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Hello all,

Nice to see some summer-like weather around and a few kids splashing around over the long weekend...

Speaking of moving into summer, just a friendly reminder about a reoccurring issue we see every year with passengers in boats being towed by vehicles. Regardless of the size of your boat, the speed you're travelling at, or the short distance you are travelling, it is a fineable offence and you can expect to get a ticket. As the driver of the vehicle you are liable for a \$150 infringement. It is especially disappointing to see young kids jumping around in a boat being towed when there are empty car seats in the vehicle; -it's all great fun until something goes horribly wrong. Please pass the word around to keep our people safe and their wallets inflated.

We have recently seen a slight increase of offenders helping themselves to items from insecure vehicles. It is an easy habit to leave your car unlocked, but as summer approaches and the number of people coming into beautiful Whangamata increases, I offer the following simple advice to keep your valuables safe.



Thieves tend to search vehicles for cash, bank cards, sunglasses, GPS, mobiles phones, laptops, wallets and purses, sports equipment, clothing and any other valuable property left in a vehicle, and they are usually opportunistic in how they go about it.

- **Always lock your vehicle and take your keys with you when you leave.**
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- **Close all windows and sunroofs and park in well-lit areas when possible.**
- **Do not leave keys to your home, business or boat in your vehicle. It may be more than the gear in your car that goes missing...**

All I need is a good dose of vitamin sea.

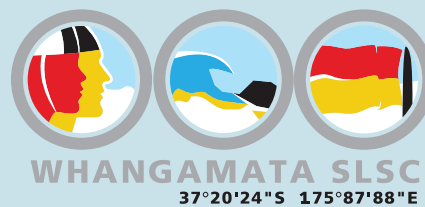
Thanks, Jeff.

- Acting Sergeant Jeff Waldron

Congratulations to our newest Surf Lifeguards & Patrol Support



Back row left to right: James, Danielle, Eden, Katie, Immy, Lexi, Frank, Shelley, John, Mark, Oscar, Sam. Front row left to right: Nicola, Riley, Hunter, Ben, Zac.



Saturday, 22 October, saw 15 new Surf Lifeguards and two new Patrol Support join the ranks at Whangamata Surf Club. We are absolutely stoked for these guys and cannot wait to see them between the red and yellow!

Thanks to the instructors and examiners for your help!

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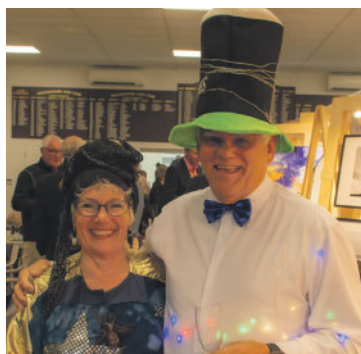
It was spectacular – as soon as we entered, we could hear sultry music and see people en masse glammed up like a casino. The lighting was superb.

Every piece held our attention. There was such a variety – splashes of colour with all types of genre: miniature felt,

the weaving, the woodwork, pottery, wall hangings, photography, screenprints, weaving and more. A feast of paint and talent. It was hard to not to take it all home.

Congratulations to The Arts Collective – you made the exhibition feel like we were deep in a special world of colour, form, line, shape, space and texture – and all local talent!

– Jennie Black



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Whangamatā News was delighted to attend the official opening of the Summer season on the 22 October.

Opened by Dave Ryan and then with a blessing from Vicar Rosie, we all went down to the surf to see Olly and Zac take a dip in what was a pretty chilly breeze. Undeterred, they absolutely enjoyed the dip.



Speaking to Olly (in his 30's) he tells me that the experience was indescribable. He hadn't been in the water since 2017, when he attended Outward Bound – there was no negotiating then.

Olly went on to say that this enables good lives, living life to do what you want to do. Getting in the sea enables a good life, this experience was amazing, it brings back memories of when I was a little kid with my family.

"I live in Hamilton, but with my mum living here, I will be able to come to the surf".

Toes in the Water is fully operational now with beach accessible wheelchairs, walkers and matting from Williamson Park, Whangamatā.

The volunteers will run the hireage from the small shed behind the Surf Club and opposite Blackies Cafe.

Bookings are made on line go to www.toesinthewater.co.nz or call 027 885 8939.

Become a member and book up to 2 hours on our glorious Whangamatā beach - open for all and especially those wanting to live the good life!

– Jennie Black

Christmas Parade to finish with family fair



Whangamata Real Estate had an idea to make the Christmas Parade more of a community event. A family-friendly afternoon of festivities. A place the town can come together to celebrate Christmas and welcome in the summer season.

When approaching the Lions Club about the idea as they have been the parade organisers for many years, they were glad to hear the Lions were on board and enthusiastic to bring something new to the parade. The parade will continue as normal – 3pm start on the main street, Port Road. Then followed by a fair at Williamson Park from around 3:30pm – 6pm, where the floats will gather, public voting and a prize giving will be held for the winning floats, along with markets, food stalls, games,

live music and even a Santa tent!

Another reason for the event was to create a good opportunity to fundraise for the Surf Clubs – Project Transform remodel. A team of volunteers from the Surf Club will be on site at the fair to promote their project, answer any questions and take donations.

Whangamata Real Estate are excited to bring new life of a Christmas Fair to town and hope it will be well received and supported by the community as they believe it has the makings to be a great annual event for our town.

They welcome everyone to the fair, locals, neighbouring towns, holiday homeowners – Come and join in the fun!



Market and Investment World Update



Forsyth Barr invites you to join our Head of Wealth Management Research, **Matt Henry** who will discuss the challenges of soaring inflation and rising interest rates.

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Date: Thursday, 10 November 2022

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Venue:

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Gearing up for summer

Enterprise Whangamata, the local business association, has announced that acting sergeant, Jeff Waldron will be attending their Bis After 5 meeting on 17 November at Craft Haus.

With Beach Hop just round the corner and the holiday season not far away, Jeff will be talking about road closures, staffing levels, security issues and how we can all look out for each other this summer.

Joining Jeff is Vern Russell from our Community Patrol. This dedicated bunch of volunteers work very closely with our local police and really are the extra eyes we never see.



Vern Russell of the Community Patrol.



Acting Sergeant Jeff Waldron.

It's worth noting that at every Bis After 5, businesses are invited to talk a little about who they are, what they do and to network with other business. It's free to attend and includes free nibbles and soft drinks.

WHAT: Bis After 5 meeting.
Free finger food and a soft drink.
The Craft Haus bar will be open.

DATE: 17 November.

TIME: From 5pm until 6.30pm.

WHERE: Craft Haus, Port Road.

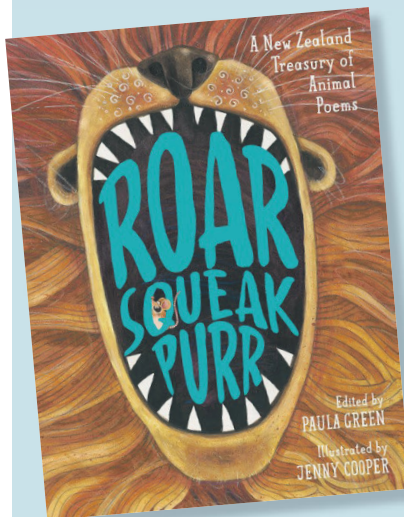
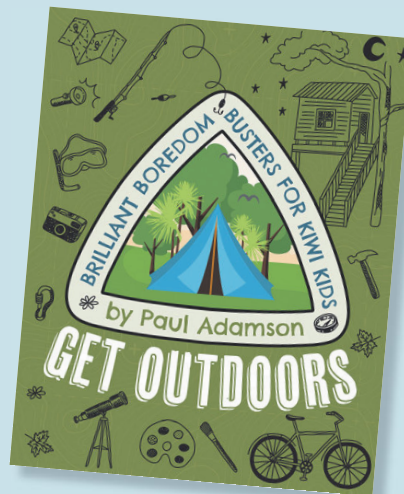
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HarbourCare Whangamata is very excited to have been awarded \$5000 by Predator Free NZ to initiate its Backyard Trapping program in households in Whangamatā.

HarbourCare's vision is to maintain the harbour for the community into the future by managing sediment, mangroves and pests. We are working with regional and local councils plus DOC and local organizations like the golf course to manage these aspects.

Last month, our band of 14 pest controllers trapped 37 rats and 14 possums plus put out 374 toxic bait blocks around the harbour.

This helps to make our area safer for native species like dotterels, bitterns, banded rail and skinks. But we can do better than this by empowering local residents to trap and poison pests in their backyard. So we have decided to build on our trapping and poisoning expertise and deploy resources in local backyards.

We're delighted to have been awarded \$5000 by Predator Free NZ for the purchase of traps, bait stations, poison and marketing materials; to be spent over the next



12-18 months. Our plan is to make an initial purchase of traps, bait stations and poisons and test these out in our local community.

These have different criteria from our trap line equipment as they need to be very safe for pets and small children and need to be very

easy to set and reset, especially for some of our older residents. Another factor is that some people are happy to handle dead animals, whilst others prefer the anonymity of bait. Some dislike the use of toxins, even in locked bait stations, especially on their own property.



So we will test drive some of the available trap and bait stations amongst our community and determine which is most useful for Whangamatā. We'll produce fliers describing all the options and distribute them widely.

Each interested property owner will be able to choose one of our options in return for a small donation to HarbourCare and one of our experts will deliver the preferred option to the property and assist in its initial setup.

We will use the free website trap.nz facilities to register all these trap and bait stations, and trappers will be able to record their kills on the site. Then, anyone interested will be able to see the extent of our backyard trapping program and its success rates.

Our target for the next 12 months is 100 backyards. If you're interested in becoming one of them, contact our Backyard Trapping Coordinator Lyn Norris on 021 1515 607 and let's get started on those pesky rats and possums!

Sweet Louise receives \$600

On 28 October, the Whangamatā Cancer Support group held a fundraiser for Sweet Louise.



Sweet Louise is a support group for men and women suffering from incurable breast cancer. Approximately 3000 men and women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and almost 30% Of people diagnosed with primary breast cancer will go on to develop incurable breast cancer.

Around 50 people gathered at Smash Pipi where they enjoyed socialising, eating the delicious

morning tea prepared by Smash Pipi and trying their luck with the many raffles there. The raffles were abundant and grateful thanks to Sweet Louise, Jane Smith, Rob and Sandra Willis, Liz Claridge, Barbara Collett and the beach hop boys for their generous donations.

To add to the "happy mood " Sarah Sullivan entertained the group with her ever so beautiful singing

A huge effort from all raised \$600 for the cause and the money the money raised will contribute towards Sweet Louise to provide crucial help and support for those suffering from this type of cancer. This includes Family time service that gives special days out or treats to families with young children so they can spend precious time together and create precious memories.

Thanks to Smash Pipi and staff and everyone who contributed to a very successful morning.

– Jan Collins,
Whangamata Cancer Support



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Ladies Masters

The first of two very special golf tournaments has just been staged at the Whangamata Golf Club.

The Whangamata Ladies Masters is an annual event, a major fund raiser for the club and a welcome financial boost for the town heading into summer. The 128 field sells out within hours of opening, with many women from all North Island loving the course and the towns hospitality.

After a very wet winter, the ground staff have had to work long hours to get the course ready and they certainly haven't disappointed with many of the ladies raving about how good the greens are.

The Mens Masters tees off on Friday, 18 November. This also sold out in record time and has over 20 on the wait list.

If the idea of golf appeals then this course specially designed for women and in association with She Loves Golf and Andrew Noble, the club pro, is well worth a look. The learn and play programme starts Wednesday, 9 November, and consists of four 1-hour coaching sessions followed by a couple of rounds and costs just \$160. For more detail visit the club or email Andrew: noblelgolf@outlook.co.nz

- Shaun Fay



Here on Titoki's infamous 6th hole- "White Bail Corner" from left to right, local Rosemarie Rutherford is joined by Kay Beck, Pukekohe- Irene Macrae, Haupai and local, Lynne Saes.

It's back



The Seasideers Team from 2021 celebrate their win at The Whangamata Club. From left to right-Phil, Lynley, Sally, Leon, Ang and Shaun.

Whangamatā's oldest inter-business trophy, the McKillop Cup, is back after a horrid year with covid disruptions.

Played for since 1984, the Whangamata Club Business House Tennis Tournament happens every Monday Night from 5.15pm in two sessions. The first round is played up to Christmas and then later in summer the finals are held.

Blessed with some creative titles, such as Fuzzy Balls and The Young Ones, the teams of two men and two women do battle in doubles and then enjoy a barbecue and a treat from the bar.

In 2020, the Whangamata Club began its sponsorship of the tournament. As a result, teams are now playing for much more than just glory with some valuable vouchers from the club adding spice to the competition.

The current McKillop Cup holders,

The Seasideers, are looking forward to defending the trophy. Team captain Shaun Fay describes this year's team as being "Full of experience, we look forward to addressing the young challengers".

With 13 teams of four and many 'ring-ins', often drafted at short notice, there are not many locals that haven't been 'recruited' at some stage over the last 40 years. There are even grandchildren of originals now turning up.

The tournament begins Monday, 7 November, and spectators are very welcome. The barbecue, with its delicious local sausages, fires up around 6pm and the bar is open from around 5pm.

For more information or to get yourself on the reserve list, contact this years organiser Jeremy Cox at jeremy@rms-surveyors.co.nz

- Shaun Fay



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Shocking fall on walkway – what's to be done?

Meet Davina Limmer, who uses our local walkways: she comes down Martyn Road and turns into Wattle Place, via the walkway, to get to Sharyn Place.

Davina tripped on the uneven walkway, on a Saturday late last month, shocked for sure. I went



Wattle Place walkway leading to Sharyn Place.

to the access and, yes, it is truly cracked, uneven, and split.

With a nasty cut to her head and cheek, and bruised hands, Davina was well shaken.

An ambulance was called when Davina arrived home. She had to be taken to Thames Hospital for a CT Scan. The scan showed severe bruising and a near concussion.

Whangamatā News recently did a story on the Martyn Road footpath slopes – or lack of them – for a dear resident with poor vision.

When are the community, and powers that be, going to evaluate the walkways for our residents – young, old, vision impaired or not.

Let's get it right, it's gone on too long.

- Jennie Black



Davina Limmer - well shaken and bruised.

Post Shop has new owners and new energy

The ownership of the Post Shop changed hands in May this year, and since then, the new owners Grant and Michelle Crook, have focused on upgrading the interiors and bringing new stock in store.

"We wanted to see the Post Shop return to local ownership and to create a store that honoured the great vibe that Whangamatā is known for, particularly around friendly service and pride of place," they said.

The shop, to be known as Page Break, is now an independent book and gift store, with full postal and bill payment services too.

The book selection continues to grow, promising readers a great range including latest releases, second hand books plus a huge selection of quality children's books and books in te reo.

There's also a specialist chocolate fridge with chocolates from some of New Zealand's best including Schoc and Devonport Chocolates.

"We also offer free gift wrap for anyone buying products in-store,



and of course, when those gifts are sent nationally or overseas, that makes us a one-stop-shop", said Adelle Eddy from the Page Break team.

Working alongside Adelle who runs the shop in the mornings, is Georgia Savage, who oversees the afternoon's operations.

"Adelle and Georgia are already known to many through their community involvement, which is what makes this a real local service and operation," said Michelle.

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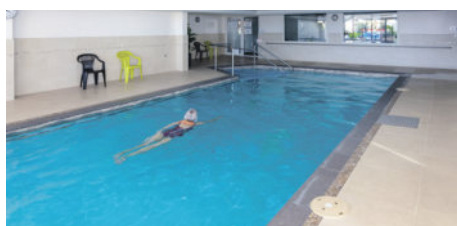
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Whangamata Garden Club go posh



After the monthly meeting on 19 October, around 50 members of the Whangamata Garden Club met at the home of Jude and Geoff Eades at Titoki Lane.

Here, amidst the luxurious surroundings of the Eades home and gardens the group was treated to a high tea, comparable to anything royalty would provide.

The sun was out, the food was

delicious and the general ambience could not be faulted!

Not only do we encourage keen gardeners but socialising is a large part of the group!

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- Jan Wills



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Christmas carols back in the park

And so it's back to the world as we once knew it, pre Covid, pre masks, pre isolation and a great BIG shout out to 2022 CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE PARK. YES! Coming to a place near you! There certainly WILL be entertainment in Williamson Park, Whangamatā this year - and not only will there be entertainment BUT the opportunity to participate as well.

At 7pm on Christmas Eve, 24 December, Williamson Park will again reverberate to the celebration of Christmas 2021 with Carols in the Park. Organised by the Community, for the Community, this will be a FREE event with all proceeds going to the Whangamata Food Bank.

Bigger, better, brighter, our 2022 event, with an increased Community involvement, will bring all the favourites from familiar to new Christmas Carols to Santa with his elves, lollies for the littlees and Lucky Draw prizes for all as well as new and completely different surprise entertainment. Again the focus will be on entertainment for young, old and everyone in between!

We reckon that after all the restrictions of Covid, this year's Carols in the Park will see Whangamatā en masse rocking up to make it a full house - even a Crowded House with tons of singing and fun for families and all. So,



put the date in your diaries, start warming up the vocal chords and look forward to the biggest and brightest celebration of Christmas that Williamson Park has ever seen.

SINGERS WANTED

Carols in the Park 2022 organisers are calling for singers to join the Christmas Carols Choir. We hope to

welcome back all our regulars and heaps of new choristers - young and not so young alike.

Anyone interested should contact Musical Director Sandy Snook, who urges anyone who enjoys a sing-along to roll up and join the choir.

"It will only take a few hours out of your life for a big return and you will be making a very special

contribution to the Community".

The first rehearsal to announce the programme and set rehearsal dates will be on Sunday, 6 November, 4pm at Cornerstone House.

All interested please contact Sandy Snook smsnook12@gmail.com or phone 021 113 8446 to give your name, phone and email details.

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On 21 October, Whangamatā News had the honour of being a part of the Forest & Bird and Greenpeace Aotearoa supporters and their banner protest on our Wharekirauponga track, off the Parakawai Valley Road, walking towards a proposed mine site on public conservation land. Protesters called for the Labour Government to fulfil its promise to end mining on conservation land. While we were there we saw a helicopter hovering above – and it wasn't 1 News.

Forest & Bird is kicking off a series of actions to get the Government to end mining on Conservation Land and all coal mining, a most basic step to reduce carbon emissions and protect our future in a warming world.

Forest & Bird Chief Executive, Nicola Toki, led the group at the Coromandel Forest Park, where they unfurled a replica of the iconic banner from the 2010 March Against Mining.

In 2010, 40,000 people marched down Queen St, demanding that conservation land be protected from mining. A young MP, Jacinda Ardern, was among them.

Then, in 2017, as the new Prime Minister, Ardern promised through the Speech from the Throne that the Government would end new mining on conservation land.

This hasn't happened and in that time, numerous new mining activities have been approved across conservation land right across New Zealand.

This year, a private members bill has been drawn that would end new mining on conservation land, and all new coal mines anywhere. This is the Prime Minister's chance to fulfil her promise, and protect conservation land for our native species, and as incredible carbon storage assets.

Ms Toki, who helped hold the banner at the front of the original protest,



In 2010, 40,000 mining protestors marched Queen Street, Auckland.

says "In 2010, 40,000 people marched down Queen Street, demanding that conservation land be protected from mining. Our Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, was among them, carrying a Labour Party placard that read 'Ours. Not Mines'.

"That promise remains unfulfilled. But with the Green Party's Crown Minerals (Prohibition of Mining) Amendment Bill on the table, Prime Minister Ardern and her cabinet colleagues – Ministers Woods, Parker, and Williams – have the opportunity to show they're serious about climate change and to deliver on this generation's 'nuclear-free moment'. If they are, they must support this bill."

Anti-mining group Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki and local group Earthwatch Whangamatā

welcomed the launch of the banner in the forest park where a new underground mine is proposed.

Watchdog Chair Catherine Delahunty says "We are on the front line of this national issue and welcome the strong action of Forest & Bird and Greenpeace for all conservation land. If the Government will not honour their promises of protection, a 200-million-year-old species of the

Archey's frog and a forest right here will be at serious risk."

Since 2017, a total of 78 mining access arrangements on conservation land have been granted, with more exploration and prospecting permits covering over 150,000 ha of conservation land.

Approved mining activities on conservation land include exploratory drilling for tungsten near Glenorchy; gold exploration in



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the Coromandel; and permits granted across Northland, Rotorua and the West Coast to a billionaire Aussie mining magnate.

Numerous new coal mines are proposed for conservation land, including the Te Kuha Mine, which Forest & Bird has been battling in court for years, a new resource consent application for a coal mine in indigenous forest near Reefton that would continue until 2050, and planned widespread mining on the biodiversity hotspot of the Denniston Plateau.

Greenpeace Executive Director Russel Norman, who also attended the historic march against mining in 2010, said: "Given that we are in a climate and biodiversity crisis, coal mining shouldn't happen anywhere, but especially not on conservation land."

"No government should permit the digging up of the most polluting fossil fuel – coal – in the era of climate change. Fossil fuels need to stay in the ground. To mine for them on conservation land is a double insult to nature."

"Greenpeace calls on the Government to support MP Eugenie Sage's bill to stop mining on conservation land."

"Twelve years on from the March Against Mining, when New Zealand got behind this banner, it's time to see an end to mines on our shared conservation estate. Our mountains, forests, wetlands and rivers are for our biodiversity, our climate, and our future, not for mining," Toki says.

"Our organisations will campaign to protect conservation land from mining until we succeed. This action will be followed by similar events around the country."

– Megan Hubscher,
Communications & Media Manager,
Forest & Bird Protection NZ.org

Whangamatā News is keen to hear your thoughts on mining in Whangamatā, this is not Waihi, we are not a mining town, we are not seeking toxic waste left behind, we do not need to see the Archey's frog disappear... and yes, they are heading to Whitianga too...

– Jennie Black



Nicola Toki, Forest & Bird Chief Executive.

Mining on conservation land: The facts...

- A total of **78 mining access arrangements** on conservation land have been granted since 2017.
- New Zealand lost **404 hectares of indigenous forest** to mines and dumps between 2012 and 2018 (Landcare database).
- **Conservation land is at risk is right across New Zealand**, with minerals prospecting and exploration permits (rights to the minerals granted by NZPAM) in places like Puketū Forest in Northland, conservation land near Rotorua, Mount Richmond Forest Park near Nelson, and numerous areas in the west and south of the South Island.
- **Numerous new coal mines are proposed for conservation land.** This includes the Te Kuha Mine – which Forest & Bird have been battling in court for years; A new resource consent application for a coal mine in indigenous forest near Reefton that would continue until 2050; and planned widespread mining on the biodiversity hotspot of the Denniston Plateau.



Capturing the banner protest: 1 News in Parakawai Valley.

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Spooks, ghouls and loads of fun...

What an absolute Spook-a-licious time was had at the Memorial Hall and followed on at our Whangamata RSA.



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Mel Metcalf joined with the RSA to hold the event for all you youngsters to experience a tunnel of smoke, pirates, skeletons and all the delight of Halloween.

The event has not been held for two years with Covid restrictions but Mel tells *Whangamatā News*: "We wanted to join up the Halloween theme to keep young families going to the RSA and to give to worthy causes".

With over \$1000 raised, she tells us it will be going to Whangamata Area School for educational needs and in essence gave our children the chance to dress up and have some fun.

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers, including the Menz Shed who set it all up and with Danger Rust for making the discotech a memorable night of creepy and fun!

- Jennie Black



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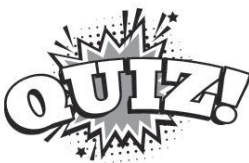
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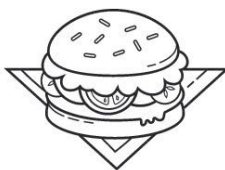
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Fashion show raises funds

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Funds raised from ticket sales, and sponsored basket from Unichem Pharmacy and New World went to the very worthy cause of our Eastern Community Services Trust, Michelle Crook, spokesperson for the Trust talked about the role the organisation has in our community,

supporting young people, counselling services, Foodbank, Kai Nights, bus shopping assist and always needing volunteers.

Fashion houses Beach Babies, Merrell, La Madu, D Bar, Harry n Her, Mainly Casual, Bettie Munroe and Contain made the catwalk alive with vibrant colour and style.

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Michelle Crook (left) from CST and Jane Stitchbury from WOSC.



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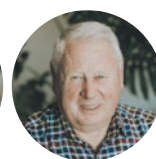
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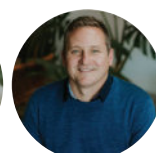


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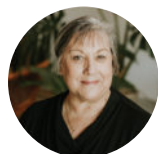
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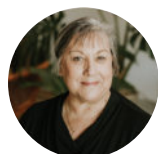
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Grief is a hard path to follow, but you don't have to do it alone.

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Hope you will come and join us.

Sports results

TABLE TENNIS

27 October: Roger Wolfe showed us how it's done this week, with Wayne Broome a couple of points behind and one more point to Denise Wallace in third spot.

Tony Rowe needs a mention as it was the first time he had a high score – not high enough to get a place though!

We are at the Whangamata Club each Thursday at 12.50pm. Join us if you dare.

I think a lovely day was had by all with a yummy lunch for a break in the middle of the day.

MAH JONG

28 October: Club Championship.

Limited hands had us all thinking, with the odd 'oops, can't do that one.'

The results for the day were:
1st with 53 points Daphne Inglis
2nd with 52 points Janet Randell
3rd with 51 points Linda Harris

Great scores, ha.

A reminder re cancellation dates for Monday 14th November but also for when there is Beach Hop on 21 and 25 November. Back to normal on 28 November.

Held a sporting or club event recently?



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Profit for business

Beach Hop just round the corner

It was a good crowd at Craft Haus recently for Enterprise Whangamata's Bis After 5. The new format of businesses having a quick chat about what they do was well received with over 20 getting their 30 seconds of fame. Then Noddy Watts of Beach Hop fame took them through the history of the event and how the organisers see things happening in the future. We were also presented with this year's programme and poster. It is going to be a great festival.



The next Bis After 5 is on November the 17th again at Craft Haus. This one will feature our local police and community patrol chatting about security and transport plans for this summer. Put it in your diary.

DATE: 17/11/22
TIME: 5 to 6.30
WHERE: Craft Haus, Port Road.
WHAT: Free finger food and soft drink. Craft Haus Bar Open.

Whangamatā Tides 2022

November 2022 ☾ New Moon: 24th ● Full Moon: 9th

Date	High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Sun rise	Sun set
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5	Sat	4:54	1.7	17:22	10:56	0.4	23:33	06:05 19:53
6	Sun	5:54	1.7	18:16		0.4	11:55	06:04 19:55
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11	Fri	9:53	1.8	22:05	3:31	0.2	15:57	05:59 20:00
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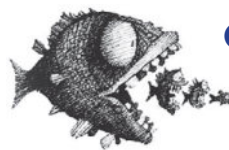
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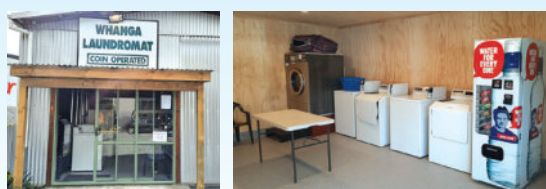
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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

4 November 2022

New Mayor and a new beginning

Our newly elected Mayor, Councillors and Community Board Members were officially sworn in at our Council's inaugural meeting on Wednesday 2 November, marking a new beginning and the arrival of some fresh faces for Thames-Coromandel District.

New Mayor Len Salt is excited by the challenges ahead, saying: "We have a unique opportunity to grow and expand the collaboration between Council and the people in our communities who are out there making a difference every day. I'm



absolutely confident we can take our district forward to a more resilient future."

New elected members: South-Eastern Ward welcomes back Councillors Gary Gotlieb and Terry Walker, while the Whangamatā Community Board saw Dave Ryan return with the new additions of Denis Beaver, Mark Drury and Neil Evans. Terry Walker has also been confirmed as Deputy Mayor.

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WELCOME TO BEACH HOP FROM MAYOR LEN

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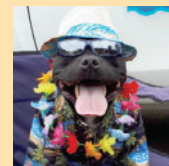
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24/7 temporary alcohol ban:

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Dogs:

We know many pooches also come and enjoy the Hop. We are expecting large crowds and your dog must be on a leash in public places.



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28 October – 2 December 2022

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28 OCTOBER – 2 DECEMBER 2022



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DOG CONTROL: YOUR VIEWS COUNT

Our Council is reviewing our Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. Our internal review shows the current Policy and Bylaw are working well so no major changes are being proposed. Instead, we are clarifying a few points about locations, times and restrictions on dogs in public places.

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