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## Banking Hub offers concierge assist

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## Consider nuclear power

Thank you again, George Williams, for mentioning the 'N' word, and the irrational, anachronistic paranoia that New Zealanders so proudly cling to.

Back in the 50's, 60's, 70's, when Britain was blowing up bombs in outback Australia, and France was blowing up bombs in the Pacific, and blowing up the Rainbow Warrior in Auckland harbour, then we had good cause to be anti-nuclear.

Time has marched on, as it does, and we do not need or want bombs, but we do need a reliable, efficient, and constant source of power to enable us to be all-electric. At present, we have 'no hope' of being all-electric. We are close to a tipping point where we either charge the electric cars, or have warm homes with functioning appliances.

Wind farms are inefficient, unreliable,

and environmentally detrimental.

If we continue with our run-down, out-of-date infrastructure, and lack of cohesion, we will just continue to slide into the doldrums, with all the attendant negative effects that we are already experiencing.

Many, if not most, of our commonly held beliefs, upon which political decisions are made, are based on 19th century/early 20th century theories, and much of what we actually did know has been discredited because it doesn't fit in the ideological mission. We have allowed propaganda to infiltrate our collective thinking, which is tragic, especially previously tried and failed propaganda.

George also mentioned CO<sub>2</sub>. Please, learn the facts about carbon. The currently fashionable lies surrounding this subject are ruining our economy and our environment.

**Leonie Leroy**



## Coromandel faces a fourth disrupted summer

Coromandel faces a fourth consecutive disrupted summer season with NZTA confirming it will be late March 2024 before SH25A is reopened.

It's a devastating blow to our community and news of the delayed reopening comes after months of inaction, excuses and dithering by the current government and NZTA.

We really needed the highway reopened before Christmas. While it's good now to at least have a target date that will provide some certainty for people, the impact on our local communities between now and then means continued distress for many.

There have already been too many business closures and jobs lost. Local people have been inconvenienced for far too long and

news that it's going to be at least another nine or ten months will be the last straw for many.

I don't think the government or NZTA realise how important that road is to our region. They seem content to just be taking their own sweet time without regard to the negative impacts the closure has on so many people.

The constant stream of self-congratulatory press releases from NZTA telling us what a great job they're doing only adds insult to injury. I'd much prefer they just got on with the job.

We've still got a lot of winter yet to come and other road closures this week around the Coromandel Peninsula highlights how vulnerable we are.

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

## Poet's Corner

### The Walk

Damn the rain the old man mumbled as he quickened his unsteady stride

His morning walk interrupted by a cloud burst, luck not on his side  
He tightened up his hand knitted scarf, a little worse for wear

It kept him warm on longer walks although in disrepair

He listened carefully to the rumble and wondered if it would ease  
He still had the hill to navigate but decided to detour through the trees

The branches creaked and groaned, the wind whistled through the limbs

He felt the chill more intensely now and summoned up his strength

One kilometre to go he said and that is when he tripped

He felt the wet blood through his sleeve, his jacket pocket ripped  
Damn the rain the old man said as he verified the graze

Why do I choose to walk on the dodgiest of days

The trail-bike rider dismounted and bandaged the old man's wrist  
He helped him to the pillion seat with a gentle caring twist

The old man held on tight as they began the journey home

He recognised the rider now with smudgy glasses clear

He'd chatted to him recently concerning speed limits

and the reasons to adhere

- Graeme Smith



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# Banking Hub explained

Whangamatā News, like many other business owners, attended the Enterprise Whangamata Business after 5 at Smoky Pallet last Thursday, to hear from Roger Beaumont, Chief Executive NZ Banking Association on the workings of the new banking hub opening in the arcade later this month.

Roger told us what the Hub will be and will not be. Offering "the context and rationale about doing these regional banking hubs. They came from a lot of industry discussion with customers, banks and government."

"A lot of small communities, and Whangamatā is a classic example of this, clearly it wasn't sustainable to have four or five banks in town.

The way that we have been banking and how we bank now has changed in the last 10 years, we do a lot more on line, digitally, but still have a need for physical and practical interaction for all of us."

They were looking for a hybrid, to allow ongoing face to face interaction to continue but in a sustainable way for all the banks involved.

Four pilots in Stoke, Twizel, Martinborough and Opunake were launched, with the six largest banks represented being TSB, ANZ, ASB,



Kiwibank, Westpac and BNZ.

The four locations all differed and they learnt a lot about tweaking and integrated all those positives into our hub, opening here in late July.

They soon realised that customers needed privacy in a hub without being overheard of a confidential conversation of their needs.

*What are the basic services the hub offers?*

It will not be a traditional branch, its a concierge service, where some one who does not work for any of the particular banks, will come in

and direct you and your query.

The core of the hub will be a Smart ATM. It will deposit and withdraw coins and notes, as long as you belong to one of the six banks represented.

There will also be a change machine, so if you are a retailer, and have float challenges, its easy to change the mix with notes and coins as you require.

There will also be private phone booths, so you can talk to your bank on a priority 0800 number, more so than your own home phone or cell, there will also be iPads to work

into your own banks webpage with concierge assistance.

*This is the important note:*

There will be a 'dedicated banker' on different days of the week. In Whangamatā, the following bank representatives will only be available from 10am to 2pm as they'll be travelling from out of town.

**Monday: Kiwibank**  
**Tuesday: ASB**  
**Wednesday: BNZ**  
**Thursday: Westpac**  
**Friday: ANZ**

TSB have video capability only at this stage.

They cater for complex things such as business loans and mortgages.

We may need to be a little more organised and structured for the appointments for our time.

Small business is the life blood of small town New Zealand, in a community like this, sticking together and having services like this will integrate in a very practical way.

The message is simple: if we want to maintain the Hub, we need to use it! Of course, the facility is open to our neighbouring folk of Tairua, Pauanui and beyond.

- Jennie Black

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# Junior Rugby Year 5 and 6 show great mana

Whangamata Rugby Club played host yesterday for the Thames Valley Junior Rugby finals. Whangamatā had two teams in the finals and both teams had great success. It wasn't the best weather for the event however the sidelines of every game were crowded with

the dedicated supporters.

Our Year 5 team coached by Jesse Webb went undefeated this season and referring back at their point stats for the season they scored 760 points and 165 points against them. These boys played their game

yesterday to achieve the win over Thames Blue year 5 team 55 - 25. This team knew what heartache felt like last year when they lost their finals by one try so they did not want to feel that again, they left it all on the field and got the results they deserved.

Our Year 6 team coached by Oli Clement also took the Win yesterday against Te Aroha Year 6 team 45 - 35. This team has played with a lot of mana this season, only just scrapping through with enough

players to field a team and most weeks they play with no subs. It is an absolute credit to them and their performance on the field got the result they worked so hard for all season.

There were 10 games played over the morning with some great rugby played. I am sure that we will be seeing these players move through the ages and end up in our Thames Valley Swamp Foxes.

- Jess Mulrennan





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# 'Our Special Place, South of the Bombays'

The Whangamata Theatre Society are presently in rehearsal for the locally written musical *Our Special Place, South of the Bombays*.

Back in 2019 this was a play, not a musical. A cast was selected and was mid rehearsal until the Covid lockdown meant it had to be shelved.

This year Aisne Edwards has tweaked the script and added the challenge of including a younger children's cast. Iconic kiwi music has been selected to enhance the story.

Sandie Moss and Therese Dixon are Musical Director and Assistant, while Belinda Lima has taken on the role of Choreographer again. Aisne is directing the production. Musical licences are being sought, costumes are being organised, the set and technical aspects prepared and most importantly an extremely talented cast of children and adults are hard at rehearsal.

The strong cast were required to be able to sing and dance and it is exciting to see how talented the local child actors are in this production.

**Audiences will be in for a treat when the show starts a nine-night season between 6 and 16 September, 2023. Tickets will be on sale from early August.**

- Aisne Edwards



Left to right. Willow, Tracey, Zippora, Jenna, Azura, Lisa, Isabelle.



Back row: Julie, Aisne, Sandie, Ron, Jude and Anna-Maria. Middle row: Jenna, Tracey, Azura. Front: Zippora.

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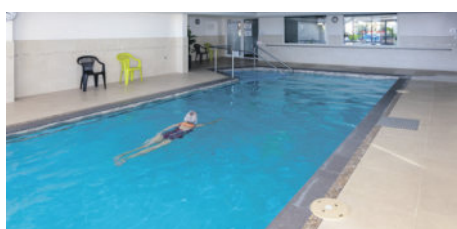
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## Beach Hop-oly raises \$4K for dementia unit



Faye Saunders, Dorothy Young and Vivienne at the Moana House draw.

Over the last few weeks, Faye Saunders from The Little Gallery on Port Road, has been selling raffle tickets to raise monies for the much needed Dementia Unit at Moana House.

Whangamatā News was delighted to attend the lucky draw on 21 June at Moana House. Lovely resident Dorothy Young, drew the lucky

winner, Maria Admiraal, who got to take home the fabulous artwork *Beach Hop-oly*, an original painting by Clinton Christian, created with acrylics and a resin coating - pop art at its finest.

An incredible \$4000 was raised - thank you Faye for your generous and thoughtful fundraising idea.

- Jennie Black



Maria Admiraal and Little Gallery owner Faye Saunders.

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# Students expanding world view

**Whangamata Area School is seeking home stays for the stream of International students arriving early 2024.**

Whangamata News caught up with Acting Principal Don Stewart and Pam Balt (a local Mum, who is currently hosting a 16-year-old German International student Anneke Maier).

The exchange student scheme is up and running again since Covid-19.

Don Stewart told us "It's beneficial for the school to have international students, from a financial point of view, but, more importantly it's beneficial for our students to meet people from overseas, to expand their world view".

Currently WAS school has five



Nora & Anneke (Germany) with Kotaro & Hyuga (Japan) go zip lining.

students from Thailand, Japan and Germany. "Next year the school will have an influx of German students from the start of the year, different agencies vet the students, to ensure they are academically capable, they come out here to have an experience of New Zealand life, the beautiful landscape and the friendly community we offer", says Don.

Pam tells us "the popularity of Whangamata is astounding, many students end up going to Hamilton, Auckland, Waiheke Island, Mount Maunganui and Thames."

"Students tend to choose Whangamata for a reason, a lot are from the city, they want to be in a small town, the surf programme is very popular with them."

The revenue from International students assists the school with extras needed to purchase, like upgrading playgrounds, and the Toku Ara programme is a great example.

Don said "When covid hit, it was the end of the money there for a while, we realised how important it was. The school has 250 secondary students, we don't really want too many International students, otherwise they tend to form small cliques and speak in their own languages."

The message is strong from Principal Stewart, 10 students is the max as full time, although some



Kotaro, Anneke, Nora, Hyuga at a ski dive simulator.

come for 6 months or 9, and then another will do the same, not all take the full year.

"We want them to knit with others, to have a really good time, but also have our students benefit from it."

There is a process involved for host families, to have a Police check, a home visit and interviews, just treat them as part of the family, embrace them. The most important thing is to think "If my child were going

over to Germany, what would I want them to experience?".

There is a weekly payment to cover everything for the student in your home, insurances also cover the student.

Pam told us "it's not a cost to the host family, it covers everything - It's an experience".

She also told us that Anneke will be heading home soon, to her Summer and her family, we asked Anneke for her comments.

"My time here in New Zealand was a really exciting part of my life. I experienced more than I ever expected, a lot of amazing things and a few rough things like lots of moving because our house flooded. Although my time here is coming to an end, it has been the best time of my life with all my new friends and my house whanau who have truly become a part of my family. I will never forget this experience, and it breaks my heart to say goodbye soon. I plan to come back to visit my New Zealand family once I finish my studies."

**There is no closing date to take a student, simply contact Sarah Ellery by phoning the school or email [sarahe@whangamata.school.nz](mailto:sarahe@whangamata.school.nz)**

- Jennie Black



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# Garden Club annual prize giving



Left to right: Marilyn Fowlie (Annual Rose Show winner), Robin Thwaites (Annual Camellia Show winner) and Fay Cox (Annual Dahlia Show winner).



Multi Bloom winners (left to right): Dianne Trembath (2nd place), Errin Roigard (1st place) and Catherine Kidd (3rd place).

## ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING 2023 WINNERS

### Above Ground Vege

- 1st Errin Roigard
- 2nd Catherine Kidd
- 3rd Irene Tyler

### Below Ground Vege

- 1st Errin Roigard
- 2nd Doreen Spain
- 3rd Irene Tyler

### Trowel trophy - Above and

- Below Ground Vege
- Errin Roigard

### Fruit Trophy

- 1st = Doreen S & Errin R
- 2nd = Jacqui C & Sylvia M

### Single Bloom

- 1st Errin Roigard
- 2nd Doreen Spain
- 3rd Catherine Kidd

### Multi Bloom Trophy

- 1st Errin Roigard
- 2nd Dianne Trembath
- 3rd Catherine Kidd

### Roses

- 1st Errin Roigard
- 2nd Sylvia Manning
- 3rd = Dianne Trembath & Doreen Spain

### Shrubs Dianne Norris Trophy

- 1st = Errin Roigard & Dianne Trembath
- 2nd Catherine Kidd
- 3rd Sylvia Manning

### Mini Blooms

- 1st Errin Roigard
- 2nd Doreen Spain
- 3rd Carol Archer

### Camellias

- 1st Catherine Kidd
- 2nd Doreen Spain
- 3rd Dawn Billingham

### Orchids Silver plate

- 1st Errin Roigard
- 2nd Liz Claridge
- 3rd Jennifer Lawton

### Bulbs

- 1st Errin Roigard
- 2nd = Irene Tyler/Dawn Billingham
- 3rd Doreen Spain

### Climbers

- 1st Errin Roigard
- 2nd Doreen Spain
- 3rd Sylvia Manning

### Floral Arrangement - Silver Plate

- 1st Dianne Trembath
- 2nd Doreen Spain
- 3rd Jan Collins

### Camellia Show - Molly Siddle Cup

Faye Cox

### Rose Show Cup

Marilyn Fowlie

### Dahlia Show Cup

Robin Thwaites

### Overall winners - Wooden House

- 1st Errin Roigard
- 2nd Doreen Spain
- 3rd Catherine Kidd








Jane Fowler, winner of June meeting for floral art.



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He mihi nui ki te Tangata Whenua o Whangamatā. Ki a koutou ngā kaitiaki o tēnei whenua me ngā tini motutere, tēnā koutou katoa.

Ngā mihi o Te Tau Hou Māori ki a tātou katoa, ngā iwi, ngā hapū me ngā whānau katoa o Whangamatā.

Kia kotahi ai tātou ki te whakanuia a Matariki, ki raro i te hauora o Matariki me te manaakitanga o te Ao Māori.



*Write it in the sky.*

*Write in on the land.*

*Write it on the hearts of the people.*

*The greatest thing is love. Let there be life.*

*We acknowledge the land, and cry out to the people. This is a greeting to the sacred mountains and the flowing rivers.*

*This is a cry for those who have passed on. Go to your true home. Here we are, your children and grandchildren, following in your footsteps. Therefore, go in peace.*

*We acknowledge the Tangata Whenua of Whangamatā. To you*

*the guardians of this land and the surrounding islands, greetings.*

*Greetings of the Māori New Year to all of us, to the tribal affiliations and all of our families in Whangamatā.*

*Let us come together as one to celebrate Matariki, under the auspices and well-being of Matariki and hospitable nature of Māori culture.*

An exciting new Matariki festival is coming to Whangamatā next week. Headed by the Whangamatā Community Marae Trust with support from Tāngata Whenua Ngāti Pū, the Whangamatā Arts Collective, Eastern Coromandel Community

Services Trust and Te Whānau Waka Ama o Whangamatā.

See below for the program of events. The hāngī will be a highlight for many and will be based at Williamson Park. Tickets are limited to 500 so get in quick! Tickets are on sale at the Community Services Trust and the Whangamatā Info Centre. Everyone will be catered for with vegan and vegetarian curry options available and a koha kai moana tent for anyone who misses out on a hāngī ticket.

Workshop topics include whakaairo (carving), raranga (weaving), collaborative artwork, tā mako (traditional tattoo) demo, kite

making, clay and textiles art. The workshops are all practical and you will be able to make something that you can take away with you to remember Matariki or gift to a loved one.

The tohu (logo) below has been designed especially for Whangamatā Matariki by local artist Riki Tipene and designer Hunter Cooney. It will feature on Matariki t-shirts, a banner and in a kids colouring in competition at the workshops.

Hope to see many of you there as we come together as a community to celebrate Matariki and Māori culture.



## HĀNGĪ KAI PREP

Be a part of the hāngī prep. Peeling veges, making stuffing, cooking fry bread & having fun working together!

**Where:** Memorial Hall

**When:** Thursday 13th July, 5pm - 7pm

**What:** Bring a peeler or vege knife

## HĀNGĪ FIRE & COOKING

See the process of a hāngī being cooked.

**Where:** Williamson Park

**When:** Friday 14th July

Fire lit @ 7:45am, hāngī laid @ 12pm

## HĀNGĪ & CONCERT

Celebrate Matariki as a community with

a delicious feed of hāngī, kai moana & performances on the outdoor stage.

**Where:** Williamson Park (wet weather backup Memorial Hall)

**When:** Friday 14th July, 3:30pm

**What:** BYO chair or picnic rug

**Price:** \$5 per person or \$20 per family

*Tickets limited to 500, get in early. Tickets available at Community Services Trust (505 Port Rd) and Whangamatā Info Centre (616 Port Rd)*

## WAKA AMA PADDLE & BBQ

Have a go at Waka Ama & experience the joy of paddling on our beautiful harbour. No experience needed.

**Where:** Whangamatā Harbourside (next to the marina)

**When:** Sunday 16th July, 3pm - 5pm

**What:** Bring warm clothes and a towel  
**Price:** Free

## WORKSHOPS

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**Where:** Memorial Hall

**When:** Friday 14th July, 10am - 2:30pm  
Saturday 15th July, 10am - 4pm

**Price:** Free

## MATARIKI VIEWING, SUNRISE & KITE FLYING

Reflect as a whānau on the previous

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**Where:** Onemana Beach

**When:** Sunday 16th July, 6:30am

**What:** Bring a blanket, warm clothes & a thermos for a cup of tea or hot choc. Bring a kite to fly afterwards if you have one.

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**Where:** Memorial Hall

**When:** Wednesday 19th July, 5pm - 7pm

**Price:** Koha entry. All koha will go towards WAS Kapa Haka trip to Samoa.

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Comfort Kai was spearheaded by Suella Care who had been part of something similar in an Australian community. There is now a regular group of volunteers who plan, create and serve delicious food to people every week.



They are backed by Eastern Coromandel Community Services Trust and they welcome donations from the community. Donated fish and meat, fruit and vegetables in season, soft drinks and even desserts form part of the changing menu.

A specially planted herb garden helps to create the fresh wholesome meals that are produced.

A big thank you must go to the Whangamata Anglican Church for the use of Cornerstone House.

Comfort Kai opens before five and dinner is served at five. Come and join us any Wednesday. Take out meals and a pickup and drop off service is also available.

In the two years since Comfort Kai first opened its doors nearly 4,000 meals in two years have been created.

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# Pigs, snapper, possums, magpies and more

Whangamatā News caught up with all the massive results and participation at the Hikuai School Hunting Competition held 25th June and was the small school's major fundraiser for the year. Kristy and her team gave us these incredible results.

Wow! We had a huge turnout - from all accounts we believe there were 250-300 entrants, which was just incredible and we cannot thank you enough for your support.

We would like to extend a massive thank you to our wonderful sponsors - we simply could not make this happen without you guys!

We would like to thank each and every single one of the entrants this year. We were blown away, it was our best year yet. We had 175 adults enter and 108 kids! Absolutely amazing.

We would also like to thank our amazing volunteers. We made the call to move our entire set up and you were there within five minutes to help us! And to everyone that helped on the day; the people in the kitchen, Mike on the BBQ and his epic sausies, kranksys and patties, Steve and his team weighing the pigs and hanging them, the other weigh stations and our recorders, our kids corner crew, our raffle crew and the wonderful Melinda on the face painting - a million thank you's, we appreciate every single one of you!

## ADULTS' RESULTS

We had a massive 51 pigs weighed in. That equaled 2297.99kg of porka!

Average Weight: \$1000 Cash from Pauanui Richardsons - Our average weight was 45.05kgs and Jack Roach was the closest weight with 44.6kg

**Heaviest Pig:** \$500 Cash from Storms Contracting Limited and a Huntech Butchers Coat: Richard Harden - 72.1kg

**2nd Heaviest Pig:** \$400 Cash from Top Job Contracting, Newton Consulting and Kopu Engineering and a Huntech Trail Jacket: Blu Balle - 66kg

**3rd Heaviest Pig:** \$300 Cash from Tate Maxwell Builders and a Huntech Crest Shirt: Dwayne Davies - 63kg

**Mystery Weight (Pig):** Our mystery weight this year was 34.41kg and



Organisers Kristy Ralls (left) and Stacey Clarke (right) with our painting done by Hikuai School teacher Mark Thomson.

David Davies was the closest with 34.3kgs. He won the Husqvarna Chainsaw!

**Women's Heaviest Boar:** Sponsored by Haus Blank, Hello Friday - Pauanui Beach NZ and the @therubclub - Grace Bell with a 53.65kg pig.

**Women's 2nd Heaviest Boar:** Sponsored by Utopia Health and Beauty Pauanui, Hello Friday - Pauanui Beach NZ and the Rub Club was Georgia Robb with her 50.65kg boar.

**Women's 3rd Heaviest Boar:** Sponsored by Hard Lacquer Nail Studio, Pauanui SuperValue and the Rub Club went to Angel Penning with her 49.65kg Boar

**Heaviest Snapper:** \$500 Cash from KCL - Kainui Contracting Ltd, \$260 Smith Optics Voucher from Mako Hire and Shades Direct Coromandel & Bay Of Plenty, gear from Just



Sue Crake - winner of Heaviest Snapper - over 5kg snapper.

Another Fisherman and Dutchy's: Sue Crake - 5.185kg Snapper

2nd Heaviest Snapper - Just Another Fisherman Bag and gear from Dutchy's: Mike Wright - 4.865kg Snapper

**3rd Heaviest Snapper:** Just Another Fisherman bag and gear from Dutchy's: Zarah Phillips - 3.720kg Snapper

**Mystery Weight Snapper (1.40kg)** - \$100 from East Coast Hire, \$260 Smiths Optics voucher from Mako Hire and Shades Direct Coromandel & Bay Of Plenty and a Bloodline Gear Merino Sleeping Bag liner: Stacey Buchanan - 1.360kg Snapper

**Most Possums:** \$500 cash from @sawyelectrical and hear torch Ledlenser: Harry Clarke with a total of 23 possums.

**Major Spot Prize winner:** Firehawk Grill valued at \$1099 sponsored by Prescott's Garages Ltd: Bevan Wilson

## KIDS' RESULTS

To us, this is the special part. Seeing all of the kids getting involved with big smiles on their faces! We had the best time watching you weigh in and collect your prizes. Congratulations to every one of you who entered.

**Possums:** Cash from Hikuai Honey, Vouchers from Blackjack Surf and Outback Surf Shop - Pauanui Beach NZ prizes and other goodies.

**1st:** Chase Hayward - 5.030kg  
**2nd:** Hawk Johansen - 4.250kg  
**3rd:** Fletcher Diskin - 4.140kg

**Rabbits:** Cash from Hikuai Honey, Vouchers from Blackjack Surf and Hikuai School Hunting Merch.

**1st:** Leighton Croucher - 2.640kg  
**2nd:** Jed Woolton - 2.170kg  
**3rd:** Fletcher Diskin - 1.959kg

**Magpies:** Cash from Hikuai Honey, Hunting & Fishing Kopu vouchers and other goodies:

**1st:** Bonnie McRae - .413kg  
**2nd:** Izaak Thomson - .393kg  
**3rd:** Mackenzie Makara - .392kg

**Hares:** Cash from Hikuai Honey, Blackjack Surf vouchers, plus other goodies.

**1st:** Hawk Johansen - 4.335kg  
**2nd:** Ava Bradley - 3.905kg  
**3rd:** Bonnie McRae - 3.845kg

**Snapper:** Cash from Hikuai Honey, Vouchers from Outback Surf Shop - Pauanui Beach NZ and other goodies.

**1st:** Alayni Murphy - 1.85kg  
**2nd:** Bonnie McRae - 1.715kg  
**3rd:** Alexa Murphy - 1.355kg

**Mystery weight (.98kg):** \$100 Cash from East Coast Hire: Cassidy Penning - .85kg

**Kids Major Spot Prize:** Mongoose bike from Spoke Law Bike Shop Tairua valued at \$520: Isla Waters

Again, a massive thank you to all of our amazing sponsors, volunteers and entrants. We will be back next year to make it bigger and better!

- Kristy and the team



Isla Waters, winner of spot prize BMX sponsored by Spoke Law Tairua



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# Environmental and infrastructure

Local and holiday homeowners are feeling increasingly powerless about flooding every time it starts to rain again.

It is not only residential owners affected by flooding but recently Port Road business owners bravely battled torrential rain in a determined attempt to prevent rising water entering their businesses in the middle of the night.

Lisa Grove and husband Jake, armed with brooms, were furiously sweeping water towards stormwater drains, only to find they were full of debris. Lisa said she could see the water rising over the pavement like a small river finding its way toward the entrance doorway of her new business. This adds a new layer of stress which is not welcome.

Other business owners angrily reported this was not new, their Port Road business had been hit many times. Despite installing more cess pits and raising buildings to protect their premises, because stormwater from neighbouring properties discharge directly onto the road into gutters that are partially clogged with debris and drains that do not work.

Over the past two weekends Whangamata has experienced several significant rain events, relatively short, but with heavy volumes. After one such deluge the Whangamata Area School rugby field (Achilles Ave end) was under water for much of the weekend. This is becoming more frequent.

What is certain is we can expect more of the same in the coming winter months. It's very clear that the ongoing stress is taking its toll both emotionally and physically on business operators.

## FLOODING

On Thursday 15 June, representatives of the Stormwater and Flooding Working Group met with council infrastructure officials.



Port Road 2.00am 18 June.

Regretfully there is not a great deal to report. The Working Group are disappointed that there has not been a series of practical outcomes on such items as:

- The identification and monitoring of the water table, this information was to have been made available to the community. -
- Maintenance of assets, where cleaning of sumps and cess pits has taken place, there have been significant improvements, however this has been sporadic and only after a "request for service". A planned maintenance schedule is yet to be sighted.
- No immediate solution to the situation of the Williamson Park Pond and weir, the beach is undergoing serious scouring, similarly at the outlets by Hinemoa Street and Otahu estuary.
- FENZ (Fire Service) reported that Hydrants are silting up and need to be cleaned before use.

Our community deserves better from council, in terms of proactive service. It should not be the exclusive task of Community Board

members, Councillors, ratepayers and residents to report flooding, blocked drains, identify damaged, poorly maintained amenities, etc.

Quite clearly Council's "Request for Service" system is not working effectively.

Where are Council employees and contractors in this process?

During the engagement process with TCDC the Working Group

has discovered many stormwater reports commissioned by previous council administrations dating back to Cyclone Bola in 1996 which prompted council into action and commission a report, "but Council advised that no response was necessary because Bola was a 1 in 250 year event and we won't have stormwater problems for 10 more generations".

In 2003 Cyclone Zoe comes along, more flooding, so council springs into action and commissions more reports. Locals were told "it's just another 1 in 250 year event, so don't waste money on stormwater because that's the last we'll see of Cyclones for 10 generations".

In 2017 Cyclone Cook caused significant flooding. Another report was commissioned, which resulted in

Kiwi Road one of 25 streets singled out for stormwater improvements from a 2005 Opus report. The Opus report recommended Kiwi Road have a 375mm diameter stormwater pipe, curb and channel and overland flow paths dug into the Williamson Golf Course. In 2021 Kiwi Road got curb and channel, but without stormwater pipes and no overland flow paths. [CONTINUED >](#)



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# solutions sought

As a result, residents are worse off, after an estimated cost of over \$1 million, for no significant improvement.

Several requests for an explanation over the poor design and cost overruns were made to previous council administrations, none were forthcoming.

Back to the present, 2023, after two back-to-back Cyclones, Gabrielle and Hale, and the likelihood of more of the same over the winter months, where to from here?

We await findings of two more reports currently in progress.

The question we ask: "Why has only one of the previous recommendations been considered or implemented from previous reports?"

## WATER TABLE

We discovered Opus Consulting had been engaged to report on the water table between 2008 and 2012 to monitor the water table level in relation to rainfall. This is essential information for soak pit owners.

One of the big problems Hale and Gabrielle presented was that the extreme rainfall caused the water table level to rise and breach the ground in many of the lower lying properties causing flooding and ponding.

Whilst the water table drops naturally over time it isn't at the moment because of the continual rain.

We have also found reports advising Council soak pits and cesspits must be regularly cleaned out. The actual stormwater monitoring plan requires them to be pumped out annually in May each year, this has not happened.

Our engineers suggest that the road soak pits may now be silted up, ruined, and never function properly again.

Meanwhile engineers have



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confirmed that lowering the water table by pumping can affect/lower the water table to properties 300 meters away. This is good news for most of Whangamata that rely on soak pits as lowering the water table will mean these can start working again which will reduce surface ponding.

The downside of this argument is it works against us because Williamson Park Pond, being kept full of water, affects properties 300 meters away by reverse/lifting the water table above the sea water level up to the pond level, nearly 2m of height.

We are of the firm belief lowering of the water table in the pond will have an immediate effect by lowering the water tables at least to properties within 300 meters of it. This means the Williamson Golf Course would start draining, along with neighbouring properties from there down to the pond.

Council seems unwilling to urgently address the Williamson Storage Pond.

The entire pond is counterproductive for the beach, Williamson Park golf course and

neighbouring properties.

An environmental and infrastructure solution must be found, one that ticks all the boxes, does not permit contaminated stormwater to flow into the ocean, scouring the beach, and relieves the backpressure on the stormwater pipe work to allow properties to drain and the water table reduce. This is complicated as Waikato Regional Council (WRC) does not certify wet detention ponds, or manmade structures designed to permanently hold and retain stormwater collected off roads. Pumping stormwater directly into the ocean is illegal, and ruins our beaches, reserves and

waterways. Stormwater from roads is dirty and contaminated so must be managed with sediment control and filters before it discharges - not into the ocean, but to estuaries.

The Working Group needs your help. We need photographs taken whilst the Williamson Pond was being emptied. If you have any useful information, please share this with us.

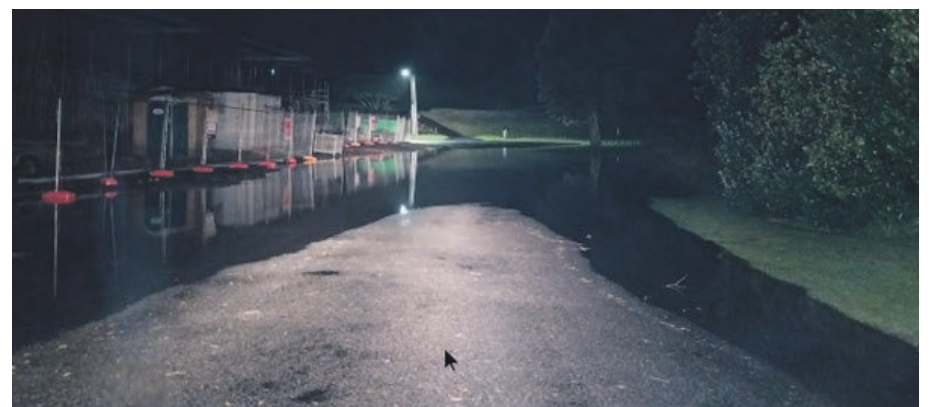
We need stormwater assets built fit for purpose, maintained, and serviced by the council with a scheduled management plan, not just when a drain is overflowing.

**The Working Group encourages you to take your concerns directly to the Community Board members, talk to your Councillors, contact Whangamata Ratepayers Association (WRA) photos and other relevant information can be sent to whangaratepayers@gmail.com**

Check the WRA website, open the link called WRA Library and open the 2005 Opus report. In that report you will find a list of recommendations, street by street with costings. Non have been implemented until 2021.

**We challenge TCDC officials to answer, through local media, these questions and issues raised.**

**Whangamata Stormwater and Flooding Working Group.**



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# Red n Whites gutsy draw

Two hugely contrasting Whangamatā Red n White Senior A results over the last two weekends in June. First up, the low flying Thames side were hammered 73-7. Then, a last minute penalty earned the Red n Whites a gutsy 9-9 draw against the re-emerging Paeroa side.

Eleven tries, nine converted, were feasted on by Whangamatā over Thames. Then no team managed a try in the Paeroa clash that was played in truly wintry conditions.

Crouched in the prehistoric media box, fellow rugby nut Shaun Fay commented sagely pre-game "when life gives you rain, play in the puddles."

There was little chance of free flowing rugby with rain lashing down and surface water adding to the drama.

Paeroa was there to compete and drilled three first half penalties for a 9-0 half time lead. Though they had one of their lock forwards red card exiled after 30 minutes Paeroa stood firm.

True grit was shown as both sides tackled, rucked and competed for



Mayhem in the wet: Jacob Janson making a tackle with Brad Laurensen about to make an impact.



EPL's finest: Prop forward Tobias Pulley eyes up a defender.



Luck of the Irish: Lock Finn 'Noodles' McCall charges into a tackle.

second spell and a Whangamatā penalty 9-3. Thirty minutes later another Whangamatā penalty 9-6. Whangamatā then had a back sin binned for ten minutes, not looking good for the Red n Whites.

Two minutes remaining and a Whangamatā penalty crashes against an upright for no points. Is the game over, will Paeroa battle their way to victory?

As the match clock ticked over to 80 minutes, Whangamatā cleanly booted over the equalising penalty.

Referee Peter Hastings quickly blows the full time whistle to end a magnificent sporting fixture.

The Red n Whites are looking good for a home semi final in the playoffs, currently in second place. The Red n Whites play Waihou in their final

round robin game before it's play off time.

Congratulations to Michael Savage-Wairepo for his fiftieth Red n White Senior appearance. Another disciplined and selfless game by Michael as he worked and worked in the engine room for his beloved Red n Whites.

In the curtain raiser, the Whangamatā B side beat a plucky Ngatea side 34-0. Watch for results coming from Matches Saturday July 1 Senior A v Waihou at Boyd Park, Te Aroha 2.35 pm kick off. Senior B v Waihou also Boyd Park 1.00 pm kick off.

- Don Mackay - Sports Journo legend to Whangamatā News

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Kicking machine: Tiaontin Raoren lines up the posts in the wet.





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# Winter Squash and Tennis Club



Photos Whangamata tennis Junior coaching session with coach Sven.

The Whangamata Tennis and Squash club continues to be active through this annoyingly wet winter season. The Challenge doubles tennis tournament has been completed. Core Tennis are running tennis coaching sessions for both Seniors and Juniors. While behind the scenes club members Tanya and Paula have completed their Bar managers licences. The Whangamata tennis and squash clubrooms are the ideal venue for social functions. After several washed out nights the final of the Challenge doubles tournament



was completed.

The highly efficient and combative "A team" lead by the often underrated Mark Cameron ended up tournament winners, congratulations. Tucked in at runners up was the Reuben van Dorsten led Ray White team.

Core Tennis with international coaches Sven, from the Netherlands and Bodin from Montenegro have been coaching locals in the many technical parts of tennis. The Juniors coaching lessons are snappy, fun filled sessions as the youngsters get to hit the ball and develop their eye hand coordination.

Under the recently installed LED floodlights the Seniors are encouraged to make small but important changes to their swing techniques. The Whangamata tennis club hosted their sister club from Karaka this winter. Weekly squash and tennis sessions continue between the showers. The recently started doubles ladder tournament is underway with Diane and Don currently on the top rung.

- Don Mackay

# Golf Club's new GM

I sat down with James Betson the other day, the new GM at the Whangamata Golf Club. We didn't have long together, he's a busy man. Still, it was long enough to find out that this bloke can play golf. A top Sydney Junior, he picked up a USA golf scholarship at Hawaii University and played very successfully on the Japanese and Australasian Tours.

After a decade with family and business, he's coming back to what he loves best- golf. It's an interesting time at the club as both Williamson and Titoki emerge from Cyclone Gabby. Winter is coming but both courses are looking better every day. In the meantime, James is getting his feet on the putting green and working hard with staff as they plan the year.

We chatted briefly about Sydney; he's born there, and I lived there for many years. His favourite course which he grew up on is The Australian. One of the finest courses I have played. You ever get the chance and you're in Sydney, do it. It's expensive and



magnificent. James also collects tee markers. He has collected a tee marker from every course he has played.

"Must have a game", I concluded. "For sure", said James. "I'll bring my own marker".

- Shaun Fay



## COROMANDEL STATISTICS

### For the Auckland & Coromandel Westpac Rescue Helicopters June 2023

**1 June:** Whangamatā. Crew tasked to Whangamatā to assist a boy suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Starship Hospital in a serious condition.

**3 June:** Whiritoa. Crew tasked to Whiritoa to assist a male patient in his 50's involved in a surfing accident. He was flown to Middlemore Hospital in a serious condition.

**9 June:** Whitianga. Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist an elderly female patient suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

**9 June:** Coromandel. Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 20's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

**10 June:** Whenuakite. Crew tasked to Whenuakite to assist a female patient in her 20's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

**13 June:** Manaia. Crew tasked to Manaia to assist a female patient in her 50's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Thames Hospital in a serious condition.

**13 June:** Waikawau. Crew tasked by the Rescue Coordination Centre to Waikawau to assist with the search of an activated beacon. The beacon was stolen and crew were stood down and returned to base.

**16 June:** Whitianga. Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a female patient in her 30's suffering a medical condition. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

**19 June:** Tairua. Crew tasked to Tairua to assist a female patient in her 50's suffering a medical complaint and in a moderate condition. Transportation to hospital by helicopter wasn't required and crew returned to base.

**20 June:** Pauanui. Crew tasked to Pauanui to assist at an accident (details unknown). Crew were stood down enroute and returned to base.

**23 June:** Coromandel. Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a person involved in a motor vehicle accident. Enroute, crew were stood down and returned to base.

**27 June:** Whitianga. Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a male patient in his 30's suffering injuries from a bonfire. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

## Sports results

### MAH JONG

**23 June:** We had 57 players. Wow, getting back to pre-Covid times. We welcomed Theresa Dixon who has come up from a Monday player.

The winners were:  
1st with 44 points Philipa Dennison  
2nd with 43 points Rae Giles  
3rd with 42 points Gael Butler

The lucky number was 11 was not scored.

**30 June:** Great day for playing Mah Jong. We had 50 attendees.

The winners were:  
1st with 41 points Linda Harris  
2nd with 35 points Joyce

Deeming  
3rd with 33 points Heather Danby-Scott

The lucky number was 13. Four people won this number and Liz Routley won the draw.

### RSA 500 CARD CLUB

28 June: An enjoyable day was had by all. The winner on the day was Snow Harris and Christine Adams won the raffle. Pauline Weatherley won the chocolate bar.

### TABLE TENNIS

**29 June:** The winners were:  
1st David Brent;  
2nd Wayne Broome;  
3rd Roger Wolfe.



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## 140 Kiwi Road

- Beautifully finished and perfect for entertaining
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- Extensively upgraded to an excellent modern standard
- New garage plus attached 1 room minor unit, all compliant
- Nicely landscaped full site

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## 68 Parakiwai Quarry Road

- An outstanding 2 hectare lifestyle block
- The large 236sqm house has three double bedrooms, two bathrooms, and internal access double garage
- For the car enthusiasts, there is a very impressive purpose built (12m x 18m) man shed
- Lots of native plantings and established plum and citrus trees

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## 10 Manuka Drive

- A beautifully crafted home, nicely elevated with lovely rural outlook
- Open plan living flows to covered outdoor area, perfect for all weather entertaining
- The private section is over ¾ acre, nicely landscaped with mature plantings
- An impressive 120sqm shed with bathroom & separate storage room
- The location is just removed from town but still close and nice and peaceful

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## 104A Silkwood Lane

- Sunny deck and sheltered spot
- Single level 3 bedroom home
- Open plan living & kitchen
- Wood burner (wetback)
- Separate garage with auto door
- Three-bedroom homes in this price bracket are hard to come by

View 11am Sunday 16 July



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### 107 Riverview Road

- Full site freehold title - 827sqm, zoned extra density
- Generous garaging plus off-street parking
- Additional Studio / Hobby room / Teens lounge
- Designer kitchen and walk-in pantry
- 3-4 double bedrooms, 4th bedroom or second lounge
- Wood burner and dual heat pumps

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### 320 Ocean Road

- Dual road frontages on Beverley Terrace and Ocean Road
- 835sqm Extra Density Zone
- 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Expansive deck
- Separate garage and storage lockup
- Great development potential

View by appointment



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### 203A Philomel Road

- Stylish 4 bedroom home in immaculate condition
- Designer kitchen and scullery
- Three bathrooms
- Guest area with external access
- Covered decks for easy entertaining
- Triple garaging, boat garage / workshop

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### 322B Mary Road

- Immaculate throughout, experience the ultimate lock and leave beach lifestyle
- Five double bedrooms over two levels, two bathrooms and powder rooms on each level
- Well-connected indoor/outdoor areas, outdoor fireplace
- Freehold title 440sqm (more or less)
- Full renovation 2015

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### 113 Moana Anu Anu Avenue

- Located on the boundary of reserve with harbour and marina views
- Expansive decks overlooking Reserve
- Modern decor and open plan living
- 3 generous sized bedrooms
- Second lounge/media room
- Freehold large 905sqm site

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## 103 Estuary View

- Freehold full site 600sqm
- Elevated views from this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- Internal access double garage
- Modern kitchen, open plan living
- Excellent indoor / outdoor connection
- Delightful gardens

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ENQUIRIES  
OVER  
\$1,450,000

## 204A Tui Road

- Modern renovation honours original charm
- Polished timber T&G floors
- Two bedrooms plus Portacom
- Great north / west facing deck
- Free hold 335sqm fenced front site

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## Lot 1 of Lot 16 Te Pamahue Drive

- Elevated north facing site with expansive upper harbour views
- Located on the boundary of Reserve
- Close to town yet offering a semi-rural setting.
- Build amongst quality homes
- Geotech Report available

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\$775,000

## Unit 7, 106 Barbara Avenue

- Prime spot in town and the complex (formally Whangamata Motel)
- Two bedrooms
- Modern kitchen & bathroom
- Spacious open plan lounge and dining
- Easy indoor / outdoor living
- A great affordable option in prime location

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OVER  
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## Unit 5, 106 Barbara Avenue

- Enjoy this very functional, one bedroom apartment in a fantastic location
- Refurbished throughout
- New front deck creating outdoor area
- Allocated off street parking
- Convenient Body Corp management
- Perfect weekend escape or Airbnb

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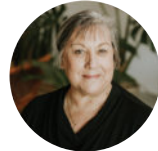
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## 226 Otahu Road

- Recently renovated inside and out
- New kitchen, upgraded bathroom plus new floor coverings
- Freshly painted inside and out, double glazing installed in the bedrooms
- Covered decks front and back
- Fully fenced and secure back yard

View 12pm Sunday 9 July  
View 12pm Saturday 15 July

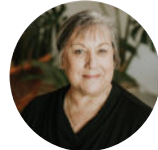


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## 111 Wattle Place

- This well-presented 2 bedroom home is bright, sunny, and warm
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- A fully lined Double garage
- Newly renovated 10sqm Cabin
- Fully fenced, front and back

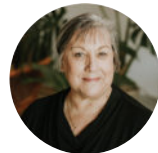


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## 112 Philomel Road

- 971sqm freehold site with extra density zoning
- Possible development opportunity for multiple dwellings
- Close to the clubs, cafes, and beach
- The existing dwelling has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a double garage

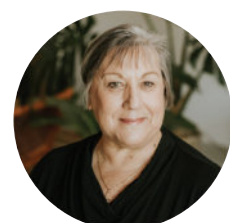


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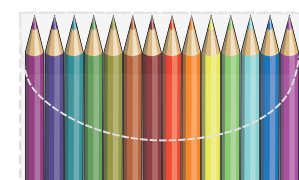
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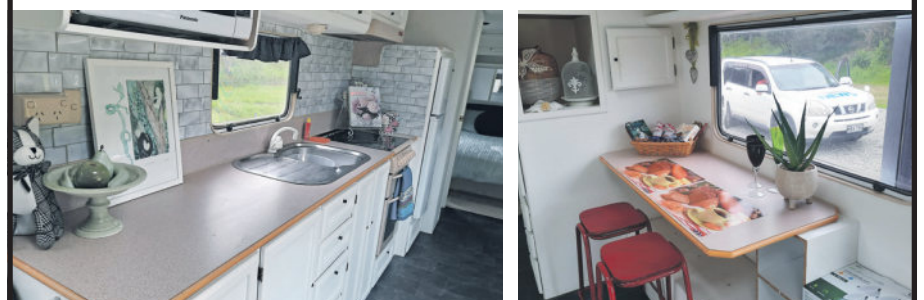
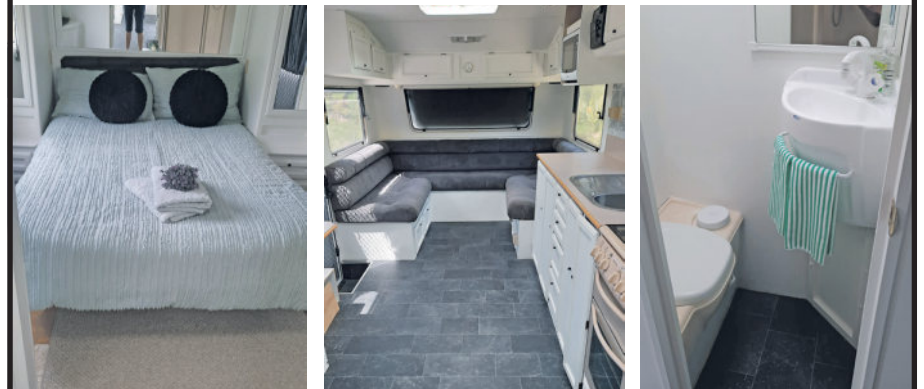
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**JULY 2023**      ☾ New Moon: 18<sup>th</sup>      ☀ Full Moon: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Date	High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set
7 Fri	9:55	1.9	22:29	2.1	3:42	0.2	15:58	0.2	07:30	17:10
8 Sat	10:50	1.9	23:22	2.0	4:36	0.2	16:51	0.2	07:30	17:11
9 Sun	11:45	1.9			5:29	0.2	17:46	0.3	07:30	17:11
10 Mon	0:15	2.0	12:42	1.9	6:23	0.2	18:42	0.3	07:30	17:12
11 Tue	1:09	1.9	13:39	1.8	7:18	0.3	19:40	0.4	07:29	17:12
12 Wed	2:03	1.9	14:38	1.8	8:13	0.3	20:39	0.5	07:29	17:13
13 Thu	2:57	1.8	15:37	1.8	9:09	0.4	21:38	0.5	07:29	17:14
14 Fri	3:52	1.8	16:33	1.8	10:04	0.4	22:36	0.5	07:28	17:14
15 Sat	4:46	1.7	17:27	1.8	10:58	0.4	23:30	0.5	07:28	17:15
16 Sun	5:38	1.7	18:16	1.8	11:49	0.4			07:27	17:16
17 Mon	6:28	1.7	19:03	1.8	0:21	0.5	12:36	0.4	07:27	17:16
18 Tue	7:15	1.7	19:46	1.8	1:09	0.5	13:21	0.4	07:26	17:17
19 Wed	8:00	1.7	20:28	1.8	1:54	0.5	14:03	0.4	07:26	17:18
20 Thu	8:42	1.7	21:07	1.8	2:36	0.5	14:43	0.4	07:25	17:19
21 Fri	9:23	1.7	21:46	1.8	3:17	0.5	15:22	0.4	07:24	17:19
22 Sat	10:03	1.7	22:24	1.8	3:56	0.5	16:00	0.4	07:24	17:20
23 Sun	10:42	1.7	23:03	1.8	4:34	0.5	16:40	0.5	07:23	17:21
24 Mon	11:23	1.7	23:42	1.8	5:13	0.5	17:21	0.5	07:22	17:22
25 Tue			12:06	1.7	5:53	0.5	18:05	0.5	07:22	17:22
26 Wed	0:23	1.7	12:53	1.6	6:37	0.5	18:53	0.5	07:21	17:23
27 Thu	1:08	1.7	13:44	1.6	7:24	0.5	19:45	0.6	07:20	17:24
28 Fri	1:57	1.7	14:41	1.7	8:15	0.4	20:42	0.6	07:19	17:25
29 Sat	2:51	1.7	15:41	1.7	9:11	0.4	21:42	0.5	07:18	17:26
30 Sun	3:50	1.7	16:41	1.8	10:10	0.4	22:42	0.5	07:18	17:26
31 Mon	4:51	1.8	17:40	1.8	11:09	0.3	23:42	0.4	07:17	17:27

**AUGUST 2023**      ☾ New Moon: 16<sup>th</sup>      ☀ Full Moon: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

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2 Wed	6:52	1.9	19:30	2.0	0:40	0.3	13:01	0.2	07:15	17:29
3 Thu	7:49	1.9	20:23	2.1	1:36	0.2	13:55	0.1	07:14	17:30
4 Fri	8:44	2.0	21:15	2.1	2:30	0.2	14:47	0.1	07:13	17:30



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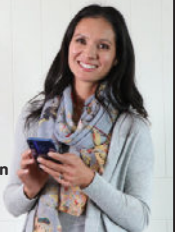
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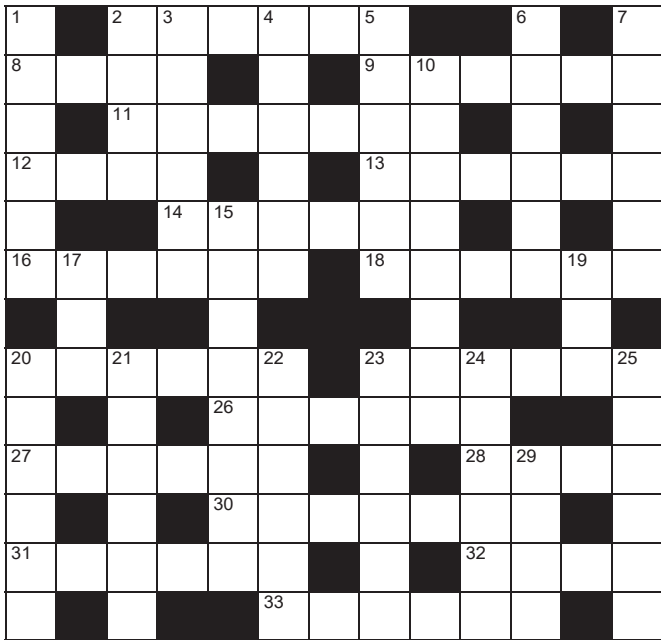
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**Across**

- 2. Cunningly clever (6)
- 8. Lazy (4)
- 9. Guidance (6)
- 11. Staying power (7)
- 12. Thyself (4)
- 13. Percussion instrument (6)
- 14. Leased (6)
- 16. Position (6)
- 18. Cheap and inferior (6)
- 20. Leap (6)
- 23. Prized (6)
- 26. Excess fluid (6)
- 27. Season (6)
- 28. Play a lead role (4)
- 30. Worship (7)
- 31. Hypnotic state (6)
- 32. Flatten out (4)
- 33. Exchange a coupon (6)

**Down**

- 1. Pause (6)
- 2. As well (4)
- 3. Come back (6)
- 4. Shortage (6)
- 5. Double-edged blade (6)
- 6. Cloud type (6)
- 7. Move into military position (6)
- 10. Indulge in a fantasy (8)
- 15. Justified in terms of profitability (8)
- 17. Faucet (3)
- 19. Colour or shade (3)
- 20. Stings (6)
- 21. Customary observance (6)
- 22. State of being male or female (6)
- 23. Masked (6)
- 24. Young woman (Scot) (6)
- 25. In the course of (6)
- 29. Part of school year (4)

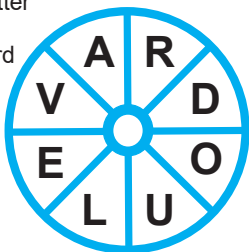
**TRIO**

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

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 \_\_\_ OD  
 A \_\_\_ AT  
 \_\_\_ WER

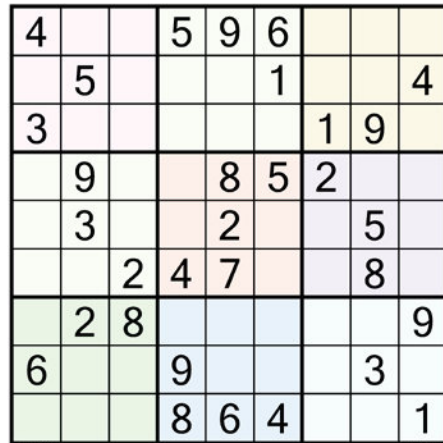
**WORDWHEEL**

Add one letter to make a 9-letter word reading clockwise or anti clockwise



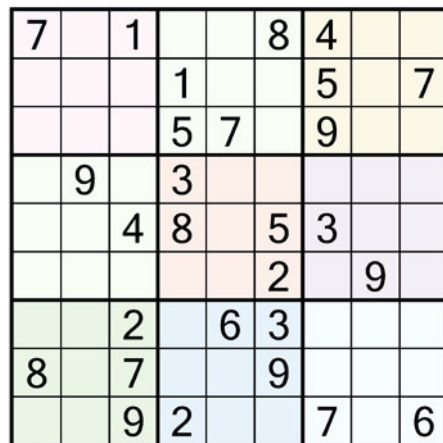
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Fill the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9



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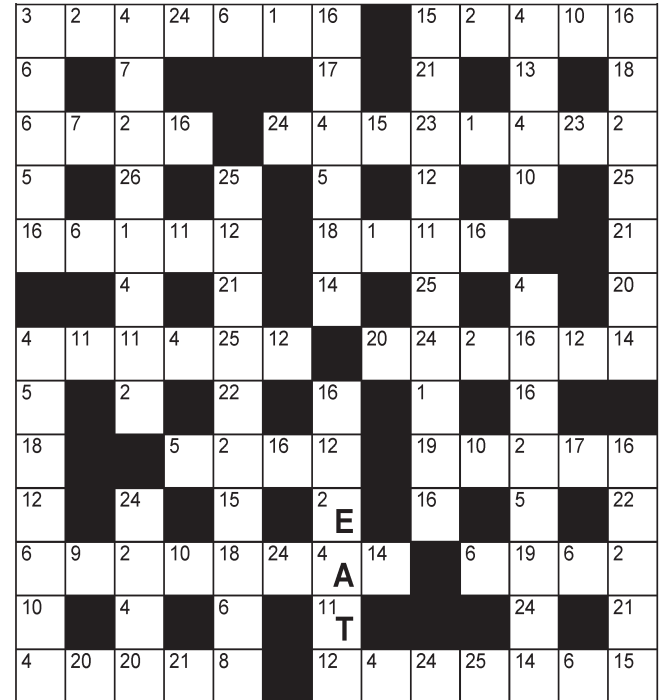


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HARDER

**DECODER**

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



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

**SOLUTIONS**

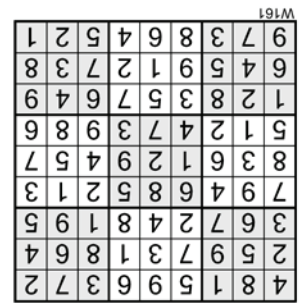
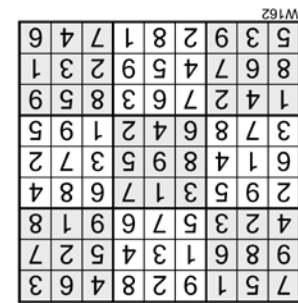
**CROSSWORD**

25. During, 29. Term.  
 21. Ritual, 22. Gender, 23. Veiled, 24. Lassie, 15. Economic, 17. Tap, 19. Hue, 20. Smarts, 5. Lancelot, 6. Nimbus, 7. Deploy, 10. Daydream, 31. Hiatus, 2. Also, 3. Return, 4. Famine, 31. Trace, 32. Iron, 33. Redeem.  
 26. Oedema, 27. Autumn, 28. Star, 30. Idolise, 16. Stance, 18. Trashy, 20. Spring, 23. Valued, 11. Stamina, 12. Thou, 13. Gymnal, 14. Rented, 2. Artful, 8. Idle, 9. Advice.

**DECODER**

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

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