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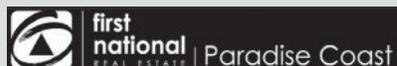
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RAT kits now available

Whangamata News caught up with Chris from Unichem Whangamata, Anna from Whangamata Pharmacy and Rebecca Townsend, Practice Manager of Whangamata Medical Centre, to ascertain when Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) kits will be available for our residents.

At the time we went to print, we should see the kits available at all three outlets with an additional pop-up clinic run by the DHB at the Whangamata Memorial Hall now, where symptomatic or household contacts can be triaged and given a test kit.

Whangamata Medical Centre

will be doing free supervised RAT tests Monday to Friday by appointment for symptomatic or household contacts only. Phone 07 865 8032.

Kits from pharmacies will have single test kits (no more than \$15 each), packs of 5 and larger boxes for purchase.

The tests are considered a key tool in controlling the Covid Omicron outbreak because they can give people a quick test result and ease pressure on the PCR testing regime that - while more accurate - takes longer to return results.

- Jennie Black



Breastscreen mobile unit in Whangamata next month



The BreastScreen Midland mobile unit will be in Whangamata 4-13 April, in the Council car park, Port Road (behind the Information Centre). Get your FREE mammogram for women 45 to 69 years, enrol now. Freephone 0800 270 200.



Due to the many disruptions in 2020 and 2021, not the least being the cyber-attack on Waikato DHB and the ongoing disruptions caused by COVID-19, BreastScreen Midland has had to reassess mobile service scheduling for 2022.

To support and improve access to breast screening services in the Thames-Coromandel district, BreastScreen Midland has invested in a fixed site pilot in Thames from April 2022 to April 2023. The site will be located at Te Korowai o Hauraki, 210 Richmond Street, Thames.

This will mean that any woman

in the district unable to book an appointment during the shortened mobile unit visits to her town will have the option to book in Thames. If the pilot proves successful, BreastScreen Midland will consider continuing the service permanently.

A new fixed site will not replace the mobile service. Rather, it will improve access for all women in the district. Women living in Thames, who would normally screen during the mobile visit to the town, will automatically be invited to the new site.

Assessment clinics will continue at the Breast Care Centre in Hamilton.



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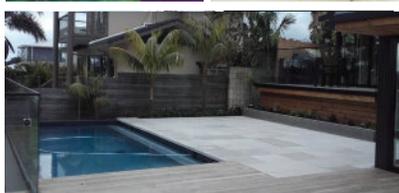
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The high winds we experienced recently caused damage throughout our district. Several trees were toppled requiring dismantling and clearing. A trampoline become airborne damaging several roofing tiles to the neighbouring building and reports of loose roofing iron kept us busy over an afternoon. There will now be hazardous trees left as a result so vigilance is required and specialised personnel should be used with the associated risks involved.

Our brigade is currently looking for new members to join as work and other commitments reduce our available numbers at times. Please contact a member or come down to the station on Wednesday nights and we can explain our roles and expectations.

Wishing you a safe March.

- CFO Nigel Airey,
Whangamatā Fire & Emergency

Yes. No. Maybe.

Wild Women's Weekend began in 2018. Prompted by observing women descending on Whangamatā for 'girly weekends', Diana and Shaun Fay wondered if there was an opportunity to make it more organised for them. Supported by some local businesses and ridiculed by others " what a silly name...", it initially focused on friends and fans of the town.

The weekend is a mixture of exercise, workshops, music, food and celebrating friendship. In a town world famous for its monster Beach Hop Festival, this is small potatoes. Still the weekend delivers over \$130,000 to the town in May- the start of winter. The first two years the festival grew with numbers slowly increasing.

And, then came Covid. Refunded in 2020 and then reduced greatly in 2021, it made the last two years a hard slog. Now with the 2022 festival not that far away and hit with more restrictions on numbers, Diana and Shaun are wondering if it's worth the bother.

"We never created this to make money", said Diana "It was more about having something to do



just before winter and giving back to the town..." Buoyed by weekend regulars and terrific support from local venues they are pushing on. "Most of our events like the workshops, the golf, yoga, sexologist is for under 50 people, no problem. But, the money to make it all worthwhile comes from the night-time events and they're hit with number limits and fear of exposure to Covid".

It's a situation mirrored by many other organisers around the country. Noddy Watts, Beach Hop and the new Hootnanny Country Rock Festival Organiser felt the writing was on the wall in December. "Both events", said Noddy "...were well on track to go tremendously well. It's so disappointing for everyone".

Like many, Noddy is grateful for the support The Arts and

Cultural Support Scheme provides. However, as we stare down the barrel of another disruptive year, every organiser in the country is finding it hard to get off the ropes and try again.

Interestingly the local council's marketing arm, while keen to support with online help, won't support events like this with funding until they reach bigger numbers. Instead of 200 odd people they want 600. "Ironically, if we'd gone down that line", said Diana, "we would have had to cancel long ago". In the meantime, the planning boxes on wondering if things will loosen, tighten or even not happen at all.

"Lucky we're not totally dependent on this as the yes, no, maybe makes it hard to stay focussed"

- Diana and Shaun Fay

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Two new teachers join Whangamata Kindergarten

We have been heartened by the manaakitanga displayed by our tamariki in welcoming new whānau and teachers this term. We have 42 whānau enrolled at kindergarten, and have been able to offer the flexibility for whanau of both full and half days this year. We look forward to a year of adventures, joy, wonder and learning.

We believe that a child's wairua is an important part of the developing child. It encompasses their connectedness to life from the spiritual world of the ancestors and Atua, to the physical world. In te Ao Māori, whakapapa is considered an integral part of a child's wairua as it provides them with identity and history, and connects them with their tūpuna, whānau, and the whenua.

Through showing manaakitanga to others and our taiao and having an understanding of rituals, such as karakia and pepeha, where we come together to acknowledge te ao wairua and ngā Atua, tamariki are empowered to grow confidence in who they are and where they stand in the world. This term we will use the Inspired Kindergarten van to breathe life into the kindergarten pepeha. We know that children learn through their senses and their experiences with people, places and things

Kia ora family and whānau, my



Teachers from left to right Christie Shaw, Willow Sperry, Deena Jensen, Yvonne Beveridge, Michelle Flower and Melanie Matthews (Administrator).

name is Willow Sperry and I am very excited to have joined the Whangamata Kindergarten Community. I am 26 years old with a Bachelor of Social Science from the University of Waikato and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood). I have been teaching for 3 years, I have a great passion for teaching and learning and am very excited to be sharing this with the tamariki. I have been coming to Whangamata for a few years now but am so honoured to become a part of the community. I have moved here from my family's lifestyle in Rotorua where I was born and raised. I bring with me my dog Ollie and we are both very excited to be closer to the beach. Whangamata community has already been so welcoming and I

look forward to getting to know it more.

*Tēnā koutou katoa,
Ko Whangatauatia te maunga e rū nei taku ngākau.
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Ko Shaw rāua ko Currie aku whānau.
Ko Greg tōku pāpā.
Ko Dianne tōku māmā.
Ko Sean Mete tōku hoa tāne.
Ko Mackenzie rātou ko Maaka, ko Arlie āku tamariki.
Ko Ngati Kahu rātou ko Te Roroa, ko Ngati whatua, ko Ngā Puhi ōna iwi.
Ko Christie Shaw tōku ingoa.*

I have been a kaiako for a little over a decade and have a Bachelor of Education (Primary) and a Graduate Diploma in ECE. I have spent most of my life in Whangārei but have enjoyed summers in Whangamata since I was a tamaiti. I have a partner and three children, two who attend Whangamata Area School, Mackenzie and Maaka, and Arlie who attends Whangamata Kindergarten with me. My whānau have just moved here this January and have loved exploring the beautiful taiao. My passion as a kaiako is empowering tamariki to develop a strong sense of identity using a holistic approach to ako, and being authentic in my relationships with tamariki, their whānau and the community. I am excited to become part of this wonderful community, ngā mihi o te rā.



Willow Sperry creates with the children.

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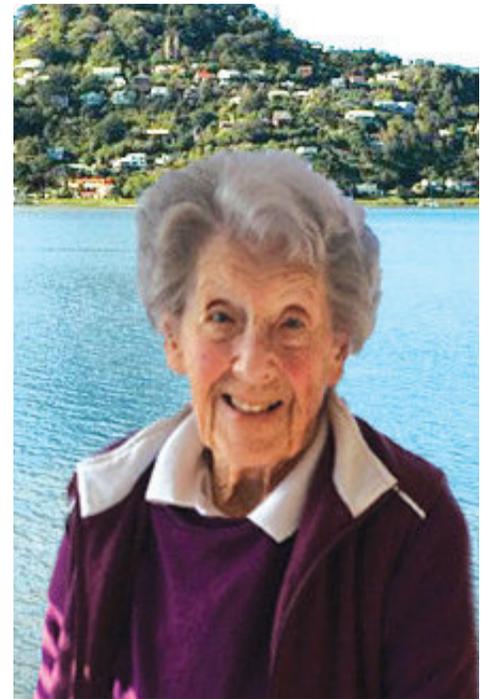
Local centenarian will be missed

A Tairua stalwart, in every respect, passed away last week. Centenarian, Ruth Tomlin passed away on Wednesday 16 February in her 103rd year. Ruth, from England, met and married her Kiwi serviceman husband, Joe Tomlin during the Second World War, and at war's end they moved to New Zealand, eventually moving from Wellington to live in Tairua in 1967.

Ruth was a book lover. It is not surprising to know that after moving here she soon became Tairua's librarian and held the post for 25 years! Ruth had the ability to always choose the perfect book for her readers.

Ruth was also a cat lover and keen gardener. She joined in many of the town's social groups, and was a regular attendee at St Francis Church. She is also known to have had a love of seafood which Joe, being a keen diver, was always able to satisfy.

Ruth led an active and stimulating life and was very involved in the community. In all her years she remained lucid and bright, living independently, productively and purposefully, long into her older age. She lived, accepting life as it came, adapting, and getting on with it. Ruth had many friends and will be sadly missed by all.



Ruth Tomlin. Photo by Jennie Turner.

There was no funeral planned for Ruth. Instead, when her whole family can come together, a gathering of remembrance will be held.

Friend, Jennie Turner said, speaking on behalf of Ruth, "To those that knew Ruth, thank you for your friendship over the years."

- Tairua Advertiser



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Dahlias delight



Despite the inclement weather of late, the February meeting of the Whangamata Garden Club saw a great array of flowers for the monthly competitions and in particular the annual Dahlia show.

The club also farewelled Ann Dawson, a long-time member of the club. Ann has been a past president and active committee member for many years. She will be missed. Her husband Peter was also a regular helper in the club.

We wish Ann and Peter a happy life in their new home in Pāpāmoa.

- Jan and Richard Collins



Left: Ann Dawson accepting her farewell gifts from the club.

Above: Nita Peterson, resident judge and her assistant and Annie Lechner judging the dahlia exhibits.

Right: Some of the entries in the Dahlia show.



Winners on the day for their dahlia entries were:

Class 1: Cactus - all sizes.

- 1st Christine Robertson
- 2nd Pauline Rollo

Class 2: Water Lily - all sizes.

- 1st Marie Wise
- 2nd Marie Wise
- 3rd Christine Robertson

Class 3: Pom Poms - all sizes.

- 1st Lin Street

Class 4: Others - all sizes/any variety.

- 1st Christine Robertson
- 2nd Pauline Rollo
- 3rd Pauline Rollo

Class 5: Arrangement of Dahlias (may be mixed varieties)

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Kiwi nurse returns from UK

It has been a year since Whangamata News printed a story on Laura James, an Auckland nurse based in Yorkshire for the last three years.

In our story she talked of longing to be walking along Whangamata Beach again, and that dream has now been fulfilled.

We talked to her this week shortly after Laura and her Yorkshireman fiancé James were released from MIQ in Manukau. The couples first stops were Pauanui and Whangamata - a far cry from the -6 degrees temp when they left Heathrow

In the last year there have been 60 000 odd deaths in the UK, with hospitalisations and deaths down from the Omicron peak.

After the first two years of working in nursing through the Delta outbreak, James says "I suffered from burnout with the high case loads, and seeing the horrors people went through for extended periods with little or no support."

Laura started a business in the last year, made even more difficult with no shows and cancellations common for all sorts of Covid and other reasons. Her business allowed her to work as a community nurse part time, which lead to a more stress free life.

One of the toughest tasks James faced was house based vaccinating among the elderly. There was a lot of fear and uncertainty among them, with many not seeing anyone, who would love nothing more than a chat. Because of their vulnerability they were scared to go outside,



Laura and James at Whangamata.

but James' busy schedule meant her visits were painfully short.

James told Whangamata News she felt "that New Zealand has mostly been doing the right thing, slowing the spread and with a high vaccination uptake". However New Zealand is yet at a peak with Omicron and more booster shots are still needed.

James says she realises people are just tired of the pandemic

,the whole world is completely exhausted by it, but is confident if we do this right then we will avoid the stress on our Health system by keeping admissions to a minimum.

The situation, she says, is not helped by the extreme levels of misinformation out there, which she describes as mind boggling and infuriating. It is time after three years for doubters to realise that the perceived vaccine problems would have surfaced by

now, given the sheer number of doses administered.

While it is a flu, the long covid presence makes it more serious than the common flu, as the World is just understanding now.

Laura contracted covid in the last year, with concerns over her compromised immunity. She describes it as 'horrendous, as if she was sitting next to a bonfire, her lungs burning. As if I had just climbed several flights of stairs'. She was coughing and nauseous with an extreme headache. She dreads to think what may have happened without a booster shot.

James urges people to isolate if you are infectious, think of others and we'll get through this.

Her message to all would be to live alongside Covid, after the peak of this current strain has dropped away.

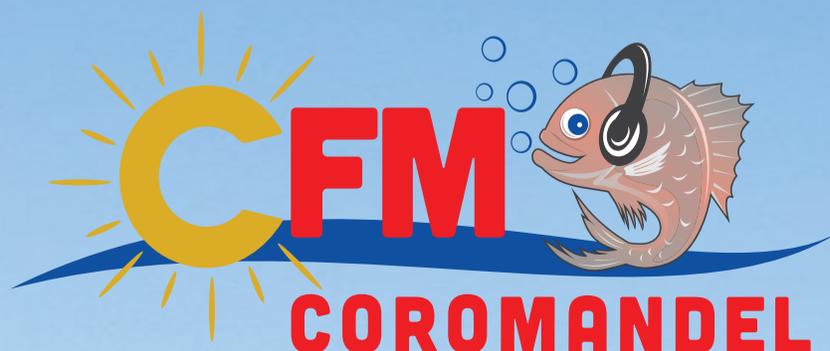
"We don't know how lucky we are, with all that is going on in the world at the moment."

It was great to talk to Laura and James, to wish them all the best for their life here in Paradise.

- Proud father, Mark James



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Kingi's strike

With the water warm and the sea flat, it's been great to see some fish coming in.

Here we have Chris and Arthur, both fishing off local charter boat Te Ra, landing these two very nice kingfish.

These boys were also entered in the NZSFC Nationals 2022 so scored a few points and got on the board.

Please check out the next edition of *Whangamatā News* for a full run down of our successful NZSFC Nationals Fishing tournament!

- Phil Keogh, Whangamatā Ocean Sports Club



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Back in the long ago nineties, Rachel Walsh was a mess.

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But with the sudden reappearance of a man she'd once loved, her life wobbles.

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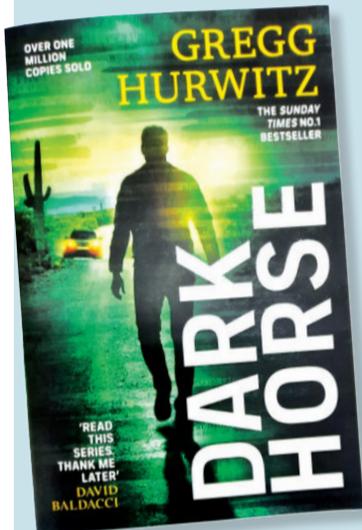
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A desperate father reaches out. His teenage daughter Angelina has been kidnapped by a brutal criminal cartel and spirited over the border into Mexico.

If Evan is going to put his life on the line to rescue Angelina, he must first decide whether he can act on behalf of a bad man.

And even then, up against the men who are holding his daughter, there will be no guarantee of success.

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Remarkable symphony performance by Annie Gong

Whangamatā News had the extreme pleasure of listening to something totally unique and a first for Whangamatā. Thanks to Ron McQuarters – a Whangamatā local, who discovered Annie and her husband, Brian, and asked if she would perform in our township.

Voted 2019 Musician of the Year in New York, this was a show not to miss.

Gong has played on all the major five-star cruise liners in the world, and although a kiwi, she has always spent 8 to 10 months of the year away overseas performing to the masses. Keeping in mind on board the auditoriums seat 3000 to 4000 people awaiting entertainment.

With the onset of Covid, many tours were cancelled on the cruises so she decided to visit all the smaller towns in New Zealand.

Gong is the only New Zealand woman to play the digital accordion. She's described as a 'one-woman symphony orchestra'.

"It's my magic instrument", says Gong. In the last 15 years she has created over 1400 soundtracks and arrangements. All the dynamics come from the bellows and the accordion is an extension of her body.

As a small child (and in the one-child only rule in Beijing), her father chose her instrument and there her career started at five years of age. Her Dad made her practise five hours every day and she learnt to find the keys by looking in a



mirror, as she was too small to see over the instrument to find the keys. And, with more than 120 buttons, that is truly no mean feat!

Annie has a cheeky style on stage and hits you hard with incredible renditions of *The Turkish March*, the haunting story of *The Last of the Mohicans* sound track, then surprise... the Scottish Bagpipes - incredibly, that's exactly what they sounded like. Next, it was straight into *Flight of the Bumble Bee* - in a rock version completed in just 49 seconds!

Everything was on offer from Chopin, waltz, jazz, and *Danny Boy* - a lovely dedication to Ron McQuarters.

If anything, the Whangamata Memorial Hall didn't do the sound justice - but, I can tell you all of us were transfixed and enthralled.

- Jennie Black



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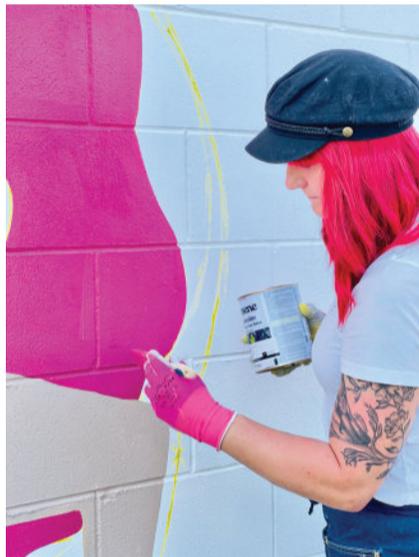
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A splash of colour

Birdy Design has landed an amazing mural design for the Whangamata Real Estate Community Pool roadside frontage.

Merel Ljpelaar of Birdy Design was approached by the Pool Committee with a brief to add colour and brighten up the front wall of the complex. The Pool Committee wanted to identify the Achilles Road site with an aquatic theme that enhanced all the pool has to offer. They were all supportive of Merel's final design and under the guidance of Jane Kay, senior art students from the Whangamata Area School will work with Birdy Design to



complete the mural.

The project was kick-started with a grant from Creative Communities for part of the funding. The Pool Committee also gratefully acknowledges the significant support of two generous local companies, Whangamata Scaffolding Ltd and Coromandel

Homes Ltd. Their contributions enabled the project to get over the line so planning could begin in earnest.

Next came the water blasting of the wall by the hands-on committee members, and the application of three coats of paint kindly supplied by Boof Boland

Painters. Thanks to Resene for their assistance in the supply of paint specified by Merel.

A big high five to all who have contributed to the biggest, most colourful creative mural in Whangamata.

- Graeme Smith



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Date		High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
4	Fri	9:14	2.0	21:35	2:48	0.2	15:20	07:02	19:51
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Covid and seniors

Last week a group of senior Whangamatārians gathered to reflect on the last twelve months and the impact Covid has had on this community group – SeniorNet Whangamata.

Over the last year our tutors battled on round the various alert levels and traffic light settings and helped through the various courses and interest groups we conduct. We didn't achieve all we set out to do 12 months ago but, for better or worse, we learned how to conduct our business while living with Covid.

We know viruses don't go away (think measles, mumps the list is long), nor are they easily wiped out. They spread by the trillions, constantly replicating. They evolve over hours, not eons. By the time we woke up to the new pathogen a couple of years ago it was already too widespread to corral and eliminate and the world has been playing for a draw ever since.

Two years and more than 5 million dead worldwide, now its time to extract lessons pertinent to our use of devices, tablets, laptops, computers

etc. This pandemic has taught that the Information Age is not especially conducive to good information. It is important to get a good understanding of the tools available to us. There is a vast range that can help us organise our lives and keep informed of what's happening round us. New technologies make it much easier to collect and distribute information. But assaying information – weighing it, analysing it, separating the gold from the pyrite – still depends on old fashioned human judgement. It takes time. It requires patience amid uncertainty. We need to be wary of the dangers of uncertainty. We have been choked with data, much of it useless. So, in 2022 we are going to focus on decluttering our online lives. Topics we will focus on include: stopping receiving emails and notifications you never asked for, how to store your receipts on your phone, keeping your inbox backlog to a minimum, using the best apps to organise your life.

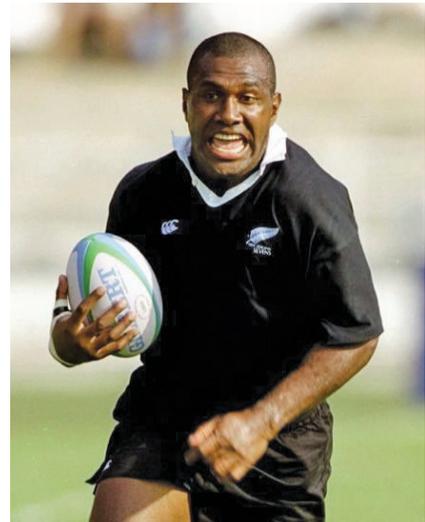
There is much we can learn, and it can be fun. Come along and join us as we explore this world. We meet the third Friday each month at 1030 at Cornerstone House.

Inga and Joeli pass on same day

Legendary Union and League star Inga the Winger, and Union great Joeli Vidiri 'The Flying Fijian' have both passed away on the same day.

Tuigamala, 52, was inspirational, with his huge feel good smile and his exciting and dynamic style. Raised in Auckland he became what Sir Graham Henry dubbed the best schoolboy rugby player ever. No surprise he quickly became part of a very strong Auckland rugby team, and when selected for the All Blacks went on to play 19 games, including 4 tests and 4 tries.

In 1994 he made the switch to League, to top Northern club Wigan. The crowds loved him and a very fruitful 5 years followed,



Joeli Vidiri 'The Flying Fijian'

with over 100 games and multiple thrilling tries.

Joeli was a trailblazer, forging the way for a flood of top class Fijian players to follow in his footsteps. A top career in Counties Manukau led to National honours and Super Rugby stardom, winning titles with Auckland in 1996/1997.

A long time battle with kidney disease has ended at 48.

Rest in peace.

- Mark James



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Four year football scholarship for ex WAS student

Whangamatā News continues to meet and celebrate young local achievers. This time we catch up with Shore Harada, who, by the time this is published, will just be settling into his new home for the next four years at the Tokai University in Sapporo City, Hokkaido, Japan.



Shore, your short bio reads like a whirlwind story of success chasing success, how has this come about?

"My then best friend, back in 2013, convinced me to join the Whangamata SC U11 football team and I caught the bug... I enjoyed the game, I was good at it, initially I was recognised for my athletic abilities, I personally realised soon that I lacked good technique, and this made me want to get better.

Ever since, I have worked hard to improve myself, my game and I guess it has been recognised. People have put their faith in me, given me opportunities and I have always paid them back with my work ethic and achievements."

This must have come at a cost to you and your family, sacrifices of time and resource?

"I am an only child and Mum and Dad have been my rocks. Their

support has given me so much, confidence and self-belief. Dad only learnt about football when I asked him to help me, and for years he would spend endless hours with me at the local school to help me improve myself and my game. Mum and Dad never thought twice about driving me to Tauranga three times a week for practise and games, and for this I will be forever thankful."

Why do you think you have been awarded three consecutive football scholarships over the years, this doesn't just happen to anyone?

"To be honest, I am my greatest critic, I know that I still have so much to learn about the game of football and as a person, I must grow and better myself but, I am a hard and dedicated worker, I have discipline and commitment that is second to none. I have been so fortunate that all my coaches have seen this in me, and they have always encouraged me to aim higher, seek new challenges and strive for betterment."

How are you feeling right now, two days before you jump on this plane to Japan?

"Mate, I am shaking all over, I am excited and there is a hint of trepidation, but I have worked so hard to come this far, nothing is now going to stop me, I will use every ounce of opportunity that presents itself over the next four years to me to further my game and to grow in character and as a person."

Are you putting all your eggs in one basket?

"Oh no, I am aware that I need to think about life after football, never mind how far I will go in the game, I am studying international business management disciplines with a focus on tourism and marketing."

BIO: Shore Harada

- **2004** Born, raised, and schooled in Whangamatā
- **2013** At age 9 joined the U11 Whangamata Junior Football
- **2015** At age 11 in the local U13 team
- **2016** Played for Tauranga City U13
- **2017** Football scholarship at St Peters College in Cambridge
- **2018** Wellington Phoenix Academy takes Shore to an international Football Tournament in China
- **2019** Plays an international Football Tournament in South Korea
- **2019** Football Scholarship at St Kentigern College in Auckland
- **2021** NZ Secondary Schools U19 Squad member
- **2022** Football Scholarship at Sapporo Tokai University (four years of international business studies and tourism)

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Who has influenced you most in your footballing journey to date?

"I have been lucky and fortunate that I have had the privilege of training under some great coaches, from my local coaches to Ricki Herbert, Jo Dawkins and Hiroshi Miyazawa and recently Brian Shelley, all these coaches had one thing in common, they pushed me to push myself, but they also believed in me and helped me find confidence and self-belief. Brian made me switch my position on the field and, whilst I initially found it really challenging, I have now grown to enjoy this new position as left back, and I believe I am a better player now. So, Brian would be the one I'd pick for now."

So, tell us about your aspirations, how far will you go in the game?

"I will be at the next Olympic Games, 2024 in Paris, as a footballer, representing my country of birth. That is my focus now and I believe I have the tools and the pathways ahead of me to achieve this goal."

With an unwavering stare and slightly forward leaning this young man spoke these last words, a little slower, a little louder, deliberate, and with the power of conviction in his voice that left you in no doubt: Paris 2024, he'll be there, and we will be on the side-lines cheering him on all the way.



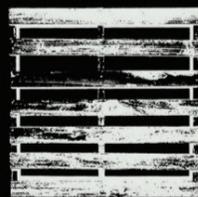
As we finished our conversation, suddenly Shore's body language completely changed, from coiled/tense ready to pounce, he instantaneously relaxed, allowed his shoulders to slouch a little and then, a wink and a broad smile, and I came to realise; I just spoke with a 17-year-old young man with the focus, determination, and commitment to achieve that I found truly admirable.

'Ganbatte' Shore, or, as we say in Aotearoa: Kia kaha, be well - go strong!

- Willy Schoppe



Members of the Whangamatā Senior Football Team after a farewell game with Shore on the 21st of February 2021



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Golf never fails to surprise

Well, well, well... there were some ups, downs and extraordinary moments experienced at Titoki Golf Course during the previous week or two.

Without giving too many secrets away, one fabulous lady discovered how easy it is to toggle a button the wrong way, and hey presto, your trolley is in the nearest creek and, believe me, there are plenty of those to be found at Titoki.



Our tenacious golfer surfaces with all she can salvage from her unscheduled dip, and just look at that smile.

The more challenging scenario is avoiding them, and avoiding losing precious balls by the dozens. However, to land a trolley in one is very, very bad luck.

Not to be beaten, our intrepid golfer marched right in there and rescued what she could. I'm sure her playing companions did more than record the magic moment. We wish our dedicated member all the best, and do hope that both she and her golf gear are now thoroughly dry and ready to launch forth in the near future. Of course it's always best to find the glass half full - at least it was a magnificently hot summers day.

A second most unusual incident involved a couple of good buddies who began golf on much the same day, and have continued to enjoy each other's company from that point forward.

This friendship was tested last Tuesday, when one of the pair lined up a shot that was destined to land squarely on the 18th. However, as every golfer knows, what's in the head is not always transferred to the golf club and subsequently to that little white ball. With all the power of Tiger Woods in his prime, that ball shot away with bullet force but completely in the wrong direction.



Thankfully it was the ankle that enjoyed an icy recovery, and not the friendship, after a ball was unceremoniously stopped in its trajectory.

With a shout of desperation and a screech of terror that was not quick enough, her mate's ankle took a nasty blow.

Thankfully, ice was applied (thank you Gypsy) and at the time of this article being published, no long-term damage to the ankle, or the friendship, has been recorded.

Fortunately, there was also some excellent golf played on Tuesday, 15 February, and the deserving recipients were justly rewarded.

Congratulations to Michelle Cotter who ran away with 43 stableford points to win the competition. She also collected a 'Longest Putt' prize. What a fabulous way to begin your 18-hole golf career, Michelle. Well done.

Rachel Richardson was not going to let the new kid on the block take all the prizes, and was in hot pursuit with 39 stableford, along with two twos and a 'Nearest the Pin' prize. All that summer golf has paid off, Rachel. Top work.

Charmaine Morrissey, who rested her skills through the summer, was not to be denied, claiming third place with 37 points. Michelle Russell and Colleen Reekie rounded out the twos winning group, while Dawn Burgess enjoyed taking a 'Longest Putt' and 'Nearest the Pin'.

Congratulations to Carolyn Alderton, another 18-hole newbie, for her "Nearest the Pin". It was nice to see Shelley Leversedge secure a "Longest Putt" on her return to golf. Congratulations ladies.

And so the season begins in earnest. May next week be fun-filled, but perhaps with less devastating side effects.

- Diane Soffe

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16 February: N/S: Graeme Gunn & Sheryll Hill 52.08, E/W: Paul Rogers & Kim White 59.72

18 February: N/S: Lesley Fischer & Paul Rogers 65.00, E/W: Sheryll Hill & Stephen Coatham 63.33.

23 February: N/S: Graeme Gunn & Sheryll Hill 56.25, E/W: Julie & Ross Stewart 56.25

WHANGAMATA TWILIGHT CROQUET

21 February: Rumlbers (19) vs Bits & Pieces (21); Dare Devils (17) vs Probus (25); Cornerstone (14) vs Quizzers (18); Bridge Buddies (17) vs Come Backs (20)

22 February: Play was postponed from 14 February because of rain. Dare Devils (14) vs Come Backs (18); Bridge Buddies (16) vs Probus (20); Cornerstone (8) vs Bits & Pieces (24); Rumlbers (23) vs Quizzers (9)

WHANGAMATA GOLF CROQUET

14 February: Don O'Sullivan - 21; Ian Wallis, Glenys Lee, Pat Flinn - 20;

21 February: Brian Devlin, Diane Hitchcock - 20.

WHANGAMATA SOFTBALL

Annual slowpitch game is Sunday, 20 March, 2022. We play a Tauranga team for the 'Ma's Cup'.

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Putin's M.A.D. World



At the time of writing this, Russia, in the hands of a dictatorial President, have invaded their sovereign neighbours Ukraine. Seemingly on a mission to seek and destroy Kyiv and its Democratically elected Government, in Putin's words 'to rid the world of Neo-Nazis and drug addicts who have taken control'. Really?

Even for a master of spin and disinformation, that's taking it a bit far.

Putin has threatened any country who comes to the aid of the brave Ukrainian people with a veiled threat of nuclear annihilation. Mutually Assured Destruction.

This must stop. A planned meeting between Russia and Ukraine on the Belarus border on Monday, provides a glimmer of hope. It seems however Putin is committed to the outcome, believing that Ukraine never left the old Soviet Union. He has never recognised their autonomy let alone nationhood.

The defenders of Ukraine are doing their very best, heavily out-gunned but with a passion

that perhaps is not there in the Russian troops sent to fight their brothers on a fools mission.

Garry Kasparov, legendary Russian chessmaster, has been flagging Putin for years labelling him a liar. According to Kasparov, the so-called Oligarchs (ruled by a few, often for corrupt purposes) need to be hit in their substantial pockets. They are Putin's stash holders. He believes that Banks not Tanks will win the battle.

Perhaps a revolution in Russia could be the outcome when sanctions bite, and the people learn the truth. Time will tell.

The Free World must make this moment in time one which deals out such a severe punishment to the Russian Government that it will give pause to other superpowers who may have thoughts of expansion or reclaim. The West and Nato, indeed the whole world must exert maximum pressure now and in the future to ensure that M.A.D. can never happen. That people can be assured of a future free from tyranny and uncertainty.

- Jennie Black

George Ryan, via Facebook:

I didn't write this but, wow, what a great analogy...

For anyone that's confused about what's happening in Russia and Ukraine, here it is in layman's terms:

- Ukraine used to be in an abusive relationship with Russia, feeding him, letting him use her car, paying for the coffee, etc, and giving him whatever he asked for until she built up the confidence to call it quits back in 1991.

- Since then, Ukraine has been working on herself, becoming a strong independent woman with help from friends like France, America, Poland, and others. They give her support, loan her money, and are helping her find her way.

- Ukraine has been enjoying being single for 30 years and looking forward to continuing to grow and create new friendships.

- Now Russia, being the toxic ex that he is, wants her back, and doesn't want her meeting new people or creating any new relationships as this impacts the level of power and control he can exert over her.

- A couple of weeks ago Russia started sitting out the front of Ukraine's house & when her friends ask him what was he doing there, he said "Oh nothing, just getting a little bit of exercise in, that's all."

- After her friends told her that Russia was potentially getting ready to do something bad to her, he said "They're lying, they just want you to be scared of me and that's not what it is."

- Yesterday, Russia broke into Ukraine's house, beat her up & "took advantage" of her while live-streaming and double dog dared any of her friends to do something about it. She's still waiting for help.



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Caydan Hope update

Whangamatā News recently had the pleasure of catching up with Caydan Hope, a young man on a mission, to see what has been happening in his life and where he's going.

We last spoke to Caydan at the end of last year, when the Nationals were just around the corner. They have since been postponed until April, but the overall goal of selection for the Commonwealth Games lives on.

He has had two fights recently, the first one winning with a TKO. The second fight he lost, after a count was put on him in the first round. Hope came back winning the second round and a very close last round saw him lose on points, likely due to the first round.

The boxer he lost to has decided to fight for Niue, so the opening is still there. This puts a lot of heat on the next two fights, and an important lesson was learned in his loss. A technical adjustment to close up that chink will set him up nicely for these next engagements.

There was a fight planned for last week, but his opponent contracted Covid so all hinges on the fights over the next couple of weeks.

First up a bout in Putāruru against a Tokoroa boxer at a corporate event, then a fight in Hamilton at the Te Rapa racecourse.



This event will see newly formed Whangamata Boxing present two more boxers in their stable, Damian Matenga and Narada Bury, so there will be two tables ringside for Whangamatā support. So, instead of fighting under a Hamilton flag, they will now be representing Whangamatā.

Well done to Gareth and Ricky for setting this up, and gaining the

necessary qualifications to do so, with Ricky gaining his coaching ticket and being in the Hope corner. With any luck there will be a live stream of the first event, so keep your eyes on that.

Hope is a hive of activity, training three times a day, taking personal training sessions of three or more a day and has started up at the Area School again, instilling

discipline and training into a group of 10 students twice a week.

The recent Spinathon fundraiser has ensured that he has enough gear to take with him, and he's also going to assist at the Year 10 camp at Opoutere.

Caydan will be looking after the Gym on Wednesdays, and part of this will be a kids class for 8 to 13-year-olds, in response to demand from local parents wanting something different for their children.

Parents can contact either Caydan or the Gym if they want to enrol in this great program, run in conjunction with the school terms. Hope sees this input into youngsters as not a way to make good boxers but to make good people.

Motivation is not a problem for Caydan, who loves what he is doing with a passion. He told Whangamatā News that he has to make himself have a day off occasionally to benefit his regime, to give his body some down time.

This young man is an inspiration, and a proud Whanga person who will, with the other two boxers, do this town proud. Check out our next issue for results.

Go you good things!

- Mark James

What's happening at Whangamata RSA



Like everyone else, we, at Whangamata RSA, have been affected by the current Covid restrictions. They affect the way we manage our staff, members, and patrons, so that they are safe - and that they stay that way.

To ensure we can sustain the long haul of the expected rise of COVID cases and the unknown length we will have to operate in these restrictions, to ensure we can maintain our operation to the standard we hope for, we have put in place a few changes.

We have decided to close on Tuesday's so this means we will be closed Monday and Tuesday's until we change at least back to level Orange, we are still open from 4.30pm each other day, this will be reviewed as we get more patrons and events that we are allowed to hold under the rules.

We understand this will reflect on us, but we need to safeguard our future so we can still support of Veterans and offer our members, families, and guests a safe and friendly environment, that will still be when levels change.

Ying's @ the RSA, will be open for lunch and dinner on Tuesday's but unfortunately without bar service. Ying's will be open as usual on the other days, lunch service will not have bar service as the RSA is not open until 4.30pm, dinner service will have bar service. This will also be review depending on patronage.

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Whangamatā Warriors v Thames Dynamite

Early showers cleared to a brilliant day at the Whangamatā Sports Oval on Sunday, you could not have asked for better. Thames Cricket sent their second team for what turned out to be a cracker game.

Whangamatā fielded first in the overcast conditions and were clearly fired up with some early searching bowling restricting the visitors (see the cover photo). The first wicket fell in the over with Matt and Zac in particular bowling some pearlers and tails were in the air.

Thames managed to keep the run rate ticking over, although a couple of excellent catches still had them under pressure and at tea the score was balanced nicely.

The Whangamatā bowling and fielding attack stayed focussed, although when top bowler and batsman Matt Aro went off the field with back and sciatica problems, the reserve bench was emptied and the team was concerned for his ability to come back on and bat.

The Dynamites battled on well to maintain a competitive run rate of just over six runs per over, runs which traditionally benefit the team batting first. At lunch with



Meet gives it heaps.

the score 186 to Thames, the sun came out with a spotlight glare on the Warriors chase.

Whangamatā started cautiously with Thames bowling well and defending staunchly in the field. There followed some quick wickets and suddenly the Warriors were battling. Matt Aro came back from lunch to play a great knock, helped by some chiropractic work from Thames man of the match, and was unluckily out on the last ball before tea when playing across the line. It was a good all round effort from a committed and forceful player.

With Whanga losing wickets and needing 10 runs per over, the last eight overs were shaping up like a Kōpu Hikuai hill to climb.

Thames Man of the match Shaminder Singh opened the batting 39 off 45 retired, also opened the bowling for 23 runs off 5 overs for two wickets. Importantly he clean bowled Will in the 26th over, leaving a valiant Whangamatā eight runs short at the end.

A fantastic day for a team proving very hard to beat in this competition.

- Mark James



Out! Great catch by Johno Waters.



Moz in full flight.



Matty Aro sends down a cracker.



Back row left to right: Michael Norrie, Zac Bratton, Nathan Johnson, Mozammel Forhad, Che Kranenburg, Ryan Smith, Will Everton (this game's captain). Front row left to right: Damian Lee Smith, Johno Waters, Meet Patel, Mathew Aro, Mandeep Singh.

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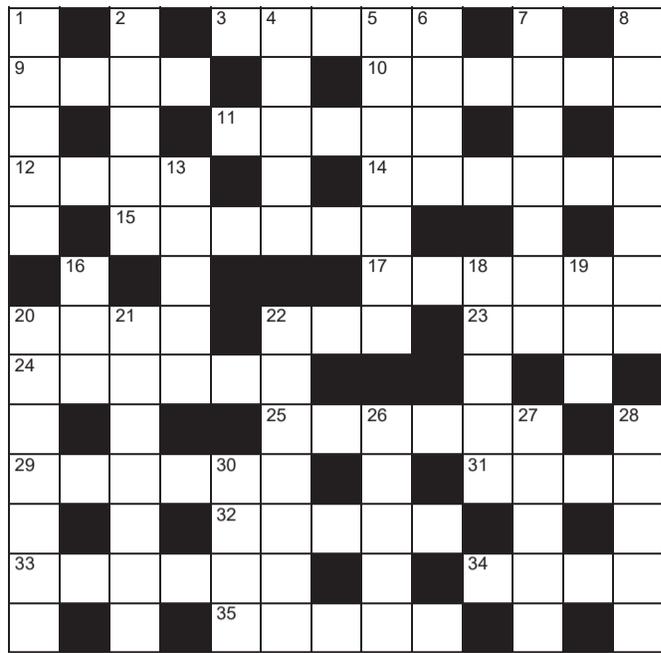
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- ACROSS**
- Assumed name (5)
 - Partly open (4)
 - Distant (6)
 - Dance style (5)
 - Partially burn (4)
 - Draw out (6)
 - Roof loving fungus (6)
 - Retaliate (6)
 - Sack (4)
 - Buddy (3)
 - Presently (4)
 - Boulevard (6)
 - Scoundrel (6)
 - Wealthy person (3,3)
 - Shout (4)
 - Measuring stick (5)
 - Mend (6)
 - Very eager (4)
 - Residence (5)

- DOWN**
- Lot (5)
 - Bringing death (5)
 - Lead (5)
 - Military store (7)
 - Make airtight (4)
 - Hill with a crater (7)
 - Pagan (7)
 - Mature (5)
 - Aids virus (1,1,1)
 - Creative written work (5)
 - Mouth (inf) (3)
 - Trumpet salute (7)
 - Bureaucracy (3,4)
 - Unsettle (7)
 - Velocity (5)
 - Underwater ridge (5)
 - Ally oneself (5)
 - Operatic song (4)

TRIO

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

NO ___
S ___ET
___URE
G ___HOT

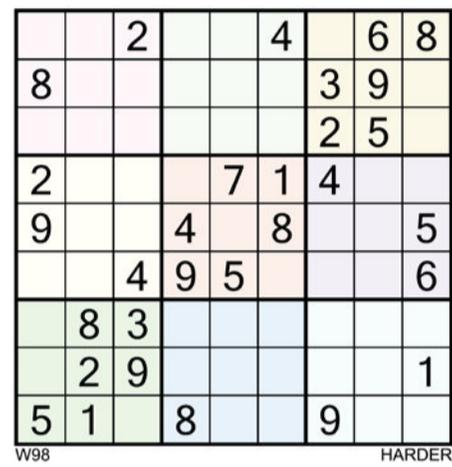
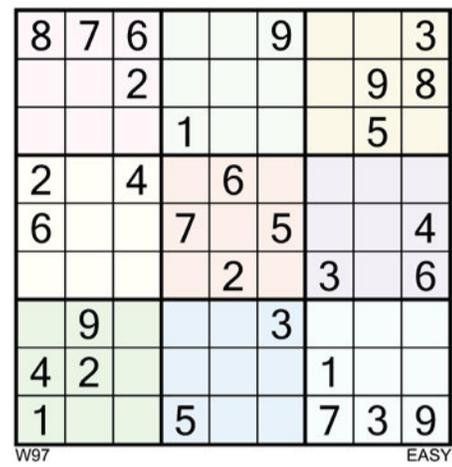
WORDWHEEL

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



SUDOKU

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



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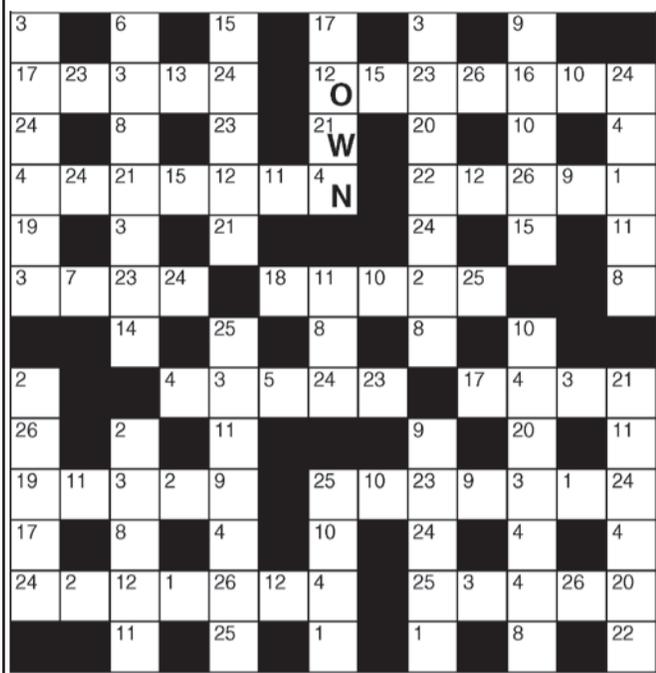
- CROSSWORD**
27. Ledge, 28. Align, 30. Aria.
22. Perturb, 26. Speed.
18. Essay, 19. Gob, 20. Fanfare, 21. Red tape.
6. Seal, 7. Volcano, 8. Heathen, 13. Ripen, 16. HIV.
Down: 1. Batch, 2. Fatal, 4. Leash, 5. Arsenal, 35. Abode.
cat, 31. Yell, 32. Ruler, 33. Repair, 34. Agog.
22. Pal, 23. Soon, 24. Avenue, 25. Rasca!, 29. Fat.
12. Char, 14. Elit!, 15. Lichen, 17. Avenue, 20. Fire.
Across: 3. Alias, 9. Ajar, 10. Remote, 11. Salsa.

DECODER

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

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.



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			N									O
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						W						

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