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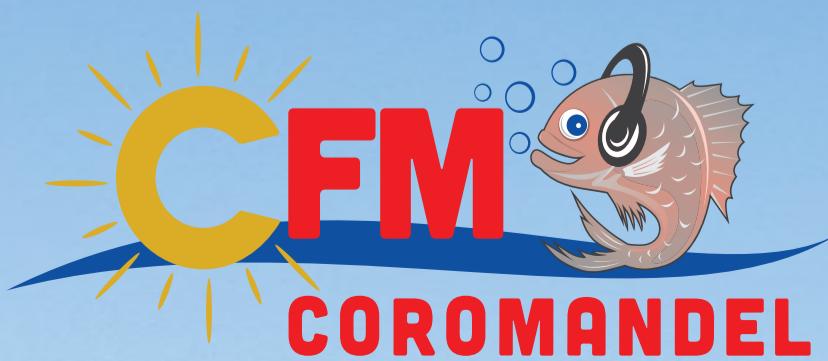
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# PROUD TO BE LOCAL.



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# Small turnout for climate change meeting

A meeting to explain protection and management options to protect the south-east Coromandel coastline against the effects of climate change and flooding drew just 30 people to the Whangamata community hall on Sunday, October 24.

Also absent were representatives of the Waikato Regional Council who were prevented from travelling by the COVID lockdown.

The meeting was organised by the Thames-Coromandel District Council and was one of 10 similar events held around the Coromandel from October 23 to 31. The aim was to seek input for protecting and managing the region's coastline in response to climate change.

The Whangamata meeting was led by the council's Shoreline Management Plan manager Amon Martin, who somewhat ironically put the low attendance down to bad weather – and possibly the fact that the meeting coincided with live TV coverage of the rugby match between the All Blacks and USA.

Also present were international consultancy Royal HaskoningDHV's environment director for coastal and marine development, and New Zealand-based project lead, Sian John and Jamie Boyle a Coastal Scientist at Thames-Coromandel District Council

Martin gave a comprehensive outline of the potential problems the area faces and explained what had been achieved so far by the Shoreline Management Plan project, illustrating his points with a visual presentation. He answered wide-ranging questions from the audience, some concerning the four council-appointed coastal panels set up to define the coastal flooding and erosion risks to people, property and assets. He also encouraged people to check maps and graphs displayed in the hall.

The coastal panels, made up of Mana whenua and community board representatives, community organisation members, residents with deep local knowledge and business representatives, were now at the "what should we be



International consultancy company Royal HaskoningDHV's environment director for coastal and marine development, and New Zealand-based project lead, Sian John.

doing?" stage of the project, Martin said.

Options being investigated ranged from soft solutions, such as dune restoration and wetland regeneration, to hard solutions including stopbanks and rock walls, or managed "retreat", essentially an adaptive approach to risk reduction, where people, activities and assets are strategically relocated away from hazardous locations.

Mention of this prompted questions from a resident who raised the problem of insurers being increasingly reluctant to cover homes located in at-risk areas. Martin confirmed home insurance had become a serious issue, with the prospect of some coastal properties becoming uninsurable within the next 10 years.

"Insurance is definitely on the radar for this project."

Martin said coastal erosion and inundation (flooding) were a problem in the region "right now". However, on a more positive note, he added that Whangamata was in a better position in that it was at lower risk than other coastal towns on the Coromandel coast.

He said the Shoreline Management Plan project, which looks at the effects of climate change in the area over the next 100 years, involved not only identifying the challenges posed by climate change, but also looking what was important to coastal communities, and their values. The panels had

been working over the past 18 months to help the council work through the hazard issues and examine pathways to possible solutions.

A June 2022 date has been set for the project's completion, though



Thames-Coromandel District Council Shoreline Management Plan manager Amon Martin led discussion at the climate change meeting at Whangamata Community Hall on October 24.

Martin said the process of working towards that date could involve further consultations which would push out the deadline.

Meanwhile, the Shoreline Management Plan team has identified the erosion and inundation risks to the Coromandel's South-East coastline which includes Whangamata. They can be explored on the council's interactive Risk Assessment Summary tool at [tcdc.govt.nz/smp](http://tcdc.govt.nz/smp)

And if you're one of the Whangamata residents who wasn't at the meeting, all is not lost. You can also take part in an online public meeting at 8pm on November 8. In the meantime you can familiarise yourself with the project and coastal hazards at [tcdc.govt.nz/smp](http://tcdc.govt.nz/smp) and explore the Interactive Risk Summary tool.

- Cameron Scott

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In my view this is no different to the original land confiscation that took place in the 1800 and for which you continue to hand out millions of dollars in taxpayers funds in 'reparation'.

It's time to STOP!

It now appears we don't have a team of five million but instead two teams... the weaker one with the Referee and Line Umpires firmly in their pocket and the final score decided.

Get some courage and do what the ratepayers (electors) want and stop pandering to a small vocal minority. Start talking to electors and see what THEY want and not one of your Ministers with a vested interest.

**Alan Nicholson**  
WHANGAMATĀ

## Farm emissions

I offer some comfort and enlightenment to Gary Ferguson (NZH 28/10/21). His desire to have some of the record Fonterra pay-out channelled into emissions research is already happening now and in previous years, regardless of pay-out levels.

Our dairy farmers are price takers not price setters. Payout to farmers is what is left after Fonterra has covered its own costs. These costs include Research and Development, part of which is mitigation strategies for emissions.

Dairy NZ also levies farmers for the cost of its R&D, much of which is directed toward methane mitigation research. One million dollars is invested annually into researching methane inhibitors such as vaccination, feed additives and selective breeding. Nitrous oxide is also under investigation.

The notion that our farmers are not pulling their weight is a myth based on politics rather than fact.

**George Williams**  
WHANGAMATĀ

# The magic of dance by video



**Whangamatā Dance studio has adapted to level 2 requirements by making a movie for their 2021 show.**

Dance studio owner Jo Cullen was determined that the hard work students and teachers put into their show work would not go to waste.

The 2021 dance exam schedule was disrupted by the August lockdown. The teachers managed to get show work started through online classes whilst also encouraging students to continue practising for their exams.

For the first time in the dance studio's history, students are going to be movie stars! They are performing in front of the camera so the maximum

of 100 people gathering can be adhered to. The movie A New Millennium features hits from 2000-2010 and involves students from 5-18 years. Movie-goers will be treated to popcorn and ice creams. Evening shows also include a beverage.

The show contains jazz, hip hop, tap and contemporary dances.

The movie has three showings on Friday, 5 November and six showings on Saturday, 6 November. Tickets are available from Whanga Books - a complimentary programme is included with every ticket.

The Whangamatā dance studio teachers and students look forward to welcoming you to their movie premiere!

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Member of Parliament for Coromandel

## Government must avert KiwiRail Christmas strike

The Government must intervene to avert proposed strike action by KiwiRail workers that threatens to significantly disrupt freight and passenger transport in the lead-up to Christmas, says National's Workplace Relations spokesperson Scott Simpson.

"Lockdowns and restrictions mean it's already looking like it will be a grim Christmas period, and strike action by the Rail and Maritime Transport Union's 2500 members would be another blow.

"There's a massive backlog of freight already, and one of the three Interislander ferries is still out of action. The supply chain is under enormous pressure and we need all hands on deck to get goods and people moving throughout the country.

"The timing of the proposed strike action is quite deliberate by the union and is designed to hit when it would hurt New Zealand most - any time from the end of November right up to Christmas Eve."

"But it's no wonder the union has decided on this action, which would be the first in decades.

"Thanks to inflation of 4.9 per cent, workers have seen their pay-packets gobbled up by skyrocketing costs of living. This is why we can expect a lot more strike action to come, as workers in every sector look for pay rises to keep up with higher food, fuel and housing costs.

"Unfortunately, everyday New Zealanders will pay the price for the Government's economic recklessness. If this strike goes ahead, there'll be fewer goods in our shops and less opportunity to travel.

"The Government needs to step in and make sure KiwiRail and the union get around the table to sort this out. Otherwise it'll be yet another example of the Government being the Christmas Grinch."

*Authorised by Scott Simpson MP,  
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*Whangamatā News spoke to Allan Rees and Dave Ryan QSM about a wonderful new initiative. They want to make everyone aware of a project that is now underway, and are calling for contributions, donations or expressions of interest from participants who want to 'share the pleasure' with people who would benefit immensely from dipping their toes in the water at Whangamatā this summer!*

'We have the working group, we are looking for people to donate and then we need the people to help share the pleasure' said Allan.

"Would you enjoy helping people get down to the beach with this chair? That's our message!"

Can you assist escorting the disabled and their family?

How would you like to join us?

Our target is to raise \$16,000 minimum to purchase an adult

chair, a child chair and a walker for use here at Whangamatā ideally from the Surf Club access.

We have started fundraising, readers may have seen Allan Rees collecting with a bucket at Labour weekend and you may well see our project enablers at weekend markets and the like going forward.

These chairs and walkers are specifically adapted with special big beach wheels for the sand and will be securely stored.

Whangamatā News backs this initiative 100%. "We can do this Whanga!". Check out our next edition for an update on fundraising and get the mercury rising on this project.

**We really need your support Whangamatā – sooner than later! You can contact Dave Ryan QSM on 0274 965 406 or email him on redryan1948@gmail.com**

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# Hope teaches sweet science and discipline

This weekend, beginning 5 November, marks a collaboration between Harcourts Whangamatā and Bodywork Gym in a special event to raise funds for both Mike King's 'I am Hope' campaign and Whangamatā's own rising star in the boxing world, Caydan Hope.

The 24 Hour Spinathon Fundraiser for Youth Mental Health is an event that simply can't be ignored, we have all been affected, so please get along to the Gym or Smoky Pallet, or the Give a Little page, and donate!

Big-ups to Gareth and Gemma at Bodywork, who have supported and inspired Caydan on his journey and allowed him to become the man he is and is going to be.



Whangamatā News caught up with 22-year-old Caydan to see what this dedicated and focused young man has been up to since his story our 18 June issue.

At that stage he had just won the North Island Golden Glove title in the 64kg division. Two weeks later he travelled to Christchurch to dispute the New Zealand Golden Gloves in that division, which he won well and is now ranked number one in the country.

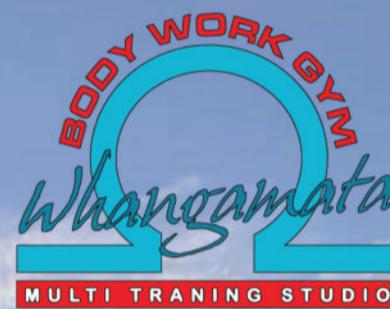
Since then, with Covid, fights weren't available but that hasn't slowed this man on a mission. He has embarked on a personal trainer's course, and at this stage he has reached Level four. While he is working on Level 5, he can now work in the Gym. He's running a box tech class at the gym and holds two classes a week at the Whangamatā Area School, inspiring ten Year 12 and 13 students. These students have been very respectful and attentive, and keen to learn. He also does one-on-one boxing tutoring and is building up an increasing number of clients. You may also see him running the front desk at times, so his collaboration with Gareth and Gemma has allowed him to put down the builders' tools and work in an environment that allows him to follow his dream of Commonwealth Games selection, and eventually turn pro.

Caydan is running 10km a day and training 2-3 times a day and hitting the pool at lunchtimes. This is all falling into place nicely for his next event, the NZ Nationals, held in Whanganui January 11-15th. A win there will be an important result as far as Games selection goes. Hope is also in the Games longlist now and in the last week of November heads to Upper Hutt for a boxing camp with 70 other fighters, in 13 male and 8 female divisions, each one vying for one of the six spots available.



## Harcourts & 24 Hour Spinathon Fundraiser

For Youth Mental Health



For every \$100 we raise \$50 goes to Gumboot Friday and the other \$50 stays within the community to fund a new boxing program run by our very own Cayden Hope along with a few other local legends.

Donations can be made via the Give a Little page.  
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Are you keen to take part as an individual or as a team? See Gareth at the gym.

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Participation is free, donations are welcomed

This event begins at 10am on Gumboot Friday, 5th November and ends 10am Saturday 6th November at the Gym.

Then join us for brunch from 11am at Smoky Pallet along with guest speakers, live music and spot prizes for participants. All Welcome, Donations can be made at the gym on the day.



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# Janet leaves us for Te Aroha!

Whangamatā News had a great catch up with our much adored and life of the party Janet Randell.

With more than 20 years on and off as a member of the Whangamatā RSA, Janet and Neil have flown the coop to Te Aroha, moving into a lovely large home, nestled under misty Mount Te Aroha.

Her list of achievements and good works are too many to list, here are but a few...

Together with Joyce Deeming, Janet started the Texas Hold'em Poker group, which ran for five years, and the Mahjong adjunct for more than six years. She has also been on the RSA Committee for six years.

If that's not enough in a small community, Janet also had busy hands with Whangamatā Busy fingers, Whiritoa Patchwork and Quilting.

She has been a member of the Whangamatā Club since 1985, on the executive committee there for two years, as well as President of Whangamatā Club Mahong for four years, from 2008 to 2012.

Janet also joined the group that started the first ever 'Mahjong Clubs NZ Nationals to



**Janet Randell with her dog Cooper.**

Whangamatā Club 2009' and then held that three more times at the Whangamatā RSA.

We asked Janet what was most memorable for her: "being on the door meeting people and on our RSA committee".

On the health front, she was with the Whangamatā St John for 10 years, a short time as Station Manager, then, with Katrina Wickham and Diane Hawkings, ran the St John Cadets - she even took cadets to China in 2007.

In her own words Randell says "**I'm always a spade, a spade, not a shovel!!**".

**We miss you already!**

- Jennie Black

## Caydan Hope follows his dream.

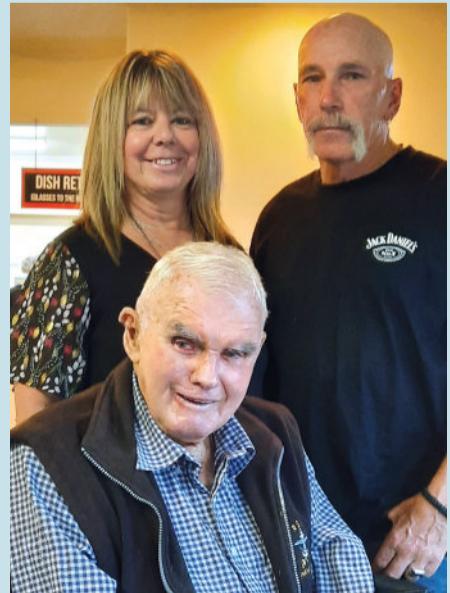
Caydan said "I'm very happy in my work and I'm training well" and talking to him I get the impression that it would take a very good fighter to beat him, and I certainly wouldn't like to be his opponents, who he has studied up on. He will be in tip-top condition, and ready in mind and body to represent.

So, get down to the Bodywork Gym, 10.00am Friday to 10.00am

Saturday, donate heaps, there will be plenty of locals having a go at the Harcourts and Bodywork Gym Spinathon event, Caydan will be there doing the odd spin and join in at Smoky Pallet for 11.00am brunch, guest speakers, live music and spot prizes for those who participated overall.

- Story & photos Mark James

## Bill celebrates 90 at the RSA



Whangamatā News caught up with Bill Watson at the re-opening night of the RSA. Bill has had 40 years of RSA, of which he's a Patron and Life Member, in Titirangi and 26 years at Whangamatā RSA. "The beer is always good and the food's marvellous here - and the people are like family", he says. "To me, the RSA was very much of a saviour when my wife died."

"Bill won't go anywhere else" says Bill's son-in-law, Lance.

Congratulations Bill!

**Pictured left:** Bill Watson with his daughter, Jude, and son-in-law, Lance.

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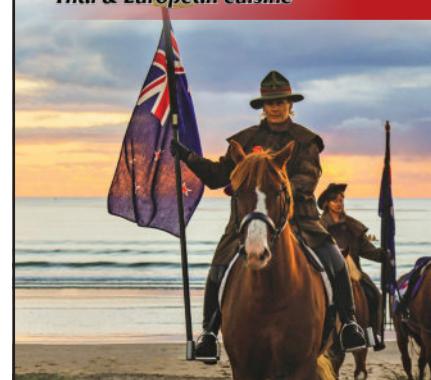
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A big thank you to everyone who supported Ying's @ the RSA for takeaways over the last few weeks.

Hopefully things will eventually change and we can see a way forward to keep our RSA family in touch.

Keep safe!



# Flower power

Whangamatā News popped into the recent floral competition on October 19 at the Baptist Church to see what can only be called "blooming marvellous!"



## Floral show results

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3rd Jude Savage

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3rd Errin Roigard

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1st Catherine Kidd  
2nd Irene Tyler  
3rd Jocelyn Wright

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1st Errin Roigard  
2nd Judie Savage  
3rd Dawn Billinghurst

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1st Dawn Billinghurst  
2nd Doreen Spain  
3rd Dianne Trembath

### MARY BRINKWORTH CUP

Irene Taylor - Poppy

### ABOVE GROUND VEGES

1st Irene Tyler  
2nd Errin Roigard  
3rd Catherine Kidd

### BELOW GROUND VEGES

1st Errin Roigard  
2nd Irene Taylor

### FRUIT

1st Doreen Spain  
2nd Errin Roigard  
3rd Catherine Kidd

### SINGLE BLOOM

1st Irene Tyler  
2nd Dianne Trembath  
3rd Errin Roigard

### MULTI BLOOM

1st Jocelyn Wright  
2nd Doreen Spain  
3rd Irene Tyler

### ROSES

1st Errin Roigard  
2nd Dawn Billinghurst  
3rd Catherine Kidd

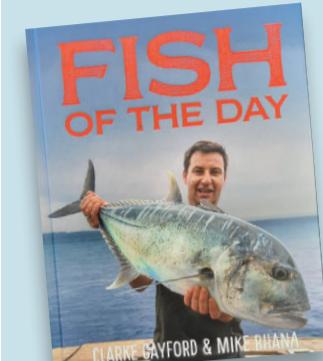
### SHRUBS

1st Doreen Spain  
2nd Dianne Trembath  
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# Choosing to end your life

With the only news around being Covid related it might have slipped your mind but the End of Life Choice Act comes into force on 7 November.

The purpose of the Act is to give persons who have a terminal illness and who meet certain criteria the option of lawfully requesting medical assistance to end their lives and to establish a lawful process to assist such eligible persons who exercise that right.

It is a controversial topic which has many strong advocates in favour and against. In order to dispel any uncertainty I will set out the eligibility criteria.

**A person has to meet all of these steps to be considered:**

1. Aged over 18.
2. A New Zealand Citizen or a permanent resident.
3. Suffers from a terminal illness that is likely to end the person's life within six months.
4. Is in an advanced state of irreversible decline in physical capability.
5. Experiences unbearable suffering that cannot be

relieved in a manner that the person considers tolerable.

6. Is competent to make an informed decision about assisted dying.

**The process has a number of requirements:**

1. Person must inform their medical practitioner of their wish.
2. The medical practitioner has a number of steps to fulfil.
3. After completing the steps the person will be referred to another medical practitioner.
4. If necessary a psychiatrist will need to give a third opinion if competence is not established to the satisfaction of 1 or both medical practitioners.

This article just scratches the surface of an unprecedented piece of legislation in New Zealand's history. If you need to inquire further about the matters raised, I suggest you contact your GP to talk about it.

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# Students 'Clean Up'



Amber Leigh and Bella, senior students from WAS.

Whangamatā Area School Enviro Group students hosted a beach clean up last week to promote environmental awareness and be proactive in their community.

The students chose Whangamatā Beach as the location for their clean up as part of Clean Up Week 2021 which is promoted by Keep New Zealand Beautiful.

Covid restrictions have put some limitations on their plans, however, it is pleasing to still be able to host this event.

Thanks to Aspire Refill and Eco Store and TCDC for their assistance. Also thanks to all community members who came along to help clean up our beach - we look forward to doing it again next year.



Danielle has hands on!



Rebecca & Sienna with Mavic and Adam retrieve plastic.

# Think before you shop

**According to CNN, humans produce approximately 300 million tonnes of plastic every year. Think about what a single piece of plastic weighs; not much? Now consider the colossal size that much plastic would look like if put in a pile - and that's only for one year.**

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We all love living in Whangamatā right? It's paradise for many. But what makes it paradise? Beautiful green forests, clean air and rivers, 'New Zealand's best beach', surfing, fishing; we have a bounty of food and recreational opportunities on our doorstep; but how are we treating our home? Is the convenience of throwing away last week's empty bottle of dishwashing liquid, or used peanut butter jar or bottle of

hand soap worth the tidal wave of plastic that's coming?

We didn't used to live like this; 50 years ago we didn't buy our food and domestic products in plastic bags and bottles. Plastic has brought convenience to our lives but at what expense? What are the consequences of this going to be for us and our children in 30 years?

Part of Aspire Refill & Eco Store's mission is to reduce the amount of single use plastic our community is disposing of every year; buy your bulk food items in a paper bag, refill your empty bottle of laundry liquid or soap instead of throwing it out, invest in a set of stainless steel straws or a 'keep cup' for your daily coffee.

There are so many small steps that we as individuals can take, which will make a huge collective difference.

Let's aspire for Whangamatā to lead the way in cutting down on the amount of single use plastic we are putting into our environment every year...

- Mavic and Brent  
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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING EVERYBODY BACK SOON!**

# Battle of the ages

## 16 nationalities represented in soccer league

5-A Side Summer League Football has kicked off in Whangamatā, and will take place every Tuesday night. Children aged 8-12 years play in a Junior League, starting at 4:00pm each week. Senior students and adults battle it out in a fun but competitive league from 5:25pm.

The competition is organised and run by Willy Schoppe who joined the coaching team of the Whangamatā Junior Football Club this year. Willy introduced

the Summer Festival to promote Football in our area and to help develop a link between the Junior and Senior Football players. It is also a great social event for our community.

Willy says "Sport is a great leveller and a conduit for engagement and better societal cohesion, this is what communities need to foster wherever they can, it brings all people together and establishes new avenues of bonding".



The inaugural summer football season is shaping up to be lots of fun and will be great preparation for next year's winter football season.

This was the first year that the Junior Football Club had a 13th Grade team playing in the Western Bay of Plenty winter competition. Players from this team, and other Year 8-9 students, have made up three of the 9 Senior 5-A Side teams. The remaining players are made up of Senior Club players as well as other local players from Whangamatā and surrounding areas.

Whangamatā News spoke to the girls of the year 9 and 10 Warrior girls team, and asked them what they felt about playing the senior adult players. "Scary because they are so big" and "really they are just big kids!", they replied. The girls also said the summer league was a great transition from winter to summer sport events.

The Whangamatā News reporter did note the Seniors – although very skilled – did call for subs a lot more frequently than the youngsters!

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# Exams see great scores

2021 was another year full of COVID disruptions for the 180 students at Whangamatā Dance School (WDS). Dance exams started on August 17 and only one day, of five full days, was completed before Level 4 Delta lockdown sent everyone home and back to online learning. Almost a month to the day after the fact, the rest of the students were able to sit their exams... amid fears of another lockdown on the first day when cases were confirmed in Hauraki. Luckily things stayed as they were and all students were able to sit their exams with great success. 80% of students received a result of 85% or higher, with 64% receiving the top results of Outstanding or Distinction - a fantastic effort by our students, especially under the circumstances! Special mention to the following students, Bella Muir, Maya Cooney, Summer Cunningham and Maddie Airey who were nominated for the

prestigious NZ Association of Modern Dance (NZAMD) Scholarship awards in Hip Hop.

This year WDS is hosting their annual show in a new format – adapting to the times and limitations set out under Level 2 guidelines and are taking their show to the big screen! 'A New Millennium – The Movie' will be showing at the War Memorial Hall auditorium on Friday November 5th and Saturday November 6th. Audience sizes are limited to 100 people – but don't worry, there will be multiple screenings and ticket prices include a premium seat, complimentary popcorn, ice cream, programmes and an alcoholic beverage option for the adults at the evening screenings. Treat yourself to a special night out and support our very talented local youth as they showcase their skills, while enjoying the music from 2000-2010! Tickets are available at Whanga Books - get them quick before they sell out!



# The show must go on



The show will hopefully go on! This is the cry from all the theatre groups around the country.

The cast of *Ugly Customers* Whangamatā Theatre Society's latest comedy are really looking forward to bringing some laughter into the lives of the locals. They have been rehearsing for many months and during Lockdown levels carried on rehearsing with regular Zoom sessions.

*Ugly Customers*, written by Joe Musaphia, is the story of an elderly couple who hold up a bank and demand money (no gold coins thank you). The bank manager and tellers are given lessons and a refresher course on customer service and manners. As the armed defenders squad surrounds the bank, the elderly couple spring into action. Relationships begin to forge and there is division amongst

the ranks. A NZ play exploring a frustration many of us recognise - the service, or lack of it from our financial institutions, especially in this current climate.

**Six locals will entertain you from 16 to 20 November at the Whangamatā Memorial Hall.**

**Tickets are available from Pumice Patch, Port Road (next to Bartleys Graphics) and are cash only. Ticket prices are \$25 for evening shows and \$20 for the matinee on Saturday, 20 November, at 2pm.**

**If you wish to pay online for your tickets, please email Lorna Judd on [laj@scifi.geek.nz](mailto:laj@scifi.geek.nz) and she will provide you with Bank Account details and how you can pick up your tickets.**

- Therese Dixon,  
Whangamatā Theatre Society



Left to right: Denise Boston, Lyn Dorreen, Pete Hart and Rhys Vaughan.



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# Trick or treating is in the past... now it's a picnic!



Photos by Mark James

*Whangamatā News had the extreme pleasure of welcoming a massive turnout to Sami Watts' inaugural Halloween Picnic at Beach Reserve on what was the best Halloween ever in Whangamatā!*

"It came about because trick or treating is a thing of the past and wanted to bring something new to our community in Whangamatā", explained Sami.

"First of many we hope - and we have lots of prizes for Best Dressed and spot prizes, random draws and loads of families bringing their own food and everyone's child gets an individual wrapped bag of lollies, and of course we have hand sanitiser and covid tracing", Sami said.

If you want to help Halloween in the Park next year please contact Sami either by calling 027 577 0666 or email [samanthajamieson23@gmail.com](mailto:samanthajamieson23@gmail.com). She welcomes all donations for our little ones in our community!



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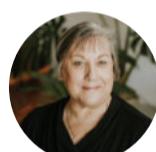
## 103B Hunt Road

It is all about the location, location, location here. After 20 years the owners have made the call and it is time to sell their much-loved piece of paradise on Hunt Road. Over the years they and their extended family have enjoyed their weekends and holidays here, especially with the short walk to the cafes and the famous Whangamatā surf.

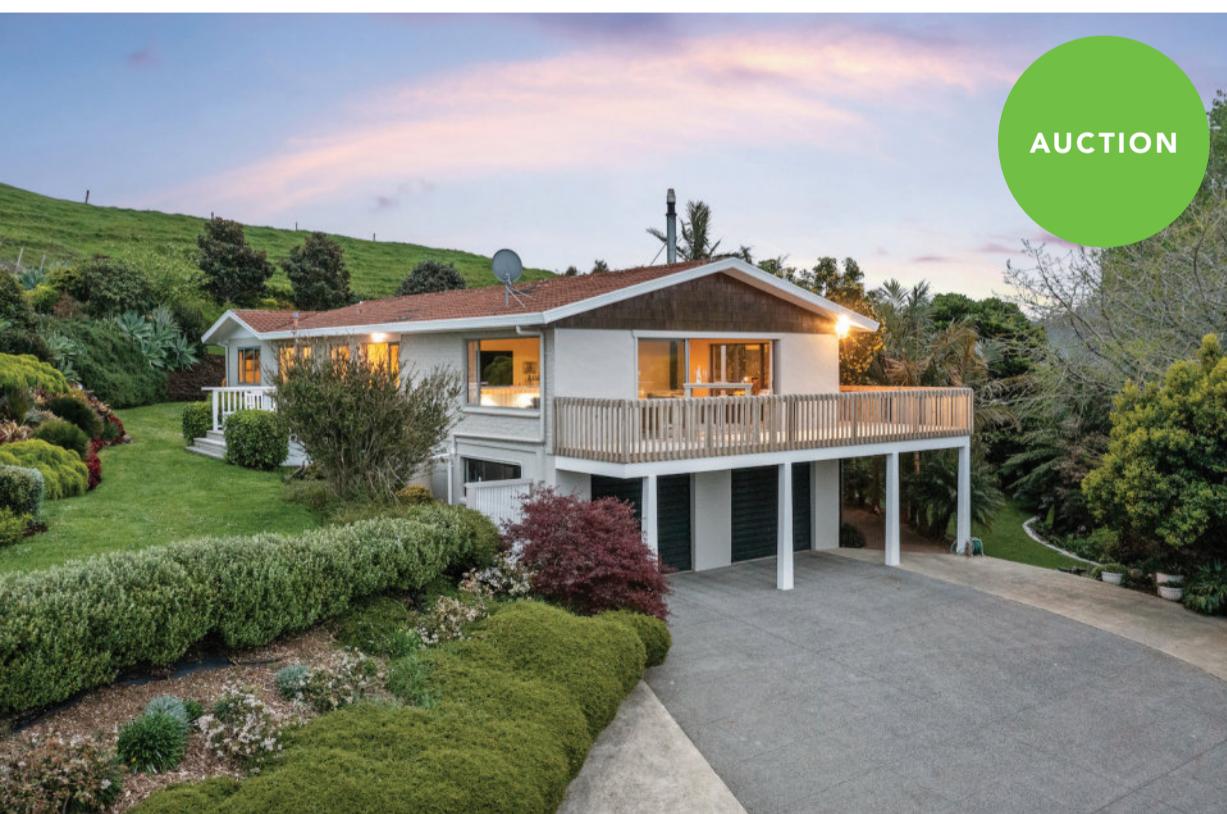
Enjoy this property as it is or make plans to develop this fantastic freehold (extra density zoned) site. Properties like this do not come onto the market very often so make sure you put it on your list to view.

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Nancy Millett  
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## 709 Tairua Road

Upon entering the property, you drive up under a canopy of Olive trees. When reaching the house, you are struck by the beautiful gardens that have been created here with heaps of colour and birdlife creating an oasis of peace & serenity. Then into the home which has excellent views down the harbour to the ocean and down past Mt Maunganui. The interior of the home has been almost entirely remodeled so it is like new. There are 4 bedrooms, master with ensuite and walk in wardrobe, 2 bathrooms, family room double garage plus a separate garage and a covered deck for indoor/outdoor living. Downstairs could suit a home business. The property is located just a short drive away from Whangamatā, Onemana & Opoutere. School Bus stops at gate.

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## 205 Achilles Avenue

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# Back to where it all began...

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### November 2021

● New Moon: 5th

● Full Moon: 19th

Date	High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sunrise	Sunset
5 Fri	7:53	1.9	20:08	1:31	0.1	13:53	06:05	19:53
6 Sat	8:45	2.0	21:00	2:22	0.1	14:46	06:04	19:55
7 Sun	9:36	2.0	21:52	3:12	0.0	15:38	06:03	19:56
8 Mon	10:28	2.0	22:44	4:03	0.0	16:31	06:02	19:57
9 Tue	11:21	2.0	23:38	4:53	0.0	17:25	06:01	19:58
10 Wed		1.9	12:16	5:45	0.1	18:21	06:00	19:59
11 Thu	0:33	1.8	13:12	6:39	0.2	19:19	05:59	20:00
12 Fri	1:31	1.7	14:10	7:35	0.3	20:18	05:58	20:01
13 Sat	2:32	1.7	15:09	8:35	0.4	21:17	05:57	20:02
14 Sun	3:34	1.6	16:06	9:36	0.4	22:16	05:57	20:03
15 Mon	4:35	1.6	17:01	10:37	0.4	23:13	05:56	20:04
16 Tue	5:33	1.6	17:53	11:34	0.5		05:55	20:05
17 Wed	6:26	1.7	18:41	0:05	0.4	12:27	05:54	20:06
18 Thu	7:14	1.7	19:26	0:53	0.3	13:15	05:54	20:08
19 Fri	7:58	1.7	20:08	1:37	0.3	13:59	05:53	20:09

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