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Stars that keep shining

Volunteers play a very important role in our community, they are the oil that keeps the big cogs turning and help make our town a better place to live. They are caring, kind and capable. This edition we welcome Barry Romero from the Whangamatā Volunteer Fire Brigade.

What prompted you to join the Whangamatā Volunteer Fire Brigade Barry?

Back in 2014 I had moved to Whangamatā, just three doors down from the Fire Station. I didn't appreciate or understand what firefighters undertook, but I saw there was a sign beside the building calling for volunteers. It wasn't until that sign blew over in a storm that I considered it was a call to action. So I gathered the courage to sign up.

How many volunteers does the Brigade depend on and what is the most common incident?

We currently have twenty volunteers, a combination of Officers, Firefighters, and Operational Support. Training happens weekly on Wednesday night.

The most common incidents are storm related and medical. Of course we also attend structure fires, car fires or motor vehicle mishaps. We also assist with search and rescue call outs, and can clear land when needed for safe chopper landings.

How many appliances do you have and how far afield do you travel?

We have two fire trucks and one dedicated support vehicle. Each truck is geared for specific incidents. Each Brigade has a defined area and ours is all of Whangamatā, Whiritoa and Onemana. If surrounding Brigades are already involved in a particular callout we could travel further afield.

What is your response time from the alarm sounding to when the appliances leave the station?

The siren, our pagers and cellphone



apps all happen simultaneously. All volunteers live in town so we aim to be out of the station in five minutes. It's all go, for sure.

Do you have a particular callout that stands out for you?

There are so many for certain, but clearing roads when trees are down, assisting our communities in storms, or saving lives in medical events, are all part of the reason why we all get a lot of satisfaction just helping people. We are continually building our personal skill-base and have a range of diverse support when needed. Personally, the camaraderie is unparalleled.

What would you say to someone who is considering joining the Whangamatā Volunteer Fire Brigade?

The Fire brigade is an essential service to our town, so call in on a Wednesday night at training, as an observer, and check us out. It's a great opportunity to learn new skills and perhaps move outside your comfort zone, and find a different focus. We all need to trust each other so you build some great friendships. Men and women are welcome, regardless of their background, and the training is free. Your motivation is the key component.

Thank you Barry, you are a star.

Construction underway on Pepe Bridge replacement

At long last the construction of a two-lane bridge over the Pepe Stream in Tairua is underway, with an official ceremony taking place to mark the start of the project's next stage.

This is a really exciting development for our region and it signals that the old one-lane Pepe Bridge will soon be consigned to the history books. In its place will be a modern, two-lane bridge which will help ease traffic delays and congestion in Tairua, especially over the busy summer period.

Local residents will have noticed that NZTA and its contractors have been undertaking preparatory work at the site over the last few months, including the construction of a footbridge. I understand that these works can cause disruptions, but it will be all worth it in the end.

The new two-lane Pepe Stream Bridge is expected to be ready by December 2027, and I'll be

following its progress closely.

I have long-advocated for the replacement of one-lane bridges across the Coromandel Peninsula and it's encouraging to see the new Pepe Bridge take another step toward being a reality. Moreover, the Boundary Creek Bridge on SH25 on the Thames Coast was restored to two-lanes last year and NZTA is also working on replacing the Ramarama Stream Bridge north of Whiritoa with a new two-lane bridge.

There's also the \$85 million that was allocated from this year's Budget to improve the resilience of 11 high-risk sites on SH25 and replace the Kirikiri Stream Bridge on SH26 at Kopu. The timeframe for these projects is still being determined, but the funding represents real investment in our region to keep roads open and communities connected.

- Authorised by Scott Simpson
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Waihi Beach Coastguard shocking theft

Waihi Beach Volunteer Coastguard had been rationing fuel for three months to save money, only for thieves to steal the lot within two nights of them refilling it.

Co-president Jacqui Paterson said the fuel was taken over the two nights immediately after the tank was refilled on June 29, leaving the not for profit facing a bill of close to \$5000.

The unit had been minimising fuel use for months amid rising costs and supply issues.

By the time it was refuelled, the tank held only a couple of hundred litres.

She said whoever broke in used electric-powered tools that threw sparks to cut into the tank, which was holding highly flammable petrol.

"They could have blown themselves up. They could have literally killed themselves getting it."

The theft wasn't discovered straight away as the tank sits apart from the main building in its own dedicated area.



Paterson said she'd parked right beside the tank just days before it was filled, and everything looked fine. It came to light when the unit's operations manager, on site for other work, noticed a cut in the surrounding fence.

"The boat's always full, but you do worry that if it hadn't been refuelled when it came back and someone needed rescuing, technically we might not have been able to get out to them."

She said the financial hit was significant for a charity that relies entirely on volunteers and community support to operate.

"It's just very discouraging - it takes the wind out of your sails. It's a bit of a kick in the guts, to be honest," she said.

"We just want to do a good job for the community,"

Paterson said the theft was reported to police, who attended and took CCTV footage from the Coastguard's cameras.

Whangamata Police Report



As some of you may be aware, there are changes that will be implemented allowing children to ride push bikes on footpaths. Further to that and from the feedback received at government, parents or caregivers will also be allowed to join them on the footpath. This is essential to teaching our young ones safety while keeping them safe. This applies to children 12 and under. The caregiver at the time may be a teacher, older sibling, grandparent and will be for safety purposes.

Last week a 48-year-old Whangamatā man was arrested for matters relating to family harm where he has damaged the property of an ex partner. He was also breaching bail conditions for another matter he is facing. His bail was opposed and he has been in custody since to appear in the Waihi District Court at a later date.

A 29-year-old is facing a charge of driving with Excess Breath Alcohol after being stopped by one of the team. Furthermore, there is now

consideration and heat surrounding his firearms licence and right to be a licensed firearms holder. The decision to drink and drive has far reaching consequences. If a simple responsible decision to not to drive drunk can't be made, how is anyone to have confidence that responsible decisions regarding firearms will be made. Something to think about for some.

Keep the information on dodgy people harming our community coming. Its not like they're hiding it are they! Regos, names, locations, times. We like to know it all. A few pictures and clips of CCTV have made it our way too. Even better. Thank you to those who care enough so far to come to us in confidence.

- Sergeant Will Hamilton, Officer in Charge, Whangamatā Police

Fire Report

Our brigade has been busy with several incidents requiring our attendance, with medical assistance and alarm activations leading most call numbers.

Last week, a house was struck with lightning during an electrical storm during the night. The building was severely damaged with all electrical fittings, wiring and metal bracing transferring the surge across the property.

Several houses nearby also suffered damage along with a large numbers of Whangamatā having power and internet issues.

This kind of event highlights the increasing number of weather related calls we now respond to. Treating electric components as live



and staying clear of compromised trees and structures help reduce the risks to everyone.

Winter conditions at present make roads and areas around buildings very slippery. Travel with caution.

Heating methods always cause concern. Please remember the metre from a heater rule and deal with ashes carefully. Wishing you all a safe winter.

- CFO Nigel Airey



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Work continues to repair Whangamata lightning damage

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Over the next two weeks people in Whangamatā may notice teams working to repair streetlights damaged during a recent lightning storm.

The 5 July lightning strike damaged the main power grid and several streetlights. Since then, Council teams and contractors have been busy working to repair faults to the grid.

Now work begins to identify damaged streetlights in Achilles Avenue, Graham Street, Bellona Road, Ocean Road, Otahu Road, Tamaki Road, Leander Road and Philomel Road.

There may be some minor traffic management in place as work is carried out but no power outages or road closures are expected during this time.

The work is expected to take about two weeks, subject to replacement part availability.

Locals create the Coastal Quest

What happens when you combine the spirit of The Amazing Race, the beauty of Whangamatā, a healthy dose of friendly competition & plenty of laughter? You get The Coastal Quest!

It all began just a few weeks ago when a corporate group checked into the South Pacific Motel & Conference Centre in Whangamatā for their annual Conference. Like many visiting businesses, they wanted something different for a team-building activity, something memorable, something that would get people working together rather than sitting in another meeting room!

That simple question sparked an idea.

Over the following weeks, Carly and KB from South Pacific Motel teamed up with Alex from Smoky Pallet Freehouse & poured countless hours into creating an experience unlike anything else in town.

There were planning meetings, visits to local businesses, research into Whangamatā's history, route testing in the pouring rain, timing every challenge, writing clues, creating props and fine-tuning every checkpoint.

The result was The Coastal Quest.

More than just a race, it's an adventure through Whangamatā that celebrates everything locals love about our town. Teams discover hidden gems, learn quirky local history, solve clever clues, tackle hilarious challenges and make memories they'll be talking about long after the finish line.

Success isn't just about being the fastest.

It's about teamwork, strategy, communication, creativity & having a great sense of humour.

On launch day there was laughter everywhere. There were 5 teams of 5, they threw themselves into every challenge, encouraged one another, dressed up, thought outside the square & embraced the unexpected. One team member even completed the course from a wheelchair, proving that determination & team spirit matter far more than speed.

The event finishes with a prize-giving celebration & buffet dinner at Smoky Pallet Freehouse, where photos from the day are played on the big screens as everyone relives the funniest moments.

The Coastal Quest can be tailor-made for groups of all kinds, we can incorporate your own business branding.



Teams compete for points by completing checkpoints & bonus challenges, with prizes awarded for more than just winning. Creativity, teamwork, sportsmanship, resilience & entertainment all count towards the final results.

This isn't just another event!

It's an experience that showcases the very best of Whangamatā while bringing people together through fun, laughter & a little friendly competition.

If you're looking for a unique function or group activity that everyone will remember, The Coastal Quest is now available for bookings.

To organise your own Coastal Quest experience, contact Carly or KB at the South Pacific Motel & Conference Centre. Whether it's a workplace team building day, sports club event, mid-winter celebration, Christmas function or a group of mates looking for an unforgettable day out, we'd love to help create your next adventure!

Because sometimes the best way to discover Whangamatā... is to race through it.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the many local businesses who generously donated prizes and embraced The Coastal Quest with such enthusiasm. Special thanks to Bex from The Oceans Sports Club, Salt Water Surfboards, Coromandel Chocolates, Megan from Bo Ho Chic, Graham from Breakers and the team at i-site! Their support went far beyond sponsorship, they became part of the adventure itself, welcoming teams into their businesses, handing out clues, sharing plenty of laughs, and helping bring the experience to life! It was a wonderful example of the Whangamatā community coming together to create something truly special. We couldn't have done it without you.

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What's On in our town

GROW ON WAIHI

including a crop swap. This Saturday 13th and the second Saturday each month, 10-11.30am. Free seedlings for members or for a koha. At the shed next to the Community Resort Centre, 4 Mueller Street, Waihi. See our Grow on Waihi Facebook page.

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Saturday 25 July at Cornerstone 101 Ocean Rd, Whangamatā. Gather at 5.30pm for quiz at 6pm. Light meal provided. Tickets \$20pp from Cornerstone

PAEROA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

3rd Sunday of the month, 1pm. Baptist church Wood St, Paeroa.

WHANGAMATĀ CANCER GROUP

Meets every fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am. Lovely group - come join us.
Contact Lareece McGregor, Hospice & Cancer support Nurse: 027 880 5644.

WHANGAMATĀ SUNDAY MARKET

TCDC carpark, Port Rd, 9am-1pm, first and third Sundays plus school holidays. Stalls \$5, all stall fees donated to local community groups. Ph Suzanne 022 651 2250.

ARTS COLLECTIVE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The idea is to meet once a month for a relaxed and enjoyable get-together where we can share photos, exchange ideas, learn from each other, and encourage our creativity. All levels of experience are welcome—from phone photographers to camera photographers. The emphasis will be on having fun and enjoying photography together. **If you think you might be interested, contact Gail: gail.stent@gmail.com**

WHANGAMATĀ WRITING GROUP

The Whangamatā Writing Group offers a friendly and supportive environment where you can share your ideas, develop your writing, and connect with fellow writers. Writers of all genres and levels of experience are very welcome.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, with additional workshops and writing-related opportunities planned for later in the year. **Interested in joining? To find out more, contact Angela at acumings@xtra.co.nz**

2027 HARCOURTS ART CHALLENGE

This year's four themes for both visual artists and writers is: "Heads, Tails, Legs and Wings." This is your challenge—interpret it your way and start creating. We can't wait to see what emerges! **More info at artscollective.co.nz for entry forms and details.**

ROCK'N'ROLL DANCE LESSONS

Come along and join the upcoming Coastal Rockers Dance Lessons. \$20 for 4 Lessons. Start Tuesday 21st July, Finish Date Tuesday 11th August. **Contact Mike - coastalrockerssecretary@gmail.com**

Please enter your club, group, non-profit or fundraiser 'What's On' event by emailing whangamataneews@gmail.com

WAS Students Help Keep Whangamata Clean

Students from the Te Kura Tūhura programme at Whangamatā Area School finished Term 2 by combining a love of fishing with caring for the local environment.

Te Kura Tūhura (School of Exploration and Discovery) is a primary education programme that focuses on building resilience, problem-solving and teamwork through learning in nature.

The Year 4 students were joined for part of the day by a Year 12 outdoor education class. Together they spent time fishing and collecting rubbish from Te Titoki Reserve and the area surrounding the Whangamatā Ocean Sports Club, helping to keep this popular spot clean and enjoyable for everyone.

The event was a great reminder that looking after our environment is everyone's responsibility. By collecting rubbish while enjoying the outdoors, the students showed



that even small actions can make a big difference in preserving the natural beauty of Whangamatā. This reflects the environmental mantra of the programme: To leave the places we visit the same or better than we found them.

To thank the students for their efforts, the Whangamatā Ocean Sports Club shouted hot drinks which were enjoyed by all.

Club Manager Bec Murray said, "It's fantastic to see our young people taking pride in our community and helping keep Whangamatā looking its best."

The students and teachers would like to thank the Whangamatā Ocean Sports Club for their generosity and support, Bubba's for providing the fishing gear, and all of the parents and grandparents who helped make the day such a success.

- Story & photos Katrina Brickwood





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Community embraces Matariki celebrations

Whangamatā came alive with the spirit of Matariki over the weekend as hundreds of people gathered to celebrate the Māori New Year through a programme of cultural, creative and community events.

Friday's celebrations centred on Williamson Park, where the Whangamatā Community Marae Trust prepared and laid down its traditional hāngī in full view of the public. Throughout the morning, visitors watched the careful preparation before returning later to enjoy the freshly cooked hāngī alongside kai from a range of food stalls serving kai moana, curry, steam pudding and palusami. Whānau explored a historical display presented by Ngāti Pū, which shared the story of Te Whauwhau urupā. Tamariki kept busy with activities provided by Bunnings and Whai Rugby League and whānau captured special Matariki memories in a photo booth. Live music and performances throughout the afternoon entertained the crowd as they enjoyed their kai. The highlight of the concert was Te Piringa Kapa Haka who captivated the audience with their impressive performance.

The celebrations continued on Saturday with the Whangamatā Memorial Hall buzzing with activity as whānau took part in a diverse programme of workshops led by the Whangamatā Arts Collective, Whangamatā Kindergarten and local tutors. From arts and crafts to hands-on cultural activities, there was something for every age group, with the hall filled from morning until afternoon. The activity



then moved to the Whangamatā Harbour, where waka ama paddlers enjoyed ideal conditions on the water. A highlight was the large number of whai (stingrays) spotted gliding beneath the waka, with a few adventurous paddlers taking the opportunity to cool off with a swim.

The weekend concluded in the

early hours of Sunday morning with a peaceful Matariki viewing and sunrise gathering at Onemana Beach. The weekend's events highlighted the growing significance of Matariki in Whangamatā and the strength of a community that continues to embrace opportunities to come together.

From shared kai and storytelling

to music, art and time on the water, the celebrations provided something for everyone and showcased the partnerships between local organisations, volunteers and iwi that made Whangamata's Matariki Celebration such a success.

– Ryan Thompson, photos by Mark James





Tax change needed

George Williams would have us believe that there is nothing wrong with the fact that more and more of the wealth in this country has ended up in the pockets of the rich, while those who are struggling have to make do with less and less. This movement of money means that the rich can buy bigger boats and faster cars while many struggle to feed their children and provide a warm house for their family. This transfer of money upwards is why socialist parties propose more equitable taxation systems that will enable the government to fund decent health care for all, where people don't die in hospital toilets and hard-working people on the minimum wage can live a decent life.

This argument that we should put up with this disparity of income because we must reward those people who add value and create employment was also used by Victorian mill owners and those that owned the coal mines. The fact that employment is created is no excuse for more Pike Rivers where health and safety are ignored. Yes the country does need ambition, aspiration and vision, but we do not need to leave behind a struggling and increasingly angry group of people who are really struggling.

John Lipscombe
WHANGAMATA

New beds have arrived

The Whangamatā Hospice and Cancer Support Trust are pleased to have purchased two new mechanical hospital beds and two specialised mattresses in recent weeks. This was made possible by a successful funding application to the Whangamatā Community Board.

A donation from Whangamatā Garden Club allowed us to purchase a set of bed rails and covers to complement this. We have now received a further donation from Whangamatā Coastal Rockers.

The Trust is run by a small group of local volunteers and has been in operation since the late 1990s. It was established to ensure we have equipment available here in Whangamatā for members of the community who are terminally ill to enable them to be cared for at home.

We receive referrals from the Rural Hospice Nurse, District Nurses and Whangamatā Medical Centre. We deliver the required equipment and set it up at the house for the person who has been referred to us. We cover Whiritōa Whangamatā and Onemana.



All the equipment is stored in a local storage shed. We have been grateful for garage carpet from Flooring Xtra and the occasional use of a trailer from Challenge Service Station.

The Whangamatā Hospice and Cancer Support Trust receives no direct government funding, either directly or through the

health system. Our work is supported almost entirely by donations from the community, often from families whom we have assisted during a loved ones final days.

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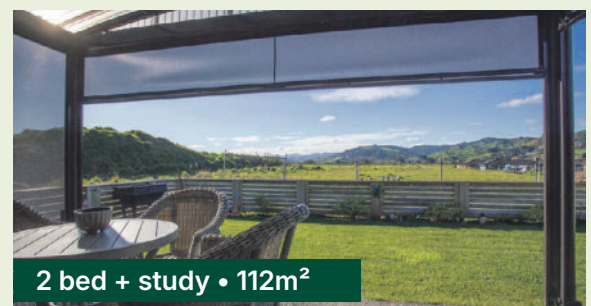
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- Mark James



Artful Insights – Arts Collective 'Have a Ball' fundraiser

'Have A Ball' is a quirky art fun-raiser for the Arts Collective to donate to a local charity. A winter warm-up for locals to get involved and have fun. The Arts Collective has successfully completed some fantastic workshops, road trips and established the Writers Group & Photography Group under the Arts Collective umbrella. For more information about 'Have A Ball' please contact Sue on atkins.jamieson@hotmail.co.nz



Who knew an old lawn bowl could become something extraordinary?

With a little creativity, these retired balls/bowls can be transformed into stunning works of art using paint, dot art, mosaics, decoupage, mixed media – the possibilities are endless once your imagination takes over!

Arts Collective has a collection of lawn bowls ready for their next life... Are you up for the challenge?

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- Members of the Art Collective will be there to register each entry.
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Whangamata Tyre & Battery strengthens team with industry veteran Warren Hindrup

Local business expands expertise, service capacity and automotive offerings

Whangamata Tyre & Battery is pleased to welcome Warren Hindrup to the team as Tyre Sales, Service & Business Development Manager. Warren brings more than 30 years of tyre industry experience to the role, complementing owner Simon Bratton's 35 years in the industry. Together, they offer customers more than 65 years of combined tyre and automotive knowledge.

The appointment comes at a time of continued growth for the business, which has expanded its range of products and services to better support motorists, tradespeople, contractors, businesses and fleet operators throughout the region.

Whangamata Tyre & Battery now stocks the largest range of tyres and batteries in Whangamata and is open six days a week, ensuring customers have convenient access to quality products and expert advice when they need it. The business has also expanded its offering to include vehicle servicing, brake servicing and repairs as well as light mechanical services, providing customers with a comprehensive automotive solution under one roof.

Simon Bratton says Warren's appointment further strengthens the business's ability to support customers with trusted advice and responsive service.

"Warren's 30 years of tyre industry experience perfectly complements my own 35 years in the industry. Together we bring more than 65 years of combined experience to the business, and we look forward to using that knowledge to help customers make informed tyre choices and provide practical advice on a wide range of automotive issues."

"Whether it's selecting the right tyre for safety, performance and value, managing fleet requirements, or helping customers with general vehicle maintenance concerns, we're here to help. Customers often have questions, and having experienced people available to provide practical advice is something we believe sets us apart."

Simon says the additional resource provided by Warren's appointment will also deliver direct benefits



to customers.

"Adding Warren to the team increases our capacity and means faster turnaround times, improved responsiveness and more efficient service. As our servicing and mechanical work continues to grow, customers can expect the same friendly, personalised service, backed by greater availability and expertise."

Warren is looking forward to meeting customers and becoming part of the business's continued growth.

"Whangamata Tyre & Battery has built an excellent reputation for looking after its customers and providing quality products and service. I'm excited to be joining the team and helping local motorists and businesses find the right solutions for their needs."

With expanded services, increased resources and more than six decades of combined industry experience, Whangamata Tyre & Battery remains committed to providing local customers with the right advice, the right products and great service.

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Pickleball growing in popularity

Pickleball is widely recognized as the most rapidly growing participation sport in the world. Combining elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, its explosion is driven by its low barrier to entry, highly social nature, and cross-generational appeal.

It is played (mostly) on indoor courts, and often on existing badminton courts (whose dimensions are almost exactly the same as official pickleball courts). It is played with a racquet called a "paddle", and hollow light-weight plastic balls perforated with holes.

Pickleball in this region began in 2022, when Waihi Beach resident Phil Lawrence, a member of the Waihi Beach Tennis Club, persuaded the club to purchase pickleball equipment for use at the Waihi Beach Community Centre. Phil started social fortnightly sessions in an informal social group, which did not become part of the tennis club. When Phil left for a long overseas trip, he left the group in the hands of early-adopters, Waihi residents Gary and Doreen Austen.

Local interest in pickleball rapidly increased, with sessions increasing to weekly, and then in 2024 to twice-weekly. The club was formally incorporated in October 2024 and officially named "Kaimai Pickleball Club Incorporated". On incorporation, the club donated \$500 to Waihi Beach Tennis Club in recognition of the Tennis Club's 2022 purchase of pickleball equipment which was still in use.

To accommodate the increasing interest, twice-weekly sessions were opened at a second venue, Waihi Events Centre, and in early 2026, an additional (evening) session was opened at Katikati College.

The club attracts players from Aongatete in the south to Whangamatā in the north, although the majority come from Waihi Beach, Waihi and Katikati. Club membership costs only \$10 per year, and members pay \$3 per session. Non-members (often visitors during the school



holidays) are welcome, but pay \$5 per session. At last count there were 149 paid-up members.

The pickleball at the club is predominantly social and non-competitive, although in-house tournaments are held every couple of months which have proven quite popular. We welcome people of all ages and skill levels, including complete beginners (who are mentored for their first couple of sessions). People find that pickleball skills are very easy to acquire, even if they have no previous experience of racquet sports.

Indoor court shoes are mandatory, and we ask that players wear alternative footwear to sessions, and change into court shoes before going on court. Club paddles are provided for people trying the game for the first time, but after two or three sessions are strongly advised to purchase their own – they can be purchased for as little as \$60.

Information on session times and venues is available on the club website: www.KPBC.org.nz

– Walter van der Merwe,
Kaimai Pickleball Club Inc.



Waihi NEWS

A genuine battle

Well, it would be downright rude to miss a top of the table clash. While I may be many things, rude is not one of them, so I popped along to Waihi hosting the massive Thames side, and proceeded to watch a demolition that was unexpected. Especially after the opening five minutes when the Thames forwards launched wave after wave of assaults on the Waihi line – but for no reward. In typical Waihi fashion though, they promptly responded once they got some pill, and piled on the points. Almost a point in minute in the first half, leading 38-7 at the break.

The second half started much the way of the first, Thames hammering away at the Waihi line, and this time

rewarded with a close quarter try. Waihi regrouped, and the second half became a genuine battle, a try apiece, but the home town heroes taking the half 13-5, and the match 51-12. Congratulations to Nigel Neems who chalked up his 200th Senior match, Quinn Collard who played his blazer match (35), and Oli Mathis pulling on the colours for the first time at senior level for Waihi.

Waihi 51 (C Sue 2, T Vaea, F Davenport, Q Collard, O Mathis, TJ Malielegaoi tries; Collard 5 conversions, penalty, drop goal) beat Thames 12 (O Soiso, AJ Lagalaga tries; D Hughes conversion). HT 38-7

- Tight Head Ted, story & photos



Moehau Monster 2.0: Calbe Cobb bursts through a tackle.



Blazer Game: Quinn Collard scampers away for a five pointer.



Home Grown: Crusader Oli Mathis played his first game for his hometown.



Try time: Hooker Tevita Vaea unstoppable from close.



200 not out: Veteran Nigel Neems gets a pass away under pressure.



Close quarters: Winger Cakau Sue bursts onto a Collard short ball.

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Waihi NEWS

Walrus swim set to make a chilly splash

Brave – or foolhardy – swimmers (depending on your point of view) are preparing to take the plunge when the Walrus Swim returns to the OceanaGold Waihi Polishing Ponds on 30 July, promising a mid-winter test of nerve and humour. The swim is a rare opportunity for participants to experience a familiar part of the mine from a very different perspective.

The annual event, known for its cold water, good-natured rivalry and distinctly local flavour, will see staff and contractor competitors

tackle the pond in what has become one of the Waihi gold mine's more unusual activities. While the 110-metre distance may be modest, the temperature is expected to provide the real challenge. Past events have featured plenty of encouragement from spectating staff, light-hearted prizes and the awarding of the coveted Walrus Trophy.

Held rain or fine, organisers say the event is as much about fun as it is about competition. The Polishing Ponds are part of the



site's water-treatment system, where treated water is held and monitored and a final check completed before controlled release into the Ohinemuri River. This year is special as the Water Treatment Plant has just undergone a significant upgrade and capacity increase as part of the Waihi North Project. Staff and contractors working on that project have been encouraged to swap their overalls for swimming togs and check out

the 'downstream aspects' of their work.

Those taking part are expected to bring a sense of humour, a towel and a strong tolerance for chilly water. Supporting staff have been encouraged to line the pond, cheer on the swimmers, and add to the atmosphere as the latest group of 'walruses' takes to the pond.

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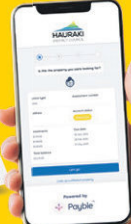


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Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa!

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported the event, and helped make the evening such a success. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Matariki together as a school whānau.



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Waihi NEWS

Polar plunge for the brave

The Waihi Beach Surf Club Polar Plunge 2026 last Saturday was an absolute feast for the eyes! So many entrants, fantastic costumes and with laughter abound, a great day for it with full sun and little wind. Well done to the brave and adventurous!

- Photos by Mark James
Whangamata & Waihi News



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Waihi NEWS

Netball in the pink!

A sea of pink filled the courts as Waihi Netball Centre celebrated the end of another successful Year 0-8 season embracing this year's theme of 'positive vibes only'.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of our youngest players and everything that grassroots netball represents – fun, friendships, learning new skills, and enjoying the game in a supportive environment. Seeing so many players, coaches, whānau, and supporters dressed in pink highlighted the positive cultural shift that has been taking place across our netball community.

Over the past season, Waihi Netball Centre has continued to place a strong focus on creating a positive and encouraging environment both on and off the court. It has been incredibly rewarding to see this message embraced by our netball

whānau, with positivity, respect, and sportsmanship becoming a visible part of our centre culture.

The smiles, laughter, and energy on Closing Night were a true reflection of the season we have had. We are incredibly proud of all of our Year 0-8 players for their enthusiasm, growth, and willingness to give everything a go.

This year saw the introduction of our year 0-4 awards with every team being celebrated from the Never Give Up Award to Sportsmanship Award.

Waihi Netball Centre would like to thank all of our volunteers, coaches, managers, umpires, and families for their continued support throughout the season. It truly takes a village to make community sport possible, and we look forward to continuing to build on this positive momentum.



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Waihi NEWS

Charles Long's teamwork recognised

OceanaGold celebrates Charles Long as Living Our Values winner for teamwork

OceanaGold has recognised long-serving Waihi employee Charles Long as the Company's 2025 Living Our Values Award winner for Teamwork, celebrating his commitment to coaching, collaboration and supporting safer outcomes across the operation.

The Living Our Values programme was launched in 2023 to recognise OceanaGold employees worldwide who exemplify the Company's values of Care, Respect, Integrity, Performance and Teamwork. Each

annual winner receives a specially minted one-ounce solid gold coin, presented in a storage and display box crafted by the Hauraki Woodturners Club in Waihi using hardwood timber recovered from the historic Martha mine workings.

Charles has been with OceanaGold for more than 10 years and has worked at the Waihi Operation for more than 18 years. In his role as an Underground Trainer, he is known for his focus, practical support and willingness to step in wherever



OceanaGold President and CEO Gerard Bond (right) presents Charles Long with his 'Living Our Values' Award for Teamwork.



Hauraki Woodturners Gerard Bond (right) presents members of the Hauraki Woodturners Club with a Certificate of Appreciation.

needed to help his team succeed.

When working with truck operators on machine violations such as brake alarms, Charles took the time to explain the underlying causes and guide operators on how to avoid them in future. His approach turned feedback into a positive learning opportunity while reinforcing OceanaGold's Safe Behaviours and shared accountability.

When he presented the award recently, OceanaGold President and Chief Executive Officer Gerard Bond said, "Though he won the award for teamwork, it also demonstrates care, as well as being a leader, which is 'Our Safe Behaviours' in action. Charles saw an opportunity and he did not walk past something that he saw could be improved on".



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Tarakihi future in doubt

The Fisheries Amendment Bill has been put on ice

On 18 June 2026, after months of relentless pressure and more than 33,000 submissions to the Select Committee, Shane Jones, Minister for Oceans and Fisheries, announced that the Bill will not be progressed by the current government.

This is a significant win for the future of our fisheries and belongs to every New Zealander and other organisations that made their voice heard by making a submission or emailing their local MP.

But the job isn't finished. We have the perfect opportunity to bury the Amendment Bill at the ballot box. LegaSea will continue engaging with political parties on where they stand with fisheries policies.

Time has run out for Tarakihi

Tarakihi is a mealtime favourite for people who fish and those who buy it retail because it is notoriously good for cooking when fresh. The tarakihi stock on the east coast is severely depleted from years of trawling. Recreational fishers are finding it increasingly difficult catch.

In July 2018, Fisheries New Zealand proposed changes for the future management of tarakihi. Their



proposals didn't go far enough in trying to rebuild abundance, so LegaSea kicked into gear and developed a public awareness campaign. LegaSea called on the Government to cut commercial catches by 65%, to rebuild the stock from its all-time low point. However, that advice was not heeded.

This popular fish and chip staple is now on the brink of collapse after new data revealed spawning stocks have plunged to historic lows. New scientific modelling shows eastern tarakihi populations have dropped to just 7.7% of their original pre-fishing size. A biomass level below 20% represents an overfished stock, and one below 10% is considered to be collapsed and at risk of not recovering.

After 40 years of what we've repeatedly been told is a world-class fisheries management system, New Zealand's third most valuable inshore finfish fishery is on the brink of extinction.

Officials are consulting on three distinct options that would slash commercial catch limits, keep up to date at Legasea.co.nz. This is another major issue that affects all New Zealanders, and we need to stand up and fight for the future of our Ocean for all generations!

Ratepayers cover cost of new SH25 pedestrian island

After years of people "running the gauntlet" between Waihi Rugby Club and a nearby Morgan Park there's no national funding on the horizon for a fix, so the council's shelling out instead.

A pedestrian refuge island is set to be installed between the club and Morgan Park, but the entire \$126,000 expense will land on ratepayers.

The island creates a resting point for those crossing State Highway 25 on a stretch of road used by about 3700 vehicles a day, a Hauraki District Council agenda read. About 12.5% of that is heavy traffic.

The infrastructure should have been funded by NZTA, Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams said, but the council decided to "bite the bullet and use our own funds to protect our own people".

"They've [NZTA] got limited budgets as well and they've got to prioritise where their money is and maybe they don't see this as a priority but our community does.

"We get this is probably no different than Orongo Corner ... I can understand where they're at."

However, events at either the

rugby club or Morgan Park brought so much traffic that "you're running the gauntlet to get across a busy stretch of highway".

Because the road is a highway, NZTA is the road controlling authority, a Hauraki District Council agenda said.

The crossing has been on the mayor's radar for nearly 20 years after seeing his own kids cross the road.

"This is actually a moment in time where we're going to look back and go, 'why didn't we do this sooner?'" Adams said.

Half of the funding is set to come from the Waihi Ward discretionary fund, with the remaining 30% and 20% funded through the district discretionary fund and council's access and mobility budget.

Once finalised, the council agenda read that NZTA has "indicated support" for the project, with the spokesperson adding the organisation will "review the design of the pedestrian refuge island and must approve any works on a state highway".

The island is set to be completed in March 2027 pending NZTA approval in September.



Contractors recognised at awards

The impressive work of BPC's Central Region team repairing major storm damage to SH2 Karangahake Gorge was celebrated at the Civil Contractors New Zealand (CCNZ) Waikato Awards with a win in Category 2 – projects of \$1M - \$5M.

The judges said significant damage to SH2 Karangahake Gorge required a rapid response by NZTA to reinstate this vital link and "BPC responded by establishing the resources and skills

to deliver these works in a high risk, high traffic, and river environment".

"The client was impressed by the high quality and pace of the project, which included additional slips all completed within the tight three-month project, allowing SH2 to fully open for traffic on time."

Congratulations to everyone involved!

– Fletcher Construction/Facebook

Have your say on the future of the Hauraki Rail Trail

The Hauraki Rail Trail is one of the region's most significant recreation and tourism assets. Hauraki District Council, Matamata-Piako District Council and Thames-Coromandel District Council are working together on a review of the Hauraki Rail Trail and the Trail's future direction. TRC Tourism has been engaged to undertake this review and survey.

We are seeking feedback from residents, businesses and community members to better understand how the Trail is

used, the benefits it provides, opportunities for improvement, and priorities for the future.

We invite you to take part in this short online survey that takes approximately 8 minutes to complete. The survey will be open until Sunday 26th July.

Responses will be confidential and only used for the purposes of this Trail review.

To do the survey, go to:
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– Hauraki District Council/Facebook

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Survey closes 26 July

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Whangamata Summer Festival Inc. A.G.M.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Whangamata Club on
Wednesday 29 July at 7:30pm.

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM
3. Annual Report and Balance Sheet
4. Election of Officers

Renee Meiklejohn, Secretary
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Sports & Club Results

500 Card Club

30 June: 24 players. 1st Chris Adams, 2nd Lyn Doreen, lowest score Chris Boston and Raffle winner Robyne Curd.

9 July: 23 players. 1st Karyn Jones, 2nd Chris Hepi, Average score Bruce Lowrie, Lowest score Lyle Forsythe and Raffle winner Leticia Murray.

Table Tennis

9 July: Roger Wolfe was our winner with 10 points. Albert Driver, Barbara Hoy, and John Wallace were in second place with 9 points, while Wayne Broome, Brenda Smith and Dave Reddaway came in third place with 7 points. Well done everyone. Some close games played.

Whangamata Club Mahjong Adjunct

3 July: We had 56 players at Mahjong. Congratulations to the winners:

1st - Donna Lowrie, 40 points
2nd - Sandra Sutherland, 39 points
3rd - Snow Harris, 38 points
The lucky number was 9 and was won by Linda Hopkins.

10 July: We had 34 players. Congratulations to the winners:

1st - Margaret Birkett, 41 points
2nd - Robyne Curd, 33 points
3rd - Erin Wyatt (on countback), 32 points
The lucky number was 17. Two players had this number and the winner was Lynne Plowright.

Budding entrepreneurs



Two girls creatively earning pocket money was a welcome sight on Achilles Ave during the school holiday break. Well done to Lily and Miracle. The lemonade was seriously delicious and at only \$2 a cup was a real bargain.

We want your sports results!

Recently held a sporting or club event? We'll publish the results. Send them to whangamatanews@gmail.com

Waihi Beach Tides 2026

JULY 2026											
☾ New Moon: 14 th ☀ Full Moon: 30 th											
Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set
		AM		PM		AM		PM			
17	Fri	8:56	2.0	21:25	2.1	2:42	0.2	14:57	0.2	07:27	17:16
18	Sat	9:49	1.9	22:15	2.0	3:35	0.2	15:49	0.2	07:27	17:16
19	Sun	10:41	1.9	23:05	2.0	4:25	0.2	16:39	0.3	07:26	17:17
20	Mon	11:31	1.9		1.9	5:15	0.3	17:29	0.4	07:26	17:18
21	Tue	11:53	1.9	12:22	1.8	6:04	0.3	18:20	0.4	07:25	17:19
22	Wed	0:40	1.8	13:13	1.7	6:52	0.4	19:13	0.5	07:24	17:19
23	Thu	1:28	1.8	14:07	1.7	7:42	0.4	20:06	0.6	07:24	17:20
24	Fri	2:17	1.7	15:01	1.7	8:33	0.5	21:01	0.6	07:23	17:21
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26	Sun	4:00	1.6	16:47	1.7	10:18	0.5	22:49	0.6	07:22	17:22
27	Mon	4:51	1.6	17:36	1.7	11:07	0.5	23:38	0.6	07:21	17:23
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29	Wed	6:29	1.7	19:04	1.8	0:24	0.6	12:37	0.4	07:19	17:25
30	Thu	7:14	1.7	19:45	1.8	1:07	0.5	13:18	0.4	07:18	17:26
31	Fri	7:56	1.7	20:25	1.8	1:49	0.5	13:58	0.4	07:18	17:26

AUGUST 2026											
☾ New Moon: 13 th ☀ Full Moon: 28 th											
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3	Mon	10:01	1.8	22:24	1.9	3:51	0.4	16:01	0.4	07:15	17:29
4	Tue	10:44	1.8	23:07	1.9	4:34	0.3	16:46	0.4	07:14	17:30
5	Wed	11:31	1.8		1.9	5:18	0.3	17:34	0.4	07:13	17:30
6	Thu	11:52	1.8	12:21	1.8	6:06	0.3	18:26	0.4	07:12	17:31
7	Fri	0:42	1.8	13:18	1.8	6:57	0.3	19:23	0.5	07:11	17:32
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14	Fri	7:45	1.9	20:12	2.0	1:30	0.2	13:46	0.2	07:03	17:38
15	Sat	8:37	1.9	21:00	2.0	2:21	0.2	14:37	0.2	07:02	17:39
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28	Tue	5:46	1.6	18:26	1.7		0.6	11:59	0.5	07:20	17:24
29	Wed	6:34	1.7	19:09	1.8	0:29	0.6	12:42	0.4	07:19	17:25
30	Thu	7:19	1.7	19:50	1.8	1:12	0.5	13:23	0.4	07:18	17:26
31	Fri	8:01	1.7	20:30	1.8	1:54	0.5	14:03	0.4	07:18	17:26

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☾ New Moon: 13 th ● Full Moon: 28 th											
Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set
		AM		PM		AM		PM			
1	Sat	8:42	1.8	21:09	1.9	2:34	0.4	14:43	0.4	07:17	17:27
2	Sun	9:24	1.8	21:49	1.9	3:15	0.4	15:24	0.4	07:16	17:28
3	Mon	10:06	1.8	22:29	1.9	3:56	0.4	16:06	0.4	07:15	17:29
4	Tue	10:49	1.8	23:12	1.9	4:39	0.3	16:51	0.4	07:14	17:30
5	Wed	11:36	1.8		1.9	5:23	0.3	17:39	0.4	07:13	17:30
6	Thu	11:57	1.8	12:26	1.8	6:11	0.3	18:31	0.4	07:12	17:31
7	Fri	0:47	1.8	13:23	1.8	7:02	0.3	19:28	0.5	07:11	17:32
8	Sat	1:42	1.8	14:25	1.8	7:58	0.3	20:30	0.5	07:10	17:33
9	Sun	2:42	1.8	15:29	1.8	8:59	0.3	21:35	0.5	07:09	17:34
10	Mon	3:47	1.8	16:33	1.8	10:02	0.3	22:39	0.4	07:08	17:35
11	Tue	4:52	1.8	17:34	1.9	11:04	0.3	23:41	0.4	07:07	17:35
12	Wed	5:56	1.8	18:32	2.0		0.3	12:03	0.2	07:05	17:36
13	Thu	6:55	1.9	19:25	2.0	0:40	0.3	12:59	0.2	07:04	17:37
14	Fri	7:50	1.9	20:17	2.0	1:35	0.2	13:51	0.2	07:03	17:38
15	Sat	8:42	1.9	21:05	2.0	2:26	0.2	14:42	0.2	07:02	17:39
16	Sun	9:31	1.9	21:52	2.0	3:15	0.2	15:30	0.2	07:01	17:40
17	Mon	10:18	1.9	22:38	1.9	4:02	0.2	16:18	0.3	06:59	17:40

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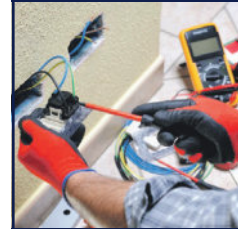
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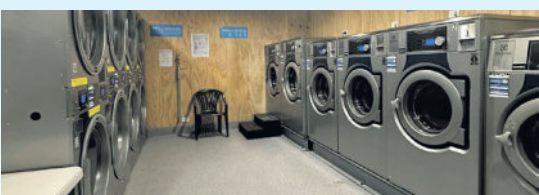
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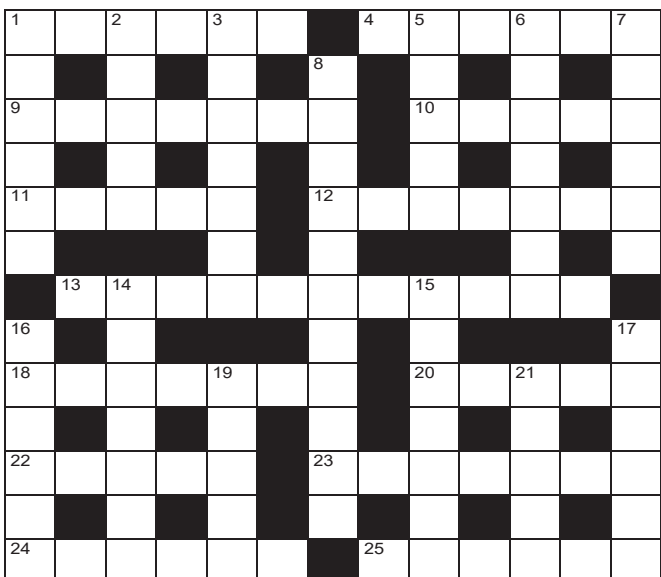
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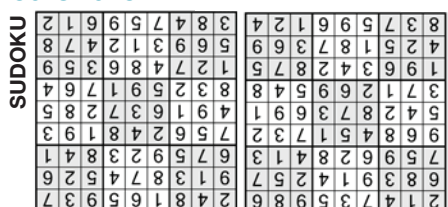
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4. Perfect world (6)
9. Delicate (7)
10. Terminate (5)
11. Kayak (5)
12. React violently (4,3)
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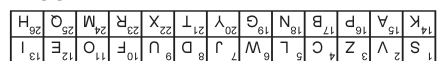
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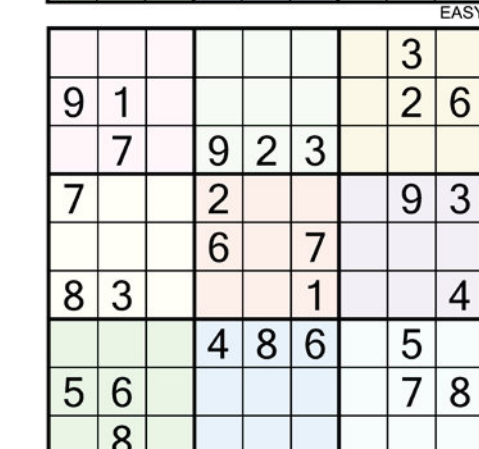
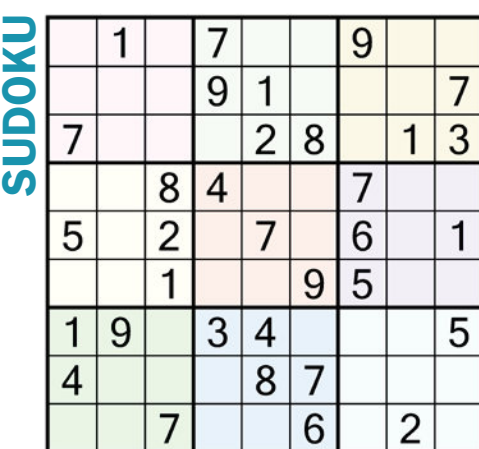
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1. Wane, 2. Oppose, 3. Doeful, 4. Whine, 5. Smithy, 7. Neglect, 11. Intrude, 13. Hang-ups, 15. Radium, 17. Grouch, 18. Broom, 21. Aces.
- Across: 6. Rapprochement, 8. Melodeon, 9. Togo, 10. Time out, 12. Xylem, 14. Story, 16. Haughty, 19. Fund, 20. Regional, 22. Be out of pocket.
- Down: 1. Assist, 2. Stain, 3. Stipend, 4. Utopia, 9. Fragile, 11. Canoe, 12. Lash out, 13. Hardhearted, 18. Foreman, 20. Mogul, 22. Exact, 23. Nervous, 24. Taster, 25. Cygnet.

CROSSWORD

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8. Instrument you'd be hard pressed to play (8)
9. How to buy coffee in Lomé? (4)
10. Watch is slow – so take a break (4,3)
12. Waxy lemon has the plant water channel (5)
14. What one reads to Ryan inside (5)
16. The extremes of high society get nothing for being snooty (7)
19. The money cache when many follow entertainment (4)
20. No claim in mineralogical change as

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



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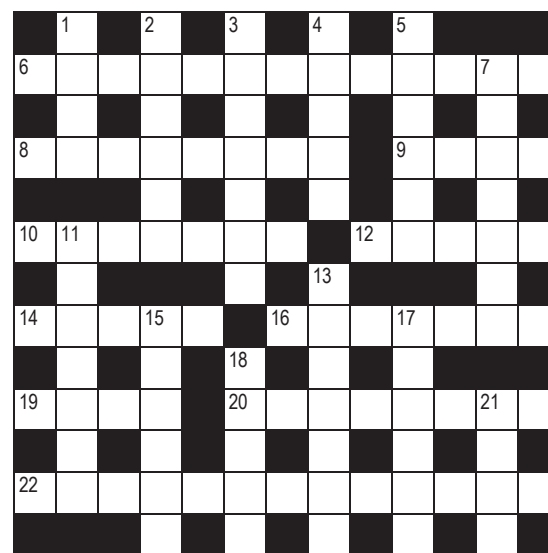
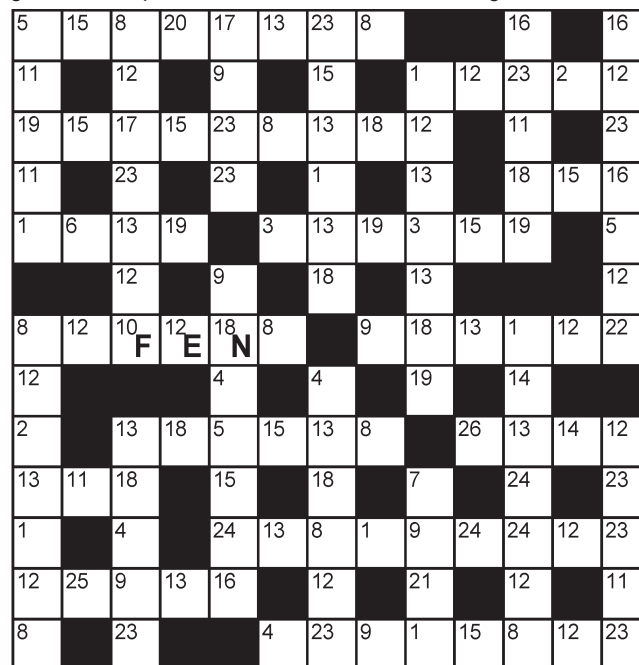
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- geographically the same (8)
22. Have no money – like Joey on the loose! (2,3,2,6)
- Down
1. Sounds like he is on the decline (4)
2. Be against river that returns with attitude (6)
3. Sombre, Lou fled flummoxed (7)
4. Grizzle for a drink so to speak (5)
5. A common name you initially can get with a forger (6)
7. Disregard Glen etc. (7)
11. I turned around to trespass (7)
13. Phobias about people cutting them off (4-3)

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.



15. 88? – elementary! (6)
17. Did this muppet get an Oscar? (6)
18. Sweep the bush (5)
21. They are unplayable cards in court (4)

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