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# To the EDITOR

## Nurses need our support

Nurses need to be paid more – all nurses, whoever funds them.

Nurses need working conditions that are safe and supported – all nurses, whoever employs them.

DHB nurses are currently fighting for what seems like a no-brainer – pay and conditions that respect and enhance the mana of their cohort. But what of nurses who aren't directly employed by the DHB's? Where does it leave them? Particularly those working in not-for-profit and community-based settings? Those that provide safety and services for our older people?

The current NZ Nurses Organisation claim covers 30,000 registered nurses – but only those working for DHBs. Funding of better pay and conditions for the other 20,000 nurses not directly employed by the DHBs are not included.

Minister Little was clear when interviewed by Mani Dunlop on RNZ's Midday Report (6/8/21) that

non-DHB nurses will need to wait two years. This is too long. The reality is, a two-year wait will see an increase in DHB nursing staff – at the cost of the nurses who work in your community, in not-for-profit settings, and most crucially, in residential aged care.

Not-for-profit aged care providers have no other way to raise funds. Our nurses are effectively paid by the DHB, through funding that is passed on. But this increase won't flow on. So our nurses will have to choose to leave us. And without our nurses, we will have to reduce the number of older people we care for in our services. We may even have to close our services in some communities.

We need everyone in our communities to contact their local MPs and let them and Minister Little know that we want our nurses paid what they are worth, with conditions that match. ALL nurses. NOW.

**Nikki Hurst**  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NZ COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICES



# Opening up New Zealand relies on vaccine roll-out

We are finally starting to see the vaccine roll-out reaching our communities. With new variants causing havoc around the world and the realisation that a community outbreak is only one mistake away, it's really important that we get vaccinated as quickly as we can. No one wants to experience another outbreak or a lockdown, so it's up to us to keep our community safe.

It seems pretty clear that the early stages of the vaccine roll-out lacked ambition and an understanding of how different communities needed personalised approaches. I talked to many people from around the Coromandel about the issues they were having getting their vaccine invitation, then finding a suitable location to book. It was concerning that people who were deemed most at risk, such as seniors, were the ones who had to travel further for their vaccines. Thankfully, more

and more facilities are coming online and we should start to see demand met locally. I'll soon be vaccinated and I'm encouraging everyone else to get the jab too.

Vaccines will also give us more options when it comes to filling the country's skilled-worker shortages. On this note, it's good to see that Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) workers from Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu will be able to come in and fill the gaps in our workforce. The decision is long overdue and should have been made months ago. The agriculture and horticulture sectors are essential to the Coromandel and Western Bay of Plenty. Growers have been calling for exemptions to be made for these workers for months. Hopefully this decision will ease some of the uncertainty that the industry has been facing.

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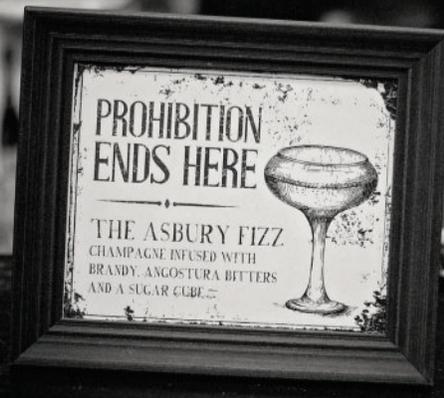


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# Keep your notes and gold coins handy

When Daffodil Day rolls around on Friday 27 August it will be the second year in a row that Whangamatā local Sue Watson has been involved.

Last year she learned the ropes; this year she's taken on the challenge to coordinate Daffodil Day activities in the town.

That means securing permission for collection sites, organising volunteers and engaging with local clubs and businesses wanting to fundraise for the Cancer Society's largest annual appeal.

With the number of people affected by cancer doubling since 1991, and set to double again by 2040, Sue says it's the significant impact of cancer in the community that motivates her to get involved in Daffodil Day.



Volunteers Catherine Ross and Sue Watson with a cheery and generous local.

"Every third person you pass in the street will hear a cancer diagnosis at some point in their lifetime. It's not something people wear on their sleeve, but it affects so many people.

"I think we all have a responsibility to do something for the health of the community."

There are five collection sites planned for Whangamatā. The sites will operate on both Friday 27 August and Saturday 28 August to make the most of the influx of holiday makers travelling to the area for the weekend.

Sue says she's grateful for the support of the community, with around 50 "very enthusiastic and supportive" volunteers expected to put their hand up to help on collection sites over the two days.

To ensure the success of the street collection, Sue's appealing to the community to keep their cash handy for the collection bucket.

While eftpos won't be available on the day, safe and secure online donations can be made by scanning the QR code on display at collection sites.

Every donation helps the Waikato/ Bay of Plenty Cancer Society support people affected by cancer in the region, like providing one-on-one support from experienced nurses and free accommodation for locals travelling to Waikato Hospital for cancer treatment.

Donations from Daffodil Day also fund vital cancer research and help deliver health promotion programmes to reduce the impact of cancer in the future.

**Please give generously when you see a street collector this Daffodil Day. Or donate online by visiting [daffodilday.org.nz](http://daffodilday.org.nz).**

- Pip Stephenson, Cancer Society

# Challenged by the digital age

Recognising that the government rests heavily on New Zealanders' ability to make use of digital devices and the internet and that New Zealand research shows that the plus 65ers are among the more digitally excluded, Whangamatā SeniorNet focuses on motivating and supporting seniors to master technological challenges.

Having access to a laptop, iPad, or mobile phone does not ensure digital inclusion and research shows that while our homes have access to the internet many of us are not able to use our devices effectively to improve our quality of life by accessing online services and instant communication.

Today's devices can be hard to use for old eyes and arthritic fingers but with a bit of practice we can manage most things. Whangamatā SeniorNet provide presentations, courses and interest groups on issues ranging from Windows 10 and Apple Mac operating systems to password management; music on Spotify, iHeart Radio/ Rova; transferring/enhancing photos taken on your phone; Photo Book options; the cashless society (how to manage with no banks in town); projecting programs on your phone to your TV; the Smart House, smart fridge, security cameras, Facebook.

**Whangamatā SeniorNet strives to provide options and classes for seniors to ensure that they are all able to appreciate the value of the various devices and technology available today. All you need to do to join is come to Cornerstone House at 10.30am on the third Friday of the month or contact Ian Feasey 027 4422 381 or Bob Storey 027 820 5775.**



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# Bike trail extension targets economic growth

**A new 2km bike trail linking Whangamatā township with the Mountain Bike Park will provide the town with an iconic visitor attraction, bring more tourist dollars to the area and boost the popularity of the best mountain bike park in the Coromandel, says Thames-Coromandel Eastern Ward Councillor Terry Walker.**

He predicts a safe track from town to the park will encourage more people including family groups to use it and will help the further development of a great asset for Whangamatā.

The Whangamatā Community Board has been given \$50,000 for scoping and engineering work on the project, which will involve the construction of an underpass on SH25. A further \$200,000 in next year's budget has been earmarked for construction of the track out to the underpass.

Walker says the bike trail has become immensely popular since the end of last year's COVID lockdown when more people wanted to make the most of their freedom to enjoy the great outdoors.

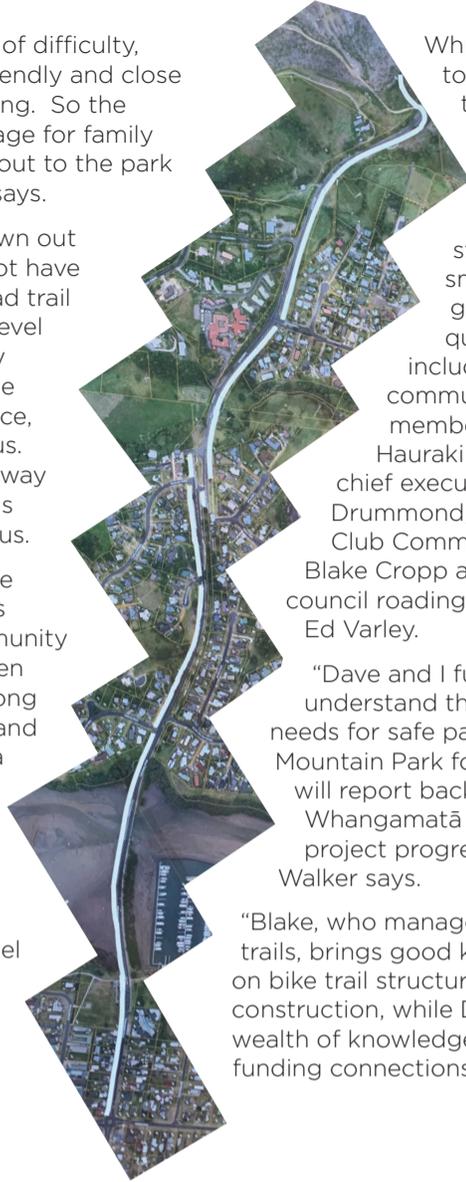
"The Whangamatā Mountain Bike Park has increased its trails and

the different levels of difficulty, making it family-friendly and close to town for accessing. So the need for safe passage for family groups from town out to the park became clear," he says.

"The route from town out to the park does not have a dedicated off-road trail and with the high level of traffic, especially in summer - and the restricted road space, it is quite dangerous. Crossing the causeway into Whangamatā is especially dangerous.

"The need for a safe biking passage was raised at the Community Board meeting when we reviewed the Long Term Plan 2021-31 and it was considered a valuable project to include into the consultation document."

Walker says the Thames Coromandel District Council adopted the Long Term Plan at its June 30 meeting.



While it's too early to forecast when the project will be

completed, he says it is being steered by a small working group of well qualified people including himself, community board member Dave Ryan,

Hauraki Rail Trail chief executive Diane Drummond, Multi Sports Club Committee chairman Blake Cropp and district council roading manager Ed Varley.

"Dave and I fully understand the community needs for safe passage to the Mountain Park for families and will report back to the Whangamatā CB as the project progresses," Walker says.

"Blake, who manages the park trails, brings good knowledge on bike trail structure and construction, while Diane has a wealth of knowledge as well as funding connections with trails

management and operation.

"Ed's team will provide the engineering, define the safest route and oversee construction, while liaising with Waka Kotahi, (New Zealand Transport Authority)."

Located just five minutes from the Whangamatā township on State Highway 25 in a commercial pine forest, the park offers something for everyone, from the first-time rider to experts.

Walker says the addition of a safe track for riders from town will provide Whangamatā with an excellent tourist activity.

"We don't have a lot of tourist activities here apart from kayaking but when this track is finished families will be able to safely access the mountain bike park for a day out, then ride back to the beach for a swim. Other areas have bike trails, but not near a beach.

"We are scoping the project with TCDC road people and putting together a plan for a project manager.

"We're hot to trot - now we just need some action!"

- Cameron Scott

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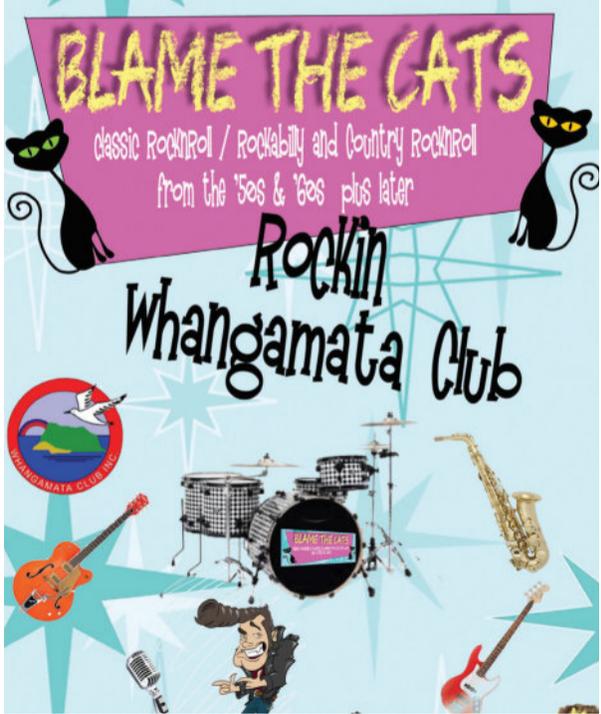
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The Whangamatā Junior Football Club, in collaboration with Senior Club Members, intends to establish a 5-a-side Summer Football Festival. It will be a weekly event, to be played in two age groups, as a round robin competition over two calendar periods.

We believe that football in the community is under-represented, and we see this as a huge opportunity to grow the grassroots interest in the sport and enhance the social/community experience and positive aspects of safe, structured family orientated (sports) activities.

First dips go to the families of junior/senior club members and the two school's communities, after a first invitational roll call, this is extended to the wider Whangamatā Community, and we may extend this to the Tairua and Whenuakite School communities.

There will be two divisions:

- **DIVISION A)** Junior Football 5-a-side competition, teams made up of players from the U8-U12 cohorts, ideally limited to seven players per team, with one player per team allowed to be born in calendar year 2008.



- **DIVISION B)** Senior Social Football 5-a-side competition, teams made up of players born on or before 31 August, 2007 (must be at least 14 years of age in 2021), ideally limited to seven players per team.

**Here's how the event will work:**

- We encourage the formation of teams based on whanau/friends,

we don't want elite teams, and we encourage all family members to give it a go.

- We want creative team names that tell us something about the team's 'fabric' and spirit.
- We hope to achieve registration numbers of six teams per competition, equal to a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 42

players per competition.

- Playing format/rules and timetable are already established and will be published/issued to registered teams.
- There will be four games per team per match day, the junior competition will start at 3:30pm and end at 5:05pm. The senior competition will start at 5:15pm and finish at 6:50pm.

**When:**

- Week commencing 18 October, 2021, to week ending 19 December, 2021 - nine weeks.
- Week commencing 24 January, 2022, to week ending 6 March, 2022 - six weeks.
- Week day to be confirmed.

**We seek expressions of interest to register a team for this upcoming Summer Football Festival. Please email your expression of interest to [whangafc3620@gmail.com](mailto:whangafc3620@gmail.com) and [whatley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:whatley@xtra.co.nz) by 31 August.**

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- Willy Schoppe

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# 'Treacherous' access will be thing of the past



People of all ages enjoy riding the trails at Whangamatā Mountain Bike Park.

Ensuring safe access for all park users from town has long been the main aim for the Whangamatā Mountain Bike Park says Multi Sport Club president Blake Cropp.

Asked to comment on plans to build a track from town to the park, which will involve building an underpass and a couple of bridges, Cropp said the new track would eliminate risks posed by the present dangerous access.

"The proximity of the park to town is fantastic. However, the 100km speed limit zone starting outside Moana House means the trek to the park along the road is treacherous for individuals and pretty much off the cards for families.

"We are always looking for ways to reduce our carbon footprint and create a sustainable asset for our community, so if we can increase the percentage of users riding out safely as opposed to driving, that's a great outcome.

"We are grateful the Thames-Coromandel District Council is supporting this safety initiative to ensure safe access to and from the park."

Though a good volume of families already use the park, a trail that anyone can use to more safely access it will make it more popular with families, Cropp adds.

"Our ethos is to develop the best family friendly mountain bike park in New Zealand, so if we can get families out to the park safely, we are on our way to supporting this objective."

Cropp says mountain biking as a whole has seen huge growth both

domestically and globally in the past few years.

"COVID really created an opportunity for people to dust off bikes from their shed and enjoy riding again. I am sure everyone has noticed the dramatic increase of bikes in town and on the back of vehicles over the past 12 months.

"Our membership base has grown exponentially in the past 12 months, as has the number of people coming to Whangamatā specifically to ride in the park. Alongside of this, the Ebike category development has seen a huge increase in an older demographic riding bikes. We view the park as being a key community asset for Whangamatā that will drive year-round tourism and create employment into the future." Meanwhile, the park's network maintenance and enrichment programme began this week, says Cropp.

"This involves a professional trail builder rebuilding our trail network. Earlier this year, we refurbished the Tsunami and Undertow trails and the feedback on this work was phenomenal.

"Our plans leading into Christmas are to get at least five trails rebuilt, with a view to decreasing the grading on some key trails to ensure a wider rider base can access more trails.

"We are all volunteers and are reliant on donations, membership revenue and grants to develop and maintain our network. We appreciate all the community support we receive."

- Cameron Scott

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## Sunday, 19 September

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## Sunday, 22 August & 12 September

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## Saturday, 21 August

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## Saturday, 28 August

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## Sunday, 29 August

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# Kay Baker receives Community Service Award

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Kay Baker was born in Thames and lived in Komata (outside Paeroa), while holidaying in Whangamatā from a young age. She trained as a teacher and married to Leyden, the quiet supportive man in the background.

Kay is well-travelled, with many years in Kenya, where she set up a hearing school for the deaf. She was held up at gun-point, with the robber demanding her keys - but receiving a wallop from her handbag instead.

Kay Baker is a woman of substance. She's the greatest example of a volunteer who is prepared to do what it takes to make a community function, through her tireless efforts and determination.

People have learnt (some the hard way) that Kay is a woman on a mission. She gives her time freely, expecting no credit in return, and is also a caring person for those less fortunate.

On the daily dog walk, Kay keeps an eye on what's happening

around town. She's a current member of the Whangamatā Community Board; past president of Probus, Community Swimming Pool and Whangamatā Club committee; matriarch of the community gardens and stepped up to operate the Information Centre when it was about to fail again.

She led a petition to stop parking meters in our town; worked with the croquet club on "shitty" issues; managing the books; is part of the ukulele group and wine club. On top of all this, she also gets out in the mud with our community group, Harbour Care.

There is bound to be something I've missed, but it's an amazing service to our community over the last 30 plus years.

Kay - what can I say? You are an example of what these Community Service Awards stand for.

Thank you from her Worship the Mayor, myself, CB, Harbour Care - and all of the Whangamatā Community.

- Terry Walker



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# Surf n Turf sees some great weights

The eagerly anticipated annual Surf 'n' Turf competition was held on Saturday, 7th August, at Whangamatā Ocean Sports Club (WOSC).

Thirteen teams were up for the challenge, to catch a pig and a snapper and weigh in on the same afternoon.

This was the tenth year of the competition, with the format being snapper weight times ten, plus the weight of the pig.

The top two teams were separated by only 2 points (.2kg of a snapper), with the winning team of Greg, Bruce, Daniel and Kim scoring 111.9 points. Third place was back on 58.92 points.

"They were stoked with the turnout, with all teams being proud club members," said Phil Keogh, the General Manager of WOSC.

The crowd was not disappointed at the spectacle of the event.

**A big thanks to the committee and Blair from Whangamatā Scaffolding for providing the means to hang the pigs.**





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**REGISTRATION:**  
Registration and briefing from 7pm on Friday, 24 September in WOSC Clubrooms

**START FISHING:**  
From 7.30pm, Friday 24 September following briefing. All fish MUST be weighed by 4pm, Saturday 25 September.

**PRIZEGIVING:**  
Saturday 25 September from 5.30pm in WOSC clubrooms. ALL CASH PRIZES.

*\*Restrictions may apply due to capacity*

# Black Sox & Ramblers Softball come to Whangamata

Whangamatā Softball club is new to Whangamatā. We have had the fortune of being welcomed in by Whangamatā Rugby Club being a subsidiary of the club in the 21/22 summer season and going forward.

On the 4th of September, some current and past Black Sox players along with other squad members of Ramblers Softball club in Auckland who have been winners of the New Zealand national title in the last three years will be in town to assist with the launch of the new Softball club.

Current Black Sox captain Cole Evans as well as previous Black Sox captain Nathan Nukunuku along with other Black Sox players Rhys Evans, Maddix Rice, Connor Peden and Taine Slaughter.

Saturday the 4th we would like as many people to come down for an open day at the Whangamatā



Ramblers senior team and national champions last three seasons.

Rugby grounds open for all ages as we look to start to build a new club within Whangamatā.

They will be putting on a skills based session for whoever wants to get involved with the guy's at all age levels. And then the Ramblers team with Black Sox included will

be putting on a demonstration showing some real time softball showing off their skills etc.

A sausage sizzle will be provided and then a game between some local players as well as Ramblers squad mixed up to make an even contest will finish off the day.

Our aim is to have four junior Tee Ball teams in our first year being coached by Lindsay Martin in Whangamatā. We are also wanting to have a senior men's and women's team. However all ages are welcome.

So please come down bring a glove if you have one but not necessary to attend. Get involved in the skills session with these players and learn a bit about the game and have some fun. Stay on and watch the game after lunch.

Morning session will start at 11 am running until 12:30 lunch and then a senior Men's game will be on at around 2:00pm.

So, if you are a budding future Black Sox, keen on the game or just want to learn about softball this is for you. See you there!!

Look out for updates on Whangamatā Notice Board.

## Sports results

### GOLF CROQUET

**19 July:** Diane Hitchcock - 21, Pat Worth - 19

**2 August:** Filly Buchanan - 21, Lynn Reece - 21

### INDOOR BOWLS

**Memorial Hall, 2 August:** The winners were Peter Gorrie, Jude Sayer and Ron Bartlett. Runners-up were Alex Steel, Lynda Callaghan and Maxwell Hill. Cynthia Colville won the raffle.

**9 August:** Five teams lined up to play the triples champs.

After the exciting morning qualifying games, three teams were ready to contest the finals, but unfortunately these games had to be held over to the following week, as we ran out of time. John Hares won the raffle.

### MAH JONG

#### Whangamatā Club

**6 August:** We had 51 players. We also drew the winner of 'The Angeni Healing in Harmony' monthly sponsorship. The July winner was Fiona Ryan.

The winner for the day was Linda Harris with 46 points. Second was Jilly Witehira with 43 points and third was Jennie Walters with 40 points.

**13 August:** We had 56 players. The winner was Rae Giles with 54 points. Second was Nancy Gerrand with 45 points. Third equal were Helen Cashen and Janet Randell with 42 points.

### POKER

**4 August:** 1st Ella Blunden; 2nd Michelle Rangipora;

3rd Mathew Aro. Congratulations to you all. Ella played solid game all night.

**11 August:** 1st Michael Barlow; 2nd Eli Byles; 3rd Melanie Shea. Well done to all in winners circle.

### RSA 500 CARD CLUB

**4 August:** 13 players enjoyed the afternoon. The winner on the day was Robert Watson and Karyn Jones won the chocolate bar. Cherie Cunningham won the raffle.

**11 August:** 13 players enjoyed the afternoon. The winner on the day was Robyn Curd and Colette Slack won the chocolate bar. Linda Harris won the raffle.

New players are always welcome on Wednesday from 12:30pm - play starts at 1pm.

### TABLE TENNIS

**29 July:** Wayne Broome and Brian Ford are constantly mentioned and they were top scorers again. Wayne Broome was also top scorer this week with Barbara Hoy and Ken Allen second and third respectively. Is this the demise of Brian? Watch this space to see if he can make a comeback.

**12 August:** Smaller turnout today but it didn't stop Wayne Broome and Brian Ford from coming first and second respectively. Gary Small tried desperately but managed a respectable third.

We are at the Whangamatā Club every Thursday at 12.50pm. Join us!

We welcome submissions from clubs and organisations wishing to be listed here in every edition. There is no charge. To be included, email your club's details and contact details to: [WhangamataNEWS@gmail.com](mailto:WhangamataNEWS@gmail.com)

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

20 August, 2021

## Together, let's bin the bad habits

Did you know the Coromandel produces more than 75 tonnes of waste each week that goes to landfill?

That's the weight of 50 large cars.

Nearly 40 of these 'cars' could be saved from landfill by either composting kitchen food waste or recycling.

More than half of every blue Council rubbish bag put out for Kerbside collection is kitchen waste that can be composted. And much of the rest is glass, paper or plastic that can be recycled.

This month we're running a waste minimisation campaign.

Go to our website for all the information you need about what can be recycled, how to compost, and we're also sharing our favourite recipes to use up the leftovers that otherwise sit in your fridge until you bin them.

Visit our Council's Facebook Page to be in to win a worm farm kit for your household.

[tcdc.govt.nz/waste](http://tcdc.govt.nz/waste)



### WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF TOURISM?

Destination Coromandel (DC) are seeking local community input via an online survey to help shape our District's tourism industry.

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- Develop the District's first Destination Management Plan
- Understand the issues facing our region
- Capture perspectives and ideas from as many residents as possible in the Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki districts

The survey runs until Friday 27 August. Take the survey at [communitysurvey.co.nz](http://communitysurvey.co.nz)



### Coastal planting days coming up

Our Coastcare planting season has started off with plenty of community involvement. A 'restoration plantathon' is coming up in Pauanui this month.

- Friday 17 September 10am–3pm with Hikua School students. Meet at access #10.
- Saturday 18 September 9am–3pm. Meet at access #10.
- Sunday 19 September (to be confirmed) if another day is needed to finish the planting.

Visit [tcdc.govt.nz/coastalgardening](http://tcdc.govt.nz/coastalgardening) for more information.

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### Representation Review 2021

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9 August – 17 September

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### EASTER SUNDAY Trading Hours Review

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### INFORMATION CENTRES OPPORTUNITY

We're calling for Expressions of Interest in running the information centres in Whangamatā, Thames and Whitianga.

The contract will run from Friday 1 October this year until 30 June 2024, with our Council providing a set amount of funding through a Service Level Agreement.

Expressions of Interest close 5pm, Friday 27 August 2021.

If you want to chat to us about options or have some other ideas of how to offer the service, please contact Kirstin Richmond 07 868 0200, or email [kirstin.richmond@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:kirstin.richmond@tcdc.govt.nz)

For more information or to download the forms, visit [tcdc.govt.nz/vic](http://tcdc.govt.nz/vic)

## Three Waters Reform



Find out what the Three Waters Reform means for the Coromandel

Currently 67 different councils own and operate the majority of the drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services across New Zealand. The Government is proposing a reform that will mean our water services will be run by four multi-regional entities. The Coromandel would be in Entity B.

At this stage, nothing is confirmed, and our Council has not formed a position. We are at the beginning of an 8-week period where councils have a chance to review all the information in front of them before making any decisions.

You can find out more about this reform at [tcdc.govt.nz/threewatersreform](http://tcdc.govt.nz/threewatersreform)



### Whangamatā Community Board UPDATE

A word from our Whangamatā Community Board Chair Ken Coulam



"As we go into the next financial year, we start thinking about what projects are coming up for our community this year and planning our work programme to make sure we can achieve it all. Some things on our work programme for the next year include streetlight renewals, upgrades to some of our playgrounds and a new campervan dump station at Beach Road. I look forward to seeing things slowly be finished and ticked off the list."

[ken.coulam@council.tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:ken.coulam@council.tcdc.govt.nz)

If you want to know more about what's coming up for our community, check out the highlights from our Community Board meeting at [tcdc.govt.nz/news](http://tcdc.govt.nz/news)

**Whangamatā Drinking Water Standards upgrades –** Tree removal has been completed for the Moana Point water treatment plant and construction is expected to begin in October. The Beverley Hills site is now completed and will be officially opened later this month.



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# Whangamata Adventure Race



Whangamatā welcomed 900 adventure athletes last weekend for the annual Whangamatā Adventure Race. Some teams travelled from as far away as Wellington and the South Island for the event which featured a 12-hour race, a 6-hour race and a 3-hour race. There was also a competitive showing of local Whangamatā teams.

Competitors race in teams and follow a map to find checkpoints. Disciplines are kayaking and mountain biking.

The start and finish lines were at Hikuai School. The 3-hour and 6-hour races encompassed the Puketui Valley, Hikuai Stream and Broken Hills areas. The 12-hour race went as far afield as Pauanui and Ohui as well traversing the other areas.



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The highlight for many teams was exploring the Broken Hills area with checkpoints hidden in old mining tunnels.

It was a tough day out with strong, cold winds, intermittent showers and plenty of hills and mud. However there was also lots of fun, excitement, beautiful scenery and team camaraderie.

A huge thank you to the great team of marshals from LSAR and Opoutere School, Hikuai School and local farmers for hosting the race and to the supporters of the event; Rayonier Forestry, TCDC, DOC, Pedal n Paddle, Whangamatā MTB Club, Smash Pipi, Port Rd Project & Soul Burger.

2022 will be the 10th year of the Whangamatā Adventure Race and the organisers are planning a big event to celebrate 10 years.



- Ryan Thompson  
Photos by Peter Stretch



**Local Team Results**

**3-HOUR FAMILY**

**2nd:** Panthers  
1500pts - 2:39:49  
(Jacob Robertson, Brendan Robertson)

**4th:** Watt-Lloyds  
1450pts - 2:44:37  
(Zania Watt, Millen Lloyd)

**5th:** Warthogs  
1400pts - 2:48:16

(Aliyah Ward, Holly Utting, Brandan Utting)

**11th:** Surf n Turf  
1100pts - 2:32:21  
(Holly Matheson, Glenn Matheson)

**3-HOUR WOMEN'S**

**8th -** Not Fast, Just Furious  
1400pts - 2:44:50  
(Kiera Curd, Amber Roberts, Beryl Hughes, Kellie Parsons)

**16th:** Lost and Found #1

1230pts - 3:00:38  
(Rachael Ward, Grace Koskela, Renee Dean)

**6-HOUR MEN'S**

**3rd:** Wednesday Winners + Ben  
2250pts - 5:55:50  
(Marius Lloyd, Gareth Kretzer, Daniel Curd, Ben Frith)

**6-HOUR WOMEN'S**

**12th:** Likely to Get Lost  
2150pts - 5:36:20

(Vicki Kretzer, Karyn Baker, Rebekah Gee)

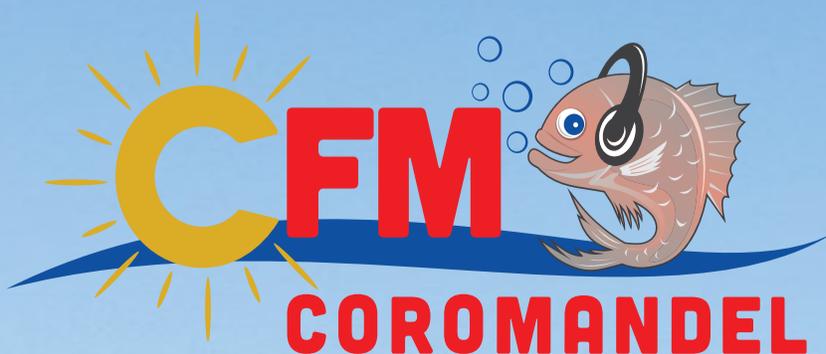
**6-HOUR SCHOOL**

**2nd:** Slow n Steady  
1500pts - 5:33:57  
(Pia Rogers, Liam Rogers, Ethan Jameson, Brooke Trebilco)

**6-HOUR FAMILY**

**24th:** Second to Last Place  
2000pts - 5:48:27  
(Caleb Jameson, Rochelle Jameson)

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# DO YOUR BIT TO HELP OUR PLANET

## Plastic waste options abound

Did you know that every plastic toothbrush made since the 1930s still exists on the planet? Your old toothbrush may seem like a small contribution to the ever-growing amount of plastic we're sending to the landfill, but even something as mundane as oral care is costing our environment.

Dental advice is to replace your toothbrush every three months. Let's use that as a (non-scientific) basis to work out how much plastic is disposed of by people still using a plastic toothbrush...

The weight of one plastic toothbrush is 15g.

The weight of four plastic toothbrushes per year is 60g.

The approximate population of New Zealand is 5 million, but let's round it down to 4 million to allow for infants and those who do not replace their toothbrush every three months.

That gives a total of 240,000kg of plastic being thrown away every year, most of which ends up in landfills but with plenty still being washed out to sea and joining the great Pacific garbage patch you've heard about. What's more, this doesn't even include the packaging that toothbrushes come in and other oral care products we use such as dental floss, mouthwash and toothpaste.

Considering that it takes approximately 500 years for one toothbrush to decompose, by the time a single toothbrush decomposes there will be more



than 7 billion to take its place! And that's New Zealand alone.

Next time you have to replace your toothbrush, consider buying a bamboo toothbrush. Bamboo toothbrushes decompose in six months; bamboo is a fast-growing grass that can be rapidly and sustainably produced. There are loads of choices available, and bamboo heads are even now available for electric toothbrushes.



If you're not ready to give up your plastic toothbrush, here's another eco-conscious way to reduce your use of disposable plastic. The Terracycle Oral Care Recycling Program enables us to avoid sending our oral care waste (plastic toothbrushes, dental floss containers, mouthwash bottles, toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrush and toothpaste tube packaging) from going to the landfill. Simply save these items and bring them to the Terracycle community collection hub at Aspire Refill & Eco Store. Aspire will ship this waste to Terracycle, where it will be cleaned and melted into hard plastic that can be remolded to make new recycled products.

**For more information, go to [www.Terracycle.com](http://www.Terracycle.com).**

Note that although this program is sponsored by Colgate, all other oral care brands are accepted.

In the battle against waste and single-use plastic, remember massive changes start with a small baby step. Make yours now! We believe that simple collective changes will bring about the most impact, for our family's future, and for yours. As a community, let's Aspire for Whangamatā to be one of the leaders in contributing to a better planet.

**Thank you Mavic from Aspire Refill & Eco Store on Port Road for this fantastic contribution and joining Whangamatā News in the fight to ban plastic waste!**

## Drains only for rain

Well done TCDC for getting these wonderful reminders along the Port Road retail sector on our grates and drains.

Thank you for caring for our planet in the Coromandel!

- Jennie Black



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# Help shape the future of Coromandel's tourism

With over 56,000 residents in our region, ensuring our community has a voice in the future of tourism is a no-brainer.

Destination Coromandel announced today they are seeking local community input via two online surveys to help shape our region's tourism industry.

The surveys will help Destination Coromandel:

- Develop the region's first Destination Management Plan
- Understand the issues facing our region
- Capture perspectives and ideas from as many residents as possible in the Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki districts

"It's all about understanding local views and our experiences of tourism. COVID has given us a chance to reflect and think about how we want tourism to look like for our region going into the future. We can't do that without our community's input and ideas. This is a chance for us to map the future of the place we all love, together" says Whitney Steel, Project Manager at Destination Coromandel.

"We want to hear from all residents - permanent and holiday home owners. Everyone taking part in the surveys has the chance to enter a prize draw for two nights under the stars at Wairua Lodge (valued at \$450) near Whitianga and we're hoping to get lots of ideas and feedback." Ms Steel said.

The Community Survey provides insight into resident's attitudes towards tourism and the benefits and costs associated with visitors.

Online surveys are being conducted by the New Zealand Tourism Research Institute based at the Auckland University of Technology and results are expected in late August, 2021. The community survey opened on Friday, 6 August and will stay live until Friday, 27 August.

**The community survey is live now and closes Friday, 27 August at [www.communitysurvey.co.nz](http://www.communitysurvey.co.nz) or via social media, council websites and other communications.**

**For more information contact: Whitney Steel, Project Manager, Destination Coromandel [whitney@thecoromandel.com](mailto:whitney@thecoromandel.com)**

# Remembrance Garden needs a new design



**Whangamatā News met up with Des Harrison, RSA Executive Committee Member, to discuss the RSA Remembrance Garden project. Currently, it's a shambles and needs to be flipped!**

We have an opportunity for anybody, club or garden knowledge bank, to come up with a new design for the Remembrance Garden at the RSA's road frontage.

The wall can go all together and the flagpole can possibly be moved. The wall and garden need to face away from the roadside, so that during the Anzac Parade, and other events of reflection, the public can sit in safety. More bench seating is also needed.

It could 'pop' colour or reflect Whangamatā - keeping in mind we need to include young people by future-proofing the landmark and what it stands for in our history.

Maybe a shade cover is required in your concept, or a howitzer cannon, interactive sculpture or bench seating with arm rests to assist the aged in seating with ease.

There is no timeline, as such, just expressions of interest.

Once the winning concept(s) is chosen, hopefully our council will assist the funding to bring the project to completion.

You win the prestige of being the a designer of the new garden, no monetary gain - purely the enjoyment of creation.

Perhaps some generous folk in the community could donate native plants or a voucher.

Think big; think outside the square and splash the colour palette... no idea is a bad idea!

- Jennie Black

# JOIN US IN SHAPING TOURISM FOR OUR REGION

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- 3/ Pick up a printed version at the Thames, Waihi or Whitianga i-Site

Survey closes  
Friday 27th  
August 2021





# A collective of all the arts

The Arts Collective Mid Winter Mingle on Sunday 8 August was as great, if not better, than last year's exhibition.

An estimated 180 people came through the doors to be wowed by the sight of the forest of easels displaying fabulous art.

It was a very relaxed atmosphere with visitors being able to move around the easels and stands and chat with the artists.

While enjoying the art, they could enjoy a glass of wine, while dish after dish of tempting canapés

were passed around.

All this and the great music made for a really successful event. Music lovers were seen tapping in time or singing along to the music of Andy and Adele, Evan, Jono, and Jim and Denise. And for those who wanted a quieter space, there was a new expanded lounge area to catch up with friends.

The Four Draw raffle was also a great success and thanks to gallery owners Faye Saunders and Michelle Crook and the Whangamatā Club for their

generous contributions.

A record number of artworks sold and went home to happy new owners and judging from many of the appreciative and complimentary comments, many of the artists will now have a new following; and even a few commissions.

It looks pretty clear that the Mid Winter Mingle will be permanently on the Whangamatā social calendar.

- Lynne Robinson, Arts Collective.  
Photos by Jennie Black.



# No will – who gets my estate?

Many people are surprised when I tell them that if they die without a will, the law is very specific as to who the beneficiaries are and that is often cause for disappointment.

It will cost more to administer an estate where the deceased left no will. Advertising for a will in local papers and Law Society publications must be undertaken and checking family history to find children born but not considered part of the family.

Then, when it comes to distribution of the estate, the amounts and entitlements are fixed by the law and the outcome can be a surprise to many clients who find themselves in this position.

A typical case involves a deceased leaving a spouse/partner and children. In such a case the spouse/partner receives the family chattels (household goods) and a fixed sum of \$155,000.

On top of that, he/she receives a third of what is left and the children get two thirds of what is left.

If the estate is worth \$1,000,000 and there is a partner plus three children, the spouse/partner gets \$155,000 plus \$281,666 = \$436,666. The children will get \$187,778 each but have to wait until age 20 before receiving it.

What can be problematic is that

the rule applies when partners have separated but have not divided their property.

As a contrast, where someone dies with no family, no partner, children, parents, siblings then guess who gets the estate? The Crown! It is therefore preferable to get your affairs in order and have a will where you decide who will receive it. Don't put it off!

- Neil Evans, Keam Standen Lawyers,  
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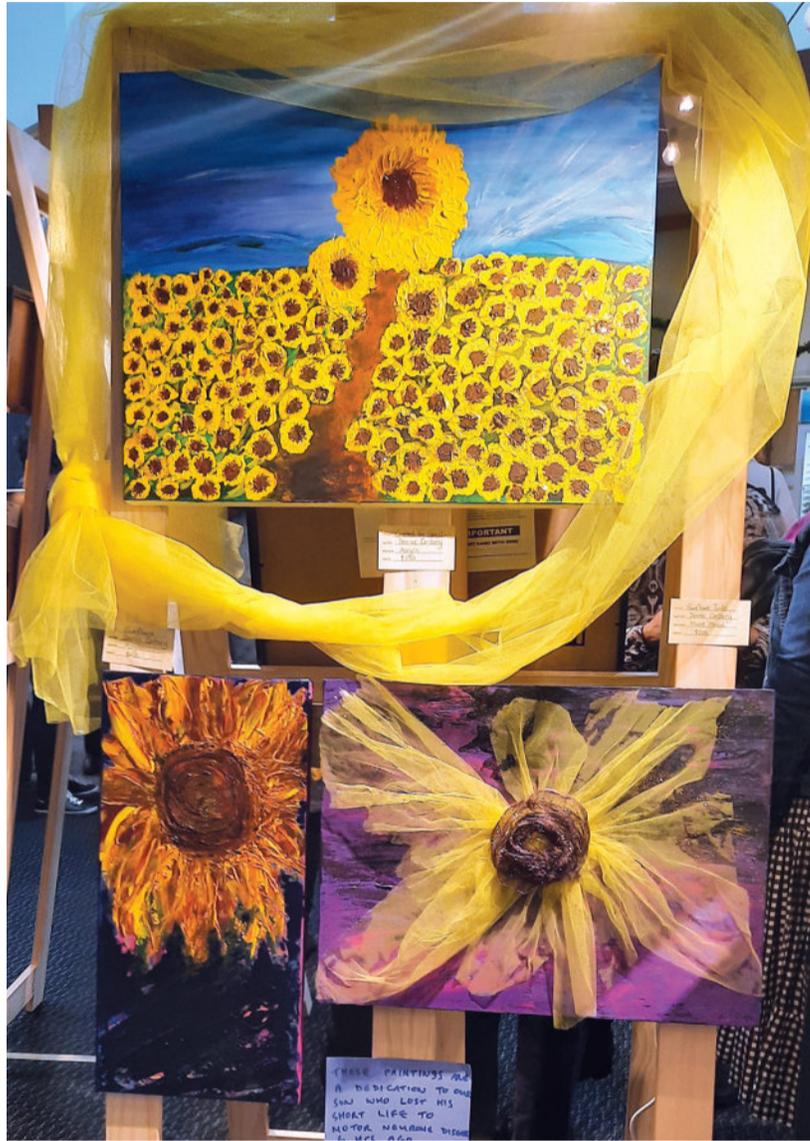


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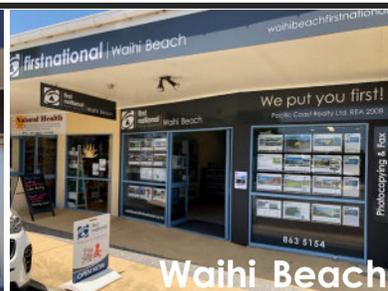
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### August 2021

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Date		High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
20	Fri	4:23	1.8	17:08	10:36	0.3	23:11	06:54	17:44
21	Sat	5:25	1.8	18:05	11:35	0.3		06:53	17:45
22	Sun	6:23	1.8	18:58	0:09	0.3	12:30	06:52	17:46
23	Mon	7:17	1.8	19:47	1:03	0.3	13:22	06:50	17:46
24	Tue	8:08	1.8	20:34	1:54	0.3	14:10	06:49	17:47
25	Wed	8:55	1.8	21:19	2:42	0.2	14:57	06:48	17:48
26	Thu	9:40	1.8	22:03	3:27	0.2	15:42	06:46	17:49
27	Fri	10:24	1.8	22:45	4:11	0.3	16:26	06:45	17:50
28	Sat	11:07	1.8	23:27	4:53	0.3	17:09	06:43	17:51
29	Sun		1.7	11:51	5:35	0.4	17:54	06:42	17:51
30	Mon	0:09	1.7	12:36	6:17	0.4	18:40	06:41	17:52
31	Tue	0:53	1.6	13:25	7:02	0.5	19:29	06:39	17:53

### September 2021

☾ New Moon: 7th    ☀ Full Moon: 21st

Date		High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
1	Wed	1:39	1.6	14:17	7:49	0.5	20:21	06:38	17:54
2	Thu	2:30	1.6	15:12	8:41	0.5	21:16	06:36	17:55
3	Fri	3:24	1.6	16:06	9:35	0.5	22:10	06:35	17:56
4	Sat	4:20	1.6	16:58	10:28	0.5	23:03	06:33	17:56
5	Sun	5:14	1.6	17:47	11:20	0.4	23:53	06:32	17:57
6	Mon	6:06	1.7	18:34		0.5	12:09	06:30	17:58
7	Tue	6:56	1.8	19:20	0:41	0.4	12:57	06:29	17:59
8	Wed	7:43	1.8	20:05	1:28	0.3	13:43	06:27	18:00
9	Thu	8:30	1.9	20:51	2:14	0.2	14:30	06:26	18:00
10	Fri	9:17	1.9	21:37	3:00	0.2	15:17	06:24	18:01
11	Sat	10:05	1.9	22:24	3:47	0.1	16:06	06:23	18:02
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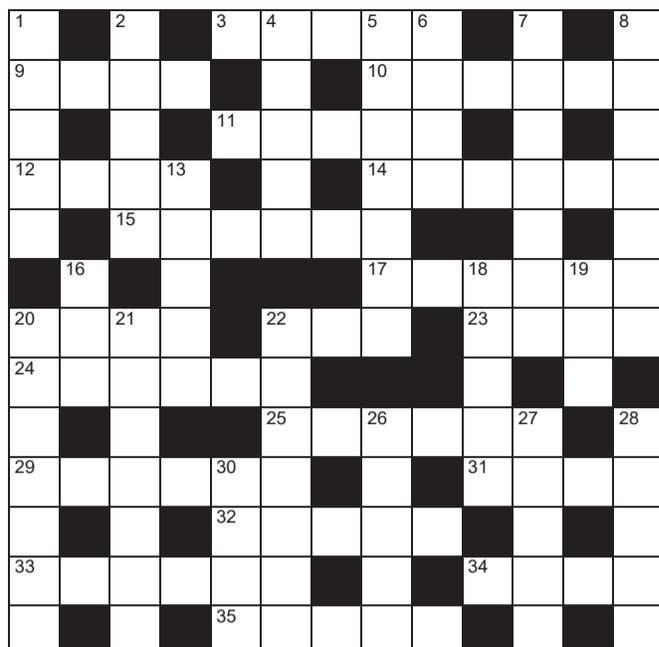
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  - Pack away (4)
  - Once a year (6)
  - Chief nurse (6)
  - Mourn (6)
  - Carry (4)
  - Prompt (3)
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  - Intestinal bulge (6)
  - Outcome (6)
  - Fraudulent scheme (6)
  - Meditational discipline (4)
  - Shoreline (5)
  - Sleeveless coat (6)
  - Store up (4)
  - Live (2,3)

- DOWN**
- Entertain (5)
  - Bosomy (5)
  - Strongly dislike (5)
  - Peculiar (7)
  - Rotate (4)
  - Person forced to flee country (7)
  - Irish girl (7)
  - Rouse (5)
  - Garden tool (3)
  - State indirectly (5)
  - Large tub for liquid (3)
  - Mental treatment (7)
  - Faint copy (7)
  - Humorous drawing (7)
  - Japanese dish (5)
  - Add up (5)
  - Judge's hammer (5)
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## TRIO

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

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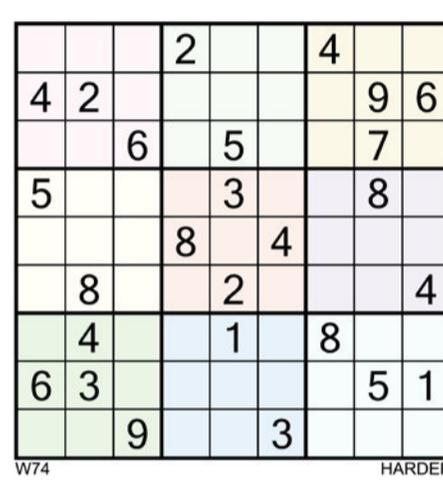
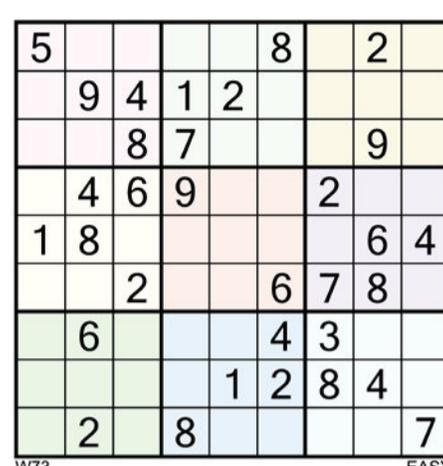
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Add one letter to make a nine-letter word reading clockwise or anti clockwise



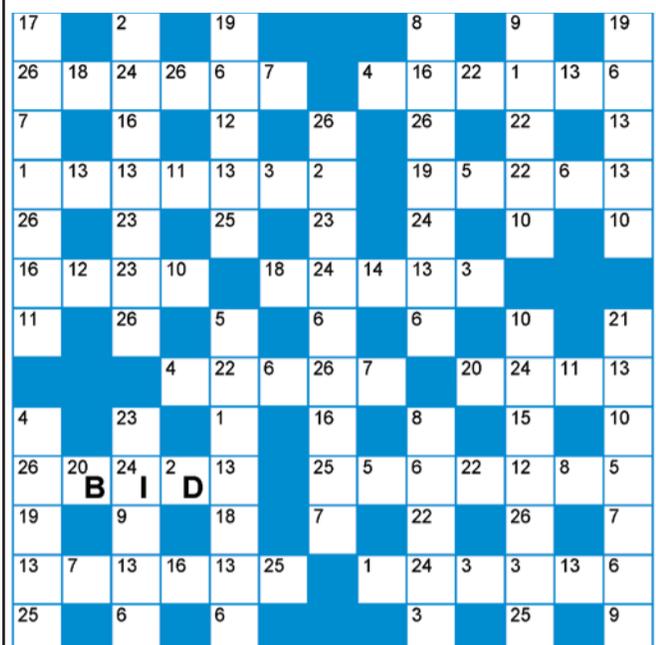
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Fill the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9



## DECODER

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



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

WORKING SPACE

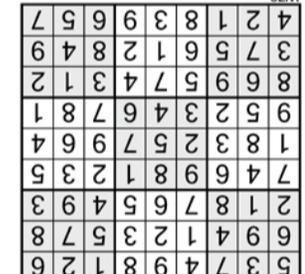
## SOLUTIONS

- CROSSWORD**
30. Echo.  
 22. Cartoon, 26. Sushi, 27. Total, 28. Gavel,  
 18. Imply, 19. Vat, 20. Therapy, 21. Tracing,  
 6. Turn, 7. Refugee, 8. Colleen, 13. Waken, 16. Hoe,  
**Down:** 1. Amuse, 2. Buxom, 4. Abhor, 5. Strange,  
 34. Save, 35. On air.  
 29. Racket, 31. Yoga, 32. Coast, 33. Poncho,  
 20. Tote, 22. Cue, 23. Mean, 24. Hernia, 25. Result,  
 12. Stow, 14. Annual, 15. Matron, 17. Grave,  
**Across:** 3. Waist, 9. Maui, 10. Tuxedo, 11. Shirt,

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

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