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## Pink Maomao plundering

The Pink Maomao plundering, has in turn identified a sad inadequate management system for our fish species. Those responsible being potentially identified and vilified for their actions, legal or not. The systematic destruction of our ocean's inhabitants, supported by our Government's approach and management is reprehensible. No doubt our local MP will write a stern letter today while tomorrow yet another, unsustainable take of fish will hit the market. There is absolutely no difference between idiots decimating (legally) the Pink Maomao, plus by-catch, and the buzz of a spotter plane identifying the last remaining schools of Trevally, and Kahawai alerting the ever present Purse Seiners to yet another dwindling pay day.

Yes, one can still venture out and catch a few for the family, but please not during spawning time. There has never been a better time to start the rebuilding process. Here in Whangamata we have the islands of Hauturu,

Whenuakura, Rawengaiti and the Maukaha rocks, already recognized wildlife sanctuary(s). The birdlife is returning thanks to a dedicated group, extending this to ocean vicinity and just maybe we have enacted the collective vision for our seas that our children will thank us for.

**Chris Coombe**  
WHANGAMATA

## It needs to stop

The overfishing of our waters. Now I am not just talking about the current Pink Maomao situation. I have stood up before regarding the consistent overindulgence of our waters. But this is next level. I want to make it clear, there is nothing, yet, that these persons are doing that is illegal, but does that make it right? Legality does not equal morality. There are plenty of times through history that even what was being done was legal in that country or in that time, did not make it right. And people stood up and fought. Now it is our turn. We know, that by using unsustainable fishing

practices over an extended period of time is harmful to that species, its habitat, and the overall ecosystem. We need to act, and not the vigilante type that I have heard whispers of around town, that will not get us anywhere, and make us the bad guys. I'm pleased Ngati Hei has stepped up, once again, to place a rahui on the Pink Maomao. I also hear of local operators placing their own 'boat limits' on the species, this is a great start. It is now time for our central government to act, much like the revitalised Government action on the Sea Change document, which in itself needs stakeholder consultation, but at least it is gaining some traction and headlines! If you want action, help or information on these matters, look to our representatives at local, district and national level! We, the people, are watching, and waiting, do not abuse or turn a blind eye to those whom you serve, and those who not only put you there, but can remove you just as easily.

**Phil Keogh**  
WHANGAMATA

## Please don't be greedy

A plea to commercial and recreational fishers... please don't be greedy when out fishing.

We all love fishing and it's great we have the freedom to do so in our island nation.

However, when people take more fish than they need - probably because they hope to make a quick dollar or more through local or overseas markets - that is called plundering, raping the ocean, even theft of the ocean's resources.

So many fish species - pink maomao and terakihi for starters - are facing extinction if limits aren't imposed on their numbers.

Come on the Government - take a serious look at our fish stocks, commercial and recreational fishing rules, and DO something. If our oceans die, so do we...

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# Urgent intervention needed to protect pink maomao

Reports about abuse of the pink maomao fishery is highly concerning, says Coromandel Member of Parliament Scott Simpson.

“I’ve written to Hon David Parker, the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries, seeking his urgent intervention to halt the pillaging of vast quantities of pink maomao from the seas around the eastern coast of the Coromandel Peninsula.

“There is currently no limit or catch restrictions on the taking of pink maomao. This seems to be a regulatory and legal loophole which needs to be fixed immediately.

“Overfishing causes enormous harm and I’m pleased that Ngati Hei have established a voluntary rahui. I support the move, but to have real impact that process requires formalisation as well.

“I am concerned that if urgent action is not taken, there is the



potential for citizens to take matters into their own hands with all the negative outcomes that may stem from that.”

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

## Letters

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### Conflicting Priorities

Poor Eugenie Sage must find difficult to sleep at night (NZH 29/6/21). She wrestles with the need for warm dry housing to solve the housing crisis while fretting about the urgent need to reduce climate pollution and the need to protect and restore nature. The interminable overhaul of the RMA conflicts her further as her formula will certainly make things worse by replacing one law with three others. She hopes to limit the influence of property developers and to increase the influence of Maori interests and give more power to local communities.

Her stated wish is to build more homes while demanding an evidence driven, science based process that meets the values of citizens assemblies, Maori and increased recognition of the Environment Court. A new system that directs decision makers to remove planning hurdles seems to be a forlorn hope.

The RMA may muddy the waters for developer’s plans but Eugenie’s recipe promises a quagmire that will dash the hopes of anyone seeking to gain a consent to do almost anything.

**George Williams**  
WHANGAMATA

## Vaccine bookings

The Whangamata Community Health Inc, in conjunction with Whangamata Medical Centre, Unichem and Whangamata Pharmacies wish to advise our community that we are in preparation for rolling out Covid-19 vaccinations to Tier 3 and 4 people in our community. Due to vaccine supply limitations we are hoping to start our clinics by the end of July or early August.

As you may appreciate, there is considerable work to do behind the scenes to set up the infrastructure, but we are well on track to get this done.

We will be contacting our community when we are ready to take bookings and will notify you by a variety of methods including text, email, newspapers, community facebook pages, and flyers. Group 3 and 4 are a large group, so vaccinations will take place over several months.

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# Flag photo celebrates a battle won...

Supporters of a proposal to set up a community hub/marae centre on council land at 101 Lindsay Rd have been given two and a half years to come up with a plan to support their idea.

On June 30 the Thames Coromandel District Council signed off on its long term plan for 2021-2031. The plan includes an agreement which will give hub supporters time to come up with a viable business plan for the \$3 million block.

TCDC South-East ward councillor Terry Walker said supporters of the community marae/ hub project had thought efforts to persuade the council not to sell the land were “all over”. He declared the new development a huge victory for Whangamata.

Last week he and other supporters of the community marae/hub celebrated by recreating a famous World War Two photo which shows six US soldiers raising the Stars and Stripes on the summit of Mount Suribachi, following the battle of Iwo Jima. The light-hearted recreation showed a Whangamata flag flying on a bamboo pole. It was surrounded by people appearing to push the flag up but not quite getting there, symbolising the battle it has taken to persuade the council not to sell the land, says Walker

The new agreement will give the community time to decide on a plan for 101 Lindsay Rd and move forward, he says.

“And it also allows time for another council election to go through, and for new people to come along with new ideas.

“The land isn’t guaranteed forever but we’ve won a small victory: We’ve won the battle, but not the war.”

The Lindsay Rd saga began in 2018 when the TCDC was looking for land to sell, Walker says.

The Whangamata Community Board rejected the idea of selling. However the TCDC kept up the pressure and the option to sell the \$3 million block was listed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 document earlier this year, dismayng proponents of the community marae/hub.

In the meantime however, the board managed to do some “good lobbying” on the issue, which finally paid off, Walker says.

“We thought it was all over. This is a huge victory for us in the town.”

He says the Department of Internal Affairs supports getting the land secured so that funding for a centre can be obtained, but has questioned whether it should be known as a marae or a



Raising the victory flag (from left) are Dave Ryan, Terry Walker, Peter Priest, Tai Rapana, Gary Gotlieb, Rob Boston, Benjamin Dundar Smith, Graeme Smith, Janie Murray, Helen McCabe (hidden), Waveney Vaughan.

community centre.

“If the community marae people can’t put the project together, I’m sure that other hub supporters will work towards establishing a centre in that location in the future.”

Meanwhile a small building on one corner of the land has been leased to new parks and reserves contractor Recreational

Services for a year. Recreational Services is taking over from Smart Environmental Ltd, which has held the contract since 1998.

Walker is also promoting the possibility of the Resource Recovery Centre setting up a shop at 101 Lindsay Rd where recycled items could be sold.

- Cameron Scott

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# Another young achiever



Whangamata born and bred local 14 year old Ethan Jameson has successfully defended his NZ National Motorbike Enduro title in the junior division. He started riding at the age of 3 and racing at age 5.

Ethan competes all around the country bringing home numerous trophies. At the end of last year he won bronze at the NZ extreme enduro, racing all ages. Extreme enduro is in steep terrain, over logs, boulders and river riding. Some of this is so difficult you have to hop off and push your bike over.

These races consist of 10 hours of racing over the weekend. Ethan is half way through the Central Enduro series and holding onto first place so far. He's off to compete in other

events in the coming weekends, with a busy year ahead of competing.

Ethan had his last race in this series in June, and the last round was in Masterton, he also plays in the sports academy at school and still fits in time for the under 15's rugby and is part of the school mountain bike group.

An achiever who is aiming high to head overseas to compete and have a go at the Red Bull Romaniacs in Romania.

**He is hoping to get some more sponsorship to carry on his dream.**

**Should that be of interest to readers or businesses to assist Ethan please call his Dad, Alan Jameson on 027 417 6658.**

# Help! My Dad left me nothing in his will

With families becoming increasingly diverse and complicated, lawyers are often called upon to give advice to family members who have been omitted from a will. This could be a spouse, a partner, a child or even a grandchild, all of whom have status to bring a claim against an estate of their relative.

George approached me the other day and said his Dad left him nothing in his last will, preferring to favour his stepsisters and his second wife. Although George did not know about the Family Protection Act 1955, he just had a hunch that it was not fair that he had been scorned by his father and was there anything he could do about it. The short answer was 'yes'.

There is a moral obligation on every will-maker to have regard to close family. In George's case, his father had breached

his moral duty. George had very little money, no significant assets and two small children. Whilst his father had a primary duty to provide for George's stepmother, he could not ignore George's situation. This was especially the case when he had provided for George's younger stepsisters who were far better off than he was.

After finding out the relevant facts, I was able to assure George that he had an excellent case and

the Court would look favourably on his claim. I also warned him that the share he was claiming would have to come from his stepsisters and/or step mother, which would set up personal conflict that a court could not fix.

What should he do? What would you do?

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# Bus service unlikely till next year

A proposed bus service linking Whangamata with Waihi has plenty of local support, but is unlikely to begin until the 2022-2023 financial year, says Thames Coromandel District South-East ward councillor Terry Walker.

The service, which would be subsidised by the Waka Kotahi - the NZ Transport Authority, and managed by the Waikato Regional Council, was aired by regional councillor Denis Tegg at a public meeting in Whangamata earlier this year.

But though there is no shortage of local demand for a bus service, the council is moving slowly, Walker says.

"The regional council is great at coming up with good ideas, but executing them is the issue. I struggle to see it get into this year's annual plan - my feeling is it will happen in the 2022-2023 financial year.

"I'd love to see it happen sooner, but we have to jump through the hoops, consult and sign off on a budget. We're working with a bureaucracy that's a big, slow wheel, and sometimes they've got more brakes than accelerator!"

Compounding the slow progress is that Tairua/Pauanui and Whangamata Community Boards all need to get behind the project, he adds.

"The Tairua Community Board



A Mercedes vehicle with wheelchair access has been proposed for the planned bus service.

have asked for more information about ensuring that the funding model through Waka Kotahi has been budgeted- and they want more time.

"I've had plenty of meetings around town on this. I've spoken to the Whangamata Community Board and Grey Power and I've received plenty of calls supporting a need for a reliable bus service.

Denis Tegg is very keen. And there's strong support from those who don't have transport or might occasionally need a lift to pick up a vehicle that's been repaired, or visit relatives.

"I've spoken to the owner of Tairua

Bus Company and he 100 per cent supports the idea.

Of course it will all go to tender, but I believe it could be possible to build a business around it."

The beauty of the proposed service is that it would be half-funded by Waka Kotahi and "driven" by the regional council, Walker says.

"There would be a small charge for passengers under 65 and those over 65 with a Gold Card would travel free."

Two service options are being discussed. Option 1, described as a "full demand responsive operation," would provide a

one day, two trips, a week return service from Tairua to Whangamata and Waihi and a one day, two trips a week return service from Tairua to Thames.

Pauanui, Opoutere, Onemana, and Whiritoa passengers would have a booked "on-call" service which would require only a short amount of advance warning. The service would not run on days with no pre-bookings, or for parts of the route where there are no bookings. This could cost less than a traditional fixed route service and would allow deviation from routes to pick up and drop off passengers, Walker adds.

The service would use a modified Mercedes 13 seater mini bus which would be wheelchair-accessible.

Option 2 would provide a one day per week return trip from Tairua to Thames via Pauanui and a one day a week return trip connecting Tairua with Waihi, using the same vehicle.

A feeder service vehicle would connect Whiritoa, Onemana and Opoutere with express services at SH25/25A intersection.

"Now, local people need to make their voices heard on this issue through their Community Boards. That's a must, and with their voices we can push to get it over the line," Walker says.

- Cameron Scott

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# Matariki at Whangamata Kindergarten

At Whangamata Kindergarten, Matariki is about sharing and making something for someone else that is handmade (not bought) and is made with love. We thought that the children making kai for their whānau/ families would be a wonderful way of bringing our kindergarten community together and showing our aroha. The tamariki have become experts in bread making, and we have been harvesting our gardens to make soup.

The teaching team regularly facilitate a fire ritual as part of our programme and have been experimenting cooking over the fire. The tamariki use all their senses to engage in this learning, they are learning to keep themselves and others safe, and enjoy listening to stories or singing waiata around the fire.

We celebrated star Waitā which represents the salt waters, seas, oceans and everything living in



it. We enjoyed some sea food chowder and we watched the biggest and juiciest mussels slowly open over the fire.

Matariki signifies reflection, hope and our connection to the environment. We are fortunate to have access to an Inspired Kindergarten van and the tamariki got to explore Opoutere Forest. The tamariki were in awe of the huts made by tamariki in the wider community, and spent time making their own hut for others to happen upon.

Matariki provides a wonderful gateway to explore deeper

learning and discussion about the Māori world view.

For our community, Matariki is a time for learning, but also celebration and togetherness. This whakatauki (proverb) tells of coming together during the winter months, as we will to celebrate te wā o Matariki

Kua tino matao te tangata, me te tahutahu ahi, ka panaina.

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– Michelle Flower  
Whangamata Kindergarten



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# Food waste solution direct from kitchen

The Whangamata Resource Recovery Trust's Compost2GO Swappa Pottle project aims to show local residents how they can help reduce the serious problems caused when food waste is dumped in landfills.

The project uses a system of swappable pottles which can be filled with plant food kitchen scraps. Washed egg shells and kitchen paper towels can be added, but not meat, bread or dairy products.

Full pottles are taken to one of a number of handy locations around Whangamata and swapped for empty ones - eliminating the need to handle food waste.

Trust spokeswoman Helen McCabe says the initiative brings a solution directly into the heart of participating households, the kitchen.

"Pottles will be collected from swap locations by Trust volunteers and emptied into compost bins or worm farms to be converted into garden compost and worm farm castings," she says.

The system works well: in a six-month trial using just 30 pottles, participants have diverted a total of 2000kg of food waste away from the Whangamata landfill, where it would otherwise become a costly and problematic pile of waste, emitting



methane gas. "We have bought another 50 pottles to increase the scope of the trial and the trust will be encouraging more households to join in," Helen says.

"The number of swap locations will also be increased to make it easy for participants to do a simple switch."

Swap locations are outside the back door of the Whangamata Information Centre, the Estuary Store (Pohutukawa Cres), 114 The Drive, 114 Tamaki Drive, 101 Tukere Drive and 113B Casement Rd.

Once you've dropped off your full pottle and picked up a new one, just send a quick text message to the number printed on the lid top saying a swap has been made and that will help us keep up with the Swappa Pottle activity," says Helen.

- Cameron Scott

# Emergency \$400,000 to repair beach accesses



Temporary work has been done to repair some of the beach accesses in Whangamata which were wrecked in last month's storm.

An emergency fund of \$400,000 to repair severe access damage at beaches around the Coromandel has been signed off by Thames Coromandel District Council mayor Sandra Goudie.

And some of the money will be spent in Whangamata, says TCDC South East Ward councillor Terry Walker.

"There was some quite severe damage to the dunes on the south side of the main beach, with a metre and a half drop off in places," Walker said. "The fund won't fix the problem of the sand being

gone, but accesses are a key issue.

"The storm that went down the side of the North Island was even bigger than the one in 2005. If it had come 100km this way, would of caused lot more damage. We just dodged the bullet this time."

The most recent damage raises the question of future insurance issues with homes built close to the beach, says Walker

"The insurance industry is saying, 'enough is enough'."

- Cameron Scott

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# Sports results

## INDOOR BOWLS

### Memorial Hall

**14 June:** winners, Norm Sayer and Max Hill, three wins and a whole heap of points, second place Brian Wyatt. Joy O'Sullivan also three wins, and only two points behind. Marge Hodgson won the raffle.

**21 June:** Norm won again, this time assisted by Cynthia Colville. Second place to Stephen Hodgson, Brian Wyatt and new member Elsa Jenkins.

### MAH JONG

**18 June:** We had 52 players at Mah Jong. The Winners for the day were Rae Giles and Jill Witehira with 42 points. Second were Gael Butler and Rosemarie Rutherford with 31 points and third with 30 points were Tina Palmer and Ila Pellowe.

**19-20 June:** Some of our members went to Wellington to play in their tournament. Susan Holmes came second and Janet Randell came 4th.

**25 June:** We had 54 players at Mah Jong. The Winner for the day was Dianne Trembath with 48 points. Second was Gael Butler with 46 points and third was Alison Todd with 38 points.

## TABLE TENNIS

### Whangamata Club

**17 June:** Ladies rule this week! Angie Dewhurst was top scorer with Wayne Broome next, then Helen Hughes and Brian Ford on equal third points.

Numbers were a little lower this week - must be everybody escaping our very wet weather. So come indoors to the Whangamata Club, Thursdays at 12.50 for some exercise around the table tennis tables.

**24 June:** This week Ken Allen was on top points, pushing Wayne Broome into 2nd place. Bob Rogers was a couple of points behind for 3rd with a multitude just one point behind and waiting to pounce. So there were some very tight games. Well fought everyone.

**1 July:** Another good turnout with close results. Brian Ford and Wayne Broome both equalled first place with Sally Earp, Graeme Smith and John Wallace all tying for second place.

We are at the Whangamata Club every Thursday at 12.50pm. See you there!

## TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER

### Please note our winter hours:

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**16 June:** 1st Jessica Vaughan, 2nd Eli Byles, 3rd Cj Loughlin. In the bubble Phil Harriss.

Congratulations to our baby steady game all night.

**23 June:** 1st Patrick (ladies man) Rashida, 2nd Phil Harriss, 3rd Andre Barlow. In the bubble our Miss Jilly. Congratulations all Pat looked a winner all night coming off an all ladies table seemed to have worked for him.

### RSA 500 CARD CLUB

**9 June:** 16 players enjoyed the afternoon. The winner on the day was Marj Hodgson and Monique Thomas won the chocolate bar. Robert Watson won the raffle.

**16 June:** 16 players. The winner on the day was Snow Harris and Marj Hodgson won the chocolate bar. Linda Harris won the raffle.

**23 June:** 18 players. The winner on the day was Janet Randel and Peter Hart won the chocolate bar. Peter Hart won the raffle.

**27 June:** 14 players. The winner on the day was Rex Osbaldiston and Ann Jacobs won the chocolate bar. Pam Grey won the raffle.

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

## WHANGAMATA 9 HOLE GOLF

We are getting a good turn out of golfers at the Williamson Course with 37 players last week.

We continue to get new players joining us - if you would like to give it a go please call our 9 Hole Club Captain Jane Stichbury on 0274 828 202.

At Williamson this week we played a Stableford Haggles, 1st on 27 stableford Heather Hayward, 2nd on 23 stableford Heather Dansby Scott and 3rd on 20 stableford was Michelle Cotter.

At the Titoki Course the 4th round of the Myrtle Thompson Trophy a Nett Competition, 1st on Nett 30 Joy Robinson, 2nd equal on Nett 34 Adele Henderson and Sue Watson and 3rd on Nett 38 Heather Dansby Scott.



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# Dune restoration for our little learners



Some of the older children from Rainbow Cottage had an amazing experience helping with dune restoration in Onemana on Thursday 1st July. This was part of their Matariki celebrations as they look for ways to protect our local environment and honour the earth mother Papatūānuku for future generations.

The local dotterel protection group got the visit off to great start. After learning about dotterels and why we need to protect them, the children painted wooden dotterels.

The group then helped with planting in the dunes. They learnt about how the plants help



protect our dunes and beaches. Many hands make light work and in no time the job was done. 400 more plants helping to protect

our precious dunes.

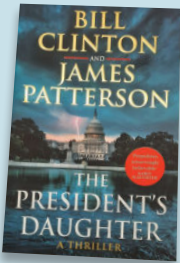
Rainbow Cottage would like to thanks Tanya from TCDC, the dotterel protection group and the dune planting team. It was a productive and meaningful day out which gave everyone a deeper understanding of the importance of protecting our dunes and native dotterels.

The teachers, children and whanau at Rainbow Cottage feel incredibly lucky to live in such an amazing community and being able to work together for the greater good.

- Katrina Brickwood Rainbow Cottage

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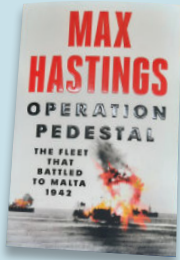


Mathew Keating, a one time Navy SEAL and a former US president, has always defended his family as fiercely as he has his country. Now these defences are under attack. And it's personal.

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# Humphrey the Sea Elephant is back in all his glory... and on the move

**Humphrey the Sea Elephant first ventured ashore at Mayor Island in March, 1984. He was named Willie by Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries officers.**

He appeared on the beach at Whangamata in August, 1985, where he spent several days resting before again taking to the sea. A roster was set in place on the beach with volunteers ensuring his safety, and so the people who flocked to see him didn't get close enough to be in danger.

Whangamata Area School decided to have a competition to find a new name for him. The student who won named him Humphrey, as he has been known ever since.

He returned in 1986, where he was seen for several days basking in the Whangamata Harbour, even making his way up the river to the Golf Course. He was seen playing and lolling in the water and provided entertainment to our local community. He could also be heard – he had a distinctive “motorbike in water” sound.

The next time he visited the area, he had his sights set on a local dairy farm at Opoutere, owned by Alan and Helen Bridson, this

time turning his spring on-shore sortie into a three-month holiday.

In the next two months, he lived in a drain on the farm, broke fences, spooked the dairy herd and



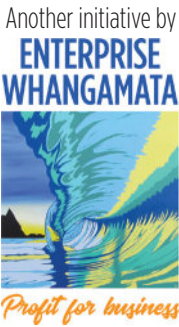
attracted visitors from far and wide. The world converged on the Bridson family. Alan and Helen fielded calls at all times of night and day from the BBC, American television, the Holmes programme, newspapers and local radio stations. They also received letters and cards from people from all around the world.

He was an old male sea elephant and became quite aggressive. The Gallagher group came to the rescue after two months and provided an elephant electric

fence and they were then able to manoeuvre him and restrict him to the drain. The fence didn't hurt him but it did dampen his enthusiasm and one month later he retreated back down the drain and out to sea.

Humphrey, the unsociable, unsavoury, but eminently loveable, ocean-going Sea Elephant was gone but the legend remains larger than Humphrey himself.

**In 1988 a fibreglass replica was made for Gallagher to display at the Field Days in Hamilton. Now, thanks to Sir William Gallagher's generosity, it has been given some much needed maintenance, and is to have pride of place back in Whangamata next week. He is going to a well deserved and prime resting spot for our whole community to enjoy!**



**Where will he be? Watch this space!**

## Sports results continued



### MAH JONG

**2 July:** We had 52 players at Mah Jong. We celebrated Helen Donovan's 90th birthday. Attached is a photo of her with our President Tina Palmer. It is great to see Helen at 90 still regularly playing Mah Jong.

We also drew the winner of "The Angeni Healing in Harmony" monthly sponsorship. The June winner was Jill Witehira.

The Mah Jong winner for today was Heather Dansy-Scott with 45 points. Second was Carol Ferris with 42 points and third was Irene Burns with 34 points.



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# Home games gain admirers

From a dour and inspiring wet weather game against Norths to a rugged and at times unlucky fine tracker against Te Aroha,fans and supporters have been treated to some fine rugby.

Against Hauraki North (Blue) some of the heaviest rain of the winter made conditions extreme, but the rugby was up to the task. Playmaker half Kirtis McNaughten had a cracker of a game, as did the forward pack. Whanga 17-8

Last week's game on the 26th June vs Te Aroha was played under much better conditions, but was marred by several incidents. Early in the game crucial playmaker and

livewire McNaughten suffered a broken collarbone. Not too long after a Cobras player was red-carded for a spear tackle.

The crowd felt that there were several other high shots that went unpunished, and an unlucky call when Whanga were on attack near the try line, and in a scramble for the ball the ref ruled knocked dead by Whanga. A photo by yours truly shows the Te Aroha hand on the ball, and a penalty to the home team at a crucial time could have been pivotal. Te Aroha won.

Oh well, that's sport I guess.  
 - Mark James



Tipping point - wrong call?



Try!

# Whangamata pipped at the post



Halfback TJ Wise scored early.

In a thrilling quarter final at Boyd Park Te Aroha, hosts Waihou scored a try with time up on the clock to beat Whangamata 33-31.

Whangamata started the match slowly, before their powerful forward pack started to exert dominance, seeing three first half tries and a 24-14 lead at the break.

An early second spell saw the lead extended to 31-14, but any celebrations were premature, as Waihou, with a wealth of possession and position, pegged back the lead with two quick tries. The lead whittled to 31-26 with time running out. Once again, as they have done twice already this season, Waihou scored under the posts to snatch the win 33-31.

The loss sees Whangamata drop to the consolation side of the TVRU draw, hosting Paeroa this weekend (10th July) for a spot in the consolation final.



Mike Savage-Wairepo charges in for his first half five pointer.



Tiaontin Raoren unstoppable on his way to the tryline.

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# Head, heart and feet

Whangamata News continues to focus on young achievers in all avenues across our community.

This edition we gave a focus to the Under 10's Soccer teams, whom we caught up with at practice at the Whangamata Area School fields after school on Wednesday.

Meeting with coaches Rod Whatley of the 'Red Dragons' and Willy Schoppe of the 'Whangamata Dynamites', it showed a passion of both men to instill the love of the game for these children.

Willy Schoppe said " they can still be competitive but in a fun and safe environment", his focus is 'a player centric team development' and he looks at individual players who may be mentally strong, others good communicators and those with strong athletic ability, bringing it altogether.

Willy has been in the game for over 50 years, he knows it to be a developmental journey, he says "first and foremost we have to get into the heads, then we have to make sure we touch the heart and then we



Whangamata Soccer Under 10's has Rod Whatley (President and Coach), Willy Schoppe Coach), Anna Pickett (Team Manager) and Deanne Ross (Secretary).

go to the feet".

Willy added "instruction through inspiration, winning is a by- product and it's the love of the game at this age with participation."

The pathway to high performance starts with "the attitude and that starts at a very young age, installing the philosophy of betterment to reach the reward . "

It was great to see all the children having drills, tactical skill training, loud noise and laughter and then a short combined game toward the end.

Keep up the undefeated wins girls and boys!

- Jennie Black



## Riley James: Snooker maestro at 12

A young kiwi snooker star visited Whangamata recently for a bit of R & R with his parents, Mai and Garry James.

This young man is turning heads with his classy game and mature head, and is currently ranked 5th in all ages in Wellington.

Riley picked up a pool cue at the age of 5 1/2, and before long he was beating older players. While playing at the local Paraparaumu Club aged 8 1/2 he asked to be allowed to play snooker as that was what he really wanted.

He is extremely focussed and is now the best player there, practising 3 hours a day.

He plays in the NZ under 21 team, has played in numerous tournaments here and abroad, and having seen him play I expect to hear a lot about him in the next few years and wouldn't be surprised to see him playing on TV in the future. Not since Deane O'Kane has NZ had a professional of note - here's hoping Riley will be next.

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# Farewell Judy – over 32 years of dedication and loyalty

This month marks the end of an era for local Police, the community of Whangamata and the wider area. Our Watch House Officer (WHO) Judith Macpherson who has served the Police for over 32 years and Whangamata Station for about 20 of those has made the decision that it is time to retire.

Judy came to Whangamata station in 2001 and has loyally served the community and local staff since.

Judy has seen many staff come and go in her time and has been the cornerstone to the smooth operation of the station.

As Officer in Charge of the station, sometimes I actually wonder who is actually in charge; myself or Judy - (shrugs shoulders). This is a sentiment that I am sure those in my position prior would share. A lot of people don't know, but at a time in her career Judy was a Matron, which is the equivalent of a Police Officer in today's terms.

Without the knowledge, skills and experience Judy has gained over the years and gives to her role every



day, not nearly the amount of work that goes on could be completed by local staff. Judy's role within the Police has been integral to successful outcomes and enabling staff to get on with the job.

In addition to her core role, Judy has been deeply involved with Onemana Rural Fire and overseen the local branch of Bluelight, of

which has brought much joy to local young persons and their families over the years. Judy is moving to Whangarei to be closer to her family but insists that she will be visiting on occasion.

Judy, on behalf of both the Police and Community I thank you for your dedication, loyalty and hard work. Enjoy your well-earned retirement and make the most of every day.

- Sergeant Will Hamilton,  
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## BEACHES

Whiritoa – 12km south of Whangamata. Swim or walk, collect shells.

Whangamata Harbour, Ocean Beach and Otahu Estuary – check these areas for yourself. The various spots are ideal for SUP, kayaking, surfing, swimming, diving, spearfishing, snorkelling, jetskiing and skiing.

Onemana – swimming is OK along the beach. The south end is safest for children. A good beach for surfcasting. Mussels and kina in the area around the rocks.

Opoutere – All the above activities. Access through the pine forest. Bird watching is an added attraction here.

Note: At all beaches, watch for rips and do not swim out beyond your comfort zone.



## CYCLING

Just about anywhere is safe to ride in Whangamata as long as you respect the rights of other road users. The path from the Marina and along Moana Anu Anu estuary is ideal for walkers, runners and cyclists. Again, have respect for other users.



## MOUNTAIN BIKING

Whangamata Ridges Park, five minutes north of Whangamata on SH 25 has numerous tracks from Grade 1 to Grade 6, offering exciting rides and spectacular views. The tracks are in a forestry area so please check accessibility before riding.

Facebook: Whangamata Ridges Mountainbike Park. Information also available from Pedal and Paddle shop, cnr Port Rd and Winifred Ave.



## GOLF

Whangamata has two golf courses administered by the Whangamata Golf Club – the Titoki 18-hole course just south of town and the nine-hole Williamson course on Achilles Ave.

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## SURFING

Whangamata is renowned for its surf beaches – take your pick! There are several surf schools close to the beach. Check with the info-Plus Visitor Information Centre for further details.



## WALKS

Whangamata and surrounds have numerous walks. In town one of the favourites goes from the Marina along the Moana Anu Anu estuary and river, with a fitness trail along the edge.

There are many kilometres of beach to explore – and if you get too hot, take time for a dip.

Pokohino Beach and Te Ananui are on forestry roads off Whitiaporua (Onemana) Rd, with fairly steep tracks down to each.

Walking tracks at the end of Peninsula Rd offer spectacular ocean views and over Whangamata.

Wentworth Valley – a popular area with walkers and campers. Not accessible if fords are flooded. About 1.5km heading south of town, turn right onto Wentworth Valley. Many attractions on the valley walks, including waterfalls and swimming holes. Grab a brochure from info-Plus Visitor Centre in Port Rd.

Numerous adjuncts and clubs, from athletics to yoga, meet regularly in Whangamata – check with info-Plus if there's anything specific you're interested in.

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- Jennie Black



## COROMANDEL MISSIONS: JUNE 2021

**June 2:** Whitianga. Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a male patient in his 80's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

**June 2:** Hot Water Beach. Crew tasked to Hot Water Beach to assist a male patient in his 30's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Thames Hospital in a moderate condition.

**June 4:** Coromandel. Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 30's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a moderate condition.

**June 6:** Colville. Crew tasked to Colville to assist at a motor vehicle accident. Crew were stood down enroute and returned to base.

**June 6:** Port Jackson. Crew tasked to Port Jackson to assist a male patient in his teens suffering a fall from a dirt bike. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a minor condition.

**June 8:** Whangapoua. Crew tasked to near Whangapoua to assist a boy suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Starship Hospital in a serious condition.

**June 12:** Waikawau Bay. Crew tasked to Waikawau Bay to assist a male patient in his 40's involved in a car roll down a 50-metre bank. The patient was extracted from the scene using a stretcher winch and was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

**June 14:** Waihi Beach  
Crew tasked to Waihi Beach to assist a patient involved in

a motor vehicle accident. Due to adverse weather conditions, crew were stood down enroute and returned to base.

**June 19:** Matarangi. Crew tasked to Matarangi to assist a male patient in his 40's suffering a medical complaint and in a moderate condition. Crew were stood down enroute and returned to base.

**June 22:** Tapu. Crew tasked to Tapu to assist a male patient in his 50's involved in a car versus motorcycle accident. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

**June 23:** Whitianga. Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a female patient in her 70's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

**June 26:** Coromandel. Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 30's suffering an injury while playing rugby. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

**June 27:** Waikawau. Crew tasked to Waikawau to assist a male patient in his 60's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

**June 29:** Thames. Crew tasked to assist with the interhospital transfer of a female patient in her teens suffering a medical complaint. She was flown from Thames Hospital to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

**June 29:** Whenuakite. Crew tasked to Whenuakite to assist a female patient in her 30's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a critical condition.

# Locals abroad raise money for Sea Shepherd NZ

On Wednesday 16th June, New Zealand brothers Alex and Nick Ravenhall, commonly coined the Whisky Smugglers, swam across the Channel from Dover to Calais with a team of four other swimmers to raise money for Sea Shepherd New Zealand. Partnering with London's Bimber Distillery, each swimmer transported a dram of whisky, which was then blended back into a cask and will be sold as limited-edition whiskies later this year.

The team completed the arduous



The smuggled whisky drams.

swim in an amazing 12 hours and 58 mins, the second fastest team this season, alongside swimmers Ben White, Tamsin Gayle, Francesca Roffe Ridgard and Nick Stagg. The Mauri brothers founded Whisky and Waves, an ocean awareness campaign, to call attention to how vulnerable the earth's beautiful waterways are. The pair felt a special calling to work with Sea Shepherd on this project, whose charity work includes protecting Maui's dolphins, endemic to New Zealand.

The brothers now based in the UK both work in the new world whisky scene. Nick is the Managing Director for Edinburgh's innovative Holyrood Distillery, whilst Alex is Head of Events for Atom Brands which includes the famous independent whisky bottling brand Boutique-y Whisky Company.

Ewelina Chruszczyk, Director at Bimber Distillery commented: "Bimber are delighted to be collaborating with Whisky & Waves on their latest charity swim. Whilst our distillery has its historical roots in mainland Europe, our home



L-R back row: Ben White, Nick Ravenhall, Nick Stagg, Alex Ravenhall.  
L-R front row: Francesca Roffe Ridgard, Tamsin Gayle.  
Boat: Masterpiece. Pilots: Fred and Harry Mardle.

is very much England - and as such, crossing the channel with our single malt in tow is a perfect expression of both our journey and of the universal language of the shared love of whisky."

This Summer, the pair will undergo

at least two more swims in some of the UK's most treacherous waters, including the The Corryvreckan. Both swims will be completed with smuggled whisky with the intent to release further fundraising bottlings for Sea Shepherd.



# Lost families found



Lisa shown here with two unknown Uncles now found.

About five years ago I became interested in finding my family.

When I found a diary in the attic dated 1847-1849. I began searching in Studley, England for a Needle Factor, whom my family spoke about.

We ended up visiting England, writing a book and discovering who wrote the diary - my Great Great Grandfather Roland Hill born 1821 Studley, England.

This created a passion for me, which grew into searching for other people's families. In Covid Lockdown 4, I joined a page on facebook helping adoptees find their birth families.

I have solved 36 cases in the last year, two recently on Queens Birthday weekend. I am a family researcher, I help adoptees find their birth families or sometimes birth families find a baby that was adopted out in their family. I also find people who have lost contact.

I absolutely love what I do, it is the best job in the world, being able to phone up a client and say "I found your birth Mother and she would love to hear from you."

People who were adopted often

feel rejection, hurt and sadness, I understand the emotions that go with being adopted and usually birth Mothers feel the same, but when they find that missing piece and complete their puzzle, all those feelings go away.

It is really important to know where you come from, who you look like and if there are any health issues. Even if you have the best adoption, attend the best Schools, most adoptees will still look for their birth families.

In the 1950's and 1960's thirty children a week were being adopted out, in the 1970's fifty children a week were being adopted out.

Some birth Mothers chose to give their babies away but there were lots who were forced to give their babies away. In some instances a 50 year veto was put on the file, thankfully those, have all been taken off, as adoptees should have the right to know the circumstances of their adoptions, and have the opportunity to know their birth families.

**If you need help finding someone, please get in contact me! Lisa Grove - email: [findingbirthfamily124@yahoo.com](mailto:findingbirthfamily124@yahoo.com)**



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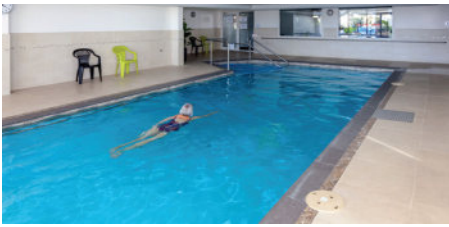


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# For patrollers, quiet is good

Ending a shift and being happy that things were quiet would not sit too well with most people.

It does though for a small group of locals who regularly go about their roles hoping for peace and quiet rather than the opposite.

There is of course a few of their number who would prefer action over quiet, but if the truth is known, they too enjoy the satisfaction associated with a quiet, no-fuss shift.

These are the people of the Whangamata Community Patrol who most evenings and nights keep an eye on our resident's property and businesses, ensuring everything is quiet, safe and not being tampered with.

They are a group out and about in their local community as additional eyes and ears in supporting the local Police and helping keep everyone and everything safe.

Part of the Community Patrol of New Zealand, the Whangamata Patrol operates in pairs circulating around Opoutere, Onemana, Whangamata and Whiritoa in a sign written patrol vehicle.

The patrollers have all undergone specific training to prepare for any events or activities they may encounter when touring the community during both night and day.

Current Whangamata Patrol Chair, Kay Gegan, says: "It is a wonderful service with our patrollers keeping an eye out for activities which may result in having a negative impact on people or property.



"We work closely with local Police with appropriate communications which provides the ability for immediate response if any incidents are detected which could require police or emergency intervention."

As Kay points out, most of the time she says it is quiet and that is the way she likes it.

The Whangamata Community Patrol is supported by the Thames Coromandel District Council while Brian Tunnicliffe Motors provides sponsorship for the emergency vehicle.

Kay said the Patrollers work as dedicated volunteers for the community. Their committee meets once a month followed by a patrollers training meeting.

CPNZ Whangamata is always on the lookout for new volunteer patrollers. Volunteers are Police vetted and go through an enrolment and training process before actively patrolling.

**If interested, please contact Kay on 027 337 6222.**

# Justice of the Peace service starts in Whangamata

Whangamata News met with J.P Lammina Hutchison to discuss the free new service desk with a rostered JP for the public now available in Whangamata.

Every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1 pm, the public can go to the TCDC offices (side room) on Port Road, without an appointment to seek free advice.

So if you:

- Need a document signed or witnessed
- Seek a marriage dissolution (divorce) application
- Need a document certified
- An affidavit or a statutory declaration
- Sort a foreign document or need a JP to witness your signature, come along.

Ensure you take a form of identification and



**(From Left) Lammina Hutchison, Doreen Pitcher and Herb Armitage.**

original documents with copies and the Hauraki Association Whangamata Branch of JP's will help.

Remember they have a wealth of knowledge and vast community group experience and offer full understanding of often complex situations.

- Jennie Black

# Readers' photos



A calm winter's day at the harbour. Photo by Robyn Ganley.



A backyard visitor: silveryeye. Tauhou is the Māori name, which means 'stranger'.

Photo by Brian Pittams.

**Whangamata NEWS welcomes readers' photos and contributions. Please email them to: WhangamataNEWS@gmail.com**

Beau, aged 14 from Opoutere, slaying the mighty reds at Coromandel on 30 June. 16lb Snapper, 76cm, Big Moocha.







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**Tairua**

**New Listing**

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**Tairua**

## Magnificent Paku

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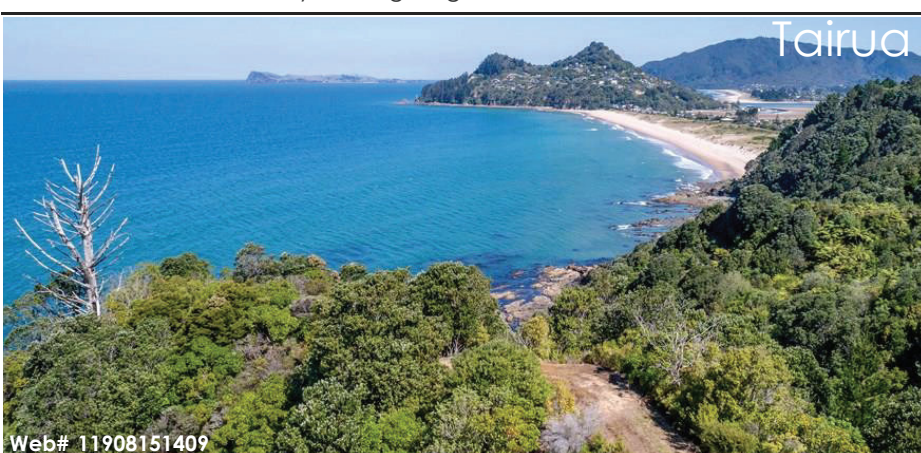
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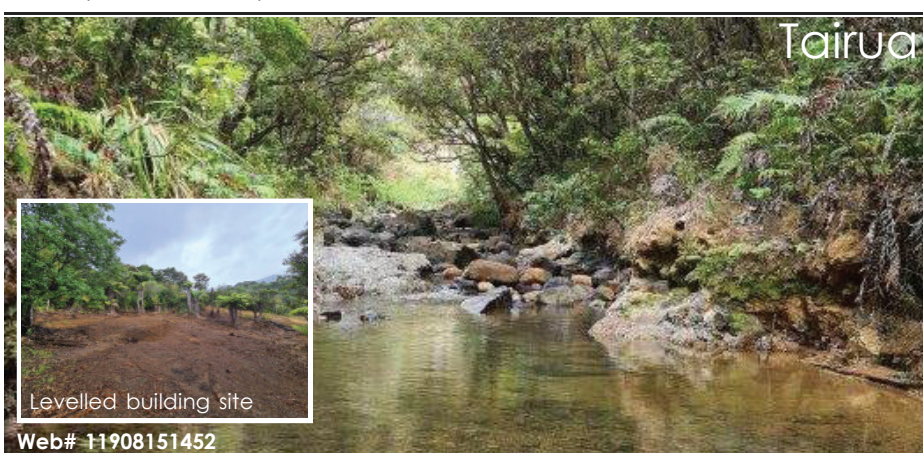
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## DEADLINE SALE



## 105 CHARTWELL AVENUE

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- In the meantime, enjoy this very tidy 1 bedroom immaculate property
- Very much in the heart of town, clubs and the beach - the location is very popular with holiday makers, beach hoppers and permanent residents alike
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# CLASSIFIEDS

## DEATH NOTICES

**Bridson, Phyllis May**  
**Born 10th July, 1921**  
Died peacefully 30th June, 2021, ten days before her 100th birthday.  
Beloved wife of the late Bill.  
Dearly loved Mother of Allan & Helen Opoutere.  
Dearly loved Grandmother of Steve & Brenda (Sydney), Julie & Erik (Te Awamutu), Roddy & Sue (Winton).

Dearly loved Great Grandmother of Hannah, Charlotte & Alice (Sydney), Alex, Kristen & Matthew (Te Awamutu), Emma, (Tapanui), & the late Jake (deceased), Archie & Niall (Winton).  
A service will be held at St. Pauls Presbyterian Church Katikati, on her birthdate 10th July at 2pm.



## DEATH NOTICES

**Bridson, Phyllis May.**  
On June 30th 2021, just 10 days short of her 100th birthday.  
Dearly loved wife of the late Bill. Much loved Mum of Murray and Marlene (Whangamata). Grandma of Anna & Ryan (Yorkshire) Corin & Kathleen (Dublin) and Todd &

Kirsty (Hamilton). Great Grandma of Seán, Eoghan & Rory (Dublin).  
A service for Phyllis will be held on her birthday, Saturday 10th July 2pm at St Paul's Presbyterian Church Katikati.



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**WHANGAMATA TIDES 2021**

**July 2021**      ☾ New Moon: 10th      ● Full Moon: 24th

Date	High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
9	Fri	6:20	1.7	18:55	0:13	0.6	12:29	07:30 17:11
10	Sat	7:05	1.7	19:38	0:58	0.6	13:11	07:30 17:12
11	Sun	7:49	1.7	20:20	1:41	0.5	13:53	07:29 17:12
12	Mon	8:33	1.7	21:01	2:24	0.5	14:35	07:29 17:13
13	Tue	9:16	1.8	21:43	3:06	0.5	15:17	07:29 17:14
14	Wed	10:00	1.8	22:26	3:50	0.4	16:01	07:28 17:14
15	Thu	10:46	1.8	23:11	4:35	0.4	16:46	07:28 17:15
16	Fri	11:33	1.8	23:58	5:21	0.4	17:35	07:27 17:16
17	Sat		1.9	12:24	6:10	0.3	18:27	07:27 17:16
18	Sun	0:47	1.9	13:20	7:02	0.3	19:22	07:26 17:17
19	Mon	1:40	1.9	14:19	7:56	0.3	20:21	07:26 17:18
20	Tue	2:37	1.9	15:21	8:54	0.3	21:23	07:25 17:19
21	Wed	3:36	1.8	16:23	9:54	0.3	22:25	07:24 17:19
22	Thu	4:37	1.8	17:24	10:53	0.2	23:26	07:24 17:20
23	Fri	5:38	1.9	18:21		0.2	11:51	07:23 17:21
24	Sat	6:37	1.9	19:16	0:24	0.3	12:47	07:22 17:22
25	Sun	7:33	1.9	20:08	1:20	0.3	13:40	07:22 17:22
26	Mon	8:26	1.9	20:58	2:14	0.3	14:31	07:21 17:23
27	Tue	9:17	1.9	21:47	3:05	0.3	15:20	07:20 17:24
28	Wed	10:07	1.9	22:34	3:54	0.3	16:08	07:19 17:25
29	Thu	10:54	1.8	23:20	4:42	0.3	16:55	07:18 17:26
30	Fri	11:42	1.8		5:29	0.3	17:43	07:18 17:26
31	Sat	0:06	1.8	12:30	6:15	0.4	18:31	07:17 17:27



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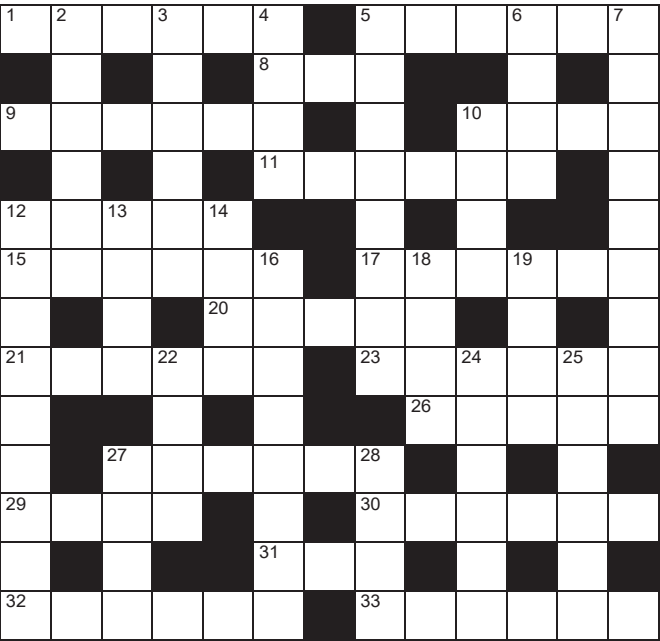
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QUICK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- DOWN
1. Married (6)

5. Poorly (6)

8. Be mistaken (3)

9. Unimportant details (6)

10. Settee (4)

11. Flowered (6)

12. Rub hard (5)

15. Repeated part of song (6)

17. Beehive (6)

20. Rock (5)

21. Melon-like tropical fruit (6)

23. Move unsteadily (6)

26. Haughty (5)

27. Colours (6)

29. On a single occasion (4)

30. Knowledge and experience (6)

31. Ocean (3)

32. Confusion (6)

33. Person who dies for a cause (6)
2. Make wealthier (6)

3. Eat greedily (6)

4. Unhearing (4)

5. Overbearing (8)

6. False god (4)

7. Cemetery (9)

10. Indian dress (4)

12. Person made to take the blame (9)

13. Cavort (4)

14. In use (4)

16. Sentimental quality (8)

18. Quick look (4)

19. Car (abbr) (4)

22. Dull pain (4)

24. Rubber (6)

25. Speech of praise (6)

27. Dirt on surface of liquid (4)

28. Moved through water (4)

TRIO

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

ST\_\_\_

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IR\_\_\_

FEL\_\_\_

WORDWHEEL

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

SUDOKU

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

2				6				5
			7			2		
	7	5			9		1	
4			9				3	5
	3	8		1		7	4	
5	2				8			6
	1		5			9	7	
		4			3			
	9			8				4

W67 EASY

				9	3	6	8	
			7					2
		9			5			1
	7	3					4	
5			9		7			3
	9					7	1	
2			1			3		
3					6			
	6	1	8	3				

W68 HARDER

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	17	20		18	16	4		15	22	17	19	9
17		19			6		19		23		17	
22	5	3	1		16	11	8	14	4	21	19	23
25		21		21		26		1		3		10
3	21	22	17	18	2	1	22	22	11			5
		5		1		14				23		1
3	11	3	21	1	25		12	17	26	5	17	22
21		21				19		7		22		
5			8	3	11	23	16	19	17	21	22	11
20		16		4		19		20		17		17
20	22	17	18	2	17	23	24		13	19	14	23
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20	1	15	1	22		1	9	25		3	4	21

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

WORKING SPACE

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CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Wedded, 5. Ailing, 8. Err, 9. Trivia, 10. Sofa, 11. Floral, 12. Scrub, 15. Chorus, 17. Apathy, 20. Stone, 21. Papaya, 23. Teeter, 26. Proud, 27. Shades, 29. Once, 30. Wisdom, 31. Sea, 32. Tumult, 33. Martyr.

Down: 2. Enrich, 3. Devour, 4. Deal, 5. Arrogant, 6. Idol, 7. Graveyard, 10. Sati, 12. Scapgoat, 13. Romp, 14. Busy, 16. Stardust, 18. Peep, 19. Auto, 22. Ache, 24. Eraser, 25. Eulogy, 27. Scum, 28. Swam.

DECODER

14	N	F	H	A	W	I	D	T	R	C	K	M	G
1	E	B	S	O	U	X	V	P	L	Q	Y	J	Z

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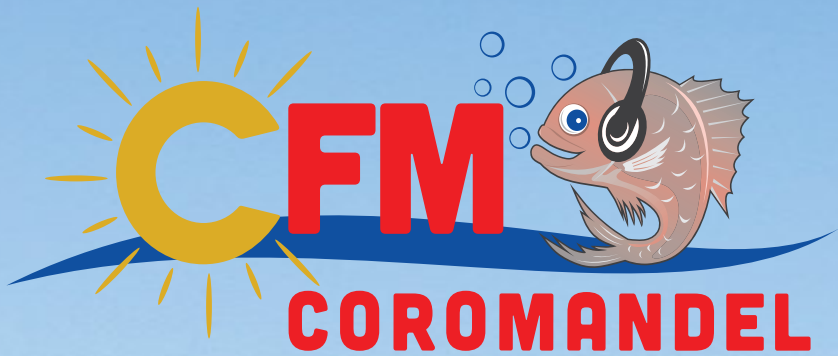
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2	5	8	1	7	9	3	6	4
4	9	2	3	5	8	7	1	6
5	1	6	9	4	7	8	2	3
8	7	3	6	1	2	5	4	9
7	8	9	2	6	5	4	3	1
6	3	4	7	8	1	9	5	2
1	2	5	4	9	3	6	8	7

3	9	6	1	8	7	5	2	4
7	5	4	2	9	3	6	8	1
8	1	2	5	4	6	9	7	3
5	2	7	4	3	8	1	9	6
9	3	8	6	1	5	7	4	2
4	6	1	9	7	2	8	3	5
6	7	5	3	2	9	4	1	8
1	8	3	7	5	4	2	6	9
2	4	9	8	6	1	3	5	7

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