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A year of impact

Here are some of the ways Cancer Society Waikato/Bay of Plenty has supported people with cancer in our region over the last financial year, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the community:

- **3,724** the number of people in our community we have assisted through our services.
- **104,657** kilometres driven by volunteers transporting people to treatment.
- **17,145** the number of bed nights provided at the Cancer Society’s Lions Lodge.
- **43,650** the number of meals served at the Cancer Society’s Lions Lodge.
- **\$252,583** the amount contributed to national cancer research to help reduce the impact and incidence of cancer.

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HON SCOTT SIMPSON

MP for Coromandel



Scrapped surcharges a win for New Zealanders

Those pesky notes on EFTPOS machines across the country which warn customers that their payment could incur a surcharge will soon be a thing of the past.

In my capacity as Commerce and Consumer Affairs Minister, I announced that the Retail Payment System (Ban on Surcharges) Amendment Bill will be introduced to Parliament by the end of 2025, with the changes expected to come into force by May 2026, at the latest.

This will ban in-store payment surcharges, including for Visa, Mastercard, and EFTPOS. That means when you see a price on the shelf, that’s the price you’ll be charged regardless of the method you choose to pay with.

Surcharges are more than just an annoyance for customers, those little fees add up. The Commerce Commission estimates New Zealanders pay around \$150 million annually in surcharges, including \$45-\$65 million in excessive charges. That’s a hefty amount which has been added onto your morning coffee bill for too long.

It’s understandable that people are wary that businesses will just pass along the costs of accepting card payments to their customers, but the Commerce Commission has already ruled that banks must reduce these interchange fees. This will help retailers manage the costs associated with transactions, while also levelling the playing field for many businesses across the country who have not been using surcharges.

The removal of in-store surcharges is a practical change, because it shouldn’t be up to the customer to choose the most cost-efficient way of making a payment at the till. This is part of a wider shift towards modern, low-cost, competitive payment systems, and a Government push for open banking and new technology coming online later this year.

Times are still tough for many households, and this change is another way we’re helping to ease the cost of living.

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



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Backing Ian's Invitation: A Call for a True Council-Community Partnership

The Whangamatā Ratepayers Association would like to express its full support for Ian Holyoake's recent letter and, more importantly, his invitation to change the tone and approach around stormwater decision-making in our town.

Ian's call for a reset is timely, fair, and constructive. It's not about stopping progress. It's about making sure progress is built on trust, transparency, and a shared vision for what's best for Whangamatā.

Too often we hear about "community having a seat at the table," but that only works if people around that table are truly being heard. Let's not forget—those who give their time to engage with Council processes, attend workshops, or represent community groups do so voluntarily, and with genuine care for the future of this town. They also bring deep respect for the consultants and professionals involved. This isn't about opposing expertise—it's about combining it with local insight, lived experience,

and a shared desire to get it right.

When those contributions are overlooked, or when past planning like the 2019 Master Plan is ignored without explanation, it sends a damaging message: that community input is optional. That's not good enough—not in a town like ours.

Ian's invitation for independently chaired, facilitated dialogue is a way forward that allows everyone to bring their best selves to the table. It's a chance to move from frustration to partnership. And with the Hetherington Road works still in early stages, now is exactly the right time to push pause and make space for that collaboration.

Whangamatā deserves smart, sustainable stormwater solutions. And it deserves a Council that's willing to work with—not just for—the community.

Ngā mihi,

Peter Priest

CHAIRMAN, WHANGAMATĀ
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Costly Consequences

As cost of living remains front of mind it is pertinent to consider some of the factors that have contributed to the situation.

One positive element currently attracting much debate is the price of butter, which is in fact, good for our economy. Inevitably, the present global demand will stimulate increased production internationally and so return balance to the supply and demand cycle. Red meat is another product affected by similar circumstances.

On the negative side, political decisions have contributed to the increasing costs we face. A successful campaign by activists who know little about animal husbandry, saw the price of eggs double when the most efficient means of production was legislated out of the industry. Our local pork industry was similarly impacted.

Electricity costs have risen as a result of the decision to shut down our natural gas resources while failing to develop economically viable alternatives. The most expensive and unreliable means of generation, wind and solar, are now favoured. The result has forced us to become the only country in the world to transition from lower emissions natural gas to coal fired generation. To date, further development of hydro and geothermal are buried under the Resource Management Act and we all pay the price.

Emissions levies add cost to fuel and transport which leads to ramping up the cost of everything.

We all pay the penalty for political ideology that is of questionable merit and expensive consequence.

George Williams
WHANGAMATĀ

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Who's really making the decisions?

A community-led spotlight on council decisions, planning failures, and the urgent need for a Spatial Plan for Whangamatā. The Whangamatā Ratepayers Association is publishing a series of these articles calling for smarter, more transparent planning in our town.

In Article 2, we examine the newly constructed wetland in Williamson Park — an estimated \$750,000 project that's raised more questions than answers. Was it the best use of public money? Why were community voices shut out? And could it all have been avoided with proper strategic planning? Read more at whangamataratepayers.org.nz — and see why better planning means a better future for Whangamatā.

Could a Spatial Plan Have Saved Williamson Park?

Williamson Park is the beating heart of Whangamatā. Locals and visitors flock there for markets, concerts, surf club events, and lazy summer afternoons.

That's why the decision to construct a permanent wetland — instead of simpler, less intrusive, and more cost-effective options — left many asking: Why this option, and why weren't we properly consulted? At the core of this issue is a bigger planning gap: Whangamatā has no Spatial Plan.



What Is a Spatial Plan — and Why Does It Matter?

A Spatial Plan is a long-term blueprint for how a town grows. It connects land use, transport, stormwater, housing, recreation, and environmental protection under one coordinated strategy. It identifies where to protect, where to invest, and how public money can best serve the future. Without it, towns are left making piecemeal decisions — solving short-term problems while creating bigger ones down the line. Williamson Park is a clear example.

What Went Wrong?

The wetland was intended to manage stormwater following Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle. But instead of upgrading the broader drainage network, the project redirected a larger catchment into a small pond built in the 1970s. The result? A design many believe falls short of regional drainage standards — approved without clear

explanation, engineering reports, or transparent costings. WRASWAG (Whangamatā Ratepayers Stormwater Action Group) — a volunteer group that dedicated hundreds of hours to improving flood planning — was cut out of the process.

Basic information had to be requested under the Official Information Act. Much of it is still withheld.

Now, what was once a small pond has been transformed into a larger, permanent wetland — reducing usable space and impacting how the park is used for events and recreation. And there's still no public breakdown of how the \$750,000 was spent.

What a Spatial Plan Could Have Delivered

With a Spatial Plan, Whangamatā could have had:

- A clear town-wide stormwater strategy

- Recreational zones like Williamson Park clearly protected
- Transparent evaluation of costs and alternatives
- Proper sequencing of infrastructure to avoid long-term clashes

Instead, we're left with reduced park usability and growing frustration over opaque decision-making.

What Needs to Happen

The Whangamatā Ratepayers Association is calling for:

1. A full Spatial Plan — with genuine public input
2. Full transparency around infrastructure spending
3. Real collaboration with community groups — not token consultation

We support smart environmental upgrades and resilience — but they must be strategic, transparent, and community-led.

- Visit whangamataratepayers.org.nz
- Sign our petition for better planning
- Talk to your councillors — and ask: Where is Whangamatā's Spatial Plan?

If we want smarter infrastructure, protected green space, and better use of ratepayer money — we need to plan for it.

— Whangamata Ratepayers Assoc





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Whai Rugby League ready for action

If the rugby league muster held recently for Whangamatā's league teams is anything to go by, it's going to be a cracker of a 6-week season!

Whangamatā & Waihi News caught up with Daniel Paul, Club Captain, Coach and face of the Whai Rugby League Club, Whangamatā.

Two years ago the muster was 40. This year, according to Paul, the muster was 130 keen young league players. This makes for a few problems with jersey numbers and the like but is more than made up for by the energy and joy on display during the drills the various teams were put through.

The competition is a six week one, starting on the 16th August. There are 12 other clubs involved - Manaia, Mercury Bay, Tairua, Whangamatā, Waihi/Katikati, Katikati, Matamata, Paeroa, Ngatea Rugby and Sports, Ngatea Rugby League and Thames.

Each Club would have 6-10 teams.

Some of the team won't have played before, coming usually from a rugby background so the next couple of weeks will be partly involved in familiarising all with the various rule differences between the codes.

The season starts in Thames, with one of several Festival days spread over the six weeks. These festival days will be held at clubs with the capacity to hold such events, such as Thames, Mercury Bay, Ngatea and Paeroa.

Paul gave a big shout out to the committee, and to the volunteers who help to make things flow week after week.

Good luck to all the players and teams involved, get along to Thames to watch the season kick off - Go Whanga!

- Photos & story by Mark James





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The Comfort Kai meal is cooked by a regular group of amazing volunteers who plan, cook and serve delicious kai every week.



A massive shout out must go to our local community. Their donations of meat, fresh fish, seasonal vegetables and fruit help to create the weekly meal. Financial donations are also hugely appreciated.

A big thank you must go to the Whangamata Anglican Church who provide the venue and allow it to be transformed into a buzzing cafe for the evening.

Dinner is served between 5 and 5.30pm every Wednesday evening at Cornerstone, 101 Ocean Rd. Come and join us for a meal and a catch up. Check out the Eastern Coromandel Community Services Trust Facebook page for the weekly menu.

– Jess Morrison, ECCS



Artful Insights

Kia ora artists, friends, and supporters, Welcome to the latest update from the Whangamata Arts Collective.



It's been a season of exciting developments, collaborations, and community engagement, and we're thrilled to share what we've been working on—and what's coming next.

Upcoming Events & Exhibitions

Artists Monthly get-together
Saturday, 16 August, 9.30am to 2pm at Cornerstone House, Ocean Rd (behind Challenge Gas Station).

Let's connect, create and support each other's art journey. Join us for a relaxed monthly get-together where we share ideas, spark inspiration and work on your art in good company. Bring your current

project or just come along for the creative buzz.

You're welcome to drop in at any time. No charge.

Workshop: Phone Photography for Artists "Seeing Differently Through Your Lens"

Saturday, 23 August, 1-4pm.

This 3-hour workshop is designed to help artists use their phones as powerful creative tools. It covers artistic shooting techniques, creative prompts, and how to professionally photograph your own artwork using only a mobile device. Gail Stent is an experienced, international photographer & facilitator. This workshop will be filled with practical tips for enhancing photos without losing your artistic soul. Members \$40, non-members \$50.

Limited places. Register and pay at Whangamata Information Centre.

Workshop: Creative Writing Workshop Part 2

Our recent Writers Workshop was a fantastic success, with 15 enthusiastic participants diving into creative expression under the inspiring guidance of Anne Bradley. Anne's engaging and insightful facilitation created a vibrant space for storytelling and connection. We're thrilled to announce a follow-up session (Part 2) is in the works. Stay tuned for details!

Bookings essential once dates have been confirmed.

Spring Event: Art in Motion

Sunday, 19 October, 2pm to 5pm.
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in your style and come dressed as a piece of your favourite art, as an artist or create your own dress-up style. Prizes to be won, raffles to win. Tickets from Whangamata Information Centre from September!

Thanks again to our fantastic team of volunteers, committee members and sponsors who are always backing the creative sector. With your support and our great fundraising initiatives, we have purchased a container to store all the

Whangamata Arts Collective equipment that we need to put on all our annual events and exhibitions!

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Whangamata Harbour birds: The oystercatchers

Oystercatchers are, both visually and vocally, one of the more distinctive of our harbour's birdlife. Both the Variable species and the more common Pied species can be seen on our beaches, harbour and estuarine areas.

In earlier years the variable oystercatcher was known as the North Island Pied Oystercatcher (NIPO) and the South Island species as the SIPO.

Confusingly however, both species live and breed in both the North and South Islands. By far the great majority of Pied oystercatchers live and breed in the South Island (total NZ population about 90,000) and roughly equal numbers of Variable oystercatchers live and breed in the North and South Islands (about 3,000 in each). Due to hunting, both species were in serious decline by the early 1900's. They have increased significantly since they were protected in 1940 and are no longer considered threatened. Their Conservation Status is "protected endemic".

The Variable Oystercatcher is the species found living year round on our Whangamatā beaches and harbour areas. Its plumage is mostly entirely black but some individuals can have varying amounts of white feathering on their underparts and lower back. They are a bit bigger and heavier than their Pied cousins.



Variable Oystercatcher.

Photo by John Adams



Pied Oystercatcher.

Photo by Bevan Walker

Both species' distinctive red bill and orange-red eyes are stand-out features. At this time of year most of the local birds, numbering about 80, tend to flock together at their favoured high-tide roosting sites. They are joined at these sites by numbers of their "Pied" cousins, sometimes exceeding 100 individuals, that have migrated here to escape the colder southern winter. Although both species do not seem to mind roosting closely together, they do tend to cluster amongst their own.

The majority of local birds flock during the winter months, but some paired birds remain on their natal territories year round. Established pairs remain together from year to year. Each September with the commencement of the breeding

season, paired birds, old and new, will return to their natal areas and either reclaim their former nesting territories or form new ones close by. Their nests are similar to the NZ dotterels, being simple scrapes in the beach sands or gravels, just above spring-tide and wave surge reach. Usually 3-5 eggs are laid at intervals of 1 every 2 days. Both sexes incubate, with the female usually taking the daytime shifts while the male defends their territory from predators and other intruders. Such duties can involve distraction activities such as broken-wing displays in their attempts to lure potential predators away. A more aerial approach is used by some, with repeated swooping dives accompanied by loud alarm calls that can be quite scary to threatening predators as well as to

unsuspecting human intruders. On hatching, the downy chicks stay in the nest for 1-2 days and on leaving are fed by both parents for the next 3 weeks while learning to fossick for their own needs. The chicks fledge at around 40-50 days old. They remain close to their territories for the next couple of months before dispersing to join others at their winter flocking sites.

Oystercatchers' diet is mainly shellfish such as tuatua, pipi, muscles and cockles, worms, crabs, small fish and invertebrates. They open bivalve shellfish by stabbing and twisting their powerful bill between the two parts of the shell to open and expose the sought-after fleshy contents.

- John Adams

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Gearing up for grand final

A great start for our Whangamatā Junior Pennants Golf Teams who competed at Ngaruawahia on Sunday the 20th of July. The boys are currently sitting 5th & 7th out of 16 teams with a solid shot at both teams making top 4 for a place in the grand final!

Keep up the awesome work boys and good luck for your next two

events, we're very proud of you all.

Junior sessions are on every Wednesday at 3:30pm, and Sunday, 2pm, at the Williamson golf course. All welcome to sign up."

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Left to right: Lachie Ashford, Ryley Cunningham, Beau Rogers, Ryan Ellery, Curtis Price, Jesse Trebilco, Grayson Baker, Jack Martin, Mekhai Webb, Finn Foster and Junior Golf Manager: Michael Wickham. *Photo supplied.*

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An additional \$500 was also given to the Whangamata Cancer Support Group which meets on the 4th Monday of each month.

You may not be aware that the group has donated to many groups in the past, and they are always happy to receive suggestions of other groups they may not have heard of.

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- Jennie Black

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Football club hosts a stellar day of junior footy

Whangamatā Football Club was thrilled to host this year’s Mini-Kickers and Under 8s Tournament, and what a day it turned out to be. After a week of uncertain weather, the sun showed up in full force—just in time to dry the fields and light up the faces of more than 100 enthusiastic young footballers.

With teams travelling from all over the Thames Valley—Tairua, Hauraki Plains, Paeroa, Whenuakite, Te Rerenga, Mercury Bay, and Thames—it was a fantastic showcase of grassroots sport in action. Whangamatā proudly

fielded four teams, all of whom showed heart, hustle, and heaps of fun throughout the day. The spirit of the tournament wasn’t just about goals or wins, but about giving kids a great experience. From sideline cheers to shared oranges and post-game high-fives, the vibe was everything community sport should be. Our young players made us proud—not only with their skills but also their sportsmanship and teamwork.

A huge thank you goes out to the incredible network of parents, caregivers, and volunteers who

helped bring it all together. Whether it was setting up fields, running the sausage sizzle, or cheering from the sidelines, your energy and support created an atmosphere full of fun and encouragement.

Thanks to all the clubs who travelled to join us—we loved hosting you and hope to see you again next year. Days like these remind us what junior sport is all about: having fun, building friendships, and kicking a ball around in the sun.

- Carl Parry, Coach
Photos by Mark James,
Whangamatā News



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Awards of Excellence for SLSC NZ

Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) is proud to announce the winners of the Coromandel and Bay of Plenty Awards of Excellence. The 2024/25 winners were announced on 26 July at a function held at the Pāpāmoa Surf Lifesaving Club.

The annual Awards of Excellence recognise and celebrate the skill and commitment of surf lifeguards who make a meaningful contribution towards saving lives, developing great New Zealanders, and keeping beachgoers safer. That mahi not only includes the hours watching over people on our beaches, but also those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes training current and future surf lifeguards, managing administration, and coaching and participating in surf lifesaving sport.

Whangamatā and Onemana Surf Life Saving clubs had plenty to celebrate at the Coromandel/Bay of Plenty Surf Lifesaving Awards, with 17 club members named as finalists from Whangamatā and Onemana Surf Lifesaving Clubs.

Highlights with four major awards for Whangamata surf Life Saving Club included: Ella Toumadj, who has been recognised with the Examiner of the Year award. A well deserved honour that celebrates her dedication, professionalism, and impact in the lifesaving community. Examiners like Ella play a vital role in ensuring we have a strong and capable team of qualified lifeguards.

Holly Warden was awarded Coach's Commitment of the Year, recognising her dedication to her training and the wider team. Reflecting on the season, Holly said her standout moment was the final day of Nationals. "Even though the weather was miserable, it was still such a fun day with my teammates," she said. Holly is now focused on staying consistent through winter training and has her sights firmly set on a long-term goal earning a place in the New Zealand Black Fins squad.

Alyssa Tapper claimed the title of Under 19 Athlete of the Year, a reflection of her impressive performance, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the season. Alyssa continues to be a rising star nationally. Alyssa flies to Romania next week to compete in the World Junior Swimming Championships with the New Zealand team racing in the 200 and 400m freestyle where she hopes to put some great results in her first international competition. "As a nipper I have dreamed of competing at the highest level".

The evening's top honour, Overall Athlete of the Year, was awarded to Madison Kidd, who is already turning her focus to the global stage. Madison is competing at The World Games in China on the 8th and 9th of August, where she will compete in two events as one of just three Kiwis invited to attend. One of these events will be the 100m manikin tow with fins, where she is the previous World Record Holder after breaking this twice in 2024. No stranger to international competition, Madison has previously



Members of WSLSC who attended the awards ceremony: Tai Rimmer (Finalist Beach Education Instructor), Gavin Scott (President), Danielle Travers (Finalist Beach Education Instructor holding Alyssa Tapper award), Daniel Lewis (Finalist, U19 Lifeguard of the Year), Rachel Luke (Finalist SAR contribution holding Madison Kidds award), Nathan Hight (Life Member & National SLSNZ board member), Charlie Toumadj (Examiner of the Year), Alistair Luke (Sport Committee member).

represented the Black Fins at three World Championships. Her next big goal is to earn selection for the German Cup in 2025 and the 2026 World Championships in South Africa.

Adding to the club's list of international representatives, Milana Tapper is currently in Singapore making her debut for the New Zealand Aquafins. In her first outing for Swimming NZ as a senior athlete, Milana had a fantastic showing, placing 21st in the 100m freestyle event. It's a strong start for the promising young athlete as she gains valuable experience in elite international competition.

Club President Gavin Scott said, "We are incredibly proud of all our finalists and winners. Their success reflects not only their individual effort but also the strength and support of the Whangamatā Surf Lifesaving community."

Onemana Surf Lifesaving Club members picked up three awards at the awards function. Tayla Clark was awarded Coromandel Junior Surf Contribution of the Year, an award that recognises individuals who have made a significant positive impact on their club's Junior Surf program through dedication, role modelling, and promoting the wellbeing, health, and safety of young surf athletes. Tayla commented, "I absolutely love coordinating the Junior Surf programme at Onemana SLSC. Seeing the kids grow in confidence, make new friends, and have heaps of fun while learning water skills is what it's all about. I love being able to give back to a community that was such a big part of my childhood. If you're thinking about signing your kids up—do it! It's such an awesome programme that builds not just water safety but teamwork, and a real love for the ocean". Tayla's impact extends beyond the Junior Surf space, with her work as an examiner supporting members throughout their entire surf lifesaving journey, including the

lifeguard award. This contribution saw her recognised as a finalist for Coromandel Examiner of the Year.

Philip Marks was recognised as Coromandel Patrol Support of the Year, an award

that recognises an outstanding individual who has made a significant contribution to patrol operations through land-based support, demonstrating excellence in communication, first

aid, and safety, and playing a vital role in the overall effectiveness of the patrol team. Phil gained his Patrol Support award after years of being involved in the Onemana community, but since living in the community full time decided to take on a volunteer role in the club, contributing 118 hours this summer alone, alongside volunteering at the local Whangamata Community Pool twice a week.

Notably, Kevin Thorburn was awarded the prestigious Coromandel DHL Volunteer of the Year. This award recognises an outstanding member who has made a significant volunteer contribution to enhancing surf lifesaving within their local area over the season. Kevin is actively involved in both Onemana and Whangamatā Surf Lifesaving Clubs, serving as a Lifeguard, Rookie Instructor, Examiner, Committee Member, and Search and Rescue (SAR) Squad member, among many other roles. His contribution to surf lifesaving is both immense and immeasurable. Always willing to help wherever needed, Kevin is a supportive and dependable presence within the clubs. He consistently puts his hand up for any task and is especially known for taking new lifeguards under his wing, training and encouraging them to build their skills and confidence on patrol.

Club Captain Phoebe Havill said, "Well done to all our finalists and award winners. Being recognised across the Coromandel is a huge

achievement and a testament to the time and effort you dedicate to our local community. We are incredibly proud to have such amazing volunteers involved in our club."

For the Coromandel:

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- DHL U19 Surf Lifeguard of the Year
Toby Low, Tairua SLSC
- DHL Patrol Support of the Year
Philip Marks, Onemana SLSC
- NZ Lottery Grants Board Volunteer of the Year
Kevin Thorburn, Onemana SLSC
- Patrol Club of the Year
Hot Water Beach LS
- Overall Club of the Year
Waihi Beach LS

For the Bay of Plenty/Coromandel Sports Awards:

- Toyota Financial Services Coach of the Year
Cory Hutchings, Ōmanu Beach SLSC
- Toyota Financial Services Surf Sportsman of the Year
Madison Kidd, Whangamatā SLSC
- Aon Surf Sports Official of the Year
Joanne Miller, Pāpāmoa SLSC

Full list of Regional Service Award Recipients:

- Andrew Callaway, Pukehina SR
- Grant Mitchell, Mt Maunganui LS
- Jason Rive, Pukehina SR
- Joshua Russell, Pukehina SR
- Radleigh Cairns, Pāpāmoa SLSC
- Gabriella Hughes, Tairua SLSC
- Michael O'Neill, Mt Maunganui LS

Full list of Regional Distinguished Service Award Recipients:

- Donna Pfefferle, Waihi Beach LS
- Maddie Scown, Waihi Beach LS
- Poppy Crouch, Pāpāmoa SLSC
- Robynne Cabusao, Pāpāmoa SLSC

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Waihi NEWS

Hauraki Waka Ama strengthens safety commitment

Hauraki Waka Ama continues to grow as a thriving waka ama club, committed not only to excellence on the water but also to the wellbeing and safety of its paddlers. With a growing presence at regional and national events, the club has made safety a top priority both on the awa and out at sea.

Thanks to the generous support of OceanaGold, our club has been able

to take a significant step forward in ensuring the safety of every paddler, coach, and support crew involved in our activities. This sponsorship has allowed us to equip our whānau with a comprehensive range of essential safety gear, including VHF radios, replenished life jackets, PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) devices, dry bags, first aid kits, and other critical equipment.



In a sport that relies on teamwork, endurance, and the forces of moana, being prepared is non-negotiable. Whether we are navigating local harbours, training along the coastline, or racing across large bodies of water, the risk factors are real and our response must be positive and proactive. This new gear allows us to meet and exceed safety protocols and gives our members the confidence to train, learn new skills and compete knowing they are well-supported.

Our committee have also been working to promote strong safety practices into the culture of the club. Regular training on how to use emergency equipment, how to rectify a flip and get back in safely, improved communication systems, and dedicated safety roles during

events are now standard practice and an annual practice within our club. It's not just about having the gear, it's about knowing how to use it, staying alert to changing conditions, and working as a unified team.

The tautoko from OceanaGold has made it possible for Hauraki Waka Ama to lift our standard of care and responsibility. It's an investment that supports our paddlers' physical safety, builds trust within our club, and strengthens our ability to host and attend events with confidence.

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*- Rangipehi King,
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Waihi NEWS

Largest waters CCO in NZ now established

Seven Waikato councils have formally signed the Shareholders' Agreement for Waikato Waters Limited (WWL), marking the company's official incorporation as a joint council-controlled organisation (CCO). This makes Waikato Waters Ltd the largest joint CCO in New Zealand.

The new entity – jointly owned by Hauraki, Matamata Piako, Ōtorohanga, South Waikato, Waipā, Waitomo and Taupō District Councils – has been established to deliver safe, reliable, and sustainable drinking water and wastewater services across their communities in response to central Government's Local Water Done Well mandate.

The Shareholders' Agreement represents a historic step toward regional collaboration, ensuring water and waste water services are future proofed across the Waikato rural-provincial councils.

Guided by the vision Te Mana o Te Wai, Te Mana o Te Tangata – Healthy Water, Healthy People, Waikato Waters aims to create a financially sustainable, customer-focused, and environmentally responsible model for water service delivery. This is the culmination of two years of intensive work together to provide local



From left: Deputy Mayor Kevin Taylor – Taupō; Mayor Susan O'Regan – Waipā; Mayor John Robertson – Waitomo; Mayor Adrienne Wilcock – Matamata-Piako; Mayor Gary Petley – South Waikato; Mayor Max Baxter – Ōtorohanga; and Mayor Toby Adams – Hauraki.

confidence that WWL will meet local needs – current and future.

The Hon Simon Watts, Minister of Local Government congratulated the seven councils representing the largest grouping of territorial authorities within Local Water Done Well. In a letter to the Mayors of the

councils, the Minister acknowledged the "impressive achievement" and thanked Waikato Water Done Well for their "work and collective commitment to the delivery of safe, resilient, environmentally sound, financially sustainable water services for your communities."

Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams stated "We crunched the numbers and we're confident that this decision to form a Council Controlled Organisation with other councils in the Waikato catchment will give the economies of scale and service efficiencies we need for our communities going forward. Holistically, it's also the right approach for managing waterways as a whole in the Waikato."

The Minister also acknowledged the Waikato Iwi Chairs for their support in reaching this significant milestone.

The newly signed Shareholders' Agreement sets the framework for how Waikato Waters Limited will operate as a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO). An Establishment Board is expected to be appointed by the end of August.

This agreement represents an historic step toward regional collaboration, ensuring water services are future proofed and delivered to high standards.

For more information on Waikato Waters and the Shareholders' Agreement visit:
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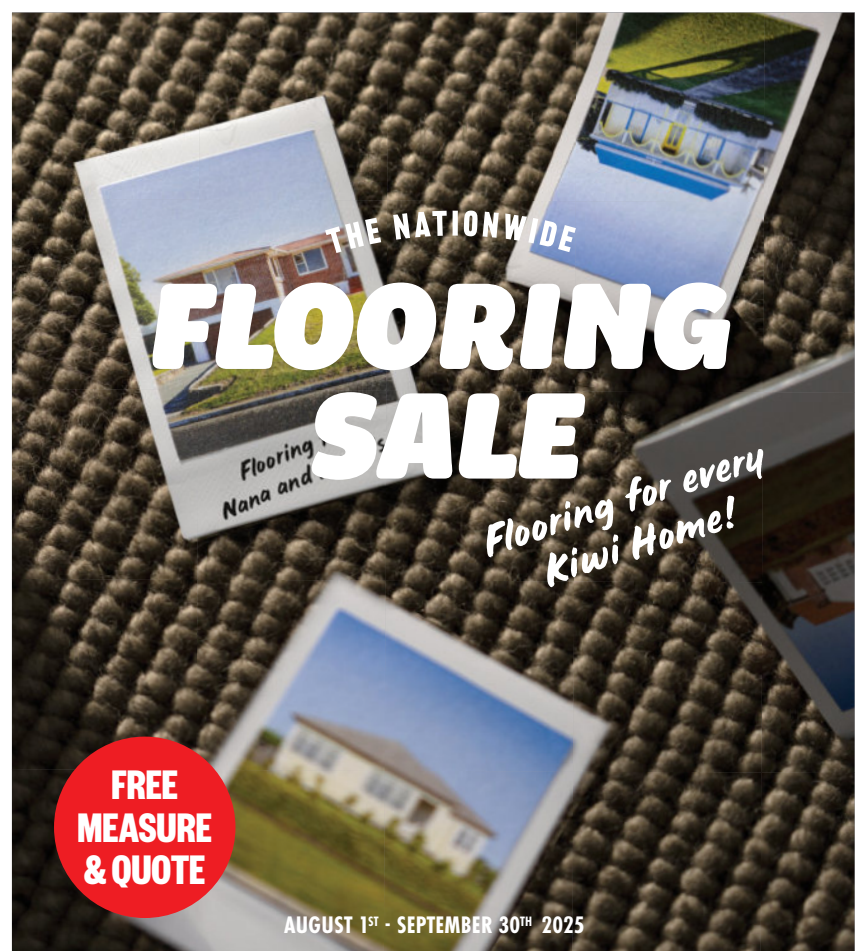
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Waihi NEWS

Daffodil Day at Lions Club

Daffodil Day is the annual fundraising event for the Cancer Society in New Zealand. It began 36 years ago. The late Robin Irvine together with Margaret Dowrick (a 92 year-old current Lion) took on the fundraising 30 years ago as part of the Waihi Pakiki Club, a group for the more mature Lions. All the Lions groups have now been absorbed into the Lions Club of Waihi. Over the past five years, \$20,000 has been raised for Daffodil Day through Waihi Lions and, of course, the wonderful community of Waihi and surrounding areas.

This year, the Cancer Society donated 1000 daffodil bulbs to Waihi Lions to be planted and the flowers sold on Daffodil Day.

They are now growing on a Lion member's farm and will be used for fundraising for many years to come. A dedicated team of just eight Lions managed to plant them all in an hour and then had a very well deserved cuppa!

On 29 August, you will find Lion volunteers outside Barrons Pharmacy (9am to 3pm), New World (9am to 5pm), and LJ Hookers in Waihi Beach (9am to 3pm) selling bunches of daffodils and other Daffodil Day goodies. Donation boxes will be in various shops in Waihi and Waihi Beach, so keep an eye out for them.

Lastly, the Lions Club of Waihi are proud to be celebrating their 60th anniversary in September.



Waihi Football: Solid results



All Senior Waihi Football Men's and Women's football sides continue their 2025 with good results.

The women's side compete in the top Waikato Division 1 which includes travel to Hamilton, Tokoroa and Te Awamutu.

Both the Senior Men's teams have qualified for the top 6 split, a great achievement.

The Waihi Division 2A side are currently tucked in third place with 23 points. They had a massive 3-0 win over league leaders Ngaruawahia on Saturday, 26 July, at Waihi College. First half goals from captain Amam Sandhu after 21 minutes and Richard James after 31 minutes set them on the

way. Konnah Sas sealed the result with a goal at the 70 minute mark. Both Richard James and Hamish Preddy were tireless for the Green n Golds. Impact player Ryan Trubshaw showed fine touches as he led the Waihi attacking line. Cheers to referee Peter Thom for keeping the game under control.

The Waihi ResiNation 4A side sit mid table and look to finish their season with more wins.

Cheers to Waihi Football for making this great sport available and using their humble resources to travel to Tokoroa, Putāruru and Hamilton to name a few places.

– Don Mackay, Waihi News Sports Reporter



Waihi Green n Golds v Ngaruawahia Waikato Division 2A.



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Waihi NEWS

Bridging the way to a more walkable Waihi Beach

Waihi Beach is getting a new shared path and pedestrian bridge, which will make it easier for people to walk or cycle into the town centre.

The new link will connect Wilson Road and Edinburgh Street, with a bridge across Two Mile Creek.

A boardwalk from the Wilson Road car park will lead to the bridge, which will then continue as a shared concrete path for walking and cycling on the other side.

The path will feature a kōwhaiwhai pattern depicting the mangōpare (hammerhead shark) - a symbol of strength and determination. The design, gifted by Te Whānau a Tauwhao, was selected from the wharehau at Otawhiwhi Marare, and will be sand-blasted into the concrete path. Acknowledging mana whenua and their connection to the area, the same kōwhaiwhai was gifted to Waihi Beach's new library and service centre, Te Ara Mātauranga, which was recently opened.

The land next to the shared path will remain in gravel for the time being, so it can be used for overflow public



car parking.

"This new connection will make it simpler and more enjoyable to get around Waihi Beach without needing to jump in the car. It's a great addition for both locals and visitors," says Council's Cycleways Manager Scott Parker.

"We're grateful to Te Whānau a Tauwhao for sharing this kōwhaiwhai with the community. It's a meaningful addition to the path and a way for everyone to walk with a deeper sense of place."

Initiated by the Waihi Beach Community Board, the project is included in the community board's Waihi Beach Town Centre Plan, reflecting a commitment to better access and making the town more pedestrian and cycle friendly. It is being funded through Council's Waihi Beach Structure Plan.

Work is expected to start this week and be finished by mid-September 2025, depending on the weather. During this time, part of the Wilson Road car park will be closed.

"There will be some noise and vibration while the piling is being done, but we're doing everything we can to keep disruption to a minimum - all work will take place during daylight hours, and we'll be keeping locals updated as things progress," say Scott.

Updates on the project can be found at yourplace.westernbay.govt.nz/Wilson-rd-link-bridge

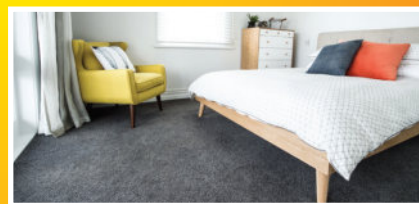
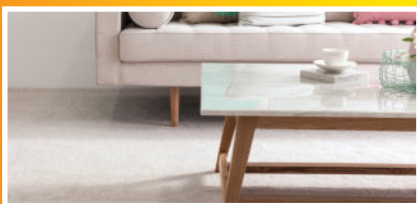
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Fibre fast forward: Chorus connects 59 new communities

Fifty-nine communities across New Zealand will soon have access to faster, more reliable broadband, following the completion of the country's largest fibre network expansion since the end of the Government's Ultra-Fast Broadband (UFB) programme in 2022.

The milestone was celebrated on Friday (25 July) at an event in Rotoiti, east of Rotorua, one of the newly connected communities, and marked the end of civil works for the \$40 million, Chorus-funded initiative. Spanning from Kerikeri in the Far North to Otatara in the Deep South, the project represents a major step forward in closing the digital divide between urban and non-urban Aotearoa.

"We're incredibly proud to have delivered fibre to these communities, many of which have waited a long time for access to fast, reliable broadband," says Chorus CEO Mark Aue.

As of 30 June, civil works have been completed to over 9,000 premises. Of these, 4,500 are now ready for service, with more than half having either already been connected or indicated an interest in being connected. Chorus expects these numbers to grow in the coming weeks, with the build now complete.

Aue says in Rotorua alone 10 new communities – or more than 1,800 new premises – now have access to fibre as a result of the initiative.

Rotorua Mayor Tania Tapsell, who attended Friday's completion event, says it's positive to see investment like this going into rural Rotorua and the wider region.

"Today digital connectivity is almost essential so it's great to see some of our rural communities now having greater options available to them. Increased connectivity means increased opportunities for growth and development for both individual households, as well as our community as a whole," says Tapsell.



Left to right: Rotorua Lakes Community Board Chair, Phill Thomass; Chorus GM of Network Operations, Marcus Wofinden; Ventia GM of Telecommunications NZ, Jo Crawford; Chorus GM of Frontier, Anna Mitchell; Rotorua Mayor, Tania Tapsell.

Residents and businesses in newly built areas can request fibre installations through their preferred internet service provider.

Regional Aotearoa embracing fibre as a digital lifeline

Aue says there has been a good response in the new fibre areas so far, and more households and businesses are expected to come online in the coming months, with the build complete and installations now available.

"Rural New Zealanders want and deserve the high-quality, dependable connectivity that fibre offers. Connectivity is not a luxury, it's how we live, work and thrive," says Aue.

"From online learning to remote work or telehealth appointments, this build shows the opportunities unlocked by fibre in places that have historically been underserved. At a time where core infrastructure is increasingly being lost in regional

New Zealand, we're trying to do the opposite and rebuild through digital capability."

"We're thrilled to see the early enthusiasm, especially in regional areas. It sends a clear message that there is strong demand, and communities are harnessing the power of fibre to shape their futures."

Taking fibre further

Last month, the Infrastructure Commission, Te Waihangā, endorsed the opportunity to extend fibre broadband from 87% to 95% of New Zealand. The Chorus proposal was included in the draft National Infrastructure Plan, recognising rural connectivity as a critical national issue and digital infrastructure as essential infrastructure, alongside roads and pipes.

Aue says Chorus is committed to partnering with Government and industry to explore innovative funding models that draw on both

public and private capital to extend fibre coverage even further.

"We're not stopping here. The next 8% of fibre coverage equates to around 160,000 premises across 1,000 communities. For an expected cost of \$2.7 billion, extending fibre to 95% of the country is projected to deliver over \$17 billion in economic benefits over the next decade – it's a no brainer.

"Our vision is for more New Zealanders, wherever they live, to have access to broadband connectivity that delivers reliable, scalable and future fit technology," he says.

"But we can't do it alone. This will require a collaborative approach between government and industry, as well as regulatory settings that enable long-term sustainability and investment certainty."

With government backing, Chorus could have spades in the ground and begin connecting new people, homes and businesses to fibre within a few months.

"We have a proven track record of delivering large-scale fibre rollouts on time and on budget.

"Now we need the Government to back this vision - providing the support and leadership required to take fibre further and make New Zealand a more connected, productive, and digitally inclusive nation, where no community is left behind."

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Customers can check whether their community is included the network expansion here: chorus.co.nz/residential/fibre-extension

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Tough build-up for Meads Cup defence

Tighthead Ted is back. After finishing up writing for the Valley THT was getting his pipe and slippers out for a nice quiet Heartland season when old mate Bart, of Bart's Rugby Photography talked him into putting pencil to paper for the Whangamatā & Waihi News, as it will save Bart having to take photos and write, as doing two things at once often makes old front rowers head's ache.



Under his eye: Kirk Ngatai lets a pass go as referee Stu Watt looks on.

Some joker once said to me that in the thespian world, a bad dress rehearsal leads to a great performance. Once ol' Tighthead realised that he wasn't getting lisped to and looked up the word 'thespian' it dawned on THT that if me beloved Swampies were actors getting ready for the big stage, things are right on track, despite a couple of thumpings. First the Ranfurly Shield loss to Tranaki 0-97, and Saturday's capitulation against the Waikato based NZ Harlequins 14-63. This means that come the 16th of August, the defence of the Meads Cup will start with a bang.

Seriously though, there are, in coaches speak, 'plenty of work-ons'. It also begs the question, is it worthwhile for Heartland unions to play against the professional sides? Matches with scorelines like that do no favours for either team, and seriously the chances of an upset are next to zero. Back last century it was bad enough between the divisions - The Swampies managed to snatch a win against Counties in 1988 (25-7), and gave the Natal

Sharks a nudge in 1994, going down 28-46. It was a different world pre professionalism, a young Carl Hoeft, doing a plumbing apprenticeship at the time, worked until mid-day before jumping into the Ford Cortina and heading off to mark a Springbok prop in the mud at Thames. But THT digresses - onto 2025 and the Swampies chances in this seasons Heartland Championship.

The lineout is yet to fire, as two new hookers are yet to get their radars synchronised with their lifters and jumpers. Being that the two hookers in the squad played flanker at club level this season, it's a big ask. Made even bigger when Chad Bracey is doing a bit of on-the-job training, being a midfield back just two short seasons ago. But if me old mates Joe, Harry and Matt have faith in the pair, then so does THT. Scrum too is struggling, but this more so an indication of the chasm between professional, and semi-professional unions, and Heartland unions. If the Valley come up against better scrums than they have in their first

two matches I'd be very surprised.

The back division is hard to judge as they've had very limited opportunities on attack. Defensively though, the mirror huggers have been pretty good - despite what the scorelines say. The defence across the board has been not too bad, solid tackles, good systems, but just a weight of possession that means the Valley are often running out of defenders, as opposed to missing tackles. The Harlequins in the first 20 minutes on Saturday racked up four tries with the Valley maybe having half a dozen phases of attack in total through this period. Masterful control of the pill by the visitors.

Pretty hard to predict the opening competition match, a replay of last season's Meads Cup final against Mid Canterbury - so get down to Kenny Street in Waihi, 16 August, and cheer the boys on as they start the 2025 campaign to retain the Meads Cup. See you there!

— Tighthead Ted

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Happy Hooker: Kenan Gillson leads a rare Valley attack.



Halfchance: Halfback Finley Davenport stretches the Harlequins defence.



Former Swampy: Harlequins prop Moses Mafi battles his way forward.



Winding up: Number eight Isaac Seiuli with ball in hand.



Former Swampy v2.0: Harlequin hooker Liam Gilheany-Black heading for try number two.

Tairua Troubadours

As a group, the Tairua Troubadours have given back to the Tairua Pauanui communities over \$236,000, of that \$100,000 went to Coromandel Rescue Helicopter, and it's only as a result of a community effort, from the cast and crew volunteering their time to the audience buying the tickets. Of course none of this could happen if it weren't for Jennie Turner writing the shows.

Ex-journo/columnist and now playwright Jennie said, 'We all win because I like writing the shows; the cast love performing, the audience enjoys watching and the recipients of the monies appreciate the donations. Plus it builds communities as everyone comes together.' Jennie is a trustee for Coromandel Rescue and the Tairua Troubadours have been associated with them since 2012.

We're just a bunch of amateurs from a small town, who don't take ourselves seriously. The Troubadours are a diverse group of people from a cross-section of the community, who come together for a couple of months, ranging in ages from 2 years to 82 constantly evolving as new people come and others go, although once a Troubadour - always a Troubadour. Jennie said, We have so much fun in rehearsals that we forget about the performances at the end.

The recent show, *The Four Seasons*



- A *Tairua Soap Opera*, had eight performances over two weeks and this year everything went smoothly, the only drama was on the stage, said Director Jennie. Every year we get more technical which often isn't a good thing, however the end result is the sound and experience for the audience is the best we can get it, all thanks to our 'techie desk' and our amazing musical director Gordon Winter.

The show was about friends reunited at a school reunion and agreeing to meet up each season at the Easter Country Club Hoedown, Fireman's Winter ball, A Spring Wedding and the Surf Club Summer Beach Hop. In between each scene were the hall cleaning comedy duo of Gina Easton and Rowena Burkinshaw.

- Tairua Troubadours

Troubadours wish to thank all the cast and crew who volunteered their time and those who bought tickets to the recent show *The Four Seasons - A Tairua Soap Opera*. This year we have \$18,000 to share.

• Coromandel Rescue Helicopter \$15,000

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Notice of 2025 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of the Whangamata Community Health Inc will be held on Tuesday, 12 August 2025 at 7 pm at the RSA, 324 Port Road, Whangamata.

Members of the public are welcome.

Maryanne Mellsop, Chairperson

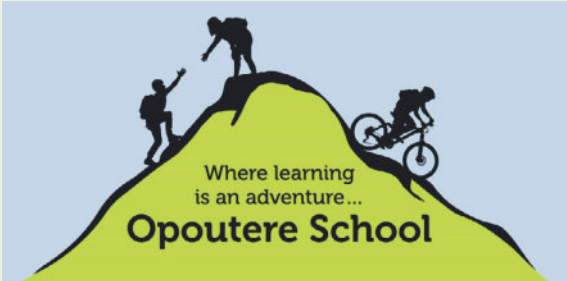
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AGM

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Business:

- Receive the President's report
- Receive reviewed Accounts and Balance Sheet
- Librarians' report
- Election of Officers
- Appoint Financial Reviewer
- Set the subscription for the following financial year
- Set the holiday subscription for the following financial year
- Set item rentals for the following financial year
- Other business

Notice is hereby given of two motions to be discussed at the meeting:-

- Adoption of updated Constitution - copies available at the Library
- Life Membership award

Jenny McLeod, Secretary



The Whangamata Volunteer Coastguard Inc.

Annual General Meeting

will be held on Thursday, 28 August 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Coastguard Operations Centre, 619 Beach Road, Whangamata

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Obituaries – Minutes silence
- 3 Minutes of the previous AGM
- 4 Matters Arising
- 5 Correspondence
- 6 President's Report
- 7 Annual accounts and Balance Sheet for last financial year
- 8 Constitution
- 9 Election of Officers
- 10 Appoint Reviewer of Accounts for coming year
- 11 Set Annual Subscriptions for coming year
- 12 Service Awards
- 13 Honorary Life Membership
- 14 General Business

SUPPER AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE MEETING

Pam Johnson
SECRETARY

Whangamatā Tides 2025

AUGUST 2025										
		New Moon: 23 rd					Full Moon: 9 th			
Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise
		AM		PM		AM		PM		set
8	Fri	5:46	1.7	18:26	1.8			11:56	0.4	07:09
9	Sat	6:36	1.7	19:11	1.8	0:27	0.5	12:43	0.4	07:08
10	Sun	7:25	1.8	19:56	1.9	1:14	0.4	13:28	0.3	07:07
11	Mon	8:12	1.8	20:40	1.9	2:01	0.3	14:14	0.3	07:05
12	Tue	8:59	1.9	21:25	2.0	2:47	0.3	15:00	0.2	07:04
13	Wed	9:46	1.9	22:11	2.0	3:33	0.2	15:48	0.2	07:03
14	Thu	10:34	1.9	22:59	2.0	4:20	0.2	16:36	0.3	07:02
15	Fri	11:25	1.9	23:48	1.9	5:08	0.2	17:28	0.3	07:01
16	Sat			12:19	1.8	5:59	0.2	18:22	0.4	06:59
17	Sun	0:40	1.9	13:17	1.8	6:52	0.3	19:21	0.4	06:58
18	Mon	1:37	1.8	14:19	1.8	7:49	0.3	20:23	0.5	06:57
19	Tue	2:37	1.8	15:23	1.8	8:49	0.3	21:27	0.5	06:56
20	Wed	3:41	1.7	16:25	1.8	9:52	0.3	22:31	0.5	06:54
21	Thu	4:44	1.7	17:24	1.8	10:53	0.3	23:31	0.4	06:53
22	Fri	5:45	1.7	18:19	1.9					06:52
23	Sat	6:41	1.8	19:09	1.9	0:27	0.4	12:43	0.3	06:50
24	Sun	7:32	1.8	19:56	1.9	1:18	0.3	13:32	0.3	06:49
25	Mon	8:19	1.8	20:39	1.9	2:05	0.3	14:18	0.3	06:48
26	Tue	9:03	1.8	21:20	1.9	2:49	0.3	15:01	0.3	06:46
27	Wed	9:44	1.8	22:00	1.8	3:31	0.3	15:43	0.4	06:45
28	Thu	10:25	1.8	22:38	1.8	4:11	0.3	16:24	0.4	06:43
29	Fri	11:05	1.7	23:17	1.7	4:49	0.4	17:05	0.5	06:42
30	Sat	11:47	1.7			5:29	0.4	17:48	0.5	06:41
31	Sun		1.7	12:33	1.6	6:10	0.5	18:34	0.6	06:39

SEPTEMBER 2025										
		New Moon: 22 nd					Full Moon: 8 th			
Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise
		AM		PM		AM		PM		set
1	Mon	0:42	1.6	13:23	1.6	6:55	0.5	19:24	0.6	06:38
2	Tue	1:31	1.6	14:18	1.6	7:44	0.5	20:18	0.6	06:36
3	Wed	2:24	1.6	15:14	1.6	8:38	0.5	21:14	0.6	06:35
4	Thu	3:21	1.6	16:09	1.6	9:34	0.5	22:10	0.6	06:33
5	Fri	4:19	1.6	17:01	1.7	10:29	0.5	23:04	0.5	06:32
6	Sat	5:15	1.7	17:51	1.8	11:22	0.4			06:30
7	Sun	6:08	1.7	18:38	1.9		0.4	12:12	0.3	06:29

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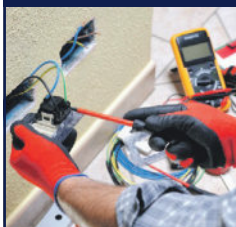
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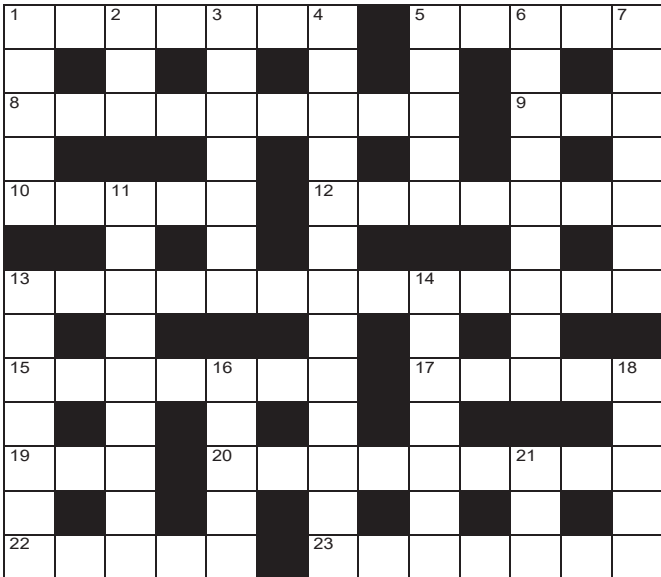
We specialise in

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

BUSINESS FRANCHISE FOR SALE

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

QUICK CROSSWORD



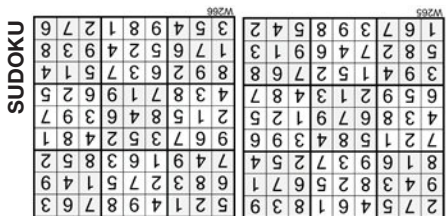
- Across**

 - Support (7)
 - Material used on bow strings (5)
 - Compensation (9)
 - Pompous fool (3)
 - Smile contemptuously (5)
 - Median (7)
 - Treachery (6-7)
 - Late (7)
 - Stiff (5)
 - Generation (3)
 - Global (9)
 - Access (5)
 - Climbing frame (7)
- Down**

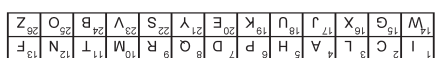
 - Extreme happiness (5)
 - Fish (3)
 - Unethical (7)
 - Suffer in a stoical manner (4,3,4,2)
 - Verse (5)
 - Ocean-going (9)
 - Savings (4,3)
 - In high spirits (9)
 - Bishop's territory (7)
 - Shorten (text) (7)
 - Frumpy (5)
 - Apparel (5)
 - Sick (3)

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SOLUTIONS



DECODER



CRYPTIC

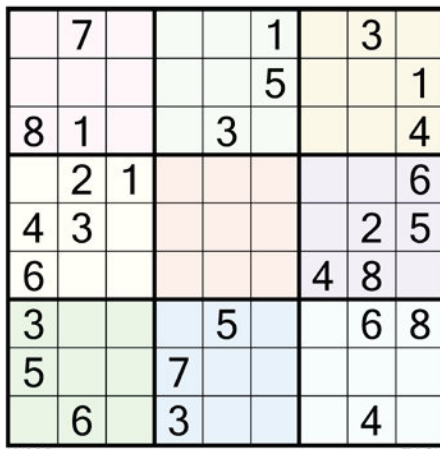
- Across:** 1 & 10. Took to the cleaners, 6. Cog, 8. Latin American, 9. Neil, 12. Creeps, 13. Okapi, 16. Sugar bag, 18. Peep, 21. Cocktail stick, 22. Who, 23. Forsythia.
- Down:** 1. Talon, 2. Outline, 3. Tank, 4. Turnoff, 5. Earmarks, 6. Cache, 7. Genuses, 11. Aperitif, 12. Cash cow, 14. Peevish, 15. Rapier, 17. Gecko, 19. Pukka, 20. Espy.

CROSSWORD

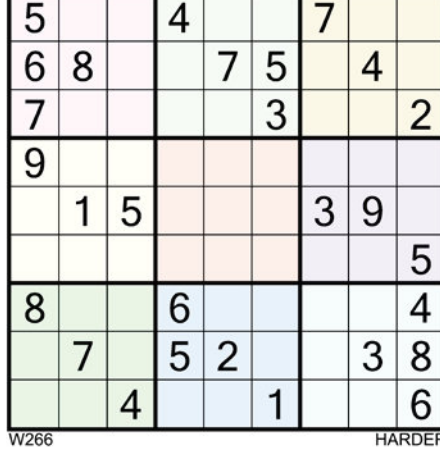
- Across:** 1. Backing, 5. Rosin, 8. Indemnity, 9. Ass, 10. Sneer, 12. Average, 13. Double-dealing, 15. Overdue, 17. Rigid, 19. Era, 20. Worldwide, 22. Entry, 23. Trellis.
- Down:** 1. Bliss, 2. Cod, 3. Immoral, 4. Grin and bear it, 5. Rhyme, 6. Seafaring, 7. Nest egg, 11. Exuberant, 13. Diocese, 14. Abridge, 16. Dowdy, 18. Dress, 21. Ill.

SUDOKU

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



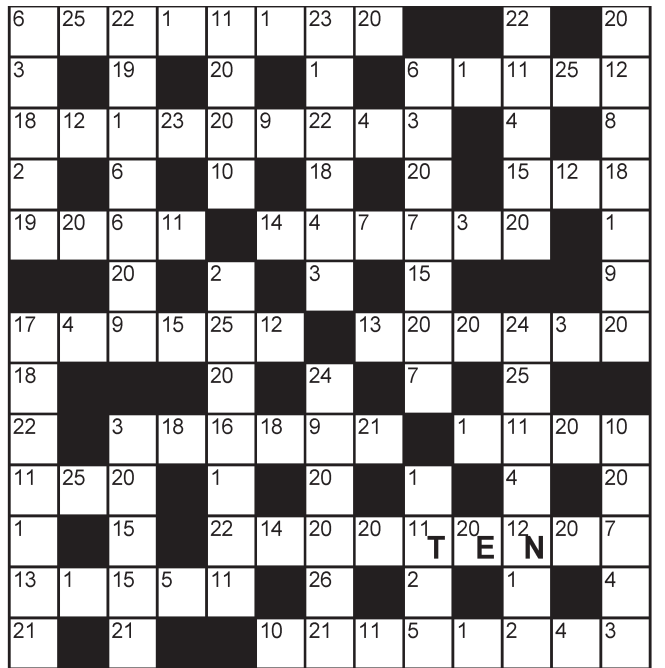
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W266 HARDER

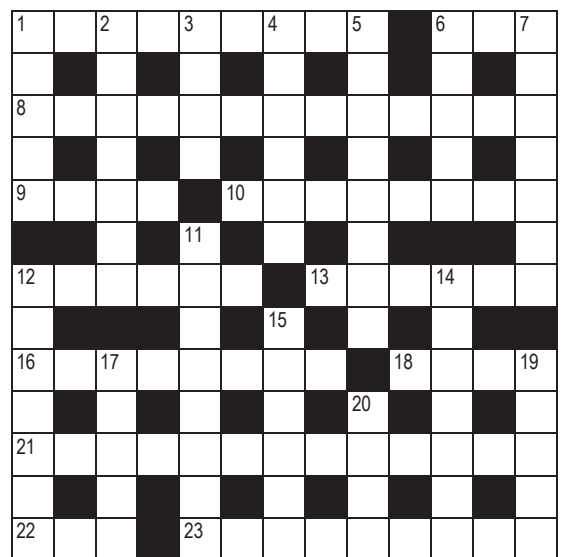
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Each number below represents a different letter. Find the correct letter for each number by working out the word from the letters given. To keep track, cross the letters off on the grid below.



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- Across**
- Removed the shirt off my back for the laundry (4,2,3,8)
 - "Tooth found in gear" (3)
 - US type creates clarinet mania (5,8)
 - Sounds like he prays a lot? (4)
 - See 1
 - Sneaks around and gives you them (6)
 - Mistook a pistol hiding with the animals (6)
 - Sweet container for the sack (5,3)
 - Look both ways, Bo (4)
 - You created a stir with the rooster feather, Rod (8,5)
 - Doctor to remain nameless (3)
- Down**
- What a bird has to come to grips with (5)
 - Touch roughly (7)
 - Army transport for violent prisoners (4)
 - Ruckus caused multitude to die out (6)
 - Caused by clippers, as a gentle reminder? (8)
 - Hidden money by the sound of it (5)
 - Seen Gus about the scientific types (7)
 - It may have 21 (8)
 - No sundries in sandwich courses but a money spinner all the same (4,3)
 - You may get ill-tempered about sheep, Vi (7)
 - Shot fairy in the bush (9)



- 15.** A sword the artist found on the wharf (6)
17. No panic for peacocking lizard (5)
19. Quiet English weekend a good thing for the naked chef (5)
20. See the oriental agent (4)

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