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# Update on Community Services van trips



Our Community Service van trips to Thames have become very popular amongst the older residents of Whangamatā.

The trips are a great way for this group to connect with each other and with services outside of Whangamatā, including banking, visiting friends and grocery shopping. We are so pleased people are using this service – our August trip is fully booked!

Due to the success of this initiative, we have added new dates for trips to Paeroa and Waihi.

Thank you to Grey Power and the Whangamata RSA for supporting the initiative.



### UPCOMING TRIPS:

**Thames: 22 September and 20 October.**

**Paeroa and Waihi: 1 September, 6 October and 3 November.**

Contact our office for bookings and more information:  
Phone 07 865 7065 or 027 470 1714  
or email [jess.morrison@communityservices.org.nz](mailto:jess.morrison@communityservices.org.nz)

# Welcome to the second August 2022 edition of Whangamatā NEWS

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# National announces programme to tackle unemployment

Despite industries and businesses across the country struggling to find workers, there are 50,000 more people on the Jobseeker benefit than when National left office five years ago.

It's particularly concerning that there are 34,000 Jobseekers who are under the age of 25, which has increased 49% over the last five years. This rate should not be going up when employers are screaming out for staff. We need a new approach to support young people back into work, because the current system isn't working.

At our recent National Party conference we announced a substantial policy which will see a more targeted approach to the problem. The Welfare that Works programme will contract community providers to assign 18-24-year-old Jobseekers with a dedicated job coach. This service will be tailored to the individual

and it will properly assess their circumstances.

After the individual has been assessed they must follow their plan or face sanctions, such as benefit reductions. For those young people who get off the benefit and stay in a job for 12 months, they get a financial reward of \$1000.

The Welfare that Works programme strikes the right balance between incentivising people to work and penalising those who don't meet their obligations. We simply can't keep wasting taxpayer's money on a system that is delivering worse results. A more tailored approach to Jobseekers is going to get a whole lot of young people off the treadmill that is potentially a lifelong welfare dependency addiction.

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# Whangamata Medical Centre - clinic update

## The Compliment

Sit back a while my friend and contemplate the thought

Just what kind of man you would have been had you not stood up and fought

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Because God knows you're a trier

- Graeme Smith

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### Kia Ora Koutou

**COVID-19 is still circulating in the community and added to this is an increase in other respiratory and viral illnesses, like colds, influenza, and gastroenteritis.**

It is important to remember that while vaccination is the strongest tool we have to fight COVID-19 and the flu, it is not the only tool. Being vaccinated does not mean you cannot and will not catch one of these, it does mean that you have a better chance of not catching the virus and not being able to pass it on to others as well as staving off the risks of serious disease, hospitalisation, the need for ICU care and even death. It is still important to take other preventative measures - sanitising, wearing face masks and social distancing all play a huge part in keeping you and your loved ones safe.

Mask wearing is and continues to be the best defence against catching COVID-19, or any virus, while out and about. If you are showing ANY symptoms of COVID-19 / Cold / Flu, please stay

at home and test. If your RAT is negative, it is recommended you still stay at home until you are symptom free.

If you or a loved one tests positive for COVID-19, reporting this positive test helps to ensure you get the right support needed to isolate safely. If you have done a RAT test at home, register the positive result via MyCovidRecord or by calling 0800 222 478, option 3. If you have had this done at the Medical Centre a text message will be sent with all the relevant information.

Despite our rigorous screening processes, we have had a couple of breaches at the front doors - please listen to the questions carefully and answer honestly.

We will still be able to see you if you are symptomatic, but in a dedicated infection controlled room.

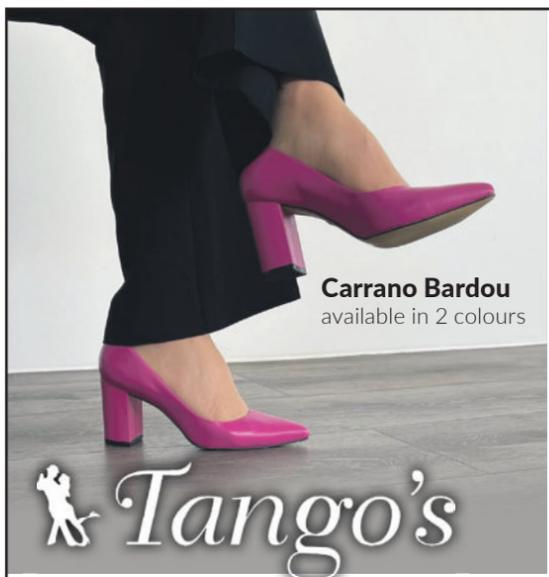
The risk to our staff and other patients in the clinic if COVID-19, or any other virus, gets through the doors is huge. Providing healthcare to the community will be very difficult if we have to



close the clinic and isolate.

As always, please remember to be kind, look after one another, and stay safe.

- Rebecca Townsend BCAPSc (Otago), Practice Manager, Whangamata Medical Centre



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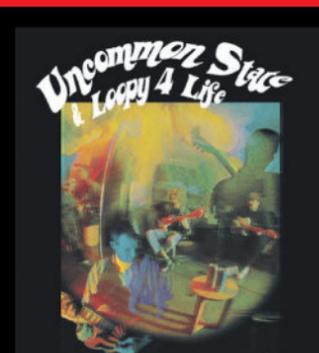


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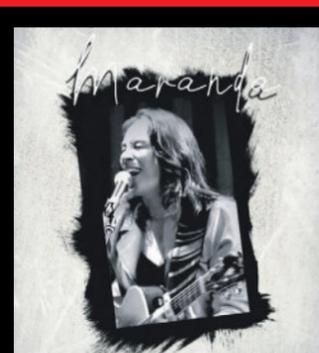
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# Salt District Brewery has arrived in Whangamata

**Liam Blunden and Kehan Murray have recently created Whangamatā's first microbrewery behind Whanga Bar in the former Yoga Studio.**

Production is underway now, pop down for a nose and see how it all goes down!

The plan for Salt District is working their 1BBL fermenters allowing them a constant supply of fresh beer of different styles/varieties. It only takes five hours of brewing, then of course two weeks for the fermentation and maturation period.

That will produce about 500 litres of beer at any given time.

They have all the malt, stainless, yeast and hops on site, most likely brewing as you read this.

Once they get a roll on, they can get bigger tanks and start brewing

double batches and get six 400 litre tanks and produce 2,400 litres of beer.

Making sure they are taking care of many variables like water quality, power consumption, monitoring ferments and yeast cells and using raw materials from New Zealand – the Nelson region – and all over the world.

So far the immediate plans for the boys is to have a pretty nifty beer garden ready by summertime, with ample bike parking so no driving home!

How was the idea born? Liam didn't want to be a tradie, a builder or a butcher, again. "I wanted to do something I enjoy" he says.

He went travelling overseas and realised "Craft beer was taking off and why not? It's pretty cool!"



Kehan has always wanted to create something special in the town he grew up in, "together we make a great team".

Liam went to the Hawke's Bay for two years and, whilst there, he did his internship of over 2000 brews and over 100 different beers for the likes of Garage Project, Moa and Behemoth brewing, with qualifications needed and completed under the watchful eye of his German brew-master, Alex.

This included beer tasting judging... how awful!

Liam's long term goal was always to come back here. Salt District have their manufacturing licence so the plan is "to chip away in the winter and supply local outlets from now, such as Craft Haus and PRP."

**Congratulations Liam and Kehan – another small business striving to succeed and a unique project destined for success!**

- Jennie Black

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We are **OPEN** and Welcome Members, Guests and Visitors to Whangamata



Coming up

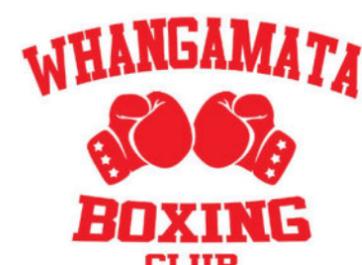
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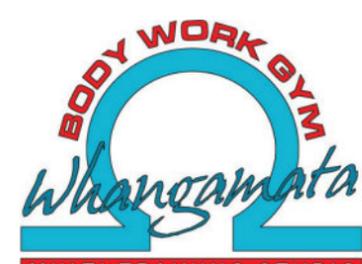
Tuesday 6:15pm-7:15pm  
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Thursday BoxFit with Gareth 6:15pm-7:15pm



MULTI TRAINING STUDIO

# Young sailors receive generous gift

Whangamatā News caught up with Melanie Mathews, Safety Officer from the Whangamata Sailing Club, who has just received the most generous donation for the Whangamata Lions Club - 15 GUL lifesaving buoyancy vests, valued at \$1500.

These vests are essential to the children. They are perfect fitting - short in the body for manoeuvring on board and no collars to catch on ropes and sails. There are 18 members and aged between 9 years up to 17 years.

Melanie tells us "This has been such a wonderful thing as we were desperately in need of new life jackets. We only had the very old orange ones that tied around the waist and were not suitable for sailing dinghies."

The cost was \$1500 to replace them and as a small club we could not afford to do this. We are so incredibly grateful."

The Whangamata Lions Club President, Chris Brown, joined our photo shoot on the day, along with Coach Andy Robertson for the senior sailors.

Andy is now in his second season with the children and has vast experience in Europe. He tells us they are a really nice group of kids, so enthusiastic.

Andy is joined by Bryn Jensen and Collin Reid coaching the Optis junior sailors.



Sailing is a summer sport, from October to April, meeting every second Sunday - with times varying to suit shifting tides. Now, the Whangamata Yacht Club squadron has kindly invited the children to mid-week races, to give them experience sailing on a big boat.

They are a small club that was set up in 2007 to introduce children to sailing and make it accessible to all who may never have considered sailing as an option.

All of the boats have been generously donated from other sailing clubs and the local Whangamatā community.

They have 10 Optimist learn-to-sail boats for the younger sailors, who are aged between 9 and 12 years old, as well as four laser sailing boats for older sailors who are aged 12 to 18 years old.

They have a club motorised safety boat and rely heavily on parents to keep the club running by helping out with running club day sailing, doing repairs and manning the safety boat along with donations from the local community.

- Jennie Black

The Club President is Andy Murray, Secretary/Treasurer is Collin Reid and the Administrator/Safety Officer is Melanie Mathews.

Any enquiries please phone Melanie Mathews on 021 263 6359.



Senior Coach Andy Robertson, Lions President Chris Brown and Safety Officer Melanie Mathews.



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# WAS surf champions

The National Scholastics is an annual event where regions send teams of 12 surfers to compete over five days. Each year a different region takes a turn at hosting it, and this year it is Taranaki.

Every year we (Coromandel Scholastics Team) hold a comp or two to help choose the team from. Results from the comp are used alongside kids Surfing New Zealand rankings to select the team. This year we wanted to increase participation in our local surf comp and develop an inter school championship. So we created the Coromandel Schools Surf Champs. An event that could be used as a selection criteria for the Coromandel Scholastics team and used to help grow competitive surfing in the Coromandel. A big change was moving the event to a school day and getting sanctioned by Sport Waikato as an official school sports competition that surfers could attend with the backing of their schools. We got a great turnout

this year, and not only got the highly competitive surfers fighting for a spot in the Coro team, but also kids who just love surfing and wanted to give competition a go and earn points for their school.

The National Scholastic Surfing Championships are the pinnacle of junior surfing in New Zealand. The annual event is held at a different location each year. Unique to the event is the fact that surfers have to qualify to compete as part of twelve regional teams.

**The event is held over five days and crowns an overall team winner plus individual winners in each of the following age groups:**

**The Under 18 Boys and Girls, the Under 16 Boys and Girls Divisions and the Under 18 Boys and Girls Longboard Divisions.**

- Contributed by Dylan Care.  
Photos by Mark James.



## RESULTS

### Under 14 Boys

1. Jay Tingle (WAS)
2. Harrison Biddle (WAS)
3. Beau Fitzgibbons (Waihi College)
4. Aiden Butler (Waihi College)

### Under 16 Boys

1. Zek Wyper (Te Kura)
2. Ash Rogers (WAS)
3. Taj Millar Dal Bosco (WAS)
4. Manu Roberts (WAS)

### Under 16 Girls

1. Pia Rogers (WAS)

### Under 14 Girls

1. Chloe Groube (WAS)
2. India Kennings (WAS)

### Under 18 Boys Longboard

1. Enzo Scott (WAS)

**Coromandel Schools Surf Championship winner:**  
Whangamata Area School.

### 12-man Coromandel Scholastics team selected:

- Pia Rogers
- Chloe Groube
- India Kennings
- Zek Wyper
- Ash Rogers
- Taj Millar Dal Bosco
- Manu Roberts
- Jay Tingle
- Harrison Biddle
- Beau Fitzgibbons
- Lennox Jennings
- Enzo Scott

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A booster will provide extra protection from a previous vaccination and help your immunity be stronger and last longer. And, by staying as healthy as you can, you help reduce pressure on our communities, businesses and the health sector.

If you've had COVID-19, you can get your booster three months after you tested positive. Make sure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccinations.

Check your eligibility at **[Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)** or call **0800 28 29 26**.

# 50-year milestone for Creative Fibre

Whangamatā News attended the Whangamata Creative Fibre group for their Jubilee event at the Memorial Hall on 6 August.

A true delight of tiered cakes and delicious bites from Whangamata Patchwork & Quilt ladies, with bubbles and more for all the ladies who celebrated great times and talents together.

Nationally acclaimed weaver Kaetaeta Watson was the guest speaker on the day. Her life mission being to keep alive Kiribati traditional weaving. Poignant at this

time to keep it going in spite of the island under threat of the rising sea levels, the politics and the needs of the people striving for normality.

Kaetaeta wowed everyone with her talk about her life in Kiribati and how she came to be here. She is now a nationally acclaimed Master Weaver, with a passion to share and keep alive the traditional skills of weaving. Her work has been exhibited in other countries. She has an exhibit in Te Papa and bought pieces of her own to share on the day.

- Jennie Black



Left to right: Robin Henry Committee Convenor, Rosemary Medforth - Life Member, Ann Schrieber - a long-standing Whangamata CF member and Judy Hares - Life Member.



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# Dune planting with students to prevent erosion

**Whangamatā News joined the busy beavers planting more than 2000 plants to prevent further erosion of the 600m<sup>2</sup> at Beach Access 17 on a Friday morning.**

Catching up with Grace Howells (Head Girl at Whangamata Area School), she tells us that 50 WAS students had joined with the Coastal Restoration Coordinator Jamie Boyle, Coastal Scientist for the Thames Coromandel District Council.

Jamie tells us that there were 2000 plants with four different varieties at Beach Access 17: Spinifex and pingao, both native sand binding plants and then knobby clubrush and pahuehue are planted at the back of the dunes to stop sand build up onto the reserve and keep people off.

This massive plantation project is to extend the dune plant zone

more landward so it can account for coastal erosion, where in the last two years we have lost all the fore-dune plants and it's just grass reserve which is unable to rebuild.

The whole purpose of this was to go back past the historical erosion lines that we knew of and to extend that zone back to account for any future erosion.

Bella also told us of an exciting project at the school (which Whangamatā News will cover more thoroughly in our next edition).

They are in the process of establishing an enviro group and vege garden at WAS. It will be a self-watering garden that can take care of itself over the holidays, which is very exciting.

"We have also planted a few fruit trees out the back of the school this year and added more native

plants to the garden next to the kindergarten.

"Brianna Fulton and myself are leading this group and are very excited to get it up and running as we feel it is important that the

younger generation be taught early about the environment as a lot of them have a passion to look after it".

**Great work ladies - looking forward to seeing its completion!**

- Jennie Black



From left: Grace Howells and her helpers from WAS.



## VOTE - Len Salt - A New Mayor for Thames-Coromandel

### THE CHALLENGE:

Our council and ratepayers are facing enormous pressure on services and works programmes.

- Critical shortages of materials
- Inflationary pressures on freight, shipping and fuel
- Increased pressure on personnel and staff costs
- Higher interest rates and cost of debt servicing

### WE NEED:

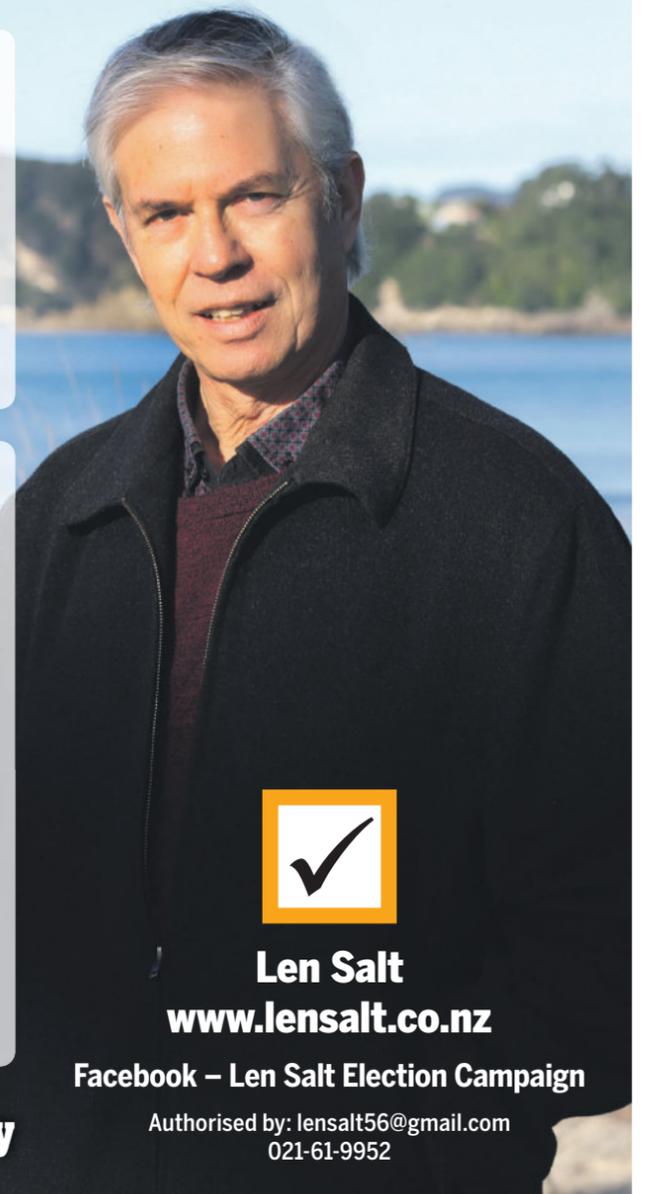
- Innovative, modern solutions to achieve cost-efficient outcomes
- Future proofed critical infrastructure
- Responsible and prudent financial management

### SUPPORT KEY WHANGAMATA COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

1. Harbour Care's management of amenity and environmental values
2. Ensure that facilities are fit for purpose before implementing boat launching & parking fees
3. Promote equity and fairness with rates allocation across the district
4. The establishment of the Whangamata Community Hub at 101 Lindsay Road
5. The addition of a 20 bed Dementia Unit at Moana House
6. The Whangamata Resources Services Trust to establish a Recovery and Redistribution centre

### CRITICAL FACTORS:

- Focused, independent leadership
- Task force reviews of contracted services
- Return key essential services to council control
- Target driven cost management
- Open and transparent governance



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**Our strength is not ours alone, but that of our community**

# Whangamata Patch and Quilt club give to school

Whangamata Patch and Quilt Club raised \$1500 to support the Whangamata Area School Tokū Ara programme, where students attend one month at Opoutere in a life learning programme.

The raffle was generously given by local businesses supporting the cause (listed below) for a giant raffle which meant the Patch and Quilt ladies could give such a substantial amount.

100% of money raised has gone to the school.

Each student costs \$1200 to go through the programme and monies like this helps subsidise students whose families need assistance. Assisting 30% of the cost is very much appreciated.

Principal Alistair Luke said even on a platinum sponsor level nationally this donation matched that.

Congratulations to the wonderful women who once again, tirelessly give their hours of talent to support our community.

- Jennie Black



From left: Principal Alistair Luke with Leslie Coatham and Debbie Adding.

### Winners of the raffles were:

- "Rainbow Geese" quilt - Bev Bagby
- "Tula Tigers" quilt - Marie Reilly
- Whangamata Business Hamper - Sandy Briggs
- Miss Lolo art - Hilary Brane
- Gourmet Food Hamper - Nolene Smith
- Sewing Hamper - Mary Johnson

Here are the generous businesses that donate to this fantastic event:

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| • Bella                       | • Sunny's             | • Whangamata Pharmacy                       |
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| • Bunnings                    | • Tango's Shoes       |   |
| • Gumps                       | • The Foodies Pantry  |   |
| • Mainly Casual               | • The Pumice Patch    |   |

## Sports results

### MAH JONG

**5 August:** We had 37 players attend MahJong. The results were 1st: Joyce Deeming with 39 points; 2nd Christina Sadler with 38 points; and 3rd-equal Linda Harris & Joy Speedy both with 37 points. Monthly winner of the Sponsor Prize was Daphne Ingles.

We have a new Welfare Officer Stephanie Prisk. Please contact Stephanie on either her phone or email and let her know of any concerns re our members on 021 023 95583 or sbprisk@xtra.co.nz.

### RSA 500 CARD CLUB

**27 July:** An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The winner on the day was Robert Watson and Robyne Curd won the chocolate bar.

**3 August:** 18 players had an enjoyable afternoon. The winner on the day was Chris Hepi and Ann Jacob won the chocolate bar. The two raffles were won by Lorna Judd and Karyn Jones.

**10 August:** An enjoyable afternoon. The winner on the day was Chris Hepi and Karynn Jones won the chocolate bar. The Raffle was won by Snow Harris.

**New players are always welcome on Wednesday 12.30pm - play starts at 1pm.**

### TABLE TENNIS

**4 August:** Gary Small's exercise program has paid off as he was on top points this week. Just one point behind was a real pack: Barbara Hoy, Robyn Baldock, Alby Driver, Wayne Broome and Keith Gribben.

**11 August:** The girls have broken through! Gail Gilbertson and Barbara Hoy were both on equal top points. Wayne Broome was next but who cares - congratulations to the girls.

**Come and join us on Thursdays, 12.50pm at the Whangamata Club.**

### WHANGAMATA CLUB INDOOR BOWLS

**6 August:** Handicap Singles was played with 3 qualifying from 12 players. Norm Sayer played Hazel Johnstone while Alex Steel had the bye. Hazel beat Norm and played Alex in the final. Hazel fought hard but Alex was too good on the day. Congratulations Alex and well done Hazel.

The adjunct announced the latest Aggregate results last week with the prizes going to: Skip - Ellen McSkimming; 3rd - Jenny Harpur; 2nd - Janet Foley; and Lead - Lynda Callaghan. Well done ladies - the men will need to do better in the next six weeks.

### WHANGAMATA CROQUET

Monday's handicap competition the winners Brian Devlin and Anne Harris on 20 points, runners up Kay Savage and Glenyss Radford on 19. Five association croquet players travelled to Waihi to play in their last winter tournament on Thursday. Even though there was a cool breeze the sun shone all day making it very pleasant for the days play. Maree Burt was runner-up in the 1st division and Chris Conroy runner up in the 2nd division.

# Smoky Pallet Master Cook competition - and the winners are...



Pictured above: Tui (MC) awards the winners Ella and Liam Blunden.



Pictured left: Mike Plant (Judge), Liam and Tarsh Bethall (contestants) and Tui (MC).



Left to right: Mike Plant (Judge), Stacey Field and Shona Taikato (contestants), Tui (MC).



Left to right: Mike Plant (Judge), Kane Edwards, Tui Hall (MC), Logan Toomer (contestants).

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## Held a sporting event?

Any club, team, group or adjunct - all ages...



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## Whangamatā NEWS

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# OUR COROMANDEL



News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

19 August, 2022

## Local Elections 2022

The candidate nomination period has closed and you can check out who the candidates are for Mayor, Councillors, and Community Board Members on our website at [tcdc.govt.nz/election](https://tcdc.govt.nz/election)

Keep your eye out on that page for any 'meet the candidate' sessions coming up, for your chance to quiz the candidates on their policies and values.

**Live in Thames-Coromandel District?** Make sure you're registered on the Parliamentary Roll to vote if you're eligible. If you're registered already and didn't receive a letter from the Electoral Commission, you can go to their website, [vote.nz](https://vote.nz) to double check your details. If you're not already registered to vote, you'll

have to come into one of our Council offices to apply for a special vote.

**Own a property here but don't live here?** You can enrol to vote as a Ratepayer Elector if you're on the Parliamentary Roll. Fill out the Ratepayer Electoral Enrolment Form and return it to Election Services by email or post by 7 October. You'll still have to come into one of our Council offices to apply for a special vote.

Ratepayer Roll enrolment forms are available on our website at [tcdc.govt.nz/election](https://tcdc.govt.nz/election) at our Council offices, or phone the electoral office on 0800 922 822.



Our Mayor Sandra Goudie, our new Chief Executive Aileen Lawrie and Ōpōtiki District Mayor Lyn Riesterer.

### Welcome to our new CE, Aileen Lawrie

Our Council's new Chief Executive, Aileen Lawrie, was welcomed to the district in a pōwhiri on 8 August.

Aileen comes to the Coromandel after 12 years as Chief Executive of Ōpōtiki District Council where she drove forward large-scale projects in aquaculture, housing and cycleway developments – work that aligns well with initiatives we have underway in those sectors.

### SPORT, RECREATION AND PLAY IN THE DISTRICT

Help shape what play, sport and recreation facilities are available in the district. Take five minutes to fill in Sport Waikato and our Council's survey about what facilities you use and want before the end of August, through this link: [bit.ly/3vmMmMO](https://bit.ly/3vmMmMO)

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS TO US!**

We want to hear about the places you are active in Thames-Coromandel and what could be improved!



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### FREEDOM CAMPING

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[tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw](https://tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw)

We're reassessing what Council managed and owned areas around the Coromandel can support freedom camping, and we want your feedback on it.

Our Council welcomes responsible freedom campers who are here to explore all the wonderful things the Coromandel has to offer.

To make sure everyone gets a fair chance to enjoy the scenery and amenities such as car parking at popular locations, we need to make sure we have some practical rules in place.

That's why we'd like you to have your say on the draft Freedom Camping bylaw. Our consultation runs until 2 September.

One of the proposals we're making for the Thames Ward is to allow freedom camping at the Tararu Cultural Arts Centre. Freedom camping would only be allowed in the southeast end of the car park (blue area on the map to the right) in a designated area for a maximum of four vehicles.



Go to [tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw](https://tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw) to find out more and have your say online, or pick up a submission form at one of our Council offices.

### HEAD ALONG TO A PLANTING DAY

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### HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR DRAFT Speed Management Plan

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Visit our webpage [tcdc.govt.nz/speed](https://tcdc.govt.nz/speed) or pick up a survey from your nearest Council office or library.

Your views count. Have your say from now until Wednesday 14 September 2022.

### Creative Communities Scheme

Funding available for local arts groups & projects

[tcdc.govt.nz/ccs](https://tcdc.govt.nz/ccs)

### FUNDING FOR LOCAL ARTS GROUPS & PROJECTS

Local art groups and creative projects across the Coromandel are being offered a helping hand with funding from the Creative Communities Scheme.

Applications open 1-30 September.

The scheme, backed by Creative New Zealand, aims to increase participation in the arts, broaden the range and diversity of the arts available to communities, enhance and strengthen the local arts sector.

Funding is awarded to projects rather than people. The project and applications must meet one or more of the scheme's criteria.

Applications forms and more information can be found at [tcdc.govt.nz/ccs](https://tcdc.govt.nz/ccs)



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# WHANGAMATA THEATRE SOCIETY celebrates 30 years

## The show must go on

As long as people have walked the earth, stories have been told; from stories around the campfire told by older people to entertain and educate the young, to 15th century knights dressing up as Romans during themed tournaments. Telling a story is putting on a little show; a show is a great way to tell a story.

If you want to create shows or plays, it is important to create a 'believable' experience for the audience. This enables you to take them to another place and/or time. How believable this world you create is, depends a lot on all the work you put into a myriad of helpers for research, story content, clothing, props, cast, dressers, lighting and sound engineers, musical directors. Next to my own belief and experience, I measure the importance of things being believable, authentic or 'real' through the one question everyone gets from the audience: Is that real?

For over 30 years, the Whangamata



Theatre Society has been doing just that. Like many theatre groups they would have loved their own venue, and over the years have looked at the possibility but never had the financial resources, and benefactors

are extremely scarce.

Whangamatā News caught up with Greg Amos, President, to talk about the many varied and sensational shows Whangamatā has enjoyed over the timeline of over 30 years. Greg has been involved since 2003.

"I was pretty new to the community but ended up, in short notice, being the lead role in *Allo Allo*" he tells us.

Dramas, musicals, workshops and bringing in entertainers have involved many, many talented people, often those backstage outnumbering the actors, often 50 people make it all happen.

Starting originally as The Whangamata Players in 1991 with a focus predominantly on drama, it changed in 1999 to Whangamata Theatre Society to include musicals as well. It has seen many homes from the beginning, such as the Cedarwood Convention Centre, the Bowling Club, the Old Memorial Hall and now at the Memorial Hall beside the RSA.

I'm told that Whangamatā audiences prefer 'musicals' but now more theatrical acting and using New Zealand playwrights, who turn out some really good stuff are appealing as well as bringing in outside entertainers such as Mark Wright with his recent *Gallipoli Monologues*.

Keep in mind we could talk about all the many names of those integral to this history, so many to mention really, so forgive the writer that this is an overview.

However, we did want to catch up with Peter West (now in Ashburton), pictured right, who was integral to assisting with sound, lighting and photography over the years and asked him for his overview and involvement.



Peter West.

Peter tells us "My first contact with what was to become the theatre society came about because I had been 'talked' into auditioning for a musical, largely based on the *Pirates of Penzance*. Also, at about the same time, I saw a comedy by Martyn Baynton, with a Victorian melodrama, which began "Midnight, and all is quiet, like Waihi, on market day." Very un-pc, with references with tours running from Waihi to see the traffic lights outside the picture theatre, which there were then. I thought it was funny as...

"My favourite venue, which is now a furniture store (Beds R Us), were the event rooms of the hotel complex Cedarwood Convention Centre divided into three huge rooms by bi-fold, sliding doors. The stage was a kit-set of trusses, which were assembled into a sturdy 1-metre



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at the old Memorial Hall. Today, they have a purpose-built storage facility including Costume Hire in Casement Road (across from New World).

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As well as performing in the Memorial Hall complex, the WTS has gone out to the community with the likes of Christmas entertainment at Moana House and an Anzac Day show at the RSA.

The WTS also through shows, such as *The Sound of Music*, *Cinderella*, *Oliver* and the *Wizard of Oz* have encouraged our community youth to get involved with acting, singing, dancing and all other facets of theatre. A great example of where one of our youngsters has gone on to make a successful career in acting is *Shortland Street* star, Rebekah Randell.

- Jennie Black

high platform, with sheet flooring screwed on top. This was usually positioned in the front of the rearmost room, so that the bi-folds could cover one gap to each side of the stage, and the whole of the back room for dressing, etc. A bit hard to light, but great acoustics.

"My second favourite would be the old Memorial Hall. A proper stage, proscenium arch with curtains and dressing rooms almost made up for the tiny depth and lack of room for lighting, but it was easily possible to fill it with a few voices, and no pa system."

Greg tells *Whangamatā News* that, in the early days, equipment, props and costumes were stored at either people's homes or under the stage



Greg Amos and Angie Meiklejohn - *Sound of Music*

A young local, Rebekah Randell (nee Palmer), is now on *Shortland Street*, and has been playing the role for five years on our TV screens, and we asked how her journey with Whangamatā Theatre Society began to lead her to her ongoing success.

Rebekah sent in her submission to us...

"Whangamatā Theatre Society holds a very special place in my heart. After showing an interest in the performing arts at the age of seven, Mum sent me along to a WTS workshop for children. It was here I learned to "melt like an ice cream" and upon returning home and demonstrating this to anyone in the family that would watch, I announced that "when I grew up, I wanted to become an actor".

There was never any back up career or dream for me from that day forward, acting was all I wanted to do.

My relationship with WTS didn't end at that workshop, as my parents nurtured my love of performance and so did the members at the theatre society and up until I left Whangamatā at the age of 18. I appeared in many of their shows, *A Fish Out Of Water* but *Cinderella* and *Oliver* were two of my favourites. I remember watching the adults who played the leads rehearsing



larger than life, hilarious comedic characters and being in awe of their wit and transformation.

Comedy happens to be one of my strengths as an actor as I always wonder if the fun pantomimes we performed had a part to play in that."

"It's not often in small towns like Whangamatā you get opportunities to explore your passion - I'm forever grateful for the part Whangamatā Theatre Society members had to play in encouraging me.

Congratulations on 30 years - Such an incredible achievement. It just shows how important and relevant theatre is, and hopefully always will be."

## Shows over the years...

1996 *A Victorian Night Out*; 1997 *Between Mouthfuls*; 1998 *A Night of Alan Bennett*; 1998 *The Betrothal*; 1998 *As Time Goes By*; 1999 *Chase Me Up Farndale Avenue*; 1999 *Shenanigan Brothers*; 1999 *On Golden Pond*; 2000 *A Day At The Seaside*; 2000 *The Flicks*; 2001 *Social Climbers*; 2001 *Medieval Banquet*; 2001 *Goldilocks And The Three Bears (Pantomime)*; 2002 *Who's Under Where*; 2002 *School Dayz*; 2003 *Allo Allo*; 2003 *A Funny thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*; 2004 *Reluctant Debutante*; 2004 *Russ Standing Workshop*; 2004 *Music Hall*; 2004 *All For Mary*; 2005 *Cinderella (Pantomime)*; 2005 *No Sex Please, We're British*; 2005 *Irish Night*; 2005 *Geezers*; 2006 *Debbie Dorday Show*; 2007 *Oliver*; 2007 *Dad's Army*; 2008 *The Sound Of Music*; 2009 *Stardust*; 2010 *Music We Have Loved*; 2010 *Directors Workshop*; 2011 *Fish Out Of Water*; 2011 *The Wizard Of Oz*; 2012 *Magic Melodies*; 2012 *In Spite of Himself*; 2013 *Beyond A Joke*; 2013 *Best Of British*; 2014 *Understanding Women*; 2014 *Best of British II*; 2015 *Showstoppers*; 2015 *Cinderella Rock n Roll*; 2018 *Calendar Girls*; 2019 *Stepping Out*; 2021 *Ugly Customers*; 2022 *Gallipoli Monologues*; 2022 *Whangamatā's Got Talent (current)*.

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**Congratulations Whangamatā Theatre Society on your milestone of 30 years!**

I have enjoyed and participated in many plays, sing-alongs and roles over the years, it's a credit to the teams of people who bring it all together, year after year.

- Gordon Turner

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# Arts mingle a huge success

Whangamatā News has been covering the lead into the annual Mid Winter Mingle from our Arts Collective for the last few editions and every year I know I will never be disappointed.



Graeme, Kelly and Lynne always put the planning into great nibbles, great raffles and of course the lighting, the art, the newbies on show and the amazing talent in our township.

I was delighted to buy two pieces that were very affordable.

It was a fantastic afternoon as

promised - to relax, enjoy live music and be tantalised by our taste buds and with all the art showcased.

Congratulations Arts Collective, it was a superb and polished exhibition with variety and themes all abundant!

- Jennie Black



Ted Pickett - local sculptor.



Graeme Smith presents the prize to raffle winner Terry Walker.



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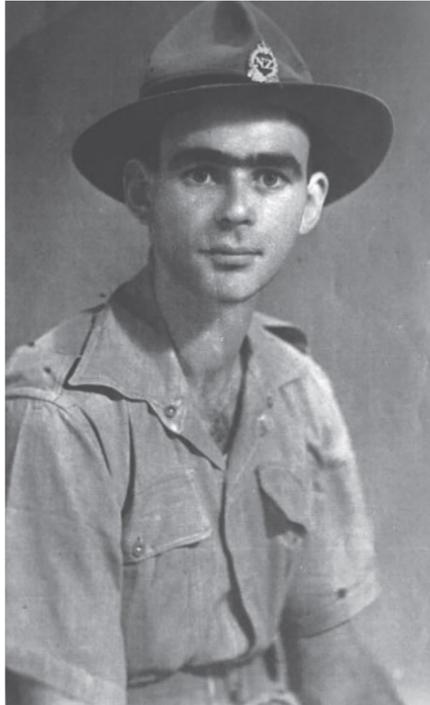
## Obituary

# Brant Robinson 1941-2022

The one veteran alive who fought on the island of Crete in May 1941 has died on August 7, 2022.

Brant Robinson would have celebrated his 105th birthday on the 21st January 2023, but he slipped away peacefully after making sure he had his red wine at Happy Hour and his tea at Moana House.

What a life! He has really enjoyed the last 7 years at Moana House in Whangamata. He did enjoy his time



there, loved the meals and relished the lolly prizes he won at Housie. Thanks so much go to Moana House staff. Also how good was it from the

organisers that he and fellow Moana House veteran, Roy Brooks, could take part in this year's Anzac parade by being in their own "bubble" of the Moana House van.

Earlier, Brant loved his van rides, usually driven by Robbie Harwood, and so it was appropriate that Robbie officiated at the private family memorial for Brant.

Born Cyril Henry Brant on January 21, 1918, to a minister's family life where he was the first of 6 sons, he lived in a pretty strict household with a minister father and a tartar mother.

Then war took him on a new journey: he was part of the advance party, leaving NZ in 1939. The journey took them to Cairo and to Crete ; but Brant's war experience was brought to a halt on Crete, where he was taken prisoner and spent much of the next 4 years as a POW.

The worst thing he remembered was not knowing how long they would be incarcerated!

Paul London, a former president of the New Zealand Battle of Crete Association, believes that Brant Robinson was the last Kiwi veteran of the Battle of Crete and "in all probability, he may well be the world's last soldier to have fought in the battle".



Brant will be remembered by his son, John; daughter in law, Lynne; two sons, Krister (and Lucy) and Cam. As a great grandfather, he had a loving relationship with two beautiful great grandchildren, Zara and Jake, who engaged with him with enormous love.

Rest well Brant; you deserve it.

- Supplied by Lynne Robinson



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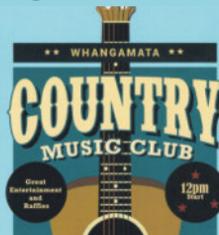
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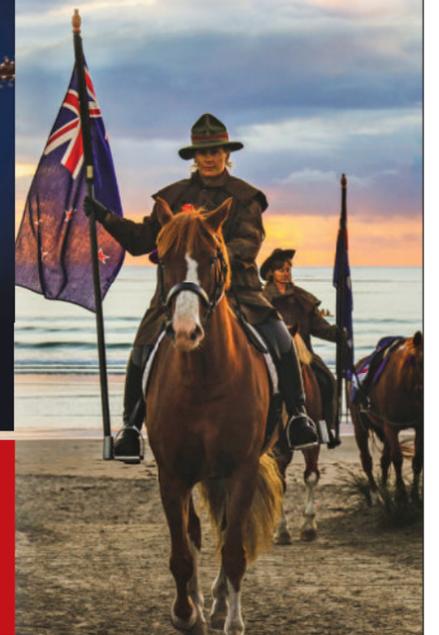


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# Adventure Race – 10 years and going strong!

2022 marks the 10th anniversary of the Whangamatā Adventure Race. The event had humble beginnings in 2013 with 120 participants in a six hour race that started and finished on the Whangamatā Area School field.

It has steadily grown since then and now includes a three hour race, a six hour race and a 12 hour race.

Before Covid hit, the race was selling out with 1000 participants. Adventure Racing is an exciting and challenging team sport. It involves travelling on foot and by mountain bike to collect checkpoints marked on a map.

The course took teams on an exciting, cross country adventure through native bush, streams, farmland trails and forestry. The course is kept top secret until



the day of the race when teams receive their maps and here are the wonderful results and photos of the day photos on the day – Saturday, 6 August, 2022.

*Thank you to Peter Stretch Photography and Mark James - Whangamatā News.*



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# Whangamata Adventure Race 2022 Results



Prizegiving at Memorial Hall.

## Locals teams

### 3-HOUR FAMILY

**2nd place:** Panthers - 2800pts.  
Brendan Robertson, Jacob Robertson, Millen Lloyd.

**7th place:** Chicken Wings - 2300pts.  
Kylee Flegg, Zak Woodhouse.

**8th place:** Not Fast Just Furious - 2100pts.  
Glenn Matheson, Holly Matheson.

### 3-HOUR WOMEN

**2nd place:** RTM - Rapid Thigh Movement - 2400pts.  
Emma Driver, Sarita MacDonald, Sarah Finlay, Becky Pickett.

### 6-HOUR SCHOOL

**1st place:** Beach Balls - 4400pts.  
Cam Gilbert, Toby Gilbert, Hunter Matherson, Daniel Lewis.

### 6-HOUR MEN

**1st place:** WNW - 5000pts.  
Gareth Kretzer, Ben Frith, Geordie Walden, Daniel Curd.

## Overall winners

**12-hour:** Swordfox - 9300pts

**6-hour:** Kerry's Big Fact Hunt - 5600pts

**3-hour:** Run Like the Winded - 3100pts



First place: Beach Balls - Cam Gilbert, Toby Gilbert, Hunter Matherson.



Second place: Panthers - Millen Lloyd and Jacob Robertson.

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# Success for Whangamata Surf Life Saving at awards night

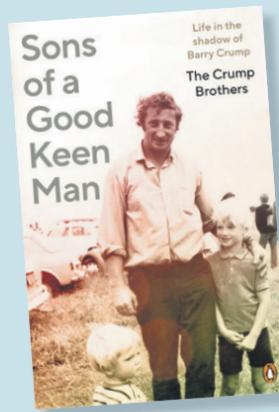


The SLSNZ Eastern Region awards were held at Pāpāmoa on 30 July, with our own Whangamatā winners proudly front and centre – we are in very safe hands, everyone!

## SLSER Awards of Excellence 2022

- Coromandel Overall Club of the Year
- Coromandel Patrol Club of the Year
- Patrol Captain of the Year: Dom Sutton
- Instructor of the Year: Bre Norris
- Lifeguard of the Year: Dom Sutton
- Rachelle Bright: SLSER Service Award
- Nathan Hight: SLSER Service and Distinguished Service Award

## Books



### SONS OF A GOOD KEEN MAN

THE CRUMP BROTHERS

Barry Crump was held up as the quintessential Kiwi bloke.

He was also an unscrupulous brute, womaniser, alcoholic and absentee husband. And the father of six children.

For Ivan, Martin, Stephen, Harry, Erik and Lyall, Barry has always been an enigma.

This is their story, in their words.

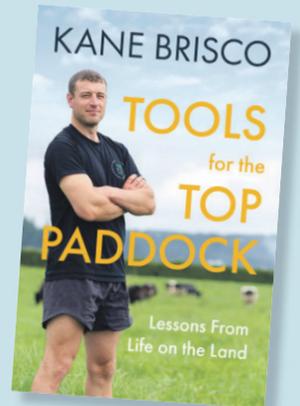
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**ROBINSON, Cyril Henry Brant (Brant)** Regimental No 4710, Staff Sergeant, Signals, 2NZ Div, RNZA, WW2.

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Passed away peacefully at Moana House, Whangamata on 7 August, 2022; in his 105th year. Loving husband of the late Betty, and the late Brenda. Loving father and father in law of John and Lynne; and the late Barbara. Grandad of Krister (and Lucy) and Cameron; special great-grandad of Zara and Jake.

A private celebration of Brant's life has been held.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

**BARCLAY, Frederick Donald.**

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A Celebration of Fred's Life will be held at 11.00am Friday,  
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Fred's family invites Fred's many friends to join them at Whangamata Memorial Hall, 326 Port Road, Whangamata for a Farewell Ceremony and afterwards at Whangamata RSA for refreshments and sharing stories of experiences with Fred.

For those unable to attend, the event will be live-streamed on <https://vimeo.com/736393585/26b3809818> and will then be available online for viewing over the following month.

In lieu of flowers - please make donations to Te Kiwi Maia charity for emergency responders <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/te-kiwi-maia-1>

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Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Whangamata Golf Club will be held at the Titoki Clubrooms, on Thursday 22nd September at 7.00pm.

Business

- Apologies
- Confirmation of the minutes of the 2021 AGM
- President's Report
- General Manager's Report
- Course Manager's Report
- 2022 Annual Financial Statements and Budget
- Election of Officers for 2022/2023
- Appointment of Patron
- Appointment of Auditor
- Notices of Motion
- General Business

Richard White, General Manager

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

for the Thames Coromandel District Council Local Elections 2022

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**WHERE:** Whangamata Memorial Hall

**WHEN:** Saturday 17 September at 11am

If you have a question for our candidates, you can submit by email to:  
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August 2022

☾ New Moon: 27th    ● Full Moon: 12th

Date	High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Sun rise	Sun set
	AM		PM	AM		PM		
19	Fri	0:12	1.8	12:40	6:20	0.3	18:43	06:56 17:43
20	Sat	1:00	1.7	13:32	7:08	0.4	19:37	06:54 17:44
21	Sun	1:49	1.7	14:27	7:59	0.4	20:32	06:53 17:45
22	Mon	2:40	1.6	15:21	8:52	0.5	21:28	06:52 17:46
23	Tue	3:33	1.6	16:15	9:45	0.5	22:22	06:50 17:46
24	Wed	4:27	1.6	17:06	10:38	0.5	23:13	06:49 17:47
25	Thu	5:19	1.6	17:53	11:27	0.5		06:48 17:48
26	Fri	6:08	1.6	18:37	0:01	0.6	12:12	06:46 17:49
27	Sat	6:54	1.7	19:19	0:45	0.5	12:55	06:45 17:50
28	Sun	7:37	1.7	19:59	1:26	0.4	13:36	06:43 17:51
29	Mon	8:18	1.7	20:38	2:06	0.4	14:16	06:42 17:51
30	Tue	8:59	1.8	21:18	2:46	0.4	14:57	06:41 17:52
31	Wed	9:40	1.8	21:58	3:27	0.3	15:39	06:39 17:53

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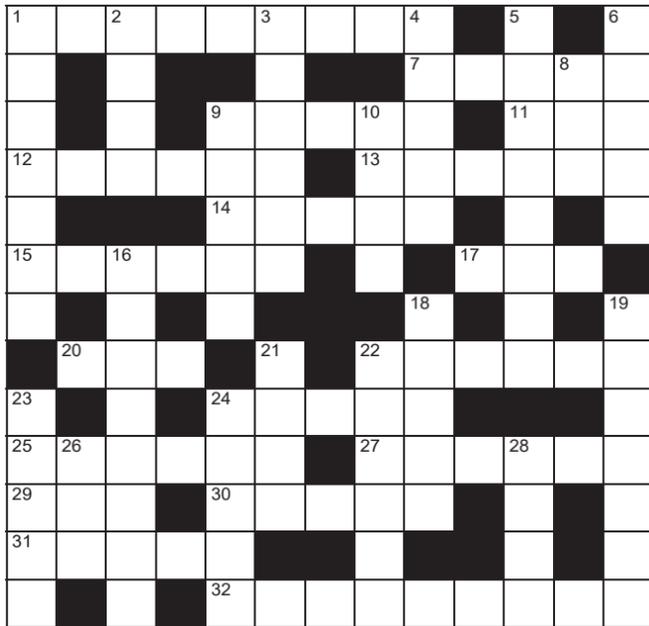
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- 11. Internet (inf) (3)
- 12. Gesture of respect (6)
- 13. Retaliate (6)
- 14. Shade of bright blue (5)
- 15. Move slowly (6)
- 17. Police officer (inf) (3)
- 20. Colony insect (3)
- 22. Appear (6)
- 24. Charming (5)
- 25. Consequence (6)
- 27. Male former pupil (3,3)
- 29. By way of (3)
- 30. Coral island (5)
- 31. Sign up (5)
- 32. Tropical fruit (9)

**DOWN**

- 1. Be in authority position in court (7)
- 2. Gemstone (4)
- 3. Light wind (6)
- 4. Wait on (5)
- 5. Cloudburst (8)
- 6. Resist authority (5)
- 8. Small barrel (3)
- 9. Stem (5)
- 10. Bring in money (4)
- 16. Breezy power plant (4,4)
- 18. Scent (5)
- 19. Use again (7)
- 21. Cigarette end (4)
- 22. Develop gradually (6)
- 23. Even (5)
- 24. Sell ticket at excessive price (colloq) (5)
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- 28. Minor deviation from a trend (4)

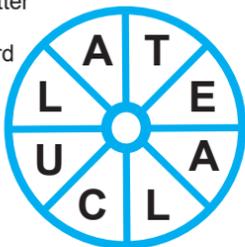
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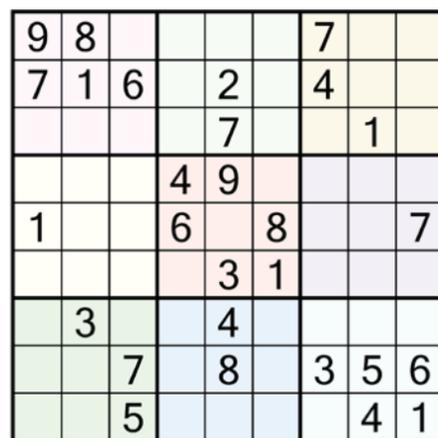
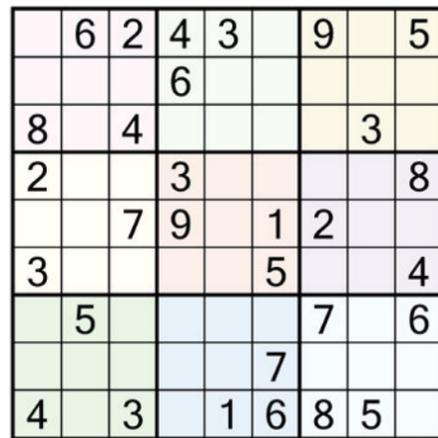
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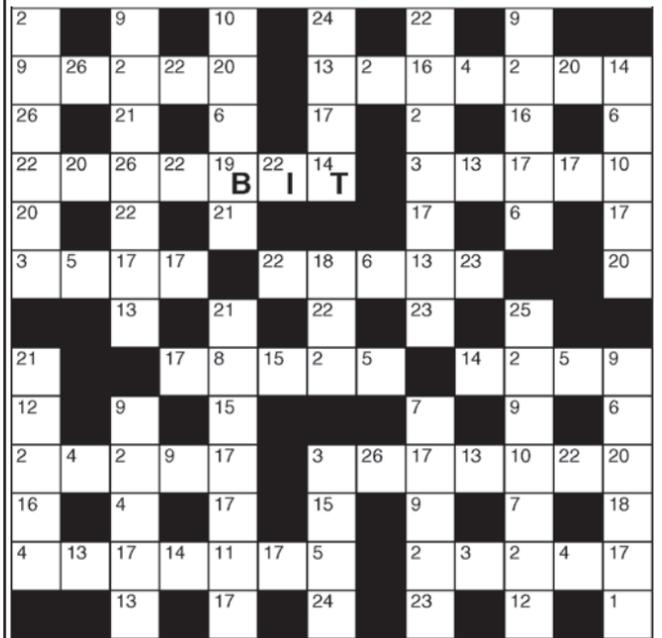
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Fill the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13													
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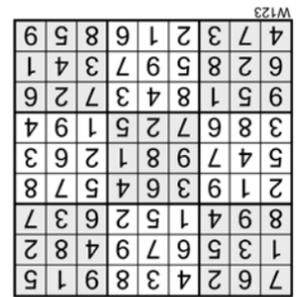
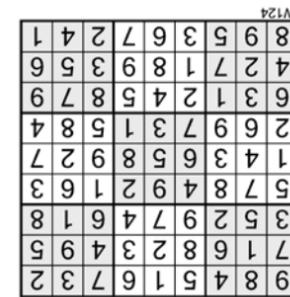
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**Across:** 1. Prohibits, 7. Evolve, 9. Sever, 11. Web, 12. Salute, 13. Avenue, 14. Azure, 15. Dawdle, 17. Cop, 20. Ant, 22. Emerge, 24. Snave, 25. Effect, 27. Old boy, 29. Via, 30. Atoll, 31. Enrol, 32. Pneumonia.  
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