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# Judy, Judy, Judy!



Whangamatā News had the pleasure once again to meet up with the infamous Judy Club at their 14th luncheon at the RSA last week.

What a wonderful and cheerful group of Judy's they are, with two relatively new members and only six away sending apologies - in attendance were:  
Judy Hares, Judy Kenealy, Jude

Eades, Judy Garry, Judi Mossop, Judy Nelson, Judy Johnston, Judi Leyland, Judy McLintock, Judy McGowan, Judy Moore and Judy Cossey.

I can tell you the room was buzzing with chatter, a couple of wines and yes some very loud laughter from our leading Judy's in town!

- Jennie Black

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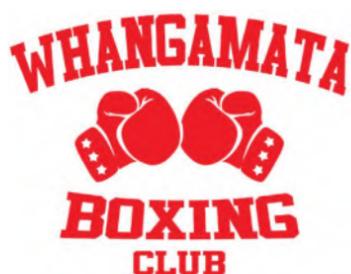
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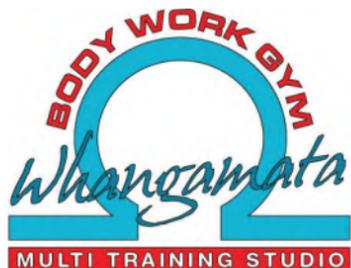
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# To the EDITOR

## Water pressure

We now have the Government pouring more millions into the bribery pot in order to persuade councils to agree to the 3 waters reforms. The extra funding is a direct result of pressure the Government faces from wide-spread opposition to the policy. Pressure also from within as a powerful Maori caucus presses home its advantage. There is now little doubt why the policy was concealed from the voting public prior to the election.

There is no question that many (not all) councils have struggled to maintain water infrastructure to a satisfactory standard. The key reason for this is the local body election cycle where rates become the inevitable political football. Council expenditure is always constrained by the demands of the voting ratepayers to keep rates rises in check.

If the Government was genuinely focused on upgrading water assets, it could do so by simply setting up a fund from which councils could apply for capital grants for approved projects. Such a scheme would enable necessary upgrades to occur within existing local authorities and so remove the enormous cost of setting up a contrived and unnecessary governance structure tainted by accusations of asset theft, nepotism and race based power of veto.

**George Williams**  
WHANGAMATA

# No sinking feeling for Harbour Care

**Providing Whangamata Harbour Care with a community/council partnership is well worth considering according to mayoral candidate John Freer.**

Achieving a new direction of how Thames Coromandel District Council will undertake its community obligations is being advocated by Freer.

After attending the recent Whangamata Harbour Care Annual General Meeting, Freer maintained the organisation was perfectly positioned to take on the management of the harbour foreshore.

“Since being formed in 1997, harbour care has displayed high level planning and actions around foreshore management and environmental care.

“The organisation’s track record ticks many boxes – a clear vision and goals; looking after and enhancing the harbour quality; developing the surrounding environment and a capacity to maximise any investment.

“Whangamatā’s appeal for both residents and visitors are linked to our harbour, the beach, the surrounding ocean and the adjoining recreational environment – these are critical and have to be carefully managed for both today and tomorrow.”

Freer said harbour care was an organisation which had received significant support from its local community, local businesses, schools and it already had the support of the district council.

Added to this was the knowledge and commitment demonstrated by its membership.

“Council must consider community/council partnerships into the future. This will engage the community and deliver outcomes that the community want – council will assist by enabling this.

“Through a planned approach harbour care will not have to go to council every time they need traps

or funding for a project – instead they will know up front of the annual resources they have available.

“And as to those resources, funding options have to be reviewed, an example being that revenue achieved from the Whangamatā Harbour, is reinvested back into the harbour and its surrounds,” said Freer.

“To me there are many opportunities such as this across the Coromandel Peninsula where community/council partnerships will enhance communities – the success of the Thames Seagull

Centre is a good example – this being launched on the back of a district council grant.”

**Freer said if successful he looked forward to developing the opportunities for Whangamata Harbour Care.**

*– Authorised by John Freer  
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# First picks of blooms for cause



From (left front) Glenis Brew, Dianne Trembath (rear left), Paulene Rollo (back right) and Irene Tyler. Absent: Sue Ellis, Morris Sheppard.

It's that wonderful time of year, when the yellow glory of daffodils arrive. The lovely Whangamata Lions ladies had their first pick this week.

For the next six weeks you will find their buckets of fundraising blooms at these outlets: 100% Appliances,

RSA, New World, Information Centre, Gather & Roam, Port Road Project, Cornerstore - and more will follow.

Just \$5 for a bunch of cheer and gives all monies raised to the Lions Lodge Cancer facility in Hamilton.

Lions welcomes all new members, you can contact Geoff March on 021 025 72270.

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## Time to bust a few myths...

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2. "The club's a bit scary." Its not, we promise! If you are interested come and pay a visit and have a chat. If you decide to give it a go we'll make sure you are buddied with like minded people. The club is very social, family oriented and loves it when new members join.
3. "You have to be a really good swimmer". Yeah, well lifeguards need to swim but we know its not everyone's strength, and that's where Patrol Support come in. This incredibly important role works alongside our guards and the training

comprises all elements of the Surf Lifeguard Award, aside from water-based elements. If you are keen to be involved but swimming isn't your forte - this award is for you!

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This year, the training will occur over six weeks, beginning the week starting 5 September, culminating in an exam on Labour Weekend. It will involve one online (evening) session per week for the six weeks and three 3-hour face to face sessions at Whangamatā on a weekend.

**If you are interested let us know; because we are interested in you. For more details please email Brianna at whangamata.slsc.recruitment@gmail.com by 10 August.**

- Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club

# cheers

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# Sooty albatross makes an incredibly rare landing

By chance, *Whangamatā News* spotted a post by Sue Driver on Facebook with a huge surprise that something had landed, sometime in the night, on the deck of their Seabreeze Lane home on 24 July.

Of course, we had to follow this up, knowing the rarity of this incredible rescue. In fact it is in rapid decline over three generations and probably due to interactions with fisheries, and eating more fish than squid. This breed is larger than a turkey but also a light weight.

We met with Sue and her husband, Albert Driver, last week to listen to the feathery tale that unfolded...

A huge storm hit Whangamatā that night and when Albert woke in the morning to rescue outdoor furniture across his deck, he saw in the corner of his eye and to his absolute surprise there was a very large bird.

He saw he had his head in his wings and as soon as he brought his head up, he knew straight away it was an albatross, but not what sort. He knew it wasn't a black petrel - that was for sure.

It didn't move, he saw that the feet were to the back of the body, and are as big as your hand, as is with the breed, making it hard to walk, but it kept dropping to its left side and limping. Albert thought he had broken its leg.

Coincidentally, Albert is a real 'bird man'. He had raised huge Green Winged Macaws in England (the

second largest Macaw known and 3.5 foot long), so what an absolute surprise he had.

Albert then spent two hours ringing around people and organisations to figure out what to do, because exposure could set in.

"At the time, I didn't know that it had flown from South America, across the South Pole on his way to Tasmania, thousands of miles and the wind and bad weather must have blown him off course and he wound up here," Albert tells us.

Grabbing a blanket and putting him in a large box he took the bird to CoroVets in Whangamatā.

**Whangamatā News followed up with Brandy Wickham to get her comments on the Sooty Albatross (*Phoebastria fusca*):**

"It's doing well, not out of the woods yet, it's on an IV drip, suffering from exhaustion. Our team couldn't find anything wrong with it, which is good."

It's been sent up to the Auckland Zoo for full care and diagnostics, they can test bloods and give more intensive care than CoroVets could.



Albert and Sue Driver.

only water. It must be eating, coping on its own and gaining weight.

The albatross was 2kg with adult plumage and amazing markings. It's a very rare and beautiful bird.

**UPDATE AT TIME OF PRINT:**

*Sadly, the albatross deteriorated and was euthanised at the zoo last Friday.*

*It had signs of kidney failure and was in very poor body condition, according to them, upon autopsy. No plastics were found in the gastrointestinal tract.*

*Such a shame - this bird was a long way from home, listed as a rare vagrant, storm-wrecked birds are often weak, dehydrated and have poor body condition.*

*Regardless, it's a huge thanks to Sue and Albert starting a valiant rescue.*

- Jennie Black

Wickham said "This Sooty Albatross is only the fifth sighting in New Zealand, only ever been sighted and never had hands out on it, making it a very special specimen. They will do blood tests to check for subspecies, it'll be interesting to see what type, but it's still a long way in health from where it should be."

Brandy said "although it's a long road ahead, to be released it must be taken way out to sea, and even then from the Bay of Islands it must have Iwi consent.

These birds can't take off from land,

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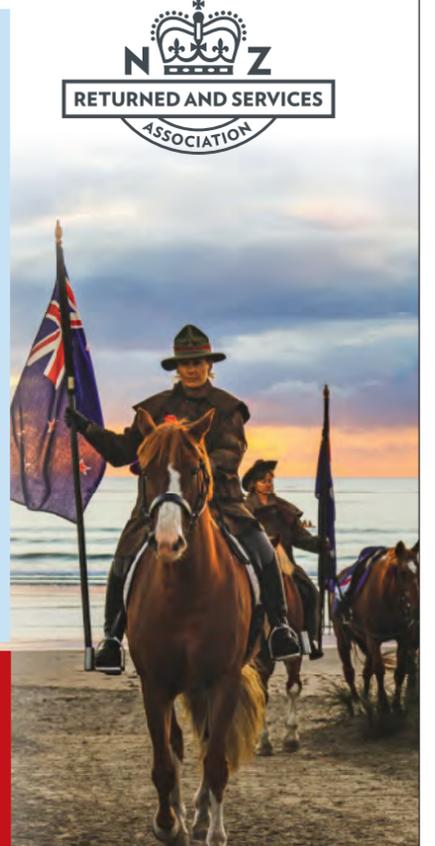
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# Onemana celebrates Matariki with tree planting

With Matariki approaching the community at Onemana were looking for an event which would not only capture the spirit of Matariki but could also be used to recognise the passing during lockdown of an Onemana champion and environmental crusader Arthur Haughey.

After some investigation they became aware that the government's Billion Tree programme grants were available for just such a purpose through Te Uru Rākau (New Zealand Forest Service) and so the journey began.

The process to get funding requires the community to identify benefits, list tree species, map the planting areas, get owner's permission (in this case TCDC) as well as to provide a costing and more. With assistance from Te Uru Rākau the passage was smoothed and money committed for trees, stakes, fertiliser, mulch, covers and the like. But that's before the real works began to plan the event. Blackberry, Kikuyu and other invasive species were sprayed, ground was scrub cut to reduce hazards and make planting easier, holes were dug for planting and stakes secured. With enthusiastic volunteers and some sweat this was all done well in advance of the planting with the major stumbling block being the unpredictability of the winter weather.

On the day the sun shone and more than 20 Onemana Kaitiaki came to help and make the planting a great success. With smart purchasing by Onemana stalwart Kathryn Weston and donations of plants grown locally more than double the number of plants originally proposed were acquired within the grant sum. We were also blessed by the attendance of three of Arthur Haughey's daughters and a grandson to help the celebration. This is most appropriate as within the Matariki constellation is the



star Pōhutukawa which acts to encourage us all to remember those who have passed as well as Hiwa-i-te-Rangi who guards our dreams and aspirations for the coming year.

A celebration was held after the event to thank all those who had contributed to the success and also to acknowledge those who have gone before and encourage those who will come after. While the journey is never ending all these small steps are acknowledgements that we are the guardians of our environment and with a committed community this never feels like hard work.



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# Elvis Tribute Show coming 16 August

Elvis left the building for the final time 45 years ago on August 16 1977 in his Graceland mansion. To celebrate and honour the King, the local rock 'n' roll dance club, Coastal Rockers, have Trevor Needham presenting his fabulous Elvis Presley tribute show.

This will be held at the Whangamata Club, start at 7pm on 16 August. Everyone is invited to come on down and enjoy classic Elvis music.

The music will include Rock and Roll, Rockabilly, Country, Gospel and Rhythm and Blues. Trevor along with his two backing vocalists present a quality and passionate tribute to Elvis.

Coastal Rockers President Grace promises a fun Elvis evening with



best dressed prizes impersonating the King or someone else in his life, such as Priscilla or Tom Parker.

Plenty of fun music to dance to or just chill and listen.

**Did you know...**

Elvis Aaron Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. He was married

only once, to Priscilla, and Lisa Marie was their only child.

The King served in the US army after he had found fame as a musician. Sun Records was the first label to record Elvis, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash, quite a group!

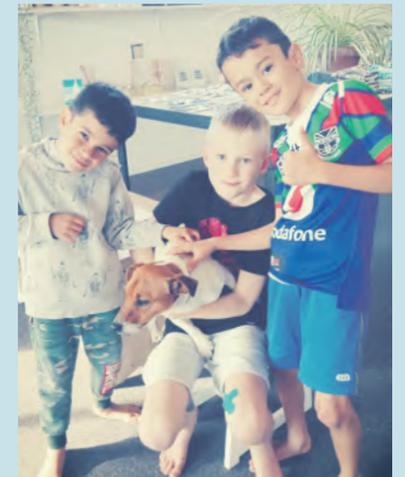
- Don MacKay

## Louie lost... and found

On 16 July, the distraught owner of Louie, a Jack Russell Terrier, called in to the Whangamata Information Centre to check if runaway Louie had been sighted.

Immediately a call went out to our Pet Detectives to engage and if possible locate Louie.

With a sighting confirmed, then a skilful pickup, Louie was brought back to the Information Centre and reunited with an extremely happy owner.



Louie and the 'Pet Detective Cousins' (left to right) Josh Hari, Neco Amess and Dan Hari.



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Candy-floss clouds hug craggy hills  
Shattered reflections play on water where  
Late returning game-boat glides proudly  
Flying marlin flag, trophy tied to the side  
Man has triumphed, great fish has died

The sun blazes defiant between cloud and hill  
Then dives for cover  
Crimson bellied cumulus fades to muddy grey  
And darkness creeps in  
We bait up and cast one last time,  
Then one last time again  
So hard to leave

Shy Venus rises and winks a sad hello  
We steal away through crickets chirping  
And Ruru's mournful cry  
We have no fish but we have caught  
A beautiful sunset

- Norm Sayer, Whangamatā

### Sport is good for you boy

Sport is good for you boy,  
It shapes your character

I often remember the headmaster's words  
When buried on the bottom of a ruck  
Knees in my kidneys, mud in my eye  
Or limping from the field,  
An ankle badly sprained

My face is scarred and swollen,  
My nose bent out of shape  
Two teeth are missing, one ear torn half off  
My once docile manner is now arrogant and tough  
Oh sir, can I skip rugby next term?  
I think my character is shaped enough

- Norm Sayer, Whangamatā

### A bad night

I tried to write a poem  
but the words wouldn't flow  
what could be the reason  
for feeling so low

Lacking inspiration  
and feeling glum  
all after watching  
our men in black  
being overcome.

- John Norris, Whangamatā

### Thoughts on Gallipoli Monologues

(My view of the Gallipoli Monologues show, written and presented by Mark Wright on 2 July, 2022)

We had a great time last night, I must agree, but the crowd was smaller because of the footy.

They missed a fantastic show.

Who worries about a ball being kicked around the Park, when you can be an audience with Mark

The skill, the humour, the feelings of the man.

The pauses perfectly timed.

We could picture those hills the "Boys" were forced to climb.

They were led to their deaths "an adventure" they said, but the Commanders wouldn't have rested easy in their beds.

"Beds, you say, what are they?" when we are trapped down here in a bed of clay.

The skill, the comradeship, the laughter at times; what more could you do, you all battled on to get through.

All I can feel is enormous pride, even though many of you died.

To create this story, Mark, from your very own pen, has really filled me with zen.

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# Whangamata's Got Talent!

**What are we all craving at the moment? A chance to be part of an event where we can laugh and feel good? Definitely!**

The Whangamata Theatre Society have recognised the need to give people a good night out and are working hard to bring a great show to our town from 6 to 10 September.

Whangamata's Got Talent abbreviated to WGT, is going to be a fabulous night out for everyone. At least eight talented acts have successfully auditioned and made the cut to participate in a Talent Quest where the place-getters can win \$1000 for first prize, \$500 for second with other prizes on offer

as well. These talented acts range in age from ten to late seventies and have an amazing variety of performances to share.

Over the five-night season each act will be judged by the audience on the night as well as secret judges amongst the audience. On 10 September the Grand Final will reveal the prize winners.

Surrounding this real Talent Quest, members of the Theatre Society will perform a play around the actual Talent Quest itself. The accompanying photos show the cast of twelve being tutored by Belinda Lima as Choreographer and Marylynn Carter as Musical Director.



**Choreographer Belinda Lima putting cast through dancing steps for the show.**

Aisne Edwards wrote the script and is Directing the actual play. She is being assisted by Therese Dixon who is overseeing the Talent Quest

participants.

Tickets are on sale now. Cash sales are available now at The Pumice Patch at 704 Port Road or online by emailing Lorna Judd at [laj@scifi.geek.nz](mailto:laj@scifi.geek.nz).

The show will start at 8pm each evening with a bar opening at 7pm. The matinee on the Saturday, 10 September is at 2pm. Masks are recommended.

Interested in being involved backstage? We are looking for hair and make-up, stage crew, stage manager, stage caller, lighting and sound assistants. Ring or text Production Manager Robyn Pilcher on 027 410 6267.

**Get in and buy your tickets now as it is anticipated this show will be very popular and tickets are strictly limited!**

- Aisne Edwards



**Left to right: John Norris, Tracey Blake, Adelle Eddy, Mardi O'Shea, Lyn Dorreen, Des Ritchie, Sally Grant, Jude Briton, Julie Moyle, Graeme Smith and Mary-Lynn Carter (Production Manager Robyn Pilcher is behind her). Absent: Greg Amos and Anne Jacobs.**



## Youth Parliament a great opportunity

Last month down in Wellington the triennial Youth Parliament took place and I was most impressed with all the representatives. The Coromandel was represented by Anna Tukuitoga from Hauraki Plains College and she did us all proud. Anna sat in my seat in the House and gave a great speech about the issues facing youth. It was a fantastic insight for them, as they did everything that ordinary MPs do when Parliament is sitting.

The chance to experience Parliament is just one of the responsibilities of Youth MPs. They also meet with their peers to discuss what is important to them and they participate in events arranged by their MP. It's a great initiative and something for young people to keep in mind for the future.

We've also seen the Waikato Regional Council close its

consultation regarding the future establishment of marine reserves. While we await the result of this submission process, I hope we don't see the regional council overreach its responsibilities and establish a reserve around the Hauraki Gulf. A similar situation occurred with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and I'm deeply concerned that they are going to follow that same precedent. I don't have a problem with marine reserves, I actually think they are good, but it should be up to central government under the Fisheries Act to set and establish marine reserves where appropriate.

Please never hesitate to be in touch with me any time by calling me on 0800 550 330 or emailing [mpcoromandel@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:mpcoromandel@parliament.govt.nz)

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

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# Welcome to Whangamata Community Library



With most Covid restrictions eased, the Whangamata Community Library (WCL) is back to its normal opening hours and welcoming new members.

Tucked behind the Council offices, the library is a great community hub. You will find a fantastic selection of books and a big bonus is no long

waiting lists for new releases.

Anyone can join the library; you don't need to be a resident or pay rates to the TCDC. Just pop into the library and you can sign up straight away. The WCL is a bit different to public libraries; it is a community organisation run mainly by volunteers and charges an annual sub of \$25 plus a small fee on some items to help towards book buying and the running of the library.

And because of the arrangements the WCL has with most other libraries on the Peninsula, if the library doesn't have the book you are looking for, WCL may be able to get it in for you.

If you haven't already become a member, head into the library next time you are in town - the library is located next to the TCDC office on the main street - and join today!

**The WCL is open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm, and Saturday 10am to 12pm.**



## Reader's photo



A fabulous shot of Whangamata Beach taken recently by our reader Graeme Doull, visiting from Pakuranga, Auckland. Thank you for the contribution Graeme!

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# Whanga Music for preschoolers

Last Friday, *Whangamatā News* had the delightful experience of seeing 22 wee ones at the Baptist Church dancing and squealing to songs and instruments.

The preschool children were singing and socialising with parents and church organisers and received a healthy morning tea after so much activity.

This programme has been running for nearly 20 years, but with Covid

it didn't run the last two years.

Talita and Ants are heading it now, with the assistance of experienced gentleman Brook Spong, to really involve all the littlies.

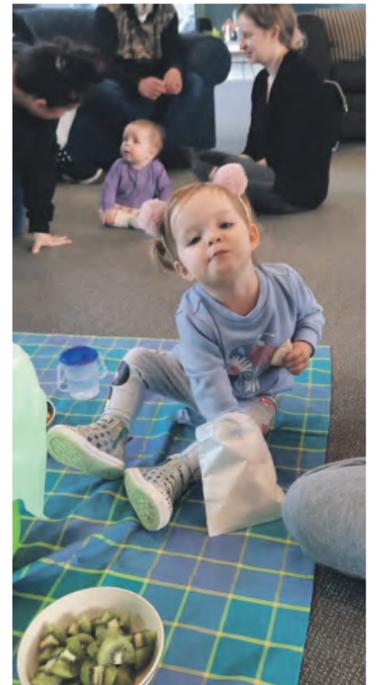
There were even parents who had attended when they were small. We spoke to Fleurette Harwood who was in it from the beginning, minding babies when siblings were participating.

Its only \$3 for a one child family and \$4 for two plus child families.

On the day, mums said there really isn't anything for the wee ones to attend in Whangamatā. This is ideal - it's in a large space with safe and secure surroundings, where they can participate in year round.

Come along parents - you will be so pleased you did!

- Jennie Black



## Books

### THE WEDDING PARTY CATHY KELLY

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Decades after they first met, their parents are getting married again!

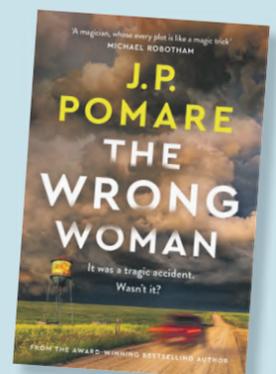
A big wedding party is sure to throw up a few surprises - but one thing for sure, it's going to be a week that the Robicheaux family will never forget.



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# Freedom camping: Allow? Restrict? Prohibit?

**We're reassessing what Council managed and owned areas around the Coromandel can support freedom camping, and we want your feedback on it.**

Our Council welcomes responsible freedom campers who are here to explore all the wonderful things the Coromandel has to offer.

To make sure everyone gets a fair chance to enjoy the scenery and amenities such as car parking at popular locations, we need to make sure we have some practical rules in place.

That's why we'd like you to have your say on the draft Freedom Camping by-law. Our consultation runs from 29 July to 2 September.

Under the Freedom Camping Act, freedom camping is allowed anywhere on public land **except** where it has been either prohibited (not allowed at all) or restricted (allowed, but subject to restrictions).

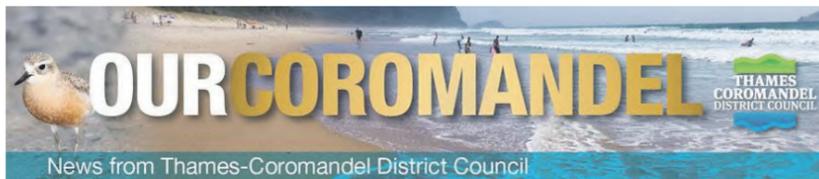
The Department of Conservation has its own rules for freedom camping on the land it manages.

The district-wide rules around freedom camping in the Coromandel remain as they were under the 2014 by-law:

- You must use a certified self-contained vehicle
- You may stay a maximum of two nights
- You must leave any site by 9am each day.

Freedom camping can be prohibited or restricted in an area to protect the natural environment or the cultural and historical significance, to protect health and safety of the site's users or to preserve access to the area for all users.

Most of these restricted and prohibited areas are the same as what we had in the 2014 Freedom Camping Bylaw, but there are few changes.



**Tangiteroria Lane (Boat Ramp Access), Pauanui:** This site is proposed to be a prohibited area under the by-law to allow our Council to have better enforcement options that are more tailored to the issues caused by people who may freedom camp here.

**Te Karo Bay (Sailors Grave):** We're proposing to prohibit freedom camping as it's boggy and a kiwi habitat.

**Esplanade Drive, Whangamatā:** We're proposing the prohibit freedom camping to protect the area and access to the busy beach area.

**Williamson Park:** This was not included in the previous by-law. We're proposing to restrict freedom camping to a designated area in the east end of the car park to a maximum of three vehicles.

**How can I find if freedom camping is allowed, restricted or prohibited in a certain site?**

The draft by-law has two schedules which cover our Council reserves, local roads and other open space we manage.

**Schedule 1** shows locations where we're proposing freedom camping be **prohibited**. Not all reserves where freedom camping is prohibited are listed in this schedule, because the Reserves Act prohibits freedom camping on reserves unless allowed under a local bylaw. But 25 of our reserves, that we assessed as unsuitable for freedom camping, are in the schedule. This allows our Council to have better enforcement options that are more tailored to the issues caused by people who may freedom camp on these reserves.

**Schedule 2** shows locations where we're proposing freedom camping be **restricted** - this means allowed but restricted to within a sign-posted site for a maximum number of vehicles. There may be further restrictions such as departing by 8am.

We also have maps for each community board area showing where we're proposing that freedom camping be prohibited and restricted.

We'd like your feedback on both the draft by-law and the schedules.

**How to have your say:**

- Online at our website: [tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw](http://tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw)
- Pick up a hard-copy submission form at one of our Customer Service desks and return it to us
- Email your submission to us at [consultation@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:consultation@tcdc.govt.nz)
- Post your submission to us at Thames-Coromandel District Council, Private Bag 1001, Thames 3540
- Drop-off your submission to one of our Customer Service desks in Thames, Coromandel Town, Whitianga or Whangamatā
- Make an oral presentation of your submission at a meeting of the Council's governing body

Please include your full name and email address or postal address in your submission if you want:

- Our Council to acknowledge receipt of your submission
- To make an oral presentation - you will be contacted about when and where the meetings for this are taking place.

## More royal mail for Jim

Once again our infamous local Jim Green of Whangamatā has again received royal mail of thanks.



Jim sent HRH Queen Elizabeth II a birthday postcard from Russell, in the Bay of Islands, while holidaying there. The card featured a suitable national bird, a tui, and notes wishing her happy birthday from New Zealand.

The lady in the Post Shop in Russell was delighted and quite teary to be a part of the long distance post. Naturally, Jim sent her a photocopy of the mail when it arrived two weeks ago. "It made her year!" Jim said.

And no surprise here really, her HRH Lady in Waiting sent a thankful response for Jim's thoughtfulness.

This time, wife Chrissy and daughter Joanna got to open the royal mail and be a part of the family correspondence from Buckingham Palace.

Keep 'em coming, Jim!

- Jennie Black



Joanna and Chrissy open the royal mail.

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# Tremendous day of sheer grit and commitment

Whangamatā News wanted to follow-up on our 'Running for Sal' story in our last edition. We caught up with Corey Choat and his team of committed runners and cyclists for the cause of mental health awareness and fundraising for the Gumboot Friday charity.

It was a very wet and freezing cold wind that started for Corey at 7.30am warm up and the beginning of two 10km runs, followed throughout the morning with four more 5km runs.

A great crowd turned out to support this event at Smoky Pallet and all the runners, some did the whole marathon and others joined in and did what they could, strangers and friends alike Running for Sal.

We caught their photos around the long distance across Whangamatā township, at various lengths, including hydration stations and back on the run again.

I caught up with Dad Russell Choat after the event - and before all the well wishers engulfed him and Corey.

"I had the easy part on the bike, the boys did really well but a couple of them, who hadn't run that much and yet still completed were still doing 20 or more kilometres, amazing" said Russell.

He adds there were a dozen runners at different times, considering at 7.30am on the dot it poured down, like a fire gun but ready to go in the rain."

Then, getting in the line of accolades to grab Corey's comments he told



Left: Thumbs up - Corey leads the way.

Below: Russell and Corey - duo of commitment.

Whangamatā News "It was good, quite a few ran the whole thing in the end and that was probably the best part of it all".

He said he "felt ok but his legs were gone, his ankle went at the 15 km mark, its was a good achievement, but the most challenging part was the first 2km and the last 5km, but in saying that the last 2km the easiest because I knew I was almost finished, I got the 'runners high' and pushed through it".

At the time we went to print Corey told us that \$5000 was raised on the day at the auctions but silent auctions were still coming in.

**Fantastic - what a legend, what a team, what an incredible cause. Please wear the band readers: "I am Hope".**

- Jennie Black



Esme and wee Stevie wearing support.





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# Boxing news



Gareth Coslett, Riki Sharpe, Damian Matenga Enoka, Mike Fleming, Caydan Hope.

Since *Whangamatā News* talked to Caydan Hope from Whangamata Boxing a couple of weeks ago there have been some fantastic results for three of the team.

Caydan travelled to Christchurch with Coach Riki Sharpe to fight the #1 ranked South Island boxer in the 67kg division, Christian Tikao, at his home gym tournament. He won the fight in a unanimous decision, with Hope saying "It was a good fight, a good win with a lot of the stuff that Riki Sharpe and I have been working on in the gym coming out in that fight". That result means he moves to #2 in New Zealand.

Next up was a corporate event in Hamilton, with Mike Fleming fighting in the 90kg division, taking a good hard fought win, and Damian Matenga Enoka fighting in the 67kg division, who also had a tough fight and like Mike dug deep to come through with a win.

Riki is on the verge of attaining his

Level One coaching qualifications, which means that there won't have to be someone else with that level of coaching in his corner, and will pave the way for others to work towards that goal.

New fights are scheduled for the next few months, and will culminate in a trip to Australia for Caydan to box in their Golden Gloves, then a week later the Wellington champs.

At the gym, the younger age classes are going from strength to strength with high numbers attending, including four girls. Two of the boys, Fin Reynolds and Kees Firth, aged 11 and 13 have shown enough promise to be entering the amateur ranks, so we will watch this space for further news.

With Caydan, Riki and Gareth putting their heart and soul into Whangamata Boxing, and the work they do with youth in this town, they deserve the accolades they receive.

- Mark James

## Success at darts nationals

The New Zealand Darts Council Nationals were held in Rotorua from 24-29 July.

### Daily events

**Sunday:** Shot NZ Open Mens and Ladies Singles

**Monday:** Region Teams

**Tuesday:** Morning Region Team Play-Offs

**Tuesday afternoon:** NZDC Husband and Wife

**Wednesday:** NZDC Mixed Pairs

**Thursday:** Pat McCormick Ladies Singles; John McCormick Men's Singles

**Friday:** NZDC Ladies and Men's Pairs

### Results

Whangamatā resident Judy Fenton entered in the Region 4 Ladies Team and they won the Ladies 1st Division - congratulations, ladies!

The last time they won this event was back in 1997, with many runner-ups since, but this year they won and were awarded the gold medal and envelope.

The NZDC Ladies Pairs event saw Wendy Harper (Waihi) and Judy Fenton awarded the silver medal and envelope. In the Mixed



Wendy Harper (left) and Judy Fenton.

Pairs, Rodney Moreland (Waihi) and Judy Fenton came 9th equal, awarded envelope. Shot NZ Open Singles - 19th Equal - envelope.



The winning ladies' team.

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# 'I can not get across Martyn Road'

Whangamatā News went to visit with Elaine Shadbolt of Campbell Close. Elaine has very poor vision but still needs to get her walker to the supermarket and to visit friends close by, and of course maintain her exercise. The walker gives her some stability but has found in the immediate areas of Chartwell Road, Sharyn Place, Martyn Road and other lethal corners off Martyn Road.

Elaine says when " I walk down here, to the corner of Chartwell, there is a big difference in height of footpaths, another one is outside the pony club by the Community gardens, another as she turns into Sharyn Place and Martyn Roads corner.

Elaine makes a very good point, Martyn Road need some lights or a crossing on there, it's a busy, busy road, sometimes Elaine has to call out to Paula Pomare's home - a friend she knows to assist her crossing, if she's not home and there is a car there she waits for someone



Elaine Shadbolt wary of outings.

to assist if they hear her call, or she returns home.

She has been into the council last week, to make a complaint about lack of maintenance and the threat it holds for hers and others alike.

"On the corner of Aiken Road and Martyn Road, by the rugby club

grounds, there is a particularly bad slope which is full of black mud "Elaine said" "I couldn't get through and I didn't want to go on the grass because it's too uneven for the walker.

"It was shovelled out, but only thrown on the grass, so, of course its back blocked-up again". Whangamatā News have taken a photo of the spot (pictured above).

Elaine has spoken to others who have good sight, and they state they have tripped in that spot too.

Shop entries are also a danger, to not trip up upon entry with height differences is an art in itself. Also flags outside stores and domes in footpaths for business tables can cause injury if you aren't aware of it.

There is one side of Martyn Road, by the hub, that has no footpath on it, Elaine can't see dark cars and how will they see her in time. She will not step out until it's safe or returns home.



Rest assured Elaine doesn't throw 'her toys out of the cot' often, but I back her with this, it's not until you have a parent, friend or family that has sight impaired vision that you understand how dangerous getting around can be.

**Lets get behind this Whangamatā, we need more crossings on Martyn Road, not just the one by the St John Op shop, we have a real responsibility to look after our elderly residents.**

- Jennie Black

# Master Cook night at Smoky Pallet a winner

What a 'fantabulous' night it was for the crowd and judges of this year's Master Cook, sponsored by Whangamatā News, on 21 July.

With Liam and Ellie cooking for a crowd of 70 patrons , it was up to superior Judge "Dee" and associate judges Jennie Black (Whangamatā News) and Mike Plant (More FM) to make the call with 70 other patrons on the meal that night. And what a foodie delight we had.



Our main course consisted of smoked lamb with honey-glazed vegetables and crispy kale with a delicious whipping of baba ganoush as a super tang on the side. This

Left: Smoked lamb and baba ganoush. Above: Ice cream cookie sammy.



was followed by ice cream sammy with fantastic homemade chocolate cookies with vanilla bean ice cream - all 140 cookies made from scratch.

Supporting local business is key to all our survival, but when you team it up with great food, good drinks, fantastic company and a happy dance? Could it get any better - I think not!



Dee and Mike, judges extraordinaire.



Darryl Brown gets it all in!

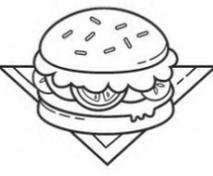
**Count me in, I'm sponsoring the Smoky team again next year - you rock! And yes, you too Tui!**

- Jennie Black

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# Dynamite combinations for Swamp Foxes

Three local rugby heroes Zach Clarke, Zane Heath and Telly Hemopo have been selected in the Thames Valley Bunnings Heartlands squad. These players have been rightly recognised for their fabulous efforts for the local Whangamatā Red 'n' Whites team.

Loose forward Zach has been hugely impressive with a classic combination of elusive running and decisive first up tackling.

While powerful Zane has been a rock for the Red n Whites forward pack as a dynamic and inventive hooker. Zane is that type of player who never flinches.

Sweet running fullback Telly is a very tactically aware player who can often spot a opening and create points through the backline.

The Swamp Foxes start their 100th season at Temuka on Saturday August 20 against South Canterbury. The official Thames Valley Rugby Football Union 100 year celebrations happen over the weekend 26/27 August based in Te Aroha and Waihou.

On Saturday 27 August the Swamp Foxes play West Coast at Boyd Park, Te Aroha, 1 pm kick off. Whitianga host a Heartland game on Saturday 24 September versus



Pensive Swamp Fox Zac Clarke pre match at Waitakaruru in the changing room.



Swamp Fox Zac Clarke soaring in line out in pre provincial match against North Harbour.

North Otago. The Swamp Foxes have eight scheduled Heartland games and travel to heartland Temuka, Taumaranui, Westport and Gisborne for their away games.

Thames Valley Swamp Foxes, Bunnings Warehouse Heartland Championship squad. Forwards: from Te Aroha Ben Stephens, Cam Dromgool and Shontayne Dare-Johnson; from Hauraki North Blake Hill; from Mercury Bay Cody Muir, Connor McVerry and Trinity McQueen; from Thames Fred Kei, Laulea Fangufangu Mau and Tui Jr Toai-Key; from Waihou Luke Gilbert and Patrick Aislabie; from

Morrinsville Tuakana Paitai and Tayne Tupaea; from Whangamatā Zach Clarke and Zane Heath. Backs: from Waihou Ben Bonnar, Sam McCahon, Callum Wood, Harry Lafituanai, Leroy Neels and Todd Dolan; from Mercury Bay Charlie Best; from Morrinsville Dwayne Sweeney; from Te Aroha Ethan Dromgool, Sione Vakapuna 'Etoni and Zac Stephens; from Hauraki North Etiueta Fiavaai and Will Newbold; from Thames Tavita Halafihi; and from Whangamatā Telly Hemopo.

- Contributed by Don Mackay, *Legendary Sports Journo*

## Sports results

### MAH JONG

29 July: 46 members attended.

1st: Daphne Inglis, 39 points.  
2nd equal with 36 points: Kerry Gallagher, Lois Madison and Heather Van Rijs.  
3rd: Gael Butler, 33 points.

### RSA 500 CARD CLUB

27 July: Another enjoyable afternoon with 15 players.

The winner on the day was Robert Watson and Robyne Curd won the chocolate bar. The raffle was won by Lorna Judd.

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

### TABLE TENNIS

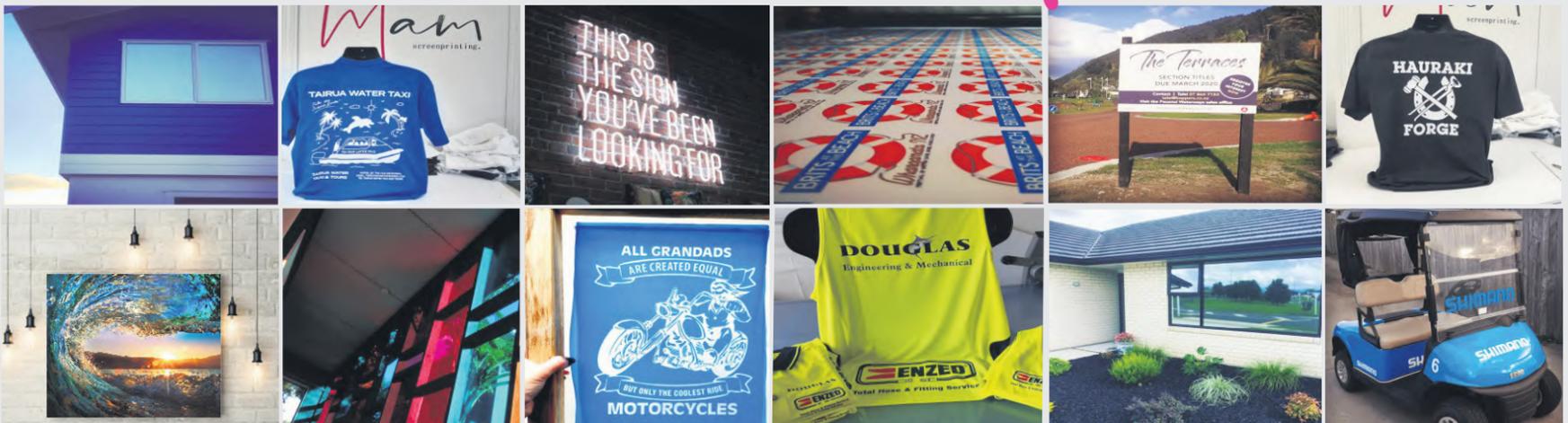
28 July: Wayne Broome was top of the lot for the week, with Barbara Hoy one point behind. Coming in third was the pack of Alby Driver, Keith Gribben, and Gary Small.

Alby was distracted as he had told us the story of the Sooty Albatross that turned up at his place - check out page 5.

**List your sport team's or club's results - email them to [whangamataneews@gmail.com](mailto:whangamataneews@gmail.com)**



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# Mid Winter Mingle to tantalise Art and taste buds

The third annual Mid-Winter Mingle will be held on Sunday, 7 August from 1 to 5pm at the Whangamatā Club Restaurant (at the Philomel Road entrance).

This is fabulous afternoon is designed to enjoy and relax live music and an opportunity to view art from a variety of long-standing and new artists within our thriving community.

To tantalise your taste buds, a wee insight of the menu is; cold canapés - smoked salmon on blinis with sour cream and chives, hot canapés - chicken satays with satay dipping sauce and sweet items - lemon tart with meringue and white chocolate. PHOTO Chair Graeme Smith salivating over the fantastic menu, prepared by the Whangamatā Club Head Chef, Carl Rayner also Inise and Brendan.

Come and join the talented artists and musicians for this showcase of art and music. Whether you're new to town or you've been here for a while, there's something for all the budding artists/art enthusiasts.

Tickets are \$25 (includes a glass of wine) and are available from the Info Centre now. Ticket sales are limited - get in quick so you are not disappointed in missing out.



Left to right: Brendan Turner, Inise Matea, Graeme Smith and Carl Rayner.

A selection of artwork can be viewed at the Info Centre or at the Whangamatā Club Restaurant. These amazing works are also available for purchase.

Become a member of the Arts Collective, subs are \$30. Check us out on social media or for more

information, contact our amazing Chair, Graeme Smith, c/- the Info Centre.

To keep up to date with our latest news, see our website: [www.artscollective.co.nz](http://www.artscollective.co.nz) or Facebook: Arts Collective Whangamata @ArtsCollectiveNZ

## Upcoming events

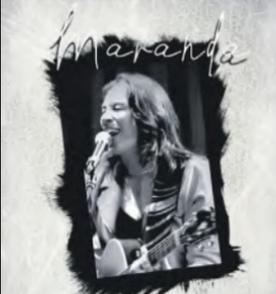
We have a number of upcoming events during 2022/2023. Information is available online at: [www.artscollective.co.nz](http://www.artscollective.co.nz) or our Facebook page - Arts Collective Whangamata.

- **Mid-Winter Mingle**  
Whangamatā Club.  
7 August 2022. 1-5pm.  
\$25 ticket, available from the Info Centre A free glass of mulled wine (or other wine of your choice), canapes, live music provided by six musicians to compliment the showcase or art.
- **Art After Dark**  
Golf Course. 21 October 2022. 5-9pm.
- **Harcourts Challenge Wine and Cheese Prize-giving**  
Whangamatā Memorial Hall.  
10 February 2023. 5-8pm.
- **Harcourts Challenge and Big Arts Day Out 2023**  
Whangamatā Memorial Hall.  
11-12 February 2023. 10am-4pm
- **Easter Open Studio Trail**  
Various venues. 8-9 April 2023.
- **Matariki**  
Venue and date to be confirmed

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# Whangamata Adventure Race celebrates 10 years

2022 marks the 10th anniversary of the Whangamatā Adventure Race. The event had humble beginnings in 2013 with 120 participants in a six hour race that started and finished on the Whangamatā Area School field. It has steadily grown since then and now includes a three hour race, a six hour race and a 12 hour race. Before Covid hit, the race was selling out with 1000 participants.

Adventure Racing is an exciting and challenging team sport. It involves travelling on foot and by mountain bike to collect checkpoints marked on a map. The course will take teams on an exciting, cross country adventure through native bush, streams, farmland trails and forestry. The course is kept top secret until the day of the race when teams receive their maps so they can plan their strategy and route choice.

In Whangamatā, we are blessed to be surrounded by lots of great trails and adventurous terrain. The location of the race changes every year so that team's won't know where to go and will have a fresh navigational challenge. Over the last 10 years it has been based at Whangamatā, Wentworth Valley, Onemana, Taungatara, Ōpoutere, Ōhui, Broken Hills, Hikuai and Whiritoa.

The exact course for this year is still top secret, teams will find out where they will be heading when they register at the Whangamatā Area



School gym on Friday night. We can reveal however that the start and finish will be at the Harbour View Reserve. Don't be surprised if you see some crazy looking folk biking and running around Whangamatā on Saturday morning.

The Whangamatā community gets behind the event with lots of local support. LandSAR helps every year providing their expert crews and comms to keep everyone safe, along with lots of local legends who volunteer to marshal and help with the many jobs involved. And the local restaurants and cafés work hard to keep the hungry athletes fed.

There are also lots of local competitors who enter and enjoy the challenge. We are looking forward to another great event this weekend and fingers crossed we might finally get some fine weather!



For more information about the race, visit [www.whangamataevents.co.nz](http://www.whangamataevents.co.nz)



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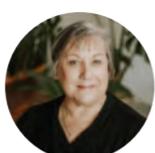


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**WHANGAMATA COMBINED SPORTS CENTRE INC**  
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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST 2022 AT 5.30PM.  
VENUE: CLUBROOMS AT BARROWCLOUGH ROAD, WHANGAMATA.

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome	6. Election of executive committee
2. Minutes of previous meeting	7. Appointment of honorary auditor & solicitor
3. Matters arising	8. General business
4. President's report	
5. Treasurer's report: Subscriptions Honorariums	

**MEMBERS ONLY TO ATTEND**

**WHANGAMATA RSA (INC)**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday 25th September 2022**  
**at 11.00am**

Notices of Motion, and Nominations for the Executive Committee are to be in the hands of the Secretary by 5.00pm Friday 26th August 2022

Details of eligibility may be obtained from the Secretary/Manager

Voting to take place between 9.00am and 6.00pm  
Saturday 24th September  
Absentee votes available from Monday 19th September

K. Bain  
Secretary/Manager



**MEETING OF THE WHANGAMATA PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
7:00 pm Tuesday August 16th  
Cornerstone Centre, Ocean Road, Whangamata  
(Next to Challenge beside Anglican Church Op Shop)

If you are living with a Prostate Cancer diagnosis, are a survivor, or are caring for someone who is, we invite you to this meeting of your local Prostate Cancer Support Group.

Guest Speaker: Gareth Coslett, Owner Operator of Whangamata Bodyworks Gym - How exercise will support your rehabilitation.

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The Whangamata Volunteer Coastguard Inc. Annual General Meeting is Thursday 25 August 2022 at 7.00pm in the Coastguard Operations Centre, 619 Beach Road, Whangamata.

**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WHANGAMATA VOLUNTEER COASTGUARD INC.**

- Apologies
- Obituaries - Minutes silence
- Minutes of the previous AGM
- Matters Arising
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Annual accounts and Balance Sheet for last financial year
- Election of Officers
- Appoint Reviewer of Accounts for coming year
- Set Annual Subscriptions for coming year
- Service Awards
- Honorary Life Membership
- General Business

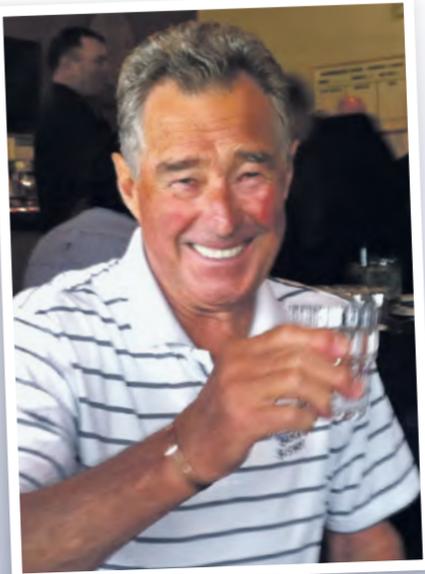
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SECRETARY

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**BISHOP, Bruce Elliot.**  
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In memory of Bruce, one year to the day, family would like to invite friends to share stories and raise a glass on **Saturday 6th August from 1pm-4pm at the family home at Kiwi Road, Whangamata.**

A second informal gathering will be held at Ramblers Softball Club, Auckland on Sunday 2nd October from 1-4pm.

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**Whangamatā Tides 2022**  
August 2022

New Moon: 27th Full Moon: 12th

Date	High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Sun rise	Sun set	
	AM		PM	AM		PM			
1	Mon	9:25	1.7	21:47	3:16	0.4	15:23	07:16	17:28
2	Tue	10:05	1.7	22:26	3:55	0.4	16:04	07:15	17:29
3	Wed	10:47	1.7	23:07	4:36	0.4	16:47	07:14	17:30
4	Thu	11:31	1.7		5:19	0.4	17:32	07:13	17:30
5	Fri	11:50	1.8	12:19	6:04	0.4	18:22	07:12	17:31
6	Sat	0:37	1.8	13:12	6:53	0.4	19:16	07:11	17:32
7	Sun	1:29	1.8	14:11	7:47	0.4	20:15	07:10	17:33
8	Mon	2:26	1.8	15:14	8:45	0.3	21:17	07:09	17:34
9	Tue	3:27	1.8	16:18	9:46	0.3	22:21	07:08	17:35
10	Wed	4:31	1.8	17:19	10:48	0.3	23:23	07:07	17:35
11	Thu	5:35	1.8	18:18	11:48	0.2		07:05	17:36
12	Fri	6:36	1.9	19:13	0:23	0.3	12:45	07:04	17:37
13	Sat	7:34	1.9	20:06	1:19	0.2	13:39	07:03	17:38
14	Sun	8:28	1.9	20:58	2:13	0.2	14:31	07:02	17:39
15	Mon	9:20	1.9	21:47	3:05	0.2	15:22	07:01	17:40
16	Tue	10:10	1.9	22:36	3:55	0.2	16:12	06:59	17:40

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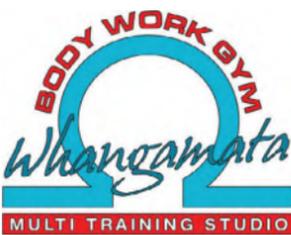


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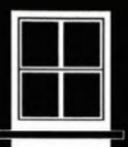
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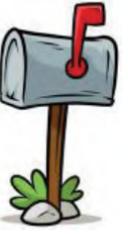


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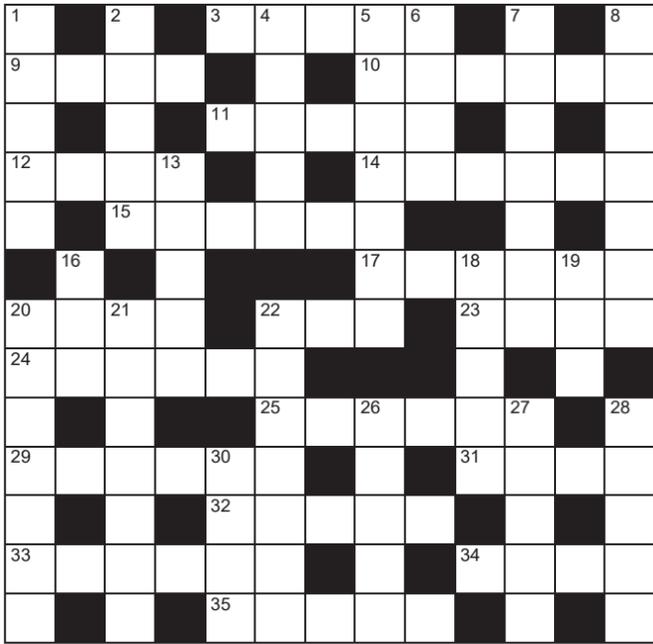
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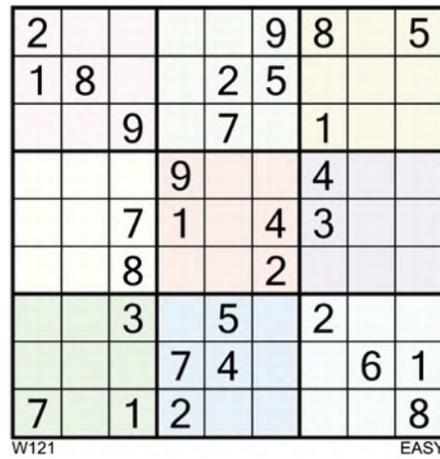
- 3. Chart (5)
- 9. Belonging to us (4)
- 10. Actually (6)
- 11. Private instructor (5)
- 12. Puff (4)
- 14. Blanket-like cloak (6)
- 15. Do without (6)
- 17. Worn out, threadbare (6)
- 20. Greenstone club (4)
- 22. Pastry dish (3)
- 23. Terrible fate (4)
- 24. Meeting plan (6)
- 25. Group of theatrical performers (6)
- 29. Quick look (colloq) (6)
- 31. Straight (4)
- 32. Shrub fence (5)
- 33. Escape from (6)
- 34. Twirl (4)
- 35. Daring skilful act (5)

**DOWN**

- 1. Pastime (5)
- 2. Evidence (5)
- 4. Waken (5)
- 5. Offer marriage (7)
- 6. Principal character (4)
- 7. Drug with no effect (7)
- 8. Word meaning same as another (7)
- 13. Female humans (5)
- 16. Plead (3)
- 18. Proficient (5)
- 19. Fight in gloves (3)
- 20. Large, impressive house (7)
- 21. Return a favour (7)
- 22. Medical client (7)
- 26. Church instrument (5)
- 27. Burst (5)
- 28. Coin; girl's name (5)
- 30. As a result (4)

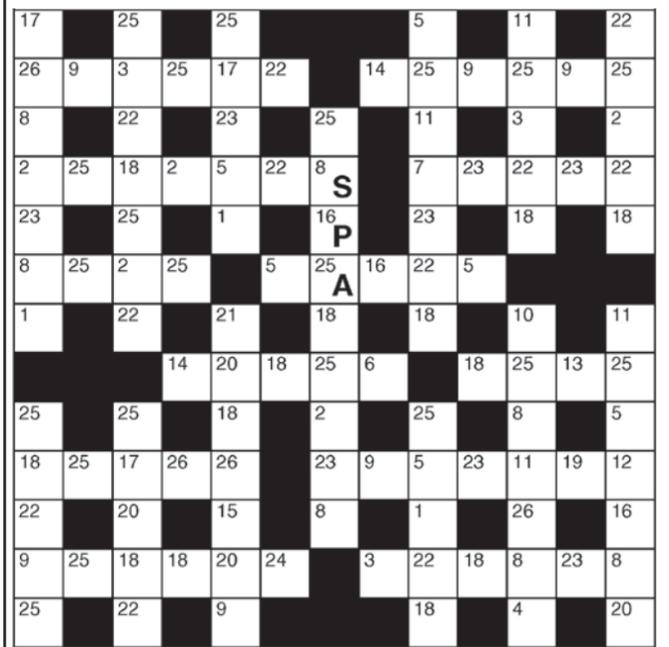
### SUDOKU

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



### DECODER

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



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

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### TRIO

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

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### WORDWHEEL

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



### SOLUTIONS

**CROSSWORD**

- 28. Penny, 30. Thus.
- 21. Requite, 22. Patent, 26. Organ, 27. Erupt.
- 16. Beg, 18. Adept, 19. Box, 20. Mansion.
- 6. Hero, 7. Placebo, 8. Synonym, 13. Women.
- Down: 1. Hobby, 2. Proof, 4. Rouse, 5. Propose, 34. Spin, 35. Stunt.
- Troupe, 29. Shurtl, 31. True, 32. Hedge, 33. Outrun.
- 20. Mere, 22. Pie, 23. Doom, 24. Agenda, 25.
- 12. Blow, 14. Porcho, 15. Forego, 17. Shabby.
- Across: 3. Graph, 9. Ours, 10. Really, 11. Tutor,

**DECODER**

1	T	G	V	M	L	X	Q	S	N	F	C	Y	J
14	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
15	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
16	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
17	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
18	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
19	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
20	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
21	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
22	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
23	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
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27	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
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34	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I
35	B	Z	P	D	H	K	O	H	E	U	W	A	I

**SUDOKU**



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