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# Welcome to the second edition of *Whangamata* NEWS

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The reaction from the community and our advertisers to our first edition of *Whangamata* NEWS last month has absolutely stunned us.

Within hours of our fresh new publication being distributed to our outlets throughout Whangamata, Whiritoa, Onemana and Opoutere, the reactions posted on Facebook - more than 80 - were all positive and congratulatory.

And comments from people we have met in the street have all been complimentary - and we are still being congratulated! So we - me, Jennie and Peter - want to thank you all for sup-

porting us. In fact, so great has been the support we have had to put in a further eight pages to cater to our advertisers and readers.

As our journey continues we will look at introducing new features.

But we also welcome your tip-offs, contributions and photos - so keep them coming!



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- We ask that articles be no more than 250 words although exceptions can be made.
- Photos should be at least 300 dpi and in focus.
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## Congratulations!

As I pick up the first issue of Whangamata NEWS I wonder if this will be another 2 minutes of silence paper. 30 minutes later and I am still reading interesting articles that are spread right through this newsy, colourful, very local edition. Great quality paper with no newsprint rubbing off on the arms of my chair!

Congratulations to the publishers. Local newspapers provide a vital role in their communities, a go-to resource for readers and business owners. Local politics impact upon residents' everyday lives and this newspaper will cover local politics extensively. As a TCDC council representative, I am looking forward to reading views on local issues and articles free from the restraints placed by larger corporate papers.

This is not a corporate paper, it's the brainchild of 3 talented locals who are professional, well respected and connected to the community. They are focused on local issues, local people and support local business.

The Whangamata NEWS

promotes our town as a great place to live and visit, not forgetting the non-resident and holidaying ratepayers who bring their family and friends, lifting the economy, vibrancy and activity of the town.

I have kept my first edition of the Whangamata NEWS and will look forward to picking up February's copy. If this first edition is the standard going forward then I am sure the future looks good for the Whangamata NEWS.

**Terry Walker**  
TCDC Councillor (Paradise Coast)

## Compulsory stops

There are lots of compulsory stop signs for road users about Whangamata but very few drivers seem to obey them.

To a motorist, these signs mean stop, not slow down. Stop, by definition, means stop the road wheels rotating.

Yet at the intersection of Ocean and Williamson Roads, in the space of 10 minutes [I saw] nineteen cars make a left turn out

of Williamson into Ocean Road without stopping.

Yes, all but one female driver failed to absolutely stop.

I'm certain local authorities do not install these stop signs without jolly good reason.

Maybe Constable Plod could spend revenue earning time at some of these intersections in Whangamata.

**Euan Grant**  
MOTUEKA

## Dog course

I wish to express my gratitude for the work that Barbara has put into getting the obstacle course under way at Park Avenue reserve.

I, and many others, have had great fun trying to coax our dogs over the jumps and equipment... a little food helps those that aren't too keen!

Also, thanks to the council for their part in helping prepare the ground.

When the bark is sorted it will

be another asset for the dogs of Whangamata.

The platforms and jumps are sponsored and we all appreciate their donations.

Take time to check this out, all you dog lovers.

**Sally Manuel**  
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# Our rugby club has great

Dreaming big is all very well but making those dreams come true can involve a lot of work.

The small Whangamata Rugby Club has had a disappointing few years but with the senior team playing in the premier league in 2019, various members of the Black & Red Club (a supporters club) and the club committee put their heads together to discuss how to improve the team and give them a better chance against the stronger Waikato, Hauraki and Coromandel Clubs.

'We realised our pool of players wasn't enough to cover us for injuries and illness so we discussed the possibility of bringing in some "imports",' Russell said.

Plans were made, players from the

US, Wales and the King Country were finalised, then airfares and final arrangements sorted.

Members of the supporters group - who each pay a membership of \$250 a year - as well as club members, called in favours from friends and acquaintances and found jobs and a house to rent for the four imports.

With the first two games due to be played before Beach Hop (March 27 - 31), three of the players will arrive in town this month and the other - who is contracted to a Welsh professional team - will arrive mid-March.

Russell said various fundraising events would be held throughout the year to keep the money coming in.



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# expectations

Money is also needed for the Injured Players Fund - when a player is injured and off work for some time, their ACC payments don't kick in immediately so a week's payment is made to the injured player to help with mortgage and other bills.

The club has also been 'given' a van, courtesy of Brian Tunnicliffe Motors, to use for transportation to away games. It is also available for the Whangamata Area School's sports teams to transport them outside the area. More on this in the March issue of Whangamata NEWS. Meanwhile, head coach Gareth Coslett (pictured left) said King Country rep player and NZ Heartland captain 2017 Nathaniel Smith will play as half back; Kris Kholes from Wichita, US, and a

member of the US Army, will play as prop during his six months sabbatical from the army.

The other two, from Wales, are Andrew Mann (blindsided lock) and Martin Lane (hooker/ front row).

'In Whangamata we're lucky to fill a team and this new approach will help. We are looking at more imports later. Tairua, also a small club, has 14 imports,' Gareth said.

A recent training night (pictured here) showed the local players are raring to go and getting their fitness sorted. Team work and individual exercises saw them doing pressups, running with a long, heavy rope above their heads, ball manoeuvres, and more - very tiring!



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# Meet our new faces to town

Whangamata welcomes (from left) Hitesh, Krutika and Dilan Patel who have recently taken over The Whangamata Foodmarket from Norm and Maria Blundell.

Originally from Auckland and more recently from Te Kuiti - where they ran A Chicken n Chip/ convenience store retailing there for more than 3 years.

Hitesh Patel says "this is our home now, we will always stay, Whangamata offered everything our family was looking for in a business and a fabulous location".

Krutika says the whole family enjoy swimming,, cricket and soccer. Their family British bulldog 'Max" loves the beach

too! The family is very keen to support our local community and in particular local schools.

On another note, Maria and Norm tell Whangamata NEWS that they will enjoy a deserved rest after more than three summers in the store 7 days a week

They want to enjoy everything Whangamata has to offer that they never had time to do... they will stay in town so watch this space!

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Is the Whangamata Rocks Group still operating? I found a painted yellow rock outside a fence on January 14. I left it there but it has gone so maybe it has been planted in a new location.

## Paua poachers

Large scale and organised paua poaching around the Coromandel coast has been described as an act of shellfish selfishness by Coromandel MP Scott Simpson.

Seven men are likely to be charged with overfishing and poaching undersized paua in the Coromandel under the Fisheries Act. Among those caught was one man who was found with 64 excess and undersized paua while another man was caught with 163 paua.

Another two people were found to have poached 39 paua and were issued with a \$750 infringement notice.

"It is totally unacceptable for people to be plundering our beautiful environment. There are rules around the quantity and size of shellfish that can be taken. Those rules have been put in place for good reason. People who abuse those rules put the entire fishery in jeopardy."

"I'm pleased these people have been caught and will likely face some stiff fines, but I suspect there have been many more instances of paua poaching that have gone undetected. Publicity about these offenders will hopefully help to discourage others."



## Dancing with dolphins

A day out fishing on their boat, Teresa Marie, turned in to a memorable experience for skipper Grant and his group of happy anglers. Grant, Zoe, Anja 16, Jamie 14, Silvio and Sue were near the 100 metre mark, straight out from Whangamata, when a huge pod of about 200 dolphins appeared.

'We stayed with them for more than an hour,' Zoe said. 'It was the most amazing experience.'



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# Feeding the community

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The community asset, which is run totally by volunteers and funded by the Whangamata Community was originally built and funded for the community by Bunnings, Whangamata, on November 27, 2013.

Kay Baker, who was the driving force behind establishing the gardens, said Bunnings had continued to support the project over the past six years.

'We owe them a huge thanks. We would also like to acknowledge the generous donations of the gardens from the Lions in 2014 and the continual annual support from the Anglican Diocese Whangamata which helps us to keep introducing new and different plants, keep our gardens going,' Kay said.

'Several people have also given us seedlings which are most appreciated and other community groups have given us a donation.'

Volunteers at the gardens have organised several scarecrow competitions involving children from Opoutere and Whangamata



**Staunch supporters and workers Yvonne Reid, left, and Kay Baker work in the heat to keep the gardens flourishing.**

schools, as well as car boot sales in the gardens to encourage community involvement.

Volunteers meet on Friday mornings from 9.30am to noon at the gardens and do whatever is necessary.

'We invite anyone with some spare time, and who feel they would like to get involved, to please come along and join us.

We would love to see you,' Kay said.

'Anyone can come down and pick whatever they need for their meal and as the seasons change so does our planting schedule. It is a community garden for our community.'

**The boys from Bunnings get stuck in to build raised garden beds for the community gardens.**



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In our community we have true 'heroes'. The St John area committee would like to extend our gratitude to Noddy Watts and Andrea Ross of Hot Rod Promotions for holding two Classic Car and Bike show events very recently and donating proceeds of more than \$4290 to our cause! Thank you both.



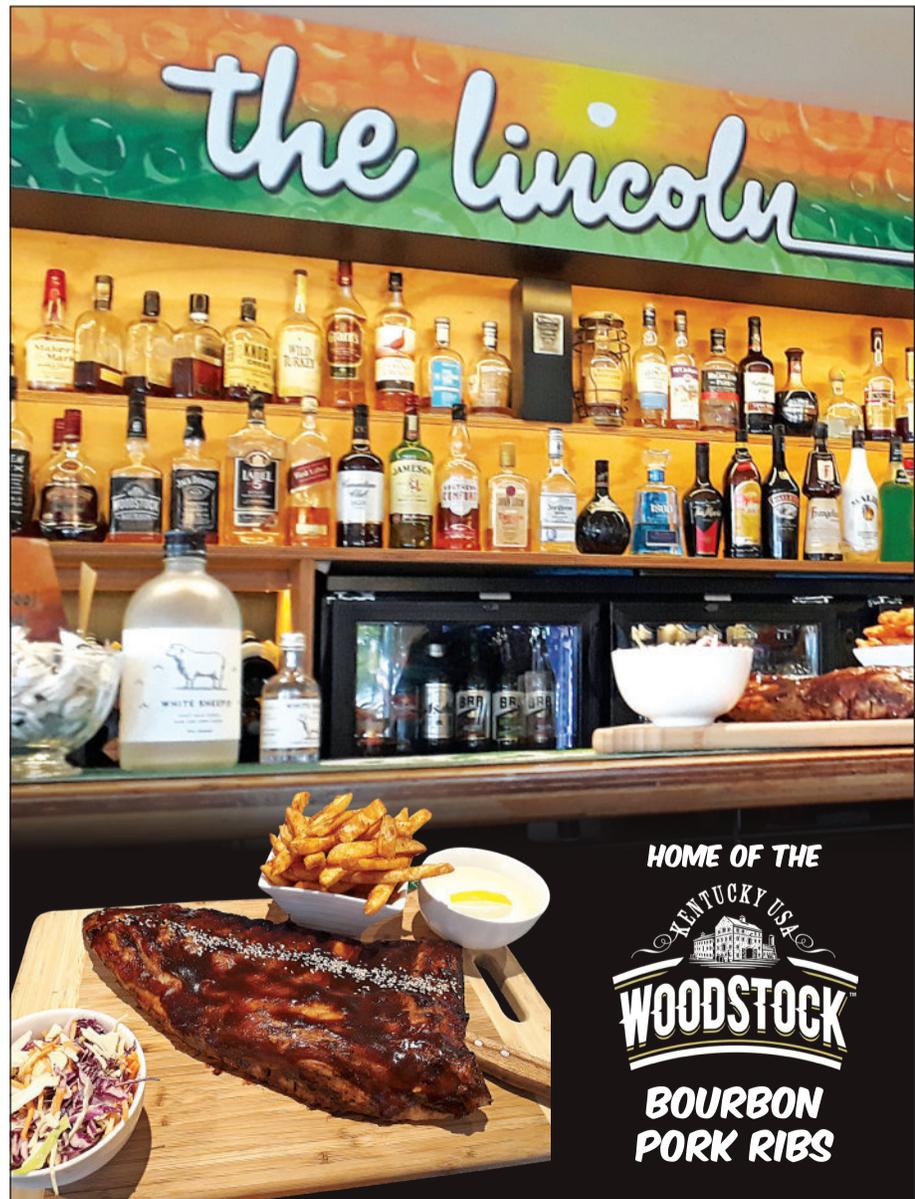
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# Delving into the interesting past

Jack Stanton Glading and his wife Paulette know just about everyone in Whangamata – and so they should, as Jack is a naturally curious character with a strong interest in the history of the people and the town.

The 82-year-old once wrote a column called Did you know? for Whangamata's weekly newspaper. Recent demand from his followers led him to work on a compilation of the stories and publish them in a book with the same name, launched at the Whangamata Club on January 26.

It all started about 10 or 11 years ago.

'I was at a Whangamata Lions Club meeting when I asked then-Editor Allen Winter why he didn't write about real people instead of who had been flogging TVs,' Jack said. 'He said to me "Why don't you write something?'"

'One day I was on a ramble and walking behind two ladies who were talking about making guava jelly. Their discussion covered the course of 5km and by the end of it I knew all about making guava jelly.

'So I wrote a column for Allen called "How to make guava jelly over 5km". He liked it and from then on I supplied a column every



Jack Glading (alias Stanton Jack) at the book launch and relaxing in his lush garden in Whangamata.

fortnight... writing more than 100 overall.'

Such was the interest in his columns that people approached him to write about their lives and activities.

'The first thing I ask people is "Where were you born?" It relaxes them and conversation flows

after that.'

A section at the back of the book titled What You Don't Know gives a glimpse into his and Paulette's lives – their sporting prowess at indoor and outdoor bowls, Jack's garden (one of his favourite pastimes) and their family – ancestors and descendants.



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# ARTIST *of the month*

JOANNE MAHONEY

## Challenging the art world

Winning the Harcourts Challenge Supreme Award at the Whangamata Arts Collective's exhibition left Joanne Mahoney, pictured, 'absolutely stunned'.

Her winning piece had been reworked several times before she was satisfied with it.

'I had white as the background colour but it wasn't right so I re-did it in pink. That didn't look right either so I tried blue in my final attempt,' Joanne said.

The artist, who has experimented with various forms of art since learning to paint while living in Singapore, says she loves flowers and shells as subjects for her work.

A couple of years ago she attended a printmaking course and fell in love with the genre.

'Ten of us have now bought our own press. I love the process, especially Chine Colle (pronounced sheen collay). I like using my own paper for the process and the hand colouring can be a challenge.'



Joanne's work is sold through the Little Gallery in Whangamata and Tairua and she and her nine friends

will be exhibiting at the Mercury Bay Art Escape held over the first two weekends of March.

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“ Tony and Paula Lucas achieved a great result for us selling our bach, within our timeline we set. Paula even added final finishing touches to the bach for us making it appeal to a wider range of potential buyers. We live a good couple of hours away from Whangamata so it was a relief to know that each weekend Paula and Tony were running open homes and creating a buzz around the campaign on our behalf. My entire family count Tony and Paula as friends and my parents have (more than once) called Tony to shut the gate to their Whangamata bach. We cannot recommend them highly enough. – RUSTY AND BECS KING ”



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# Nauti Girls' fish,



The Nauti Girls fishing tournament continues to grow with more and more 'virgin' fisherwomen taking on the challenge.

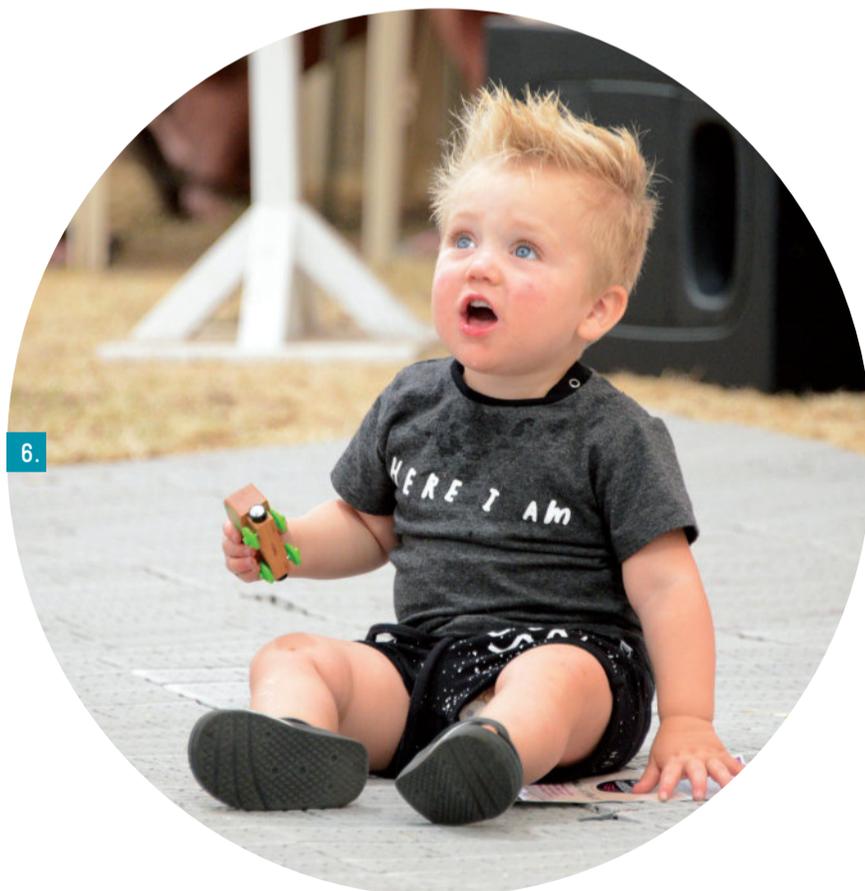
The prizegiving marquee had also been reconfigured this year to allow more space in the cooler outdoor area.

Whangamata Ocean Sports Club Commodore Diane Furze said the tournament, which has run for more than 25 years, had 580 entrants on 184 boats when it was held on February 2.

Sponsors donated a wide array of prizes, from barbecues, household goods, fish smokers, a pushbike and lawnmower to a pink surfboard, kayak and a 7-night trip to Fiji.

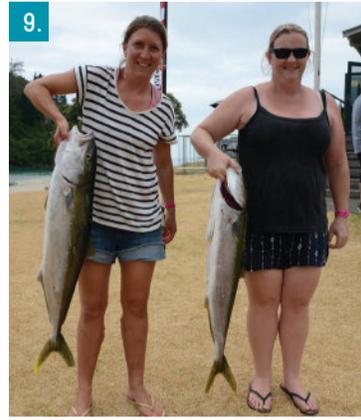
A couple of marlin were tagged and released and one that was landed weighed 139kg but was brought in after the extended weigh-in time.

**For full details check WOSC's Facebook page or website.**



1. It took Sherie Holmes from Morrinsville and Kay Holmes from Whangamata 'a long, long time' to make these costumes showcasing the environment. They won the Fashion in the Field for their effort. 2. Four generations dressed in Day of the Dead costumes for Fashion in the Field. From left: Emma, Makayla, Olive, Joyce, Tash and Dakota, 1. Missing from the photo is Saraleigh. 3. One of the weird and wonderful bras awarded to some contestants. 4. Phil Keogh announcing the winners. 5. The Nauti Nuns made an impression on the crowd. 6. Parker Cameron, 17 months, couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the fancy creations. 7. Nicole Bryant from Whitianga weighed in this 67.6kg big eye tuna while fishing from Draco near Horse Shoe. 'It took me two hours to bring it in. If it had had another run I would have cried - I was absolutely had it,' she said. 8. The tournament sponsors were generous with prizes. 9. Kingfish weighing 7.95kg and 7.45kg were caught by Sharon Tebbutt and Emma Ostman fishing near Clark Island on the boat Second Missus. 10. Kirsten Job from Hamilton was fishing with her friend Jessica Mulrennan on board Unreel and hooked kahawai, snapper, kingfish and a 1.8kg John Dory. 11. Amanda and Caitlyn, fishing from 2 Hook 'Em, were happy with their catches. 12. WOSC committee member Diana Fay, manager Phil Keogh and committee member Earl Stewart kept an official eye on the weigh-in. 13. Ashleigh from Raglan caught a large snapper weighing 9.37kg and her friend Ashley Douglas from Hamilton hooked a snapper weighing in at 7.34kg. They were fishing from the boat Jazz near King Rock at the time.

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1. Harriet Embling from Soulful Contemporary was selling an enticing selection of candles, fragrance and art. 2. Fran Cutforth, of Ashley Blair Creations in Mount Maunganui, sold out of her iconic characters, including the Four Square Grocer, in a very short time. 3. A happy crowd enjoyed the weather, atmosphere and catching up with friends at the market. 4. Yum! Pat Bigwood enjoys a taste of honey. 5. Ross Dingle, trustee for the Auckland-Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust, promotes the cause which has just replaced its two 30-year-old helicopters with two new AW169 machines worth \$23 million, soon to be introduced into service. 6. Diane Bingley from Papakura makes garden sculptures from discarded pieces of pottery.



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# Going strong at 101

Whangamata's two centenarians-plus-one aren't sure what the secret to a long life is, but it's apparent that keeping active has something to do with it.

Both Hazel Simmons and Brant Robinson, at 101 years old, are believed to be Whangamata's oldest residents.

Hazel beats Brant for the Oldest Person in Whangamata title by two months with her birthday on November 13. Brant's birthday was on January 18.

Both have seen many changes in their lifetime - Brant's first job was as a teamster for a team of six Clydesdale horses on a farm, while Hilda, when not raising children, was a retail assistant.

The world of mobile phones and electronic gadgets weren't even in the planning when they were children, and no one would have anticipated putting a man on the moon or flying to Mars - and aircraft were still a novelty.

Hilda, who lives near her son John and daughter-in-law Marie, puts her longevity down to genes with her mother living to 101 and Cousin Ella in Rotorua now 104, with her next birthday in July.

Hilda likes to walk (although rheumatism in one knee has slowed her down a bit) and go to the Whangamata Club every week to play the pokies, while Brant, who lives in an independent unit at Moana House, gets involved in all the activities Moana House has to offer.

Apart from being a keen follower of the news on Sky, Brant takes part in bingo, plays floor games, and bowls (he won the in-house bowls tournament last year which had 60 entrants), listens to music played by his daughter-in-law at Moana House every Monday and attends every special event there.

"I also like watching sport, air crash investigations and Animal Planet," Brant says.

His father was a Methodist minister in small rural South Island communities, tending to the flocks of Granity, Reefton, Sheffield and others.

Brant was one of an advance party sent to Egypt (by a circuitous route) and other war torn countries, before the Germans caught up with him and his comrades in Crete where he was held prisoner of war for four years.



Hilda with son John and dog Foxy.



Brant, left, is pictured with his son John and daughter-in-law Lynne having a celebratory lunch.

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## Rough seas

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## AUCTION



148 KIWI ROAD

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Inspection is a must.

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## AUCTION



223A SYLVIA ROAD

## KIWIANA WITH A MODERN TWIST

Located in sought after Sylvia Road is this well maintained 2 double bedroom kiwi bach with modern touches added to extend the level of comfort whilst still retaining the original feel of yesteryear. Tastefully presented throughout, the spacious kitchen flows through into the open plan lounge/dining with ample seating to relax in 'beach style'. The polished floors throughout add to the character of the beach feel. A large modern bathroom inside plus a second bathroom outside in what is termed 'the utility' caters for those using the sleeper located nearby. This property has plenty of secure storage and provides space for a tent or caravan and off-road parking. A must to view - motivated vendors moving south.

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1/111 HUNT ROAD

## SUPERB BEACH LIVING

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The sense of luxury begins when you stroll down the palm-lined walkway, admiring the stone cladding of the house, and enter the beautiful entrance foyer. Your eyes are immediately drawn to the framed harbour view in front of you.

Entering the home, it is obvious that it was built with quality and permanence in mind. There is no shortage of space here with approximately 851sqm of house plus 370sqm of decks. There are 7 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 ensuites, 2 living rooms, dining room, office, library and a 3 bay 180sqm garage.

Next to the swimming pool is the near new cabana which fully opens to the pool area and has a bar, bathroom and full-sized slate billiard table. Add to this the mature palm trees and you get the feeling you're on a tropical island. Behind the cabana is an all-weather tennis court.

Incorporated in the home is a spacious 2-bedroom apartment plus an upstairs bedroom with ensuite, ideal for multi-family living or mum and dad to live. The property has been used for private functions and is currently used for extra income streams. Great for guests who desire peace, independence and luxury in a spectacular location. Various water sports are accessible right off the lawn. There are lots of options available here for an enterprising buyer.

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## ST JOHN



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The Whangamata St John Health Shuttles have been busy in the past three months from November

to January, travelling more than 12,000 km in that time and transporting 125 patients. Three quarters of the shuttles' trips over the three months involved out-of-town appointments. The drivers must

complete first aid courses and be assessed by a driving instructor. Spokeswoman Lyn Bryant, St John Area Committee secretary, said patients could feel confident with the drivers and the vehicles. 'Thank you to the people of Whangamata who support the area committee, the op shop and all the St John volunteers. Anyone requiring transport to patients around or out of town, please phone 865 9011.

## WHANGAMATA FIRE

Our appliances have attended several calls over the previous weeks with a wide range of calls requiring our services. There were two medical assists, one of which required a ring to be removed from a swollen finger. With the fire danger on very high we are receiving more calls when smoke is spotted. Luckily we were called early on two occasions where

extinguishing was needed. On another call our appliances attended a small truck roll trapping the driver on a local forest road. On arrival we discovered a truck carrying bee hives had hit a bank. The passenger had assisted in removing the driver while we were en route and first aid administered. Water was used to control the large numbers of bees in the

vicinity once on the scene. There was some confusion on the location and the local knowledge of members allowed us to find the incident quickly. As with any emergency call address please be as accurate as possible and have someone at a key meeting place. Wishing you a safe week and watch out for the children back at school.  
CFO Nigel Airey

## WHANGAMATA COASTGUARD

**01 JAN:** Power-boat. 5.8m. No key start. 1 POB. Whiritoa. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to the Whangamata boat ramp.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 6 hrs.*

**01 JAN:** Power-boat. 7m. Engine failure. 3 POB. Whiritoa. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to the Whangamata boat ramp.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 8 hrs.*

**02 JAN:** Launch. 11.5m. Fuel problem. 1 POB. Near Slipper Island. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to a Whangamata mooring.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 20 hrs.*

**02 JAN:** Power-boat. 7.5m. No electrics. 5 POB. 2nm S of Whangamata Entrance. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and jump-started the vessel. Then escorted the vessel to the Whangamata boat ramp.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 16 hrs.*

**02 JAN:** Power-boat. 6.5m. Engine overheating. 3 POB. 6nm SSE of Whangamata Entrance. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the

vessel to the Whangamata boat ramp.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 7 hrs.*

**03 JAN:** Power-boat. 7.3m. Damaged propellor. 3 POB. Near Haumanga Bay. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to the Whangamata boat ramp.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 14 hrs.*

**03 JAN:** Personal Water Craft. Rope entangled around propellor. 2 POB. Beached N Terakihi Pt. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and with assistance from a Whangamata Surfclub IRB crew freed the rope. The PWC was then escorted back to the Whangamata boat ramp.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 7 hrs.*

**05 JAN:** Power-boat. 7.5m. Fuel blockage. 3 POB. Near Clark Island. 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 the Whangamata boat ramp. A special thankyou to CAROL ANN the VoOP for their assistance.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 1hr.*

**08 JAN:** Launch. 11.3m. Engine smoke alarm. 4 POB. Near Whangamata harbour entrance. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to a Whangamata marina berth.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 11 hrs.*

**11 JAN:** Launch. 11m. Fuel problem. 4 POB. Near Terakihi Point. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to a Whangamata mooring.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 18 hrs.*

**15 JAN:** Power-boat. 6.5m. Engine problem. 2 POB. Slipper island. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to the Whangamata boat ramp.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 12 hrs.*

**17 JAN:** Power-boat. 6m. No electrics. 2 POB. Near Wharekawa entrance. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to the Whangamata boat ramp.

*Total Coastguard involvement 11 hrs.*  
**19 JAN:** Power-boat. 6m. Fuel issue. 4 POB. Near Green Island. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to the Whangamata boat ramp.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 6 hrs.*

**28 JAN:** Power-boat. 7.3m. Hydraulics failure. 6 POB. Slipper Island. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to the Whangamata boat ramp.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 14 hrs.*

**28 JAN:** Launch. 9m. Fuel issue. 6 POB. Terakihi Point. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to a Whangamata marina berth.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 10 hrs.*

**30 JAN:** Yacht. 7.5m. Engine problem. 1 POB. Sailed to entrance and then required assistance to enter Whangamata harbour. CRV GJ Gardner Rescue responded and tow assisted the vessel to a harbour visitors mooring.  
*Total Coastguard involvement 6 hrs.*

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Callouts to the Whangamata area by the Auckland &

Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust during December 2018 and January 2019:

**DEC 18:** Whitianga crew assisted a male patient in his 50s who had suffered multiple injuries after his motorcycle collided with a truck just south of Whangamata. He was wearing a helmet and was not knocked out. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

**DEC 28:** Crew tasked to Whangamata to assist a male patient in his 50s who had been assaulted. He was at a neighbour's house with friends when several people entered the house and started beating the man with weapons. He suffered multiple injuries and was flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

**JAN 5:** Crew tasked to Whangamata to assist a male patient in his 70s suffering a medical condition. He was flown to Thames Hospital in a moderate condition.

**JAN 15:** Crew tasked to Whangamata to assist a female patient in her 70s suffering a medical complaint. An RSI (rapid sequence intubation) needed to be performed to assist her breathing. She was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a critical condition.

**JAN 30:** Crew tasked to Whangamata to assist a female patient in her 30s suffering a medical condition. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

## WHANGAMATA POLICE

*By Acting Sergeant Glenn Matheson*

With the heat upon us, and having survived the School Holidays and New Year's, there is still a lot to do in our town when it comes to keeping everyone safe.

### Traffic/Schools:

With school back and parents breathing a sigh of relief, be aware of how busy it gets around drop off and pickups around your local school. Please drive defensively as there is a lot going on, and parents, allow for a bit of time in your busy lives to not to be disappointed if you can't park right outside the school office and have to walk 2 minutes further to get your kids to and from school. The yellow lines are not there to frustrate you, they give the traffic and pedestrians a sporting chance of avoiding lifelong injuries if they meet one another at 50km/h, or more.

Police are also working closely around Manuka Drive with constant calls for service around dangerous speed and driving manners. Looking at the tyre marks on that small section of road, Police will be paying special attention to that area. Expect to see our friendly marked car visit often.

### Assault:

Police are still investigating an assault on a 67-year-old Department of Conservation worker who was out protecting an area around Opoutere about lunch time on Sunday 30th of December 2018. We would like you to have a look at a photograph of the offender and see if you know this male. The circumstances of the offence involve this male allegedly spitting and throwing sand at close range in the face of the victim while she was trying to do her job protecting the Gazetted Wildlife Refuge. I hope someone knows this "tough guy" as we are keen to talk to him about the matter. The photo will be posted on the Waikato Police Facebook site soon so keep an eye

out for this. Any information please contact your local Police station and use 190111/4850 as a reference.

It is great to see events run in the town bringing business, entertainment and interesting people into the area. With the continual influx of people and traffic it is great to see the majority of good people enjoying summer and what the area has to offer, and being responsible and normal people do.

### Alcohol:

With the good weather last weekend we did notice a high level of intoxication on the streets late at night on Saturday and urge those out and about to look after one another and get home safely. We watched several cyclist mount their trusty steeds ready for a ride home, but losing the battle with gravity and coordination and hitting the tarmac within a few short metres. And for those we observed weaving their way home and feeding the gardens around Whangamata, go easy on you health. Alcohol harm does have a cost to society, it is part of our job to monitor levels of intoxication and we have great support from the local establishments. We also monitor sales of alcohol and have issued a few Alcohol Infringement Notices for youth. Please have a great time in our town but look after yourselves and your mates.

### Drugs:

Talking about the heat, it's always a tricky this time of year managing water. Especially if you're an avid gardener. Our cannabis growers struggle with their crops this time of year just like the rest of us tax paying citizens. If you notice an increase in activity around your rural setting, forestry area, ponds or otherwise, please note down the time and date and any registrations or descriptions and contact us, or report it anonymously to Crime stoppers.(0800 555 111). We have some beaut plants being

nurtured out there and we would love to congratulate these growers personally.

**Burglaries:** Waihi Police have recently locked up a bad man on two charges and it looks as if he's been frequenting Whangamata also (hence our burglary incidents have since stopped). As much as we try to limit Waihi riff raff heading over the hill it's easier for us to ask if you can please lock up your gear if you can and if you find anyone in or on your property, don't just go to Facebook to tell everyone, ring 111 and also tell someone who can lock these bad guys up.

### Thanks:

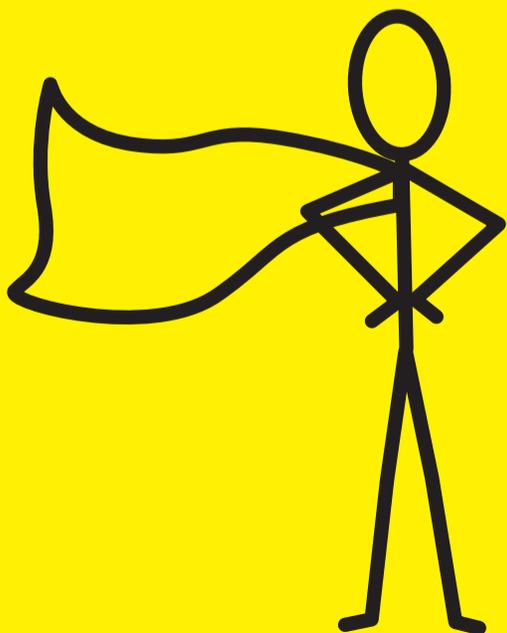
Police would like to thank residents who were able to contain a male wandering through properties and aggressively challenging startled occupants before reinforcements could join from Tairua and Paeroa and affect the arrest. A special thank you to those who assisted the officer who was caught by blowback of his pepper spray and required a few rinses of their precious water before he caught a special lift back to the station by a good Samaritan out jogging. The male is facing Disorder and Assaults Police charges as a result.

### Contact:

Remember, Facebook is a great medium, but if you need to report a Police incident please call our National Crime Reporting Line (CRL) or if it is urgent or an emergency, please ring 111.

If you're not tech savvy or just want face to face service, come and see Judy in our Whangamata Station. We are only closed Wednesdays and our Watch House hours are Mon, Tue, Thurs, Friday 9am - 3pm and phone number is **07 865 0303** (this will go to the CRL if unattended).

*Be safe out there and look after one another.*



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### MARCH

**March 16:** Coromandel Homes Whangamata Multisport Challenge. Contacts: Admin and entries - Bex, [nzteamcolts@gmail.com](mailto:nzteamcolts@gmail.com), Ph 027 562 6047

Race inquiries - Ryan, [ryan@whangamataevents.co.nz](mailto:ryan@whangamataevents.co.nz) Ph 027 428 7258

**March 27 to 31:** Repco Beach Hop 2019. Find them on facebook: Beach Hop.

### SEPTEMBER

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

• If you have an event coming up please let us know. Email: [wordy1@gmail.com](mailto:wordy1@gmail.com)



### BEACHES

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

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

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

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

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



### CYCLING

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



### MOUNTAIN BIKING

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

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



### GOLF

Whangamata has two golf courses administered by the Whangamata Golf Club - the Titoki 18-hole course just south of town and the nine-hole Williamson course on Achilles Ave.

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### SURFING

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



### WALKS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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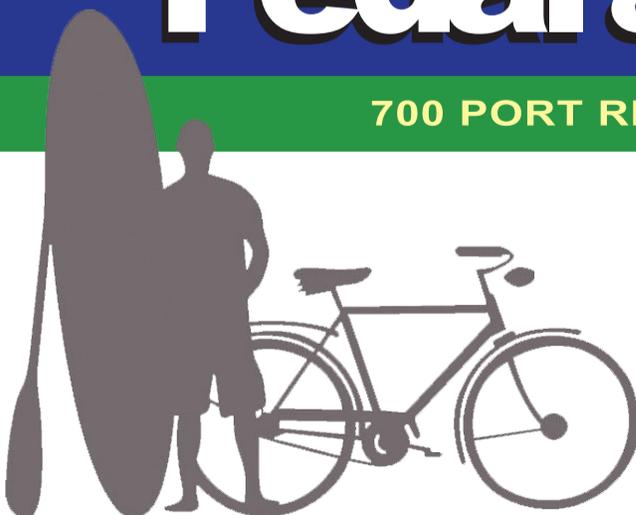
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# Pool people planning ahead



Efforts have resumed to raise funds for the Whangamata Real Estate Community Swimming Pool maintenance and improvements fund.

Aquarobics sessions run by Denise Boston twice a week are attracting more and more people, with the \$7 fee per person going into the fund.

On a Tuesday or Thursday, up to 30 people turn up for the evening sessions - a great way to cool off and, at the same time, improve fitness levels during summer.

Whangamata Community Board member Kay Baker, who is also on the swimming pool committee, is



still keen to raise funds to have a retractable roof installed on the pool to enable year-round use.

It would allow serious young swimmers to continue their training schedule all year and would save on travelling costs.

Aquarobics, water polo and

underwater hockey could also be held year-round with a roof providing shelter.

With a cost of about \$1 million, it's a grand scheme but Kay says much of the money could be raised through grants.

Two years ago the pool underwent a \$20,000 upgrade and long distance swimmer Bronwen Burmester swam more than 1000 kms in the ocean to raise awareness of, and money for, the pool fund.

Kay is keen to hear from anyone who would like to support her project to have a retractable roof erected over the pool.

## Defibrillator locations

- Area School gymnasium
- Bunnings, Aickin Rd
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- 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
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- St John Health Shuttles
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- Surf Club, Williamson Park
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- Whangamata Club, Port Rd
- Whangamata RSA, Port Rd
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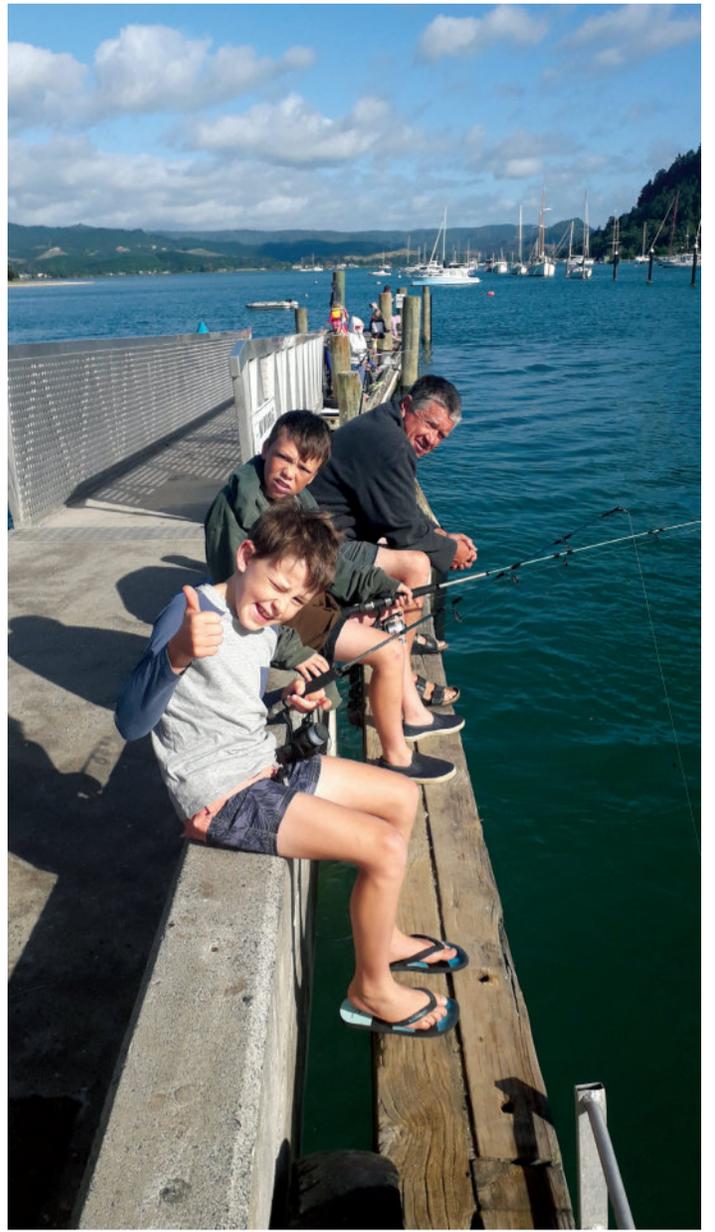
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# Kids just love to fish!

A favourite pastime for kids who come to Whangamata from all over the country is the Bubba's Outdoor & Hire 'Kidz Fishing' holiday programme. These happy kids and their parents or grandparents loved their fishing experience at the Whangamata wharf, some even managing to hook fish big enough to eat.



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# Back to Parliament

We've had a ripper of a summer here in Whangamata and I'm looking forward to us now enjoying a long 'Indian summer' before autumn sets in.

Although I've been at work around the Coromandel electorate since early January, it's only this month that the Labour-led government has called Parliament back to work. Some might suggest they have been delaying as long as they can the full scrutiny of both the Opposition and the media, but whatever the reason it's a later start to the parliamentary year than usual.

This year I and my National Party colleagues will continue holding the government to account and focusing on the things that are important to people in communities like ours. I take my roles as National's spokesperson for the environment and industrial relations very seriously. These days they call industrial relations 'Workplace Relations' but because we had so many strikes last year and it looks like we're in for a lot more industrial disruption this year, the old name seems more appropriate.

## Old Fashioned National Awards

Labour is planning on re-introducing what we used to call national awards. These are where terms and conditions of employment in whole sectors are determined by big trade unions and big business representatives rather than by individual employees and employers negotiating terms on a business by business, employee by employee basis. Essentially Labour want to take us back to the bad old days of the 1970s when strikes were an everyday occurrence and our economy paid the price. Surely we don't want a return to all that. Doing so would place a handbrake on small and medium sized businesses in particular. Ultimately it will lead to less flexibility for both employees and employers and fewer jobs.

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



# Seeing Eyes Clearly

We occasionally get frustrated owners asking us for an over-the-counter eye ointment for their dog or cat, without us having seen the eye up-close. Rather than being pedantic, ensuring the correct diagnosis is made ensures your pet gets the appropriate treatment.

On one recent morning of consults, a vet student on placement with us got to see three completely different eye cases, all presenting similarly, but requiring three different treatments.

All three of these animals presented with the same classic signs of redness, squinting and excessive tear production.

We commonly see corneal ulceration secondary to trauma (think cat-scratch!) and often the extent and depth of these ulcers is only apparent with a special dye under ultraviolet

light. Sometimes, ulcers can be due to eyelid conformation or eyelash abnormalities and we have even found the notorious grass-seed under some eyelids!

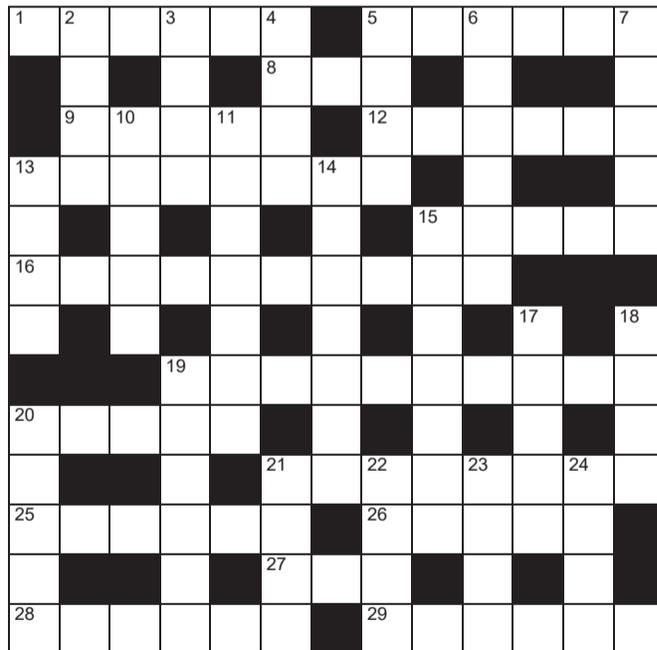
In a recent case, a condition called dry-eye predisposed one of our patients to a deep corneal ulcer. This progressed, despite treatment, to the point of the eyeball rupturing. In his case, a surgical procedure called conjunctival grafting was used to successfully save the eye. Some patients are not so lucky however, requiring the eyeball to be removed.

I have also seen multiple cases where dogs have had bad allergic conjunctivitis, causing them to paw at the eye to the point of rupture.

Always treat eye issues in your pet as an emergency - they cannot tell us the degree of discomfort they are in.

## BRAIN BENDERS answers for each puzzle are included on this page

### QUICK crossword



#### ACROSS

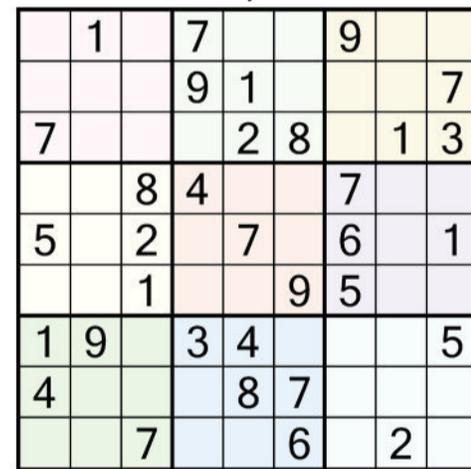
1. Musically slow (6)
5. Feeling of sickness (6)
8. Contend (3)
9. Scent (5)
12. Evil (6)
13. Smart alics (4-4)
15. Apple drink (5)
16. A forecast about the future (10)
19. Praised publicly (10)
20. Represent falsely (5)
21. Orchestral composition (8)
25. Exclamation of discovery (6)
26. Short musical exercise (5)
27. None (3)
28. Seize by force (6)
29. Fashionable (6)

#### DOWN

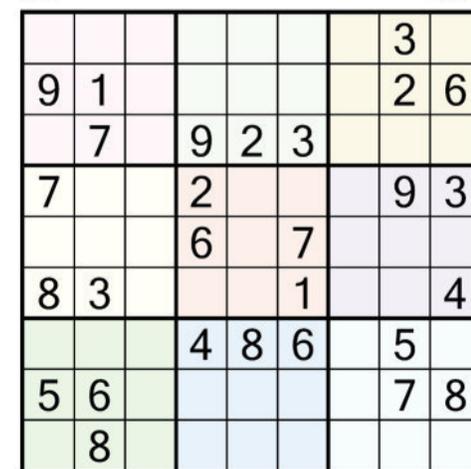
2. Head of faculty (4)
3. Shine (4)
4. Egg shaped (4)
5. Tidings (4)
6. Poor, mischievous child (6)
7. Viper (5)
10. Wanderer (5)
11. Daytime performance (7)
13. Retained (4)
14. Something down to chance (7)
15. Crooked (7)
17. Endured (5)
18. Nervous (4)
19. Picture house (6)
20. Deciduous tree (5)
21. Went down (4)
22. Become liquid (4)
23. Immense (4)
24. Require (4)

### SUDOKU

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



W11 EASY



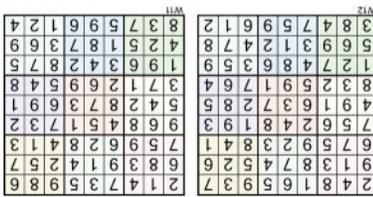
W12 HARDER

#### WEBWORD

- Outer: TINKERBELL  
 1. Toughen  
 2. Insulin  
 3. Newborn  
 4. Kitchen  
 5. Emotion  
 6. Refrain  
 7. Bourbon  
 8. Explain  
 9. Lantern  
 10. Liaison

#### SOLUTIONS

##### SUDOKU



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#### CROSSWORD

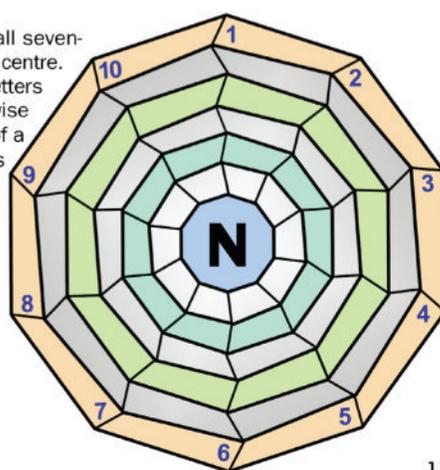
Across: 1. Adagio, 5. Nausea, 8. Vie, 9. Aroma, 12. Wicked, 13. Know-all, 15. Cider, 16. Prediction, 19. Celebrated, 20. Belle, 21. Symphony, 25. Eureka, 26. Etude, 27. Nil, 28. Hijack, 29. Trendy.  
 Down: 2. Dean, 3. Glow, 4. Oval, 5. News, 6. Urchin, 7. Adder, 10. Rover, 11. Matinee, 13. Kept, 14. Lottery, 15. Corrupt, 17. Stood, 18. Edgy, 19. Cinema, 20. Beech, 21. Sank, 22. Melt, 23. Huge, 24. Need.

#### WEBWORD

The answers from 1 to 10 are all seven-letter words ending with N in the centre. If your answers are correct, the letters in the outer band moving clockwise from 1 will spell out the name of a character in a classic children's story.

#### clues:

- 1 Make stronger
- 2 Pancreas product
- 3 Young baby
- 4 Galley
- 5 Feeling
- 6 Chorus
- 7 Alcoholic drink
- 8 Spell out
- 9 Light
- 10 Affair



### TRIO

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

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 \_\_\_HED  
 \_\_\_KET



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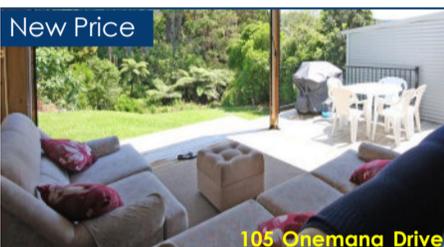
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# Letters

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## Don't kill your dog!

I was most disturbed last month when visiting your beautiful town and beach paradise to come across not one but two incidents where a dog (two in the second car) was shut in the owner's car.

Sure, the windows were down a bit but with no airflow those poor animals were suffering in the 30+ degree heatwave - and it would have been much hotter inside the cars.

The two little dogs were at the windows with their tongues hanging out and panting. Fortunately, someone was able to put their arm through and unlock the door and take the dogs some water.

And in the first incident with the one dog, just as I was about to call the police the owner returned to the car.

I expressed my concern to her and she told me she hadn't been very long and the dog would be OK.

Not wanting to inflame the situation I accepted that. But my plea to dog - and cat - owners: PLEASE don't leave your pet in the car on a hot day.

The temperature inside a vehicle can rise very quickly and cause the animal to dehydrate and die in a very short time.

Be kind to your pet(s) - leave them at home!

Yes, they might pine for you but at least they'll be alive when you get home.

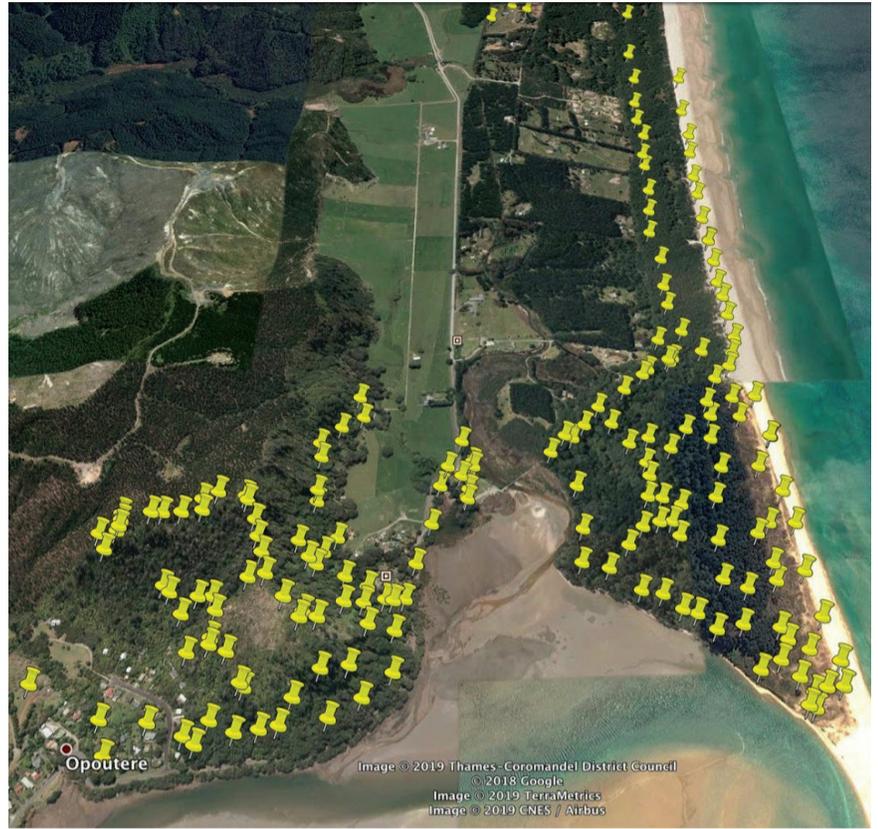
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# Opoutere Bird Saver - How it started



I brought my place of peace in Opoutere six years ago and was out walking one day when I came across some DOC 200 Splat traps also known as Forman Grills.

Seeing this sparked a desire to make a difference Later on I bumped into Andy Warneford who was the local DoC Ranger for Opoutere and with his help the project started.

It started with "Donate a trap" three years ago and we sold 50 of these traps which kick started the project enabling us to then receive other external funding.

Now we have the second biggest private project on the Coromandel protecting 200+ ha of bush with more than 400 traps and bait stations.

We have recently cleared Opoutere spit of 21,000 m2 of wild ginger - more than 400 person hours were spent across 20 working bees in the past two years.

Just on 1.5km of walking tracks have been built recently to allow easy access to the trapping network but also to manage the ginger regrowth. This is ongoing as we expand our network.

So since the project's inception, we have killed in our traps: 60 stoats, 227 rats, 176 hedgehogs and 94 possums.

If you haven't been to Opoutere for a while, do take a walk out to the beach and you will probably notice a marked increase in the bird life - banded rail, teal, bell-birds and way too many tuis.

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*Chris Woudenberg*  
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# Determination sees John triumph



Sheer determination and a competitive nature come to the fore when John Flinn takes to the croquet greens.

A relative newcomer to golf croquet, former Hikuai man John says when he retired a friend suggested he join the Whangamata Golf Croquet Club.

A bit over three years later, John was in the Thames Valley team which brought the Roberts Trophy home from the UNITE (Upper North Island Teams Event) tournament at Auckland Anniversary weekend.

He was invited to join the tournament by top New Zealand player and proponent Geoff Young after Young was impressed when watching John play in an earlier game.

John has been doing well in the past few months, winning the Silver Badge competition and the in-house competition.

'When I'm playing I become very competitive. But I've always been interested in working out straight lines and angles and I think that has helped my play.'

The tournament, which John described as 'a gruelling three days' was challenged by teams from around the Waikato as well as Thames Valley.

With games taking anywhere from 40 minutes to two hours, the tournament consisted of six games on the first and second days.

'By the last day we were barely moving, we were so tired,' John - a 3-handicapper - said.

However, that's where his determination came to the fore, and he triumphed, winning seven of 10 individual games and all five with his partner (from Thames) in the doubles.

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# Obituary: Jim Watt

**James Norwood Watt died at Moana House in Whangamata on July 28, 2018, and those who knew him want his story told to enlighten newcomers to Whangamata about the town's history. Information and photos were supplied by his daughter Suzanne Watt-Bertoni and niece Miranda Welch.**

Jim, as he was known, was given the second name Norwood, after the sailing ship 'Norwood' captained by his Aunt Anice's (nee Patton) father-in-law, Captain Lawrence.



He served in the 22nd Battalion (J-force) in Japan at the end of World War 2 after which he returned to farm at Whangamata.

In the 1970s and 80s he developed the farmland, situated on Whangamata harbour, for housing, calling it Moana Point.

He generously donated the land and was a driving force behind the establishment of Moana House, Whangamata's retirement home and hospital, where he and his faithful border collie dog Skye lived until his death. They were both often seen out and about on Jim's mobility scooter.

Jim owned and enjoyed sailing the boat 'Matariki' for about 20 years in the 1970 to 1990s.

Other hobbies included bird and wildlife and photography which led him to take part in the Totarore Expedition studying

birdlife off the coast of South America and Antarctica in the mid 80s.

The Watt family have a long history in Whangamata.

Around 1893, Jim's grandfather, Robert Henry Watt, heard of a promising enterprise in Whangamata.

Leaving behind his wife and children at home in Ellerslie, Auckland, he and a partner travelled down to Whangamata where they took over the general store and the small farm attached to it.

Mining, bush felling and gum digging were being carried out in Whangamata.

Within three years the family also moved to Whangamata and for another 17 years, Robert Henry ran Watt's Store and Kauri Gum business, on what is now known as Moana Point. He later sold the business to Mr Goodfellow.

Back then, if you had land and made improvements to it, you could apply to purchase another 100 acres.

Robert Henry acquired three adjoining blocks of land in this way so he had one block for each of his three sons.

After World War I, the two younger sons did not return to Whangamata, and therefore relinquished the title to the land.

Jim's father, James Henry (Harry) Watt, was the only son who retained his block of land.



Robert Henry and his wife Elizabeth lived in the Whangamata district for 24 years, leaving in 1920 to go back to their family home in Ellerslie.

Both Jim's parents had deep ties to the Whangamata area.

Harry Watt grew up and lived in Whangamata for many years.

Jim's mother was a Patton, and the Patton family were an Irish-Catholic family from Puketaiko, near Tairua, just off where the Kopu-Hikua Road is now.

Harry met Isabel in 1912 at a Whangamata Sports meeting, and they married in 1914.

On their wedding day, Harry also became licensee of the Whangamata Hotel - then situated at the northern end of the harbour.

They lived in Whangamata from 1914 through to 1920, and later moved back to the family farm in Ellerslie, so that their two sons could attend school.

There was no school at Whangamata at the time. Harry and Isabel's next three children (Alf, June and Jim) were born in Ellerslie.

Harry retained his block of land in Whangamata, and acquired some more land - so that he had approximately 120 acres where Moana Point is now.

The land was leased out while the family lived in Auckland.

The family moved back to Whangamata in 1937 and Jim and June finished their schooling in Whangamata.

There were a total of 14 pupils in that year. June and Jim used to walk to school, or go by horse, or sometimes walk across the mudflats.

The school had a paddock where their horses could be kept during the day.

Jim finished school at 12 (in 1940) and went to work on the farm, because his older brothers had left for WWI.

Jim died aged 90 years and 5 months, following a 10 day illness with pneumonia. He is buried in Whangamata cemetery.

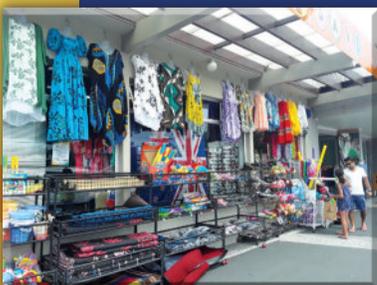
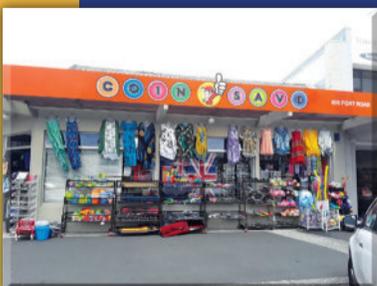


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**For more information talk to Nigel and his team - 0800 24 22 66 or team@bootitconsultant.com**



Nigel Boot, head of Boot IT Consulting, is offering a high speed internet service.



Friday 18th January was the opening day for Mah Jong's return.

We also celebrated Bev Storey's 90th Birthday. 60 players attended and her family was there also with a lovely afternoon tea for all..

I believe Bev has played mahjong for around 30 years here.

## What you've all been up to ...

### Whangamata Mah Jong

On January we had 60 players. The winner was Dorothy Carter with 38 and runner up was Erin Wyatt on 34. Bev Storey's 90th birthday was also celebrated.

On January 25 there were 55 players. The winner was Jill Thomson with 37 and the runner up was Vina Carroll on 30. And on Friday 1 February there were 54 players with Pat Bigwood on 38 the winner and runner up was Joan Tapp on 36.

## Karangahake Winery Estate



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# THE BACH

*Looking back*



## Log cabin by the sea



People walking to the beach along Tuck Rd have been intrigued for decades by the little log cabin tucked in among the larger, more opulent holiday homes in the area. Built over several years by the Miller family from Auckland, it was finally completed in 1984.

Maggie and Clem Miller's son Steven was familiar with building log cabins and said the family should put one on their section in Whangamata.

They bought the section some years previously after they began 5-week camping holidays at Jack Campbell's campground every Christmas.

The section was twice the size when Maggie bought it in the late

1970s for a mere \$12,500 and the family built the other house at the back later.

The bach is small at just 80sqm and apart from the deck being extended to cater for summer entertaining, and a wall added to the back porch to allow one more person to sleep there, it is unchanged.

The fact that there are only five beds doesn't deter family and friends from rolling up during summer. Out the back is daughter Beryl's little retro caravan and there's plenty of lawn area at the back and front of the section for tents to be pitched.

The section has two trees of significance for the family - a

jacaranda under which both Clem's and Steven's ashes are buried and an avocado tree, the burial spot for several of the family's pets.

Maggie is a lively octogenarian (86 in April) and loves going to the Whangamata Club when she visits.

'Clem used to go there every day at 3pm - now, when I'm here, I go there on Saturdays with good friends Beryl and Bob,' Maggie said.

'I love coming back and catching up with friends made during our camping days - although, sadly, many of them have died,' she said.



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