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## Thank you for your Dawn Service

I would like to congratulate and thank all the people who were involved in organising the Dawn Service on the beach on ANZAC Day.

As a visitor, I felt very honoured to be able to attend this service .

Anzac Day is very important to me as my father fought at Gallipoli and so it was nice to commemorate this day in this way.

Grateful visitor,

**Sue Hart**  
HUNTLY

## Are dreams free?

As a concerned Resident and Ratepayer I strongly feel TIME is running out if this Community is to be able to restore our beautiful HARBOUR.

Approximately 14 years ago W.R.C. agreed to help manage our Mangrove spread to what we termed the 1944 line. Since then W.R.C. Area Manager Peter Singleton commenced to provide much needed cooperation to commence towards the agreed plan only to find that W.R.C. replaced Peter with a new Area Manager.

Since then this community has been RATED out of our DREAMS with the use of Helicopters, shutting out local involvement, and invoking RULES that prohibit even maintenance of expensive clearances to date.

W.R.C. come HELP US realise the dreams we were promised in a way that is as YOU say "Working with Communities" before the FINAL OPPORTUNITY to address our PROBLEMS has expired.

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**Brian Airey**  
WHANGAMATA

## Flu immunisations

Since April 19th when our Flu season opened, we have immunised more than 1000 patients aged 65 years and over. Our drive through clinics held at the Memorial Hall allowed us to immunise approximately 200 patients per day.

This huge effort could not have been possible without the help and support from the community and in particular the:

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TCDC and all the other wonderful individuals who gave up their time to assist us.

Flu immunisations for patients aged under 65, including those eligible for a funded vaccine (see [fightflu.co.nz](http://fightflu.co.nz) for eligibility criteria)

will be available after the 17 May. Please be advised that this is only for enrolled patients at WMC.

We are still waiting on further information from the Ministry of Health regarding the delivery of COVID-19 vaccinations. We will provide an update once more information comes to hand.

Ngā Mihi.

**Amy Toroa, Office Manager**  
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## Letters

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# Woodstoke 2021 re-kindles magic

Once again the fires were lit for a magical gathering of 100 people, with 75 registered potters and 25 helpers, joined to make another successful and truly unique event held on the outskirts of Whangamata from Thursday, 11 April to Sunday, 25 April.

Whangamata News joined in to see the gathering of fire and friendships. The transformation of living clay into art was an amazing sight with demonstrations and experiential learning for all.

With four permanent kilns and another three on site constructed for the firing, you will see the regeneration of the 'potters tribe'.

Enjoy our photo gallery of talents from all over New Zealand -Whangarei, Rotorua, Wellington, Otaki, Gisborne, Dunedin, Whanganui and afar. Sadly, with Covid, regular attendees from Australia and the USA could not join in this year to share stories and abilities.

- Jennie Black



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# Meeting support crucial says Boston

Many Whangamata residents were unable to attend the public meeting on March 31 to discuss the Thames Coromandel District Council's Long Term Plan 2021-2031, and future similar meetings will have to address this problem, says Whangamata Ratepayers' Association chairman Rob Boston.

"It was obvious when canvassing support for people to attend the meeting jointly hosted by Grey Power and Ratepayers, that many people were unable to attend due to work and family commitments," he says.

"In the future, options to address must be considered by those organising similar meetings, because it is crucial that the consultation process be inclusive."

"However, the meeting was still attended by over 140 people."

A hearing for submitters to the long term plan began on Tuesday in Thames. It moved to Whitianga on Wednesday before returning to Thames, and was

scheduled to end on Friday. Whangamata residents at the public meeting had emphasised they wanted council-owned property at 101 Lindsay Rd to remain in council hands for the benefit of the local community, and this was relayed to councillors at the hearing, Boston said.

"At the meeting there was considerable debate around the proposed sale of the Thames Coromandel District Council-owned land at 101 Lindsay Road and several speakers supported the establishment of a community hub on the council land, avoiding the sale of the \$3 million property in the Whangamata industrial area."

"They noted their disappointment that the long term plan submission document did not include information regarding a proposed community hub that has been in the pipeline for some time and could be ideally located on the site."

The hub proposal had the support of several local voluntary organisations including Community Patrol, Menzshed, Whangamata Lions, the Whangamata Theatre Society and the Arts Collective, Boston added.

"Several preliminary meetings were held, concept sketches produced and budgets prepared. This information was available and could have been included as an option to create further debate.

"A key ingredient for any long term plan should include vision. With the current growth and development in the town, who knows what priorities the Whangamata community will require in 2031?"

"Once this land has gone it's gone forever."

A recent Ratepayers' Association newsletter had noted that locals were unable to protect and maintain their own beach and harbour areas because of the restrictive

resource consent conditions written up by the Waikato Regional Council regarding mangrove maintenance, Boston said.

These were unworkable in a practical manner, he said, and a submission had been made to the hearing asking why no reference to the ongoing mangrove situation in Whangamata harbour appeared in the long term plan, which the TCDC plans to release early in June.

Meanwhile, the Whangamata Ratepayers' Association, which this year elected a new committee, is continuing on its mission to advance the interests of ratepayers in the town and to preserve, conserve, and enhance its amenities, harbours and estuaries.

Boston says this year the ratepayers' association aims to be proactive and will encourage more ratepayers and residents to take an interest in local affairs.

- Cameron Scott

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# Submission favours \$330,000 pool grant

The Whangamata Community Board has made a submission to the Thames Coromandel District Council's long term plan for a one-off grant of \$330,000 to pay for improvements to the Whangamata Real Estate Community Pool.

The grant, presented as Option One in the council's Long Term Plan 2021-2031 consultation document, is two-thirds of the total cost of the proposed upgrade and will depend on the community first raising \$167,000.

A story in the second April edition of Whangamata News claimed a submission had been made in favour of Option 2, a one-off grant of \$500,000. Quoting Whangamata Swimming Pool Inc chairman Rob Boston, it said a council report saying the board preferred Option 1, had been retracted.

TCDC spokeswoman Laina White said the community board had not in fact discussed changing Option 1 to Option 2.

"The board resolved to make the submission as per the report, the submission was prepared as per the resolution and submitted," she said.

"The submission has not been retracted and stands with the board supporting Option 1."

Whangamata Community Board chairman Ken Coulam said he would make an oral submission on the pool at hearings for submitters in Thames and Whitianga this week. The submission would explain most board members had favoured Option 1, but that there had also been support for Option 2.

- Cameron Scott

# Free money for older people?

Joe asked me recently whether it was a good idea for him to access some free money by way of a lifetime loan or reverse mortgage. Yes there is a benefit, the money is free, but the catch is it will cost when it is paid back. Heartland Bank will provide money to older clients and no interest is payable until the property is sold or the person dies. This can be useful for a person who needs to do up a house to make it warmer, make other improvements such as kitchen or bathroom improvements or even to buy a new car. Of course the interest rate is higher than a trading bank would charge, and currently you would likely pay 5.95% interest. The rate is higher for a reverse mortgage because the bank has to wait what could be a long time to get its money back. The

debt can escalate quickly because interest charged is compounded monthly (you end up paying interest on the interest) Joe is 75 years old and has a property in Whangamata worth \$750,000. He wants to borrow \$100,000 but at current Heartland rates he would owe \$181,037 by the time he is 85. At 95 he would owe \$327,743. This might not be too bad if the house goes up in value. Usually a lifetime loan suits a person who is asset rich but cash poor. It also suits someone who has no dependants to leave the house to. Each person's circumstances need to be taken into account and other options should be explored before agreeing to a lifetime loan.

- Neil Evans,  
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# 37 years of caring...

Diny Fokkes grew up in Holland, the oldest of six children in a catholic family. Her journey into registered nursing is a fantastic tale of travel and a life that led her with husband Gerrit to Whangamata.

Her parents had a farm and her mother ran a small store in rural Holland where Diny would bike the fifteen minutes to school.

As the winters were so very cold biking, with snow and ice she soon went to Boarding school for the next four years.

However, due to her mother's sudden death at 16, Diny had to return home to care for her siblings and run the dairy at the instruction of her Father, he was very old fashioned and Diny had no choice but to go along with his wishes.

However, the novelty of both tasks soon wore off and the family Dairy closed. Diny continued seeking a career away from the family home.

It wasn't long after her nursing training was completed and at 19, she attended an Agricultural Ball where she met her husband to be Gerrit. With her fathers passing from a stroke, Gerrit approached Diny "let's go to NZ?" but Diny wanted to work longer in Holland to get a bit of money together.

So now married, without children and earning good money they



Diny Fokkes.

finally came to Hamilton in 1975 where they sold their Peugeot car (bought over from Holland) and that enabled them to buy a section close to Waikato Hospital.

Building a solid Lockwood home and working as a theatre nurse after an orientation period to improve her English language. Keep in mind they didn't know anyone!

The first year was difficult in a public hospital, but she loved the work in theatre for four rewarding years before her first child was born.

Gerrits parents came over and bought a house in Whiritoa in the 80's and Whiritoa, was a very small community back then!

And the in-laws would return every year for a few months, the pair soon realised they wanted to come

to Whangamata too, where the fishing was Gerrits passion.

Gerrit then saw an opportunity and leased a property and created the Whangamata restaurant 'The Captains Table' and after six years during boom times, he then started the Training Centre for hospitality, computer and outdoor life skills course, and it was hugely successful.

Returning to Community Nursing when her eldest child turned five years old. The district nurse in Whangamata, at that time was Margaret Littlejohn, who needed someone to fill in while she would return to home in England for 6 weeks annually and asked Diny to stand in.

Thames Health Board agreed to give Diny the position and then the casual job in Whangamata became full time with increasing travel to service Tairua and Pauanui. A very busy life indeed - living on top of Whangamata Bookshop



Diny and Gerrit.

and nursing eight hours a day and then running the restaurant in the evening.

Being the full time community nurse to Whangamata, Tairua and Pauanui meant she had to reduce that to three days weekly.

Whangamata brought in another nurse to share the position. All is now run by Waikato District Health Board and Waihi based with only one clinic in Whangamata.

So after an incredible 37 years after the initial casual position, Diny ran palliative care, home based care and post surgical care to our community.

Diny recently retired 1 April 2021 just over a month ago and still on the Whangamata Hospice and Cancer Support Trust helping with equipment from bequests to deliver a bed, Lazy Boy chair or equipment for immediate delivery for the very ill.

Celebrating 50 years of marriage to Gerrit last December, plans now are spending time with her five grand children and visits to her daughters home in Auckland.

Diny says 'I have a feeling of Freedom - I can go to music, theatre and bridge and a favourite routine of swimming!'

Thank you for your incredible commitment Diny !

- Jennie Black



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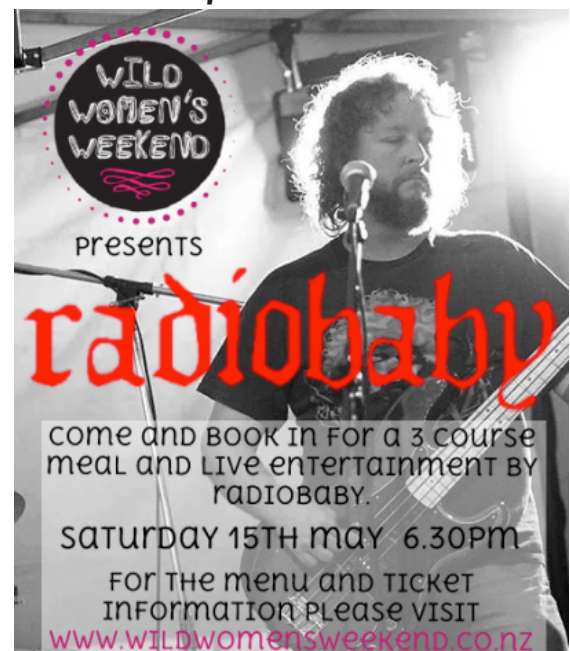
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# Giving wall space to New Zealand artists

A lovely new gallery has opened in Whangamata, Bask Gallery, owned by Michelle Crook, who is showcasing New Zealand artists and makers on Port Road.

Michelle has come from Tauranga with her husband Grant who has always wanted to return here, as he has land in Opoutere.

With a history of marketing for more than twenty years Michelle said ‘I always wanted to do this, and being involved as a Trustee of Creative Bay of Plenty over the past few years definitely influenced my decision to open Bask Gallery’.

“For me it was about NZ artists, NZ made and repurposing beautiful things and being gentle on the planet”.

Currently you can see works from around the country, including Tauranga, Cambridge, Nelson and beyond.

Featuring just some are, Bryce Brown originals and limited edition prints, Emma Prill’s limited edition prints, leading abstract painter Doreen McNeill and ceramist Sophie LeMaire.

Plus there’s Isaac Weston from



the Bay of Plenty with incredible designs of metals, from sculpture to art panels.

Not to be missed are the corten steel sculptures by Grounded Art NZ, tall pieces of rusted steel with a life and dimension of their own.

Come into Bask Gallery, the winter hours are Wednesday to Saturday 10 am to 2pm or Michelle can open by appointment

Bask in the art - you will be so pleased you did!

**To stay up to date with what’s new, follow Bask Gallery on instagram: [baskgallery.nz](https://www.instagram.com/baskgallery.nz)**

- Jennie Black

# Rainbow children bring smiles

The children from Rainbow Cottage had a wonderful Moana House visit in April.

Charlie, Lily, Ollie, TeKaireka and Caleb made lots of residents smile as they walked around the rest home and chatted to them.

The children were treated to a lovely surprise when Maxine and Francine turned up with miniature ponies. The children looked on with amusement as the ponies went for a walk around the rooms and corridors, bringing more joy and smiles all around.

Ninety nine year old Mavis had a wee treat for the kids - they were amazing that she will turn 100 in May.

- submitted by Katrina Brickwood



Pictured with Mavis - aged 99



# Ban the bottle GREENPEACE

Greenpeace wants New Zealand to become a world leader and ban plastic drinks bottles.

Last year, after a huge public campaign, the NZ Government banned single use plastic bags.

Now Greenpeace is launching a new campaign to “ban the bottle.”

“This is the next logical step, if we are serious about protecting our wildlife and ourselves from the scourge of single-use plastic,” says Greenpeace campaigner Holly Dove.

“We can be world leaders on this.”

Greenpeace says a failing recycling and waste system means a good proportion of this plastic waste finds its way into landfills and the sea.

“New Zealanders love the coastlines; trips to the beach, our sea life, and kai moana. They’re part of our way of life, and plastic

pollution still threatens that.”

“Drinks companies continue to push the message that we can recycle our way out of our tidal wave of plastic waste. The truth is we can’t. The only real solution is to design waste out of the system, and cut the amount of plastic that we are producing.”

“The coalition government made a great start with banning single-use plastic bags last year, but the job’s not done. We need them to make sure that these companies stop bottling their products in single-use plastics, and start producing alternative options for their customers.”

**Every year, it is estimated that we throw away more than a billion single use plastic bottles here in New Zealand.**

**Think about it!**

- Jennie Black, Editor  
Greenpeace Warrior

New Zealand was successful in banning single-use plastic bags.



## Birds of the Whangamata estuary



Photos by Mark James



# Ladies spin a great yarn

Members of the Whangamata Creative Fibre Group met with a variety of spinning, knitting & weaving works at the Whangamata Memorial Hall on Monday April 19 from 10 am to 2pm.

It was such a great insight for Whangamata News to see such an array of clever women.

With thirty seven members in total including three members travelling from Tairua, the group is growing and welcomes more new comers.

They just want to share lots of knowledge and ideas.

Members bring to the group talents of fibre, with spinners, weavers, quilters, sewers and up cycling pieces of sheer creativity.

On the day I went along, Sherry ran a crochet workshop, which had incredible detail with amazing wee mice, Fred the frog, Horace the Dragon and so much more.

I was fascinated to meet up with Ngila Houliston and "Project Cover Up" which has been going 20 years, knitting for the poor and cold, annually posting overseas, often to Romania sending blankets, jerseys, hats, scarves and slippers.

On May 24th, it will be Andrea's turn to take a workshop on how to 'learn to spin in 30 minutes'. The group enjoys a workshop monthly to keep the group keen.

National tutors come in the first weekend of May. Saturday will focus on spinning and incorporating a sewing room floor



Ngila Houliston - Project Cover-up.



Ella adds to the yarn

with tips on ribbons, beads and more. After tutoring, topic will be knitting including colouring workshops of wool, make sure you come along!

Marie-Louise Nordberg (Co-ordinator for the Whangamata Creative Fibre group) says "we are having a 'fibre frolic' on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July at the Memorial Hall, with workshops running for 2 full days with

demonstrations. A must see !

The group Welcomes new members for a knowledge share and a great yarn.

Come along, the group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month in the side room of the Memorial Hall, you will be so glad you did.

- Jennie Black



Fred the frog - crochet delight.

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# Campaign promotes tsunami alert options

An education campaign aimed at educating Thames Coromandel district residents about what to do in emergencies such as tsunamis, and explaining the alert options, will begin in July.

The “Tsunami Evacuation project” campaign will include signs on main beaches, targeted advertising campaigns and the strengthening of community response groups. The campaign follows public forums held last month in centres including Whangamata, and will run through to summer 2022.

The forums were designed to help people learn more about why the 27 tsunami warning sirens around the district are being disconnected from the pager activation system and to discuss alternative measures already in place to keep residents safe.

Community Board chairman Ken Coulam said the Whangamata forum had attracted around 30 people and a diversity of views on whether the sirens should be disconnected. Some had expressed concern about what would happen if cellphone networks were down, while others said they didn't even own a



The Tsunami Evacuation project publicity campaign will include signs on the main beaches around the Coromandel area.

cellphone and preferred the siren system.

“Some people thought disconnecting the sirens was premature,” Coulam added.

The decision to disconnect the sirens goes back to last year when the National Emergency Management Agency told the council to either make the district's tsunami sirens compliant with national standards, or disconnect

them. Replacing them with a compliant system would have cost an estimated \$5 million to \$11 million.

The council agreed with the National Emergency Management Agency that the paging system activating the tsunami alert signal would operate until September this year, when it will be progressively disconnected from the sirens. Fire sirens will not be affected.

A statement on the TCDC website says warning sirens reach fewer than 43 per cent of the Coromandel's population and are not considered a reliable alerting tool because factors such as wind, location, and window double glazing can affect their audibility.

The council says existing alert systems will be more effective in the event of a tsunami threat. They include the National Emergency Mobile Alert (EMA), the Red Cross Hazards app and GeoNet app, both of which can be downloaded from Google Play Store or the Apple App Store, and the ongoing upgrade of the cellular and broadband fibre networks through the Rural Connectivity Group project and ultra-fast broadband rollout.

Other already-available alert methods include social media platforms, radio and television coverage and WHISPIR - a platform set up by the Waikato National Emergency Management Agency group. This system provides alerts to remote locations with limited cell coverage and will be rolled out later this year.

- Cameron Scott



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# Sports results

## RSA 500 Card Club

**21 April:** 12 people enjoyed a good afternoon. Winner on the day was Rex Osbaldison. Wacker Payne won the chocolate and Snow Harris won the raffle.

## Mah Jong

**23 April:** We had 54 players. The Bigwood Prize, sponsored by Smoky Pallet, was won by Philipa Dennison.

The winner of the day was Colleen Bickerton, with 42 points. We had four players in second place with 34 points. They were Maria Doyle, Judy McClintock, Lynne Plowright and Carol Ferris. Third with 33 points was Carol Archer.

**30 April:** We had 46 players. The Bigwood Prize", sponsored by Smoky Pallet, was won by Linda Harris. The winner for the day was Tina Palmer with 40 points. Second were Gael Butler and Erin Wyatt with 38 points and third was Snow Harris with 37 points.

## Poker

**21 April:** Wow what an interesting night at the poker hub much fun and laughter and some awesome poker played.

1st Sandra (I want to go home) Whitmore; 2nd Karyn Jones; 3rd Rick (our lovely visitor from Hamilton).

Sandra and Karyn had a real battle and Sandra coming out on top the good cards fell away in the end for Karyn.

Also on the night we had not one but two straight flushes we have not had on for a year congratulations to Jilly Whiehira and Mohd both getting these Jilly was beside herself I have to say.

An enjoyable night had by all.

**30 April:** 1st Steve Latta; 2nd Jilly Witehira; 3rd Monique Thomas.

This was a biggy with 30 players in attendance so fantastic. We had our team from over the hill (Thames) come and boost our numbers its always great to have them visit but have to say they did not get a look in on the money this visit. Maybe next time.

Congratulations to cool hand Steve and Jilly (the boss) or Gangsta Gran, as she is really known, is way ahead on points table and will be hard to catch.

## Table tennis

**29 April:** A new name streaks to first place this week - Ken Allen. Brian Ford and Wayne Broome have been relegated to equal second place. Is this the start of a new trend?. Will Ken return to repeat his success? Watch this space for the next instalment.

# Destination Kaikoura for Surf Academy students



Taj Millar  
Dal Bosco.

A group of eleven local Whangamata juniors headed south over the school holidays to participate in the Kaikoura Grom Comp held at the famous Meatworks break. The event was part of the New Zealand Grom Series that surfers have contested all summer. The group included two van loads of Whangamata Area School Surf Academy students. Under the snow-capped Kaikoura Ranges, it was Pia Rogers that performed the best with a runner-up finish in the Under 18 Girls Division. Up against girls up to three years her senior, Rogers started strong in the final keeping up with eventual winner Ava Henderson before the Christchurch surfer pushed her way out to a comfortable lead.

Pia surfed to fifth place in the Under 16 Girls Division while her younger brother Ashton finished seventh in the Under 14 Boys Division alongside India Kennings who surfed to seventh in the Under 14 Girls Division. India's younger sister Torah placed fifth in the Under 12 Girls Division.

Kaikoura is one of the favourite destinations for many of the young surfers who make an adventure of the event, touring around, checking out wildlife as well as getting to hang out on the pebble beaches, lighting fires with the driftwood and roasting marshmallows... all in between getting in the ocean and having fun.

- Ben Kennings Surf NZ

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A truly amazing sunrise set the tone for the day to follow, with what many said was the largest gathering ever seen at the flag raising and service.

Standing at the RSA roundabout and looking north up Port Road then hearing the unmistakable lament of the Pipes,

before even seeing the marchers, sent a chill up my spine. A sight and sound to behold as they streamed past and to the Whangamata Memorial Hall, young and old united in remembrance and in the speeches that followed.

Many gathered at the RSA after for a quiet drink and to reminisce, and to partake in Yings' tasty offerings.

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Redirecting an individual on the other hand is something that many leaders find uncomfortable. The purpose of a redirecting conversation is not "telling off", or "growling", nor is it to make an example of the person, make



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them feel bad, or make you as a leader feel better. It is to get the behaviour back on track. Here are a few tips to help it go smoothly and have the desired outcome. As with praising, it is important when redirecting to be immediate and specific about the behaviour; to be honest and call it like as you see it; and lastly, you need to express

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# Whangamata Equestrian Club has day of learning

All ages, all stages. Frankey Smith and her two daughters attended private lessons (partially subsidised, with club Mums running WOSC fishing club events at the bar) on Saturday 1 May at the Mayfair Road arena with rider coach Steve Allen from Tauranga, who has been coaching for 5 years in Whangamata for all ages.



They often go to the Thames Pony Club where there are up to twenty other young riders or they ride at home up the Wentworth Valley.

her horse 'Montana' and her daughter Aiyana (10 years ) on her horse 'Apple' (23 years) also came for lessons on the day.

with Steve Allen. He said he grew up on dairy farms in Golden Bay, and horses have always been part of his life.

Later in the day Lauri Webb riding

Whangamata News caught up



Demi Smith (7 years) rides 'Nugget' and her sister Farrah (8 years) rides her Buckskin horse, Tui, both horses are around 18 years old - just what you want for girls of this age. Mum, Frankey says Steve is the perfect coach for her girls, 'he is so patient, kind and explains things really well'. Summer is quiet for the club but winter is busier and easier when other shows are not on.

'I grew up in the pony club system and starting teaching since I was 16 and always wanted to give back as I got so much out of it'. Steve attended a lot of team competitions around the country. 'It's been really cool coming back to these small towns regularly, when you see tiny tots, grow, gain confidence and enjoyment, it's super fun to watch - a privilege to be a part of it', he said.

- Jennie Black

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# Red & Whites just pipped

What could be better than a home game, an appreciative crowd and a splendid May day? That was the scene for another classic home game at Whanga stadium, on 1 May, with several lead changes and plenty of fire in both teams bellies.

Half time saw the visiting Waihou team ahead by 14-5, and the second half was mostly advantage Whangamata with a try late in the half seeing the home team ahead by 17-14. Despite some valiant defence on their own line, Whangamata couldn't keep out a try on full time which was converted to a full time score of 21-17.

Well done both teams, we are all looking forward to a great season ahead.

- Mark James



# Theatre Society truly alive!

Last Wednesday the Whangamata Theatre Society Inc. held their A.G.M. After a disruptive year it was heartening to have such a strong turnout, more than doubling those of recent years. Whilst the proceedings took on important issues, a palpable sense of joy soon developed. Indeed any casual observer might have thought they were witnessing the latest theatrical performance. As a result of the evenings success, a healthy committee was formed, new faces welcomed and a lot of people looking forward to the year ahead.

Of course, anyone with the slightest interest in theatre will be made very welcome to the society's family whilst enjoying a fun and rewarding environment. Please don't hesitate to contact Acting President Aisne on [aisne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aisne@xtra.co.nz) or 027 524 7633.

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# Local fundraises for endangered elephants



Hi, I'm Emma Scott, a yoga teacher.

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My awareness of the plight of the Asian elephant started after a visit to a sanctuary in Thailand.

I really wanted support an ethically-based tourism company, but it turned out to be such an awful place that was not about helping elephants but making money. The elephants were so sad and broken and were not being respected or living in an

environment that was natural or nurturing.

I researched and found out about the brutal techniques used to capture and break the highly endangered Asian Elephant.

I discovered the award-winning work of Thai National Saengduean 'Lek' Chailert and her Elephant Nature Park and Save the Elephant Foundation.

Lek is the recipient of several international conservation awards. One of six woman to receive the Woman Heroes of Global Conservation from the then secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, Time Magazine's Hero of Asia, the Ford Foundation's Hero of the Planet Award. They have won awards for responsible animal welfare within the World travel industry.

The park and foundation are funded through donations and volunteer visits, so times are very tough for them especially now.

I just want to continue with all my efforts and support the plight of the mighty.

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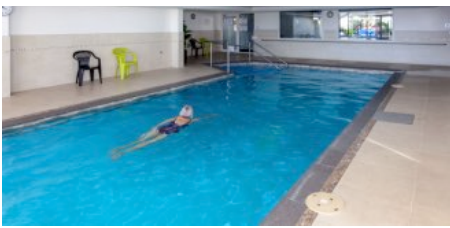
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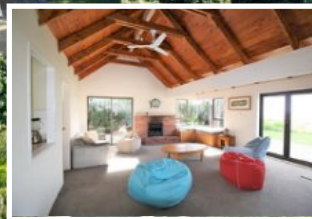


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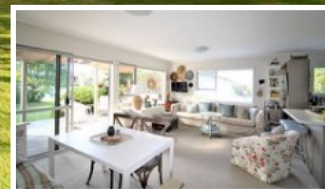


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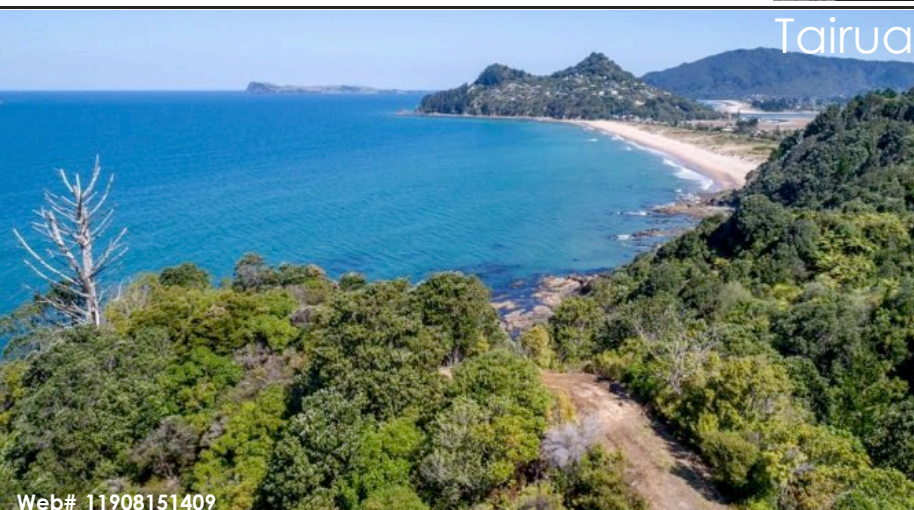
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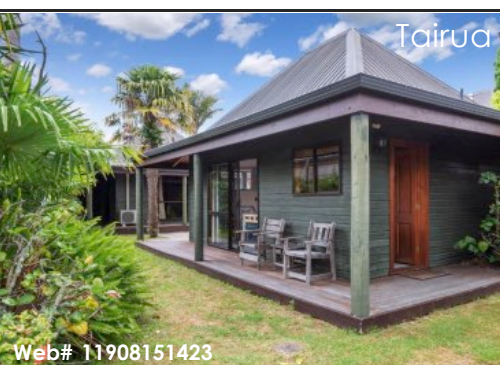
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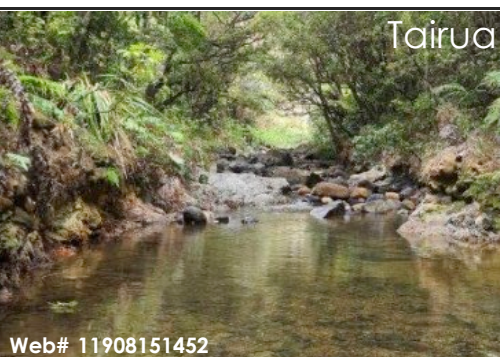
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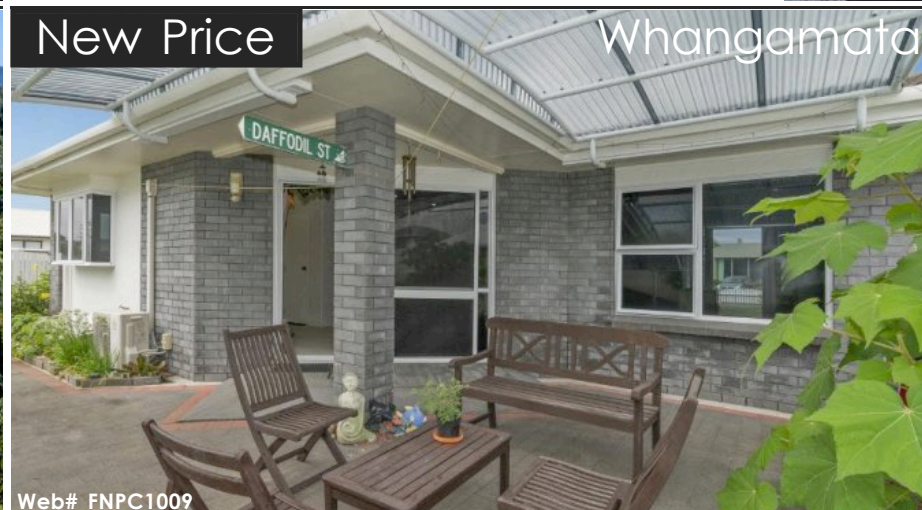
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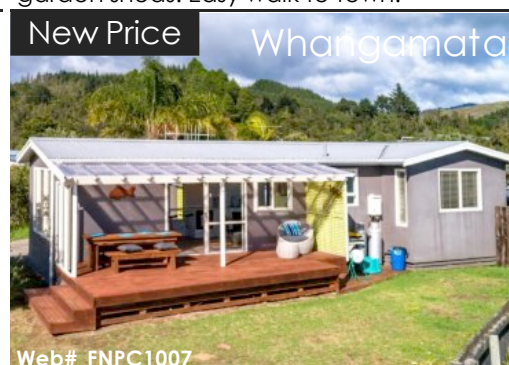
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## WHANGAMATA TIDES 2021

May 2021

New Moon: 12th Full Moon: 26th

Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Sun rise	Sun set
		AM		PM	AM		PM		
7	Fri	3:34	1.8	16:00	9:43	0.5	22:05	07:01	17:22
8	Sat	4:26	1.8	16:55	10:36	0.5	22:59	07:02	17:21
9	Sun	5:16	1.8	17:45	11:26	0.5	23:48	07:03	17:20
10	Mon	6:02	1.8	18:31		0.5	12:12	07:04	17:20
11	Tue	6:45	1.8	19:14	0:33	0.5	12:55	07:04	17:19
12	Wed	7:27	1.8	19:54	1:16	0.5	13:35	07:05	17:18
13	Thu	8:07	1.8	20:34	1:57	0.5	14:14	07:06	17:17
14	Fri	8:46	1.8	21:13	2:36	0.5	14:51	07:07	17:16
15	Sat	9:25	1.8	21:51	3:16	0.5	15:29	07:08	17:15
16	Sun	10:05	1.7	22:31	3:56	0.5	16:08	07:09	17:14
17	Mon	10:45	1.7	23:13	4:37	0.6	16:48	07:10	17:13
18	Tue	11:28	1.7	23:58	5:20	0.6	17:32	07:10	17:13
19	Wed		1.8	12:15	6:07	0.6	18:20	07:11	17:12
20	Thu	0:46	1.8	13:07	6:57	0.5	19:12	07:12	17:11
21	Fri	1:38	1.8	14:03	7:50	0.5	20:08	07:13	17:11
22	Sat	2:32	1.8	15:03	8:46	0.5	21:07	07:14	17:10
23	Sun	3:28	1.9	16:04	9:44	0.4	22:07	07:14	17:09
24	Mon	4:25	1.9	17:04	10:41	0.3	23:06	07:15	17:09
25	Tue	5:22	2.0	18:02	11:38	0.2		07:16	17:08
26	Wed	6:18	2.0	18:57	0:03	0.3	12:33	07:17	17:08
27	Thu	7:13	2.0	19:52	0:59	0.3	13:26	07:17	17:07
28	Fri	8:08	2.0	20:46	1:54	0.2	14:19	07:18	17:07
29	Sat	9:03	2.0	21:39	2:49	0.2	15:11	07:19	17:06
30	Sun	9:57	2.0	22:33	3:44	0.3	16:03	07:20	17:06
31	Mon	10:52	1.9	23:26	4:38	0.3	16:55	07:20	17:05

June 2021

New Moon: 10th Full Moon: 25th

Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Sun rise	Sun set
		AM		PM	AM		PM		
1	Tue	11:46	1.8		5:33	0.3	17:48	07:21	17:05
2	Wed	0:21	1.9	12:42	6:28	0.4	18:43	07:22	17:05
3	Thu	1:15	1.9	13:38	7:23	0.4	19:40	07:22	17:04
4	Fri	2:08	1.8	14:34	8:18	0.5	20:37	07:23	17:04

## PUBLIC NOTICES



### 2021 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 5th June 2021

#### NOTICE OF THE 2021 WHANGAMATA OCEAN SPORTS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Whangamata Ocean Sports Club will be held on Saturday, 5th June 2021 at 9.30am at the Club rooms, 1100 Port Road, Whangamata.

Nominations for Officers and remits close on Saturday 8th May 2021 @ 9am. Nomination forms are on the notice board in the club or on our website [www.oceansports.co.nz](http://www.oceansports.co.nz).

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19th May, 2021. 7.30pm. Cornerstone, 101 Ocean Road.

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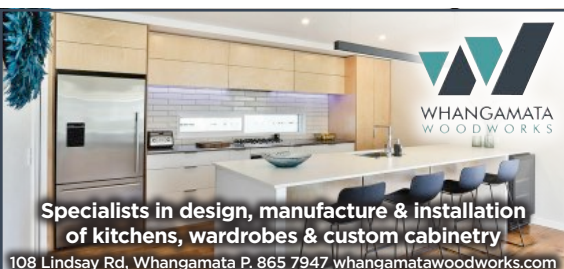
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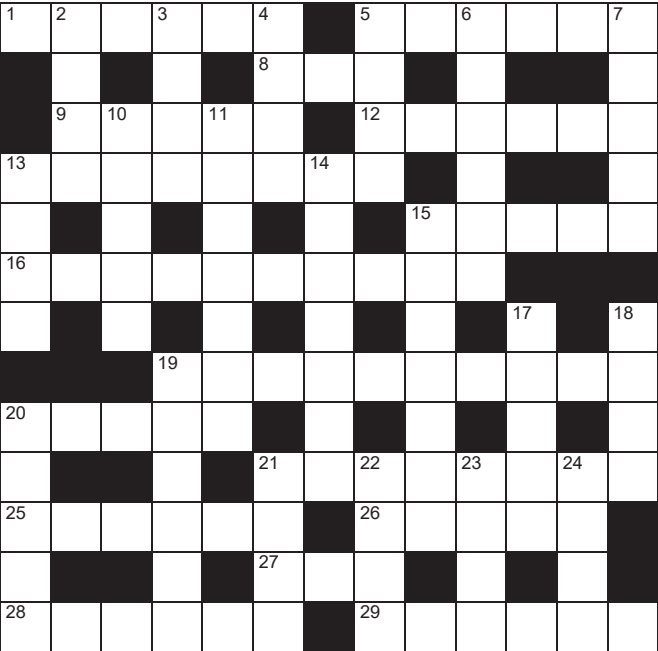
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  - 5. Gesture (6)
  - 8. Space (3)
  - 9. Farewell (Fr) (5)
  - 12. Not just (6)
  - 13. Splendour (8)
  - 15. Profundity (5)
  - 16. Not beaten (10)
  - 19. Periodic (10)
  - 20. Investigate (5)
  - 21. Abandoned (8)
  - 25. Seem (6)
  - 26. Angry (5)
  - 27. Lout (3)
  - 28. Idle talk (6)
  - 29. Prepare for burial (6)

- DOWN**
- 2. Fibber (4)
  - 3. Of similar character (4)
  - 4. Fever (4)
  - 5. Urge on (4)
  - 6. Having exceptional ability (6)
  - 7. Stagger (5)
  - 10. Male who dresses well (5)
  - 11. Imposing building (7)
  - 13. Downcast (4)
  - 14. Oblivious (7)
  - 15. Hand over (7)
  - 17. Not suitable (5)
  - 18. Oversupply (4)
  - 19. Continually worry (6)
  - 20. Car crash (5)
  - 21. Let fall (4)
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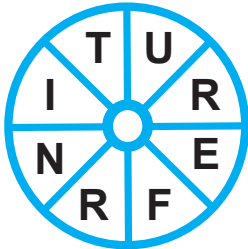
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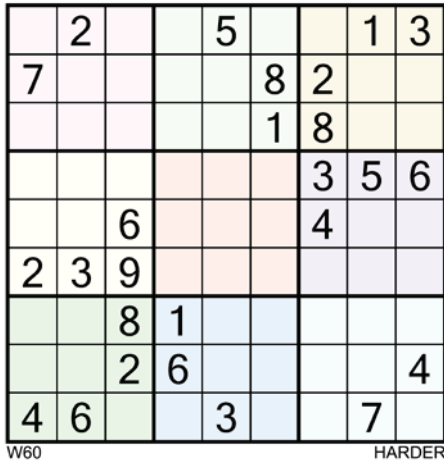
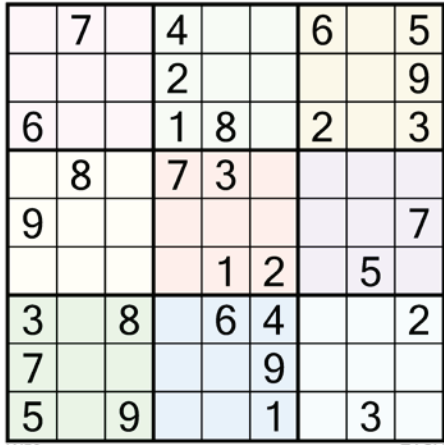
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Add one letter to make a nine-letter word reading clockwise or anti clockwise



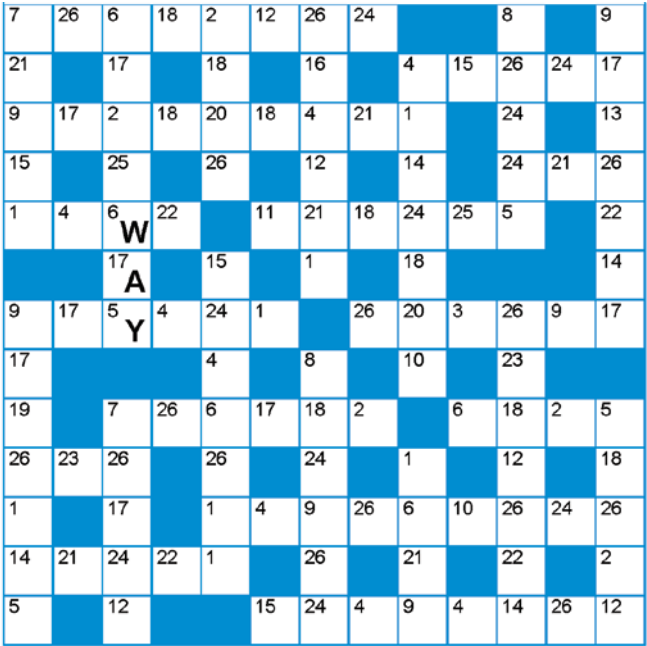
SUDOKU

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



DECODER

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



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

WORKING SPACE

SOLUTIONS

CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Alpaca, 5. Signal, 8. Gap, 9. Adieu, 12. Unfair, 13. Grandeur, 15. Depth, 16. Undeclared, 19. Occasional, 20. Probe, 21. Derelict, 25. Appear, 26. Irate, 27. Oaf, 28. Gossip, 29. Embalm.  
Down: 2. Liar, 3. Akin, 4. Ague, 5. Spur, 6. Gifted, 7. Lurch, 10. Dandy, 11. Edifice, 13. Glim, 14. Unaware, 15. Deliver, 17. Unfit, 18. Gilt, 19. Obsess, 20. Prang, 21. Drop, 22. Rife, 23. Lamb, 24. Cell.

DECODER

14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
T	P	X	A	J	C	U	N	V	R	K	E	
S	L	Z	O	Y	W	B	F	M	H	Q	D	G

SUDOKU



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