

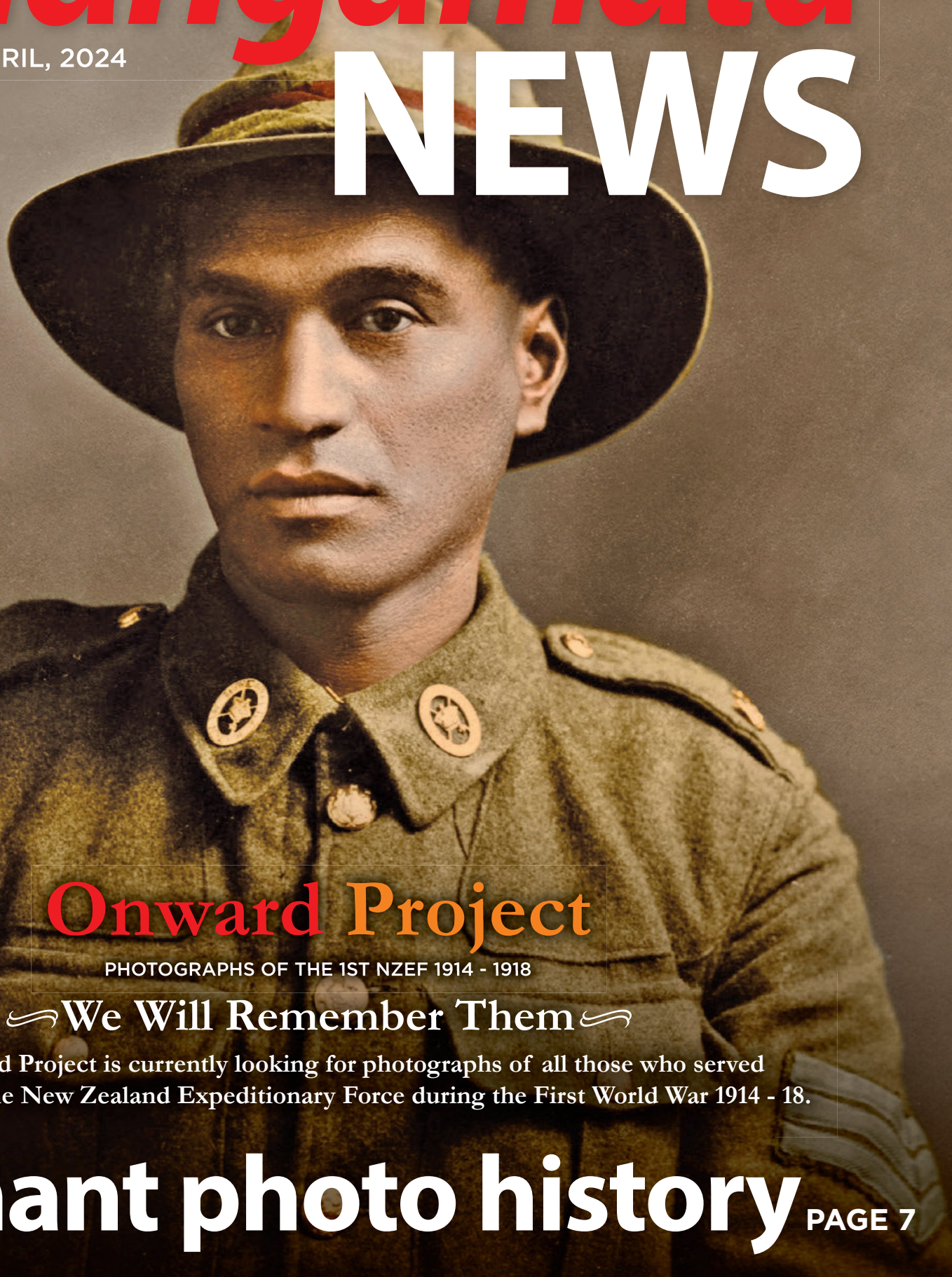
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HON SCOTT SIMPSON
MP for Coromandel

Action plan announced

I'm pleased to be part of a government that has a clear direction and a positive plan.

It's all about getting things done and New Zealand back on track.

As part of that, we've published our latest Action Plan for the next 3 months and it will come as no surprise that it focuses on rebuilding the economy, restoring law and order, and delivering better public services.

Those are our key objectives and they're what so many people keep telling me they see as their top priorities too. The plan features 36 policy points which will make a real difference to lives of New Zealanders be they living here on the Coromandel or anywhere else around the country.

We're restoring the Three Strikes law to make sure that the worst criminals receive maximum sentences. We're introducing public service targets so that taxpayers will know how government agencies and departments are performing and if they are improving the service levels they are expected to provide or not. And in this year's Budget, to be released in May by Finance Minister

Nicola Willis, we will be delivering meaningful tax relief to hard-working Kiwis.

The nine public service targets will focus the public sector to deliver better results for Kiwis. These targets include reducing violent crime, increasing school attendance, and shorter wait times for elective treatments. They are not going to be easy to achieve; they are deliberately ambitious because we cannot settle for the status quo. Putting these benchmarks in place, and continuing to measure them, is a useful tool to getting the country back on track.

Overall, we've taken a similar approach to our previous 100 Day Plan, which worked well to drive the change that we campaigned on. I think it's important people know what we are planning to do, how we're going to do it and what the results of it are.

Yes, this is very different to the way things were under the last government, but that's what we were elected to do and it's what we are determined to achieve.

- Authorised by Scott Simpson MP,
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Too much carbon

George Williams has previously asked us to follow the science, and then chooses to ignore the massive amount of scientific evidence that increasing the amount of carbon in the atmosphere is having a negative effect on the planet.

Today, CO2 levels are higher than they have been in at least 3 million years, and this results in billions upon billions of tons of heat trapping gases.

For example, in 2019 alone we dumped over 36 billion tonnes of CO2 into the atmosphere, where it will linger for hundreds of years, adding to the heat trapping blanket around us. Climate change will result in more adverse weather events that will wreck havoc around the world.

We can avoid much of that damage and suffering through a combination of decarbonising our energy supply and developing more sustainable ways of living. This debate has become political with right wing commentators ignoring all the evidence of climate change and choosing to concentrate on the strange political theory that climate change is a hoax pushed by some left-leaning elites.

The evidence is clear and no amount of right wing misinformation will alter the fact that we need to reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere or we will see more cyclones, floods and heat waves.

John Lipscombe

Media trust

The editorial (NZ Herald 9 April, 2024) reflects on the decline in trust of the news media in recent years.

Reference is made to an initiative to teach children to think critically when considering information sourced online. The scope for corrupted or skewed information impacting young minds is already huge and growing. In an era where common sense has become a lot less common and with factions and narrowly focused interest groups in society clamouring for attention, the need for a degree of scepticism and questioning has become vitally important.

The aspect not discussed in the editorial is the other factor in the loss of trust. In recent years the main stream media have clearly developed a trend toward political bias. News commentators, cartoonists and political reporters too often fail to resist their political preferences. One regular political reporter on the evening news can barely disguise his glee when he thinks has uncovered something damaging for his least favoured politicians.

An educated and well informed electorate is crucial to open democracy and as the news media navigate turbulent economic waters and genuine investigative reporting continues to decline, news sources with integrity and political neutrality are needed now more than ever to rekindle trust in what is reported.

George Williams
WHANGAMATA

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- Loren

Dean wins front seat

Dean Garaway won the lifetime prize with a ride on ANZAC Day in the front seat of a Stearman aircraft, the first raffle of its kind held at the Whangamata RSA.

Dean, from Pukekohe, will depart Tauranga, fly past the Waihi Beach RSA and on to Whangamata for a thrilling ride.

"This is something I've always wanted to do, since I went on a helicopter flight at Lake Te Anau at Christmas time, and it's my 59th birthday today", said Dean. Incredibly, Dean and his Mum just bought the ticket the same night of the draw at the Whangamata RSA - just half an hour beforehand.

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those that supported the raffle, but of course there was always only going to be one winner!

- Jennie Black

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Matt Henry CFA
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Light refreshments will follow a question and answer session.

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Keeping theatre alive in Whangamata



The local Whangamata Theatre Society Inc. is a great group to be a part of.

However, we need you! Due to people moving and retiring we are eager to continue to keep our membership up. We realise many new people have moved into our lovely town and need to be made aware about our great Society.

We are a friendly team of locals who are keen to welcome new faces to our group.

The best way to be part of our group is to become a member. You do not have to be onstage as we have a variety of roles to suit almost anyone. We are keen to

welcome people who would like to learn stagecraft, help backstage or front of house.

However, if you are a budding Thespian or would like to Direct, we are always keen to involve new blood in these roles. Word around is that there are some extremely talented new people in our town, so we are very keen to meet you. We expect you would have a lot to offer our Society so please let us know about you.

Due to some Committee members retiring we are also looking for a person or people to run our Wardrobe. This wardrobe not only caters for shows but also hires out costumes.

Valda Ritchie as seen in photo, is stepping down from the Committee and also wardrobe at our upcoming AGM on 16 May. We are looking for someone to take her place. As with all roles for the Society, you would be trained. If you like the idea of directing or helping backstage, we can mentor you. We also realise that some of you reading this are possibly very competent in a lot of Theatre Roles already and would love to learn from you.

If you want to know more, feel free to ring Acting President Aisne Edwards on 027 524 7633. All you need is energy and enthusiasm.

Have a look at our Whangamata Theatre Facebook page!

X-ray unit

Whangamata Community Health Incorporated operates the x-ray service from a small facility at 429 Port Road, tucked away behind the Whangamata Pharmacy. It was opened in 2011 after generous public donations and the hard work of the fundraising committee at that time.

Whangamata X-ray provides a vital service to the local community and visitors serving patients from Waihi, Pauanui & Tairua.

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Waikato to provide x-rays for GP patients residing in the Waikato region as well as ACC x-ray requests from Doctors, Physiotherapists, Osteopaths, and chiropractors.

The service is open Monday to Friday by appointment and is staffed by a sole medical radiation technologist, Victoria Hodgson who took over from Ali Campbell when she re-retired in October 2023.

Victoria previously worked at Rotorua Public Hospital for 29 years, where she held a senior

management position in charge of the Fluoroscopy room as well as being responsible for on call and daily rosters for about 20 staff. Recently she took a "senior Gap" year and had a working holiday in Queensland and Western Australia. Between locum contracts. Victoria came to work in Whangamata for a month in January 2023. "I was impressed by how friendly everyone was and what a great sense of community there was in Whangamata." I thought at that time that I would like to work here

in the future and be part of that community. My job at Rotorua Hospital had an onerous amount of on call work so I decided to have a lifestyle change. The position at Whangamata was vacant and I haven't looked back.

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Williamson Park to have a wetland

The revelation that Williamson Park is slated to undergo a transformation into a wetland has sparked mixed reactions among Whangamatā residents. On April 9 2024, TCDC staff unveiled this plan to Councillors, members of the Whangamata Community Board, and members of the Whangamata Ratepayer Stormwater Action Group (WRSAG). While some were taken aback by this announcement, it came as no surprise to members of the WRSAG, who have been closely monitoring developments in the community.



The formation of WRSAG in January 2023 stemmed from a groundswell of community concern following the havoc wreaked by Cyclone Hale. Deputy Mayor Terry Walker recognising "this was a powder keg waiting to go off" pressured the council into forming a workshop, where the brief was that council must act quickly, hear community woes, and get on with stormwater improvements that have been neglected for the past 20 years.

With a workshop established, it soon became apparent to WRSAG members that previous reports commissioned by previous councils had been shelved without proper consideration. Despite persistent requests for transparency, access

to these reports was repeatedly denied, - deemed too contentious for ratepayers- highlighting a concerning lack of accountability. Some reports were eventually obtained through the Official Information Act (LGOIMA).

In 2018, council engaged Opus Consultants to look into 'what's going on with the Williamson Pond'. They provided three options, stating they would be contentious and would need consultation with the community. It is no coincidence that the Williamson Park Pond was the catalyst for the formation of the WRSAG, following the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle and Cyclone Hale. The pond was identified as just one of the issues to be dealt with as part of an overall Master Plan.

Yet, despite extensive consultations

estimated to be over \$200,000, and over a year of workshops, vital information from these reports remains inaccessible to WRSAG for review and discussion. Furthermore, revelations of council staff bypassing democratic processes in workshops raise serious questions about transparency and public engagement.

Despite current legislation stating council staff can't make decisions in workshops, they held a 'democratic vote' during the latest meeting. Only three stakeholder representatives were allowed in this meeting with a majority of council staff - swaying any vote in the council's favour. Following this decision, WRSAG members were told to stop arguing because they were 'outnumbered' by council staff.

It is WRSAG's belief that all options from the Opus report should be considered, and decisions should be made after consulting with the community. "However, it appears council staff don't value engagement, consultation, or transparency, which should be an important part of their job", states WRSAG's spokesperson and WRA chairman, Rob Boston.

The proposed wetland in Williamson Park has ignited further debate, with residents expressing apprehension over potential environmental and practical implications. Concerns range from increased mosquito populations and safety hazards to doubts about its efficacy in addressing beach scour and pollution. WRSAG is resolute in their commitment to safeguarding Williamson Park's iconic status, vowing to oppose developments that compromise its integrity.

Residents are urged to voice their opinions to Deputy Mayor Terry Walker, and WRA pledges to provide comprehensive coverage of workshop proceedings in the upcoming Whangamatā News edition. As guardians of our community's interests, it is imperative that residents remain informed and actively participate in shaping the future of Whangamatā.

Whangamata Lions update

2024 is well underway for the Whangamata Lions with our ongoing assistance at the Blood Bank earlier this year. Thanks to Lion Gaby and her friendly team for helping making blood donation a comfortable experience. The Blood Bank visits Whangamatā again on 1 May.

We continue with the development of the Waireka Native Kauri Tree Reserve behind the roundabout between 123 and 125 Waireka Place. Work is

ongoing to provide an official name for the reserve, possibly one of a kind in a beach town. Lion Ian and his merry band have been painstakingly planting and nurturing this beautiful area for over 20 years. Enjoy the loop walks or carry on up to the Lookout on Te Pamahue Drive. Please remember to shut the main gate behind you as you enter and leave and please ensure you take your rubbish with you.

We hope you enjoyed our book

stall and our famous barbecue sausages at Easter. Special thanks must be given to Lions Dianne, Irene and Wendy who have run the book stall and provided great enjoyment for Lions and customers alike over the years.

You may have heard Whangamata Lions are supporting the Rowing For Life event, which is raising funds for Lions Clubs Cancer, Surf Life Saving NZ, Child Cancer and Starship under the umbrella of Lion Clubs NZ

(nationwide). Check out the website: www.rowingforlife.nz and their Facebook page for more information.

The plan for the quad boat is to row from Bluff to Cape Reinga, over 3000km. They were initially to land in Whangamatā on 29 May this year. Unfortunately, having reached Kaikoura, weather and Covid has delayed their progress. We now await their new schedule. Watch this space.

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The Onward Project



Herbert Hinman Jackson.



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James Campbell.

Whangamatā News often hears from the most avid of our readers with incredible stories. Jan Packer told me of her recent photo submissions to the Onward Project. We thought this would be most fitting as we approach ANZAC Day next week. Jan's Grandfather Herbert Hinman Jackson (who returned) and two great Uncles, James and John Campbell (who did not return), and how she wanted to know more about them.

Jan approached Phil Beattie & Matt Pomeroy in Torbay, Auckland who started 'The Onward Project' who seek to locate and publish a photograph of every member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force who served overseas during the First World War 1914 - 18.' This is whether these brave men and women returned or not.

Whangamatā News contacted Phil Beattie directly to understand the project, key to veterans and families.

Phil told us "The Onward Project started back in 2012, the genesis of which was Matt Pomeroy's personal photographs collection. Over many years he had amassed quite a number of portrait photographs that were just sitting in storage containers. Myself and Matt then embarked on the ambitious journey to locate and publish as many portraits of those who served overseas with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force during the First World War. We

have always found it fascinating to capture the faces of these service people - many showing the youth and innocence that was to be lost during this terrible conflict. Photography was widespread during the First World War period, although it must be noted that the NZEF as an organisation, did not routinely photograph people. Almost all photography was carried by private businesses and individual photographers, selling their prints to the soldiers and their families."

The pair had to set a clear scope of who would be included, and build a nominal roll accordingly. They excluded those who only served in New Zealand as it is almost impossible to put together a roll of those who attested but did not embark - particularly those in training when the war finished. They do acknowledge that there were many who died in training whilst in service of the country who are not part of the Onward Project.

"Our sources range from private collections, public institutions and published sources through to individual families. We have indexed the vast majority of newspaper sources published in this country, and you'll see numerous newspaper photos appearing in our volumes. We always strive to publish the best quality photo in remembrance of those who served, so will re-publish portraits when a better image comes

to light. Some of our service people appear in several volumes, each iteration better than the last."

Each volume of the Onward series represents around 4000 individual portraits. People have asked them why they have not included more personal or biographical information, but they have elected to keep details consistent - no one is more important than anyone else. For this reason they only publish basic names and service numbers, so the subject can be clearly identified, and acknowledge the source of the photograph. We elected to publish these photos in books, rather than simply create a website, as we hope the Onward Project will remain as an enduring legacy for generations to come.

There will be thousands of superb portraits and group photographs tucked away in family albums and it is these we would dearly love to access.

They are always open to enquiries - even if you are not sure who is in the photo you have. Phil said " we have been identifying unknown portraits since the project began, and are always pleased to have the opportunity to look, advise and, with luck, identify."

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- Jennie Black

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Hikuai School had a busy term



Whangamatā News always likes to catch up with one of our favourite country schools. Principal Rachell Leitch sent in some great snippets of her busy students!

A great time was had earlier this term at the Hockey Big Day Out. Hikuai School had three teams who all developed skills and won spot prizes for their efforts on the day! The classes also welcomed a New Zealand Black Stick hockey player at school for some sessions prior to the day and this really sharpened our skills.

Book Week at Hikuai School has been a wonderful time the last week of Term One.

Traditionally a celebration of a good book, the school came together each day to share a variety of authors. We like getting together

each day and sharing a great story! Our buddy reading programme means that each day our learners have time to share reading together. The older pupils looking after the younger ones, Tuakana Teina style. Relationships are developed and a love of a good book promoted.

Throughout the week we also have a competition running to guess the staff's favourite book. This causes great discussion and we are always asked to give hints. Hopefully someone will guess right!

12 April saw everyone dress up as their favourite book character for the day. This is very much a favourite part of the week with everyone, including the staff coming to school in full costume.

We have very much enjoyed our Book Week for 2024!



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Our community's voice counts! Or not...



In just over a week's time, submissions close on a Bill which, if adopted, could change our society forever. Sounds dramatic? Think about it.

If the proposed Fast-track Approvals Bill goes through, all discretionary power for a wide range of consents will be bestowed upon three ministers. Just three Ministers will have the power to approve or deny development projects without the usual checks and balances that are in place to protect nature. The Bill would allow corporations to bypass environmental protections and democratic processes. And no chance for our local community to have their say.

This is exceptionally concerning for Whangamata as Oceana Gold has signalled they will apply for the Waihi North Gold Mine under the Fast-track Bill. Don't be fooled by public relations spin here. This is, in fact, their proposed mine in the headwaters of the Parakiwai Valley which flows into the Otahu Estuary.

Shane Jones, Minister for Resources, is one of the three who will have the power to make the decision regarding this mine. The outlook is not good. His speech to Parliament last year stated "Mining is coming back ... We are going to extract the dividend from Mother Nature's legacy..." Sounds like something from the dark ages!

An existing permit in the Wentworth Valley, and an application for a 19,000ha permit nudging into Whangamata township itself, mean that Whangamata could become surrounded by gold mines and toxic tailings dams. Public conservation land, our forests, rivers and mountains, and the wildlife that live there, will not be safe.

The gold mining industry leaves a toxic legacy that many future generations of Kiwis will inherit both the risk from and responsibility for. The real gold is our environment: the beaches, bush-clad hills, rivers and our communities!

The Fast-track Approvals Bill is not a 'left' or 'right' political issue, but an erosion of the democratic process. Before this legislation passes, you should consider how it will be enacted when future MP's from other political parties are handed this position of total power.

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- 2) Fill out a 'Quick Submission' via one of the templates/guides at stopthefasttrackbill.com **Submissions close 19 April.**
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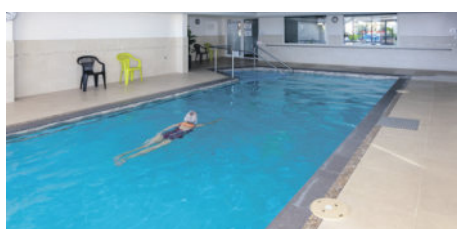
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The Whangamatā Real Estate Community Pool holds 618,000 litres of water – the equivalent of 4,400 full bathtubs. That's a lot of water, and if you've recently gone past, you will have noticed that it's currently empty.

We're in the throes of managing a large project to resurface and repaint our community pool which will see more than \$250,000 invested in ensuring it's in great shape for the future. We're on track to reopen in early June, after 10 weeks of work.

It's thanks to the support of TCDC, Pub Charities Ltd, and all our sponsors that this project is now underway. Yet, this project wouldn't be possible without the dedication of the Pool Management committee, who have worked hard over many years to secure funding, assess different options, and secure contractors to undertake this work.

It's shortly time for our AGM, and we're on the hunt for positive, energetic volunteers to bring new skills to our committee. There are many projects underway, notably our current drive to secure funding for the construction of a Learn-to-Swim pool in our complex for our community.

There are jobs big, small and everything in between that we'd love a hand with. We're responsible for employing the Pool Manager and Lifeguards (who are remunerated), securing on-going funding for the pool, managing large maintenance and capital investment projects, communications and marketing, and engaging with sponsors and stakeholders. We're a passionate, dedicated bunch, who are keen to see the pool thrive in the years ahead for all members of our community.

Join us. Whangamata Real Estate Community Pool AGM 7pm, Tuesday 30 April, Whangamata Club, Port Road, Whangamatā.



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Whangamata News Couch to 10km

How far can you run? 5km? 10km? Further? Or are you lucky if you get around the block? Whangamata News has teamed up with the G.J. Gardner Homes Whangamata Half Marathon to bring you the Whangamata News Couch to 10km, featuring Whangamata local Liam 'Tusky' Bethell.

We'll be following Liam's journey as he works towards his end goal - running the 10km event at the G.J. Gardner Homes Whangamata Half Marathon, Saturday 28 September 2024.

We're grateful to Liam for sharing his journey with readers; expect unfiltered updates, supported by practical information and advice if you'd like to pursue your own goals for this event, or any other event.

For many, Liam will be a familiar face around Whangamata. The stay at home father of 4 has a lot to juggle; not to mention his cholesterol has been flagged to 'keep an eye on' and the waistline is not what it used to be, or as Liam describes "I've got cuddly bits now".

The whanau recently opened The Wallow food truck, serving amazing burgers, bagels and waffle fries. They admit it can be a challenge to avoid choosing the convenience of a burger, over preparing a more balanced lunch.

A traumatic brain injury in 2107 sidelined Liam from his fitness of choice - rugby, and despite still being a keen hunter, it's been tough to find a healthy lifestyle that works with family and work commitments.

Quick Q&A with Liam:

Have you ever run 10km before?

How far is 10km? Like from here to where? Probably not. I used to be fit for rugby when I played but that's what's hard...I don't have that thing that I liked doing to keep fit anymore. I'm still bush fit - I can be in the bush all day hunting and love it. My wife Tash says the fastest she



ever sees me move is when I hear a pig squeal. Why would I want to go running? I don't ever see someone running along the road with a smile on their face.

So what's motivating you to not only give this a go, but share your story along the way?

Something needs to change. I want to be fit for my family. If I tell someone I'm going to do something I'll do it. I hate letting people down so this will be really good to get me to stick to a plan. I'm happy to tell people how it's going too - I'm an open book. I'll tell you if it's bad.

Can you relate? Not as active as you used to be? Not quite the same size as you used to be? Less free time than you used to have? A niggly injury? Set your own goal to run or walk the 5km or 10km at the G.J. Gardner Homes Whangamata Half Marathon.

Watch this space to see how Liam makes it from the couch to the finish line of the 10km run this September with the Whangamata News Couch to 10km.



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WSLSC reflects on season of service, sport & community

Members and friends of the Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club came together over the Easter weekend to embark on an ambitious endeavour: the relocation and organisation of resources for the renovation project. Amidst the flurry of activity, there were moments of reflection and nostalgia as individuals recalled cherished memories and experiences. It was also an occasion to commemorate the successes of the season with the club's annual prize giving event.

While a significant portion of the Junior Surf awards had been distributed during the end-of-year event in January, the Easter weekend offered an additional occasion to express gratitude to those who embody the ethos of service and dedication, committing themselves to the vital task of safeguarding our shores and nurturing the next generation of lifeguards.



WSLSC Rookie of the Year Joshua Lima-Hoskins pictured with Junior Surf Committee member Rachel Luke.



Daniel Lewis, recipient of WSLSC U19 Lifeguard and Surf Sport Coaches Commitment of the year awards pictured with Sport Director Peter Gilbert.



WSLSC Surf Sport Oceans Team of the year and NZ National U12 Female Board Relay Title holders: Megan Lucke, Charlotte Reid-Oswald and Harlee-Rose Makara pictured with Sport Director Peter Gilbert.

- **Volunteer of the Year:** Sarah Freemantle
 - **Junior Surf Coach of the Year:** Tessa Goffin
 - **Junior Surf contribution of the Year:** Fiona Robson
 - **Rookie of the Year:** Joshua Lima-Hoskins
 - **Volunteer Lifeguard of the Year:** Julius Bell
 - **U19 volunteer Lifeguard of the Year:** Daniel Lewis
 - **Patrol Support Lifeguard of the Year:** Nicola Young-Harbour
 - **Instructor of the Year:** Brianna Norris
 - **Patrol Captain of the Year:** Mitch Hohaia
 - **Paid Lifeguard of the Year:** Brylie Adams
- **Female Board Relay:** Megan Luke, Charlotte Reid-Oswald, Harlee-Rose Makara
 - **Most Improved Ocean's Athlete:** Harlee-Rose Makara
 - **Senior Male Athlete of the Year:** Ben Riordan
 - **Senior Female Athlete of the Year:** Alyssa Tapper
 - **Senior Sports Team of the Year U17 Female Taplin:** Alyssa Tapper, Izzy Milne, Holly Warden
 - **Most Improved Senior Athlete:** Misha Petherbridge
 - **Overall Sportsperson of the Year:** Madison Kidd
 - **Coaches Commitment of the Year:** Daniel Lewis
 - **Surf Official of the Year:** Renee Petherbridge

It was also a time to revel in the remarkable achievements of our life saving sports athletes. With a staggering total of 11 National Titles clinched. Choosing among these exceptional athletes for recognition of their talent and dedication proved to be no easy talk. The following individuals emerged as the deserving recipients of this year's awards.

- **Ocean's Sportsperson of the Year:** Megan Luke
- **Ocean's Sports Team of the Year U12**

As the Easter weekend drew to a close, the Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club completed its final beach patrol for the 2023/24 summer season. The public is urged to promptly dial 111 and request police should they encounter an emergency.

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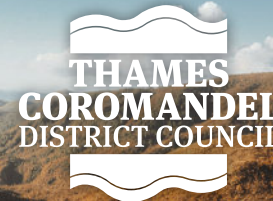
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Stormwater improvement planning for Whangamatā

Stormwater modelling for Whangamatā is currently in the process of being developed and will be available to view on our website in a few months time.

Physical works to improve the handling of stormwater runoff have been ongoing in particular areas, such as Williamson Park.

Funding for a six-year plan of stormwater works is being sought through the Long Term Plan, which is currently in draft form while public submissions are being collated. If funding is approved when the LTP is finalised, this work will begin from 1 July 2024. Design concepts for the stormwater works are being developed with input from a working group of residents, elected members, Council staff and specialist contractors. These plans will be available later this year, once they are finalised.



To stay updated on this project, subscribe to our Council newsletter at tcdc.govt.nz/subscribe



Whangamatā Community Board UPDATE

A word from our Deputy Board Chair, Denis Beaver –

“Another year means another successful Repco Beach Hop Festival – this year despite some rain. But it couldn’t dampen the spirits of our community and visitors and I know we’re all already looking forward to the event’s 25th anniversary next year. Bring it on!



Feedback to the Long Term Plan has now closed, and I thank everyone who took the time to let us know their thoughts on our Council’s plans for the next ten years. We’ve got a very involved community here in Whangamatā – I was so glad to see so many of you at the recent Ratepayers Association AGM. Keep up the good work and take every chance you get to share your opinions about the big decisions that affect our patch.”

denis.beaver@council.tcdc.govt.nz

The next Whangamatā Community Board meeting is Tuesday 4 June at 10am, at our Council’s Whangamatā Service Centre: 620 Port Road, Whangamatā. Visit tcdc.govt.nz/meetings

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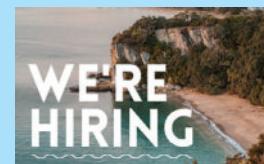
Kerbside recycling, glass and food scraps collections during Anzac Week are unaffected by the Thursday 25 April Anzac Day public holiday. Check schedules for the rest of the year at tcdc.govt.nz/bindays



All Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations (RTS) are closed on the morning of Anzac Day, Thursday 25 April, and will instead open at 1pm and close at 4.30pm. Transfer stations are now on shorter hours due to being outside of daylight saving. Normal site opening hours during this period are 8.30am to 4.30pm, seven days a week. tcdc.govt.nz/RTS

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ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS THURSDAY 25 APRIL

WHANGAMATĀ: 6.30am Sunrise Flag Raising & Service (includes flyover by Stearman aircraft) – assemble at Whangamatā Surf Club. Breakfast after at Blackies in Williamson Park

9am Mix and Mingle at Whangamatā RSA

9.30am Beach Hop vehicles collect members dropping them at the parade start

10.20am Civic Parade led by the Bay of Plenty Pipes & Drums from the Council Offices

11am Wreath-laying Service at Whangamatā War Memorial Hall followed by a light lunch and entertainment at the RSA Clubrooms

PĀUANUI: 6.30am Dawn Service – assemble at 6am on the beach adjacent to Surf Lifesaving Club (Pāuanui Sports and Recreation Club if wet)

TAIRUA: 6.30am Dawn Service – assemble at 6am in front of the Commemorative Wall at the Tairua Ex Servicemen’s Cemetery

Returned service personnel are asked to wear their medals and decorations.

All descendants of returned service personnel are welcome to participate in the parades. Descendants marching are asked to wear medals on the right upper portion of their clothes.



Photo by Mike Hill

THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE LONG TERM PLAN

Thank you to everyone who gave us your feedback on our the projects and budgets we’re proposing for the next 10 years and beyond during our formal Long Term Plan consultation process.

Feedback for the Long Term Plan was collected from Friday 8 March to Monday 8 April. We received 282 responses during this time that will now be considered by our Council during deliberations in May.

The Long Term Plan will be adopted in late June and set our Council’s priorities for the next 10 years.

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Bay Boardriders defend title

Mount Maunganui's Bay Boardriders have defended their title at the 2024 Hurley New Zealand Boardrider Club Championships presented by Volkswagen held at Whangamatā in a come-from-behind effort on Sunday (14 April).

Their performance earned the club the right to represent New Zealand at the Usher Cup World Club Challenge being held on the Gold Coast in January 2025.

In an epic day of surfing contested in a building 1.5m - 2.0m swell and perfect offshore winds, Bay Boardriders found themselves trailing frontrunners Keyhole Boardriders going into the all-important tag team division on the final day. Despite playing catch up, the talent-laden team went about their work in the teams event progressing through to the final and holding on for a well-deserved win.

"This means a lot to our club" said captain Owen Barnes. "We went to the Usher Cup this year and got a taste of that event, competing with

clubs from around the world and we wanted to come here this weekend and defend our title against some tough competition and we did that. Now we get to give the international stage another shot next year," he added.

Whangamatā claimed the Over 40 Men's Division through Jos Kennings and Bay Boardriders picked up their sole individual title thanks to Tai Murphy in the Under 18 Boys.

- Photo by Peter Stretch for Whangamatā News



Waihi win convincingly



In round 3 of the HG Leach and Co. Pty Senior A Valley club rugby competition, unbeaten Waihi Athletic side convincingly beat neighbours Whangamatā 45-21 at the Waihi Rugby stadium.

The digital scoreboard and timer had just warmed up as Waihi scored their first try in the opening minute. Waihi flicked the ball wide on the left wing, Cam Gerlach poured on the pace, then through endless support, play half back Asher Delany dotted down. More

misery for Whangamatā as flanker Tupou Tonga was sin binned for an infringement.

It was all Waihi in the opening 20 minutes and they racked up a sizeable 19-0 lead. The Whanga Red n Whites inched back with a forward try by Kiharoa Gilbert, 19-7 to Waihi. More pressure from Waihi resulted in two tries to hooker Josh Tye, half time Waihi Athletic 31 v Whangamatā 7.

Two tries to each side in the second half as Waihi deservedly have rugby bragging rights for a while over a wounded Whangamatā side.

Draw for Saturday, 30 April:

Double headers at both Whangamatā and Waihi. At Waihi, the two unbeaten sides - Waihi Athletic and Waihou - clash.

Senior A Whangamatā v Te Aroha Cobras - 2pm kick off.
Senior B Whangamatā v Mercury Bay - 12.25pm kick off.
Senior B Waihi Athletic v Waihou - 2pm kick off and Senior B Waihi Athletic v Waihou 11.25am kick off.

- Don MacKay, roving sports reporter. Photos by Mark James, Whangamatā News






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Paeroa and Coromandel win well

Paeroa knocked off defending champions Whangamatā in Round 2 2024 Silcock Shield Senior A's - 6 April at the Whangamata Rugby and Sports Club grounds from your wandering writer, Tighthead Ted.

The first round of the Senior B competition kicked off also, with cracking matches, according to my network of rugby tragics at the games.

Whangamatā vs Paeroa at The Boom Pitt, Aickin Road, Whangamatā. Referee S Watts.

The defending champs were zero from two, not a position that they are unfamiliar with after last season's start. The Red n' Whites came up against a Paeroa Side that hit their straps early and never took their foot off the accelerator.

The green machine scored early through massive flanker Talea Faaleaoga, after a crossfield kick was not defused by Whangamatā. Whangamatā replied quickly, through a Raoran break and kick for Sonny Rau to gather and dot down in the corner. A fine sideline conversion by TJ Wise tied it up. Paeroa soon scored again, man mountain Talea Faaleoga again dotting down and against a Paeroa side with the bit in their mouth, it was hard going for the home side. While the score blew out to an extent, the match was hard fought, two big packs going hard at each other, with neither gaining constant ascendancy.

Standouts for Paeroa were packmen Silao Talimao, Talea Faaleoga and replacement hooker Oneone Faafou. Faafou was lethal, making inroads into the tiring Whangamatā defence in the second spell. Midfielder Taimua Malielegaoi was impressive, along with left wing John Penu. For the home side the midfield pairing of David Dwyer and Joe Perawiti never stopped running, while up front captain Jacob Chaplin led by example in a tireless display. Prop Jordan Cordice and lock



A's meet strong defence.

Chris Tuilotolava also featured prominently throughout.

Paeroa Rugby & Sports 38 (1 Telea Faaleaoga 2, J Penu, T Keith, T Malielegaoi, T Sauaga tries; N Emery 3, Malielegaoi conversions) beat Whangamata Rugby & Sports 15 (S Rau, T Raoran tries; S Wise conversion, penalty). HT 21-15. Hauraki North v Waihi Athletic Waitakaruru International Stadium, Waitakaruru. Referee: R Rogers.

A record winning score for the visiting team as Waihi's resurgence in 2024 continues. With savvy recruiting in the off season, starting with a management team that is overhauling the whole club structure, the future is looking bright for Waihi Athletic. Meanwhile Norths were struggling for numbers, but in true North fashion never gave up, and late in the first spell it was only fantastic defence from the visitors that kept the home team scoreless.

There is cavalry on the horizon for the Blue Bulls though, with a few quality players due back in the next few weeks. The tone of the match for Waihi was set early with some huge defence. Brett Ranga, back from injury, led the way with an opening hit that should have been registered with the earthquake

commission. With the tone set Waihi's defence was relentless from then on in, and as the North scorecard would indicate, very tough to pierce.

With the forwards paving the way, the Waihi back division was clinical in their execution, and loved the quality possession, scoring seven of the nine tries. Fullback Cam Gerlach was the main benefactor with four tries, often with two touches in a movement. The centre pairing of Dylan Rangi and Kahu Craig-Ranga were a handful, and the whole show was orchestrated well by Quinn Collard at ten. Veteran Matty Fisher was a standout, along with hooker Brad Lauder. And substitute lock Jacob Lowe bought much needed go forward for the final 25 minutes - a huge shift after playing for the North B's earlier in the day. Waihi Athletic 59 (C Gerlach 4, Q Collard 2, D Rangi 2, I Seiuli tries; Collard 7 conversions) beat Hauraki North 0. HT 21-0.

- Tighthead Ted - Bart - Wandering Sports Reporter & Photographer
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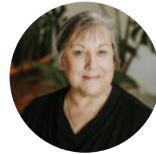
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- There are 4 bedrooms, 3 with ensuites plus a separate bathroom
- 2 large living areas, family room wine cellar/storage
- Kitchen is high quality, dining area is alfresco in design opening up to the outdoors

View 12pm Saturday 20 April & 27 April



Nancy Millett
021 517 708

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102 Riverview Road

- Spacious open plan relaxed living area
- 3 large double bedrooms
- Revamped kitchen and bathroom
- Separate double garage with auto door
- Spacious full site with private rear yard
- Easy access to marina, harbour, beach and town centre

View 12pm Saturday 20 April



Colin Thompson
021 723 723

View Listing: whanga.co/8302



167 Durrant Drive

- Well cared for, 4 bedroom home, complimented with all day sun
- Modern kitchen/dining and a spacious lounge on upper level
- North-facing deck overlooks reserve, plus a water view of the upper harbour
- Downstairs; spacious double bedroom with second bathroom and rumpus room
- High stud double garage with internal access

View 12pm Saturday 20 April & 27 April



Julian West
027 222 4364

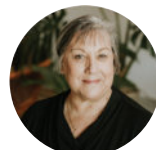
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6 Kapakapa Road, Opoutere

- Classic Opoutere bach
- Expansive harbour, sea, beach & ocean views
- Large garage
- 1166m² bush clad section

View by appointment



Nancy Millett
021 517 708

View Listing: whanga.co/8315



110A Waverley Place

- Single level home with open plan living room and warm conservatory
- Three generous double bedrooms
- Functional bathroom / toilet layout with wet area shower
- Heat pump & DVS System
- Private patio, fully fenced and gated front yard
- Internal access single garage and auto door

View 11am Saturday 20 April, 27 April and 11am Sunday 28 April



Sarah Speedy
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125B Tangaroa Road

- Located across the road from the beach front
- Easy access to beach and surf
- Nice swimming options, surf beach action or estuary lagoon
- Island and ocean views
- Multiple deck options for outdoor entertainment
- Open plan kitchen, dining and living area well connected to decks
- Three double bedrooms and second lounge
- Two bathrooms (one on each level)
- Heat pumps, whiteware included
- Double garage with internal access
- Ground level family room flows onto patio and lawn
- Easy-care gardens and established shade trees
- Additional outdoor shower (hot / cold)
- Freehold title sqm
- Off street parking, room for tents

View by appointment



Sharon Laurenson
027 662 3164

View Listing: whanga.co/8336



300 Port Road

- Large home on full site
- 3 double bedrooms (master with ensuite)
- Spacious lounge with good flow to patio
- Modern kitchen and dining area
- BBQ nook handy to kitchen
- Heat pump and HRV system
- Aluminium joinery (some double glazing)
- Large garage internal access - high stud door with internal access
- Separate Gym or Hobby room.
- Excellent storage throughout
- Fully fenced and gated
- Ample off-street parking
- Spacious hard stand or boat parking
- Handy to town centre, clubs, and school

View by appointment



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027 662 3164

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441 Onemana Drive

- Panoramic ocean, island and rural views
- Modern kitchen and bathroom
- Generous open plan living
- Cosy wood burner
- Two-bedroom cottage
- Serviced sleepout
- 2x Separate cabin
- 3 bathrooms in total
- Multiple outdoor entertaining options
- Freehold 593sqm full site
- Outdoor shower
- Under house storage
- Walking tracks and secluded bays near by
- Suitable as a two-family purchase

View 1pm Saturday 27 April



Sarah Speedy 027 843 4013
Julian West 027 222 4364

View Listing: whanga.co/8332





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117A Patuwai Drive

- Absolute waterfront
- On boundary of grassy Reserve
- Easy access to water for a kayak or swim
- Five double bedrooms, dual bathrooms
- Open plan living area
- Self-contained area downstairs for guests

[View by appointment](#)



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320 Ocean Road

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

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Sharon Laurenson
027 662 3164
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104A Silkwood Lane

- Sunny, single level home plus spacious garage
- Open plan living and kitchen
- Three double bedrooms
- Well fenced lawn and play area
- Ideal first home, rental or if you are downsizing, a great retirement option

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Sharon Laurenson
027 662 3164
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Lot 1 of Lot 16 Te Pamahue Drive

- Blank canvas – bare section
- 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

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119 Chevron Crescent

- Standing tall amongst the trees and in a bush setting, this family home welcomes you in
- Three double bedrooms over two levels
- Spacious kitchen, dining and living area
- Well connected to the outdoors
- Freehold 861sqm site
- Elevated location with sea views

View by appointment



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103 Estuary View

- Enjoy elevated views and an excellent sun aspect
- Three double bedrooms – master with ensuite and walk-in robe
- Ground floor living creates easy entertainment spaces
- Excellent indoor / outdoor connection
- Internal access double garage

View by appointment



Sharon Laurenson
027 662 3164
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403C Beach Road

- Views of the sparkling harbour
- Two-bedroom north facing holiday home
- Single level living and easy maintenance
- Across the road to water's edge and easy swimming
- Located close to Marina, Park, Ocean Sports Club, town centre & cafés

View by appointment



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027 662 3164
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116B McKellar Place

- Discover this magical hidden gem in McKellar Place
- Three double bedrooms, modern bathroom, and kitchen
- Excellent connection and flow to decks and outdoors
- New carpet, paint, and décor

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102 Aickin Road

- Town centre storage units
- 10 x powered units (2 of the units are split into two to make 12 spaces total) + parking
- AND a sturdy 2+ bedroom concrete block house at the rear
- Income from the storage business and the house has yet to be fully maximized
- The 832sqm site in extra density zoning offers great potential

View by appointment



Chris Speedy 021 747 901
Katie Speedy 021 382 022

View Listing: whanga.co/8303



105B Leander Road

- North facing aspect with a sunny and sheltered spot
- Single level home with 3 double bedrooms
- Open plan living
- Separate toilet, separate laundry
- Fully fenced and gated
- Freehold 567sqm (more or less) level site

View 1pm Saturday 20 April & 27 April



Chris Speedy 021 747 901
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View Listing: whanga.co/8335



114 Tirohanga Drive

- This tidy 3-bedroom, 2 bathroom house is a real gem
- Open plan living, dining and kitchen
- Single garage plus a separate cabin/office is ideal for those who work from home
- Great outdoor entertaining area
- This property offers a mix of space and privacy

View by appointment



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View Listing: whanga.co/8234



104B Linton Crescent

- This could be your chance to enter the Whangamata property market
- Spacious and well-presented two-bedroom, one bathroom home
- Plenty of indoor/outdoor flow with decks both front and back
- Located on a rear freehold site
- Easy stroll to the Surf Club and Blackies Cafe

View 2pm Saturday 20 April & 27 April



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225A Otahu Road

- This tidy 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom home is comfortable and low maintenance
- The open-plan layout connects the living, dining and kitchen areas
- The single garage provides secure parking
- Perfect for a permanent residence, a holiday retreat, or an investment property
- This will be sold fully furnished so is ready and waiting

View by appointment or 11am Saturday 20 April



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302 Sylvia Road

- An original 1-bedroom, 1-bathroom kiwi bach, brimming with character
- Situated on a freehold 852m2 (more or less) Plenty of room for boats or tents, outdoor activities
- The garage/sleepout provides additional space for guests
- Located just a stones-throw away from the beach and surf club

View by appointment or 10am Saturday 27 April



Chris Speedy 021 747 901
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2/106 Saint Patricks Row

- This stunning property offers a luxurious and modern lifestyle that you won't want to miss
- Four bedrooms - the master and guest bedrooms have ensuites
- The heart of the home is the designer kitchen, complete with a scullery
- Open plan living and dining area flows onto a spacious sunny deck
- Situated in a highly sought-after area

View 12pm Saturday 20 April & 27 April



Chris Speedy 021 747 901
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611 Beach Road

- Expansive views from the marina to the upper harbour and hills to the north
- Funky 3-bedroom bach with open plan living upstairs and access onto the deck
- Full site of 908m2 (more or less)
- Building consent issued for the construction of three double storey houses. Plans are available on request

View 2pm Saturday 20 April & 11am Saturday 27 April



Chris Speedy 021 747 901
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106 Saint Patrics Row

- This funky and functional surf-side house is ready for its new owners
- Modern Kitchen, generous open plan layout
- Three double bedrooms - master bedroom with ensuite
- Views of the ocean/surf
- Internal access double garage

View by appointment



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131 Durrant Drive

- Well-presented 4-bedroom home with 2 bathrooms and office space
- Large site with good parking and garaging options
- Modern kitchen, woodburner for those winter evenings
- Great lawn and decked areas

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\$1,875,000

111 Te Pamahue Drive

- Picturesque, unrestricted, permanent views
- Spacious indoor/outdoor living for alfresco dining
- Designer kitchen with modern fittings & appliances
- 3 bedrooms with rumpus or 4th bedroom plus office
- Main living area and master bedroom on one level

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Julian West
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ENQUIRIES
OVER
\$1,650,000

112 Oratia Place, Onemana

- Lockwood design with 3 double bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
- The lower level is semi-self-contained accommodation perfect for guests
- Modern kitchen, open plan living plus spacious lounge
- Huge sunny deck with ocean views
- High stud double garage plus additional off-street parking for motor home vehicle

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\$1,155,000

108 Tuna Place, Onemana

- Very well presented three-bedroom home
- Generous open plan lounge/dining plus modern spacious kitchen
- Sunny spacious decks with ample storage under
- An easy stroll to the local cafe/dairy, beach reserve, beach and even walking tracks
- Sited on a full freehold 822sqm bordering the reserve

[View 2pm Saturday 27 April](#)



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ENQUIRIES
OVER
\$1,050,000

107 Titiro Place, Onemana

- Solidly built two-storey 70's home at the beach
- Enjoy stunning ocean, reserve and village views from the spacious deck
- Four double bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Two living areas, double garaging
- Freehold 634sqm Full site

[View 11am Sunday 21 April & 28 April](#)



Julian West
027 222 4364

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\$950,000

104 Ngati Pu Place

- Very well presented with 3 double bedrooms
- A generously sized lounge, modern kitchen and dining room
- Separate laundry, separate bathroom, separate toilet
- Single garage/workshop plus cabin style sleeper
- Fully fenced property with garden shed, firewood storage

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104A Hunt Road

- Desired prime beach and town position
- Excellent harbour entrance and bar views
- 4 bedrooms , main with view and ensuite
- Bonus separate 2-bedroom sleepout with own courtyard
- Extensive furniture package included just move in
- Rare opportunity to secure a property in this location

View 2pm Sunday 21 April



Colin Thompson
021 723 723

View Listing: whanga.co/8265



132 Achilles Avenue

- Two large bedrooms plus sleepout and caravan with solid annex
- Open plan living opening onto spacious covered veranda area
- Outside bath , shower area and additional separate toilet
- Large, elevated site

View 11am Saturday 20 April



Colin Thompson
021 723 723

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106 Waverley Place

- Single level 3-bedroom home
- Plus, bonus of a spacious sleepout
- Open plan living with attached conservatory.
- 6m x 6m separate garage
- Plenty of parking at rear of site
- Peaceful cul-de-sac street

View 2pm Saturday 20 April



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500A Port Road

- 2 Bedroom unit with attached garage
- Corner site positioned well for the sun
- Easy walk to town centre and clubs
- Low maintenance construction
- Furniture list included in sale

View 11am Sunday 21 April



Colin Thompson
021 723 723

View Listing: whanga.co/8256



115A Otahu Road

- Open plan living with direct deck access
- North/west aspect to capture the sun
- Three bedrooms
- Separate garage/workshop
- Easy care front site

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DEATH NOTICE



It is with the deepest sadness to advise the passing of my angel mother **Janice Mary Codlin on Friday 29th March 2024**, surrounded by her adoring family, at her home.

Most would know my mum by her three wee dogs, walking the streets of Whangamata and her love and passion of crafts and fantastic loving friends at Busy Fingers.

Mum was the most loving, gentle person, who was passionate about her family, friends and dogs.

As requested, mum has asked not to have a service, but to join dad and forever be together, wherever they may be.

Loved and missed dearly.

GARAGE SALES

Saturday, 20 April, 8am to 12pm.
387 Wentworth Valley Rd.

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AGM

Korihi te Manu o Ngahere Toa Inc.

Warriors for the Birdsong of the Forest will be meeting on Friday 26th April 2024
 5:30pm
 at 101 Ocean Beach Road, Whangamatā.

PUBLIC NOTICES



WHANGAMATA THEATRE SOCIETY Inc

NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm Cornerstone House - 100 Ocean Road
Thursday 16th May 2024

AGENDA

- Welcome & Apologies
- Minutes - AGM 2023
- President's Report
- Finance Report
- General Business
- Election of Officers

At the conclusion of the meeting all members and prospective members are invited to socialise and brainstorm ideas for future productions.

All enquiries to Secretary, Jude Briton
 021 188 5134 or judeb@live.com

Whangamatā Tides 2024

APRIL 2024		☾ New Moon: 9 th				☀ Full Moon: 24 th					
Date	High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set	
	AM		PM		AM		PM				
19	Fri	3:30	1.7	15:55	1.6	9:43	0.6	21:59	0.6	06:45	17:44
20	Sat	4:21	1.7	16:48	1.7	10:35	0.6	22:51	0.6	06:46	17:42
21	Sun	5:09	1.7	17:37	1.7	11:23	0.6	23:38	0.6	06:47	17:41
22	Mon	5:53	1.7	18:23	1.7	11:55	0.6	12:06	0.5	06:47	17:40
23	Tue	6:35	1.8	19:05	1.8	0:21	0.6	12:47	0.5	06:48	17:39
24	Wed	7:15	1.8	19:45	1.8	1:02	0.5	13:26	0.5	06:49	17:37
25	Thu	7:55	1.8	20:25	1.8	1:42	0.5	14:04	0.4	06:50	17:36
26	Fri	8:34	1.8	21:05	1.9	2:23	0.5	14:43	0.4	06:51	17:35
27	Sat	9:15	1.8	21:47	1.9	3:04	0.5	15:23	0.4	06:52	17:34
28	Sun	9:57	1.8	22:30	1.8	3:48	0.5	16:05	0.4	06:53	17:32
29	Mon	10:42	1.8	23:17	1.8	4:33	0.5	16:50	0.4	06:54	17:31
30	Tue	11:29	1.8			5:22	0.5	17:38	0.4	06:55	17:30

Sports results

MAH JONG

12 April: We had 51 players. The winners were 1st with 41 pts, Gael Butler; 2nd with 40 pts, Liz Routley; 3rd equal with 37 pts, Carol Archer & Rosemary Forsythe. The lucky number today was 17. Two people scored this number and the winner is Erin Wyatt.

RSA 500 CARD CLUB

10 April: The winner on the day was Lloyd May and Colette Slack won the raffle. Liz Palmer won the chocolate bar.

TABLE TENNIS

11 April: Wayne Broome and Roger Wolfe came 1st equal winning 9 games while John Wallace and Brendon Ryan came 2nd equal winning 7 games. Our ladies winner today was Angie Dewhirst.



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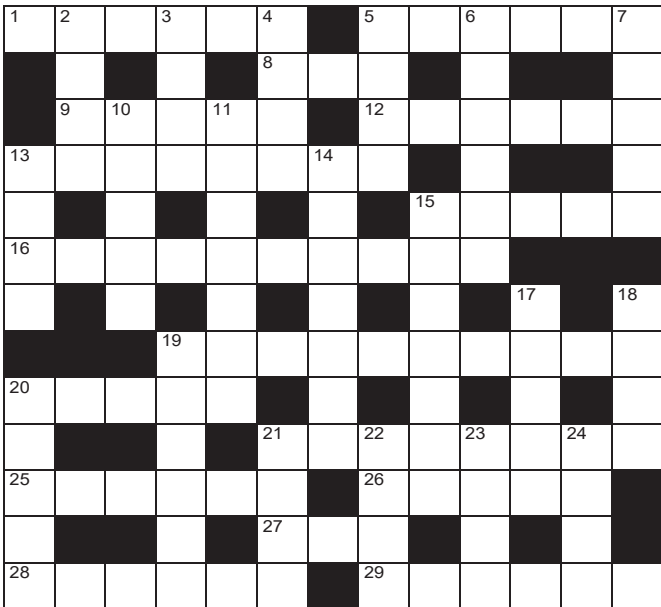
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- Across**
 1. Time of intense difficulty (6)
 5. Evaluate (6)
 8. Hotel bar (3)
 9. Dance style (5)
 12. Abhor (6)
 13. Strangle (8)
 15. Slap (5)
 16. Financial success (10)
 19. At a later time (10)
 20. Way in (5)
 21. Alienate (8)
 25. Valiant (6)
 26. Farewell (5)
 27. Pork product (3)
 28. Music player (6)
 29. Not real or genuine (6)
- Down**
 2. Foolish (4)
 3. Unaccompanied (4)
 4. Minor argument (4)
 5. Competent (4)
 6. Excessively ingratiating (6)
 7. Streamlined (5)
 10. Pointer (5)
 11. Astonish (7)
 13. Adhesive strip (4)
 14. Generosity (7)
 15. Official at public event (7)
 17. Old woman (5)
 18. Small land mass (4)
 19. Passion (6)
 20. Culture's characteristic spirit (5)
 21. Resound (4)
 22. Subdue (4)
 23. Assists (4)
 24. Strong current of air (4)

SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU

3	7	6	9	8	1	6	3	2	4	5	8						
8	2	1	7	4	5	3	3	9	6	1	2	7					
5	9	4	2	6	3	8	1	7	1	7	1						
9	6	3	5	1	7	2	8	4	4	3	5	7	1				
2	8	5	4	9	6	1	7	3	1	4	5	2	6	7	8	9	3
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U	L	Z	H	V	O	G	T	A	W	E	P	B	D
13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
J	R	N	C	K	S	M	X	F	I	L	N	R	J

CRYPTIC

Across: 1. Foundling; 5. Lay; 7. Robert; 8. Stuffy; 9. Assess; 8. Pub; 10. Escapist; 14. Nelson; 15. Manner; 17. Hysteria; 20ac & 11dn. Spiral staircase; 23. Peg; 24. Archetype. **Down:** 1dn & 22ac. Fireman's ladder; 2. Umbrella; 3. Directory; 4. Get; 5. Lift; 6. Yo-yo; 9. UPS; 12. Inwardly; 13. Preserve; 16. Eta; 18. ASAP; 19. Ring; 21. Ada.

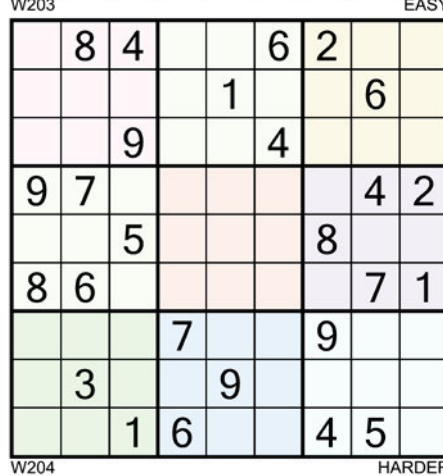
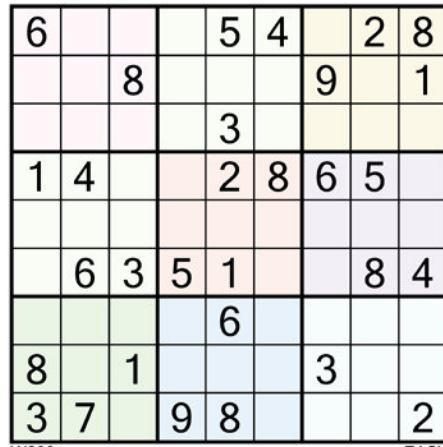
CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Crisis; 2. Echo; 22. Tame; 23. Aids; 24. Gust.

Down: 2. Rash; 3. Solo; 4. Spat; 5. Able; 6. Smarmy; 7. Sleek; 10. Arrow; 11. Stupely; 13. Tape; 14. Largess; 15. Steward; 17. Crore; 18. Isle; 19. Ardour; 20. Ethos; 21. Ersatz; 28. Stereo; 29. Entry; 26. Adieu; 27. Ham; 21. Estrange; 25. Heretic; 19. Afterwards; 20. Entry; 16. Prosperity; 13. Throttle; 15. Smack; 9. Salsa; 12. Loathe; 5. Assess; 8. Pub; 10. Escapist; 14. Nelson; 15. Manner; 17. Hysteria; 20ac & 11dn. Spiral staircase; 23. Peg; 24. Archetype. **Down:** 1dn & 22ac. Fireman's ladder; 2. Umbrella; 3. Directory; 4. Get; 5. Lift; 6. Yo-yo; 9. UPS; 12. Inwardly; 13. Preserve; 16. Eta; 18. ASAP; 19. Ring; 21. Ada.

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

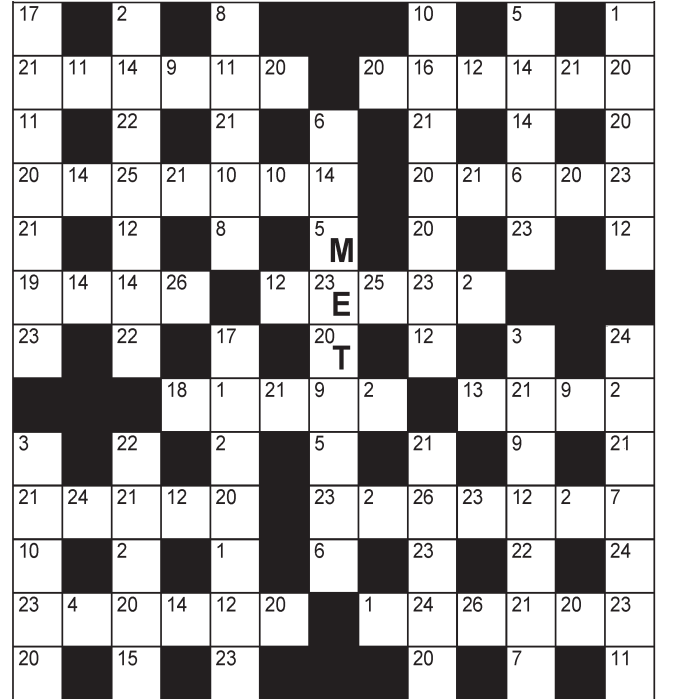


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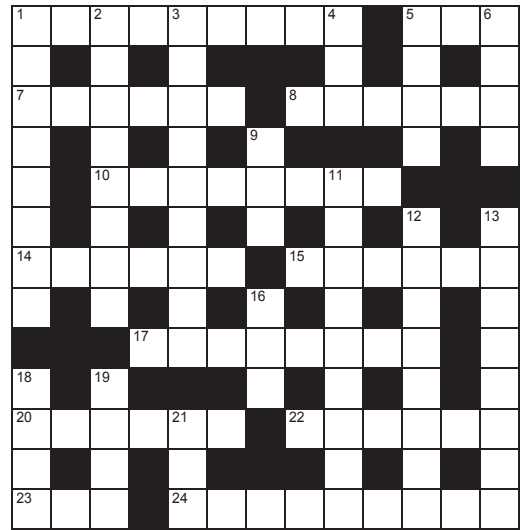
Each number below represents a different letter. Find the correct letter for each number by working out the word from the letters given. To keep track, cross the letters off on the grid below.



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													
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- Across**
 1. Located some fish for the homeless one (9)
 5. It's up to store and down for a rest (3)
 7. What he may do to the bank we hear (6)
 8. Blocked, prim and properly (6)
 10. Being drunk he got away we hear (8)
 14. He's a one-eyed columnist in London (6)
 15. No great arrangement, maybe, but it is the way to do things (6)
 17. Artie shy? Otherwise he may go into panic mode (8)
 20ac & 11dn. You have to go round and round it to go up and down (6,9)
 22. See 1 Down
 23. It's up for the clothes and down for the tent (3)
- Down**
 24. Creepy hat could be the one to copy (9)
 1dn & 22ac. Maybe mind readers, Alf, but it goes up to come down (8,6)
 2. It goes up when it comes down (8)
 3. The princess goes to the parsonage house to look up and maybe write it down (9)
 4. It's up for clothes and down for dancing (3)
 5. Raise something that goes up and down (4)
 6. Has to go down to come up - after a wind up (4)
 9. Used initially so the computer doesn't go down (3)
 11. See 20 Across
 12. Wild yarn about window's opening fashion (8)
 13. Can prevent injury (8)
 16. Will arrive in Greece on the seventh ... (3)



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18. ... initially as speedily as Prost ... (4)
 19. ... and call for the jewellery ... (4)
 21. ... and see if the girl from Madagascar is there (3)

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