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In defence of Kay Baker

Herewith an open letter to Tamzin Letele, Whangamata Community Board member.

Dear Ms Letele,

I am a 68-year-old retiree – a recent resident of Whangamata for sure, having only lived here for three years.

I would like to think, however, that notwithstanding my short residency, I am privileged to call myself a friend of Kay Baker who I know as a thoroughly conscientious, community spirited and kind person.

I am concerned at what would appear, to me at least, to be an attempt to somehow belittle or otherwise diminish the community reputation of a number of your fellow councillors including Kay.

I am not referring to your joint letter with Cr Ryan regarding the info centre, inappropriate though it was.

I have no wish to be drawn into council business but that doesn't mean I will stand idly by while what I consider to be an injustice is perpetrated.

Besides which, I think Kay is perfectly capable of responding to that letter herself in order to correct the record should she choose to do so. but if I know Kay

she won't bother.

No, Ms Letele, what I am referring to is your wholly inappropriate and childish post on The Whangamata Community Facebook page circa late November – December.

The post has since been taken down. As I understand it, you purported to represent the three newly elected board members/ councillor and expressed views that were described to me as being somewhat dismissive and aggressive towards the continuing board members.

Is this what we voted for? Some sort of petty factional war between the old and the new guard on our Community Board? Shame on you.

I might point out to you that the continuing board members had, and have, a track record of community service and the electors knew what they were getting when they voted for them.

On the other hand the new members, yourself included, were elected purely on trust and to the extent that you started your Council service by fostering a toxic relationship with your fellow board members.

Then you betrayed that trust, and in all likelihood your code of conduct, be it written or otherwise.

I challenge you to republish your Facebook post unabridged and

unaltered in this publication in order that the community might judge for themselves exactly what they have here.

My further advice to you and those you represent (if indeed you do) is to just get on with the job you were elected to do without flourish or fanfare and act with the decorum we expect of all our representatives.

Who knows? Maybe in the fullness of time, you too will have the enviable community service reputation that Kay already enjoys.

John Turner
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Elected members take wait and see stance on boardwalk

A range of views was shared at a public drop-in session on January 27 about the proposed Whangamata Boardwalk. Ideas, suggestions and comments will now be taken back to the Community Board for discussion at its February meeting.

Project Manager Ross Ashby said some people hadn't been aware of the project while others opposed the boardwalk project.

'At the drop-in session, it was suggested that the survey be extended by two weeks, but this is not possible as we need to collate the information and views in time to present to the Whangamata Community Board at its next meeting.'

'There's [sic] two route alignment options between Mooloo Crescent and the Esplanade that we want to get feedback on:

Option one (green): A walkway encouraging people through the crest of the dune system, or

Option two (red): an alignment that follows the existing informal pathway back from the coast.

'We also want to hear what you think about the proposed re-alignment of the beach access ways along the Esplanade and any other comments in general about the design.'

The project also includes new seating, landscaping and improved access points from surrounding streets.

'The project also offers the opportunity to provide some cultural elements, as well as subtle lighting along the Esplanade,' Mr Ashby says.

'There will be some dune re-shaping, particularly along the Esplanade to move windblown sand to the seaward side of the dunes to provide further erosion protection.'

Whangamata NEWS asked each South Eastern Ward community board member and councillors for their opinions:

Could you give me your preferences for a boardwalk/bark paths, etc, along the foreshore/dunes.

Are the proposals practical or will they meet the same fate as previous boardwalks (remnants of which can still be seen today) and fall foul of high tides.

Financially, what do you consider to be the best option: 1, 2, 3 (do nothing) or Gary Gotlieb's 4?

Here's what they said:

Cr GARY GOTLIEB fourth option:

Continue the boardwalk along

Esplanade road proposed area and stop at sand dunes.

'I have no doubt that the legal costs not counting staff time (which needs to be recorded) will far exceed proposed budget.

'Also the estimated costs are unrealistic. I have been advised by a timber merchant that the cost of appropriate timber alone would exceed \$700k and construction costs are twice raw material costs.'

Cr TERRY WALKER:

In reference to the 23rd January Coastal News front page article "Backlash over Boardwalk" with Mr Gosling's statement "its disgraceful... Everybody has been conditioned to protect the dunes and stay on the access ways. What this is doing is the complete opposite to that" - I wish to provide a comment and facts to give some balance to the discussion:

Boardwalks are world recognised as providing benefits for accessing and controlling people movements through sensitive areas like sand dunes. They are designed for all to use and ease of public passage while allowing surrounding dunes to flourish and control sand movement and erosion.

Facts: People go to the beach, they drive or walk to their

favourite beach access way, (Whangamata has more than 26 defined beach access ways). They park, gather their beach stuff and use the access way. When they have had enough they pack up and leave by the access way.

Some beach front property owners on the other hand, walk out of their beach front gate straight through the sand dunes and onto the beach. These are not defined beach access ways but a series of loose sand tracks zig-zagging through the very dunes we are trying to establish and regenerate against sea rise and storm events in providing protection for the beach front properties.

We are trying to get everybody to stay on the defined access ways and boardwalks help achieve this.

The Boardwalk project has two options for public consultation.

Option 1: A boardwalk through the crest of the dune system. While attractive, this will put it 30 metre-plus distances from property boundaries resulting in property owners accessing the boardwalk still forming sandy tracks. These tracks are vulnerable to evasive weeds and seeds that will eventually smother the existing native dune plants.

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Option 2: A boardwalk following the existing track. In my opinion this offers a greater dune protection as the boardwalk will be sited closer to properties resulting very short access ways.

Once beach front property owners access the boardwalk they should enter and exit the beach via a defined beach access way.

We await the results from consultation and will discuss results in the appropriate forum.

Community Board Chairman KEN COULAM:

I will wait until I have seen the public feedback before deciding on what option I support.

However, I cannot support options

that do not improve accessibility for those with wheelchairs, baby strollers etc. A bark path would only assist those who can currently use the sand track.

I have been coming to Whangamata for 40 years and cannot recall seeing a boardwalk similar to that being discussed.

I would be interested in seeing photos if they exist. The wooden ramps down to the beach were not boardwalks and it is inappropriate to try to compare them with the boardwalk.

Community Board Member DAVE RYAN:

I support the concept of a walkway over some of the beach front, but not in the area that would disturb the sand dunes that are stable.

In saying that, I appreciate that there are for and against for this project, and for many reasons.

I have been to Mount Maunganui and Gisborne to look at the boardwalks that are installed in those locations and they work very well.

People use them and they certainly enhance the shoreline. They appear to have been done with the minimum of disturbance.

My concerns with the erection of such a structure is the firstly the disturbance to the dunes in parts that are in extremely good condition.

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This week the site has been cleared and levelled and holes are about to be dug for the underground tanks which will be installed late next month.

Chief Operations Officer Simon Parham met contractors on-site last week to discuss logistics of the build.

‘The final stage will be completing the electrical equipment and installing the pumps,’ Simon said.

He expects prices at the pump will be a little lower than that charged by other suppliers.

Completion is expected by June.

Diesel, 91 and 95 octane petrol will be available at each of the pumps.

The family-owned Waitomo business that has been operating since 1947, opened nine new sites last year and is looking at a further nine around the country this year.

The Whangamata site will be built on half the land owned by Paul Pollard.

Paul plans to build an industrial building on the site that is zoned light industrial.

‘I’ll be leasing it either as a whole building, or in two or three divisions,’ Paul said.



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Kiwibank organises banking alternative in Whangamata



Kiwibank services will be withdrawn from Whangamata from March 1 after Whangamata PostShop made the business decision to no longer offer Kiwibank banking services.

Customers have been notified about the change.

If they want face-to-face banking or withdrawal or other services, they will have to travel to Waihi, Thames or Paeroa from March 1.

Kiwibank's General Manager of Retail, Geoff Waller, says Kiwibank is unique in that it is the only bank

in New Zealand that has service agents and outlets delivering limited banking services where it doesn't have branches.

As the original New Zealand Post contract expires at each site, Kiwibank is offering its own agent agreement so its customers can continue to be served.

'We would have liked the Whangamata Kiwibank services to continue but understand that the business' decision reflects the rapid change in customer preferences



towards digital and alternative banking options.

'More than 90 per cent of our customers are now using online or other options including the mobile app, rather than retail outlets,' Mr Waller said.

Whangamata has experienced a 30 per cent decline in transactions since 2016.

'Only 6.4 per cent of local customers exclusively use this location for their banking,' Mr Waller said.

Kiwibank met with Coromandel Mayor Sandra Goudie and Member of Parliament, Scott Simpson MP to discuss the situation and consider how it could work with community training providers to support customers who only use those retail outlets for their banking.

'Since we became aware of the situation, we've quickly sought to organise digital banking skills training for local people, namely the popular Stepping UP programme,' Mr Waller said.

This free course will be held in Whangamata and is open to anyone, whether or not they are Kiwibank customers. It will be hosted on DORA (Digital on Road Access) - a WIFI enabled bus that will park up in front of the Whangamata Kiwibank on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 February. Workshops will take place from 10am-12noon and 1pm-3pm on both days.

Meanwhile, for those unable or unwilling to go online, regional Kiwibank staff will be in touch to support these customers with alternatives, including telephone banking, direct debits and guidance on how to set up automatic payments.

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March 24-29:
Repco Beach Hop 2020. Rock ‘n Roll and all things American. Markets, music, manicures and many other things.

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Markets:
Island View Reserve, fortnightly. Next one is Feb 16.

Sunday Community Markets:
Every week, carpark nest to TCDC area office.

Wednesdays:
500 at Whangamata RSA open to all levels. All welcome from 12:30pm with play starting at 1pm. Phone Chris at 865 9749 or Colette 865 8916.

If you have an event coming up that you’d like us to list or cover please let us know. Email details of the event, the date, the venue and the time to: wordy1@gmail.com



BEACHES

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

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

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

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

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



CYCLING

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



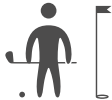
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Whangamata is renowned for its surf beaches – take your pick! There are several surf schools close to the beach. Check with the info-Plus Visitor Information Centre for further details.



WALKS

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

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

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

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


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

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

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Maureen awarded an experience in USA

Whangamata's award-winning potter Maureen Allison has added another trophy to her collection.

Well, not exactly a trophy, but a monetary award to assist her to travel to and take up a residency at the Peters Valley School of Craft in New Jersey, USA.

The world-renowned school offers courses in many genres, from blacksmithing to fine jewellery making, pottery and ceramics to writing.

Maureen's Merit Award at the Waikato Museum's Waiclay Art Award won her \$1000 for travel next month to the school but she has delayed that honour until next year some time.

'Unfortunately, the timeframe was just a bit too tight so I hope to be able to go there in August next year,' Maureen said.

'I'm looking forward to going there though - it should be quite a different experience with different clays, different methods.'

There's nothing 'posh' or smooth about Maureen's work - her pieces are rugged but tactile and created on the wheel or handworked or using the slab technique.

Although she lives in Whangamata with husband Dennis, the couple farm on the outskirts of town and it's there that Maureen has



numerous kilns, some built during the annual Woodstoke Festival held there.

Her favourite kiln is the large wood-fired kiln that has stood for about 10 years. Firing it about three times a year becomes quite an occasion with a relay of people - (usually fellow potters with work to be fired in the kiln) feeding the roaring beast for more than 24 hours.

Maureen has been potting for about 40 years and uses clays dug from the hillsides on the farm.

Depending on what she fires them with in the kiln, the pieces emerge from the firing with different textures and colours.

The 2019 Waiclay National Ceramics Award was established in 2001 with the first National Ceramic Conference, now held annually, in the Waikato.

Alongside this convention an exhibition of selected works, held at Waikato Museum, showcases the current work of ceramic artists throughout New Zealand.

Over the years this exhibition has developed national renown, with ceramic artists participating each year for a Premier Award of \$3000, Merit Awards, and a Peters Valley School of Craft Residency Award together with a \$1000 travel grant.

This year's guest selector was Kasumi Ueba, from Japan, who boasts an international reputation, and whose work was recently featured in a related ArtsPost exhibition, Taste of Japan.

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Do we need a secure dementia unit now?

By Lesley Staniland

With Whangamata and its laid-back, beach lifestyle beckoning more retiring Baby Boomers, there have been suggestions that a secure dementia unit should be established.

There has also been mention of the need for a retirement village.

We have Campbell Close which is a reasonably secure independent-living housing development but one with care facilities, such as Matua Lifecare in Tauranga that has facilities to cope with all stages of ageing, has been suggested.

For years, couples who retired here 'for the rest of their lives' have found that, when one of them gets sick or begins to suffer from dementia, there is little alternative but to move closer to health facilities, or to send the affected spouse to facilities in Waihi, Thames or Te Aroha (or beyond) while the 'healthy' spouse stays in Whangamata.

While neither Ross nor Kay Dingle suffer from dementia, they felt compelled, after more than 60 years marriage, to make the move to Hamilton and closer to medical facilities.

The same was the case for Jack and Paulette Glading who, although in pretty good health, decided to move last year to a Tauranga

retirement unit in a complex with hospital facilities.

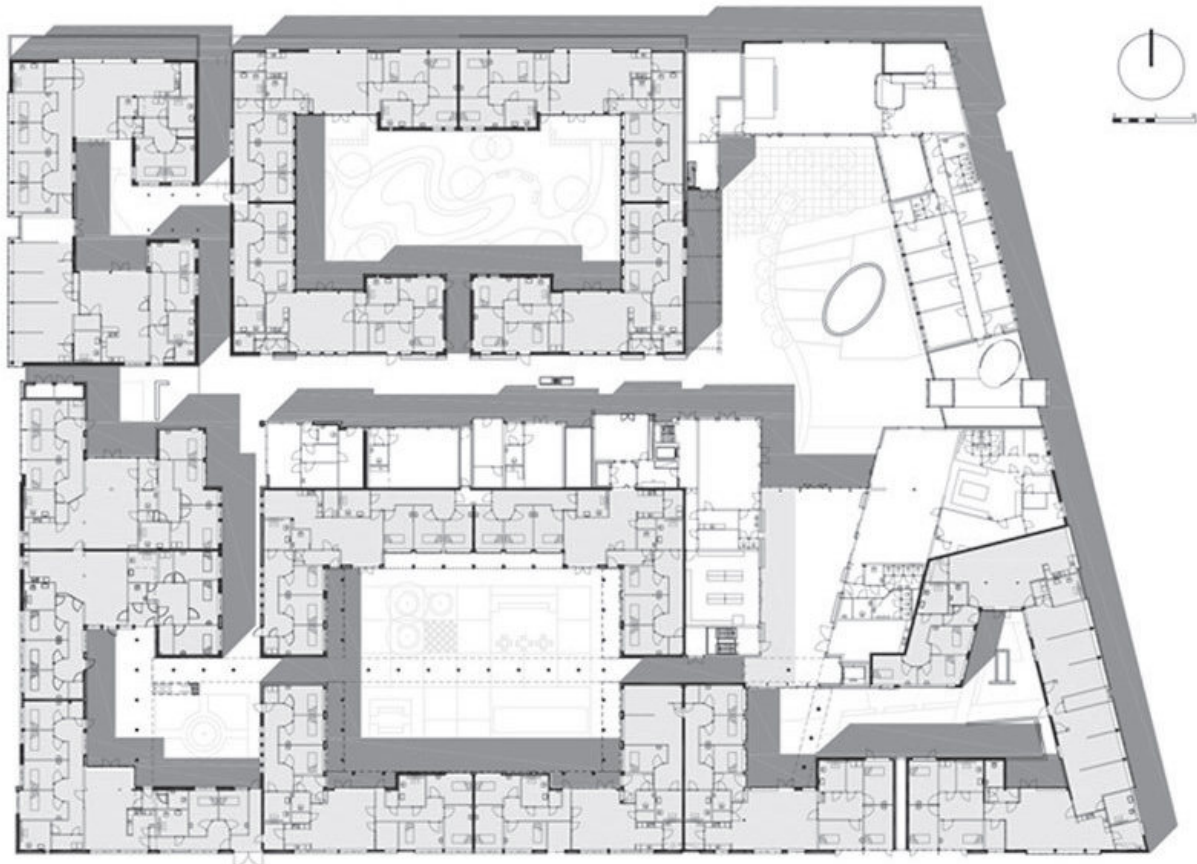
They too have been married for more than 60 years and didn't want

to be separated if one became ill.

And for Ivor Bray, whose wife developed a form of dementia, the travelling back and forth to Thames

to visit her made life difficult.

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Travel takes its toll on elderly partners

Almost two months ago Whangamata man Ivor Bray lost his wife Gillian to dementia.

After 61 years marriage, and although prepared for his wife's eventual demise, Ivor said travelling back and forth to Thames two or three times a week over the past five years to visit Gill took its toll on him.

Ivor, another Whangamata Lions Club member who turned 83 on Christmas Day, said settling into a routine at home with housework,

washing and ironing was difficult with the trips to Thames.

He has lived in Pacific Heights for more than a decade and says he loves the house, the town and the caring community and he has no intention of leaving.

Asked what he thought about Whangamata having a secure dementia unit, he said it would have given him and Gill a better quality of life, less stress emotionally and financially, and less travel time in Gill's final years.

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SeniorNet Whangamata looks forward to the new year

The Whangamata SeniorNet Learning Centre will commence its 2020 programme on 21st February with an address about password managers. This talk will precede the Annual General Meeting.

The third Friday of each month from February to November is when Whangamata SeniorNet has a morning tea meeting with either a guest speaker or an instructional session followed by a Question and Answer forum. These meetings are at Cornerstone House 101 Ocean Road starting at 10 00 AM. Everybody is welcome at no charge.

SeniorNet was set up over 25 years ago with the aim of assisting people aged over 50 to cope with rapidly developing technology and has become the largest provider of training in this field in New Zealand.

The local group are looking forward to a busy year helping people become more confident with technology. The most popular learning sessions over the past year have been on smartphones and tablets, with the constant development



and improvements in this technology providing a challenge for the tutors and students. Because SeniorNet is nation wide there are huge resources available to all members.

On the national scene local Learning Centres have found that members prefer short workshop style sessions covering smaller parts of a topic rather than

courses over a number of weeks. The Whangamata Centre has plans to follow this trend.

Instruction planned for the coming year include: smartphones, iPhones, tablets, iPads, digital photography, general computing, Apple Mac computing, a genealogy interest group, smart TVs and other technology.

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Dementia unit needed?

> FROM P10

Some long-term care facilities (nursing homes) have a separate part of the building that is designated for residents who have Alzheimer’s and other types of dementia and need special care.

These may be referred to as special care units, dementia wings, secure areas, memory loss units, or locked facilities.

While Whangamata is blessed to have Moana House, a retirement and hospital complex that can cope with early dementia in patients, it does not have available land area to build a secure unit for dementia patients who continually wander or who can be subject to violent bouts.

So that begs the questions:

- Is there a need for a secure dementia unit in Whangamata?
- When and where could a secure unit be built? Is there land available?
- What would it cost?
- How would it be funded? A public fundraising campaign? A public or private partnership? DHB? Grants or foundations? Or…?
- Who would build it – council, the community or private enterprise?
- How big would/ should it be?
- Attracting phychiatric nursing staff to Whangamata could be difficult unless an attractive pay package could be offered; and how would that be funded?

Moana House Manager Anne Watts feels that talk of a secure dementia unit is premature.

‘Whangamata’s a bit out on a limb. We don’t have enough demand yet but we will definitely need a secure unit some time in the future – maybe in seven to eight years.

‘To be viable, you would need 20 beds (DHBs won’t provide funding unless there are 20 beds.



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You would need 30 staff – and that’s the hardest thing for Moana House – and it’s ongoing.

‘Another problem would be finding housing or accommodation for subbies working on the bulding. It’s hard enough now for businesses finding accommodation for summer workers,’ Anne said.

‘The easy bit is the fundraising. It will cost \$5 to \$7 million to build but there are ways of raising the money through government, grants and community fundraising.’

She said the style of dementia units was changing.

‘Being built in Rotorua is a complex where six to eight like-minded people are housed in each house. It’s based on models in Holland

which have proved successful.’

One of those special villages is Hogeweyk, a specially designed village, completely secure complex, with 23 houses for 152 dementia-suffering seniors.

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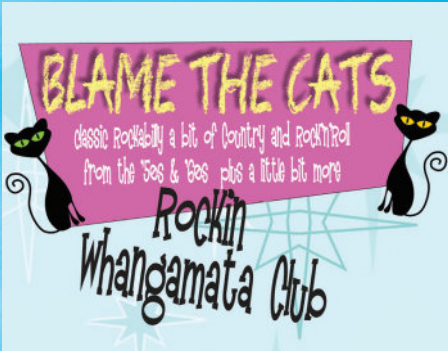
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Dog summer restrictions ended on Friday 31 January but resume on all public holiday weekends, between 9am and 6pm (inclusive) and there are still some areas that are prohibited all year round and during dotterel nesting season until 1 March.

Regulatory manager Brian Taylor said it was important that dogs were restricted at certain times

due to how popular beaches can be and to protect native wildlife. 'Most people follow our rules which is fantastic, while the minority that don't, we catch up with to find out why they may have ignored our bylaws,' Brian said

He said the team of Compliance Officers worked closely with the Department of Conservation (DOC) and their dotterel watch programme volunteers across the district.

Pictured is Otis who assists the compliance officers.

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DRY SPELL CAUSING CONCERN

Concern is growing with the long dry period and the wind frequently buffeting our district.

Any form of heat source could ignite the already scorched vegetation.

Tuesday last week had appliances responded to a rural address where a chainsaw user had cleared a fallen tree that lay across a fence into a large commercial forest block.

Smoke was seen in the spot where he had worked after walking back to his vehicle quite a distance away. Thankfully he had time to gather his water bottles, head back up and knock the fire down.

On arrival, in conjunction with Onemana Rural a 4wd appliance was utilised to reduce the distance, hoses were then run out the remaining distance to saturate the area.

The Waihi tanker also was dispatched as water supplies are near non-existent at present throughout our patch. When this weather does finally change and rain arrives we will then encounter "Summer Ice".

This is a phenomenon where over periods of dry weather large deposits of dust, dirt

and oil materials build up on road surfaces.

With rain, these break down leaving a dangerous slippery surface requiring extra care for long periods after.

Fire call numbers for 2020 are similar to the previous years with 16 responses to date.

Medical calls top our numbers again and the heat has affected some people.

Precautions to reduce heat stroke and exhaustion must be taken especially while out in the open or in vehicles.

A quick reminder - schools are back operating so reduce speeds and be careful when present around children.

Wishing you all a safe week.

- CFO Nigel Airey

DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

- Area School gymnasium
- Bunnings, Aickin Rd
- Bowling Club, Rutherford Rd
- Combined Squash and Tennis Sports Club, Barroclough Rd
- Carters, 103 Lindsay Rd
- Coastguard, 619 Beach Rd
- Community Swimming Pool, Achilles Ave
- Fire Station, Port Rd and both fire appliances
- Medical Centre, Lincoln Rd
- Moana House, SH25
- New World Supermarket, Aickin Rd
- Onemana Rural Fire depot - Dial 111
- Onemana Surf Club
- Onemana Boatshed Café, Onemana Dr
- St John Ambulance station, Lincoln Rd
- St John Health Shuttles
- St John Op Shop, Martyn Rd
- Surf Club, Williamson Park
- TCDC Area Office, Port Rd
- The Marina, end of Beach Rd
- Titoki Golf Club, Waihi Rd
- Whangamata Club, Port Rd
- Whangamata Ocean Sports Club, Port Rd
- Whangamata RSA, Port Rd
- Whangamata Tennis Club
- Whiritoa Rural Fire Station, Dial 111
- Whiritoa Surf Club, Kontiki Rd
- Williamson Golf Club, Achilles Ave
- Z Gas Station, Port/Ocean Rd cnr

Fire danger 'extremely extreme'

With little or no rain expected for at least another six weeks, rural fire brigades are on high alert.

Onemana Rural Volunteer Fire Brigade chief Jo Adams said the fire risk was now at 'extremely, extremely high' status and unlikely to change in the near future.

Signs have been erected all over the region warning of the Total Fire Ban.

Any spark or discarded cigarette butt could have dire consequences for the district, Jo said.

Water tankers in Waihi and Cooks

Beach are on alert, full of water and ready to go at a moment's notice.

Onemana's own converted unimog was also at the ready with a tanker of water capable of fighting a fire for up to 20 minutes by which time, hopefully, assistance would have arrived.

Jo said his team of rural fire-fighters was a dedicated team and always on standby, no matter or what time of day or night.

His crew rushed to douse a fire on Onemana Beach recently, lit by a group of seven out-of-town youths.

'It was sheer stupidity - just one windblown spark and the entire area could have gone up.'

Also on standby were helicopters from around the region.

'One problem we face is a shortage of water - there are massive water shortages all around the region,' Jo said.

Also on standby were canteen trucks and caravans to feed and water crews in the field.

'We just need everyone to take the utmost care,' Jo said.

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SCHOOL'S BACK

I hope your little darlings had a good break and behaved themselves!

Unfortunately, we had a shoplifting spree in which a group of out-of-town delinquents were busted stealing a number of items from local shops.

Remember, have your kids' drivers' licences and vehicles sorted as we will be keeping an eye on learner and restricted drivers to keep them on their toes.

FORESTRY CLOSURE DUE TO EXTREME FIRE RISK

Note the whole entire forest area around Whangamata and Tairua is now officially CLOSED.

This means NO walking, NO mountain biking, NO recreational activities at all until



further notice.

There are still some slow learners - READ THE SIGNS - Closed means Closed!

Local Police and Security will be enforcing this on behalf of the Forestry.

CRITTER CORNER

A large amount of cannabis and a restricted

firearm was located after police conducted a drug operation in recent weeks.

Another local man will appear in the Hamilton District Court after a family harm event produced a pistol and Taser type device.

It's great to get these sorts of weapons off the street as their only use is to harm people and our community.

SCOOTERS

Police have received a number of complaints about these Fat Boy scooters.

There is more info coming on these vehicles - remember electric or not, we will have a crack at you for unsafe behaviour and also they are subject to drink driving laws so don't risk it.

LOST PROPERTY

We are still holding a lot of lost property,

like phones, jewellery and watches. If you have lost anything on the beach recently, it's a good chance we have it.

CCTV

Again it's pulling its weight. We have had a great few catches in relation to bad driving and gang members sneaking through our town.

DRINK DRIVING

Seems to be back on top with a number of people appearing before the courts for excess

Plan before you party and please look out for each other and get a sober driver

Man it's been HOT and seems like this weather is here to stay for a bit.

Keep each-other safe!

Happy days

Whangamata Police

As lifeguard patrols end, please check conditions

We have had a great summer of patrolling so far.

We have seen some particularly strong offshore winds so the lifeguards have been constantly talking to kayakers and stand up paddle boarders about these winds, and have brought a fair few back to shore when they have had trouble getting back on their own.

If you are planning on going out to visit Whenuakura (Donut)

Island or just heading out for a paddle, please make sure you check the wind direction, tide flow and surf conditions.

The last week has been extremely hot on the beach, and it is looking to stay that way for a few more days.

If you are heading to the beach, please make sure you are being sun smart and drinking plenty of water!

As the beach gets quieter, our guards can increase focus on their training and upskilling.

Eight guards have just completed their Level 2 First Aid course, and we have several guards training hard for their RWC (jetski) and IRB (inshore rescue boat) exams.

By the time this goes to print our paid guards will have finished for the season, so it will be all volunteers and on weekends only.

If you would like to swim during the week when we aren't patrolling, we recommend you do so where the flags are usually located, just to the south of the surf club

Remember, if you do notice someone in trouble, call 111 and ask for the police.

- Andrea Payton,
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Whangamata woman Aisne Edwards' play *Our Special Place South of the Bombays* has undergone numerous rewrites – and it's not yet reached its final form.

But auditions are about to be held for the June production. Up to 19 people of all ages are sought to fill the roles – although more than one of the minor roles could be

performed by one person.

'I'm keen to get a mix of younger men and women – I'm looking for people aged from 12 to 17 and up to 70-year-olds,' Aisne said. 'We also need people to help backstage, with costuming and set. We're looking for new people to train.'

'We would love to see some new blood on stage – so come and audition.'

The play, which follows the life of a young woman from Auckland back to her hometown of Whangamata, will have six performances at the Whangamata Memorial Hall from June 17.

Auditions will be held at Cornerstone House on February 25 & 26 at 6pm – see the ad in this issue for details, page 32.

Come along and discover what lies within you! Contact Aisne at: aisne@xtra.co.nz or phone her on: 0275 247633 or 07 865 6602.

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Over the summer months the council has had a local school leaver participating in a work experience programme within its regulatory arm.

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Moves to Nelson and back to Hamilton followed as Delia cooked her way around the country - 'I've done quite a lot of cooking!'

Now, with her fiancé Sam, she has returned to her childhood home at Hikuai - and a total change in direction career-wise.

Delia has recently taken over the Post Plus at Pauanui and with the help of Sam and her mother, she is learning totally new skills - and loving it.

Delia took over from former owner Caroline Graham on January 20 after working for her for a few months.

Away from work, Delia is a keen amateur photographer, swimming and fossicking in the nearby river.

'And I love hanging out with my cat!' she said.

Welcome back to Paradise Delia!



It's all on at Pauanui

Coming up at Pauanui are two quite different but exciting events.

Next weekend is the Pauanui Classic Car Just Cruzin' Fun Run. Cars meet at 10am in the airfield side of the Pauanui Sport & Recreation Club after which a cruise is scheduled.

Organiser Pat Courtney says the event is a regular bi-monthly fun event and attracts classic cars of all ages.

Contact Pat at patcourtney@xtra.co.nz or phone 021 966 153.

Two weeks later, on March 7, the very popular Music Picnic @ the Point (Pleasant Point) will feature the Tairua band Fuller and the Empties and duo Brielle and Brendam.

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Dotterels hatch successfully

Dotterel ‘minder’ Dennis Allison is delighted with how well the young birds have coped with the summer season to date.

With thousands of visitors and the shoreline looking like Auckland’s Queen Street with walkers and dogs, seven dotterels have fully fledged and three more will soon reach that stage.

‘Before Christmas we had 15 [young] but we always lose some to cats, dogs and the tides,’ Dennis said.

He said the birds’ breeding season began

early this season and looks like finishing earlier than March which is usually the norm.


He was pleased that in most cases, people with dogs kept away from the fenced-off areas and obeyed the ‘dog ban’ notices – although *Whangamata NEWS* was provided with a photo of a man walking his dog in the prohibited area.

Dennis was also pleased to see that people were more caring with the beach overall, and not leaving litter lying around.

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February☾ New Moon: 24th ☀ Full Moon: 9th

Date	High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
14 Fri		2.0	12:04	5:40	0.1	18:13	06:43	20:15
15 Sat	0:32	2.0	12:56	6:32	0.2	19:05	06:44	20:14
16 Sun	1:27	1.9	13:49	7:27	0.3	19:59	06:46	20:13
17 Mon	2:24	1.9	14:43	8:24	0.4	20:55	06:47	20:11
18 Tue	3:23	1.8	15:40	9:24	0.4	21:53	06:48	20:10
19 Wed	4:24	1.8	16:39	10:24	0.5	22:52	06:49	20:09
20 Thu	5:23	1.8	17:38	11:25	0.5	23:50	06:50	20:08
21 Fri	6:20	1.8	18:34	12:00	0.4	12:22	06:51	20:06
22 Sat	7:11	1.8	19:26	0:44	0.4	13:15	06:52	20:05
23 Sun	7:59	1.8	20:14	1:34	0.4	14:04	06:53	20:04
24 Mon	8:44	1.8	20:58	2:20	0.4	14:49	06:54	20:02
25 Tue	9:25	1.9	21:40	3:02	0.4	15:31	06:55	20:01
26 Wed	10:05	1.9	22:19	3:42	0.4	16:10	06:56	20:00
27 Thu	10:43	1.8	22:57	4:21	0.4	16:48	06:57	19:58
28 Fri	11:19	1.8	23:35	4:58	0.4	17:25	06:58	19:57
29 Sat		1.8	11:56	5:36	0.5	18:03	06:59	19:56

March☾ New Moon: 24th ☀ Full Moon: 10th

Date	High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
1 Sun	0:13	1.7	12:34	6:15	0.5	18:42	07:00	19:54
2 Mon	0:54	1.7	13:13	6:57	0.5	19:24	07:01	19:53
3 Tue	1:38	1.7	13:57	7:43	0.6	20:10	07:02	19:51
4 Wed	2:29	1.7	14:47	8:35	0.6	21:02	07:03	19:50
5 Thu	3:25	1.7	15:43	9:31	0.6	21:59	07:04	19:48
6 Fri	4:26	1.7	16:44	10:32	0.6	22:59	07:05	19:47
7 Sat	5:27	1.8	17:47	11:33	0.5	23:49	07:06	19:46
8 Sun	6:26	1.9	18:49		0.4	12:33	07:07	19:44
9 Mon	7:23	1.9	19:47	0:57	0.3	13:31	07:08	19:43
10 Tue	8:17	2.0	20:42	1:52	0.2	14:25	07:09	19:41
11 Wed	9:09	2.1	21:36	2:46	0.1	15:18	07:10	19:40
12 Thu	10:01	2.1	22:28	3:38	0.1	16:10	07:11	19:38
13 Fri	10:52	2.1	23:20	4:30	0.1	17:00	07:12	19:37

Labour revisits Nats' plan



After failing to deliver on its infrastructure promises, the Government has seen sense and restarted the previous National Government's plan that was put on hold in 2018.

After two-and-a-half years, the Labour-led Government has realised it has no infrastructure ideas of its own that it can deliver on, so it has copied the plans put in place under National's leadership.

It's a shame that almost three years has been wasted by tearing up National's previously made plans and putting them back together again.

Unfortunately, the damage has already been done. The two-year pause on starting these roads has seen our construction workforce go overseas in search of work.

We'll struggle to get them back now but if National earns the right to govern again, we will do everything we can to bring that workforce home.

Right now, New Zealand's infrastructure pipeline has rusted up while the government has been focused on KiwiBuild and light rail, which have both failed spectacularly.

Labour is first-class at announcements

but third-rate at delivering on them. We won't see spades in the ground anytime soon.

National will release a comprehensive infrastructure plan later this year, setting out our vision to get this country moving.

I am still fighting for the right for our patch to have its own Westpac Rescue Helicopter based in Whitianga during the summer peak and at long weekends.

Our population swells with beach-goers and tourists and while this is a great opportunity for us to showcase all we have to offer, the influx of people can lead to more accidents on our roads and in the water.

Lives are at risk. Instead of having a fully trained flight crew with paramedics and a rescue helicopter here over the summer peak, we're being told machines from as far away as Tauranga, Hamilton or Auckland may be deployed if available.

This is not good enough for the people of Coromandel. A machine coming from Tauranga, Hamilton or Auckland is always going to have a slower response time than if a helicopter were located at Whitianga. The Government really needs to step up and give us back this literally lifesaving service.

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

Letters

> FROM P3

Children's wellbeing

On a recent radio news bulletin, a university spokesperson stated that 25-40 per cent of children were receiving inadequate sleep, affecting their health and school achievement.

Excessive preoccupation with technology was a major contributing factor, together with reduced reading and conversation in the home.

Difficulties in achieving positive changes are affected by those parents involved in their own technology pursuits.

For teenagers, particularly, efforts need to be made to prevent cellphones being taken to bed at night where late night social media and other activities occur and deprive them of sleep.

I feel the positive aspects of modern life due to technology have unfortunately resulted in the concerns above, along with added negative happenings.

Many of our young ones and parents are addicted

to their phones - situations that are commonplace - at cafes supposedly socialising, walking down the streets with company, at the beach, on bikes and while driving cars.

However, it is pleasing to be aware of those who acknowledge the benefits of technology and who have found ways to make sensible and important decisions regarding their phones and those of their children - and the health factors involved.

Eddie White
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Too hot to eat! Fridge full of beer - no room for food. Lettuce going brown. Leftovers - what vintage is that lasagne? Flies everywhere, compost bucket festering. WHY DOES EVERYONE LEAVE FOOD OUT ON THE BENCH?!

Sound like your kitchen?

Most of us would be appalled by how much food we waste, even if we assuage our guilt by throwing stuff in the compost occasionally.

We could blame the kids. Lunch boxes coming home the same as they left or, worse, suspiciously empty!

But did we ask our kids what they like to eat? There's no point in spending money on organic, gluten-free quinoa patties if they're going to end up in the bin. Make life easy and meet them halfway. They'll come to their senses one day.

Let's face it, though, the big people in the house are just as guilty when it comes to wasting

food. Reusable produce bags for supermarket fruit and veg would have to be our number one remedy. No more liquid cucumber sitting in a plastic bag, patiently waiting for someone brave enough to "deal with it". Eww.

In fact, let's get radical. Get rid of the plastic vege drawers in your fridge - no one likes cleaning them anyway. Just do it! Put your veges in airtight containers with paper towels in the bottom and we guarantee your veges will last three times as long. It's what all the cafés do, so it must be right, right?!

And let's follow the seasons. Forage! There is so much fruit rotting around town. Forget being the Good Samaritan - forage for your own family. When Grandad was a lad, he and his mates would steal fruit off trees to eat - what a wonderfully healthy crime! Wouldn't we be pleased if that was all the mischief our boys got up to?!



And, finally, let's just simplify our meals - we're forgetting the taste of real food. Do we really need saffron, sheep feta or white mustard seeds?

Buy wisely, eat simply, and you will be living with a better purpose.

- The Two Old Dolls

Remembering Cocksby the Builder

Cocksby the Builder was a celeb who lived in Tairua but passed away on a Waitangi Day with cancer.

John Mark Cocks, also known as 'Cocksby', was a New Zealand celebrity builder and television presenter. He was most notable for working on the My House My Castle series in the 1990s for New Zealand's TV2.

The inaugural Cocksby Classic was held last weekend in memory of Cocksby.

More than 80 fishos took to the water at the crack of dawn to try and catch the whopper. The fish were not being very cooperative.

The big whoopers were hiding and only the pannies were surfacing.

The sea was not behaving either and some fishos became a bit worse for wear.

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> FROM P21

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By Pat Courtney



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87-year-old tees off

Octogenarian Nancy Gerrand had the honour of teeing off on the first day of the Ladies 18-hole golf season on February 5.

At the age of almost 87 Nancy is as sprightly as many half her age.

She began playing the sport when she retired at 59, playing at the Waitemata course.

Since moving to Whangamata 19 years ago, Nancy has played consistently at the Titoki course.

Club Captain Jill Thomson said Nancy was the club's 'most senior 18-hole lady'.

HAGGLE:
 1st: Dawn Burgess and Nancy Gerrand
 2nd: Chris Davenport and Lynda Stratton
 3rd: Rachel Richardson and Diane McGarold
 4th: Sue Jurisich and Jane Williams
 5th: Jill Agnew and Charmaine Morrissey
 6th: Dianne Tempest and Joanne Somerville
 7th: Christine Alley and Judy Crawford



Elected leaders cautious about boardwalk issue

> FROM P5

When we are in the process of receiving the report on the Coastal Plan Review, at the end of the year, I wonder if it is prudent that we proceed prior to its release.

Then there are the legal aspects. Legally, the correct process has be followed to allow the process to go ahead.

The consultation process could have been better, in that a lot of residents were not aware of the intention to proceed until the planned public meeting was announced.

The meeting itself was a concern mainly because the venue was not large enough to enable all present to be seated in

the area. And public discussion was limited by time.

In conclusion I believe that the matters above should be addressed, and residents consulted as to how many, in fact, want and will use the boardwalk, to satisfy the expenditure and then a limited area of beach front could have the structure to satisfy the people that wish to use it.

Then it could be extended if required and agreed to.

There are many "basic" requirements in this town that require urgent financial support, namely roadworks, street lighting, rubbish disposal, fresh water supply reduction of plastic waste that ratepayers would like to see improved.

There are 'nice to have' and needed services that Council have been elected to supply. We need to seriously concentrate on these to bring about credibility to our position.

Community Board Member KAY BAKER:

I found the article (23rd January Coastal News front page article "Backlash over Boardwalk") rather strange - I can not remember a boardwalk along the beach either. There were some Exit board step things that washed out.

I find it interesting that the beach front owners proclaim to look after the sand dunes when they have made their own personal tracks from their properties to the beach by the quickest means through the

dunes. Interesting or not!!

The beach belongs to everyone not just those on the front - therefore it is necessary to protect the dunes by way of a boardwalk, then everyone can stay off them. The beach front owners can then protect the dunes by going down the proper exit ways. This is probably not what they want.

It is important that we wait for consultation and reports (if we ever get them) so that everyone has their say.

I am totally for a proper boardwalk - not a narrow badly built one that everyone can use.

*** At the time of going to print no response had been received from Community Board Member Tamzin Letele.**

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AGENDA.

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last AGM.
3. Annual Reports and Balance Sheet
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While a report on the encouraging progress made by the organisation this year will be tabled, and financial accounts presented, the main purpose of the meeting will be to again gauge the level of support for the continuation of the association's activities, and to establish an effective and committed committee.

Terry Wilson, Chairman

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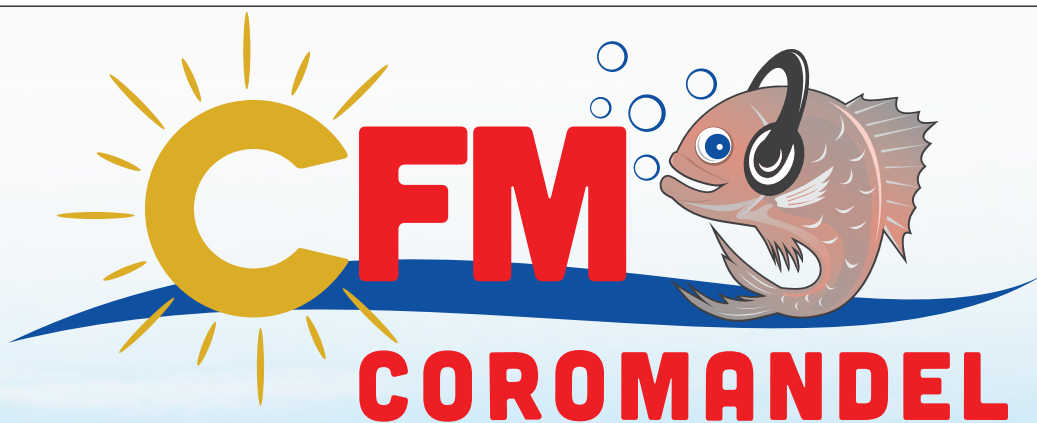
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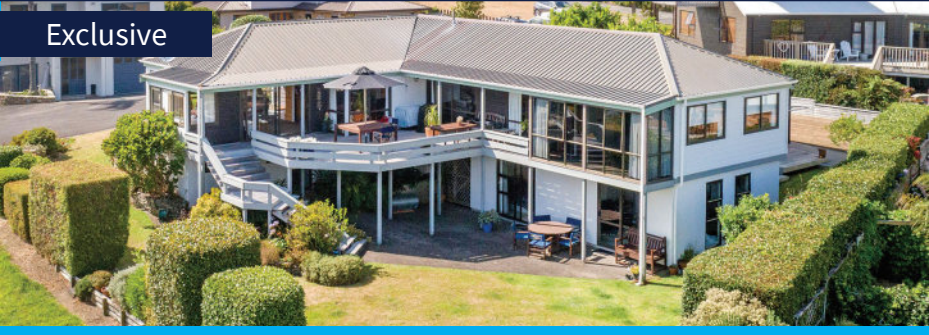
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Beach Walks Before Dinner-Whiritoa

Beautifully presented as new beach house with 3 dble bedrms, ensuite, large robe, o/plan lounge, dining & kitchen opening on to north & east covered decks. Safe fenced yard.Short walk to the beach & surf club. Furniture pkge available.

\$695,000
Steve Laing
021 944 748
steve@whiritoaibeach.co.nz





Prime Apartment

Superb 3 bedrm, 2nd level aptmt bathed in natural light. Fully furn, Outstanding ntn view.


Gordon & Norma
0800 021 120
Web# 11908100794

Overlooking The Marina

Upmarket 2 lge bedrm 3 level t/house. Extraordinary location O/plan living, **\$895,000**

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Web# 11908100780





Easy Holiday Living

Full share. Metres from the Surf Club, 3 dble bedrooms, 2 bathrooms **\$649,000**

Call Robyn
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Lot 3 - 2.88Ha

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New Listing
AUCTION



Auction On Site

1pm, 13th March 2020

(unless sold prior)

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Kiss The Ground On Which You Walk

TAIRUA - Perfectly positioned home, quality eco living. Unique, special home, no expense has been spared. 2.88Ha block with established native bush & landscaped grnds. Extensive views of the Pacific Ocean, Islands & Tairua village.

\$1,590,000

Darren Perry

021 798 460

Sandie Faiers

027 622 7717



Once Upon A Time... - Tairua

In a land known as Tairua, a dream evolved & became a reality. Dell Cote is an Adobe earth house. All natural materials bring an aura of purity, tranquillity & peace. This homestead will stand the test of time. Live happily ever after.

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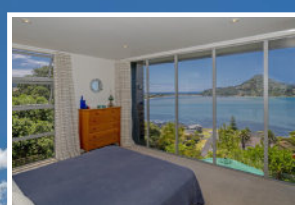
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TENDER



Tenders Close 4.00pm, 2nd March 2020

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Feel The Ocean With Your Eyes - Tairua

Funky home that has the 'X' Factor. Designed & built to maximise sensational harbour, ocean & Tairua Village views. O/plan, spacious, light & bright living & designer kitchen. Exceptional property worthy of your attention.

\$1,199,000

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Beside The Seaside - Tairua

Have you dreamt about living this close to the beach? Relax in the spa listening to the birds. Upper lvl 3 bedrms & o/plan living. Sep. lower lvl has 3 bedrms, living & kitchenette.

\$ TENDER

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A Fresh Statement - Tairua

Fresh new decor, retro caravan
Fully fenced, 633 sqm, 3 bedrms
\$635,000

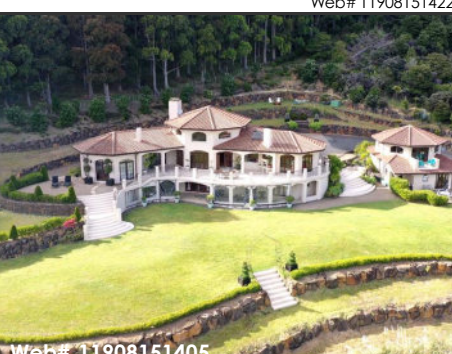
Call Darren
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Family Living - Tairua

Perfect starter, 4 bedrms
Rumpus, generous deck
Flat section for kids **\$545,000**

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Villa Estate - Hot Water Beach

An Elite Estate of generous proportion with a Tuscan feel. 3 bedrms, study, 2 lounges, plus a separate 2 bedrm guest house. Uninterrupted views over Hot Water Beach & the Pacific Ocean. Viewing by appointment only.

\$ PBN

Vanessa Adlington

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In Pursuit of Excellence? - Tairua

Sensational views of the Tairua Harbour, Mt Paku North facing with a spacious deck 3 dbl bdms, two bthrms plus a self contained studio. lovingly renovated and like the views is a statement of excellence, put this on your list!

\$960,000

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Sandie Faiers

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Exceptional A+ Diamond -Tairua

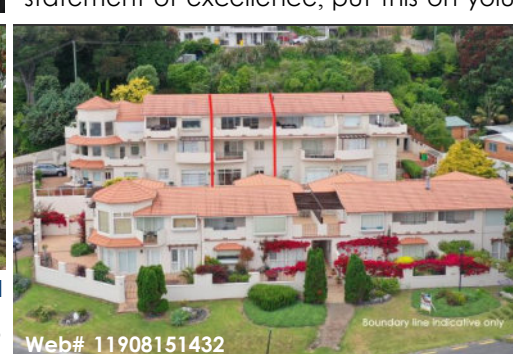
Crisp, clean scandie feel, 3 lvs
4 bedrms, 2 bathrms, o/plan
Large deck **\$620,000**

Call Vanessa
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Delightful Paradise Home -Tairua

Cosy, 2 bedrm plus, open plan
living, Sea view, fabulous
kitchen, ensuite **\$550,000**

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Web# 11908151432

Top Notch Villa Aptmt - Tairua

Extending over 3 levels, this large aptmt offers fantastic Hbr, Pauanui & mountain views, it also boasts 4 bedrms - 2 with ensuites. Lift access to all levels, o/plan living with lge balcony. 4 car parking.

\$895,000

Sue McCall

027 371 0054





275 MCBETH ROAD, HIKUAI

\$2.2M

AROHANUI A SPECIAL PROPERTY

- 5.77 hectares of parklike grounds developed as a conservation estate with mature forest, fruit and nut trees
- The beautiful home is a high-quality build with plenty of character and designed to maximise the magnificent ocean, island and forest views
- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms plus ensuite, 3 car garaging, workshop and storeroom plus a large separate implement shed. Excellent indoor/outdoor living
- Reap the benefits of the huge amount of work that has gone in to create this paradise

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18 FISHERMANS BEND, WHIRITOA

\$735,000

PRIVATE FISHERMANS BEND RETREAT

- Fantastic location very close to beach, lagoon & shop
- Lockwood house with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, hobby room
- 1166sqm beautifully landscaped grounds
- 2 garages, 2 road frontages
- Excellent rural views & sun

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24 MORAY PLACE, WHIRITOA

\$1,750,000

BEACHFRONT OASIS

- Exceptional sea, islands and beach views
- 4 bedrooms upstairs + 2 bedroom furnished flat downstairs
- 4 bathrooms including ensuite
- 4 car garaging with doors either end
- Beautifully landscaped and fully fenced section

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10 FISHERMANS BEND, WHIRITOA

\$695,000

WHIRITOA BEACH ICON

- Beach reserve front
- 2 bedrooms plus large separate multi-purpose room
- Sea views to the north and south
- Recently renovated interior
- Full fenced and gated
- Elevated position

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10 ROSS PLACE, WHIRITOA

\$299,000

SUPERB SECTION WITH VIEWS

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BEACH RETREAT



Julian West
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Popular Onemana beach only a few minutes' walk from this tidy holiday retreat commonly referred to as the Onemana Chalets. Neat two double bedroom plus mezzanine area, spacious lounge flows onto a large northeast facing deck, great for BBQ's. This chalet has a recently refurbished bathroom and has been re-carpeted and enjoys a regular rental income. View by appointment only.

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\$420,000



FAMILY FUN MADE EASIER



Julian West
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Great holiday spot on a full site with ocean views. Can be further developed for a permanent residence. Lovely BBQ dining area & bunk house. A separate modern moveable portacom containing large bedroom & lounge area opening to decking with ample ocean views. Tidy utility housing shower, toilet & laundry. A caravan is also on site for extra accommodation. A must to view.

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212 RUSSELL BRUCE PLACE, ONEMANA



129B BARBARA AVENUE – AUCTION



Nancy Millett
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nancy@whangamatarealestate.co.nz

Are you after a place that just screams 'Relax you are on holiday'? This hidden treasure in the ever-popular Barbara Avenue is a total beach retreat. The house has 4 double bedrooms and a sunny open plan living area with excellent indoor/outdoor flow to the lovely north facing deck. An ideal low maintenance holiday home for those looking to relax and enjoy with limited fuss. With the furnishings included all you need to do is pack your suitcase.

Features of the property:

- Very close to the beach and cafes
- 4 double bedrooms
- Furnished
- Great north-facing deck
- Outdoor hot & cold shower
- Gas hot water
- Large garden shed

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Nauti Girls enjoy fun event

Laughter, fun, noise and frivolity – that was the scene on Friday February 7 in the marquee at the Whangamata Ocean Sports Club.

The Nauti Girls fashion show, usually held on the Saturday night along with prize-giving for the different fish categories, was changed to Friday night as a trial.

The change met with mixed reactions, with one lady angler saying ‘If you haven’t fished it’s just not the same. After a day’s fishing it’s good to wind down with the fun event’.

As well as spot prizes, some lucky ladies won a yellow t-shirt and cap which put them in the running to win a jet ski, to be drawn after this weekend’s Classic Tournament – as long as they wore the outfit at all times while in the big tent.

Judges Belinda Wylie, Judy Mace and Janie Murray chose the bucket brigade as third place-getters, Octa.Pussy in second place, and the winners Nauti Ninjas.

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