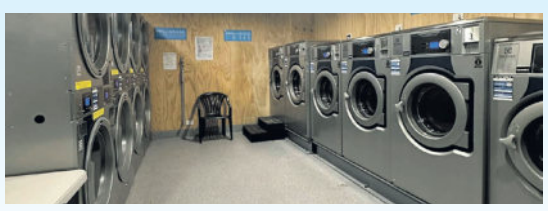
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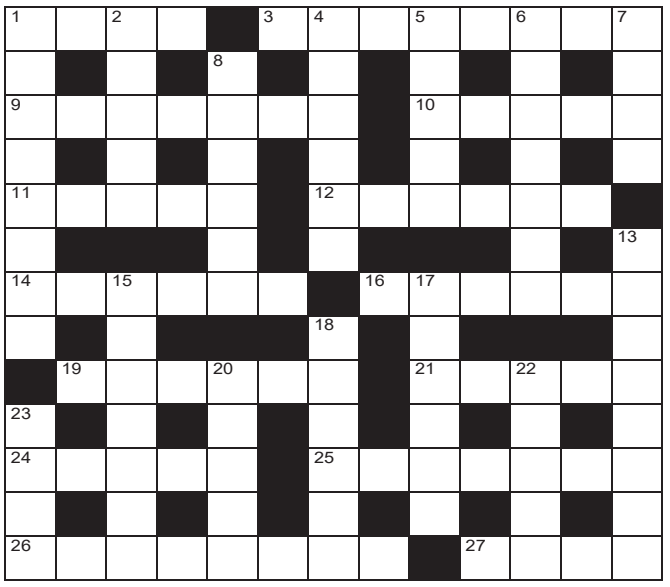
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QUICK CROSSWORD



Across

1. Discover (4)
3. Crypt (8)
9. Disastrous (7)
10. Sufficient (5)
11. Swindler (5)
12. Layered (6)
14. Morose (6)
16. Chase (6)
19. Pamper (6)
21. Stone worker (5)
24. Decorate (5)
25. Italian rice dish (7)
26. Thus far (8)
27. Formerly (4)

Down

1. Prediction (8)
2. Unsophisticated (5)
4. Possessions of value (6)
5. Saying (5)
6. Subjugate (7)
7. Puffed (4)
8. Baby footwear (6)
13. Tall, thin person (colloq) (8)
15. Sentry (7)
17. Reveal (6)
18. Confidential (6)
20. Solid (5)
22. Smooth and shiny fabric (5)
23. Cleanse (4)

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SUDOKU

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

6			4			1		2
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EASY

		1	4					9
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9		8	2					7
4					9	8		

HARDER

DECODER

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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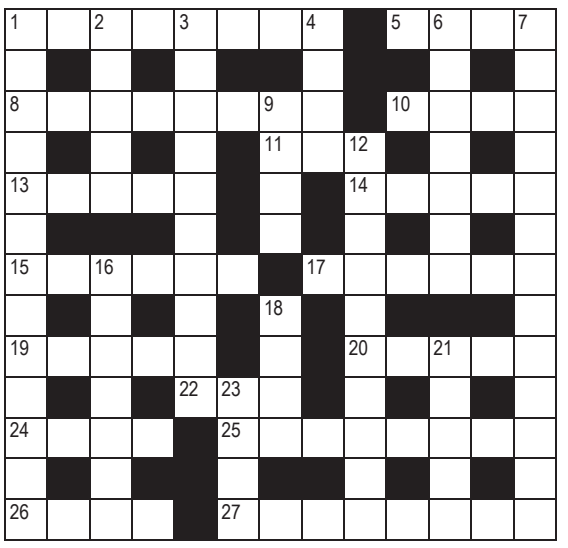
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Across

1. Unpeg rig to create enthusiasm (6,2)
5. No longer continue the return of the saucepans (4)
8. A student and his mother on a ship spot the island (8)
10. Leave out Tom & I maybe (4)
11. A cocky sort of dance? (3)
13. You can't get them as odds or can you? (5)
14. No rare diarrhoea state (5)
15. Possibly jeer at my man (6)
17. Mats in and set out for prayers (6)
19. Sink degree on vice (5)
20. French and German yes men are on the board? (5)
22. Rodent returns for the sticky stuff … (3)
24. … and got out of looting body part (4)
25. Marcia & Al prepare some squid … (8)
26. … and middle western sheep (4)
27. The gift was a party for the country (8)

Down

1. One jellied bug – it's the 50th! (6,7)
2. No French Church for the time being (5)
3. A big mix up happens when men hem nets (10)
4. Antwerp is a city that contains another city (4)
6. Main pit sort of percussion (7)
7. Protestant oil refined for this? (6,7)
9. Put out most of the cigarettes on return (4)
12. Strange! Capon laid a drink! (4,6)
16. I pester to get let off (7)
18. Coin an Italian word (4)
21. Liquid paper not pulped for this nationality (5)
23. Current identification for tart (4)



SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU

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

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

CRYPTIC

23. Acid.
12. Pina colada, 16. Respite, 18. Lira, 21. Iraqi,
4. Pisa, 6. Timpani, 7. Petrol station, 9. Stub,
Down: 1. Golden jubilee, 2. Nonce, 3. Enmeshment,
25. Calamari, 26. Ewes, 27. Donation.
10. Omit, 11. Tap, 13. Evens, 14. Idaho, 15. Jeremy,
17. Matins, 19. Basin, 20. Ouija, 22. Tar, 24. Loin,
Across: 1. Ginger up, 5. Stop, 8. Landmass,

CROSSWORD

22. Satin, 23. Wash.
18. Secret, 20. Dense,
17. Unmask,
15. Lookout,
13. Beanpole,
7. Blew, 8. Bootee,
6. Oppress,
5. Adage,
2. Naive, 4. Assets,
Down: 1. Forecast,
26. Hitherto, 27. Once.
25. Risotto,
24. Adorn,
21. Mason,
19. Coddle,
16. Pursue,
12. Tiered, 14. Sullen,
10. Ample, 11. Cheat,
9. Ruinous,
3. Catacomb,
Across: 1. Find,

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