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Top left: Nayla Gray from New Plymouth won the 2021 Harley Davidson. Top right: Brien from Aussie band Brien and The Rockets draws the winners. Base left: Noddy congratulates supreme winner Graham Rhodes from Auckland, who won the 1968 Ford F100. Base right: Sandra and Sandy win Burger Fuel Vintage Fashion Show.

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CORRECTION

Whangamata News apologises for incorrectly spelling of two names in our November 18 edition page 14 in the article "Le Quesnoy native tree Memorial Forest Park".

It should have read: Sue Haxton and her son Gerrard Ellmers and Sue's father Wilfred Thomas Haxton – who was second up the ladder and over the wall behind Colonel Averill and the tale of their liberation from battle.

– Jennie Black, Editor



National will repeal Fair Pay Agreements

The Government has pushed through the Fair Pay Agreements legislation which will result in a significant change to our industrial relations landscape and laws.

Essentially, the legislation will make New Zealand's workplaces less agile and flexible. Instead of individual employers and employees negotiating terms and conditions, Fair Pay Agreements force employers and workers within a sector to bargain for minimum terms and conditions for all employees in that industry or occupation, regardless of whether they want to be included.

Back in the 1970s and 80s these used to be called National Awards and those who are old enough will remember hearing about big unions and big business meeting together in closed rooms, usually in

Wellington, and setting the terms and conditions for the businesses. That arrangement changed in the 1990s with the Employment Contract Act, because workplaces were changing and we needed to offer people greater flexibility.

The biggest impact of going back to Fair Pay Agreements will be felt by smaller businesses who don't have the resources to be sitting at the negotiating table. They're going to be left out and won't have an input into what the terms and conditions are of their employees.

National believe that flexible labour markets are essential to our future economic success and have promised to repeal the Fair Pay Agreements as soon as possible.

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Scott Simpson
MP for Coromandel

Season's greetings to all and a warm welcome to visitors to our region.

There will be plenty of summer community events taking place and I'm looking forward to attending lots of them. I hope to see you there!

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Two processes of carbon capture

the primary function of agriculture is to draw carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and convert it into food. CO₂ is the raw material in this process. All food is carbon based and all who consume that food are carbon based.

Bi-products from this process such as methane are also carbon based as are non-food products such as leather, wool, cosmetics, natural fertilisers etc.

The process is no different in forests where CO₂ is captured by the foliage and converted into carbon based product.

Similarly, methane is returned to the atmosphere as forest floor litter including fallen trees is metabolised by resident microbes in the process of decay. The Amazon Rainforest is a huge emitter of methane.

There is no logic to the premise that one example of this natural process is to be penalised on the return of methane alone while the other is lauded as a permanent carbon sink regardless of its part in also returning methane to the atmosphere.

The fundamental question in both cases is: "where did all that carbon come from?"

The carbon cycle is a natural process of sound elementary science.

The ETS, emissions taxes, etc, are political constructs anchored to vague theory and assumptions based on dubious modelling which provides for convoluted law and little scientific rigour.

George Williams
WHANGAMATA



Whangamata's first Christmas Fair

The fair will be held this Saturday, 3 December from 3-6pm

This year Whangamata Real Estate had an idea to make the Christmas Parade more of a community event. A family-friendly afternoon of festivities. A place the town can come together to celebrate Christmas and welcome in the Summer season.

When they approached the Whangamata Lions Club about the idea, as they have been the parade organisers for many years, the Lions were totally on board and enthusiastic to bring something new to the parade.

The parade will continue as normal - 3pm start on the main street, Port Road. Then followed by a fair at Williamson Park from around 3:30pm until 6pm, where the floats will gather, public voting and a prize giving will be held for the winning floats, along with markets, food stalls, games, live music and even a Santa tent!

The new event will also create a great opportunity to fundraise for the Whangamata Surf Lifesaving Clubs - with the Project Transform remodel. A team of volunteers from the Surf Club

will be on site at the fair to promote their project, answer any questions and take donations.

Whangamata Real Estate are really excited to bring new life of a Christmas Fair to town and hope it will be well received and supported by the community as they believe it has the makings to be a great annual event for our town.

Readers will find approximately 20 stalls, live music from Ralph Timewell - local legend and Coro FM will be broadcasting live from their caravan.

Prize-giving will be at 5 pm for the top three floats along with an abundance of raffles, quick fire wins, competitions for kids with 'guess the lolly count in the jar', loads of games with tug of war, cornholing, giant jenga, sack races, egg 'n spoon and a coconut shy.

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and hoping for that elusive win
meanwhile see you tomorrow
same time on the first tee.

– John Norris

We want your poems!

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Ahoy all sailors! (or those with the desire to be one)



Whangamata Yacht Squadron (WYS) is kicking off its season and would like to meet you.

We are a casual group of local yachties expanding our members.

We race just outside the harbour where you may have seen us and thought it looked like fun, which it is!

We have social events at local spots and after race meets at the club house, shared events with the Mt Maunganui Yacht Club and have

our own annual party, etc.

So whether you have been looking at your yacht and feel like shaking the sails out, or don't own one but would like to get out on the water, and/or learn the ropes, so to speak, we'd love to meet you.

Since last season, we have linked up with the local junior sailing club to allow younger members to gain experience on our boats. Who knows we may have a hidden America's Cup sailor in the making!

Please, contact Caroline for more information and race dates, and become part of our sailing tribe.

We have memberships including families, casuals, and non-sailors are welcome too.

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'One More Minute – A Run to Remember'

Last year, 607 New Zealanders lost their internal battles and took their own lives. I want to remember those 607 people. Not as a statistic but as the amazing people they were.

On 10 December, I will complete what I am calling 'One More Minute – A Run to Remember.' I will run for 607 minutes. That is one minute for each person we lost to suicide last year. This is to acknowledge the 607



Corey Choat: 607km is on his agenda for 10 December.

families that would give anything to have just one more minute with their loved one.

The run will be based at the Whangamata Rugby Club. I will be starting at 5:30am and anyone is more than welcome to join me for as long or as little as they like. The course should allow people of all fitness levels to join in. The run will be in a two-part or figure eight type loop. One loop is 5km. Starting at the Rugby Club and heading down Martyn Rd, Mayfair Ave, Port Rd, Ocean Rd, around the Esplanade, Beverley Terrace, Barbara Ave, down Hetherington and back to the Rugby Club. The other part of the loop will be shorter, about 2.5km. This will go from the Rugby club down Aickin, Port Rd, Beach Rd and then back along Martyn Road to the Start. The full loop will be a little over 7.5km.

While I am running, we are running a day for the kids and families at the Whangamata Rugby Club with activities, a sausage sizzle, raffles, spot prizes and a visit from Mr Whippy. All money raised will be going to Gumboot Friday. Gumboot Friday is an amazing cause created by I AM HOPE to provide FREE counselling for young people struggling with their mental health.

My goal for 2022 was to run 2000km, in memory of my sister Sally Walton who we lost to suicide



Corey's sister Sally and daughter Lucy on the morning of her wedding

in September 2019. Sally lived in Whangamatā, locals may remember her, she is the driving force behind my running journey and "Running for Sal."

Currently we have raised \$51,000 for Gumboot Friday, with the goal of \$60,000. If you'd like to support a great cause and donate there will be a collection at the Rugby Club throughout the day. If you would prefer to make an online donation,

I have a Givealittle page: givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/running-for-sal.

If you would like to follow my journey, check out @runningforsal on Instagram.

Bring your family along to the Whangamata Rugby Club on 10 December, enjoy a fun day out and support a great cause. I look forward to seeing you there.

- Corey Choat



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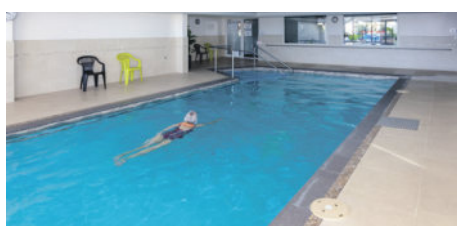
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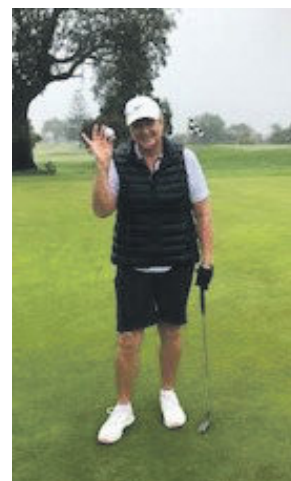
The field waits as Midge East plays her shot.

At Whangamata Golf Club, the 9 Hole Ladies recently played their Shootout at Williamson Course in, at times, challenging conditions.

This event was generously sponsored by Whangamata Real Estate. The winner was Judy Price and the runner-up was Cheryl MacGilloway.

– Jenny Taylor

Judy Price (winner), Cheryl MacGilloway (runner up) and Murray Cleland, Whangamata Real Estate (sponsor).



Judy Price – the winner.



Jane Stichbury and Jill Harvey sheltering.

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RSA Indoor Bowls hotly contested

The Barbara Watson Memorial Trophy Ham Tournament was played on 15 November. 30 players participated as teams of three. The play was hotly contested with very close and numerous drawn games.

The eventual winners were John Hares, Betty Wilmer and John Aislabie, who had four wins and a draw. The runners-up were Don Gardiner, Brian Wyatt and Basil Johnstone with three wins, one draw and one lose. Third place went to Alex Steel, Patrick Cairns and Pat McCartney with three wins.

A good time was had by all with lots of laughs during the day. Barbara Watson was a stalwart of Whangamata Indoor Bowls and her husband Bill donated the trophy in her memory. The late Bill was also the Patron of the RSA Indoor Bowls Club. The raffle of a ham was won by Shirley Taylor. The consolation draw ham was won by Norm Sayer. Lucky prizes for Skips was won by Laurene Eades, the Twos was Joy O'Sullivan and the Leads was George McCartney.

- Erin Wyatt

Pictured right: Winners John Hares, Betty Wilmer and John Aislabie.

Below left: Runners-up Don Gardiner, Brian Wyatt and Basil Johnstone

Below right: Third place getters Alex Steel, Patrick Cairns and Pat McCartney



WAS dancers share performance



Whangamata Grey Power members had a real treat recently. The group held its Christmas function at the RSA, on 18 November, and members were given a delightful performance by junior members of Whangamata Area School.

Coached by Dance and Drama teacher, Amy Russell, the students performed a variety of dance items to a lovely selection of music. The 19 students looked absolutely gorgeous and handsome in their outfits - a pink theme - and the ability, enthusiasm and energy they brought to the stage was

truly infectious.

The songs they danced to were from the school's upcoming production of *Wizard of Oz*, which will be performed at the school on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday, 7 December.

Thank you Amy and students - you brightened our day.

The performance was followed by a delicious lunch prepared by Ying and her team. It was a good afternoon.

- Cushla, Whangamata Grey Power Association

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Personal floatation devices (PFD's or life jackets): When boating, kayaking, Jet Skiing or paddleboarding in all waters you must carry PFD's suitable for everyone onboard and if your vessel is six metres or less you must wear PFD's while underway.

Again, this year, many boat related drownings could have been avoided with the appropriate use of PFD's. We want you home safe.

If you anchor up to fish then it is okay to remove them but underway they must be worn on vessels six metres or less.

PFD's must also be worn at times of heightened risk such as bad weather and crossing a bar.

Towing or Water Skiing: Every vessel towing a water skier or biscuit, etc, must have a separate person facing the rear to observe the tow. That person must be at least 10 years old. Do not tow anyone or anything through the harbour mooring zones and remember the five knot rules and PFD rules.



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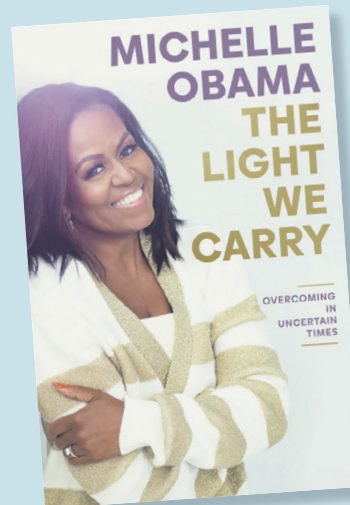
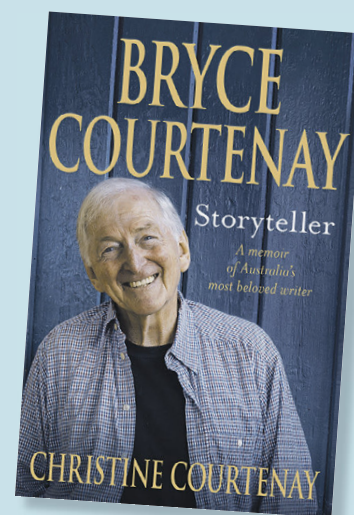
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Roses, spuds and Best in Show

It was all coming up roses at the Whangamata Garden Club 'Spring Fling'.

Despite our recent rain deluges, the Whangamata Garden Club members managed to display some beautiful roses for their annual Rose Show

Marilyn Fowlie had a great day with awards in several categories as well as winning Best in Show. Well done, Marilyn!

Adding to the competitive spirit of the day was the potato growing competition. Winner of the Total Weight was Andrea Ross, whilst Marilyn Fowlie won Single Weight.

However, the charmer of the day was Doreen Spain who was awarded the prize for the Best Spring Hat.

- Jan Collins



The ladies in their spring hats.



Marilyn Fowlie holding her award for winning 'Floribunda' rose.



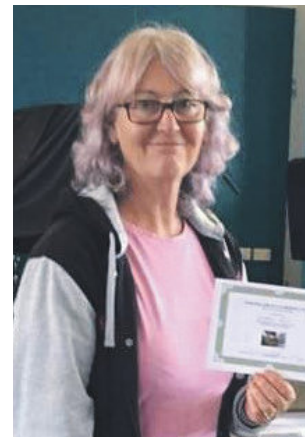
Marie Wise receiving her Life Membership.

WINNERS IN THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES WERE:

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Full Bloom	Marie Wise
Floribunda	Marilyn Fowlie
Decorative	Marilyn Fowlie
Exhibition	Errin Roigard
Vase of Roses ...	Marilyn Fowlie
Best in Show	Marilyn Fowlie



Marilyn Fowlie with her award for winning Single Weight in the potato growing competition.



Andrea Ross with her award for winning Total Weight in the potato growing competition.



Doreen Spain in her prize-winning spring hat.

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Cowboy Challenge tests partnerships

Hauraki Western Riding Club and Whangamata Equestrian Group combined held a Cowboy Challenge fun day on 20 November at Mayfair Ave Reserve.

Cowboy Challenge is a competition that is designed to test the partnership of horse and rider through negotiating a series of obstacles on horseback. Riders complete a timed course with points given for obstacles as well.

The first half of the day consisted of an open course practice where riders had a chance to introduce their horses to the various obstacles on course. After lunch riders were able to participate in a judged, timed round. The open courses consist of 13 different obstacles for horse and rider to complete.

There were 36 riders on the day with 31 of these riders taking part in the competitive rounds.

A fantastic day was had by all with some lovely partnerships and horsemanship shown on course.

HWRC and WESG would like to extend a huge thank you to the following businesses who sponsored prizes for the day:

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- Kelly Corbett hairdresser



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Lead Rein:

1st	Lexi	13.52
2nd	Kaia	16.38
3rd	Tillie	18.40
4th	Layla	24.39

Youth walk/trot:

1st	Demi (on Whiskey) ...	16.24
2nd =	Demi (on Hazel) and Willow	16.41
3rd	Grace	16.50
4th	Heidi	17.15

Open youth:

1st	Sophia	18.52
2nd	Eden	21.47
3rd	Aiyana	23.28
4th	Laila	27.09

Open adult:

1st	Haylee-Grace	17.36
2nd	Kay	19.42
3rd	Joyce	20.07
4th	Kerena	22.11



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New trail will connect Coromandel communities and create stunning one-day ride

A 120m suspension bridge across the Tairua River will be the highlight of a scenic 15km walking and cycle trail that's set to form a key link in the Coromandel's expanding trail network.

The Tairua River Trail, formerly known as the Pauanui-Tairua Trail, is already open along a 6.4km route from Pauanui towards Hikuai. The bridge and a new trail along the north bank of the river into Tairua will be wide and mainly flat - suitable for everyone from cyclists to joggers to families out on a casual stroll.

The Hikuai District Trust is a local charitable trust overseeing the trail's construction. Its chair Derrick Adams, who has recently succeeded retiring founder Gary Fowler, says the completed trail will be a fantastic asset for the region.

"We're bringing communities closer together which is the main goal for us", Mr Adams says.

"The existing trail from Pauanui is already popular throughout the year and attracts tens of thousands of users over summer. By connecting it all the way to Tairua, we're opening up a scenic and accessible route to everyone that we think will come to be known as one of the country's

- Plans unveiled to complete a walking and cycle route from Tairua to Pauanui
- 120m suspension bridge across Tairua River will be the centrepiece of 15km trail
- Wide and mainly-flat route will deliver health, safety, conservation and economic benefits
- 6.4km of trail is already open along the south bank of the river

best one-day trails."

Aside from the health and recreation benefits of having a great new trail on our doorstep, Mr Adams thinks it will boost local business all year round.

"Connecting with a regular Tairua-Pauanui ferry service in future, trail users would be able to complete it as a unique loop - starting at one end with a coffee, finishing with a drink and a meal at the other end, then catching a quick boat ride back to their starting point.

"We also see environmental benefits for the precious Tairua River estuary. Our team of volunteers are helping revive native bird populations by pest trapping and planting native



trees along the existing route."

The completed trail will also offer safety benefits in Tairua by providing pedestrians a fully off-road route between the southern end of town and the school, Mr Adams says.

Following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders including landowners, Thames Coromandel District Council, the local community board, DOC, Iwi, Waka Kotahi, Environment Waikato, Heritage NZ, Walking Access NZ and community groups, the Trust decided a bridge and 15km route connecting the towns would be more feasible than a longer route along the river via Hikuai.

It expects to lodge a resource consent application for the next stages of construction next year, with the aim of completing the trail in the next few years.

"Public support will be hugely important to getting this project done and we'll be encouraging the community to have their say over the summer. In the meantime, we want people to get out and about on the existing trail, to see more of what the beautiful eastern Coromandel has to offer," Mr Adams says.

When completed, the trail will connect to other walking and mountain bike trails in the area, and could potentially be joined up with New Zealand's national trail network via a route over the Coromandel Ranges in the future.

Mr Adams acknowledged the tireless work of Trust founder Gary Fowler and countless volunteers to build and maintain the trail to a high standard over nearly two decades. Mr Fowler will continue as an advisor to the Trust.

For more information, visit the trail website or email HikuaiDistrictTrust@gmail.com.

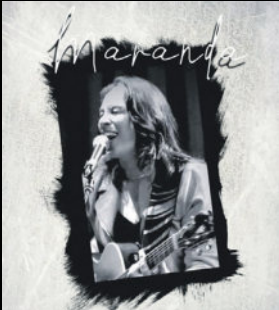
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Whangamatā News was keen to catch up with Noddy Watts, Team Leader to the Beach Hop Committee and the incredible volunteers that worked their magic to make the Repco Beach Hop 22, the great and iconic event this last week.

Noddy says "We were really happy with the way it went, I was a little worried that the team would be a little rusty because it's been 18 months since last year's festival. The team picked it up and smashed it out of the park. Everything went so smoothly. With a number of new people on the team, they were amazing and brought new, fresh ideas and with new eyes, and picked it up to success".

The team had a few changes that worked really well, especially traffic management in Thames, and the same with Waihi, having all the cars parked up quicker than ever, all just on an hour.

Onemana, another success working in well with the council team who went out to the reserve early on Friday morning and with a quick

assessment pulled some bollards as needed, and some damp patches at the top and some lower areas.

Some aspects were just incredible, the Quiz night at the Whangamata Club had 40 teams (of up to eight, and the most teams ever held) and raised an incredible \$4,300 to go to the Whangamata Area School Scholarship.

The winning team even donated their \$1000 prize back to the school - that's generosity... Hop-style.

The fashion show was colourful, spectacular and had the crowd clapping and shouting support to the lovely ladies who plucked up the courage to enter.

It must be noted how well the Beach Hop central merchandise store volunteers coped with the masses and Noddy tells us that re-laying the shop worked well, placing shirts on the wall of choice. "This year was just brilliant and we sold out of stock - we could have sold the empty boxes if they wanted!".

- Jennie Black



Did that motorbike glisten? Yes!



Liam Wetherall from Yorkshire, UK, will leave us for his USA debut.

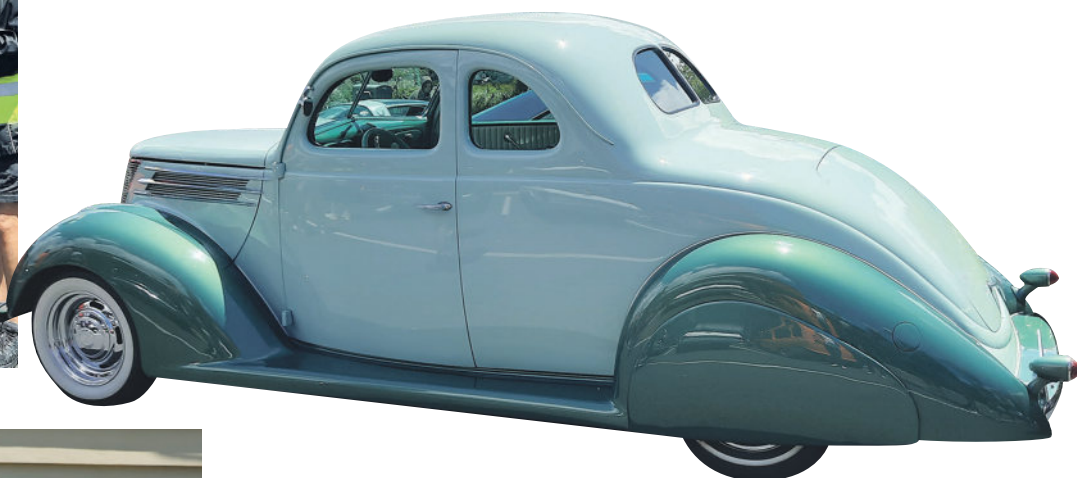


Noddy and Andrea - a smooch for the day.



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Benefits far outweigh the inconvenience

Noddy Watts gave us a little insight and a conversation that is a reminder to all of us:

"We know that the festival is an inconvenience to some locals, and they don't like it. However, I do want to make the message, we do understand that and we appreciate it, but it's five days of the 360 days in the year. Hopefully the benefits outweigh the inconvenience. There are impacts positive and negative, some behaviours we were disappointed with, but when you get a large group, whether its rugby or any other group, you will always get a bad egg, but we want to thank the community for being so tolerant, and hopefully see the benefits. We've always said we will run this event while the community wants it, if the community doesn't want it - we wouldn't do it, but then who else is going to step up and raise the hundreds of thousands of dollars for emergency services if we don't do this."

Beach Hop contributes \$10m to the economy, and that is measured by council. Different

things measure the number of visitors from visual, to water consumption, waste water and they will release those stats when they are ready this year. Noddy felt 'visually that the Saturday felt huge, just driving around the street on scooters and seeing the amount of traffic, this was a biggie!'

Keep in mind the Whangamata Area School does all their fundraising for the year through Beach Hop, with motorhomes overnight stays in school fields combined with quiz night proceeds and sausage sizzles, this is their annual fundraising income and don't have to rely on the community to do that for them. We are all proud of that.

Noddy says they are "all excited about the March Beach Hop 23 and feels refreshed, everyone knows what to do. Some changes will be made and can only be even better with more international visitors, a lot of Aussies, USA and European hoppers will come."

- Jennie Black

MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS

1968 Ford F100 Prize Draw:

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\$10,000 Entrant Draw:

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Top 3 Bikes:

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Mark Spence, Liteweight Trakker "Pricilla"

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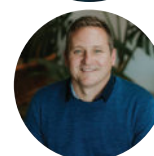
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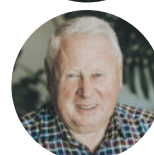
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Local photographer Pete Stretch has just made the finishing touches to the Whangamata 2023 calendar.

"It's been a real labour of love," says Pete, "with lots of input from the community."

The 13 photos in the calendar reflect the beauty and diversity of Whangamatā, with birds, dogs, and insects as well as landscapes and night skies all having a place.

You can order the Whangamata 2023 calendar online for only \$29.95, plus P&P or free pick up in Whangamata. Just go to petestretchphotography.company.site.

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Whangamatā Tides 2022

December 2022

☾ New Moon: 23rd ☀ Full Moon: 8th

Date	High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
1 Thu	1:29	1.8	14:06	7:32	0.3	20:14	05:48	20:21
2 Fri	2:30	1.7	15:03	8:31	0.3	21:13	05:47	20:22
3 Sat	3:32	1.7	16:00	9:33	0.4	22:11	05:47	20:23
4 Sun	4:33	1.7	16:56	10:34	0.4	23:08	05:47	20:24
5 Mon	5:32	1.7	17:49	11:32	0.4		05:47	20:25
6 Tue	6:27	1.7	18:40	0:02	0.3	12:27	05:47	20:26
7 Wed	7:17	1.8	19:28	0:52	0.3	13:18	05:47	20:27
8 Thu	8:04	1.8	20:13	1:39	0.3	14:06	05:47	20:27
9 Fri	8:47	1.8	20:57	2:23	0.3	14:51	05:47	20:28
10 Sat	9:29	1.8	21:39	3:05	0.3	15:34	05:47	20:29
11 Sun	10:09	1.8	22:20	3:45	0.3	16:16	05:47	20:30
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22 Thu	6:35	1.8	18:44	0:08	0.3	12:34	05:50	20:37
23 Fri	7:31	1.9	19:41	1:03	0.2	13:31	05:51	20:37
24 Sat	8:25	1.9	20:38	1:57	0.1	14:27	05:51	20:38
25 Sun	9:18	2.0	21:33	2:49	0.1	15:22	05:52	20:38
26 Mon	10:11	2.0	22:28	3:41	0.1	16:16	05:53	20:39
27 Tue	11:04	2.0	23:22	4:33	0.1	17:10	05:53	20:39
28 Wed		1.9	11:57	5:25	0.1	18:04	05:54	20:39
29 Thu	0:17	1.9	12:50	6:19	0.2	18:58	05:55	20:40
30 Fri	1:12	1.8	13:44	7:13	0.3	19:52	05:55	20:40
31 Sat	2:09	1.8	14:38	8:10	0.3	20:48	05:56	20:40

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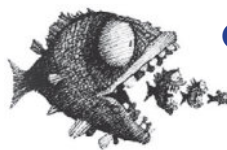
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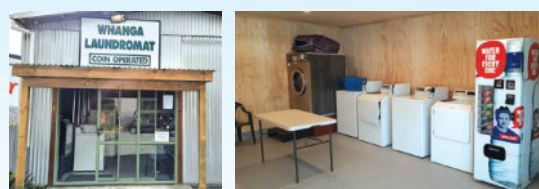
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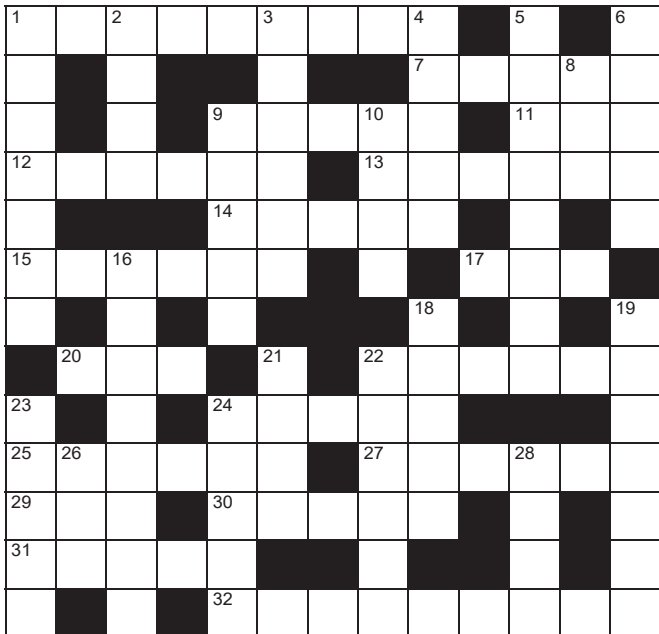
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QUICK CROSSWORD



Across

1. Violent upheaval (9)
7. Rejoice (5)
9. Seaside golf course (5)
11. Item of golfing equipment (3)
12. Say again (6)
13. Weather chart line (6)
14. Tummy (5)
15. Persistently annoy (6)
17. Weep (3)
20. Hole in one (3)
22. Screen (6)
24. Vivid, sensationalist (5)
25. Beginnings (6)
27. Beginner (6)
29. Fled (3)
30. A council rule (5)
31. Pedal (5)
32. Actually (9)

Down

1. Morally depraved (7)
2. Snare (4)
3. Hang around (6)
4. Untidy (5)
5. Flare up (8)
6. Grimly strict (5)
8. Open grassy area (3)
9. Tag (5)
10. Furnace (4)
16. Briefly and clearly expressed (8)
18. Woman who has lost husband (5)
19. Neatly arranged (7)
21. Small and weak (4)
22. Conclusion (6)
23. Covered entrance (5)
24. Defame in print (5)
26. Beam (3)
28. Object of worship (4)

TRIO

The same three-letter sequence will complete each of the four words

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RE___L
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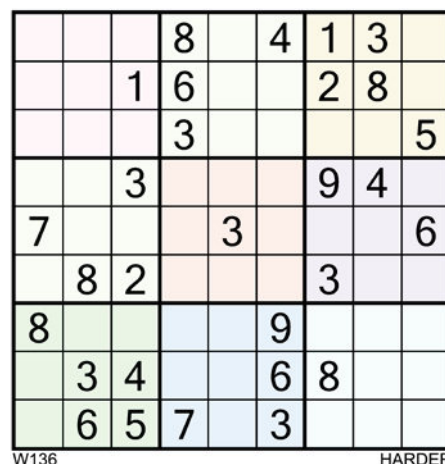
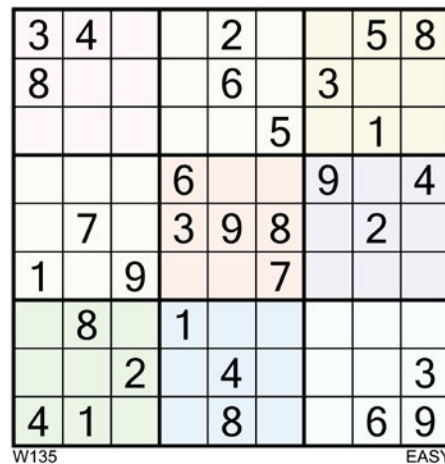
WORDWHEEL

Add one letter to make a 9-letter word reading clockwise or anti clockwise



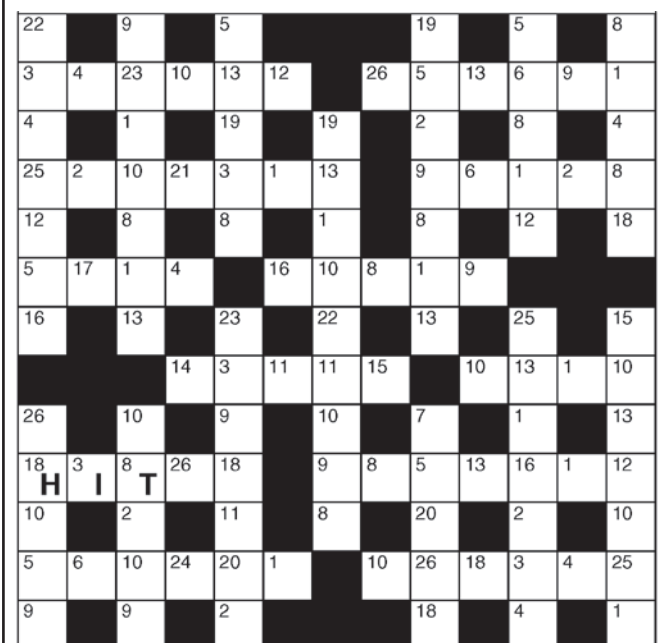
SUDOKU

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



DECODER

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



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Down: 1. Corrupt, 2. Trap, 3. Litter, 4. Messy, 5. Outburst, 6. Stem, 8. Lea, 9. Label, 10. Kin, 16. Succinct, 18. Widow, 19. Orderly, 21. Puny, 22. Finale, 23. Porch, 24. Libel, 26. Ray, 28. Idol.

DECODER

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

SUDOKU

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