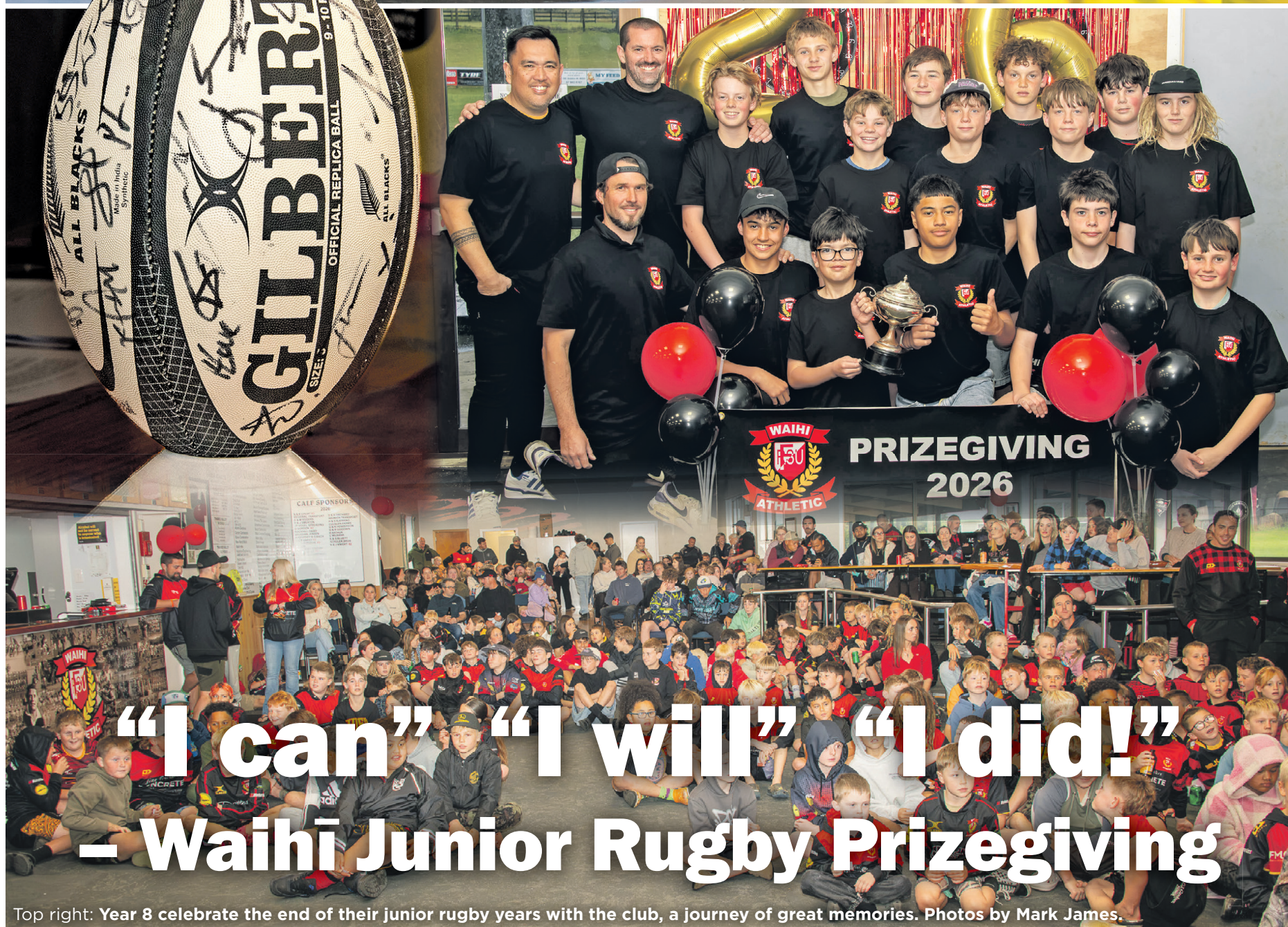


Whangamatā & Waihi NEWS

ISSUE 172 – 21 AUGUST, 2026



Top right: Year 8 celebrate the end of their junior rugby years with the club, a journey of great memories. Photos by Mark James.

WAS Book Week P6



Hikuai School Kids Trip P8



Mining Protest P9



BY LOCALS, FOR LOCALS, ABOUT LOCALS.

WE WELCOME YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Email WhangamataNews@gmail.com • Facebook [@whanganews](https://www.facebook.com/whanganews)

Taken home by bach owners and visitors to everywhere

SEE ALL OUR EDITIONS LIVE AT
WWW.WHANGAMATANEWS.NZ

EDITORIAL & MEDIA SALES:
JENNIE BLACK - 021 0232 1661

INDEPENDENTLY OWNED

DELIVERED TO WAIHĪ BEACH, WAIHĪ, WHIRITOA, WHANGAMATĀ, ONEMANA, HIKUAI, PAUANUI & TAIRUA

Enterprise Whangamata now Whangamata Business Assoc.

Enterprise Whangamatā, founded in 2008, is rebranding as the Whangamatā Business Association (WBA), aligning its name with the Coromandel Peninsula's four other business associations - Thames, Coromandel-Colville, Mercury Bay and Tairua - and starting a fresh chapter for the 100+ member organisation.

The change follows a committee strategy session that used a "start with why" approach to redefine the Association's purpose. It will be formally launched at the AGM on Tuesday 4 August, 5pm at Smoky Pallet. All are most welcome.

Chair Patrick Kerr says the rebrand is about more than a new name. "This isn't just a name change - it's a chance to relaunch with a clearer purpose and a stronger, united voice for local business," Kerr says. "We want the Association to be the trusted, go-to voice for Whangamatā's business community, and a perfect conduit for communicating with the TCDC and WRC on issues that matter to local businesses."

Alongside the rebrand, the Association's website is being redeveloped into a comprehensive

business directory and information hub, with a member survey planned to shape future priorities.

The WBA's current Shop Local campaign runs through to early September, with fortnightly prize draws and a final \$1,000 draw from all entries at the end. The first draw, after two weeks, attracted more than 3,000 entries.

The Association also runs several established annual events, including the Paradise Coast Golf Classic, Wedding Expo, and Nostalgia Fair held over Repco Beach Hop, along with the monthly Business After 5 networking series, the Trades Forum, The Professional Women's Network and maintaining signage around the town.

"We're proud of what Enterprise Whangamatā has built since 2008 and acknowledge all those who've worked tirelessly over the years for our business community," Kerr says. "The Whangamatā Business Association carries that forward, with fresh energy behind it."

Despite the change of name, contact details remain the same: ew@whangamata.org.nz / www.whangamata.org.nz / 021 56 00 18.



L to R: Committee members - Vic Jack, Jeremy Mace (Treasurer), Megan Michie, Gavin Holmes, Saskia Markveld-Reynolds and Patrick Kerr (Chair).

HON SCOTT SIMPSON

MP for Coromandel



Solar on Schools coming to our region

Terrific news for schools in the Coromandel electorate.

The Government has announced that 500 schools have been selected to have solar technology installed as part of the Solar on Schools programme, and I'm pleased to see more than a few of our local schools included in the list.

Schools in the Coromandel electorate that have been included are: Colville School, Hauraki Plains College, Katikati College, Katikati Primary School, Kerepehi School, Netherton School, Te Puru School and Waihi Central School.

This is really exciting for these schools because the installation of solar panels will help them generate clean, renewable energy which will result in lower power bills, more energy resilience, and reduced emissions. The school

buildings are already in place, so making use of their roofs to harness the power of the sun is a smart, practical investment in both our schools and New Zealand's future.

After undergoing an on-site assessment for suitability, solar panels will be installed at the schools over three years. This initiative is jointly funded through \$20 million from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority's Community Renewable Energy Fund and \$10 million from the Ministry of Education.

I am a big supporter of solar energy and I am pleased that this programme will give students, as well as the wider community, a real-world example of renewable energy in action.

- Authorised by Scott Simpson
MP, 614 Pollen St, Thames

Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

Contact me anytime

0800 550 330 • scottsimpson.co.nz

mpcoromandel@parliament.govt.nz

f scottsimpsonmp

National
Authorised by Scott Simpson, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.



LIVE RUGBY

RABBITOHS VS WARRIORS



**SATURDAY, 22 AUGUST
7.30PM**



Wine Tasting With Dacey

Wednesday 26th August - 6:30pm

Join us for an evening of exceptional Dacey Wines, delicious food, and great company. Enjoy a guided tasting of premium Central Otago wines, perfectly paired with tasty bites, while discovering the stories behind each wine.

\$65 per person
Tickets available from the bar



WHANGAMATA OCEAN SPORTS CLUB

P. 07 865 8704 • www.oceansports.co.nz • End of Port Rd at wharf **f @Whangamata-Ocean-Sports-Club-New-Page**

Waihi police report



With wetter weather around, Police are reminding motorists to take extra care on the roads. Wet conditions often lead to more crashes, so slow down, increase your following distance, and allow extra time for your journey.

A huge congratulations to Waihi Bluelight for securing places for three local young adults to attend the PCYC Youth Leadership Camp in Sydney later this month. The camp brings young people together from across Australia and New Zealand to develop leadership skills, build confidence, strengthen teamwork, challenge themselves through new experiences, and create positive connections that can support them well into the future.

Opportunities like this can be life-changing for young people and are a great example of the positive pathways Waihi Bluelight continues to create in our community. Anyone wishing to support these young people on their journey can contact Rachel Gillingham at rachel.gillingham@police.govt.nz.



Police also want to remind the community that found property is not a case of “finders keepers.” If you find an item, please bring it to the Waihi Police Station so we can try to reunite it with its rightful owner. If the item remains unclaimed after the required holding period, the finder may then be eligible to uplift it.

Together, these simple actions help make Waihi a safer and stronger community.

– Rachel Gillingham, Community Constable, Waihi / Waikato East



Impact of Debt

Susan Grimsdell (NZH 13/8/26) might be comfortable with the Government saddling us with more debt to fund infrastructure which is not unreasonable on the face of it. Investing in capital assets can deliver positive outcomes if the projects add value to a growing economy.

However, politics and poorly researched “feel good” projects sometimes deliver no more than a hefty interest bill to burden future generations. Our recent political history is littered with examples of expensive folly. Fast rail, cycle lanes on a harbour bridge, fancy ferries and tunnels that were never going to happen, to mention just a few.

Our grandchildren will inherit the extraordinary debt run up by Grant “get the money out the

door” Robertson in his reckless response to Covid and the associated lock-down overreach of his fellow senior ministers of equally questionable competence. The billions required to service this debt alone places severe limitations on current and future Governments in funding the essential services we expect to be available to us.

Grimdell cites debt as a formula to address inequality but anyone involved in business will understand that debt burden can be disastrous if not managed well and invested in the right areas.

Far from having a positive impact on inequality, injudicious borrowing could have the opposite effect.

Beware of politicians bearing gifts!

George Williams
WHANGAMATA

We welcome your letters.

Your letters must be no longer than 250 words and must be signed (no nom de plumes).

Whangamatā & Waihi NEWS reserves the right to edit, or to not print, submitted letters.



BOOFBOLAND

PAINTER & DECORATOR

P O Box 410, Whangamata 3643

M: 0274 367 254

E: jenboof@outlook.com






FLOORING TO SUIT YOUR STYLE

CARPET • VINYL • TIMBER • LAMINATE • RUGS

Phone or email us! We're measuring & laying! View samples instore!



Whangamata
| 636 Port Road
| 07 865 8562
| whangamata@flooringxtra.co.nz



We are excited to announce:

Magic Monday's

at Meat at the Beach!

10% off all Meat Products in store every Monday!

Available to all customers that walk through the store (until further notice).

We look forward to seeing you.

* In store special only * Special does not apply to stock already on special

10% for Gold card holders & Grey Power members on Tuesdays

Spend \$50 or more and go into the draw to WIN a half side of mutton, drawn in September





Meat at the Beach

OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday = 8.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday = 8.30am - 3.00pm

Sunday = CLOSED

Advertisement sponsored by **Whangamatā & Waihi NEWS**

Solar power strengthens emergency hubs

Key buildings throughout the Coromandel Peninsula are being fitted with solar panels and battery storage as part of an initiative to strengthen community resilience during emergencies.

Thames-Coromandel District Council received \$567,820 through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority's (EECA) Community Resilience Programme to co-fund solar and battery installations at nine community sites.

The upgrades will help ensure essential buildings can continue operating during extended power outages caused by severe weather events and other emergencies.

Installations have already been

completed at Harataunga Marae in Kennedy Bay, Whitianga Community Services Trust, Tairua Hall and the Jack McLean Community Recreation Centre in Thames.

Work is now underway at Coromandel Area School, and Whangamatā Hall. Installation will also be carried out at Te Paea Marae near Kennedy Bay, Te Wharekura o Manaia, and Matai Whetu Marae at Kōpū.

Council Community Partnerships Coordinator Helen Flynn says the nine buildings were selected to ensure a spread of resilient facilities across the district, supporting both main population centres and communities that can become easily isolated during an emergency.

"These facilities play a vital role in supporting communities during emergency events. Already this year, we have experienced two severe weather events where some of these buildings were utilised. It is very rewarding for Council to be involved in a project that will strengthen community resilience and provide lasting benefits for those who use these buildings," says Helen.

Harataunga Marae also received a \$30,000 contribution from Powerco towards the project.

Harataunga Marae Trust Chairman Hamuera Maika says the solar panels help provide their hapu with resilience and autonomy to care for their community.

"Particularly in emergency situations whilst aligning with our tikanga and our world view of our internal connection to the environment."

Council and marae sites were prioritised for nomination before being reviewed by a selection panel for suitability. Assessment criteria included the site's ability to function as a community-led resilience hub, its level of isolation risk, the population served, and its importance to the local community.

The selection panel included representatives from the Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, Te Puni Kōkiri, and Kānoa - Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit.

\$10,000 fundraising pool plus \$1,000 cash prize draw

On 26 September, the G.J. Gardner Homes Whangamatā Half Marathon will celebrate 30 years, and is on track to see a record high of over 2000 runners and walkers cross the finish line.

There to help them are over 100 local helpers; course marshals, Hydration Station crews, participant registration crew, car parkers, Tail-end-charlie walkers and Williamson Park event support.

Every year the event gives back just over \$10,000 to the locals in these roles. This is a great opportunity for sports teams and community

groups to fundraise. Personal fundraising goals are welcome too, or if you're just happy to help for some extra cash.

"Potentially there's still a bit of misconception out there about helping, that it's still purely volunteering," admits event organiser Luke Garea.

"While some helpers are volunteering on behalf of their chosen community groups, the community group is paid for their time. If you're not part of a group you can choose to receive payment personally, or donate your

fundraising to your community group of choice," he explains.

Plus, for extra motivation all helpers are in to win bonus cash prizes thanks to the local team at G.J. Gardner Homes.

"The reality is that it's hard work to find enough people to help each year. We know people have full lives, and some of our helpers have been showing up for much of the last 30 years", says Garea. "We're hoping the cash prize bonus will help recruit new groups and new helpers, to fill the constant growth of roles needed at the event".

Sign up to help today and be in to win (T&Cs apply):

1 x \$500 bonus cash prize draw for fundraising groups - each person in your group* = an entry into the bonus group prize draw! (*minimum of 8 members to be eligible for the group prize draw).

5 x \$100 bonus cash prize draws for all individuals - bonus if you're helping out your sports team or community group, you could personally win \$100!

Email jo@eventday.co.nz if you're keen to help!

Curtains and Blinds and More

CURTAINS
ROLLER SHEERS
BLINDS
WHANGAMATA
SHUTTERS HOME
 BACH
BEACH PAUANUI
VENETIAN BLINDS
WHIRITOA SURF
THERMALS BLOCKOUTS

Contact Louize or Gavin

027 4777 916

FREE NO OBLIGATION MEASURE AND QUOTE

email info@curtainsandblinds.co.nz

www.curtainsandblinds.co.nz

CLOSURE OF STREETS TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that, the Thames-Coromandel District Council, for the purpose of the **Whangamatā Half Marathon 2026**, will close the following streets to ordinary vehicular traffic for the periods indicated hereunder.

Whangamatā

Saturday 26 September 2026

The following road closures and access restrictions will be in place:

- Wentworth Valley Rd – Residents Access Only
Closure Time: 8:00am – 10:30am
- Lowe St (Ocean Rd to Esplanade) – Residents Access Only
Closure Time: 6:00am – 12:00pm
- Lowe St (Ocean to Bellona Rd) – Residents Access Only
Closure Time: 7:30am – 11:30am
- Bellona Rd (Lowe St to Achilles Ave) – Residents Access Only
Closure Time: 7:30am – 11:30am
- Kiwi Rd – Residents Access Only
Closure Time: 7:30am – 11:30am
- Tui Rd (Williamson Rd to Moa St) – Residents Access Only
Closure Time: 7:30am – 11:30am
- Marie Cr – Residents Access Only
Closure Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm
- Ocean Rd (Williamson Rd to Lowe St) – Residents Access Only
Closure Time: 7:00am – 12:30pm
- Moa St – Residents Access Only
Closure Time: 7:00am – 11:30am

An approved copy of the Traffic Management Plan including road closure maps may be requested from Thames-Coromandel District Council.

A Lawrie
 Chief Executive
 Thames-Coromandel District Council



Democracy in Local Government is an illusion

I am writing this as an individual and the comments expressed in this article are mine. I am not speaking on behalf of the Whangamatā Community Board.

This is my second term as a community Board member and despite my cynicism I remained optimistic that this term would be different. There was an expectancy in the community that excessive rate increases would not be tolerated and that local Communities would have more say in managing funds and projects in their own communities. Patrick Kerr was a strong advocate for these views and there were others of like mind.

Democracy is a simple system. It is a system of government where power belongs to the people who rule either directly or through elected leaders. I am sorry to say that your elected community board members do not have any power to make any decisions of any substance.

Unfortunately, as I write this nearly a year into my second term, I see Community Boards remaining emasculated.

We have very little say in what is in our Agenda for each meeting. We can not meet six weekly as we used to. We meet every 2 months

instead. It is very much a case of the tail wagging the dog. I can not think of any positive difference this Community Board has made to the people of Whangamatā who elected us. All Board members have a wealth of experience, talent and business acumen which lies dormant and hamstrung by the system. It would be far more useful to abolish the Board rather than have the pretence of a democratically elected Board 'governing' matters of local importance.

We are unable to successfully advocate for any projects. Nothing we put forward last year except stormwater made it into the long term plan. What happened to the fire station playground? It keeps getting put off into the future hoping people will forget about it. Tairua skate park- only took 20 years.

In simple terms the truth is that it is the unelected council staff who have the power to rule. I do not wish to disparage the many hard working staff. However, unfortunately with this system they are not accountable. They remain in office running the functions of Council without any supervision or accountability, or at the very least the supervision is minimal. Seems a bit harsh? Several examples will

suffice.

After many complaints from the library committee In October 2023 there was a report from Bull O'Sullivan Architecture Limited to the Council concerning the state of the library. Water was coming into the building. I quote from the report:

"The implications of not addressing these underlying problems in a swift manner will be the continual depreciation of an important public asset and the contents within it. The detrimental effect on the health of the occupants cannot also be understated."

Was this report forwarded to the library? No. Did making the repairs make it into any plan? No. It had no effect on Council staff so they did nothing. Did it affect staff and volunteers working in the library. Yes it certainly did. Is anyone accountable? No.

A less severe example is the carpark at Island View Road. How many thousands did that cost? A short time later the bad design was recognised and the carpark was dug up and relaid. Was anyone held accountable? No. The cost of repairs was not coming from those at fault and instead ratepayers paid again. Did anyone consider bringing

legal action? Even a relatively cheap proceeding in The Disputes tribunal could have recovered up to \$60,000.

The Whangamatā Community raised funds and worked hard to put in a pool the community can be proud of. Additional health and safety requirements has meant the Pool Committee have had to go cap in hand to seek further funding from Council. There is no money for this! Your application for funding is 'out of scope'. If annual funding can not be readily given to this Community asset how can our Council even consider investing multiple millions on a new pool for Thames?

Do elected members have any say? No because the examples I quote are considered operational matters and not governance.

Where to from here? I will do my best to push back but it seems futile. Perhaps I am not as smart as the general population, a good number of whom have realised that voting in local elections is a waste of time. They have recognised what took me a while to figure out. Democracy in local Government is an illusion.

Maybe next time we need Count Binface to run?

- Neil Evans



Join Us AT THE WHANGAMATA CLUB



GERRI & ARMAND

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

7:00pm

Quiz Night

at the Whangamatā Club

Quiz, Laugh, Win - Repeat Every Fortnight at the Whanga Club!

6PM THURSDAY

Happy Hour from 5pm - 8pm
Prizes and Giveaways
'Spin the Wheel'

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

Featuring Todd Sutton Grant Wills

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST

CROWDED TROUSERS

7.00PM

PLAYING TOTAL BANGERS FROM
DIAMOND • ROBBIE WILLIAMS • NEIL FINN • TOTO
BRUNO MARS • JOURNEY • SUBLIME • THE WEEKND • VAN HALEN • U2 • ELTON JOHN
ADAM LEVINE • MICHAEL JACKSON • COLD CHISEL • & MORE!

No wonder we are knackered after every show !!

OPEN
DAILY FROM
11AM

BISTRO

Monday - Friday from 3pm
Saturday & Sunday from 12pm

DINNER MENU

From 5pm daily

RESTAURANT

Friday to Sunday from 5:30pm

404 PORT ROAD

FACEBOOK.COM/THEWHANGACLUB

WWW.WHANGAMATACLUB.CO.NZ

P. 07 865 8705



Richmond Villas

LIFESTYLE VILLAGE

Living the lifestyle, loving the choice...



A Lifestyle Village in Thames on the Coromandel

2 & 3 BEDROOM VILLAS AND NORTH FACING APARTMENTS AVAILABLE NOW!

All villas and apartments are within walking distance to Thames' shops, cafes and walkways. **The perfect location to enjoy your fun-filled retirement.**



Our open plan, single level apartments feature covered balconies with fantastic views of the sea, Kauaeranga River and mountains.

Each unit's elegantly finished kitchen, lounge, bedroom and bathroom offer stylish warmth and light.

All residents enjoy scenic views from each level's shared lounges, use of the Village Community Lodge and participation in all activities and amenities at your leisure.

ALL ENQUIRIES WELCOME, VIEW OUR VILLA OPTIONS TODAY!

**Phone us
to view by
appointment!**
*Come and
experience the
difference!*

82 Richmond St, Thames

0800 868 5484

richmondvillas.co.nz

Shared love of reading

Whangamatā Area School celebrated Book Week last Friday with a special whānau morning for all Year 1-8 tamariki.

The morning began with a book character parade in the gym, where students and staff enthusiastically dressed up as their favourite book characters.

Our wonderful librarian, Mrs Jan Shanks, had the challenging task of choosing the winners of Whanga Book vouchers. Congratulations to Devin (Woody from Toy Story), Kasey (Captain Underpants), Mereana (Detective Beans) and Abby (Tree from Each Peach Pear Plum).

Following the parade, whānau were welcomed into classrooms to share stories and take part in fun literacy games and activities. Our Year 7-8 students also enjoyed rotating around a selection of special guest readers; which included senior students, staff and members of our wider community.



It was a fantastic morning filled with books, laughter and a shared love of reading. Most importantly, it was a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate our school value of UNITY by bringing our WAS community together.

- Photos Katrina Brickwood



WSLSC celebrates Milana's Games success

Whangamatā Surf Life Saving Club is celebrating the outstanding achievement of surf sport competitor Milana Tapper, who has added a Commonwealth Games bronze medal to an already impressive sporting career.

Milana was part of the New Zealand team that won bronze in the 4 x 200m freestyle relay at the 2026 Commonwealth Games swimming and lifesaving event, marking another significant milestone in her journey from Whangamatā Surf Life Saving Club's Junior Surf programme to the international stage.

Milana's connection with the club stretches back to 2013, when she joined as a young Nipper. Since then, she has gone from strength to strength, representing both Whangamatā and New Zealand at the highest levels.

A former student of St Peter's School, Milana now attends Griffith University in Australia but continues to return to Whangamatā and compete for the club whenever her studies and sporting commitments allow.

Her international achievements include being selected in 2024 as captain of the Junior Black Fins team at the World Lifesaving Championships on the Gold Coast. Her Commonwealth Games medal is the latest achievement in a journey



that began in the Whangamatā sand and surf as a young Nipper.

The club is immensely proud of Milana and the dedication, commitment and talent that have taken her from Junior Surf to the international stage.

Milana's success was complemented by a strong showing from Whangamatā Surf Life Saving Club at the Coromandel and Bay

of Plenty Awards of Excellence, held on Saturday 25 July. The club's recognition as Coromandel Club of the Year was highlighted in the club's previous article, but there were several other notable achievements from the awards that are also worth celebrating.

Another sporting highlight was Madison Kidd taking out the Coromandel/Bay of Plenty Toyota Financial Services Surf

Sportsperson of the Year title — an award she has held for several years following an exceptional record of achievement, including World Championship success and world record titles as part of the New Zealand Black Fins team.

Madison will once again take to the world stage in November and December, representing New Zealand at the World Lifesaving Championships in South Africa.

The club would also like to acknowledge SLSNZ Board Chair and Whangamatā Clubbie Kelvin Eglington, whose recognition at the awards was not included in the previous article. Kelvin was recognised with both a Regional Distinguished Service Award and a Regional Life Service Award, acknowledging his significant contribution to surf lifesaving and the club.

With warmer weather just around the corner, there are plenty of opportunities to become part of the Whangamatā Surf Life Saving Club family — whether as a lifeguard, volunteer or member of the club's surf sport team.

Visit our website to find out more about becoming a member at www.whangamatasurf.co.nz, or call in and see the friendly administration team on weekdays between 10am and 2pm.

BAYLEYS

NEW LISTING



Whangamata 109 Wattle Place

Wattle you do with this?

This remarkable property presents a rare opportunity with exceptional flexibility and broad appeal. Whether you are searching for a permanent residence, a holiday retreat with income potential, or the ultimate space for your prized possessions, this property delivers on every level. At its heart is a beautifully modernised two-bedroom home that has been thoughtfully refurbished throughout and is presented in excellent condition. While compact in footprint, the home offers a surprisingly generous sense of space, creating a comfortable and inviting environment for everyday living. The standout feature is the impressive 12m x 9m high-stud shed. Offering secure storage for boats, classic cars, motorhomes or your extensive collection of beach toys. There is also additional off-street parking, ensuring there is room for everything. Set on an easy-care 612sqm (more or less) freehold site, the property offers plenty of outdoor space for entertaining without the burden of extensive maintenance.

bayleys.co.nz/2221655

612sqm 2 2

Auction (unless sold prior) 11am, Thu 10 Sep 2026
96 Ulster Street, Hamilton

View by appointment

Dale Sholson 021 636 519

dale.sholson@bayleys.co.nz

Gordon McGregor 021 998 810

gordon.mcgregor@bayleys.co.nz

M H REALTY LIMITED, BAYLEYS, LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008

Hikuai School trip – a day of connection

On 6 August, the Hikuai School community travelled to Kerepehi Community Marae for a day of learning and connection with Kerepehi School. With teachers, staff and whanau, students arrived well-prepared after weeks of learning and practicing the tikanga of the powhiri. Three senior girls delivered a confident and respectful Karanga response after dedicated training. The school was also supported by a Hikuai grandparent who delivered the Whaikorero. After sharing kai together, students visited classrooms and enjoyed playing with their new friends. Principal Rachell Leitch reflected that the visit was a valuable opportunity for tamariki to experience tikanga Maori authentically and build relationships with another rural school. "It was wonderful to see those connections develop so naturally," she said. The day highlighted the importance of strengthening relationships between rural schools, while deepening students' understanding of Te Ao Māori. Hikuai School extends its sincere thanks to Kerepehi Community Marae and Kerepehi School, as well as our whanau, staff, and community members who helped prepare the students. It was an experience our tamariki will carry with them for years to come.

– Hikuai School Principal



Missing rescue equipment could put lives at risk

Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services is asking the community to help protect lifesaving equipment after two public rescue buoys and a rope were removed from local beach safety stations, including at Anzac Bay.

Public Rescue Equipment, known as PRE, is installed at key locations along the coastline from Waihi Beach to Bowentown and Anzac Bay so members of the public can provide flotation support during a water emergency, particularly when beaches are unpatrolled.

The equipment has already demonstrated its value. In February, just 60 days after a rescue buoy

was installed at Anzac Bay, off-duty surf lifeguard Josh Coombridge used it to assist an older swimmer in difficulty. Two other people attempting to help were also being drawn towards the channel, and the buoy provided vital flotation support while Josh helped all three return safely to shore.

Removing a buoy or rope may seem harmless, but it could leave someone without access to critical rescue equipment when every second counts.

Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services asks people to leave the equipment in place and talk to young people about its purpose

and the potentially devastating consequences if it is missing when needed.

Donna Pfefferle, Club Chair, says, "We need the public's help. Please report anything missing or damaged to Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services. We encourage anyone who knows where the missing items are to return them to the Club, no questions asked."

Donna adds, "Each rescue buoy costs the Club around \$140 to replace. As a charitable organisation, every dollar spent replacing missing equipment is a dollar that cannot be spent supporting our volunteer lifesaving

service.

These rescue buoys are specially designed for Surf Life Saving New Zealand and have very little practical use outside of a water rescue emergency."

Replacement equipment is currently being arranged and Club volunteers will continue checking stations along the coastline.

To make a report, the Club recommends using WhatsApp or texting details of the missing or damaged items, the location, and a photo to 027 863 5108 or emailing info@waihibeachlifeguards.co.nz.

– Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services

ON-SITE WINDSCREEN REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS- WHANGAMATA

PRECISION WINDSCREENS

☒ Insurance Claims Accepted
☒ ADAS Camera Calibration Available

precisionwindscreens.co.nz
 027 212 7750

Owens Flooring

We Have All Your Flooring Needs Covered
 Flooring Sales & Installation • Domestic & Commercial
 Carpets • Vinyls • Laminate & Timber Planking

Winter Warmer Carpet Sale on selected ranges of Solution Dyed Nylon Carpets & Wool Carpets

Showroom: 5/57 Wilson Rd at Waihi Beach • 07 863 5723 / 027 233 7277
sales@owensflooring.co.nz • www.owensflooring.co.nz

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.

In this edition we welcome John Killick from Whangamatā's Residential Care Facility, Moana House.

How important is Moana House to our community?

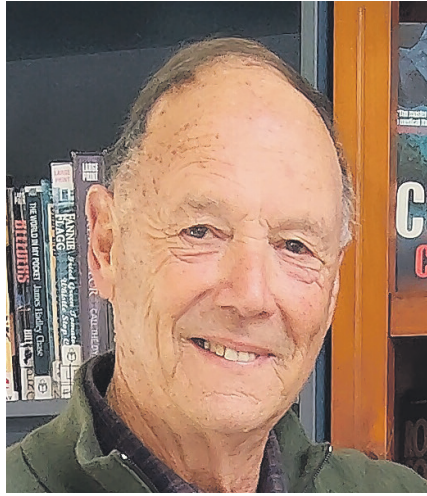
It is extremely important to our community because residents feel safe and secure here. It is such a caring environment and the staff are exceptional. Families are welcome here any time and all residents are kept busy with a variety of activities.

What is your role as a volunteer John and how long have you been helping out here?

I have been actively helping here for four years and my role is to gather the men's bowling group and oversee the weekly event. After bowls we have a medal ceremony, which is highly valued. Felicity Luff is my on-hand assistant. I then help with lunches in the hospital wing.

What do you find most rewarding when volunteering at Moana House?

I find the contact with people here has given me a new positive dimension to my life and an



appreciation of the friendship on offer. I have found the resilience and determination of people here in care commendable.

What are some of the volunteering roles?

I help with bowls and lunches. We have folk who help with Meals on Wheels, music and song, knit and natter, pastoral support via the churches, and a writing group. We have over 30 volunteers who help with the day-to-day running of Moana House.

Why does Moana House have such a great reputation?

I think it's because it's such a small facility and everyone's needs are cared for by the compassionate staff.

Thank you John, you are a star.

United national day of action for conservation lands

Last Sunday the Earthwatch Group from Whangamatā met at the Wentworth Valley car park to protest as part of a New Zealand initiative to let our Government know that they are anti changes to the whittling away of our National Environmental Laws, which will add to the Fast Track in place, which

could cripple our ability to protect environmental treasures. The protest also saw groups gather in Thames to give Shane Jones their very strong message.

Join Earthwatch and speak up...

- Photo supplied by Catherine Delahunty, Earthwatch



5.5 KM WALK

Supporting LOCAL PAUANUI PROJECTS

Pauanui Pink Walk

Let's Paint Pauanui PINK

Saturday 03 October

www.events.humanitix.com /pauanui-pink-walk-2026

www.facebook.com/PauanuiPinkWalk

SUPPORTING PAUANUI PRE SCHOOLS COMMUNITY GARDEN TAIRUA RIVER TRAILS BRIDGE AND BCFNZ

Eastern Coromandel COMMUNITY SERVICES
www.communityservices.org.nz

Save the Rain

Feed the Whānau Series

Chef-Led Cooking Demonstrations

Join our 4-week community cooking series, led by local celebrity chefs.
Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for a family of four on a \$20 budget.

31 August	7 September	14 September	21 September
CH CRAFT HAUS	KAFAL INDIAN CUISINE	NW NEW WORLD WHANGAMATA	#LuvCoffee

5:30-6:30 pm
Baptist Church, Whangamatā

Who's this for?

- Individuals or whānau experiencing financial pressure
- Those who want to improve their cooking, meal planning and budgeting skills
- Those who can commit to attending 4x weekly sessions where possible

What You'll Receive

- Live cooking demonstrations
- Nutrition and budgeting tips
- A take-home ingredient pack each week to recreate the meal with your whānau
- Practical cooking skills
- Easy, affordable recipes

Register now at
www.communityservices.org.nz/feed-the-whanau

Spaces limited to 40 families

Thank you to our funders Save the Rain, ECCST & New World Whangamatā

Waihi NEWS

Grit, courage, mud & loving the game

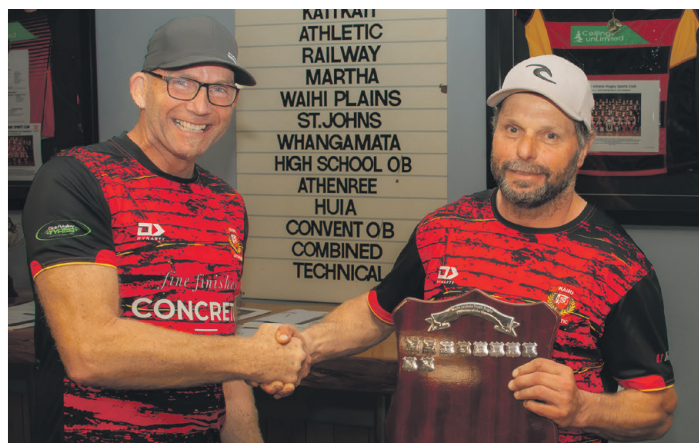
Whangamatā & Waihi News were delighted to photograph the Waihi Junior Rugby Club prize giving awards last Sunday at the Kenny Street Clubrooms.

We can't print all the photos of the deserved as there were so many, but you will see them on Facebook and Club President Lisa Wild will have them should you like a copy.

A wonderful afternoon of a very loud and busy room of children, parents and Coaches who gave their all this season, "everyone grew as players and as a team".

What stood out to us was the great culture in this club.

- Jennie Black,
photos by Mark James



TYRE HQ

WAIHI







TYRES

BATTERIES

ALLOY RIMS

ALIGNMENTS

TPMS SENSORS

QUALITY SERVICE

TOP BRANDS GREAT PRICES

- ✓ WIDE RANGE OF LEADING BRANDS
- ✓ PROFESSIONAL WHEEL ALIGNMENTS
- ✓ TPMS REPLACEMENT & PROGRAMMING
- ✓ BATTERIES FOR ALL VEHICLES
- ✓ EXPERT ADVICE & FRIENDLY SERVICE

GOODRIDE™
PERFORMANCE TYRES

KUMHO TYRES

afterpay ↻

NOW SUPPLYING

WAIHI

FLAKE SALT ICE

Made locally
for our community



📞 PH 07 863 9211 | WWW.TYREHQ.CO.NZ

Proudly Supporting Our Community

Waihi Junior Rugby Prizegiving Awards

Most Valuable Player

Year 3 Yellow	Noah Crockett
Year 3 Red	Kahu McAlister
Year 3 Black	Kaden Barns
Year 4 Yellow	Inia Appleton
Year 4 Red	Marz Matthews
Year 4 Black	Arlo Brown
Year 5 Yellow	Konan & Chasin Ward
Year 5 Red	Rhythm McAlister
Year 5 Black	Braxton Hewlett
Year 6 Red	Braxton Smith
Year 6 Black	Dylan Van der Hulst
Year 7	Walker Coll
Year 8	Kahu Appleton

Most Improved Player

Year 3 Yellow	Kayden Burrett
Year 3 Red	Amaya Hewlett
Year 3 Black	Lucas Tausilia
Year 4 Yellow	Arna Richardson
Year 4 Red	Beauden Bluett
Year 4 Black	Solomon
	Giancarlo-Moon
Year 5 Yellow	Carter Hallam
Year 5 Red	Boston Kingsford
Year 5 Black	Ivan Cooper
Year 6 Red	William Latham
Year 6 Black	Akiyah Mulrennan
Year 7	Rikki Fude-Kane
Year 8	Clayton McMillian

Team Spirit

Year 3 Yellow	Zac Leach
Year 3 Red	Marley Baker
Year 3 Black	Thomas Rowan-Dorricott
Year 4 Yellow	Brynn Ranga
Year 4 Red	Akira Witika
Year 4 Black	Saige Brookes
Year 5 Yellow	Josh Pratt
Year 5 Red	Harvey Davis
Year 5 Black	Riley Miller
Year 6 Red	Max Stewart
Year 6 Black	Mateo Elive
Year 7	Quinn Brewerton
Year 8	Ray Maclean

CLUB AWARDS

Referee Awards

Lachie Hewlett; Elijah DeOcampo;
Josiah DeOcampo

Girls' Awards: Most Promising

U13 Girl - Eden Burton
U11 Girl - Emersyn Pentecost
U9 Girl - Arna Richardson

Junior Representative Award

Luke Crockett

Thames Valley Best & Fairest

Award - Year 5 Austin Wild

Club Man Award

Legacy Award Carter Hewlett



Waihi NEWS

Council invests in Waihi Pool to keep community swimming

Hauraki District Council has approved funding to replace the ageing gas chlorinator at Waihi Swimming Pool with a salt chlorinator, addressing an immediate health and safety risk and allowing the pool to continue operating for the community.

A salt chlorinator uses mildly salty pool water and electricity to produce chlorine, which disinfects the water before returning to salt, allowing the process to continue.

Mayor Toby Adams said Council had carefully considered both the value of the pool to the community and the cost to ratepayers. “The Waihi Swimming Pool has served the community for around 70 years, and it continues to support public swimming, learn-to-swim programmes, school swimming education, club activities and summer recreation,” Mayor Adams said. “We know how important local access to swimming is for wellbeing, confidence in the water, and community connection. This decision means Waihi can continue to have access to a local pool while longer-term planning for the facility is worked through.”

The report notes the upgrade will result in a \$100,000 increase in debt and an estimated 0.03



percent increase in non-water rates, equivalent to around \$1 per district ratepayer. Council also noted the investment enables the pool to continue operating in the short term, but does not resolve wider questions about the ownership and long-term renewal needs of the facility.

Council will continue to consider the future of aquatic services through its longer-term planning, including affordability, asset ownership, community need and the best way to support water safety and recreation across the district.

Whangamatā & Waihi News contacted Tessa Hennessey, Swim Program Coordinator for the Waihi

Swimming Club for her comments.

“Waihi Swimming Club is relieved HDC has elected to continue investing in the Waihi Pool. We totally appreciate the complexities of operating a rate payer funded pool on college grounds. We applaud the Council for securing the future of the pool in the short term, and committing to resolving the longer term issues. The upgrade is a win for the pool, the school, the community, and Waihi Swimming Club.”

The Club was established in 2011 and has become a key provider of aquatic services – Learn to Swim & Survive, Water Safety, Swimfit, Squad training, adult lessons, the

Waihi Water Workout (to music!), Masters swimming, delivering the Swimming Waikato SwimSafe program in schools, Club Nights, competitive swimming, and an annual regional Swim Carnival.

“Our membership last season was 381 school aged children, on top of this are adults participating in our programs. We also offer a Swim Teacher pathway, and many of our swimmers go on to become lifeguards. These are essential services for community health, well-being, and water safety education. Pools are expensive, but the alternative cost is that of lives.”

- Jennie Black, photo Mark James

Spend & Save BLOWOUT

SAVE UP TO 10% MORE ON OUR ALREADY LOW PRICES!

MINIMUM SPEND \$1,000

LIMITED TIME!

On Whiteware, Cookware, TV, Audio, Small Appliances, Floorcare and more.*
*T&Cs Apply.

100% HOME WAIHI

24 ROSEMONT ROAD, WAIHI • PHONE 07 863 8207
email waihi100@xtra.co.nz • www.100percent.co.nz

We've Got Your Back

We're always checking price Talk to us.

Waihi NEWS

Helping local families play in a sustainable way

Play is your child's 'work' and toys are the tools for play. Making 'play' a way of learning. "At the Waihi Toy Library we've got ride-ons, bikes, scooters, puzzles, imaginative play, music, train sets, role play, and lots, lots more" says Glenis Bell, lead Volunteer at Waihi Toy Library.

Toy libraries let families try different toys without the pressure of cost, clutter or wastage. Children can have fun while building confidence and learning new skills. The children don't have to miss out just because times are hard.

"Remember, play doesn't need to look a certain way to be meaningful", says Glenis.

"Every child has their own interests, strengths and ways of joining in. Toy Libraries can make this easier by giving families the chance to explore a wide range of toys without pressure. If a toy isn't the right fit, that's okay - you can simply return the toy and try something different", says Glenis.

The Waihi Toy Library caters mainly for children aged 0 - 6 years (but we know big brothers and sisters still love the toys as well). An annual membership is only \$20 and there is a small fee per hire item.



Toy Libraries are especially perfect for grandparents. They can borrow toys each time the grandchildren visit and this saves on purchase costs, plastic waste from new or broken toys and toys are not left

cluttering up the house.

The Waihi Toy Library is a volunteer run community service that opens on Mondays and Wednesdays 2-4pm and Saturday 10-12noon in the OceanaGold building, 43

Moresby Ave, Waihi.

Contact waihitoylibrary@gmail.com There is also a Toy Library in Whangamatā which is open on Saturdays, 10am to 12 noon, at 1100 Port Road.

Waihi Beds R Us has sold

FINAL DAYS!

We need to completely clear our Sleepyhead beds

Get in quick for INCREDIBLE CLEARANCE SALE DEALS!

Smart Buy furniture
Inside Beds R us store

94 Seddon St, Waihi
07 863 8787



Opoutere 750 and 742 Ohui Road

Sanctuary for the soul

Ohui, commands breathtaking vistas and a sense of seclusion. The exceptional residence is created with vision, artistry and an intimate connection to its surroundings. Substantial yet soulful, it is a home that feels entirely at one with the land. Expansive living spaces transition effortlessly between indoors and out, complemented by handcrafted fireplaces, a swimming pool and beautifully conceived spaces for entertaining and retreat. A separate recording studio with its own accommodation provides an inspiring environment for creativity or guests. Yet it is the land that makes Ohui truly exceptional. Rich in local history and with connections reaching far beyond. Significant infrastructure is already established across a substantial portion of the property. For its next custodian, the possibilities are compelling: an extraordinary private residence, executive escape, creative sanctuary or exclusive retreat.

Private, inspiring and utterly distinctive, Ohui represents an opportunity of genuine significance.

bayleys.co.nz/2221668

30.8818_{ha} 6 5

Tender (unless sold prior) Closing 4pm, Thu 1 Oct 2026
501a Port Road, Whangamatā

View by appointment

Lauren Mirabito 021 743 488

lauren.mirabito@bayleys.co.nz

Dale Sholson 021 636 519

dale.sholson@bayleys.co.nz

MACKY'S REAL ESTATE LTD, BAYLEYS, LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008
M H REALTY LIMITED, BAYLEYS, LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008

Former Mayor Chris Lux passes

I was sad to hear of the passing of Chris Lux, who served as District Mayor from 1998 to 2004.

Many will remember his pride in the district and his support for local autonomy. Longtime residents will also fondly recall the dedication of his wife, Kay who regularly supported community activities alongside Mayor Lux.

Chris Lux's experience leading the district was characterised by strength and advocacy. He led the district through the civil defence response to the devastating 2002 Weather Bomb, rallied against the Resource Management Act, and supported a 'one peninsula' approach to planning and infrastructure.

Outside local government, Chris Lux was a true ambassador for the beaches, bush and lush farmland around his home in Tuatēawa, where Kay's family had deep ties. That connection to the land, his can-do approach, and his love of a good yarn made Chris a natural in real estate.

Many people living in the district today will remember him for his sales prowess, but he never stepped away from governance and leadership, remaining involved in numerous local boards and committees. As recently as



2022, TCDC awarded Chris Lux a Community Service Award in recognition of his contribution.

On behalf of the elected members of the Thames Coromandel District, we remember Chris Lux for his dedicated service, and send our heartfelt sympathies to his family, friends and loved ones.

CLASSIFIEDS

SITUATIONS VACANT

URGENTLY REQUIRED
Part-time caregiver

Part-time caregiver needed in Whangamatā to assist with personal care for a lovely lady in her 70's. Good hourly rate offered, training provided. Phone Margaret on 865 6804.

Held a sporting event?
Any club, team, group or adjunct - all ages...



We want your results!

Send them to whangamataneews@gmail.com - you can even include a photo. It's **FREE** - it's what readers want and we want you!

Whangamatā NEWS

For any enquiries, simply phone Jennie - Editor 021 0232 1661

Whangamatā Tides 2026

AUGUST 2026										
☾ 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			
21 Fri	0:52	1.7	13:31	1.7	7:04	0.4	19:33	0.6	06:54	17:44
22 Sat	1:40	1.6	14:25	1.6	7:54	0.5	20:27	0.6	06:53	17:45
23 Sun	2:32	1.6	15:20	1.6	8:47	0.5	21:23	0.6	06:52	17:46
24 Mon	3:26	1.6	16:14	1.6	9:42	0.5	22:18	0.6	06:50	17:46
25 Tue	4:22	1.6	17:05	1.7	10:35	0.5	23:09	0.6	06:49	17:47
26 Wed	5:15	1.6	17:52	1.7	11:24	0.5		0.5	06:48	17:48
27 Thu	6:04	1.6	18:36	1.8	11:56	0.5	12:10	0.4	06:46	17:49
28 Fri	6:50	1.7	19:17	1.8	0:40	0.5	12:53	0.4	06:45	17:50
29 Sat	7:34	1.8	19:58	1.8	1:22	0.4	13:34	0.3	06:43	17:51
30 Sun	8:16	1.8	20:38	1.9	2:04	0.3	14:16	0.3	06:42	17:51
31 Mon	8:59	1.8	21:20	1.9	2:46	0.3	14:59	0.3	06:41	17:52

SEPTEMBER 2026										
☾ New Moon: 11 th ☀ Full Moon: 27 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 Tue	9:42	1.8	22:03	1.9	3:28	0.2	15:44	0.3	06:39	17:53
2 Wed	10:27	1.8	22:48	1.9	4:12	0.2	16:30	0.3	06:38	17:54
3 Thu	11:16	1.8	23:36	1.8	4:59	0.2	17:20	0.4	06:36	17:55
4 Fri		1.8	12:09	1.8	5:48	0.3	18:15	0.4	06:35	17:56
5 Sat	0:28	1.8	13:07	1.8	6:41	0.3	19:13	0.4	06:33	17:56
6 Sun	1:26	1.7	14:10	1.8	7:39	0.3	20:17	0.5	06:32	17:57
7 Mon	2:30	1.7	15:15	1.8	8:41	0.3	21:22	0.4	06:30	17:58
8 Tue	3:37	1.7	16:18	1.8	9:46	0.3	22:26	0.4	06:29	17:59
9 Wed	4:42	1.7	17:18	1.9	10:48	0.3	23:27	0.3	06:27	18:00
10 Thu	5:44	1.8	18:13	1.9	11:47	0.3		0.3	06:26	18:00
11 Fri	6:40	1.9	19:04	2.0	0:23	0.3	12:41	0.2	06:24	18:01
12 Sat	7:32	1.9	19:52	2.0	1:14	0.2	13:32	0.2	06:23	18:02
13 Sun	8:20	1.9	20:38	1.9	2:03	0.2	14:19	0.2	06:21	18:03
14 Mon	9:06	1.9	21:22	1.9	2:48	0.2	15:05	0.3	06:20	18:04
15 Tue	9:50	1.9	22:04	1.8	3:32	0.2	15:50	0.3	06:18	18:05
16 Wed	10:33	1.8	22:45	1.8	4:14	0.3	16:34	0.4	06:17	18:05
17 Thu	11:16	1.8	23:27	1.7	4:55	0.3	17:18	0.5	06:15	18:06
18 Fri		1.8	12:01	1.7	5:37	0.4	18:05	0.5	06:14	18:07
19 Sat	0:11	1.6	12:50	1.7	6:21	0.4	18:54	0.6	06:12	18:08
20 Sun	0:58	1.6	13:42	1.6	7:09	0.5	19:46	0.6	06:10	18:09
21 Mon	1:50	1.6	14:37	1.6	8:01	0.5	20:42	0.6	06:09	18:10
22 Tue	2:47	1.5	15:32	1.6	8:57	0.6	21:37	0.6	06:07	18:10
23 Wed	3:44	1.5	16:24	1.6	9:53	0.5	22:29	0.6	06:06	18:11

Waihi Beach Tides 2026

AUGUST 2026										
☾ 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			
21 Fri	0:47	1.7	13:26	1.7	6:59	0.4	19:28	0.6	06:54	17:44
22 Sat	1:35	1.6	14:20	1.6	7:49	0.5	20:22	0.6	06:53	17:45
23 Sun	2:27	1.6	15:15	1.6	8:42	0.5	21:18	0.6	06:52	17:46
24 Mon	3:21	1.6	16:09	1.6	9:37	0.5	22:13	0.6	06:50	17:46
25 Tue	4:17	1.6	17:00	1.7	10:30	0.5	23:04	0.6	06:49	17:47
26 Wed	5:10	1.6	17:47	1.7	11:19	0.5		0.5	06:48	17:48
27 Thu	5:59	1.6	18:31	1.8	11:51	0.5	12:05	0.4	06:46	17:49
28 Fri	6:45	1.7	19:12	1.8	0:35	0.5	12:48	0.4	06:45	17:50
29 Sat	7:29	1.8	19:53	1.8	1:17	0.4	13:29	0.3	06:43	17:51
30 Sun	8:11	1.8	20:33	1.9	1:59	0.3	14:11	0.3	06:42	17:51
31 Mon	8:54	1.8	21:15	1.9	2:41	0.3	14:54	0.3	06:41	17:52

SEPTEMBER 2026										
☾ New Moon: 11 th ☀ Full Moon: 27 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 Tue	9:37	1.8	21:58	1.9	3:23	0.2	15:39	0.3	06:39	17:53
2 Wed	10:22	1.8	22:43	1.9	4:07	0.2	16:25	0.3	06:38	17:54
3 Thu	11:11	1.8	23:31	1.8	4:54	0.2	17:15	0.4	06:36	17:55
4 Fri		1.8	12:04	1.8	5:43	0.3	18:10	0.4	06:35	17:56
5 Sat	0:23	1.8	13:02	1.8	6:36	0.3	19:08	0.4	06:33	17:56
6 Sun	1:21	1.7	14:05	1.8	7:34	0.3	20:12	0.5	06:32	17:57
7 Mon	2:25	1.7	15:10	1.8	8:36	0.3	21:17	0.4	06:30	17:58
8 Tue	3:32	1.7	16:13	1.8	9:41	0.3	22:21	0.4	06:29	17:59
9 Wed	4:37	1.7	17:13	1.9	10:43	0.3	23:22	0.3	06:27	18:00
10 Thu	5:39	1.8	18:08	1.9	11:42	0.3		0.3	06:26	18:00
11 Fri	6:35	1.9	18:59	2.0	0:18	0.3	12:36	0.2	06:24	18:01
12 Sat	7:27	1.9	19:47	2.0	1:09	0.2	13:27	0.2	06:23	18:02
13 Sun	8:15	1.9	20:33	1.9	1:58	0.2	14:14	0.2	06:21	18:03
14 Mon	9:01	1.9	21:17	1.9	2:43	0.2	15:00	0.3	06:20	18:04
15 Tue	9:45	1.9	21:59	1.8	3:27	0.2	15:45	0.3	06:18	18:05
16 Wed	10:28	1.8	22:40	1.8	4:09	0.3	16:29	0.4	06:17	18:05
17 Thu	11:11	1.8	23:22	1.7	4:50	0.3	17:13	0.5	06:15	18:06
18 Fri		1.8	11:56	1.7	5:32	0.4	18:00	0.5	06:14	18:07
19 Sat	0:06	1.6	12:45	1.7	6:16	0.4	18:49	0.6	06:12	18:08
20 Sun	0:53	1.6	13:37	1.6	7:04	0.5	19:41	0.6	06:10	18:09
21 Mon	1:45	1.6	14:32	1.6	7:56	0.5	20:37	0.6	06:09	18:10
22 Tue	2:42	1.5	15:27	1.6	8:52	0.6	21:32	0.6	06:07	18:10
23 Wed	3:39	1.5	16:19	1.6	9:48	0.5	22:24	0.6	06:06	18:11

Only the best WAIHI TRADIES will do!

Use Locals... For Locals... Support Locals!

GLAZIER



Baker Glass & Glazing Ltd

- Glass Repairs
- Shower Glass
- Splashbacks
- Balustrades
- Retro-fit Double Glazing
- Insurance Quotes

Member AMN
Masterglaziers network
Proudly supported
by Metro Glass



Ph 021 514 497 | glass@bakerjoinery.co.nz

KITCHENS



Baker Joinery Ltd

"Craftsmanship with care"

- Kitchens
- Joinery
- Wardrobe Solutions
- Laundry
- Bathrooms
- Pre-Hung Doors

For top-notch craftsmanship & expertise in
joinery & cabinetry
contact 07 863 8962 | info@bakerjoinery.co.nz
Pop into our Show Room 46 Johnston St, Waihi

SHOW ROOM OPEN SATURDAYS 9AM - 1PM

BARBER



027 594 4628

WE HAVE MOVED

**26 Rosemont Rd,
Waihi**

@the_barber_shaq

VETERINARY SERVICES



WAIHI 07 863 8684

WAIHI BEACH 07 863 7387

TYRE SERVICES



- Tyre Sales • Mag Wheel Sales
- Fitting & Balancing • Laser Wheel Alignment
- Motorcycle & Truck Balancing

ph: (07) 863 8555
m: 027 303 1428

32 Kenny Street
Waihi 3610

e: goldvalleytyres@gmail.com

TYRE SERVICES



Car, 4WD, truck, bus & tractor tyres
Tyre repair - Lease vehicles,
Wheel alignments & Mechanical,
All brands of tyres



Waihi Tyre Services

48 Rosemont Road, Waihi
07 863 7508 • waihiytyres@gmail.com

EARTHWORKS

Contact us now for a free no obligation quote



- Mulching
- House Foundations
- Trenching
- Driveway Prep
- Drain Clearing
- Site Clearance
- Augering Holes
- Demolitions

Ph: 027 269 7144 or 07 863 8208
Email: mearesearthworks@gmail.com

FLOORING

Owens Flooring

**Flooring Sales and Installation
FREE MEASURE & QUOTATION**

Carpet, Vinyl, Wood & Laminate Flooring
SHOWROOM: 5/57 Wilson Road, Waihi Beach
Open 8.30am-4.00pm Monday to Friday
Saturdays by Appointment

Phone: 027 233 7277 | 07 863 5723
sales@owensflooring.co.nz owensflooring.co.nz

RENTAL PROPERTY MANAGER

PGG Wrightson Real Estate

FRIENDLY. LOCAL. RELIABLE.

RENTAL PROPERTY MANAGER - WAIHI

Call today!

Julie Cunningham

027 549 2427

pggwre.co.nz

PGG Wrightson Real Estate Limited,
licensed under the REAA 2008.

PLASTERER

PLASTERER FIX+STOP

PATCHES, repairs, new
builds, skim, renovations,
coving, wallpaper removal.
Ph or txt 022-4266-151.

MARKET TREASURE



**HEY YOU!
HAVE YOU HEARD WAIHI'S
BIGGEST
SECRET?**

**UNDERGROUND MARKET
HEART OF WAIHI**

Seddon St, Waihi | OPEN 7 DAYS 9am-4pm

ARBORIST & FIREWOOD

SHORT BACK 'N' SIDES LTD

Arboricultural Contractors

TREE PROBLEMS?

Dismantle, pruning, removal, stump
grinding. BIG or SMALL - we do them ALL!

0274 390 367

www.shortbacknsides.co.nz

FIREWOOD

Available all year round. Smoking chunks or dust, kindling,
bagged wood. Delivery available or pick up on Fridays from
15 Dean Cres, Waihi. Gold Card discounts. Also 100s of native
and exotic milled slab timber, garden mulch, smoking wood.

0274 390 367 or our firewood hotline 022 043 1862



OP SHOP

**WAIHI ST JOHN OP SHOP
Recruiting Now!**



St John
Here for Life

*Make a
difference*

**IN THE WAIHI
COMMUNITY**

**Are you a Customer Service Superstar?
Magic Merchandiser? Keen Handyman?**

We are currently recruiting
for a variety of roles across various
departments in our Waihi Op Shop.

If you're keen to volunteer, pop in and ask to
see Store Manager Sam for a chat, or call her
on 07 863 9274 to find out more!

3 Silverton Road Waihi

Only the BEST TRADIES will do! Use Locals... For Locals... Support Locals!

SMALL ENGINE REPAIRS

ANTS REPAIRS

Whangamata-based small engine repairs & maintenance

- Chainsaws • Lawnmowers
- Ride ons • Weedeaters

Anthony Law
121 Sharyn Pl • 021 0244 2791
ants.repairs.nz@gmail.com

LANDSCAPING

Beach Contractors & Landscape Supplies

LANDSCAPING SUPPLIES:

Bark, mulch, compost and topsoil | Sand, lime chip, river stones and pebbles | Cement, builder's mix and a range of metals

Delivery service available

Whangamata Yard 2546 Waihi Whangamata Rd M. 027 261 1262
Waihi Beach Yard 691 Waihi Beach Rd P. 07 863 5340

EARTHWORKS

Blackhill EARTHWORKS

**Excavator, Bobcat, Truck
Earthworks specialists**

BASED IN WHANGAMATĀ

Shay Mewse 021742966
Blackhillearthworks.co.nz

IT SUPPORT



Boot it.

FIBRE INTERNET
now available to
order from Boot I.T.

We are the Coromandel's
only local Fibre Internet
Provider, and the ONLY
provider that offers 7 days
per week support.

Call us on 0800 242 266
to find out more.

CONCRETE

BROWN MORE CONSTRUCTION

CONCRETE CONTRACTORS

Any Concrete Requirements: Slabs, driveways, patios, paths, etc
All types of concrete - colour - finish
Council Permits for Vehicle Crossings
Excavation to finished product • Saw cutting & drilling

We take pride in doing a quality job at a competitive rate

REX: 027 285 5489
P. 07 863 3364 • office@brownmoreconstruction.co.nz
www.brownmoreconstruction.co.nz

PAINTER & DECORATOR

Gavin Johnson PAINTER & DECORATOR

Interior/Exterior Painting

Wallpapering

Cedar Cleaning and
Restoration Service

0224 552 363

brushstrokeswhangamata@gmail.com



DIGGER & CARTAGE

COAST DIGGER & CARTAGE

- Digger & Tip Truck Hire
- Driveways
- Building Digouts
- Site Works
- Concrete removal
- Track work
- Hole Drilling
- Tree Felling & Removal



Murray Clarke 027 2010 209
muzzclarke66@hotmail.com

HOME IMPROVEMENT



Coastal Home Improvement

Small
business -
local through
& through

- Aluminium Fences, Pergolas & Structures
- Renovations
- Showers
- Laminate flooring
- Wooden Decks, Fences & Pergolas
- Projection and Track Awnings
- Repairs and more....Just ask

Tony Fraser 027 350 6948 CoastalHomeImprovement
coastalhomeimprovement@outlook.co.nz

PAINTER

Coastline Property Painters

Protecting your investment ■ Interior ■ Exterior ■ Roofs ■ Communication is everything
■ Updates & photos as your job progresses

Call Richard Upton: 0274 884 881 / www.coastlinepropertypainters.com



CONSTRUCTION

COROMANDEL BACH CO.

**Coromandel's
granny flat specialist**

Hello@coromandelbachco.co.nz
coromandelbachco.co.nz | 029 773 1351

OUTDOOR COVER

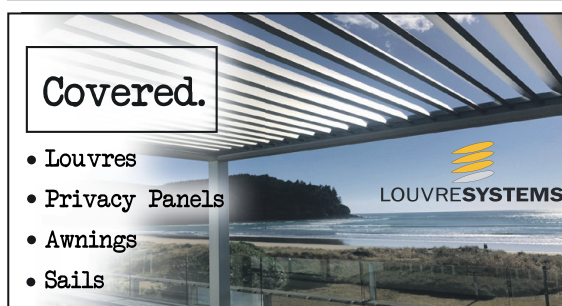
Covered.

- Louvres
- Privacy Panels
- Awnings
- Sails

LOUVRESYSTEMS

info@covered.co.nz 07 865 6207 or 027 497 1236

www.covered.co.nz 300 Casement Rd. Whangamata



CURTAINS / BLINDS

Curtains and Blinds and More Whangamata

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED

- Curtains • Venetian Blinds • Roller Blinds
- Romans Blinds • Shutters • Honeycomb Blinds

100% Mobile Service

We come to you, Free Measure and Quote

**Call Louize or Gavin
on 027 4777 916**

or email info@curtainsandblinds.co.nz

ROOFING

DAVE TAYLOR ROOFING

**SPECIALISING IN: Waterproofing Roofs & decks,
TPO Enviroclad • Butyl • Epiclad • Torch On**

**YOUR LOCAL
ROOFING
CONTRACTOR**

TEL: 027 2707 277
EML: daveytaylorroofing@gmail.com
WWW: daveytaylorroofing.co.nz



FRAMING



- Picture framing
- Framed mirrors
- Art installation
- Pick up & delivery

Ade Cunningham
M. 0274 929 695 or P. 07 575 9149
info@framesnz.co.nz • www.framesnz.co.nz
300 Port Rd (corner of Ajax Rd), Whangamata

GRAPHIC DESIGN

**For your
graphic design
needs**

**Contact Anna at
whangamatanewsart@gmail.com**

Use Only the Best Services in our Community!

Use Locals... For Locals... Support Locals!

SHUTTLE SERVICE



AIRPORT & PRIVATE SHUTTLE

- Door-to-door service.
- 11 pax + luggage. Spacious. Air-conditioned.
- Airports. Weddings. Sports Events.
- Outdoor Adventures.



Enquiries & bookings:
gcadventures2026@gmail.com

Gareth & Gem
Body Work Gym

HANDYMAN

HANDYMAN

30 yrs experience, specialising in:

- Bathroom, deck & building repairs
- Gib fixing & plastering
- Interior /exterior painting

Please ring Rex on 021 997 428

BUILDING & LANDSCAPING

HBL HANSEN BUILDERZ

BUILDING & LANDSCAPING

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

Contact us to discuss your project & a free estimate today



ADRIAN 0274 263 895 | hansen.builderz@gmail.com | HBLHomesnz
Residential | Commercial | Alterations | Additions

BUILDING WASHING

HOUSE WASH

Exterior house or commercial building wash, roof wash, fences, driveway, patios – soft-wash for best moss and lichen clean and treatment, exterior window cleaning, or general water blasting, 100m of hose so access is no problem.

Prompt local service with 22 years' experience.

Ph 0800 747 787 email atlasgroup@xtra.co.nz **or dial Andy direct on 027 313 4386**

AUTOMOTIVE & BOATS



BOAT TRAILERS, CARS, CLASSIC & HOT RODS

ONLY Repco
STOCKIST IN TOWN!

ONLY HONDA
AGENT IN TOWN!

Aickin Road, Whangamata (next to Bunnings)
P. 865 9073 | E. office@jcdcustoms.co.nz
Mon-Fri from 8am

HOME BUILDERS

Whatever the site, we'll help you
create the perfect home.

Jennian

HOMES

614 Port Rd, Whangamatā E: coromandel@jennian.co.nz P: 07 865 6767



CHILDCARE

Jemma's Homebased Childcare - Recruiting Now
Passionate about children & their learning?



- Work from home and make a real impact
- Free training & level 4 study
- Smaller group size/build stronger relationships
- Create learning experiences reflecting your values

Join our supportive whānau today!

Be part of a rewarding role where your work makes a difference

Call Jemma's: 0800 536 627

info@jemmas.co.nz | www.jemmas.co.nz

CONCRETE SERVICES

KARTIN CONCRETE SOLUTIONS LTD

- Concrete Polishing
- Concrete Grinding
- Drilling & Cutting • Block Honing
- Sealing and Masonry Applications
- Licenced Sto Applicators

Email: info@kartinconcrete.co.nz
Phone: 0274 954 957

TRAVEL BROKER



Kay Gregan
The Travel
Designer



AWARD-WINNING TAANZ BONDED TRAVEL BROKER
Travel Broker & CLIA Accredited Cruise Specialist
2025 Inaugural Brand USA Ambassador
Whangamata 07 865 9568 | M: 027 337 6222
Kay.Gregan@thetravelbrokers.co.nz
thetravelbrokers.co.nz/kaygregan

ELECTRICAL

For All Your Electrical Needs



Electrical

Laser

"Totally Dependable"

Now Open In A Second Location
Introducing Laser Electrical Waihi

WAIHI 07 863 7746
waihi@laserelectrical.co.nz
40B Kenny Street

WHANGAMATA 07 865 9309
whangamata@laserelectrical.co.nz
100 Lindsay Road

LOUVRES

Engineered for Life

LouvreTec®

OPENING & RETRACT ROOFS
SUN LOUVRES / SHUTTERS

07 574 6040 office@louvretec.com

www.louvretec.co.nz

free no obligation quote & site visit

KITCHENS

McBeth Rd Orchard Joinery
Affordable joinery

Kitchens new or upgraded
Laundries & bathrooms
Wardrobes & storage units
Free estimates

Tony & Nicky Ball - 027 229 2255
Whangamata

ADVERTISING



Contact Jennie
**Whangamata
& Waihi NEWS**

Phone
021 0232 1661

whangamatanews@gmail.com
Secure your space on here today!

Only the BEST TRADIES will do! Use Locals... For Locals... Support Locals!

PODIATRY

Pedicare Services

Professional Foot Care

Alison Walkington
Registered Nurse

Home visits by
appointment



Mobile 027 663 2320 or
email alison.c.walkington@gmail.com

ELECTRICIAN

GREG HENSTOCK ELECTRICIAN LTD

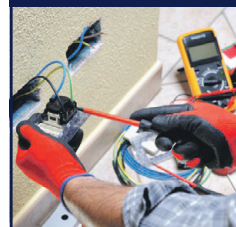
Registered Electrician
One Man Band

WHANGAMATA
0272 580 366



ELECTRICIAN

PITCHER ELECTRICAL



**YOUR TRUSTED
MASTER ELECTRICIAN**
working in Whangamata,
Opoutere, Onemana and
Whiritoa

**RESIDENTIAL AND
COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

TONY PITCHER 0274 589 573

PLUMBER / GAS FITTER

PIVOTAL

- GAS & PLUMBING LTD -

P. **021 814 879**

E. office@pivotalnz.com

PEST CONTROL



**Professional Pest
Management**

Say goodbye to unwanted pests -
spiders, ants, wasps, cockroaches,
rodents & more!

We offer a safe, effective pest
management solution tailored to suit
your needs.

Contact us today for a pest-free home
or business. Locally owned & operated.

STEPHANIE FRITH - QUALIFIED TECHNICIAN
pestpros@outlook.co.nz | 027 3211 796 | www.pestpros.co.nz

Whangamata & Surrounds

A member of Pest Management Association of New Zealand

WINDOW CLEANING



Your
ecofriendly
window
cleaning
service.

Mike Horton
info@purenclean.co.nz

M 021 501 324
www.purenclean.co.nz

HEAT PUMPS



REFRIGERATION &
AIR CONDITIONING
LTD

Stay comfortable all year round

- Heat Pump & Air Conditioning Specialists
- Expert Design & Maintenance
- Servicing & Preventive Maintenance

Trusted local expertise. Reliable Service.

Free, no-obligation quote.

Ph 07 865 9222 • contact@reefrefrigeration.co.nz

ROOFING



RIKKI \$ ROOFING
we aim for the roof shout

Rikki Daysh, Owner/Operator
022 408 8424
rikkisroofing@gmail.com

- Residential
re roofs &
new roofs
- Spouting
- Cladding
- Maintenance
& re screws

PLUMBER

Russell CHOAT
GAS & Plumbing

Whangamata

**FOR ALL YOUR GAS-FITTING, PLUMBING,
DRAINAGE & ROOFING REQUIREMENTS**

Registered craftsman & member
of Master Plumbers

M. 0274 714 869 E. office@choatsplumbing.co.nz

ELECTRICIAN / DOG GROOMER



Rusty Sparks

EVERYTHING
ELECTRICAL

Residential, Commercial,
Data, Alarms

@f 021 800 017
admin@rustysparks.nz



**PIMPED
PUPS
GROOM
ROOM**

@f 021 850 017
WHANGAMATA

WINDSCREEN REPAIRS

secureglass

For all your
windscreen
needs!

021 617 664
secureglassltd.co.nz



MONDAYS:

RSA car park, Whangamata

TUESDAYS:

Fresh Choice car park, Waihi

FRIDAYS:

Goldfields car park, Thames

BUILDER



**RESIDENTIAL
SERVICES**

LBP Builder / Renovation Specialist

07 865 6555 / 027 238 1659
skfrs@xtra.co.nz

BINS

**Skip Bins, Wheelie Bins,
Front Load Bins**

Contact us today!



**smart
environmental**

0800 4 MY BIN - www.smartbins.co.nz

Proudly 100% Kiwi owned

*We can
help!*

GRAPHIC DESIGN

**For your
graphic design
needs**

Contact Anna at
whangamatanewsart@gmail.com

Use Only the Best Services in our Community!

Use Locals... For Locals... Support Locals!

BOARDING KENNEL / CATTERY



SPOT X
BOARDING KENNELS
AND CATTERY

Quality care and facilities in a rural setting
Office hours: 9am-12 noon and 3-5pm daily
INSPECTION WELCOME
Ph 07 865 8242 or 027 624 3890
Annette Gillatt
4km south of Whangamata on the main road

REFRIGERATION & AIR CON



TIDELINE REFRIGERATION
WHANGAMATA

- * HEAT PUMPS
- * REFRIGERATION
- * AIR CONDITIONING
- * VENTILATION

SERVICING IN THE COROMANDEL AREA
0272121994 - 0277251820
TIDELINEREFRIGERATION@GMAIL.COM
WWW.TIDELINEREFRIGERATION.COM

TREE SPECIALIST



- Tree felling & pruning
- Hedge trimming
- Stump grinding
- Fully insured
- Qualified arborist

TREECARE WHANGAMATA LTD
Contact 022 648 8150
treecarewhangamata@gmail.com

BUILDER



TRUTECH
DESIGN AND BUILD

021 941 335

DIGGER HIRE / LANDSCAPING



2MOONS
DIGGER HIRE
EXCAVATION & AUGER DRILLING

LANDSCAPING
AUGER DRILLING
SOAK HOLES & SERVICING DRAIN LAYERS
TILE LINES FOR SEPTIC TANKS
HOLES DRILLED FOR ORCHARD PLANTING
POLE & STEEL SHED FOOTINGS DRILLED
FREE QUOTES AVAILABLE

022 158 0234 • 2moonsdiggerhire@gmail.com

FURNITURE REMOVAL

WE LOVE SHIFTING GEAR AROUND THE COROMANDEL



Ufk MOVERS

Ufkmovers@gmail.com / 029 773 1351
Ufkmovers.co.nz

LAWYERS

USSHER LAWYERS

We can help with all of your general legal needs

- Conveyancing if you are buying or selling property
- Sale and purchase of business assets • Commercial leasing
- Relationship property • Trusts • Wills • Enduring powers of attorney

www.ussherlawyers.co.nz | Phone 07 865 8824
We've moved - now at 123 Lindsay Rd, Whangamata

WARDROBES



WARDROBES DIRECT

Steve Parkinson
Central, East & South
021 0733 100
steve@wardrobesdirect.co.nz

ALSO SERVICING WHANGAMATA
www.wardrobesdirect.co.nz

Showroom and office:
175 Marua Rd
Mt Wellington

LAUNDRY

WHANGA LAUNDROMAT



"The only locally owned & operated laundromat in town!"
OPEN 24 HOURS - 7 DAYS A WEEK
CASEMENT RD, WHANGAMATA (OPPOSITE WAITOMO FUEL)

SCAFFOLDING



WHANGAMATA SCAFFOLDING

- Mobile scaffolding
- Roof edge protection
- Construction scaffold

Servicing Whangamata and surrounding areas

Please ring 022 076 0160 or email whangamatascaffolding@gmail.com
102 Lindsay Road, Whangamata Est 2014

TYRE & BATTERY SERVICES



WHANGAMATA TYRE & BATTERY

Car tyres / Wheel alignment
4WD tyres / Tyre repair
Wheel balance
Small implement tyres
Batteries - car & marine

KUMHO TYRES 7
Phone Simon 865 7698

CHALLENGE Cnr Port & Ocean Rd, Whangamata
www.challenge.net.nz

WINDOW & DOOR SERVICES



WHANGAMATA WINDOW & DOOR SERVICES

Bryce Hall
M. 027 282 2057
Ph. 865 9714

Reglaze Repairs Maintenance
Retro Fit Double Glaze

whangamatawindowdoorservices@extra.co.nz

HOME SERVICES



YourLocal
NZ's Trusted Home Services

Avi@yourlocal.nz • www.yourlocal.nz • 022 534 5478

We specialise in

- Exterior house wash, windows, driveways, patios, decks, fences & roofs • Commercial, residential, rural, new builds & painters prep • Pests treatment (fumigation)
- Rodents & wasps • Chimney sweeping • Roof treatments

BUSINESS FRANCHISE FOR SALE

We cover Coromandel, Thames, Waihi, Waihi Beach, Whitianga, Whangamata

DELIVERERS WANTED

DELIVERERS WANTED IN WHANGAMATĀ

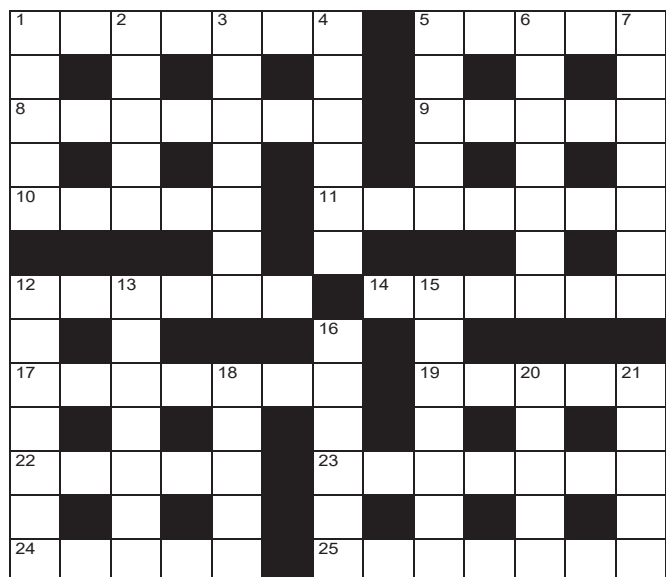


GET PAID TO GO FOR A WALK
Hottest delivery rate in town, \$20 per route at rate.
One delivery per fortnight with a 2-3 day window to deliver. Most routes take approximately 1 hour.

Whangamatā & Waihi NEWS

Contact Jennie Black 021 0232 1661 or email whangamataneews@gmail.com

QUICK CROSSWORD



Across

1. Embarrassed (7)
5. Hurl (5)
8. Indicator (7)
9. Banal (5)
10. Thrust (5)
11. Component (7)
12. Ebb (6)
14. Come to rest (6)
17. Fussy (7)
19. Outdated, no longer stylish (5)
22. Beer mug (5)
23. Stretch out (7)
24. Gangling (5)
25. Devalue (7)

Down

1. Horrify (5)
2. Foreign (5)
3. Reckless, impetuous person (7)
4. Overshadow (6)
5. Designation (5)
6. Garb (7)
7. Grapple (7)
12. Rejection (7)
13. Worry (7)
15. Detonate (7)
16. Short-sighted (6)
18. Shrewd (5)
20. Pry (5)
21. Incite (3,2)

All puzzles © The Puzzle Company

SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU

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

DECODER

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

CRYPTIC

- Across: 1 & 10ac. Spaghetti junction, 6. Woe, 8. Skinny-dipping, 9. Ease, 12. Basins, 13. Delias, 16. Widowers, 18. Last, 21. Flash in the pan, 22. Lay, 23. Elopement.
Down: 1. Susie, 2. Aliases, 3. Hint, 4. Tedium, 5. Impacted, 6. Waihi, 7. Engines, 11. Snowshoe, 12. Bowful, 14. Trample, 15. Bronco, 17. Diary, 19. Tene, 20. Thee.

CROSSWORD

- Across: 1. Abashed, 5. Throw, 8. Pointer, 9. Trite, 10. Lunge, 11. Element, 12. Recede, 14. Settle, 17. Finicky, 19. Passé, 22. Stein, 23. Prolong, 24. Lanky, 25. Cheapen.
Down: 1. Appal, 2. Alien, 3. Hothed, 4. Darken, 5. Title, 6. Raiment, 7. Wrestle, 12. Refusal, 13. Concern, 15. Explode, 16. Myopic, 18. Canny, 20. Snoot, 21. Egg on.

SUDOKU

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

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

EASY

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

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.

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			N			E			O			

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 & 10ac. A noodle joint? – or part of the way to it (9,8)
6. Home owners that return in a sorry state (3)
8. Something to amuse yourself with, when there's nothing on at the beach? (6-7)
9. Several of the same note are heard to abate (4)
10. See 1
12. Abstainers tear out for bowls (6)
13. Greek letters discovered at river mouths (6)
16. Their wives are always late (8)
18. Endure the race but finish at the back (4)
21. What you may get if you have a chrome loo – but only once! (5,2,3,3)
22. Put down a tune (3)

23. The type of wedding she got away with ... (9)
Down

1.so she became an issue... (5)
2. ...a lassie with several names (7)
3. You may need one to get the answer to this (4)
4. Muted, I was overcome with boredom (6)
5. The rascal portrayed character in a way that had an effect on you (8)
6. The rewa-rewa I hid in at the beach town (5)
7. Motors in France to get a drink from two different quarters (7)
11. He swoons about foot-wear (8)
12. Full bow may get you a lot of soup (7)

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

14. Hobo the French stand on (7)
15. Ella goes and breaks collarbone on horse (6)
17. In India Ryan has a journal (5)
19. A saying – whatever way you look at it (5)
20. The English leader may have been you in the old days (4)

What's On in our town

Waihi Lions Daffodil Day Brunch

23 August at Waihi RSA. Live music, raffles and games. Contact 027 20404 88.

Volunteer this Daffodil Day

28-29 August. Help bring hope and support to Kiwis and whānau impacted by cancer this Daffodil Day. We're looking for volunteers across Whangamatā and Waihi to help with local collections and fundraising activities. Whether you can spare just two hours collecting donations, helping at a collection point, or supporting your community, we'd love to have you involved. Give two hours. Make a difference.

Register your interest today:
daffodilday.org.nz/volunteer-waikato

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. Phone Suzanne 022 651 2250.

Grow on Waihi

including a crop swap. 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.

Paeroa Country Music Club

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

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

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.

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

Send your club, group, non-profit or fundraiser event to whangamataneews@gmail.com

and writing-related opportunities planned for later in the year.

Interested in joining? To find out more, contact Angela at acummings@xtra.co.nz

Country and Variety Club presents Glenda Palmer at the RSA Whangamatā – 6 September, 1-4pm, along with our band 4 On The Floor

Tempestuous

3 October, 7pm. Whangamatā Memorial Hall.

One woman show by Penny Ashton the effervescent actress who thrilled a sell out audience with Austin Found 2 years ago. Shakespeare has never been so funny. One night only so get your tickets soon. Tickets available at Whangamatā Discovery Centre.

Glitz & Glamour – A Night In The West End 7 November at Whangamatā Memorial Hall.

To raise funds for the Malaghan Institute of Cancer Research. The Whangamatā Theatre in association with the Friends of the Malaghan are staging a night to remember. Dress in your most glamorous gowns and suits and come tread the red carpet with us. Enjoy a welcome glass of champagne and canapés at your table. Wonderful entertainment Surprise guests! End your evening dancing to the tunes of a magical band. Put the date in your diary. Gather your friends together and book a table. Early advertising will let you know when tickets available.