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Get more nurses and midwives in our hospitals

Each day the repercussions of the Government's loose spending policies are making the lives of Kiwis harder. Inflation is at a thirty year high and is impacting all sectors, but people are feeling it most at the petrol pump and at the supermarket. The belated response by the Reserve Bank has resulted in rising interest rates, which will have a massive impact on homeowners and potential first-time buyers.

It's no surprise that consumer confidence is at its lowest level since 1988. Put simply, New Zealand is headed in the wrong direction under Labour

We're also seeing a nation-wide shortage of workers, which has left many businesses unable to hire employees and maintain basic staffing levels. Most critical is the dire staffing shortage in the health system. Our health workers do a tremendous job, but they have been stretched too thin. Anyone who has had to visit a hospital would not be surprised to find out New Zealand is short around 4,000 nurses.

We can't train our way out of this

mess any time soon. We need to do more now to attract nurses and midwives to New Zealand. Both nurses and midwives are on Australia's priority skills list but they aren't on New Zealand's list. If Australia offers them the certainty of immediate residency, why would they choose to come here when they have to wait two years before they are even eligible to apply?

National has launched a petition imploring the Government to immediately add nurses and midwives to the fast-track, straight to residence list, start the fast-track process immediately and ensure the process of gaining residence is complete within three months of application. You can sign the petition at www.national.org.nz/fast-track-more-nurses-and-midwives

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Abortion law

Following a judicial decision on abortion law in the USA, much discussion has ensued in global news services. The decision has reopened emotive debate with some extreme views adding unnecessary animosity from all sides of this contentious issue. Here in NZ we have had some factions mischievously seeking political advantage from the expressions of some personal views on the matter.

When our Parliament was considering and voting on our own abortion law, party politics were quite correctly set aside to clear the way for a conscience vote.

Conscience should always be to the fore whenever this subject is discussed. A deeply personal issue such as abortion should not have protagonists from both sides condemning or forcing their views onto others.

Our own laws provide for choice

and women who find themselves in this unenviable position need to be counselled and supported as they wrestle with their own beliefs, their circumstances and the enormity of their decision. The lucky ones will have their families to support and guide them as they examine their own personal values and their circumstances.

George Williams
WHANGAMATĀ

Digital Monitoring Device

What is the point of having a Digital Monitor Device fixed to a stand costing thousands of dollars and probably about as effective as a sign in the window saying 'Google it asshole'.

The statement from Council is as ludicrous as the above and the people 'running our Council'... fail.

A Fryer



Fire report

The last couple of months have been busy for our brigade.

During May, the constant strong winds caused several trees to fall requiring clearing and, with the large amount of rain since then, there is potential for more trees and slips to occur. Care is needed while travelling local roads and around vegetation as a result.

June calls have been steady with a run last week of a call a day and on Saturday we attended four separate calls.

Sunday and Monday continued with a call a day. The type of calls consisted of:

Weather events	5
Medicals	11
Container fire.....	1
Commercial alarm activation ...	4
Motor vehicle incidents	2

A big effort from members with the effects of work and family commitments along with constant flus and bugs

affecting available personal.

There are a few changes lately with our siren being silenced at night as it was impacting on some residents. We are still being notified by pager and through mobile phones so our response stays the same.

Serious medical calls automatically attach our appliances allowing a dual response from St Johns and Fire and Emergency NZ.

If one of our brigade members is in close proximity to the incident address they may attend in person. They will identify themselves and promptly begin patient care while further resources are on route.

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- CFO Nigel Airey



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Bring a friend to Nourish open day



Whangamatā News caught up with Sharyn Gallichan of Nourish, wanting to know more about the upcoming open day on 16 July.

Sharyn is the face of Nourish and has been operating in Whangamatā for over 25 years. She began with massage and running a few classes, as she wanted to help people to help themselves move away from stress and pain, towards well-being.

She also has a team of fantastic massage therapists.

Nourish Massage, Yoga & Pilates Studio is excited to announce the revamping of the studio and the welcoming of new teachers and classes. They will be ready to greet all interested members of the community with an open day on Saturday, 16 July, offering an introduction to a range of different classes from 8am to 4pm.

The studio also encourages other teachers and members of the public to hire the studio space from time to time and run their own events.

Together, they aim to offer classes and a sense of community to assist each individual in maintaining and improving personal health and a sense of well-being, mind and body.

Head along and meet the teachers on the day: Sharyn Gallichan, Emma Scott, Soreya James, Lynda Evans,

Ingrid Thomson and Erika Seddin. Collectively they share over 100 years of experience.

Increase your energy, positive focus, strength and mobility. Breathe... decrease stress, tension and pain, meet wonderful new people and make new friends.

You will find the studio at 429 Port Road (above the pharmacy).

All eight mini workshops on the day are on a donation basis, with the proceeds going to Comfort Kai.

Comfort Kai is a wonderful community support group which comes under the umbrella of Eastern Coromandel Community Services (formerly Whangamatā Community Trust). Every Wednesday they organise a two or three-course dinner in a restaurant setting - for anyone in the community doing it tough or just wanting connection from loneliness. It's held at the Whangamatā Anglican Church.

Best text Sharyn on 021 417 112 to secure your placement for the open day, you can be a total novice, know nothing about yoga, but enjoy the incredible atmosphere of calm.

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Support local A2 Milk – made here in Whanga

Whangamatā News recently came across a fantastic idea at The Foodmarket. At the rear of the store we met a family filling a dispenser of fresh A2 organic cow milk.

I had to buy a couple of bottles straight away. No sooner in the car, I tried it, unbelievably delicious and creamy, not reconstituted like most major brands.

And even better, the old fashioned glass bottles for refilling after purchase. You can even bring in your washed plastic bottles and refill that way.

A clever timer fills it exactly and, before I knew it, there was a small queue behind me, equally fascinated.

I had to find out more, so looking at The Little Dairy Company website, I found it is produced in the farmlands of Opoutere Valley. Right here in Whangamatā surrounds.

Here are some great facts you should familiarise yourself with:

The farm has a herd of 100 cows, who graze the green pastures of the Wharekawa Valley.

The cows are pure-bred holstein friesians and are all certified A2.

The herd has a very high breeding worth (genetics), and is in the top 10% in New Zealand.

The farm is semi-organic, stubborn infections are treated with penicillin and only when necessary.

The farm is big enough to be considered a low 'stock ratio' and small enough for a short stroll for the girls to the cow shed.

Isn't that fantastic?

Thijs van Leeuwen told Whangamatā News: "It is fresh quality milk made locally for locals. It tastes better, it is better for you, and it only has to travel 10km and in environmentally friendly in glass reusable bottles, and you can't get a lower carbon footprint than that."

Parents Pieter and Sabina van Leeuwen have been farming in Whangamatā for 22 years now. They are the dairy farmers and built the dairy factory on the farm.

Van Leeuwen also told us "The cows enjoy a good life on the small, mostly flat farm, along the Wharekawa river. They have loads of shade and don't need to walk far to the cow shed, they are well looked after healthy cows."

It was then that son and daughter in law Lisa and Thijs set up The Little Dairy Company to take the milk and cheese to market.

Thijs tells us "Over summer we spend a few days at summer markets to sell their Coromandel Cheese range. Made by Pieter and with fresh Kawakawa picked by



Lisa, Beau and Thijs van Leeuwen bringing fresh milk to Whangamatā.

Sabina at Onemana beach.

Sabina has made yoghurt for decades and has perfected this, to be better than any of the yoghurts in the shop, hands down!

The family started with cheese and recently moved into pasteurised milk. Keep an eye out for Kwark – a yoghurt like cheese.

They all grew up with it in Holland and hope that Kiwis will catch on

to it, as it is a delicious and keto alternative to yoghurt.

"A lot of blood sweat and tears have gone into building the factory, getting the necessary MPI approval and keeping up compliance," Thijs tells us.

When asked more about the milk, we learned it has had the A1 protein bred out of the herd, and hence the milk does not have the nasties that 'normal' milk contains. The milk is pasteurised to guarantee that it is safe to drink. The milk is non-homogenised hence it can do with a shake before you pour.

Their VISION is to bring good quality, fresh local produce at great value for everyone to afford.

The family are selling this delicious milk and now also the cheese at the Whangamata Food Market, who have kindly helped them to keep the price low.

So, in essence, readers, we should support this initiative, fresh, affordable and local. Cafés and dairies are welcome to sell their organic A2 milk, simply contact Lisa on 021 0289 6672.

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I urge you to try it. The milk is full cream – if you prefer trim, just decant the cream from the top.

- Jennie Black



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CANDIDATE INFORMATION BRIEFINGS

<p>SATURDAY, 9 JULY 2022</p> <p>WHANGAMATĀ 10:00am - 12:00pm Council Office, 620 Port Rd</p> <p>TAIRUA 1:30pm - 3:30pm St Francis House, 248 Main Rd</p> <p>WHITIANGA 5:00pm - 7:00pm Council Office (rear of building), 10 Monk St</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 10 JULY 2022</p> <p>COROMANDEL TOWN 10:00am - 12:00pm Council Office, 355 Kapanga Rd</p> <p>THAMES 2:00pm - 4:00pm War Memorial Civic Centre, 200 Mary St</p>
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NOMINATIONS OPEN Friday, 15 July 2022

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 12 pm on Friday, 12 August 2022

To find out more visit:

tcdc.govt.nz/election

waikatoregion.govt.nz/elections




Comfort Kai reaches a milestone

It has been a year since Comfort Kai opened its restaurant to provide free community meals.

In that time, Comfort Kai has provided thousands of delicious home-cooked meals, and Wednesday evenings see a stream of friendly people heading into Cornerstone House, transformed for the night into a restaurant complete with table cloths and fresh flowers. In this happy atmosphere, birthdays from eight to eighty have been celebrated.

This year has been a particularly tough one for many people; Covid and the rising cost of living have hit hard.

Comfort Kai is not only about kai but also about connection, conversation and friendship. It is a great place to meet new people and to get to know your community better.

Everyone is welcome, and regulars are often joined by walk-ins. Comfort Kai also provides take-out meals for those who can't make it to the restaurant; they can be collected from Cornerstone House between 5pm and 5.30pm. People can also be picked up from their homes to join us.

Comfort Kai is supported by the Whangamatā community with donated food, money, and seasonal

produce. New World has a community food box that welcomes donations of food. This provides the basis of a wonderful selection of tasty meals. Food can be dropped into Eastern Coromandel Community Services, formerly Whangamatā Community Trust.

Support also comes from the happy group of volunteers who turn up regularly on Wednesdays to plan, create and serve a feast.

Big ups to the Whangamatā community who have supported them, to the Anglican Church for the use of Cornerstone House and to the volunteers who make it all work.

Turn up and join them on Wednesdays. Dinner is served from 5.00 to 5.30pm, or contact Community Services on 07 865 7065 if you would like to collect a take out meal or have one delivered.



Poet's Corner

I wandered lonely as a cloud,
But then I hit a hill,
A moment so upsetting,
That my tears began to spill.

Those tears turned into a deluge,
Which caused the land to slip,
Leaving many motorists,
A rather lengthy trip.

So when next you see a cloud,
Floating care-free through the sky,
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- By the "Old Pirate of Onemana"

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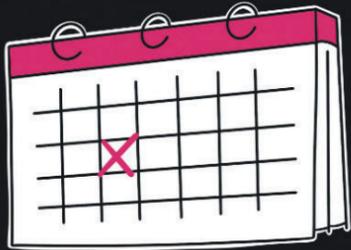
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OBITUARY

'Just a great fella'

Thomas William Grant (Jock)

Born in Scotland 1931 - Whangamatā, Sunday, 26 June 2022.
Emigrated to New Zealand from Scotland in 1961.

Whangamatā News met with his two children Mandy Robinson and Clive Grant at the RSA, where we were told of a life of volunteering and giving.

Jock and his wife Irene moved to Ohui at McGregor's Farm at Whangamatā in 1982 for seven years where his community work started before they moved into town.

Volunteer work continued after the move from the farm, and then he joined the Lions Club, as his main group of community focus, he would always get the task done properly. "By hell or high water, everyone had to follow Jock's rules," Mandy tells us.

Jock was instrumental in planning and applying for finding essential funding to have our Memorial Hall built, using Lotto grants and being a custodian for some time.

And only recently did the bleachers for Ron McQuarters' concert with the Te Aroha Community Choir.

Jock was on the board at Moana House for 16 years, then became the Chairman and later the Patron and still is today. Clive told us that he and Irene assisted with many volunteers the creation of the original Moana House Op Shop in central Port Road.

He also helped do all the planning and consents for Wilson Gardens,



and the build of two units opposite Waireka Place, selling them off to fundraise for Moana House.

Both parents also created a care and craft group for the elderly to have a respite day outing with a hot cup of soup whilst knitting, doing puzzles and using busy fingers.

"As soon as he touched New Zealand soil, he was a giver all his life," says Mandy.

He also organised the New Zealand Blood Service visits to Whangamatā and gained a certificate of appreciation, also starting the Whangamatā group of the Hearing Association and as President enabling locals to have hearing tests.

Mandy and Clive also told me Jock organised the Hamilton to Whangamata Lions annual bike ride. "Yes, by push bike, for six years - that was his thing."

Jock's passion was soccer - being President of the Te Atatu Soccer Club in Auckland for 16 years as a player, coach, manager and a life member. He also enjoyed fishing, singing with the 'Whangamatā Singers', loving a whistle and a yodel along the way.

Mandy told a tale of Jock attending his grand children's soccer game in Whangamatā some years back, he thought it right to tell the referee off and for his interference and being a stickler for rules he received a 'red card'. Love the memories.

The life of giving but always making time for his children on Sundays.

Jock became a commercial cleaner and manager when he came to New Zealand. In Scotland, he was a loom engineer at the wool mills then completed a five year stint as a military policeman for the air force, before doing window cleaning.

With great support from Mandy and Dean, Jock lived independently until last month.

"He chose not to be in the limelight and absolutely disliked having his photo taken," says Mandy.

And yet 'a life of giving' and 'just a great fella'.

- Jennie Black

Jock Grant joined Whangamata Lions Club on 28 April, 1983, and was a Lion for 39 years.

Committees served on:

Youth, Public Relations, Health & Welfare, Projects, Finance, Publicity, Entertainment, Membership, Ways & Means, Board member 2006 - 2011.

Offices held:

1985 - 3rd Vice President, 1986 - 2nd VP, 1987 1st VP, 1988 President.

1988 - Immediate Past President (IPP) and Zone 9 Chairman.

1993 - 2nd VP.

1997 - 2nd VP, 1998 - 1st VP, 1999 - President.

2000 - IPP.

2005 - District 202A Convention Chairman.

2015 - President for the 3rd time.

2016 - IPP.

19/10/2020 - at 89 years of age stepped up to interim President to finish the year.

- Chris Brown, President Whangamata Lions Club (29753)

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In **STRAWBERRY MOON**, we meet Cody Wallace, a young death row inmate only three hours away from execution.

The **SPARRING PARTNERS** are the Malloy brothers, Kirk and Rusty, who inherited a once prosperous firm when its founder, their father was sent to prison and are now running it into the ground.

AVAILABLE FROM WHANGA BOOKS

Whanga Garden Club blooms enmasse

The Whangamata Garden Club held their AGM and annual prize-giving on 21 June at the Baptist Church Hall.

Despite Covid and winter ails, the club had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed a shared lunch.

Elections saw Dianne Trembath back in the chair as President, Annie Lechner as Vice President, Jan Collins as secretary and Judy Kenealy as treasurer.

Committee members are Liz Claridge, Gael Elliot, Jude Eades, Faye Cox and Chris Emmerson.



Competitions are held at each monthly meeting with points awarded to the various category winners.

Errin Roigard was the overall winner for the year and Irene Tyler was the runner-up.



Catherine Kidd won the rose show trophy, Faye Cox the camellia show trophy and Marilyn Fowlie the

dahlia trophy.

Congratulations to all the winners during the year. Well done.



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From Coastguard Rescue Vessel crew and shore crew to governance positions, Units across Aotearoa are looking for fresh faces to add new expertise, experience and passion – all in the name of saving lives at sea.

In particular, Coastguard Whangamatā is seeking two new shore-based volunteers to become unit safety officer and unit training coordinator.

To recognise National Volunteer Week, Coastguard has launched a dedicated volunteer website which celebrates the role that Coastguard volunteers play – on and off the water – with videos, bios and interviews to give you an insight into what volunteering with Coastguard is like.

The website is also a one-

stop shop to search through all vacancies and apply to join our whānau.

Coastguard NZ CEO Callum Gillespie encourages people from all walks of life to volunteer for Coastguard.

“Volunteers are the lifeblood of Coastguard. From the volunteers who brave the wind and rain to save lives to those on shore who ensure finances are kept up-to-date and training modules are complete – every one of our 2,000 volunteers make a difference in their community,” he said.

“We are delighted to welcome a new wave of volunteers – bringing courage, care and commitment to support their units in continuing to serve their communities with pride and distinction on the water and in the air.”

If you would like to learn more about the various volunteering vacancies across Aotearoa, check out our volunteering website: volunteers.coastguard.nz

Moana House recognise NZ Volunteers Week, and needs help

Whangamatā News had the privilege of attending a Moana House morning tea of thanks for their faithful.

General Manager Vivian Blake explains the morning tea is a “huge call-out to all our volunteers that have been so helpful to us this year. St John has really given us a significant amount of support this year and should be recognised for making commitment Monday through to Friday, to give us two hours a day, in particular entertaining our residents, taking them for walks and chatting away. With Covid, life can be quite lonely. Mental wellness is most important.”

Meals on Wheels are to be recognised later this year.

“The residents have made a lovely gift bag today for each volunteer, including bookmarks, lavender bags, cards and a voucher to Chill Cafe for coffee and a muffin.”

People have been very kind in responding to the call to assist the Moana House team. They couldn't get by without the volunteers – their registered nurses are leaving, across the whole of the aged care sector, offered more money across DHBs.



Finally, Moana House now has immigration accreditation, so they can interview nurses from Fiji this month. Even though they are qualified nurses, they practise here as Level 4 Caregivers.

Whangamatā is a destination and a Charitable Trust, so it's about finding accommodation for nurses/caregivers – can anyone help?

“Without our volunteers, we could not do what we do here at Moana House, covid has been an extremely stressful time for them and more particularly the residents.” says Blake. They ask “where is my friend?”

With 60% of their nurses leaving elsewhere, we need your help.

- Jennie Black

Readers, can you help? Let's help keep them occupied and happy.

Contact Moana House if you can commit to help our aged. Any idea is a good one for Vivian Blake. Phone the office on 07 865 9643.



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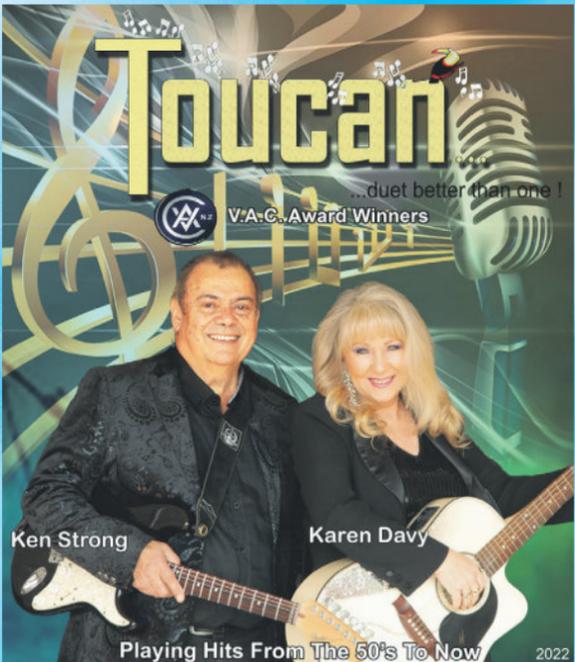


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Arts Collective Mid-Winter Mingle

The Whangamatā Arts Collective Committee, once again led by super enthusiastic chairperson, Graeme Smith, is hoping for a year of uninterrupted creative events.

Coming up is the popular Mid-Winter Mingle on Sunday August 7, 2022, from 1pm to 5pm at Whangamatā Club restaurant. This

will burst your winter blues with a lively afternoon of amazing art, live music, delicious canapés and mulled wine.

Exhibiting for the first time at the Mid Winter Mingle are three younger artists, bringing freshness and vitality into the mix. They are Kelly Martin, Lara Gay and Jess Morrison.



From left: Artists Kelly Martin, Lara Guy and Jess Morrison.

Kelly Martin, Ngāti Korokoro, Ngāpuhi, is a newly elected Arts Collective Executive Committee Member. She is taking on the role of Media Coordinator, as Lynne Robinson takes a break from this role. She has extensive experience in aspects of public relations and event management and is currently working at TCDC.

Regarding her own art, Kelly is currently exploring mixed media, and enjoys working in various art mediums.

Jess Morrison is from Cornwall, England, coming to New Zealand in 2019. During Covid, with the offer of a friend's bach, she and her 3-month-old twins came to live in Whangamatā.

She works at the Community Services in Whangamatā and loves being a part of helping the Whangamatā community.

As an artist, Jess enjoys painting with acrylics in a style that is "vibrant, contemporary, sometimes abstract, often blue!" Jess is drawn to coastal themes; Whangamatā provides her with vivid inspiration and she also likes to bring some of her Cornish background into these paintings and prints.

You can follow Jess on Instagram: @nukubay.

Lara Guy is from France, where she went to art school, from a young age.

"Coming from the French Alps, I grew a big interest in the ocean. I decided to go to Aotearoa to realise a photography project for the "beaux art school". But the pandemic outbreak traced a different path. Soon after founding myself "stuck" here, I realised that I have found my balance. My environment fills me with creativity and so I can create my life. Now, living at the ocean, Whangamatā is home."

Lara works in watercolour, gouache, graphite, lino cut prints and oil paint and enjoys pushing artistic boundaries.

You can see more of Lara's art on her website: Laragay-art.com

Join us at the Mid-Winter Mingle to enjoy the work of these young artists and the hugely talented group of artists within the Arts Collective.

Tickets (only \$25) for the Mid Winter Mingle are available from the Whangamata Information Centre.

- Lynne Robinson



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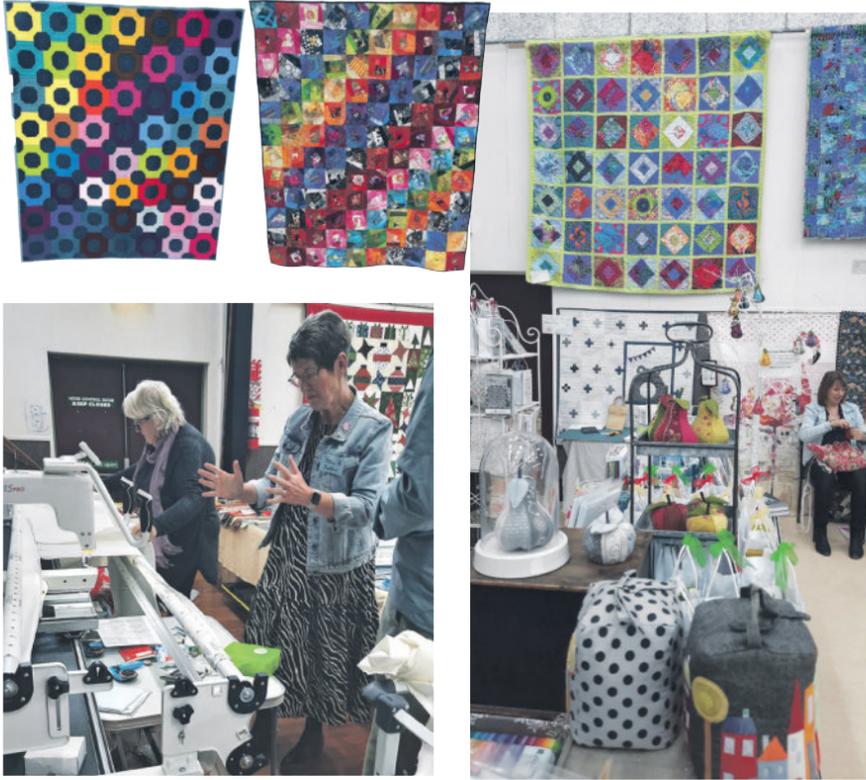
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Opoutere Whanau Hangi Day the best yet

Whānau Hangi Day held on 1 July at the Opoutere School was a fun-filled sunny but chilly day with an abundance of kai organised by parents and teachers, smoke in the air and laughter and games for all.

Whangamatā News joined in the afternoon celebration for the school waiata, puawai and tane mahuta.

While the hangi was running a little late, we got to watch the most amazing game of tapuwae, with staff versus students of year 8. The speed, the ball handling the tactical passes made it even better – a spectacle to enjoy.

- Jennie Black,
Photos by Mark James



Matariki honoured with art



Years 1 to 6 of the Whangamata Area School honoured Matariki with a celebration of this special time. It was a time to remember and be grateful for the past, look forward to the promise of the future and celebrate the joy of the present. These Junior school students held a colourful and thoughtful Matariki celebration. This included students' artwork and interpretations of star clusters, handiwork of candles and lanterns. Rachel Fulton's year 5 class presented a moving light show with a voice over. The Matariki whanau

evening began with a performance by the Senior school kapa haka. This reinforced the huge value of an Area School with the positive role modelling of the Senior students. Then the individual classes with their unique displays were opened and shared with honoured guests. Thanks to everyone involved, students and whanau. With Matariki glistening spectacularly the coming year promises to be a bountiful year for planting, harvesting and hunting.

- Contributed by Paul Hughes



Kaumatua and Mokopuna celebrate Matariki

Matariki is a special occasion in the New Zealand calendar which marks the start of the Maori New Year. Signified by a constellation of stars in our night sky, Matariki is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead.

Jethro Dyer, principal of Opoutere school, believes that we should use this time to “think of those who came before us” and on Wednesday the 29th of June, the school commemorated these virtues by hosting its annual Grandparents day. This event gives mokopuna a chance to take pride in their achievements and celebrate it with their family.

Koroua were assembled in the hall at 10:00am and were welcomed into the school with waiatas. After formalities, students were split up, and tamariki were allocated to a whanau group. Opoutere school strives to embrace the region’s Maori heritage and has named its “whanau groups” after significant places in the school’s pepeha: Rangipo, Paritua, Tawatawa, and Wharekawa.

Although the annual Hikoī was cancelled due to weather conditions, participants were met with a variety of activities:

Baking and decorating Matariki stars.

Harakeke harvesting and weaving traditional rope.

Storytelling based on a creation myth from Purakau.



Designing Ta Moko and creating clay figures.

Rako and traditional Maori games.

This year, Opoutere had its largest turnout and grandparents travelled across the country to support their loved ones.

- Grace Howells, journalist in training



Maisie Van Dorsten, Mimi (L), and Nana (R).

Photos by Mark James



Mary Durrant with grandson Victor Bradshaw (9 years).



Finals bound Whangamata Area School's 1st XV

Whangamata Area School Future 1st XV hosted Te Kauwhata College on Saturday for their 'must win' semi-final.

Whangamatā had recently won the Tom Perry Cup for going through the first round undefeated but front-rower Zarn Beaver said this meant nothing unless they could secure a semi final win at their homeground.

Lightning half-back, Quyn Stowers was the first to open up the Te Kauwhata defence with an electrifying individual try which set the crowd alight.

Rory Bathurst was next in line for meat pie off a well-worked set piece down the blind. Quyn went on to score another try along with Charlie 'The Flying Wizard' Nguyen and Hunter 'Terrier' Williams to lock in a 24 nil lead at half-time.

Although up, a well deserved spray was given at half-time by Coach Kirtis McNaughten and Captain Rory Bathurst and the Whangamatā boys turned up the heat for the second half.

'The Terrier' Williams opened up the second half scoring with a solid run under the sticks. Ethan 'Jammy' Jameson was next to dot down



with a rampaging individual run stampeding over two defenders.

Another crafty blind side set piece saw Rory sneak in for his second try of the day courtesy of a hard working forward pack. Kauri 'T-Rex' Peke closed the scoring for Whangamatā with a devastating run making it a 55-7 win to the home side.

Work horses Samuel Mulholland, Topia Hansen and Liam Rodgers were absolute beasts working their forward pack hard to make the backs look good running in over the

white line all day.

Whangamatā now advances to the finals against a strong Thames High School team this upcoming weekend. Captain Rory Bathurst said defence is what his team prides themselves on and that he was proud of his boys for their efforts.

A big week ahead for the Whangamatā boys as they prepare for the big showdown this upcoming week.

- Photos by Mark James



The first XV rugby team. Back row left to right: Dylan Adams, Tadhg Mulvihill, Brock Taikato, Zarn Beaver, Topia Hansen, Hunter Williams, Samuel Mulholland, Ignacious Paki-Smith, Charlie Nguyen, Nathan Azulay and Rory Bathurst. Front row left to right: Jake Evans, Kaleb Kara, Ethan Jameson, Cullen Crowe, Quyn Stowers. Absent: Kauri Peke and Liam Rodgers



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Whangamata Year 4 team off to finals



Whangamatā Year 4 team, left to right: Jamie Christie, Oliver Robertson, Brodie Hohaia-Johnston, Jesse Trebilco, Kobe Mulrennan, Kingston Robinson, Mack West, Alydn Nicholson, Mekhai Webb, Arden Duffell, Ari Price. Front: Alaric Watts.

Paeroa came to the battle on 2 July to the Whangamatā rugby grounds on a chilly, sunny morning for the semi finals against the Whangamatā Year 4s.

The Whangamatā boys knew what they were coming up against, after playing Paeroa over the last two weeks - it wasn't going to be an easy game.

The teams were close at half-time and, after the much needed energy boost from the half-time oranges, they pulled it together and played the game the same way they have played all season.

With sheer determination, fierceness, passion, strength and teamwork, they were able to come away with the win.

They now head to Thames on Saturday, 9 July, for the finals day, going up against Te Aroha. We wish them all the best for their game - hopefully they'll come home with another win.

Final score: Whangamatā 80 to Paeroa 35.

Player of the day: Arden Duffell. Tackler of the day: Kingston Robinson. Player of the day chosen by Whangamatā: Dallas. Player of the day chosen by Paeroa: Kobe Mulrennan.

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Semi-final bound seniors

The Red 'n' Whites rugby machine rumbled on with their fifth consecutive win in the Thames Senior A club rugby competition.

At Whitianga they beat second-placed Mercury Bay 22-17 in an absorbing rugby game.

Whangamatā mixed a combination of true grit, shrewdness and honest toil to wear down the Bay. The first forty minutes saw the Bay dominate with an overwhelming 80% of possession.

After 30 minutes, the Bay had scored two converted tries to lead 14-0. The Red 'n' Whites needed to concentrate on defence. Tackle after tackle held out the swarming local team.

The Red 'n' Whites' loose forwards, Oisín Halpin and Zac Clarke, along with forward compatriots Zane Heath and Chris Gee, held firm with enveloping tackles. A slick back-line move saw Eli Byles

cut through a mid field gap to set up the first Whangamatā try. Crucially, Sean O'Grady kicked the conversion.

Half-time saw Mercury Bay 14 Whangamatā 7. In the second half Whangamatā sped up the game and gained more territory and possession. The somewhat predictable Bay attack had been nullified by the Red 'n' Whites.

Only three minutes into the second half, flying full back Kelly Hemopo scored Whanga's second try, not converted, leaving Mercury Bay 14 to Whangamatā 12. The storming Red 'n' Whites were closing in.

Whangamatā took the lead for the first time as an O'Grady penalty put them ahead at 15-14.

Bay scored their only second half points with a penalty to snatch the lead 17-15.

Almost inevitably, the Red 'n' Whites powered a push-over try by Zac Clarke, which O'Grady clinically converted. Whangamatā 22 to Mercury Bay 17.

One last desperate Bay attack was thwarted and the visiting Red 'n' Whites fans jubilantly rattled the ground, advertising hoardings in triumph.

This win secures fourth place for Whangamatā who now play first-round winners Thames, in Thames, in one McClinchy Cup semi-final. Mercury Bay host Te Aroha Cobras in the other semi.

Saturday Thames Valley Senior A results: Mercury Bay 17 v Whangamatā 22, Waihi Athletic 26 v Coromandel 20, Te Aroha Cobras 17 v Thames 15, Paeroa 20 v Hauraki North 17.

- Don Mackay, team sports journalist



Scotty Day, Whangamatā and Thames Valley Rugby development officer.

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Sports results

GOLF CROQUET

20 June: A blustery cold day 17 members braved the conditions. Winner was Bev Lusby - 21 points. Runners-up were Kay Robinson and Dave Ryan Glenyss Radford.

27 June: A big turnout of members for the handicap competition. Four members all on 20 points tied for 1st: Glen Less, Anne Harris, Dave Ryan and Lesley Falconer.

RSA 500 CLUB

15 June: An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The winner on the day was Chris Hepi and Robyne Curd won the chocolate bar. Lorna Judd won the raffle.

22 June: The winner on the day was Robyne Curd and Robert Watson won the chocolate bar.

Robyne Curd won the raffle.

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

TABLE TENNIS

23 June: A good turnout of 17 players and we had two final playoffs: Sally Earp and Barbara Hoy beat Robyn Baldock and Helen Hughes; Ken Allen and Wayne Broome beat Albie Driver and Roger Wolfe.

30 June: Has everybody left town? We had the lowest number of players we've seen for a long time. Alby Driver took advantage and was top scorer with Keith Gribben next in line.

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9 Sat	1:57	1.8	14:36	8:15	0.4	20:39	07:30	17:11
10 Sun	2:52	1.8	15:37	9:12	0.4	21:39	07:30	17:12
11 Mon	3:50	1.8	16:38	10:10	0.3	22:40	07:29	17:12
12 Tue	4:50	1.8	17:38	11:09	0.3	23:40	07:29	17:13
13 Wed	5:51	1.9	18:36		0.3	12:06	07:29	17:14
14 Thu	6:51	1.9	19:32	0:39	0.3	13:02	07:28	17:14
15 Fri	7:49	1.9	20:26	1:36	0.3	13:57	07:28	17:15
16 Sat	8:45	2.0	21:19	2:32	0.2	14:50	07:27	17:16
17 Sun	9:40	1.9	22:12	3:26	0.2	15:42	07:27	17:16
18 Mon	10:33	1.9	23:04	4:19	0.2	16:35	07:26	17:17
19 Tue	11:27	1.9		5:11	0.2	17:27	07:26	17:18
20 Wed	11:55	2.0	12:20	6:03	0.3	18:21	07:25	17:19
21 Thu	0:46	1.9	13:14	6:55	0.3	19:16	07:24	17:19
22 Fri	1:37	1.8	14:09	7:47	0.4	20:12	07:24	17:20
23 Sat	2:28	1.8	15:05	8:39	0.4	21:08	07:23	17:21
24 Sun	3:19	1.7	15:59	9:32	0.5	22:03	07:22	17:22
25 Mon	4:10	1.7	16:51	10:24	0.5	22:56	07:22	17:22
26 Tue	5:00	1.6	17:40	11:13	0.5	23:45	07:21	17:23
27 Wed	5:49	1.6	18:26		0.5	12:00	07:20	17:24
28 Thu	6:36	1.7	19:09	0:32	0.6	12:43	07:19	17:25
29 Fri	7:21	1.7	19:50	1:15	0.5	13:25	07:18	17:26
30 Sat	8:04	1.7	20:30	1:57	0.5	14:04	07:18	17:26
31 Sun	8:45	1.7	21:09	2:36	0.5	14:44	07:17	17:27

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1 Mon	9:25	1.7	21:47	3:16	0.4	15:23	07:16	17:28
2 Tue	10:05	1.7	22:26	3:55	0.4	16:04	07:15	17:29
3 Wed	10:47	1.7	23:07	4:36	0.4	16:47	07:14	17:30
4 Thu	11:31	1.7		5:19	0.4	17:32	07:13	17:30

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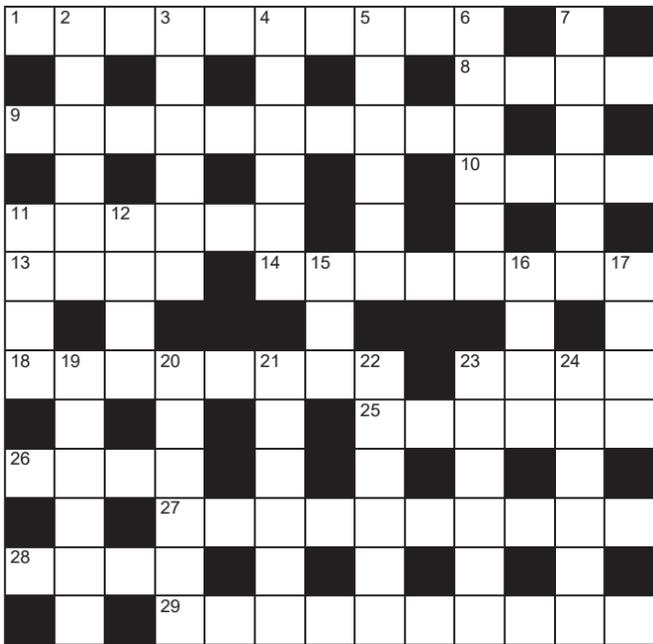
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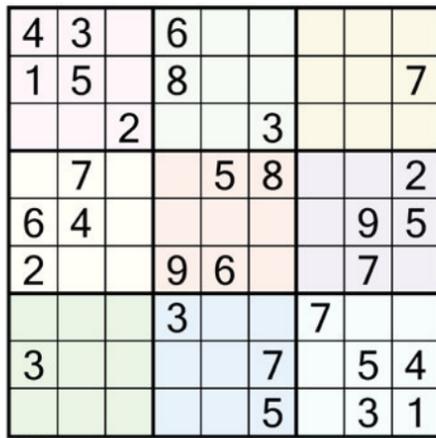
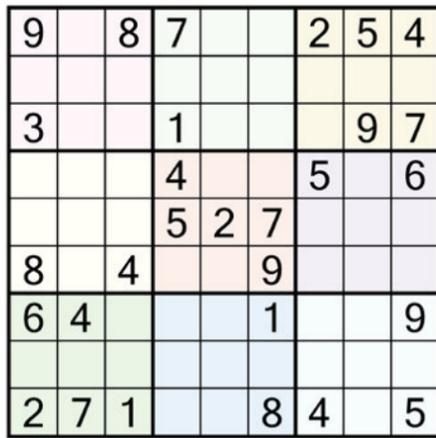
- 1. Ceremony for priest (10)
- 8. Skin irritation (4)
- 9. Dependent on (10)
- 10. Sheep's coat (4)
- 11. Outdoors meal (6)
- 13. Go in front (4)
- 14. Cut off (8)
- 18. Wellingtons (8)
- 23. Play lead role (4)
- 25. Selected (6)
- 26. Piercing jewellery (4)
- 27. Dangling flap in throat (10)
- 28. Boast (4)
- 29. Elderly relative (5-5)

DOWN

- 2. Person lacking experience (6)
- 3. Aim (6)
- 4. Plant for treating bruises (6)
- 5. Polar covering (3,3)
- 6. Foolish person (6)
- 7. Address boldly (6)
- 11. Stopper (4)
- 12. Undisturbed (4)
- 15. Encountered (3)
- 16. Creative pursuits (4)
- 17. Deserve (4)
- 19. Improvement (6)
- 20. Person up to no good (3,3)
- 21. Workplace (6)
- 22. Create in stone (6)
- 23. Relent (6)
- 24. Antenna (6)

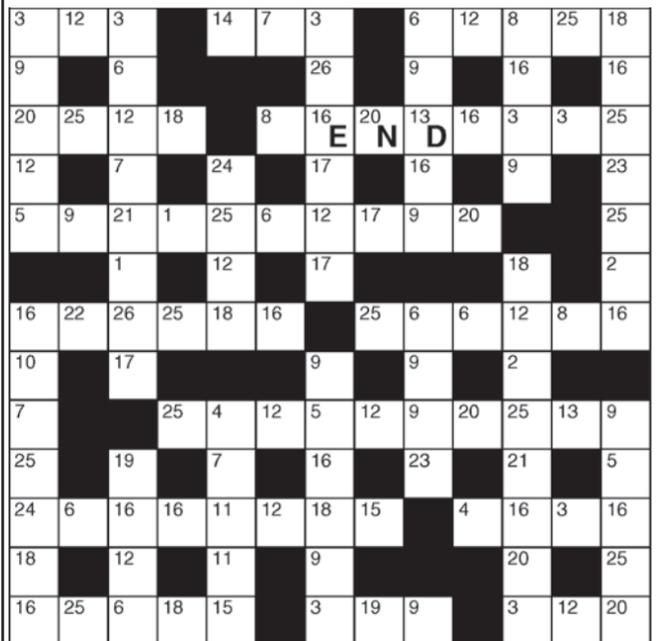
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Fill the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9



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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.



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

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

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 _ _ _ CKS
 _ _ _ FLE
 BE _ _ _ AL

WORDWHEEL

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



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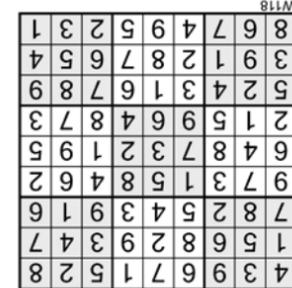
CROSSWORD

- Across:** 1. Ordination, 8. Itch, 9. Contingent, 10. Wool, 11. Picnic, 13. Lead, 14. Amputate, 18. Gumboots, 23. Star, 25. Chosen, 26. Stud, 27. Epiglottis, 28. Brag, 29. Great-uncle.
Down: 2. Rookie, 3. Intend, 4. Armica, 5. Ice cap, 6. Nitwit, 7. Accost, 11. Plug, 12. Calm, 15. Met, 16. Arts, 17. Earn, 19. Uplum, 20. Bad egg, 21. Office, 22. Sculpt, 23. Soften, 24. Aerial.

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