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Op shop gives to WAS

Did you know that our small Whangamata St John Op shop sells good quality WAS uniforms for families in need? It works two ways: mums can buy a uniform piece for no more than \$7, in turn the Op Shop gives all the sales back to the school.

Karen Lowe, Store Manager, says
"The aim was always to give a
generous donation to students who

may not be able to afford to go on sports trips, camp and the like."

This year the contribution is \$750, 2022 was \$600 and in 2021 \$550 for the school! Recognised by Alistair Luke, School Principal and appreciated by families.

Keep supporting local, you never know how many people it assists!

- Jennie Black



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HON SCOTT SIMPSON

MP for Coromandel



Encouraging signs over long weekend

The Coromandel was pumping over the long weekend and I just wanted to thank everyone who played a part in putting on some terrific community events. I went to the air show in Whitianga, which was fantastic and no doubt it was a huge draw card for the region. It was a much-needed morale boost for our towns to see people spending their time and money at our local businesses, like our cafés and restaurants.

Notwithstanding the frustration over some traffic issues, the increased activity came at a perfect time as we prepare for summer. Hopefully, it got the word out that the Coromandel is still the place to be and that it's a sign of more good

things to come as we continue to bounce back from a really difficult period due to the closure of State Highway 25A.

In terms of politics, the final election results will be released on 3 November, so when you read this you should have a better idea of what the next government will look like. After this step is completed, the new parliament will be sworn-in and it will be back to business. I

In the meantime, if you want to raise an issue with me or just give me your opinion, my office is always available at 0800 550 330.

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



Employee vs contractor



This article aims to look at the difference between an employee versus a contractor.

Employee Rights and Protections

Employees rights are outlined in the Employment Act 2000. These include a minimum of four weeks of annual leave and 10 days of sick leave after a year of continuous employment with the same employer, 12 public holidays, at least appropriate minimum wage, and a safe and discrimination-free workplace. While certain terms can be negotiated and potentially enhanced, the basic minimum rights are non-negotiable they serve as a fundamental safeguard for employees.

Contractors: Independence and Responsibility

Contractors operate as selfemployed entities for specific projects and timeframes. Contractors are not entitled to the same minimum rights as employees. They are responsible for their own taxes, ACC levies, and contributions to their KiwiSaver funds. They can negotiate their remuneration to factor in these financial responsibilities when setting their fees.

Determining Employment Status

Determining if you are an employee or a contractor considers factors such as the parties intentions, the contracts terms, and the actual execution of work. The degree of control exercised by the employer, such as work hours, location, and supervision. An individual subjected to substantial employer control is typically deemed an employee, while those with greater autonomy tends to be classified as contractors.

The Economic Reality Test

The economic reality test examines the broader economic relationship between the parties.

Contractors, who often bear financial risks when their costs exceed their budget, are more likely to be regarded as economically independent from the employer.

For further information, visit www.cwc.org.nz.

- Benjamin Rudolph, Co-founder Coromandel Workers Council

Handle the jandal

The Tairua Spring Fling on Saturday 18 November will be held at the Tairua Rugby Club, Cory Domain. Brought to you by the Tairua Business Association.

Get a handle on your jandal and come to Tairua for a fun filled day with a chilled, summer atmosphere. There'll be loads to

Come to the Trash'n'Treasure boot sale - someone's trash is someone's treasure. There are limited spaces available but it's open to all people with spring clear-out bits and pieces they want to sell. There will be a cost per car (3mx3m). Market stalls also have limited spaces available - be in quick! Register your space - email info.tairuabusiness@gmail.com

There'll be running races in jandals - men/women/kids 5-10 years and 10-16 years - with prizes and great vouchers to spend at Chances...

Take the Heritage Trust Walk and Talk Tour of Tairua - \$5 for a historical sites of Tairua whilst taking in some of our breathtaking views across the harbour, river, Pauanui and surrounding beaches.

Here's a bit of a fun fashion show: Chances Wearable Jandal Fashion Show. It focuses on celebrating summer and that great quintessential New Zealand fashion accessory for relaxing at

the beach and avoiding the hot sand, and mingling with friends by the summer barbie or poolside.

It's really simple: we're calling for kids and adults to get creative. Construct your summer outfit with the focus on the jandal. The more jandals included in your outfit the better. For example, your outfit can be the shape of a jandal.

The sections are: Kids 5 to 16 years and Adults 17+. Rules: Your fashion outfit must have a minimum one pair of jandals - not necessarily on your feet!

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Face painting and crazy hairstyles for kids, to help with fashion show
- Kindy playzone, provided by Central Kids, with lots of activities and play for under
- All day historical Photo Display of 'Now and Then' in Tairua Rugby Club Rooms to show how much Tairua has changed!
- Tug of War for Kids & Adults lots of prizes
- Can you 'Handle the Jandal Throwing Contest' - how far can you throw the jandal - adult/kids winner prizes.

Be a part of a great free fun day for families. C'mon - get to Tairua, Saturday 18 November.

Introducing the 2024 Senior Student Leadership Team



Back row: Samuel Mulholland (Deputy Head Boy), Emily Brickwood (Head Girl), Hunter Ussher (Head Boy), Charlotte Lima (Deputy Head Girl). Front row (left to right): Liam Rogers, Mussy Taikato, Jake Evans.

Congratulations to the leading team for Whangamata Area School 2024, Whangamatā News is always amazed at the number of young achievers from all areas in our community, from sports, academics, arts, travel and hosting. Very proud.





Fire Fire is on fire

Whangamatā's business network, Enterprise Whangamata meets the last Thursday of every month at a local café or bar. It's our Bus After Five, a must for many of our 75 members where they get to share their stories, specials, problems in



Guest speaker Tara Durrant.

their Members Minute.

One of our favourite spots is Craft Haus, their room down the back is perfect for our meetings and the team always delivers.

Last week, we were very fortunate to have our guest speaker Tara Durrant, the director of a local international film company that calls Whangamatā home.

Her company is called Fire Fire, who tend to fly under the radar but eventually I managed to get a hold of her. Tara is a long ago local and actually went to school here till she was 14, there's even a street named after her family.

Tara agreed to a chat and told us the story of how she was walking along Whanga Beach with her son, who asked her about Mayor Island. Tara admitted to him that she didn't know that much about the island,



however the conversation triggered an idea. New Zealand has some 600 outer islands - many inhabited.

What about a TV programme that tells those people's stories? They

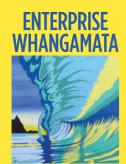
developed a synopsis and set out on the funding trail. NZ On Air and the networks loved the idea and it came to be. The series is on YouTube and is beautifully shot and edited.

Our Other Islands | Episode 1: Rakiura | RNZ - YouTube

Tara is an editor and her partner a cameraman. While he gets to travel the world with many early morning starts, Tara can work from anywhere but loves being able to work from her old home town.

Thanks for the chat Tara, an inspiring 20 minutes for Enterprise Whangamata members that proves once again how in 2023 you don't need a big city to be successful.

- Shaun Fay



What a year... but it's nearly over

Time for a quiet one or two.

Thursday, 14 December, Palm Pacific Resort, from 5pm. Enterprise Whangamata Members and invited guests only.

Palm Pacific is a great spot to have fun, so bring your togs, tennis racquet, pétanque balls and some BYO as Palms is not licensed. We'll have the barbie cranked up, some live music, special guests and a few surprises.

Email your interest to us! www.whangamata.org.nz or email: ew@whangamata.org.nz

60 power poles in Whangamatā are being replaced

Powerco, who owns the electricity network in Whangamatā, has contracted Northpower and we will soon be starting works to replace nearly 60 power poles at various locations in Whangamatā.

The works are being carried out to improve the safety of the electricity network and improve the reliability of the power supply to customers in the area.

It might be necessary to interrupt the electricity supply to affected properties to safely complete the work.

All affected customers will be notified and advised of the date and time of any planned outages.

It might be necessary to access affected properties to carry out safety testing checks at the meter board.

The work has now been scheduled and is expected to be completed by the end of November.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience and thank everyone for their patience and understanding during these essential works.









Action required to save our fishing grounds

Phil Keogh and Mark James recently attended the AGM of the New Zealand Sports Fishing Council (NZSFC) on behalf of the Whangamata Ocean Sports Club (WOSC). The meeting was held in Tairua over two days and included delegates from fishing clubs throughout the country.

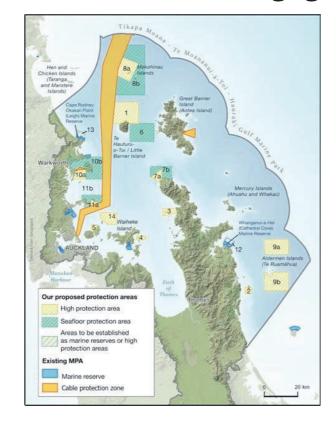
Key issues discussed at the 2023 NZSFC AGM included Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) and

Department of Conservation (DOC) recommendations and government legislation setting up of trawl corridors and High Protection Areas. While NZSFC fully support the setting up of appropriate reserves to protect and enhance biodiversity and productive coastal systems, there is considerable concern over how these are being developed and implemented along the eastern border of the Coromandel.

Recommendations on the bottom trawl corridors and HPAs are now before government for the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. The Marine Park includes the Waitemata Harbour, Firth of Thames and eastern coastline of the Coromandel Peninsula right down to Waihi. The recommendations were subsequently modified by MPI and have now been released for consultation. The outcomes are summarised in the documents in the links below.

Revitalising the Gulf: Government action on the Sea Change Plan: Our work (doc.govt.nz) Appendix 4 has the maps. The overall map is shown and is available at www.mpi.govt.nz/ consultations/proposed-options-for-bottomfishing-access-zones-in-the-hauraki-gulf

The first piece of legislation being dealt with is



the High Protection Areas. Twelve new HPAs have been proposed as part of the government's "Revitalising the Gulf". These areas have been proposed to protect and enhance marine habitats and ecosystems while providing for customary practices of mana whenua.

Five new seafloor protection areas (SPAs) are also proposed in the Hauraki Gulf Maritime Park (HGMP) but none of these are on the eastern

border of the Coromandel Peninsula.

Significant areas around Slipper and the Alderman Islands off the Coromandel are included as proposed HPAs. Importantly for many WOSC members prohibited activities include recreational fishing in these areas (excludes customary take). This means you will not be allowed to fish within a few kilometres of the southern part of Slipper Island and large areas around the Aldermans.

The WOSC representatives, NZSFC and LegaSea will be making submissions. We feel this process so far has been closed to the public, and when briefly opened we have been ignored. WOSC and the NZSFC are working hard on our behalf to get the right information to you so we can band together.

Essentially we want to see more local consultation in setting the HPAs and that non-destructive fishing activity not be prohibited in the HPAs around Slipper Island and the Alderman Islands, where there is currently a low level of fishing compared with other areas but is disproportionately important to local communities.

If you are at all concerned you should check out the links in this story and make a submission. Submissions close on 1 November. Forms can be found at the links provided above and if you need help please feel free to reach out to WOSC, or Phil Keogh and Mark James, your NZSFC representatives for help in having your say with what happens to our ocean!

- Contributed by Mark James and Phil Keogh, NZSFC Delegates



What does it take to get a traffic light here?

Whangamatā News caught up with Elaine Shadbolt of Campbell Close, her son and daughter in law Jim and Mandy Shadbolt (visiting from Perth).

I wanted to see how the debacle of the Martyn Road Pinnacles Civil - Engineering roading providers project affects Elaine and her daily routine out and about on her walker.

Elaine is visually impaired, we caught up with her last year when the footpath accesses were flooded and full of mud preventing access for her to cross by the St John Op shop traffic island refuge.

Well, now the island has gone completely, not replaced by a roundabout but with speeding tradies, drivers and even trucks (who are to use the back road with





a by-law currently in place).

Can you imagine trying to navigate crossing Martyn Road to go to Whangamata New World with your hearing as your best skill? Now keep in mind... electric cars make no sound

I find it unbelievable there isn't a pedestrian crossing, a lollipop pair to supervise crossings or a traffic light with a button to buzz to cross for our young and elderly community.

I sourced a Whangamatā photo from Bartleys, clearly showing Whangamatā did have a traffic light in the 1990's by Slipper Superette and worked just dandy.

Jim Shadbolt and I had a lengthy chat on how this is for his Mum, he said" If you go to someone and you say, this is a problem, do something about it. The first thing they say is: "Do you have a solution?" Jim feels he always tries to have a solution ready, so they can't turn around and say "you are just giving us problems".

I asked "what will it take to get this done?" and Jim was right in saying "It will take someone dying, that's what it will take".

Jim wrote into Contract



Administrator Samantha Trow for Pinnacles Civil - Roading Professional Services to TCDC on 25 October.

Jim raised his concern about his Mum Elaine and the pedestrian Island refuge being removed from Martyn Road, asking for a response.

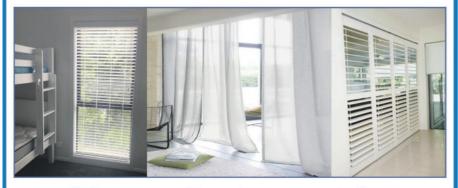
The email read in reply (In part) "We are currently looking into additional methods to support the pedestrians crossing this street, in regards to the heavy traffic that is using Martyn Road, there is a by-law currently in place that restricts their use on this road".

Elaine hasn't been to New World since the roading work has completed, she's reliant now on Helen DeBarry from Campbell Close to take her shopping on Tuesdays. She has lost her independence and the enjoyable routine to cross to see a friend or shop. She went for a walk recently with her walker, and she had to wait quite some time and finally got to the middle of the road and nobody slowed down, finally a trucker stopped and I could cross". Jim and Mandy will have returned to Perth, (at the time we go to print), but thankfully Jim cooked up a storm in the freezer for Elaine, it will

Come on, let's sort this mess. Traffic lights/pedestrian crossing: Job done!

- Jennie Black

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The benefits of volunteerism

With the change to daylight saving and the first glimmers of spring turning into summer you could feel the lift in people's spirits, lots of cheery good mornings and smiles.

What an amazing place we live in, surrounded by natural beauty and the warmth and support from our local community.

Someone once said there are over 70 community groups, clubs, and organisations in our town, each has a different function and purpose: social, sporting, community, and keeping us safe.

People join these organisations for different reasons, friendship, fitness, health, camaraderie, some to serve, and nearly everyone for enjoyment and fun.

The local drama society recently completed its annual production, one of the largest to date, writer and director of the production Aisne Edwards advised that nearly 80 people gave up their time to perform and support the event in some form or another.

Whangamata Rugby and Sports Club recently hosted a huge rugby weekend, featuring Heartland rugby at its best. Aickin Road Stadium had more supporters turn up to support their local team than the Auckland Blues could ever dream of.

Recently volunteers turned out in droves to support Whangamata Harbour Care with their



Enterprise Whangamata Street Fling - bubbles on the day!

maintenance work in the harbour, whilst on the beach so many people happily turned up to support the Dune Care planting programme that the task was over in a few hours.

Over Labour Weekend Whangamata Harbour Care organised a Spring Clean of the harbour, shoreline, and estuaries, encouraging volunteers and community groups to get involved

The recent GJ Gardner Half Marathon attracted a huge number of entries and an army of volunteers to ensure the event was enjoyable to all participants.

Enterprise Whangamata organised a Spring Fling, closing Port Road with the intention of filling it with community activities, sadly, strong winds disrupted proceedings. On

the same day Whangamata Fire Service, the ultimate volunteers, held an Open Day to show off their new equipment and let people get close to those big red trucks.

Like the Fire Service, local Coastguard and Surf Clubs are on constant standby, gearing up and running training courses for volunteers in readiness for summer waterborne activities. In the coming weeks non-seagoing volunteers will be out and about selling raffle tickets right through to February to help keep these essential services on the water and our community

The last weekend of October saw the town full of smiling ladies dressed in an array of pink, out in force on behalf of Breast Cancer

These are just a few events that have taken place during recent months, you can be sure there are countless other organisations busy planning future events that benefit the community in so many ways.

The Beach Hop committee will be revving up in preparation for the next Beach Hop in March, 2024.

Local Arts Collective volunteers are presenting Art in the Park in early November, Lions are underway with the annual Christmas Santa Parade, our local choristers are busy tuning up and rehearsing for Christmas Carols in the Park.

It's not difficult to work out why people volunteer for these kinds of activities, the benefits are enormous, if interested check out Blue Zone on Netflix

Volunteering is rewarding, challenging, encourages creativity, provides enjoyment, massive community experience, nothing beats it.

The benefits of volunteerism are many, they bring communities together for a common purpose and provide huge personal reward and satisfaction.

It's impossible to put a value on it, it's all about heart and giving.

> - A grateful participant and observer



Ngapuhi claim Iwi of Origin at surfing titles

Ngapuhi claimed their first lwi of Origin at the Aotearoa Maori Surfing Titles completed in Te Tai Tokerau on Sunday, 22 October, edging defending champions Te Atiawa and Te Rarawa by one placing in a tight tussle for the title.

The final day of the event was held on the East Coast at the idyllic Rarawa Beach in small but clean waves and strong offshore winds.

Whangamatā News wanted to highlight the following local entrants and their achievements from the day.

Tai Murphy (Ngati Awa) scorched a nine point ride in the Taitamatane Under 18 Boys Division to stomp his dominance on the final and take the win. Manu Roberts (Ngai Tahu) held the lead for over half of the final but had to settle for second place. Navryn Malone (Mahaki) finished in third place with Caelan Pitkeathly

(Ngai Tahu) (Ngapuhi) finishing in fourth.

Murphy won the Surfline scholarship including \$500 and coaching through the Art of Surfing alongside Indi-Lee Ruddell who won the Taitamawahine Under 18 Girls Division.

Ruddell surfed to a 10.97 point heat total in the final to edge out Kyra Wallis (Ngapuhi) in second place with Te Waiotu Farlie (Ngati Porou) finishing in third and India Kennings (Ngati Whatua Orakei) finishing in fourth.

Harrison Biddle (Te Aupouri) claimed his first major victory in the Taitamatane Under 16 Boys Division leading the final from start to finish. Biddle posted 16.17 out of 20 claiming the Volkswagen Highest Heat Score of the Day. 2022 Under 14 Boys Champ Zeke Pragert came back late in the final with an 8.07 to



India Kennings.

make a tense final five minutes but ultimately finished in second place ahead of Jackson Pardoe (Ngati Porou) in third and Luca Thompson (Tainui) in fourth.

A total of 21 Iwi were represented at the event this weekend, all working toward the Iwi of Origin Title. The top six iwi were Nga Puhi, Te Atiawa, Te Rarawa, Mahaki, Ngai Te Rangi and Ngati Porou.

- Open Men's Division: Navryn Malone (Mahaki)
- Open Women's Division: Elin Tawharu (Ngati Raukawa)
- Under 18 Boys Division: Tai Murphy (Ngati Awa)
- Under 18 Girls Division: Indi-Lee Ruddell (Te Rarawa)
- Under 16 Boys Division:

- Harrison Biddle (Te Aupouri)
- Under 14 Boys Division: Luca Thompson (Tainui)
- Under 14 Girls Division: Kyra Wallis (Ngapuhi)
- Over 35 Men's Division: Chris Malone (Mahaki)
- Over 45 Men's Division:
 Mike Kiwi (Ngai Terangi)
- Men's Longboard Division:
 Zen Wallis (Ngapuhi)
- Women's Longboard:
- Natasha Gouldsbury (Te Atiawa)
- Stand Up Paddleboard Division: Jamie Andrews (Te Atiawa)

For more information on the 2023 Aotearoa Maori Surfing Titles, please contact Ben Kennings on 021 2278732 or email benkennings@surfingnz.co.nz.



Harrison Biddle.



Under 18 Girls finalists.



Under 18 Boys finalists.

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Darts sees huge turnout

We had the most amazing weekend at our Area Champs in Whangamatā Absolutely blown away by the numbers: 140 on Saturday and 104 Sunday last week.

Big shout out to Karen, Ray and the Whangamatā team for really turning it on for us, you guys went above and beyond.

- Thames Valley Western Bay of Plenty Clubs







TVWBOP 2024 Area Team:

Daphne Walters Charlena Ormsby Corrina Walters Gaylene Clay

Donna Simpson Josh Walters Josh Roberts Mark Cleaver Alan Skayman Alan McNeill Manager: Paul Steventon





Results

LADIES' PAIRS

Consolation

Winners: Vivienne Joy Oborn & Averil Boon

Main Round

Runner-Up: Gaylene Clay & Judy Fenton
Winners: Wendy Harper &

Zoe Skayman

MEN'S PAIRS

Consolation

Winners: Michael Baxter & Bryce Campbell

Main Round

Runner-Up: Lou Tai & Josh Walters

Winners: Mark Cleaver & Josh Roberts

YOUTH

Winner: Deacon Nichols

JUNIOR

Runner-Up: Oakley Brown Winner: Aliki Quinn-Suaesi

LADIES' SINGLES

Consolation: Judy Fenton

Main Round

Third Equal: Crystal Walters & Daphne Walters

Runner-Up: Charlena

Winner: Wendy Harper

MEN'S SINGLES

Consolation: Michael Baxter

Main Round

Third Equal: Kelemete Silao

& Josh Walters

Runner-Up: Mark Cleaver Winner: Alan Skayman



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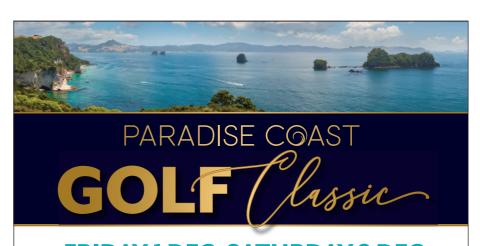




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All things spooky!

The Halloween Disco last Friday at the Memorial Hall was everything I hoped it would be!

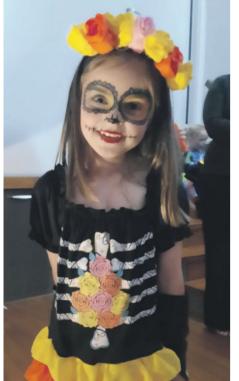
It was an Extravaganza Disco like no other. Flashing lights with spooks and ghouls glowing in the dark to awesome music pumping out the vibe. We went along for the preschooler and younger session

times, and it was all go! The children were dancing, jiving and singing like a true Broadway show!

Huge thanks to Mel Metcalfe staging the displays, it just gets better every vear!

> - Photos by Mark James, Whangamatā News



















Mahjong wondrous tournament



The twittering of the sparrows could be heard throughout the Whangamata RSA during the annual Unique Wonder Tournament. It was held on Saturday, 28 October, in memory of Gay Laurenson - one of the founding members of the RSA Mahjong group.

This year's one-day tournament was sponsored by Laurenson Electrical and Luv Coffee with 68 players from as far as Levin and Orewa.

This year's prize winners were:

Tournament place-getters

First: Chris Batty, Bucklands Beach, 57 points

Second: Heather Danby-Scott, Whangamata RSA, 55 points Third: Carol Archer,

Whangamata RSA, 53 points

Session winners

Session 1: Angela Mayberry, Whangamata RSA, 33 points Session 2: Carol Archer, Whangamata RSA and Trish



Filly Buchanan, winner of Hand of the Day RAZZA, with Donna Lowrie.

Keenan, Whangamatā, 23 points Session 3: Muriel Fields, Summerset, Levin, 25 points

Hand of the day RAZZA

Filly Buchanan, Whangamata RSA

Hand of the day Unique Wonder

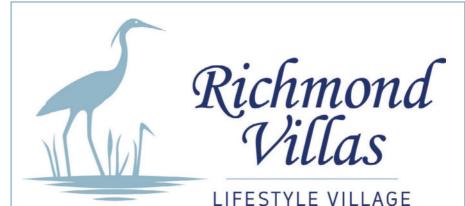
Christina Sadler, Whangamatā Catherine Kidd, Whangamata RSA Rosemarie Rutherford, Whangamatā Richard Laurenson Diane Trembath, Whangamatā Janeanne Smith, Otorohanga



Hand of the Day Unique Wonder winners (Left to right): Christina Sadler, Catherine Kidd, Rosemarie Rutherford, Richard Laurenson, Diane Trembath and Janeanne Smith.



Top 3: Chris Batty, Heather Danby-Scott and Carol Archer, with Richard Laurenson.



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Harbourcare Beach Clean Project

The results from Sunday, 22 October, clearly showed the concern that our community has toward its environment especially within the harbour, estuary and beach shorelines.



Over a period of just one and a half hours, we managed to collect 300+ kg of inorganic waste material including bottles (plastic and glass, broken and otherwise), consumer packaging and general waste material that should never have found its way into our shoreline environment

The beach grid sampling undertaken by Sustainable Coastlines showed exceptionally high levels of visible micro plastics, this data will be made available following further analysis

As with most Whangamata Harbour Care Projects the after function barbeque (generously provided by Whangamata Lions) provided valuable insight into the day's event with many now fully convinced that future Spring Cleans do create further public awareness of a problem that can be easily addressed.

Once again, thank you from Whangamata Harbour Care and our supporting Community Groups.

> - Kerry Gibb, Project Coordinator, Whangamata Harbourcare Inc



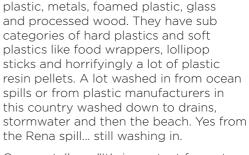
Sustainable coastlines survey Whangamata beach

Whangamatā News caught up with Gemma Hovelmeier, leader of NZ Sustainable Coastlines, on the Williamson Park beach by the weir outlet.

Gemma is from the west coast of the Waikato. She runs support groups from Waikato, Taranaki and Bay of Plenty and is focussed on the coastlines right across

The purpose on Labour Weekend (hand in hand with the Whangamata Harbourcare Beach Clean Up), was to run a litter intelligence survey, the survey area was 100m x 20m and they have returned to the same spot, to find all of the litter items they can find in that area.





Gemma tells us "It's important for us to feel a sense of urgency, a sense of action".

We met a wonderful family who were down from Auckland and were giving their time collecting the tiny pieces for the survey with Gemma - truly good sorts.

- Jennie Black, photos by Mark James









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Junior training under way

Labour Weekend turned on the weather - a summer feel, with swimmers en masse, white dimpled bottoms sunbathing and squeals of delight with the Nippers at their first WSLSC Junior Surf Patrol training session for the season.

Whangamatā News caught up with Head Coach, Tess Goffin, she tells us "this is the first Junior Surf programme and we will be running it every Sunday, today we have up to 40 kids, some local and others

When the children enrol, they get their yellow vests so they can identify them on the beach, with ages from five years (known as Nippers), and then to 10 years, they become Cadets for a more advanced programme.

"The peak season officially kicks off on the 20th December, when all other programmes roll out, like the Rookies, where we fully encourage them to become lifeguards when they approach 14 years."

Tess was one of nine coaches supervising on the day. She got involved with Nippers when she was six, with her brother, staying at the family bach. Although she lives in Auckland, she comes down every weekend for her role as Head Coach.



She simply said "I love it!".

A fantastic turnout of wee people, full of smiles and shivers - of course they made our cover photo!

- Jennie Black









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Ringa wera Ringa here

The 'Ringa wera Ringa here' Exhibition took place over the Labour weekend in the scenic Kuaotunu region. With its remarkable curator, Isabel Gilbert Palmer, at the helm, this event stood out as a demonstration of her unwavering dedication and discerning eye. Palmer, in an extraordinary feat, personally handpicked a group of talented artists, all of whom hailed from the Wahine community within the Coromandel catchment.

The overarching purpose of this exhibition was to celebrate the artistic talent of Maori and Pasifika Wahine, showcasing their invaluable contributions through a combination of ancestral traditions and contemporary art forms, seamlessly bridging the gap between the past and the present.

The Ringa wera Ringa here Exhibition brought forth several notable achievements and accolades for several of its participating artists. Among them were two master weavers, Louisa Murdoch Humphry and Kaetaeta Watson, whose exceptional contributions to the exhibition

garnered widespread recognition. In 2021 Louisa Murdoch Humphry was honoured with the prestigious MNZM for her services to the Kiribati community and culture. Additionally, both Humphry and Watson were recipients of the esteemed Pacific Heritage Artist Award in 2019, further solidifying their artistic expertise and cultural significance.

Another noteworthy artist who left an overwhelming impression was Vivienne Cory-Wright. Her exceptional talent was underscored by the acquisition of one of her artworks by none other than the renowned local and international artist, Michael Smithers. This recognition from a prominent figure within the art world serves as a tremendous compliment to the exceptional quality of Vivienne's mahi (work).

'Ringa wera Ringa here' proved to be a resounding success, captivating visitors with its harmonious blend of tradition and innovation. It provided a platform for Wahine artists to share their mahi and shed light on the rich cultural heritage, passed down through generations. This landmark exhibition not only paid homage to the artistic legacy of Maori and Pasifika Wahine but also served as an inspiration for future generations, reminding them of the enduring power and beauty of their artistry and the welcoming of new.

On behalf of the curator, participating artists and the entire team who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who attended the event and we hope to see you again next year.

- Dessa Bluu



PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

- Louisa Murdoch Humphry
- Kaetaeta Watson
- Fiona Gates
- Sandy Gaskell
- Vivienne Cory-Wright
- Dessa Bluu
- Moana Harrison
- Raewyn Helms-Davis
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Vivienne Cory-Wright (right) with renowned artist, Mr Smithers.



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Open Studios showcase talents



From left: Cazza, Sue and Cherry.





Labour Weekend art trail is an event I look forward to annually, the open studios of Sue Jamieson with Cherry and Cazza on Hetherington Road, is always great with creative felts, arts and a jolly good chat and a nosey! In particular a wee little man in felt with attitude!

Whangamatā News caught up with Lisa at Nikki Seales place with great pieces of colour and Nikki's claywork, garden art, floral pieces made a great complement to the





talented duo.

On to Heather Watts and friends in Kea Street, outstanding pieces of wooden bowls, rustic garden corten steel sculptures and a huge display of new works.

Watch this space... a Frida workshop is coming!

Next on the Arts Collective events list: Art After Dark - see you there!

> - Jennie Black Photos by Mark James



Art After Dark is getting close!

10 November, 5pm-10pm, at the Whangamata Golf Club.

This is an event to dress up for. The Best Dressed for the Dazzle After Dark theme is sponsored by Collins James Accountants. No pressure though. You can always resort to the Theatre Society to hire that special

Call Valda at the Whangamata Theatre Society 021 119 2052. Dancing shoes will be required as the line-up of musicians will get you

A super hamper will be raffled and an auction will take place during the festivities. Delicious canapés will be served and a variety of beverages will be available.

A huge range of artwork both indoor and outdoor, will be exhibited and it's all for sale. This will be a great opportunity to purchase something special for your home or for that extra special Christmas

Artists are now busy creating a new and exciting range of diverse artwork.

Thanks to our generous sponsors New World Whangamata, Super Liquor Whangamata, The Whangamata Club and Enterprise Whangamata.

Tickets are only \$25 and are available from the Whangamata Information Centre.





SPORT

Football has a big season ahead









The Whangamata Football Club has kicked off the Summer League season with a different format this year. The club has four different competitions, with over 150 players competing: Mini-Kickers (Year 1-2), Juniors (Year 3-6), Intermediate (Year 7-10) and Seniors (Year 11-13 and adults).

The summer league is a great social event and an awesome way of promoting football in Whangamatā.

We have also had an increase in the number of female players, with the recent Women's Football World Cup helping to boost interest.

The fee to play Summer League is only \$10, with the proceeds going towards buying new goals for the club.

Thank you to New World Whangamata for sponsoring Player of the Day prizes for our junior and intermediate teams, and to Smoky Pallet for providing vouchers for the top three winning senior teams.

Contact Dee Ross via email: whangafc3620@gmail.com for summer league enquiries.

Sports results

Mah Jong

27 October: We had 51 players present. The results were:
1st with 44 points - Rosemary Rutherford
2nd with 42 points - Lynne
Ploewright
3rd with 39 points - Colleen

The lucky number today was 12 which went to Therese Dixon. Congratulations to all.

RSA 500 Card Club

18 October: An enjoyable day was had by all. The winner on the day was Snow Harris and Karyn Jones won the raffle. Jilly Whitehira won the chocolate

25 October: The winner on the day was Snow Harris and Robert Watson won the raffle. Helen Tebbutt and Sue Parker won the chocolate bars.

Alex takes the title

A Whangamata Club Indoor Bowler has won Thames Valley Player of the Year.

Alex Steel was presented with the Player of the Year trophy at the Thames Valley prize-giving recently.

In his reply on accepting this award, he thanked his team members that helped win Thames Valley Titles throughout the year.

The last Whangamatā player to win this was in 2019 and Alex is only the fourth Whangamatā player to win this trophy.



Line dancing social

On 15 October, a group of enthusiastic Whangamata Line Dancers held a very successful Line Dance Social. The Whangamata RSA is a perfect venue with supportive staff making it possible for everyone to relax whether dancing or watching others do their thing. We danced 58 different line dances.

The dance floor was packed for most of the five hours. We welcomed groups from Whitianga, Tauranga, Katikati, Te Aroha and Waihi as well as a large group of our Whangamatā ladies and gents.

There were a total of 63 plus several partners who looked around town before meeting back at the RSA for



Among the raffles were a \$50 voucher from New World, a bucket of car cleaning equipment donated by Challenge, a lovely parcel of Beauty products from Unichem and a mystery item donated by Super Liquor which was won by one of

our Whangamatā dance teachers.

The two Whangamata Challenge drink coolers became part of the door prizes.

Thank you, our local supporters. All our raffles were great and were won

by locals as well as visitors.

The fundraising event has donated \$557.80 to the Lions Cancer Lodge in Hamilton.

- Jessie Evans









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View 12pm Saturday



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View 2pm Saturday



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103 Estuary View

- Freehold full site 600sqm
- Elevated views from this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- Internal access double garage
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View 1pm Saturday



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107 Pacific View Drive

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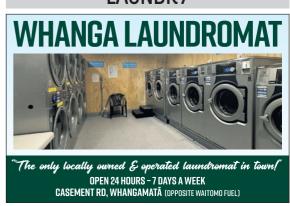
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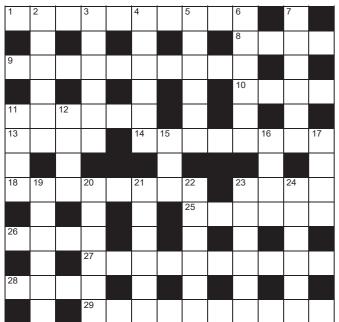
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- 6. Soundly defeat (6)
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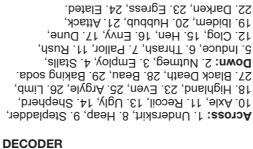
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