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Ōpoutere School Junior Waka Ama expedition

*Kia hora te marino,
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana
Hei huarahi mo tatou
Aroha atu, Aroha mai
Tihei Mauri Ora*

*May the calm be widespread
May the sea be like greenstone
As a pathway for us
Let us show respect for one another
Let there be life.*

This is our Karakia we say before heading out in our Waka and man, was the water like greenstone, smooth and shimmering.

We couldn't have asked for better weather. Tawhirimatea (wind) was nowhere to be seen, which kept the waters calm, Te Ra (Sun) was shining bright, keeping us warm and Tangaroa (God of the sea) held us safe on his surface giving us a clear and easy pathway.

Kaiako (teachers) could not have been prouder of our junior students and it was such an honour to see you all put your training into practise out on the Moana.

There were some amazing leaders amongst the crews who shouted the calls with pride, and the strength and stamina from every single one of you was phenomenal!

In between rides, some of us enjoyed a hikoi and exploration of the waterfront with our whānau



and others stayed at the boat ramp to have a splash, who knew the water could be so delightfully warm in April.

We used our senses to explore our surroundings, and great observation skills to notice what was in the water and out, some

saw tuna (eels), and other sprats. Some saw lots of lovely bird life like Shags, Tui and Herons and others noticed how absolutely clear the water was that it looked like you could just jump out of the waka and walk beside it.

Glorious days like this remind us of how fortunate we are to be able to undertake an adventure learning curriculum at Ōpoutere School. The resilience building, gross and fine motor skills acquired, the mahi tahi (team work) and knowledge of our mana whenua (local curriculum) all learnt throughout this programme give our tamariki the gift of these skills for life.

*- Jethro Dyer, Principal,
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Hunter wins Waikato competition

Junior golf in Whangamata is going ahead leaps and bounds, and has already resulted in a notable achievement for another of our emerging sports stars.

Hunter Ussher recently won the Waikato Secondary Schools Matchplay Championship, winning through a strokeplay qualifying round followed by three rounds of matchplay against the best young talent the Waikato has to offer.

Hunter's success will no doubt encourage more of our young locals to work hard at their game. The surge in interest is due in no small part to the lead provided by some of our golf mad local teachers, with golf now included in the college PE curriculum. More and more of our students, including many of those in the surfing academy, are learning just what fun and satisfaction the game can offer alongside their other recreational pursuits.

They are also fortunate to be encouraged by a progressive local club, the choice of excellent 9 or 18 hole courses to play at and outstanding coaching from Josh Alderton and visiting golf professional Andrew Noble. Hunter credits Josh for much of the recent improvement in his game that led to his Waikato victory.

*- Richard White,
General Manager,
Whangamata Golf Club Inc*

Hunter Ussher, representing Whangamata Area School, has taken out the Waikato Secondary Schools Matchplay Championship.

This is a remarkable achievement for the talented young man, considering he has only been playing seriously for a couple of years, and at 15 (Year 11) he was up against the top Waikato golfers aged up to 18 with all the experience that brings. The result is Hunters' best yet, and comes after two years of hard work.

On game day, Hunter went in with no expectations, and was ranked fourth after the early play.

Some of his opponents were widely experienced, having time overseas or were just very good golfers, so he was happy with how the tournament was going and felt that he was sitting where he should be.

Up next was a Hamilton Boys player, who he beat on the fourth playoff hole. Then a higher ranked player, and he won that on the 18th hole.

Progressing nicely Ussher knew his biggest challenge was the next game - up against the top ranked female player who was widely experienced. He won this on the 13th hole, a round that was "by far the best golf I've ever played".

Hunter was starting to believe



he could now go all the way, one game to play. His final opponent was another Hamilton Boys player, and both had nervous starts.

Up by three after nine holes and feeling confident. Then he lost the next three in a row and all square. Game on!

Ussher won the 15th, halved the 16th and then on the 17th he birdied to win the competition. His opponent had a hole in one on the 18th previously so it was a relief to not have to play that hole.

In some ways, Hunter was a typical youth in Whangamata - school, surfing, playing rugby and after

school golf, but with no clear passion driving him.

Then, at the start of the first lockdown, his parents bought a house backing onto the golf course and the rest, as they say, is history.

Inspired by the proximity, Hunter became addicted to the game, and couldn't get enough time on the course. "It's all I want to do, all day, every day" was a common thread throughout the chat *Whangamata News* had with this engaging young man.

Golf to Hunter is 'a very



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grounding and humbling experience', and that while he expects every round to be his best, he knows that it's just not possible.

So what do you do? Practise. Then practise more. Hunter will often take a bucket of balls to a fairway on his own, hit them, collect them and repeat. Sometimes four or five times. If the course isn't open he'll putt on the carpet at home, or

watch golf on television.

When *Whangamatā News* asked if he has any golfing heroes, he answered very pragmatically - he admires most of the top players for their different strong points. Rory for his driving, Cameron for putting and so on.

Attitude counts for a lot in a game of millimetres at the club head,

and coaching plays a big role in the thought processes needed to succeed. Hitting the ball is no problem for top players, it's the mental side that separates the good players from the winners.

Hunter attributes a big part of this side of his game to recent coaching from Josh Alderton. Alderton has instilled insights into him to consider how you play the game as opposed to how you hit the ball. It's one thing to know how, but it's the where, the tactics that count when it comes to the crunch.

Whangamatā News asked Hunter where he would like to be in five years time. "I would hopefully like to be over in America, playing golf, going to college". He is keen to play as much golf as possible here over the next year or two, taking advantage of some great coaching and working part time in the pro shop, then "I'd definitely think about it, maybe in my last year of school if one of the big colleges were to make an offer".

Ussher understands the importance of doing well academically, and says his father reinforces this. "If I'm not doing well at school then he won't let me play golf".

Advice to young players keen to improve their game - "It takes time, learn how to play the sport. I can't imagine how many hours I've spent, it takes a lot of practise to get



good at this sport".

Hunter just loves and lives the game. It has given him confidence beyond his years in social settings, talking and relating well to adults.

After chatting with him for this interview, I have no doubt that Hunter Ussher is a name we should all remember, and expect to see him shine in the future.

- Mark James



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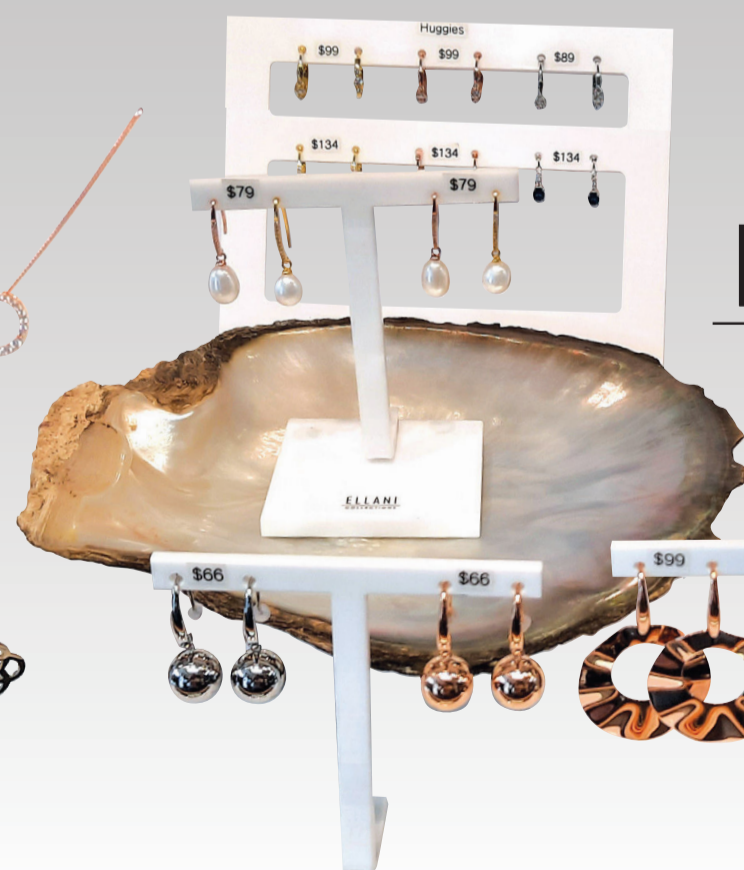
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Parade/Service

- 9.30am** Meet at Whangamata RSA for Mix & Mingle and Tea/Coffee.
- 10.20am** Move to Street March point of assembly at the TCDC Building, Port Road, Whangamata
- 10.45am** Fall in behind the Bay of Plenty Pipes & Drums and march to the Whangamata War Memorial Centre. Medals to be worn (Yours worn on the left, medals belonging to relatives on the right). Parade Marshalls - GEOFF MARCH & BARRY KING
- 11.00am** Service in Whangamata War Memorial Centre. Welcome by RSA President Geoff March. Service to be taken by RSA Padre/Patron Terri Sorensen. Whangamata Area School Representatives Head Boy and Head Girl.

At the completion of the service, the laying of wreaths and floral tributes will take place at the Wall of Remembrance, followed by the Last Post, Ode and Reveille. Special mention of the names on the WW1 Honour Roll.

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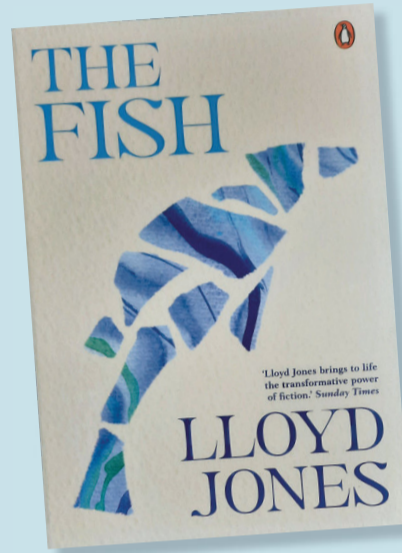
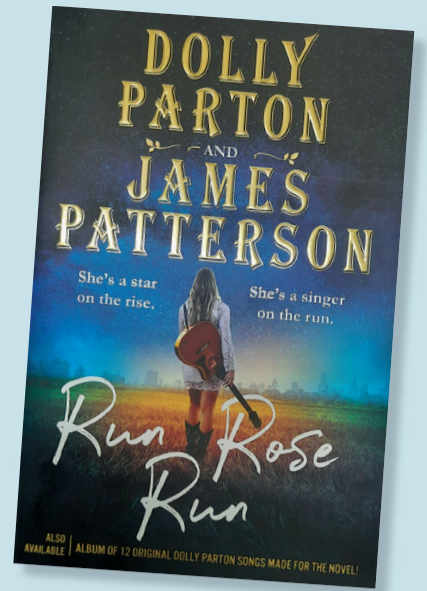
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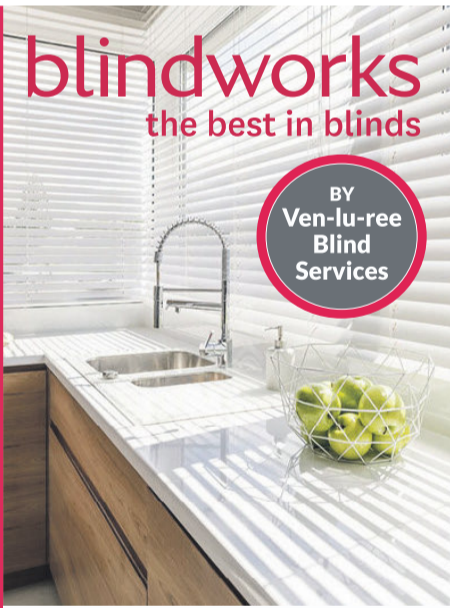
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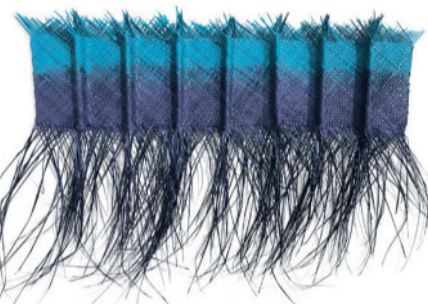
Open Studio Easter Viewings this weekend

A diverse group of artists are getting together over Easter weekend - Saturday, 16 April and Sunday, 17 April - to exhibit their wide variety of art.

These artists love collaborating and being involved in a collective exhibition such as this. We are asking the viewers on entry for a koha which is going to Pia Rogers, our local National Junior Surf Champion, to attend the World Junior Championship in El Salvador.

A bit about the artists...

BERNIE ROSS is hosting this open studio at her house which borders the Moana Anu Anu Reserve. Bernie is a Raranga (weaving) artist using Harakeke (Flax) which provides versatility and a connection to our Whenua. "The surrounding environment in Whangamatā, bush, sea and farmland provides much inspiration for my work". Bernie won the Harcourts Art Challenge in Jan 2020, along with various



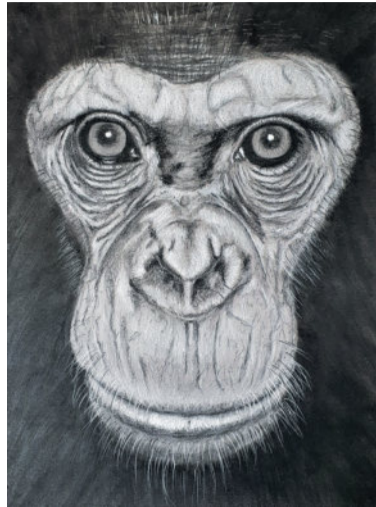
other accolades and exhibitions nationally.

HEATHER WATT is a self-confessed hunter and collector, mixed media artist drawn to materials that create surprise. Her mixed media style uses acrylic, ink, materials, papers and found objects to multi-layer her work. Heather runs mixed media art workshops at her studio 'Kea Iti' in Whangamatā. A variety of work will be available: paintings, corten steel and other rustic garden sculptures. Heather was the Supreme Winner of this year's Harcourts Art Challenge and exhibits her work both locally and nationally.



MAREE BURT is a highly skilled portrait artist. She has found her niche in charcoal portraiture. She has also provided many animal portraits for peoples beloved pets, both past and present. " I love the

way a portrait evolves, starting with the eyes as they hold the essence of a person or animal." Maree's work is taken from photos and she accepts commissions by negotiation.



IAN PREECE is a professional photographer based in the Coromandel. Not only does Ian exhibit his photography throughout New Zealand he also takes workshops and tailor made photographic adventures in places like Great Barrier, Tiritiri Matanga and of course Coromandel. His passion for the outdoors inspires his photography. "I love to have my classroom outdoors in the wonderful nature that exists here in New Zealand."

KIERAN TAYLOR has been a practicing artist for many years, mainly self taught by experimentation in many media. She has in recent years developed a real love of clay. From decorative to domestic and sculptural forms. " Everyday a new challenge, something to learn, delightful discoveries. So much excitement when the kiln opens and the piece is so much better than I'd imagined .. just awesome!!"

Encouraged by the Harcourts Art Challenge 3D section, for which Kieran was awarded 2nd prize two years running, she really has become totally addicted!



These artists look forward to seeing you there, it's going to be a fabulous exhibition.



Come and view an amazing diverse range of artwork. Artists include internationally acclaimed and local award winning recipients.

Artists will be available to talk about their work and further commissions may be possible.

Open studio is on the harbour front, with a fabulous outlook and garden. It can also be accessed via the Moana Anu Anu reserve walk so hop on your bike or wander along with family. Children welcome!

Open Studio

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5 Artists

- Bernadette Ross. weaving
- Heather Watt. mixed media
- Maree Burt. portraiture
- Ian Preece. photography
- Kieran Taylor. ceramics

WHC reserved for Riparian Planting

You may have noticed all the digger and mulching activity occurring outside the Firth yard, on the Hetherington Road reserve recently.

Home to some outdoor equipment, this popular walking pathway is getting rid of its dunes of waste concrete, rubbish, pampas and other pesky plants.

The TCDC Community Board has allocated \$20,000, and will be supported by Waikato Regional Council, who are to supply the native plants from their nursery stock, in order to clean up this area.

"This strip of land, provides an important habitat for our estuary birds", chairman Kerry Gibb atones. "By cleaning up this area, and planting the area in native fauna, we have better means to be able to help control predator and pest animal numbers too."



Whangamata Harbour Care have an extensive trapping and baiting program, that runs around the whole of the Whangamatā harbour and it's upper estuary, with its objective of restoring bird numbers in and around the harbour.

As part of this community initiative, WHC have been elected to lead the planting of native trees and shrubs, provided by WRC. They will be calling forth it's members and all community members in the weeks to come, to



help give a hand.

If you would like to become a member to help protect and restore Whangamatā harbour, you can sign up at whangamataharbourcare.com.



Whangamatā News also sought comment from Councillor / Community Board Terry Walker:

Walker stated "The Community Board has long requested this piece of the Moana Anu Anu estuary be cleaned up following the planting along the eastern side of the footpath by TCDC.

The Community Board stepped up with \$20k to support WRC in cleaning up their side right along to within 50 M of the Causeway, which is controlled by the marina's society.

While the work may require additional funding support, it will enhance a piece of our estuary that falls under Waikato Regional Council jurisdiction and is funded from your rates."

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The 'Not Hop' still a great weekend

So what a great day on Saturday March 26, all the gleaming beasts crawling through Port Road for what was a mini show of times past. Still roaring, still chrome blazing and still the feeling of 'Yes, they are back!'

Independent groups organised their own activities. We understand 50+ cars went to Tairua and a group to Thames on the Saturday.

Beach Hop Committee invited our Crew to go for a cruise to Waihi Beach for lunch and the word spread so we had about 40 cars join them.

Noddy Watts said "We had an inkling that a few festival regulars would still come for the weekend but were amazed how many actually turned up and thank them for supporting the town. There was a really nice atmosphere over the weekend - a bit like a Mini-Hop. We heard of people coming from all over the country - even a few from the South Island."



The recent changes to the "Traffic Light" system is great news for Repco Beach Hop 22 in November - just what we wanted to hear as the Festival can go ahead with the new settings.

Regardless, for our loyal hoppers - we all enjoyed the spirit - and plenty of it!

- Whangamata News, Jennie Black

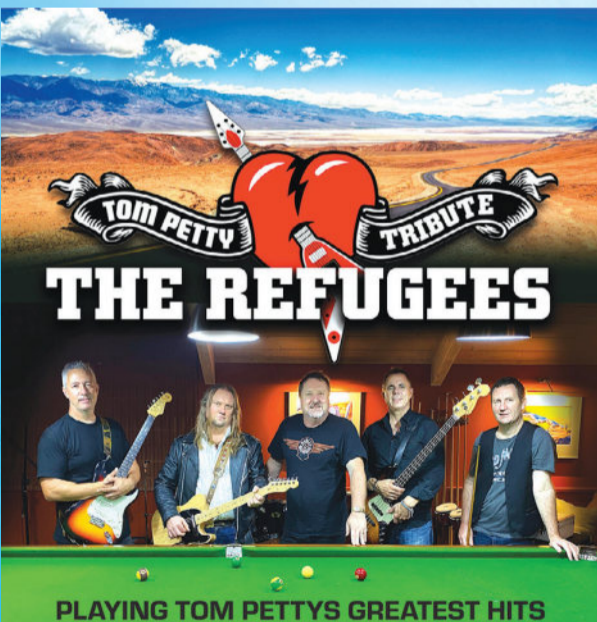




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Winter's coming – come and talk to us

If you've been to Whangamatā the last two months, you'll notice there's no German couple in a campervan with two preschoolers. There's no Aussie surfer and his girlfriend in a strange looking van. There are no two young French girls travelling and working on a year visa. Even our own don't seem to be travelling much.

Our campground, cafés, clubs, shops are quiet and winters are not far away. Yes, business has had, and continues to have, it tough but it's our elderly that have felt it the most. Unable to socialise like they used to and often separated from family and friends either here or overseas, many are very lonely. Often a visit from a carer is their only human contact all day.

Our busy medical centre does all it can and community hubs like the RSA keep an eye on many. But it's not enough and more and more are slipping through the cracks and being forced to move to better serviced towns and cities.

It's well established that the Coromandel has one of the oldest

populations in New Zealand. It's not quite a big retirement peninsula yet, but it's getting there. With the boomer bubble growing there's only so much the government can do.

What's the solution? Private care. Ideally local private care. If you can find it. Diana Fay from local private care provider Beside The Seaside has seen the market grow enormously the last 7 years. "It's busy" says Diana, "and it would be even busier if we could find staff. And yes, it's expensive but these days social services like DHB and ACC contribute to the cost which makes it more affordable. My advice though is, if you can find a qualified carer, commit to them – because if you don't someone else will".

If you're visiting Mum or Dad this Easter, sit down with them for a good question and answer session. Chances are they're OK and travelling well after all it's been a great summer. But it's the next 6 months which is the hard part and there's only so many coffees you have.

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- First Credit Union

Muscle and materials have been a challenge for us to be fully operational at the beach this season, but we will be well set up from Labour weekend in time for next summer.

Our season will end at Easter so



now is the time to make the most of these balmy Autumn days while we still have sunshine, blue skies and the divine sea!

Let's see if we can get as many toes back in the water for Easter. See you at the beach!

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ARHT rescues report

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16 March: Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 60's suffering a fall. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

18 March: Whitianga crew tasked to Pauanui to assist a female patient in her 70's suffering a fall on a push bike. She needed to be extracted by winch and was flown to Thames Hospital in a moderate condition.

18 March: Crew tasked to Manaia to assist a patient.

18 March: Crew tasked to Manaia to assist a second patient.

25 March: Crew tasked to

Whangamata to assist a male patient involved in a drowning. Unfortunately, the patient died and crew were stood down and returned to base.

26 March: Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 20's involved in a head-on motor vehicle accident. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

26 March: Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a patient suffering a medical complaint. Crew were stood down and returned to base.

29 March: Crew tasked to Waikawau to assist a male patient in his 70's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

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Happy Easter weekend

Happy Easter and welcome to all who have come to spend the long weekend in Whangamatā.

Whether you're soaking in the natural beauty of the Coromandel Peninsula or supporting our local businesses, I'm sure that you will enjoy your time here.

The last couple of years have been really challenging for local businesses and in particular the past few weeks have been even tougher. Isolation rules have left many shops short-staffed. It's no wonder than consumer confidence has taken a hit.

Fewer people have been out and about. Many local business people have told me it's been almost as bad as when we were in lockdown.

Hopefully the reopening of the international border and clearer messaging from the Government will signal to people that it's safer to start living normally again.

Certainly our part of the country will be welcoming back international tourist visitors with open arms.

As our border opens and Kiwis start to travel overseas they will notice that much of world is getting back to normal. More than that, it will begin to really hit home how much the cost of living crisis has hit us here and how much more we are paying for basic staple grocery items in comparison to other countries.

We've been living in a bit of a bubble lately and just putting up with increased prices.

The Government has led many to believe that our 30 year high inflation rate is entirely due to international factors, when that simply isn't the case.

Enjoy the long weekend. Take care and stay safe.

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



Fire report

Our brigade has been kept busy with several calls to various types of incidents. One call was to a house fire where an electrical device had malfunctioned setting roofing material alight. Thankfully the residents were home to assist in limiting the size of fire before our arrival. Also our brigade were on station for training so a quick response allowed members to gain control promptly. Other calls included Alarm activations requiring no action and a serious medical event on the beach .

Our weather patterns have seen rain events that caused flooding in buildings and winds which causes debris to build up in water points. Some regular maintenance on both residential and commercial properties reduces the risk of damage by clearing out gutters,

downpipes and gully traps. Storm water grates on streets quickly become blocked as well so removing obstructions from these also helps.

Daylight savings has been put to bed for the winter prompting a reminder to check your smoke alarms and have chimneys cleaned as well as clearing objects away from fireplaces. Something also very important for the welfare of your property and the neighbourhood is to have a check on the closest hydrant to your home. This will be marked by means of a yellow arrow on the street and a yellow lid. Have it cleared of dirt and vegetation to allow for quick establishment of water in fire situations.

Wishing you a safe April.

- CFO Nigel Airey



Coastguard report

March 2022 was a month of Varied weather with much reduced activity on the water. Whangamatā Coastguard volunteers manned the radio for 60n hours, handling 534 calls. This is about half of the calls handled in February. The operators are grateful that most boats now use their call signs. This allows the vessel to be uniquely identified as many names are duplicated numerous times.

Rescue vessel G J Gardner Rescue was called out 5 times in March; once to take over a tow from Pauanui Rescue, three times for mechanical breakdowns and once for a flare sighting. One of the

calls for rescue was for a yacht which suffered a mechanical failure at midnight. The five crew volunteers were able to return home at 3.00 AM having towed the stricken vessel to the Whangamatā Wharf. A job well done.

Whangamatā Coastguard still needs more volunteers both for the boat crew and radio operators. If you can spare some time to be part of a very rewarding emergency service contact Ken Worthington - phone 021 266 4383. Full training is provided free of charge.

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Many thanks to Fire Brigade

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The first attendance was to deal with damage to tiles on my roof as a result of Cyclone Dovi on 13 February. The second incident was due to high winds on 20 March, resulting in further damage requiring urgently needed repairs to the roof.

As a result of the second event, the firemen covered my damaged roof with a tarpaulin until it could be fixed. These repairs have now been done.

I am very grateful to the Fire Brigade for their prompt and efficient help under very concerning circumstances and send my sincere thanks to the Volunteer Firemen of Whangamata.

Elaine Shadbolt
WHANGAMATA

Act of kindness

As we were sadly about to leave the Esplanade in our motorhome, after having enjoyed a most wonderful afternoon at the beach, we discovered that the gears were stuck in reverse in our motorhome!

It was after-hours and we were having no luck getting help, when a young man who was parked nearby, offered to assist us. Shortly after, a friend who was a mechanic came by and within a few minutes we were on our way.

We were so grateful to these guys who said it was a pleasure to help, thanked us for asking and didn't want the money we offered them.

A much appreciated random act of kindness. Thank you, Whangamata.

Jan & Bram Uljee

Green Policies

The hypocrisy of Green policy is writ large around the world right now. The UK and Europe have wound down their domestic oil and gas industries in favour of sourcing their energy needs from Russia and elsewhere. The consequences of this are now hitting home. The feel-good factor in curtailing local oil and gas production to appease green sentiment does not alter an economy's energy requirements or its emissions. It is impossible to find any logic in this strategy.

Closer to home we have the same lack of logic and depth of hypocrisy. The Government has side-lined our gas and oil production. We are also denied access to our large reserves of high grade coal.

These Green policies have no positive impact on emissions as we import product to fill the shortfall. The worst example is the import of low quality Indonesian coal for electricity generation. Wind and solar are never going to satisfy the rising demand that exceeds hydro or geothermal generation.

Only a politician could see merit in subsidising growth in the electric vehicle fleet when the extra growth in electricity demand will be supplied by imported coal.

George Williams
WHANGAMATA

Onemana Weedbusters



As council budget constraints limit the amount of work that council contractors can do in the parks and reserves around our rohe Kathryn Weston and Ruhi Pene decided to do something about it and formed the Onemana Weedbusters crew who have taken it upon themselves to supplement the councils work and add a bit of polish to our parks as well as further encourage the emerging native plants. They are now two working bees down, with another three planned which should ensure the village is well set up for winter and the coming planting season. The ongoing warm and humid weather has encouraged a lot of extra growth and

without attention the gullies and streams eventually choke up with blackberry, kikuyu, pampas, acmena and other nasties. Both locals and holiday makers share the load and the impact on Onemana is tremendous.

Winter is a busy time in Onemana with the pest control program being refined and the impending arrival of thousands of dune plants to help reinforce the front and back beach areas to try to mitigate the effects of the strong easterly swells and rising sea levels.

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ANZAC DAY HOURS:
Open from 2pm - full menu until close

Why am I standing for Council... again?

When I stood for Council in 2019, I was elected to Keep Council Accountable.

I was concerned that TCDC cost ratepayers over \$200,000 to produce an unsuccessful consent application to allow private promoters to run events in Williamson Park in Whangamatā that restrict access to the public.

"The purpose of the legal profession boils down to two elements. Firstly, to protect and serve the community. Secondly, to protect the rule of law."

- Tiana Epati, Retiring President of the NZ Law Society

That is what I've done in my first term.

I was shocked at how much legislation covers local government, making it a lumbering beast. The Local Government Act is over 700 pages intertwined with over 200 other enactments.

After I was elected councillor, our CEO stated, "It came as a surprise to me that we had overspent our budget by \$6.3 million."

A senior staff member tried to explain it. I said it was not a satisfactory answer. And I kept asking questions. I sought independent accounting advice and presented Council with what went wrong and where to improve. As a result, two senior staff members resigned, including the staff member who had attempted to explain this travesty of good governance.

I then realised there was a legal requirement to include such information in the Pre Election Report for ratepayers to consider before voting. This had not been done.

I challenged the CEO on this. I was backed up by the CEO of Local Government NZ who said, "Mr Gotlieb is correct. The legal



obligation on the CEO has been breached and there needs to be an independent enquiry."

The Mayor brushed it off.

I made a complaint with the Auditor General's office. A limited response in their Annual Report stated that there was a failing in the pre-election report and it could have been done better (refer to the article from the Mercury Bay Informer 23 June 2020).

I raised my concern that Councillors were not given information about legal proceedings TCDC was involved in. The response? The information is privileged.

No, it's not.

We are an elected board that needs this information.

It was only after I presented the CEO with advice from NZ's leading expert in this field - stating we are

entitled to this information - that the CEO relented.

But as time went on, the information was either presented with not enough time to read or we were told matters were resolved so we weren't entitled to our voice.

Many requests were denied.

I also objected to council agendas having so much of what is discussed not open to the public. I had some limited success in opening this up, but there has to be more transparency with Council business.

One of the problems is allowing public consultation on proposed council policy, e.g.. allowing more freedom camping in a reserve.

I have suggested (as some councils do) that a sign be installed showing what is proposed with a plan and photo or diagram so ratepayers can be properly informed.

I raised this at a recent council meeting as some projects were being delayed because ratepayers were unaware what was happening and there had not been proper consultation. This was warmly received by Councillors, the Mayor and the acting CEO who are now seeking to implement this.

These are some of the ways I've tried to protect and serve the community.

You can count on me as I have the skills and experience to step in and remind Council staff and Councillors what their duties are to the law and to our community.

This is why I am seeking one more term to help make TCDC an even more accountable, efficient, transparent and user-friendly Council.

- Gary Gotlieb

Gary Gotlieb councillor South Eastern Ward TCDC

I'm standing again to be your councillor to be able to finish the progress I have made in making TCDC accountable and follow legal requirements.

See garygotlieb.com

Make sure you exercise your right to vote, you need to enrol by 12th of August.

The rate demand you will receive in April will have a flyer explaining how you are able to enrol to vote.

See tcdc.govt.nz/vote



Coastal communities discuss sea level rise

Over the last two weeks an initial group of our coastal communities have had discussions on proposed options to manage the hazards from climate change and sea level rise.

Our Shoreline Management Plans project team shared specific plans that have been developed over the last three years for selected areas of coastline most at risk of coastal inundation.

Online meetings were held for Whangamatā (south), Pāuanui, Tairua, Ōhuka Brophy's Beach, Moanataiari, Te Puru and Tararū.

Recordings of all the meetings are available on our website at tcdc.govt.nz/smp

Coastal Panels – made up of community members, business representatives, Community Board members, and supported by our Council, Waikato Regional Council, Waka Kotahi NZTA, iwi representatives and others – have discussed and recommended coastal adaptation pathways for the 100-year period.

You can find these pathways on our website at tcdc.govt.nz/smp

In some communities, there are options to maintain or improve the existing defences. In others we have done a feasibility study on building new structures. Another



proposed strategy in some of our communities is to retreat from the area in the future.

The various pathways for different coastal communities are based on the predicted risks, as well as tolerance of the risk expressed to us by residents during previous public meetings and project feedback.

The online meetings of the last two weeks will be followed by in-person public meetings when COVID-19 conditions allow.

Whangamatā Community Board UPDATE

A word from our Whangamatā Community Board Chair Ken Coulam

“Our Board put in a submission to the draft Annual Plan which supported the proposed increase in boat ramp user fees on the condition that it be used to fund boating-related expenses. We also asked our Council to consider declaring 101 Lindsay Road in Whangamatā a reserve, which would ensure it is retained for community use.” ken.coulam@council.tcdc.govt.nz



Island View Reserve – work on the car park has been put on hold to allow community consultation to be completed.

Public Toilet Renewal, Whangamatā – The renewal of public toilets at Beach Road, Martyn Road and Island View Reserve in Whangamatā has made good progress. Construction is now underway for the new toilet at Beach Road and we are on track for the project to be completed by June.

The Board's next meeting is on 17 May at 10am in the Board meeting room at 620 Port Rd, Whangamatā.

If you wish to speak to the public forum, contact governance.services@tcdc.govt.nz Recordings of all our Council and Community Board meetings are posted on tcdc.govt.nz/meetings where you'll also find agendas and minutes.

ANZAC PARADES AND SERVICES



WHANGAMATĀ

6.30am – Sunrise flag raising and service: Assemble at Whangamatā Surf Club. Following the service, cooked breakfast will be available at Blackies in Williamson Park. Entry may be limited.

10.20am – Civic parade led by the Bay of Plenty Pipes and Drums from the Council offices, Port Road, Whangamatā.

11.00am – Wreath laying at the Remembrance Wall (RED COVID Level), followed by a light lunch at the RSA Clubrooms (but only at ORANGE Level)



For ANZAC Day events in other parts of the district check tcdc.govt.nz/whatson

Thank you for your draft Annual Plan feedback

Our consultation period for our draft Annual Plan for the 2022/23 financial year closed on 11 April, and we received more than 100 thoughtful, well-considered submissions. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on our proposals.

The Annual Plan updates the budgets and project priorities compared to what was forecast for the year on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP).

For the consultation on the draft Annual Plan we proposed:

- Some changes to fees and charges, especially those for our boat ramps and wharves, to lessen the cost to ratepayers of maintaining these facilities
- Some changes to our proposed capital expenditure programme to take account of supply chain disruptions and cost rises due to COVID-19
- An updated proposal for the Matarangi open space land purchase.

As a result of these changes, the average District-wide rates increase for the 2022/23 financial year is proposed to be 8.3 per cent or \$272, compared with 7 per cent or \$253 forecast for the year in the LTP.

Next steps:

- 2-4 May** Hearings
- 24 May** Council deliberations on submissions
- 28 June** Council adopts final Annual Plan, fees and charges and sets rates

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Easter and ANZAC Kerbside Collections

There will be no Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections on Easter Monday (18 April) and ANZAC Day (Monday 25 April). Collections will be one day later everywhere in the district following these public holidays.

Check the Kerbside schedule for your area at

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Our seven Refuse Transfer Stations (RTS) will all be closed on Good Friday (15 April) and are open from 1pm-5:30pm on ANZAC Day (Monday 25 April). Please note that RTS openings have been affected by staff shortages due to COVID-19.

Check RTS hours and locations at

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Easter and ANZAC Library hours

Our District Libraries in Thames, Tairua and Whitianga will be closed Good Friday (15 April) and Easter Monday (18 April) but open as usual on Saturday 16 April from 9am-12pm.

Our libraries are open as usual Saturday 23 April from 9am-12pm and closed ANZAC Day (Monday 25 April).

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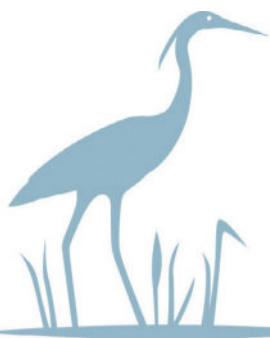
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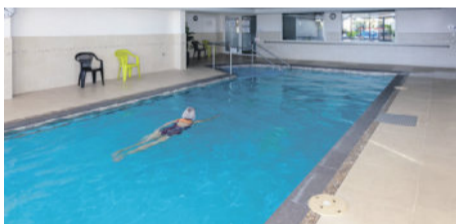
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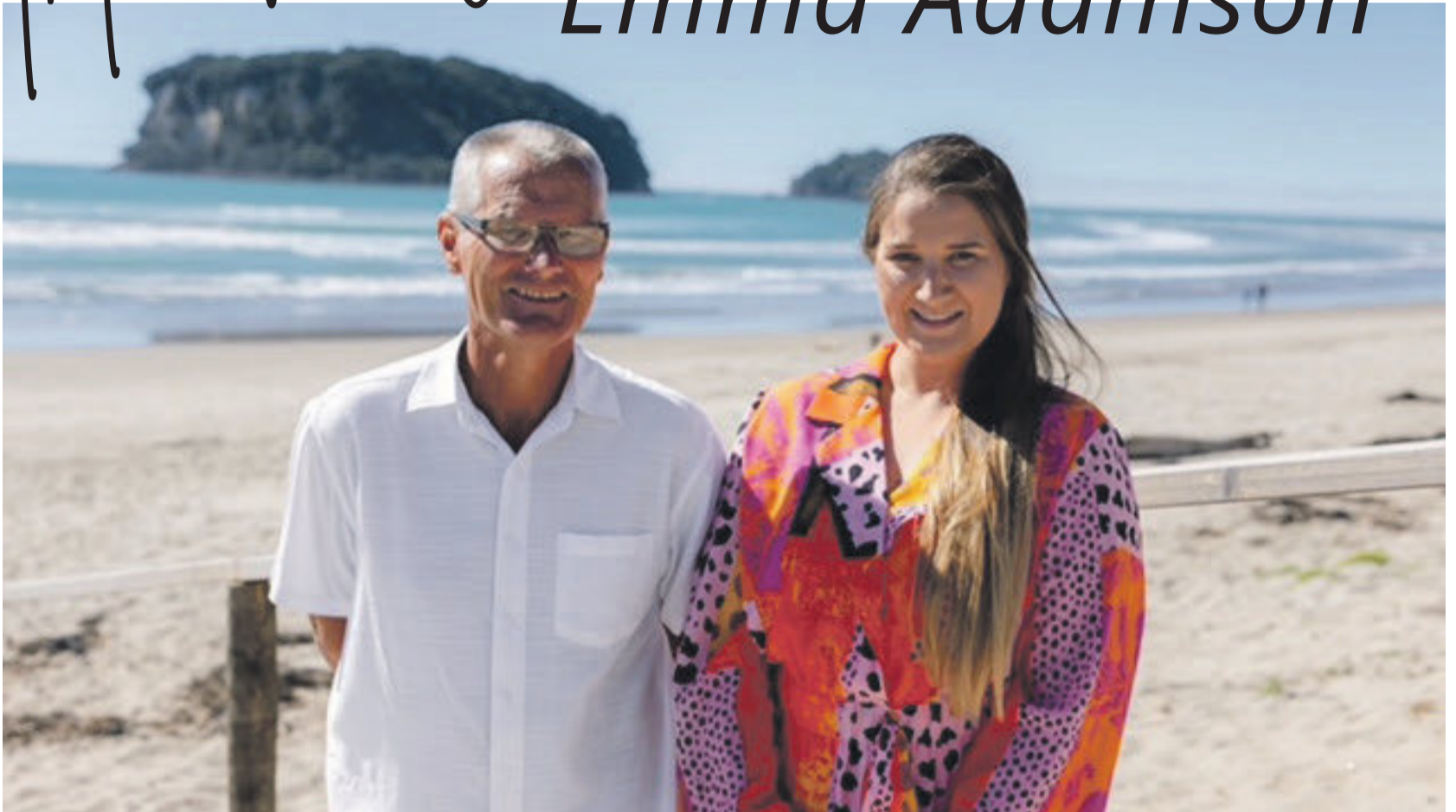
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Indigo dying and shibori weekend

Whangamata Creative Fibre Group organised an awesome weekend in March (after being postponed last year due to lockdowns) learning the techniques of indigo dying and shibori with Creative Fibre Tutor Liz Wilson from Cambridge.

The weekend was hosted at member Heather Kearins home in Whangamatā with 12 attendees, 8 creative fibre members from the local group and two independent members from the Thames area and two members from the Thames Creative Fibre Group.

Lots of laughter and fun was had with a mixed bag of weather over the two days, hot and sunny one

day, extremely windy and chilly with rain the second day. Still nothing stopped the creating. Some of the techniques explored were: stitching, binding, clamping, pole wrapping and the making of an indigo vat and how to look after it. Attendees were then able to take the vat home to use again.

This is what Felicity said "best class ever with a fantastic tutor, so many techniques explained in an easy comprehensive way to understand, remember it and do it" Robyn and Terri said "very versatile techniques that upcycles by using everyday objects also the different patterns you can produce," Judy



said. "After first freaking out about the sewing stuff, found that anybody can do this."

This was a very memorable workshop and Liz was fantastic, always happy to explain and show us what to do, a very inspiring tutor. There is already talk about that another one could take place.

Whangamatā Creative Fibre Group welcomes new members

and invites anyone to come and have a look at what they do (spinning, knitting, weaving, felting and more) and they are always happy to support others. They meet every second and fourth Monday from 10am at Memorial Hall side room.

- Marie-Louise Nordberg
(Whangamata Creative Fibre Group member)




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Garden club's fun picnic

The March meeting of the Whangamata Garden Club saw the ladies at Williamson Park having their annual picnic and cavorting with fun games among themselves.

The theme for the day was to wear something green, as it was so close to St. Patrick's day. By popular vote, best dressed went to Jude Eade (pictured below).

The ladies were very competitive in the games which included cornhole, throwing the gumboot, mini croquet and a new invention - 'onion and spoon race'.

Judy Kenealy (below right) proved to be a formidable contestant in the cornhole competition, leading most of the game, ending as the overall winner.



Marie Wise was a keen contestant in the corn throw.

Cornhole involves throwing the equivalent of a beanbag into a hole set up on an elevated board. Of course, the most bags through the hole each time wins to the next round. The winner emerges as the last lady standing, after all contestants have thrown.

Pictured above right, we see

Gael Elliott and Robyn Thwaites showing their skills in 'throwing the gumboot'. Pictured right is the champ, Judy, throwing against Marie Wise, while Lin Street and Jude Eade await their turn.

How better to spend a day. Well done, Garden Club.

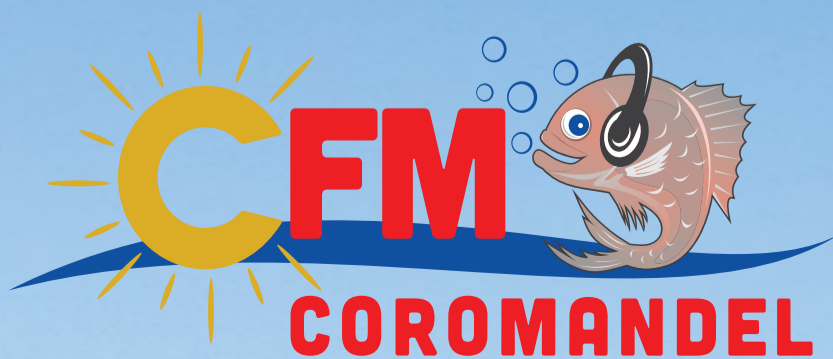
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The happy group enjoying their picnic.



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Golf club highlights

There's been lots of golfing highlights for the Whangamata Golf Club recently with Pennants action, Jill Agnew representing Bay of Plenty at the New Zealand Women's Masters in Alexandra, and Hunter Ussher's outstanding victory in the Waikato Secondary Schools Matchplay Championship.

It was a big event for our club to host Division 1 Men's Pennants for the first time last Sunday, and even more exciting to beat Cambridge in the afternoon round to retain our place in the elite division. Well done lads, and well done to Simon and the boys for the way the course was presented. The compliments were flowing from all our visitors.

Our Ladies Pennants team playing the next day ended the Bay of Plenty part of the competition in second equal position. Playing at the home course in the last round no doubt helped improve the team's standing. Pennant rounds have been played at Tairua, Hauraki and Whangamata courses. The team now begins the handicap match play starting at Coromandel on Monday.

Division 3 Pennants has 10 teams competing from as far away as Taumaranui and Huntly so much travelling is involved. Last Sunday the team travelled to Taumaranui to play Paeroa, the winner

earning the right to play in the semi finals. But it wasn't to be for Whanga. The afternoon round was a highlight though with our boys beating the hosts to finish in the middle of the pack. A good season overall with the opportunity to blood new young players in Hunter Ussher and George McNeil who acquitted themselves well.

Our Handicap Pennants men's team is rolling along very nicely, top of the table with three wins out of three so far. Keep it up!

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- Andrew Clements, Club Captain



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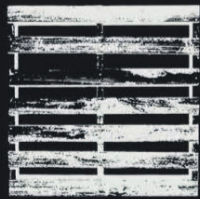
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Warm-up games a hit

Whangamata Rugby welcomed big city clubs Hamilton Marist and Auckland's Pakuranga to town recently for a pre-season mini tournament. All sides were guaranteed 90 minutes of match time to check out match fitness and try different playing patterns.

Whangamata's Red n Whites played the classic Marist Green n Whites in the opening game. The Whangamata scrum was hugely impressive from the start and embarrassed the vaunted Waikato Marist pack with several powerful drives. Zane Heath took over at

hooker for the Covid ravaged Scotty Day who was unavailable for the day. New signing prop forward Tobias Pulley regularly bullocked his way past despairing tacklers during this 45-minute game. Red n Whites captain Zac Clarke scored the first try as the ball was quickly passed along the back line. The conversion was completed from wide out. Marist fought back and replied with three tries one of which was converted.

The second game was played on the number two pitch as it was decided not to move an injured Marist player on number 1 field. Auckland's Pakuranga played Marist in a somewhat disjointed 45 minutes of rugby with numerous handling errors. The scorelines were of secondary importance as the coaches set up both attacking and defensive strategies.

In the final game the Red n Whites played Pakuranga. While the physically bigger Pakuranga forward pack dominated possession the local side battled through out. Newcomer winger



Will Everton displayed a fine turn of speed plus a keen defensive eye. Fearless tackling by Red n White forwards Mikey Savage-Waipero and Paki Solomon bode well for the upcoming Thames Valley club rugby season.

- Don Mackay



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Citizen science monitoring of local waterways a win-win

The Environmental Protection Agency has a new environmental DNA community science program which is being actively used by restoration and conservation groups, iwi and schools in Thames Coromandel.

When creatures move through the environment, they leave behind traces of DNA. By taking water samples, this DNA can be collected and sequenced to reveal all the fish, birds, insects, plants and animals present in the local ecosystem.

Community groups take water

samples from rivers, lakes, estuaries, and wetlands using special kits that are simple and easy to use. The samples are sent to a lab for DNA sequencing and the species present are then identified.

This is a wonderful example of citizen science in action. The data collected not



only helps local groups better understand their local ecology, but also adds to the regional council's ecological database as well. It's a win-win.

Ric Balfour, the local coordinator of The Landcare Trust has worked closely with local landowners and restoration groups to encourage eDNA stream monitoring. Ric has also been doing some great work with school students who have taken samples from local streams. One study in Thames has shown that some native fish are absent. This has led to a feasibility study with the regional council to see whether fish passages can be installed.

The data gathered can be added to an interactive map that shows the biodiversity in Thames Coromandel and around the country.

The Landcare Trust also has an interactive map showing the catchment and other groups in Thames Coromandel and Hauraki should you wish to get involved.

More information epa.govt.nz/eDNA and landcare.org.nz

- Denis Tegg, Thames Coromandel representative on Waikato Regional Council



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Mary Taylor, community stalwart, passes



Whangamatā would have missed out on a wonderful community advocate had Mary's parents not emigrated from England when Mary was 12 years old.

A shy child, she attended Avondale Intermediate and College and on leaving school, Mary worked at Ashley's ABC Stores serving on the haberdashery counter, later becoming manager of the department.

This suited Mary very well as she really loved sewing and made all her own clothes, including her own wedding dress and bridesmaids' dresses, and her daughter and daughter-in-law's

wedding dresses and bridesmaids' dresses. After marrying Ken, Mary had her own 'cut, make and trim' factory, sewing mostly children's and babies' clothes - intricate and dainty work.

Mary and Ken were living in Blockhouse Bay when a friend who'd recently visited Whangamatā told them of a great opportunity for Ken, a diesel mechanic, in the garage next to Mum's Corner Store.

They moved here at Christmas 1969 (708 residents) buying the Shell Station in 1971. Mary says it was working there that she found she loved interacting with the public and she developed confidence.

Recognising that there was little for the youth to do, Mary started up Discos in the RSA which were very popular.

She also started Girl Guides and Brownies in Whangamatā, becoming a Guide Leader then rising through all the ranks to become Division Commissioner.

In 1971, Mary joined the Country Women's Institute taking on such roles as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Drama Convener, Garden Circle Convener, Craft Circle Convener and Kitchen Convener.

In 1989, Community Boards were formed. Mary felt that she could do more to help the town she had

fallen in love with and so she stood for election and was voted to the Whangamatā Community Board, a relationship that continued for 21 years in total, including 6 years as Chair, until Mary retired in 2013.

Very early on, with the Environment Waikato representative, Mary called a public meeting to form a committee to address the Harbour issues - mangroves (it became the Whangamatā Harbour Care Committee).

Mary saw the need for a larger Hall and led the fundraising (\$300,000); she planned the Playground on Beach Road; was very involved with the establishment of the Transfer Station, the main street upgrade and Barbara Ave extension. And recently, she and five other ladies coordinated and raised funds to re-establish the X-ray facility.

These are just a few of Mary's many and varied achievements. Talking with Mary, it became evident that she possessed the ability to see that something needs to be done, the practical skills to put the wheels in motion and the commitment to see the job finished. All the while, loyally supported by Ken.

On behalf of us all, thank you, Mary.

- Cushla Jarvis



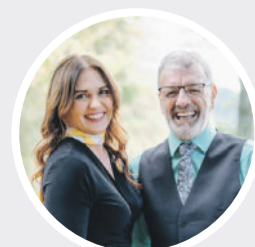
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Julian West
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306B Rutherford Road

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ENQUIRIES
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215A Chartwell Avenue

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Whangamata Club

Apologies

Welcome

Minutes of previous AGM

Matters arising

Chairperson's Report

2020/21 Financial Report

Election of Management Group

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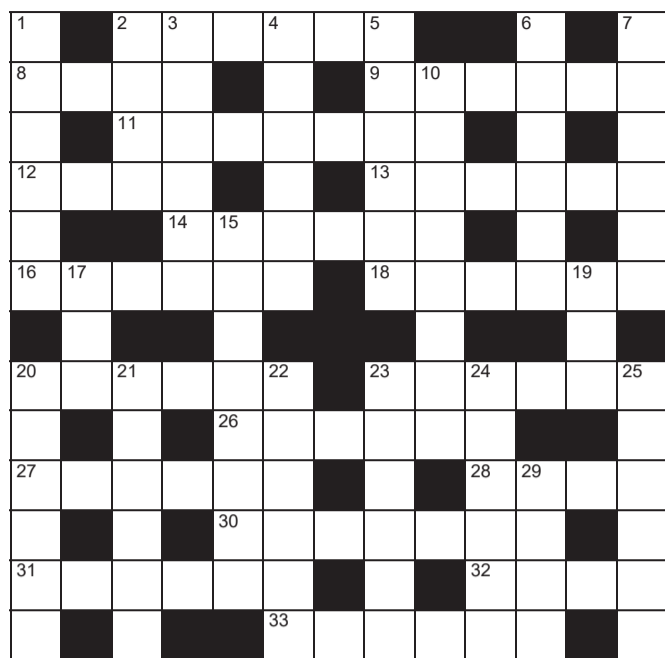
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 - Allege (6)
 - Falsehood (7)
 - Writer of verse (4)
 - Insider information (3-3)
 - Outcome (6)
 - Historical records (6)
 - Pastry cake (6)
 - Run flat out (6)
 - Risky move (6)
 - Culpable (6)
 - Please, delight (6)
 - Blemish (4)
 - Group of three (7)
 - Edict (6)
 - Press (4)
 - As a consequence (6)

- DOWN**
- Perfect world (6)
 - Fever (4)
 - Repeated statement or slogan (6)
 - Coercion (6)
 - Idle gossip (6)
 - Dawn (literary) (6)
 - Young cow (6)
 - Small talk (8)
 - Stretch out (8)
 - Small drink of spirits (3)
 - Poorly (3)
 - Firm (6)
 - Boil down (6)
 - Small tower above a building (6)
 - Quick look (6)
 - Spiritualist (6)
 - Stretch (6)
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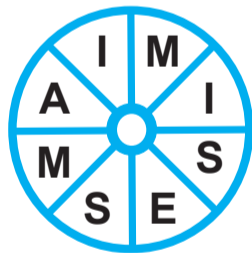
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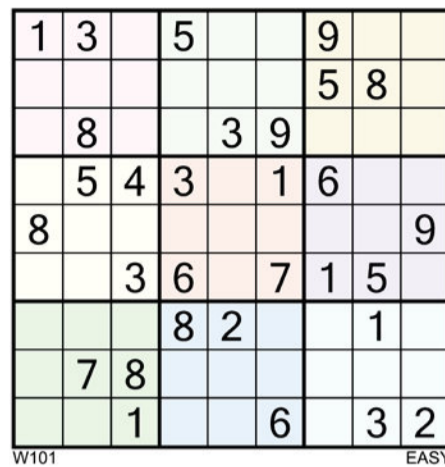
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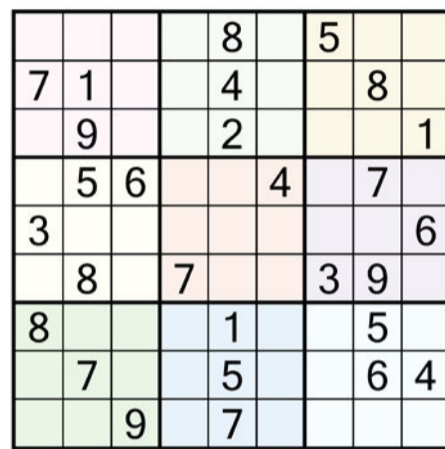
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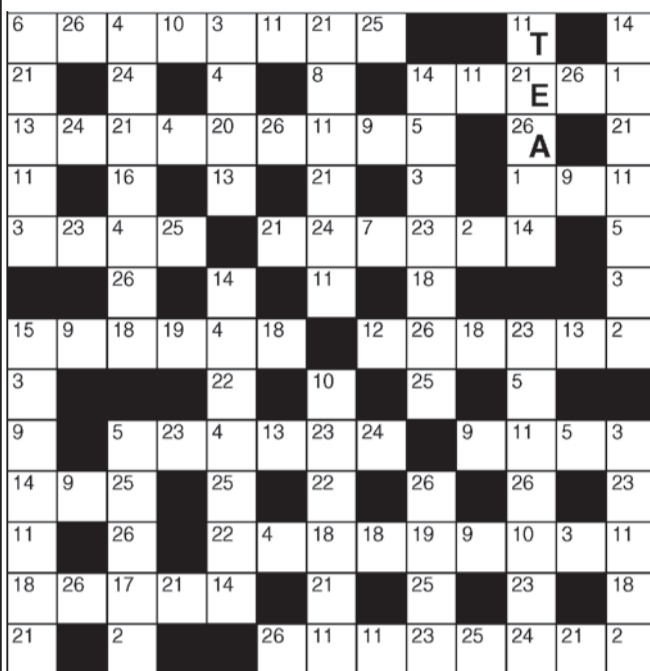
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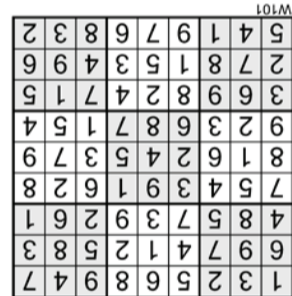
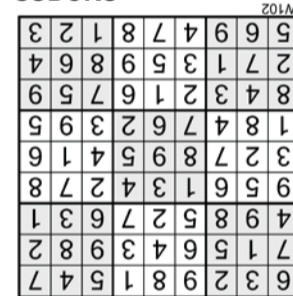
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