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Poet's Corner

The Storm

A storm is brewing, baton
everything down,
An eerie dark, turns my face to a
frown.

If you're not home now, you'd
better be quick
Cause the lightening, has lighten it's
wick

Rain has started, with a slow heavy
pace,
Birds have vanished, without a
trace,

Wind starts to whistle and howl,
Cracking thunder, a frightening
growl

Pitch black, and no one around,
Trees and power lines on the
ground

Nature's saying, hello to us tonight
Every growl, gives me a fright,

So much energy, hard to sleep,
The scared child, starts to weep,

When morning comes, I warily look,
At what nature had upturned and
took.

Exciting but scary, all in one
Shall I stay, or shall I run?

Everyone's safe, we weathered the
storm,
Until when, the next one is born.

- Loren

The grains of time Whangamata Beach

The grains of time
Are sliding by
On firstborn waves
To shores unseen.
And kissing coasts, untouched
Unloved, they mingle into
Mists of sand.

Then drift to beaches
Lost in haze
Through dusted dunes,
Forgotten coasts.
They garner weight and
Shift their shape
We glimpse them once
And then they fade.

We dream of dust
Give meaning,
To the motes that dance
In false dawn's light.
Then make our wishes,
Shape our souls
But they are ghosts...
And gone by night.

- Pete Stretch

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Busy shoulder season for the Coromandel

Summer may be over, but that
hasn't stopped people from making
the most of the shoulder season.
In my opinion, autumn is the best
time to experience the Coromandel.
Compared to the hectic pace of the
peak season, it's a bit more relaxed
and the cooler weather is refreshing.
There's still plenty to do as well,
as the last couple of weeks have
proven.

Hats off to everyone who played
a part in making this year's Beach
Hop a success. Our towns rolled out
the welcome mat, visitors and locals
alike were proud to show off their
cars and costumes, and, despite
the rain, there was just a good vibe
throughout the festival.

In political news, you may have seen
that GDP shrank in the December
quarter. This is the hangover from

the high-spending, poor economic
management from the previous
government. We simply need to get
the country back on track. To this
end, we've completed our 100 day
plan, which focused on scrapping
wasteful policies and cutting
excessive spending.

Later this year we will also introduce
a new approach to road safety,
which will reverse the previous
government's blanket approach
to speed reductions. A new rule is
being developed which will ensure
that, in addition to safety, speed
limits need to consider economic
impacts, travel times, and the views
of the community. This change will
go out for public consultation in the
coming months.

- Authorised by Scott Simpson MP,
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Credible, enduring 'Alliance' key

An alliance of Coromandel Peninsula residents and ratepayers met with TCDC Mayor Len Salt, councillors and senior staff in Council Chambers on 21 March. 13 of the 16 Coromandel Peninsula resident and ratepayer associations were present.

Who are the Coromandel Residents and Ratepayers Alliance and why do we exist?

A peninsula-wide forum, "an alliance" of 16 Coromandel Residents and Ratepayer Associations who have agreed:

1. Form a credible and enduring alliance of Coromandel Peninsula resident and ratepayer groups (the Alliance).
2. Advocate to Council for strong ground up democracy, through fiscal and operational empowerment to community boards.

The Alliance will provide a cohesive voice which represents the broader views of Coromandel Peninsula residents and ratepayers, one that intends to work in a harmonious manner with TCDC for the benefit of our communities.

In the 2022 local body election we were promised change with meaningful consultation, transparency and accountability, and fairer equity with respect to rates allocation across the district.

But there has also been a

steady decline in the roles and responsibilities of community boards and this, combined with major rates increases, has had a significant effect on our local communities satisfaction, or lack thereof, with council.

Many believe the council has lost sight of its core business. Alliance members generally believe the council's core business first and foremost is providing fit-for-purpose infrastructure, maintenance and servicing of assets already paid for by ratepayers.

There is widespread concern that the maintenance of ratepayer assets in the Coromandel are and continue to remain under-funded.

The cost of living is an ongoing concern. Housing shortages and the price of housing to buy or rent, medical and health facilities, transport issues and the ever-increasing rate increases are serious concerns.

The Alliance proposes to actively and jointly participate in discussions with council ongoing on all of the above matters and means to be heard.

How do we achieve the following, working in a harmonious relationship with council?

- Meaningful consultation
- Transparency
- Accountability

- Fairer equity to rates allocation across the district
- To be heard

Major change is needed. The status quo is not satisfactory; many residents and ratepayer associations are dissatisfied with how our communities are managed.

There is little support for a central Thames bureaucracy to manage and service infrastructure and amenities paid for by local ratepayers across the peninsula, or for faceless officials and staff decision-making.

There have been several meetings to discuss the roles and responsibilities of Community Boards and granting the Area Manager greater autonomy and discretion to work with Community Boards without having to go through centralised council head-office procedures.

Proposals for change:

- Increased responsibilities for Community Boards
- Regular reports to Community Boards containing full and up to date information
- Elevate ward Area Managers
- Local budgeting and decision-making
- Prevent lengthy delays by use of approved local contractors
- Financial consideration regarding current rating inequity
- Improve council communication

and processes

There must be a change of policy. Residents and ratepayers' associations feel ignored, alienated and unrepresented. The current LTP process to date has confirmed those views.

The TCDC 2024/2034 "Tackling the future head on" WHAT'S YOUR TAKE, is set out in a 361-page document.

In the summary document 'Tackling the future head on', we are told there are five decisions to be made:

1. Managing rate spikes, three options offered.
2. Investing more in future planning, three options offered.
3. Investing in connected communities, three options offered.
4. Increasing fees and charges to keep rates manageable, two options offered.
5. The future of our central office, Thames Council Building, four options offered.

Submissions close 8 April. Submit your feedback either online or by delivering your submission to the local Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) office (Port Road) or tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034

Submissions don't have to be complicated, a simple comment 'I/we do not agree with this option/s.'

Boots & Hats

Whangamata Line Dance Social
Theme: Boots & Hats

Whangamata RSA, 324 Port Rd
Sunday 21st April
10.30am to 3.30pm
\$5 door charge for dancers
Gold coin for non-dancers



BYO lunch. Tea & coffee provided. The RSA bar and Yings restaurant will be open 11am onwards. Raffles & profit will be donated to **Moana House Dementia Building Fund.**

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Line dancing for our community

A group of our local Line Dancers are holding a Line Dance Social at the Whangamata RSA on Sunday 21st April to try and help raise funds for the new Dementia Unit at Moana House.

Colleen Rumney told us "Three of us have worked at Moana House over the years, and I still do, and we all are very much aware of the desperate need for this facility.

I have been affected by Dementia within my own family and have worked with those affected by it for the last 14 years and have seen the impact it has on, not only the person with Dementia but on family, friends and carers."

Whangamatā News heard from Garth Blake, acting General Manager for Moana House, at the recent Golf Charity Tournament who reiterated the importance of the new Dementia Unit to our community.

" We are a small Resthome and Hospital at Moana House, we have a huge need in the community for a dementia unit on the Eastern Coromandel, there is no dedicated facility here on this side of the Peninsula. An example of this was in January last year, we had a lovely couple in the retirement Village at Moana House who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary,

6 weeks later, it got to the point when the husband couldn't look after his wife and the closest unit she could get to is Thames."

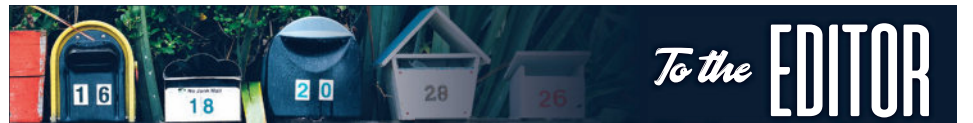
He is not mobile and unable to drive. His family is in Auckland, they have to drive down to collect him to visit her in Thames, return him to Whangamata and then return to Auckland. "Essentially he has had to say Goodbye to his wife, it's just not acceptable, we are pushing really hard to get funding to build a dementia unit, so we dont have to see this happen in families."

There are lots of things outside of our control, but one thing you can control is your help to provide a suitable environment for those in our community who develop Dementia.

We're asking our community, like you, to support our efforts to provide a safe, homely environment for people with Dementia that is close to their loved ones. Please help us with our fundraising efforts to build a purpose-built Dementia Unit in Whangamatā.

Come along to the Line Dancing Social on Sunday, 21 April, from 10.30am to 3.30pm at Whangamata RSA, and support the cause.

- Jennie Black



Pollution

Nestled on the shores of the Coromandel Peninsula, Whangamatā is a place of beauty - rolling surf, 3+ kilometres of beautiful white sandy beach surrounded by forests of native and pine trees. Just a great place to live or holiday at.

However, when you see pruning done, lawns mowed, etc - ask yourself 'where is this going?'

To the dump or onto our roadsides or forest tracks?

Go onto any of the forest tracks we are so kindly allowed to use during daylight hours, and you will see a plethora of dumped rubbish - organic, non-organic and carcasses littered everywhere. Not just small amounts but trailer loads.

It's time we took a good look at ourselves to ensure our regional beauty is not spoiled by a small anti-social minority who seem to think that they have the right to spread their rubbish anywhere.

Luckily, we have our own dump station and for a very modest fee most rubbish can be disposed of.

There is an easy alternative to 'freedom dumping': use the dump or don't come to Whangamatā. Thank you.

Bob Storey
WHANGAMATĀ

Food for Thought

For their own political purposes climate campaigners continue to accuse our agricultural industries of

being our largest polluters in terms of carbon emissions, even dwarfing fossil fuel emissions. Natural science would suggest otherwise. Fossil fuel use emits CO2 and other pollutants into the atmosphere, adding new carbon that had been locked away for millions of years.

Agricultural food production however, is quite different as it is part of the natural carbon cycle, drawing its carbon from the atmosphere. The foods we consume every day (vegetables, fruit, cereals, dairy products, meat, fish, eggs, etc) are all carbon based.

All of that carbon was extracted from the atmosphere in the form of CO2.

Photosynthesis is the natural process of plants capturing atmospheric carbon dioxide to produce the energy rich plant sugars and proteins that form all of the food products that sustain us and all animal life. Resulting methane emissions recycled back to the atmosphere are only a portion of the captured CO2.

It is not only trees that sequester carbon. We also are carbon based. We are 18.5 per cent carbon from embryo to grown adult. We retain carbon from the food we eat as we gain body mass.

We need to understand the importance of CO2 in the atmosphere and the part it plays in sustaining life on earth. Just as crucial as water in fact.

Raises the question: what would be worse, too much CO2 or not enough?

George Williams
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A community project to be proud of

Construction works will commence on the Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club buildings on the 8th April with plans to be operational well before Christmas patrol obligations.

Following a competitive tender process over summer, highly regarded head-contractors Livingstone Building have been appointed to undertake the primary renovation and re-mediation of the club buildings. This includes critical aspects such as seismic strengthening; improvements to operational zones; and enhancement of several spaces, access ways and linkages.

Funds are in place to do this primary renovation and re-mediation work thanks to club fundraising and Surf Life Saving New Zealand and Lotteries grants. A big thank you to all of those generous supporters who have contributed to our project so far.

Dide Harrison, Club Manager of Whangamata Surf Lifesaving club told Whangamatā News

"We went to tender at the end of February with funds of approximately \$1.8million which includes \$100,000 from club savings, which has allowed us to enter into the fixed price contract



with Livingstone Building to do the primary renovation and extensions."

"We estimate a further \$300,000 is needed to complete stage two of the project, including replacing and upgrading toilets, kitchen and bar on the first floor, improved ventilation and heating, outdoor showers and ground stabilisation to the area in front of the gear shed extensively used for beach patrol vehicles."

During renovations the regional call out squad will use temporary

facilities located behind the club.

"It's been a busy Easter weekend with members descending on the club to clean out and pack up the building. There are a lot of good memories for members in the old building, however everyone is looking forward to returning to the updated building that will be something the whole community can be proud of".

The club is calling on all those members and friends of the club who have been considering a

donation to help us deliver the transformation needed to complete the project.

Donations can be made directly to the bank account:
NZ Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club (Inc) Building
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Keep following your Whangamatā News as the journey continues with regular updates, such an exciting time, Project Transformation is now a reality.

- Jennie Black



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Remembrance wall completion nears

This amazing project is an exciting event for both the Whangamata RSA members and our community. As a member of the executive RSA committee and additional fund raiser, I am humbled, delighted and excited to see the progress coming close to its big reveal next week. It represents the hard work and 'heart' of so many incredible supporters, local contractors, tradies, suppliers and generous donations from our Veterans, families and individuals, near and far. Grants assistance also helped gain essential momentum.

Geoff March, President of the Whangamata RSA agrees. "It came about as we were looking for something different to regenerate our RSA, we needed something to refocus our members, our committee and management teams. The original idea was to raise public funds to enable us to modernise our Remembrance Wall area, it was too small, and after 25 years needed to face the other direction, to cater for the number of people attending many ceremonies of great importance".

All of us have been amazed by the response that we have had, to enable an arboretum that transcends like no other in our township and gives our community a place to go to think about those who have sacrificed so much for us, to remember what we have.

Just last month, we put out a request for pōhutukawa trees for the



area, we wanted two similar in size, we found a couple, who generously purchased two from a tree farm for us and are now planted, giving forever shade, these will be admired for many years to come.

With the design from Ted Pickett, sculptor and landscaper, the wall stands in magnificence, it will have a

water feature, night lighting, seating and currently underway re-purposed brass letters (with precision work by the team at The MenzShed) It will hold four Service emblems also in brass, designed for remembrance, that can hold personal and family time, but ultimately it will be the focal point of our wreath laying as formal remembrance on ANZAC Day.



Geoff March told us "The Whangamata RSA would like to acknowledge the funding support and generous input from all our volunteers, we are humbled by where support has come from and what people have been willing to do, it gives us 'heart' that we are acknowledged and being an integral part of Whangamatā Community, both as a hospitality facility and a welfare facility for the many adjuncts, groups and services who use us on a regular basis. So thank you to the Whangamatā Community."

We are still seeking donations to get us over the line - if you wish to donate, please call into our RSA or give via our bank account: Whangamata Returned and Services' Association (Incorporated) BNZ 02 0472 0020608 00

- Jennie Black, RSA Committee Member. & Whangamatā News



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Mammogram fundraiser possible for Whanga women

In November, 2023, Project Mammogram passed its first major milestone, \$100,000 in donations and currently that total sits at \$122,000. So, who could benefit from having a gold standard mammogram machine based permanently in Whitianga?

Project Mammogram committee chairman, Mike Brown of Whitianga Lions Club says achieving that first milestone is due to the support the communities in the Coromandel have given to this fundraiser. Both Whitianga Lions Club and Mercury Bay Lions Club members are spearheading the fundraising but many community organisations and individuals have also contributed.

The goal is to offer a public/private general mammogram service that will be more convenient for anyone wanting a screening mammogram. Biennial screening appointments will be able to be made at any time throughout the year, enabling people to plan their scan around their work or time it with a trip to Whitianga. The private service would also be available to visitors to our region who maybe tourists due for a scan or holidaymakers not wanting to miss their scheduled scan.

"Looking at the map of the eastern seaboard of the Coromandel

Peninsula, we envisage the catchment area for people using this service as running from Port Charles and Coromandel all the way to Whangamatā, especially where private scans would otherwise be conducted in Hamilton or Auckland.

"We need a private/public system so that we can capture all age groups of women for mammograms in our area. The reason being is because women out of the publicly funded age of 45 and 69 cannot be breast-screened in the public system without a doctor's appointment and they're not catered for on the mobile service.

"Given the demographic of our region, it's important to provide a system that would allow women of all ages in our area to be able to be screened when they wanted to. "The gold standard internationally is for women aged between 40 and 74 to receive a regular biennial mammogram. Currently in New Zealand the public system provides free mammogram screening two-yearly for women aged 45-69. However, there are others outside that age group, including those with a family history of breast cancer, who may still have to pay for their mammogram but they will save the cost of travel to Hamilton if we have a unit in Whitianga.

"The public/private system allows for both those in public system and those outside of it to continue their screening after 69 or before 40 should they wish to do so. Breast cancer doesn't respect any age boundary so we recommend you continue to screen outside the publicly-funded age group.

"At our earliest discussions about this project, our goal was to provide a service for early detection and better outcomes for all women in our communities. That goal continues to resonate with everyone involved and your continued support for Project Mammogram is greatly appreciated."

On 15 February, 2024, Health Minister Hon Dr Shane Reti announced on Beehive.govt.nz that the coalition Government has made the first steps in delivering on its promise to extend free breast screening to women aged 70-74.

Minister Shane Reti says: "As part of the 100-day plan, the Government has now met with officials and discussed what is needed in order for the screening to be extended. "Breast cancer is the most common cancer amongst New Zealand women, and that's why the Government prioritised this crucial initiative in our 100-day plan.

"It's vitally important to all affected women and their families that we detect more breast cancer early. "Overall, our extension means women will be eligible for an average of two to three extra mammograms once the programme is fully implemented - and that means around 120,000 additional women will be eligible for screening every two years.

"While we want to move as swiftly as possible, we need to allow the health system to prepare for the roughly 60,000 additional women eligible each year." Dr Reti says there is a lot of preparation in terms of human and capital infrastructure as well as the expansion of existing screening services. Health New Zealand will need to also plan for the cancer treatment services required to support the additional women diagnosed with breast cancer each year. The existing screening programme has shown 34 per cent of participants are less likely to die from breast cancer.

"Catching more cancers early means better treatment outcomes, and we anticipate an additional 22 lives could be saved every year," says Dr Reti. "Raising the breast cancer screening age will benefit all women including Maori and Pacific peoples who have particularly high rates."



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Easter Art Trail always inspirational

One of Whangamatā News highlights every Easter is always meeting up with our great friends and artists whose talents never disappoint.

It's incredulous to me how many pieces the Arts Collective group produces, every year fabulous creativity that gives visual delight.

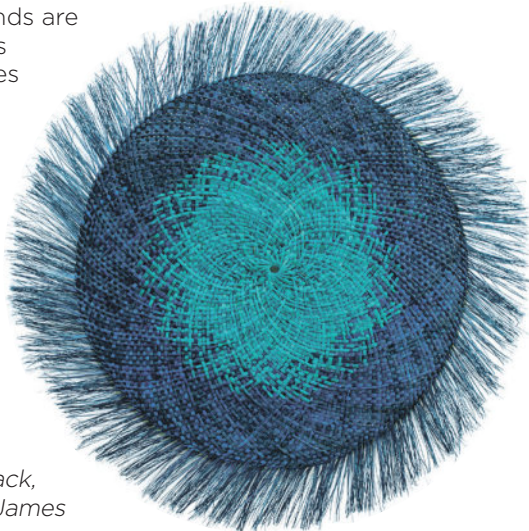
Starting off, Heather Watts studio saw my favourite Frida, garden art in corten steel, Nikki Seales pottery and that was the start of the journey.

Sue Jamieson's on Hetherington Road, her studio also had an abundance of mixed media this year, felt from Cherry, fabric and fibre from Gretha, Claire, Cazza and a new artist Cory Diamonds resin and wood.

Bernie Ross and friends are always showstoppers and we saw new faces ,jewellery, ceramics, portraiture and mosaics like no other. Bernie's award winning intricate weaving, always bold, always leaves me speechless.

Enjoy our photo gallery in case you missed the trail.

- Jennie Black,
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Seasons for Growth

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Seasons for Growth is a proven, innovative, evidence-based, education programme for children and young people who have experienced loss, grief, or change.

Key staff at locally-based Eastern Coromandel Community Services Trust (ECCST) have been trained in the provision of this programme and they have been running it in the Whangamatā region for three years now. While usually hosted at our local schools, our next programme will be hosted at our offices at 505 Port Road in Whangamatā.

The programme provides a safe and supportive peer group learning environment, where children are able to build the knowledge and skills necessary to strengthen social and emotional wellbeing following significant loss by:

- Exploring the impact of change and loss.
- Learning about effective ways to respond and adapt.



- Learning that they are not alone in their experience.
- Building on their communication, decision making and problem-solving skills.
- Engaging with a curriculum that incorporates a wide range of age-appropriate activities.
- Integrating their new learning into their relationships with family, friends and others.

ECCST chooses to deliver the Seasons for Growth programme because it is grounded in sound, person-centred educational principles to provide effective education intervention.

If you know a child aged 6-8 years who is experiencing loss, grief or significant change and you believe that they may benefit from this programme, you can contact our office to find out more. The

programme is 8-weeks in duration and runs in small supervised and supported groups. Each session is one hour, and afternoon tea is provided.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Ages: 6-8 years of age approximately

Starting: Wednesday 1st May 2024

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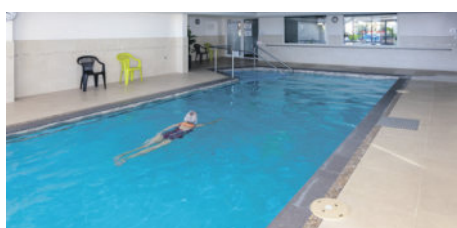
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Premiership kicks off in the wet Silcock Shield Round 1

Wet weather was the order of the day as Thames Valley Premier rugby kicked off for the 2024 season. All matches were played in less than ideal conditions, but the fields held up well, and close tussles across the board resulted. Paeroa v Waihi Athletic Centennial Park, Paeroa.

Referee: AJ Hartley An ill-disciplined Paeroa gifted their neighbours Waihi a win in this first round clash, with five penalties and a penalty try cancelling out two tries to their powerful blindside flanker Ionatana Talea Faaleaoga.

An early Waihi penalty was countered by the two Paeroa touchdowns, both unconverted. Waihi then controlled the remainder of the first spell, and some long range goal kicking from Quinn Collard saw them take the lead back in three point bites before a penalty try for a blatant offside saw the half-time score

19-10 to Waihi.

The second 40 saw an arm wrestle in the dour conditions, Collard landing another three pointer the only scoring. Waihi controlled much of the spell, turning down points trying for lineout drives, which the large Paeroa pack repeatedly repelled.

Paeroa had their moments late in the game, but Waihi were up to the challenge. Big games from Waihi came from number eight Isaac Sului and openside flanker Kenan Gilson, and first five Collard controlled the match well.

Paeroa's big pack was well served by two try hero Faaleaoga and big lock Silao Talimao.

Waihi Athletic 22 (Penalty try; Q Collard 5 penalties) beat Paeroa Rugby & Sports 10 (IT Faaleaoga 2 tries). HT 19-10.

- Jason Bartley: Tighthead Ted

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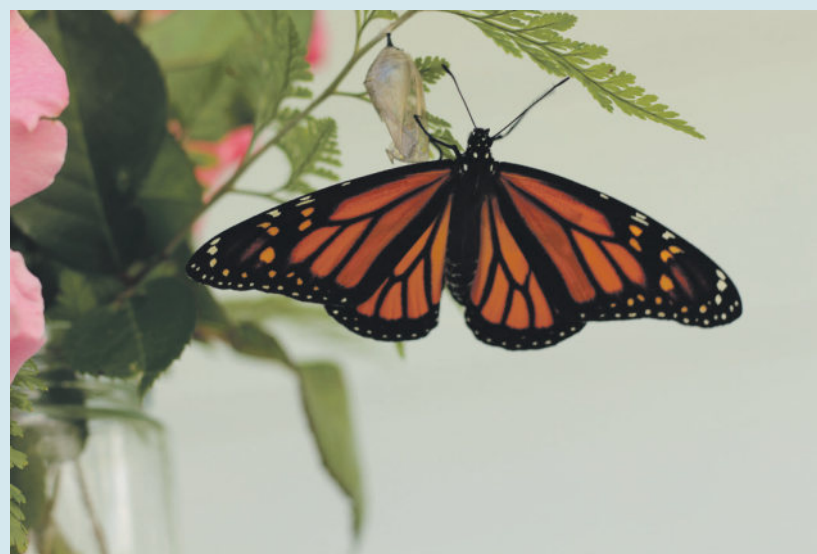


Photo by Brian Pittams.

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WAS celebrates sporting successes

It has been a huge fortnight for sports at Whangamata Area School (WAS), with an unprecedented number of teams attending Summer Tournament Week - a nationally scheduled week where many summer team and individual codes have their pinnacle events.

Over the past fortnight, students from WAS have participated in surfing, waka ama, surf lifesaving, mountain biking and golf as part of a range of national and regional competitions.

Two outstanding results were those of Hunter Ussher who took out the Waikato Secondary Schools Golf Championships in Te Awamutu. Hunter overcame a strong field of golfers from all around the region, winning the final by an impressive 6 and 5 margin. Hunter was 4 under par for his round when the match finished on the 13th hole.

At Muriwai, the WAS Boys and Girls surf teams competed at the inaugural New Zealand Schools Surfing Festival, a teams event to find New Zealand's top surfing school.

Our boys team took out the overall title in the male division and our girls finished a close 2nd in the female competition; a great performance



The WAS surfing team.

from all involved. A number of teams and individuals also achieved podium finishes around the other events, including:

Mountainbiking North Island Championships

- Felix Lloyd: 2nd in the U16 Cross country and Enduro events at the North Island Secondary Schools Champs in Rotorua.
- Elina Fetscher: 2nd in the Under 13 Female Cross Country and 3rd in the Enduro Race.
- Louisa Fetscher: 3rd in the Under

15 Female Under 15 Enduro and Downhill races.

Surf Life Saving National Championships

- Lexi Meyer: 3rd in the Under 17 sprint relay.
- Ella-Rose Luke: 3rd in the under 17 surf teams race.

Waka Ama Nationals

At the Waka Ama Nationals in Rotorua, our under 19 boys' team also made the championship final, placing 12th. The whole squad was awarded the The Laurie Durrand



Golf champion Hunter Ussher (right).

Award for their contribution to the positive running of the event.

With winter sports just around the corner, it is a time of huge opportunity and achievement for young athletes in our community.

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Light refreshments will follow a question and answer session.

Date: Monday, 22 April 2024

Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

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Chiefs and Blues Development Squad hard and fast

A 3000 plus strong crowd packed the Whangamata Rugby Club grounds on Saturday, although our senior sides enjoyed a long weekend the club was lucky enough to be asked to host the Chiefs and Blues Development XV game.

"We weren't sure how many to expect, it could be hit or miss being Easter" said vice president Kaitlin Russell. "But at the end of the day when the chiller was empty and you couldn't move around the ground it was sure to say there was a very large crowd," which they hope to have again come September for the Thames Valley vs Swampfox game.

It was hard and fast rugby on display, with both sides putting everything on the line.

The Chiefs forward pack broke the line numerous times with the Blues hot on defence.

Earlier in the season the Chiefs won by a fairly large margin but it was even playing fields.

The blues game plan of getting it out fast seemed to pay off with it almost point for point throughout the entire game. Half time Chiefs 17 vs Blues 14.

The end result: Chiefs 27 vs Blues 24.

A huge thank you goes out to our very generous on-ominous sponsor who will be revealed for our brand new digital scoreboard.

It's another big week for the club, we celebrate everything Brain Prisk has done for our club this weekend with the Red & White function on Friday at 5:30pm that is an open invitation, followed by a double header on Saturday kicking off at 12:25pm, we also have our junior competition with a festival day at home as well.



- Photo by Peter Stretch

Close to 120 junior Whangamatā kids attended the Thames Valley tackle afternoon on Tuesday which was awesome to see, it's a real hive of activity now!

If you are wanting to check out what's in store for our ladies rugby head down to the clubrooms Monday, 8 April, at 5:30pm.

- Photos by Mark James, Whangamatā News

Thames Valley Club Rugby upcoming games

Senior Men's club rugby this Saturday, 6 April. Double headers this weekend, all Senior B kick off 12.25pm and Senior A kick off 2pm.

At Waitakaruru, Hauraki North host Waihi Athletic. At Te Aroha, Boyd Park Te Aroha Cobras play

Mercury Bay, Also at Te Aroha Waihou play Thames.

Whangamata Senior A host Paeroa kick off 2pm with Whangamata Senior B playing Coromandel in early game 12.25pm kick off.

Ngatea Senior B have the bye.



REPCO BEACH HOP 2024

Prize winners

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Warm Up Party

Best Dressed Group:

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Best Dressed Gal:

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2nd Amy Shamy

3rd Renee

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Matt Lowther,

1960 Chev Impala

Oceana Gold Choice

Neil Guy, 1947 Ford Pick Up

People's Choice

Jay Elliot,

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Hair! Show

Kids Mullet: Taco

Adult Mullet: Mason

Best Mustache: Steve

Ladies Rockabilly: Mandy

Best Beard: Des

Best Bald Guy: Welly

Hariest Back:

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Rick Purcell, 1957 Chev

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- Best of Show

Brent Shipman,

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1956 Ford F100

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1960 Thunderbird

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• Graeme Young,

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• Justin Walker, 1965 Sprint

• Tony Raffles, 1968 Fairlane

• Maxine Rees, 1966 Mustang

• Duncan Counsell,

1969 Mustang

• Owen Glynn, 1970 Mustang

• Andrew McColl, 1966 Mustang

• John Morse, 1965 Mustang

• Jeff Tobin, 1967 Mustang

• Lance Fisher, 1923 T Bucket

• Jim Amptmeyer, 1961 Fairlane

• Jerome Fill, 1957 Sunliner

• Mya Van Den Berg,

1959 Ford Prefect Van

• Peter Scott, 1956 Thunderbird

• Kevin Smith, 1936 Coupe

• Jim Goulding, 1934 Roadster

• Jamie Klinac,

1955 Lincoln Capri

• Steve Forrest, 1950 Mercury

• Wayne Eyre, 1958 Fairlane

New World Thunder Club

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Chucky 1940 Ford Pick Up

• Tony Collins,

1923 Ford T Bucket

• Toni Langdon

• Greg Haliday,

1942 Willys Pick Up

• Jamie McNeil, 1971 Holden

Top Shop

Pumice Patch

Best Nostalgia Car

Steve Daniels,

1932 Ford Roadster

Repco Best Hot Rod

Tim Miller, 1937 Studebaker

NZHRA Top Vehicle

Trevor Halstead,

1951 Studeback Starlite

Under 25 Young Gun

Mya Van Den Berg,

1959 Ford Prefect Van

Best Tot Rod

Rex Adern

Cool Classic Car Show

- Best Of Show

Wayne Brierly, 1963 Rambler

JCD Customs & Marine

Best Pickup Truck

Kelvin Smith, 1960 Ford F100

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Top 3 Bikes

• Toni Langdon, 1995 Eddie

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• Jarom Armstrong,

Harley-Davidson Fatboy

• Kelvin Smith, Honda CB350

Top 2 Caravans

• Howard Fox, 1965 Zephyr

• Sandra Tupu & Bernie Roberts,

1957 Sprite Musketeer

Top 5 Cars

• Trevor Halstead,

1951 Studebaker Starlite

• Brent Shipman,

1956 Chevrolet Bel Air

• Tim Miller,

1937 Studebaker Coupe

• Todd Collins,

1971 Chevrolet Pick Up

• Deane Herbert,

1956 Ford F100

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Nostalgia Surf Competition

Entrant Draw

Panasonic TV: Sophie

Panhead Custom Painted

Mustang Bonnet Draw

Luke Mikkelsen

Burger Fuel Vintage Show

Kira Gurnee 'Crystal Cuvée'

Whanga Bar Hop Idol

Budget Elvis

Harley-Davidson XD350 Draw

Tracey Stephenson

1966 Ford Mustang Draw

Rob Van Weerd

\$10,000 Entrant Draw

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Mustang winner

Rob Van Weerd, from Cambridge, won the 1966 Ford Mustang and has been coming to Beach Hop for 10 years, "I'm just so excited, I just can't believe it!" As you can imagine, he was in shock. "I've always been a classic car enthusiast with my brothers, I'm one of five boys, they won't believe it either!"

At first, when his phone rang live at the draw, at the back reaches of the crowd in Williamson Park, he told us, "I thought it was one of my mates ringing taking the piss." Rob soon rushed toward the stage - realisation had hit!



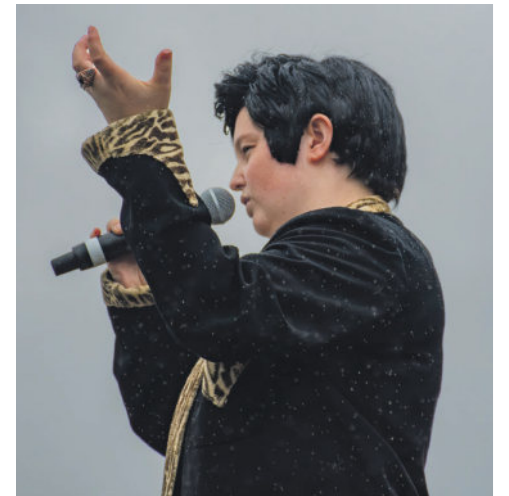
BurgerFuel Vintage Contest

Kira Gurnee won the BurgerFuel Vintage Contest with her stage name: Crystal Cuvée. Kira is a dance instructor and teaches the old school classic Burlesque moves. She came from Hawkes Bay (Waimarama) and spends part of the year in California, which is part of the reason why she is so into classic cars. Huntington Beach has a lot in common with Whangamatā, and along with being known as 'Surf Town USA', it has heaps of beautifully restored and maintained cars from the 50's, 60's, 70's and more. "But I have to say that this weekend's Beach Hop was absolutely amazing. I have never been to such an impressive car show!"



Top Shop

Pumice Patch won The TOP Shop again this year, and deservedly so. An incredible window of colour, complete with a Mustang backdrop, created locally for owners Sarah Sellars and Mum, Carol Bullot. This photo taken at night really lit up the winning display. Well done, ladies!



Beach Hop Idol

Sam Midwinter - Budget Elvis wins Beach Hop Idol. "I thought it would be funny to have all these professional Elvis impersonators with outfits and wigs that cost hundreds of dollars, and then Budget Elvis, which cost less than \$10 to put together." All components of the costume came from local op shops or were borrowed! "I enjoy singing and performing, and it was fun to introduce some humour to it."



Harley Bike winner

Tracey Stephenson from Ngatea won the Harley Davidson XD350, she didn't have a motorbike licence but regardless she told the crowd "I feel amazing, shaking and I feel like I've jumped off a tower or something, my brother might try and take the bike off me!"



REPCO BEACH HOP 2024





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Aunt Edna's legacy splendid in purple

Repco Beach Hop '24 in Whangamatā brings the most wonderful people to the township and even more so, the people who tell their own stories. All pieces by Jennie Black, Whangamatā News.

Aunty Edna bought her caravan as a flat pack from England in 1957 and it was assembled in Levin.

Aunt Edna was Sandra Tutu's great Aunt, she was a quirky milliner in Miro Street, Wellington with a purple house and loved all things lilac.

Sandra told us "Aunty Edna used it for years and years and died in 1999 at 90 years old." She has fond memories as a teenager holidaying in the caravan with her parents.

Sandra, with her husband Bernie Robertson from West Auckland (originally from Wellington), bought it off her parents four years ago. Just two years ago, she gave the project to Mike Wells from Retro Caravans, Te Teko, giving it a beautiful new lease of life. It was rotten to the frame and needed a



total rebuild from the bottom up.

"I love purple, so I think I had a weird connection with her I reckon, I designed all things lilac for the interior and included Edna in every way."

Bernie and I discussed it and thought "Let's buy it and keep it in the family, we want it for our kids and our wee mokos now, we can go all over New Zealand now".

Whangamatā News voted it the



best of the best and the 1957 Sprite

Musketeer made it to the Top 2

Caravans in the ultimate show day

on Sunday, 24 March.



Bubbles the 1974 Alfa has it all!

Raelene and Spencer Conway are from Paeroa and have been coming to Beach Hop Whangamatā since day one. This is their fourth year with their 1974 caravan 'Bubbles' - and she is beautiful.

Bubbles was manufactured in Hamilton. Between the pair, they finished all the upholstery, with Raelene's commercial machine, the awning, roof, lampshades and fortunately Bubbles came with a complete bathroom, shower and toilet.

Whangamatā News spotted

the very unique bikini on display, and are original 1950's swimwear from Paeroa and make it the complete ensemble!

Spencer's passion is his Ford 100 Truck. He has had it for about 10 years, and took him six years to build it. It had no motor, no gearbox and "was bare steel pretty much" It's had a full rebuild in that time, and is gun metal grey.

His greatest joy was "building it myself, the motor, all the paint work, and taking an old girl to



get her back on the road, is pretty special to me, running a 351 Cleveland motor, stroked 408 and a 5 speed manual, a 9" diff, and all Ford running gear."

Totally cute at 60-years-old

Sally Fletcher, from Auckland, has owned the beautiful 'Betsy', a 1964 caravan from Tauranga, for nearly four years. Betsy was totally rotted out so the previous owner did all the work and totally rebuilt her. The caravan is dressed in olives, sage and soft yellows with plates on the door.

Sally tells us "Betsy resides in Katikati most of the time - hence

the hydrangeas, fresh on display. This is the first time I have been back since covid lock down, I don't stay in her nearly enough".

"Betsy is gorgeous, she has four awnings, for every side, a queen bed and I just love the stool - so cute - I got today from the markets. I just love it all, lots of storage, the gas oven and a little fridge for a rosé!"



Bubble Gum is a true delight



Meeting Bubblegum, a 1972 Zephyr caravan was a true inspiration! Helen and Kevin Ngakai from Raglan, have been coming to Beach Hop since the first caravan show, they told us "there were only 8 caravans on display down by the wharf back then". The following year there were 27 caravans, and since then wow hasn't it grown!" Helen told us "Bubblegum wasn't

too bad when we got her, not much was needed really, I wall papered the interior and learnt crocheting last Christmas for the bunting & made the curtains and duvet covers, Kevin stripped all the paint off the outside", sitting there in the true landscape of caravan world, the pair totally looked the part, with matching pants and sunglasses - living the dream!

First round of the season at Whangamata stadium

The Club rugby season starts, so the rain comes down, that's how it happened at the Whangamatā Rugby Stadium for the first round of the season.

Lots of positives and work-ons for Whangamatā who suffered defeat to Waihou in the opening round of their campaign to defend the McClinchy Cup, a feat which hasn't been accomplished since 2016.

This HG Leach & Co Premier match between the mighty Whangamatā Red n Whites and Waihou at the Beach Hop Saturday 23 March, was always going to be a close game.

A few of Whangamatā's key men were absent for this clash at home, including hard-working loosie Jake Barfoot, dynamic midfielder Joe Perawiti, and the fleet footed Tiaontin Raoren.

It was locked up at half time 10-10 with a converted try and penalty each. Only penalties in the second half as Waihou edged ahead 19-13 at the final whistle. Before the game started a minute's silence of respect and remembrance for Whangamatā legend Pete Peke was held. With the new electronic scoreboard glowing in the overhead gloom the 2024 rugby season began.

Waihou dominated both possession and territory in the opening ten minutes. They came close to scoring only to be held up over the try line after five minutes. After 15 minutes



Waihou number 8 Hamish McLennan charged through the middle with the ball transferred wide for a try. Conversion successful, Whangamatā 0 v Waihou 7.

Gradually the Red n Whites got their pattern of play into motion with repeated phases of play to equalise with a converted try, Whangamatā 7 v Waihou 7. A penalty apiece by Waihou's Adam Radcliffe and Whangamatā's TJ Wise for half time refreshments Whangamatā 10 v Waihou 10. The second half turned out to be a wrestling match in the deteriorating conditions. Two early Waihou penalties took them to a

16-10 lead. TJ Wise closed the gap to 16-13 with his second penalty.

Three unnecessary penalties given away by Whanga eased the pressure on Waihou and they kicked another penalty to lead 19-13. A converted try for Whanga could pinch the game for them. Whangamatā won a scrum penalty with plenty of finger waving from the referee. The ball is kicked into the corner only for the Red n Whites frustratingly lose the line-out and the game is over.

Both Prop Jordan Cordice and flanker Jacob Chaplin got through a mountain of work for the Whangamatā forwards. While blockbusting mid fielder Logan Matai and slightly built winger Tyler Cottrill featured strongly in the backs.



Unfortunately handling errors at key times meant the Red and White were unable to capitalise on their opportunities and the team came up short in an enthralling game.

Results: Whangamatā 13 v Waihou 19, Thames 19 v Mercury Bay 16, Te Aroha Cobras 8 v Hauraki North 5, Paeroa 10 v Waihi Athletic 22.

- Sports Reporter: Don Mackay

Earlier in the day, the Senior B's side had their final preseason game and took a lot of promise out of their performance, securing an impressive 27-5 victory over Mercury Bay.

Both teams have Easter weekend off but are back into it on 6 April with a double-header at home, with the B's opening their campaign against last year's competition winners Coromandel and the A's taking on last year's semi-finalists Paeroa.

- Photos by Mark James



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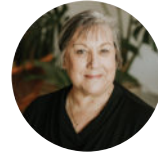
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- Sunny spacious decks with ample storage under
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- Sited on a full freehold 822sqm bordering the reserve

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027 222 4364

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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 1pm Saturday 6 April & 13 April



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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

View 12pm Sunday 7 April & 14 April



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119 Chevron Crescent

- 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

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Sharon Laursen
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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

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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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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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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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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

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300 Port Road

- Large home on full site
- The extensive garage/workshop and adjoining gym is simply enormous
- Three double bedrooms (master with ensuite)
- Modern kitchen and dining area, spacious lounge
- Fully fenced and gated

View by appointment or view 11am Saturday 13 April



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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 & cafes

View by appointment



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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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107B Barbara Avenue

- Located a short distance from the beach and town centre
- This stylish home features 3 double bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
- Modern kitchen with scullery
- Great outdoor living equipped with a louvre roof
- Spacious garaging

Deadline Sale 3pm, 10 April 2024 (unless sold prior)



Chris Speedy 021 747 901
Katie Speedy 021 382 022
View Listing: whanga.co/8324



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

Deadline Sale 3pm, 10 April 2024 (unless sold prior)

View 10am Saturday 6 April & 13 April



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2/106 Saint Patricks Row

- This stunning property offers a luxurious and modern lifestyle
- 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 6 April & 13 April



Chris Speedy 021 747 901
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106 Saint Patricks 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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68 Parakiwai Quarry Road

- A beautiful 2 hectare lifestyle block
- Access to Parakiwai River and bush walks further down the road
- The large 236sqm house has 3 double bedroom plus 2 bathrooms
- Internal access double garage
- Impressive 12m x 18m man shed
- Nice level land with lots of native plantings, established plum and citrus trees

View by appointment



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100 Sylvia Road

- Modern Kitchen and open plan living area
- Three double bedrooms
- Outdoor entertaining area with floor to ceiling sliding louvre panel
- Outdoor hot/cold shower
- 2010 Jennian build
- Walking distances to surf, cafes and 9 hole golf course

View 2pm Saturday 6 April & 13 April



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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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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 11am Saturday 13 April or by appointment



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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

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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

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PRICE BY NEGOTIATION

420A Rangī Avenue

- This property offers the relaxed beach vibe
- Located in a prime position with easy access to the main beach
- Open plan living opening onto a covered deck area which provides for alfresco dining and family fun
- Great storage area for the beach toys

View by appointment



Colin Thompson
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\$1,195,000

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 Sunday 7 April



Colin Thompson
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View Listing: whanga.co/8297



ENQUIRIES OVER \$995,000

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 6 April



Colin Thompson
021 723 723

View Listing: whanga.co/8293



\$795,000

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 by appointment



Colin Thompson
021 723 723

View Listing: whanga.co/8256



\$795,000

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

View 1pm Sunday 7 April



Colin Thompson
021 723 723

View Listing: whanga.co/8256

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211 Bellona Road

- Character classic 70s style holiday home
- Spacious 3 bedrooms plus basement area
- Great indoor/outdoor flow onto upstairs deck
- Direct access to 9-hole golf course
- Close to central beach and town centre
- Private fully fenced sunny rear yard area
- Established grounds with mature fruit trees
- Attached garage and ample off street parking

Auction: Details Auction to be held at 328 Ocean Road, 1pm 6 April 2024 (unless sold prior)
View 11am Saturday 6 April



Colin Thompson
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 View Listing: whanga.co/8311



104A Hunt Road

- Desired prime beach and town position
- Excellent harbour entrance and bar views
- Stroll to the beach, harbour, cafes and restaurants
- Open plan living with direct deck access
- 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 3pm Saturday 6 April



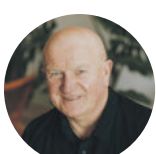
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102 Riverview Road

- Character cottage in a prime peaceful location
- Spacious open plan relaxed living area
- Bi-fold doors from lounge allow easy deck access
- 3 large double bedrooms
- Revamped kitchen and bathroom with polished wooden floors
- Separate double garage with auto door
- Spacious full site with private rear yard for camping or relaxing
- Easy access to marina, harbour, beach and town centre

View 12pm Sunday 7 April



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Diggers dig deep at the golf course

It's been an intensive three weeks at the golf course with local company EPI pulling out all the stops and the weeds to create an all new look golf course.

"We suddenly had an opportunity to really go to town on the course," said James Betson, GM. "One of the biggest problems at both courses is water mitigation - with clear drains the water leaves the course much faster.

"It is so exciting, the work that's been done on the course, and we really must thank EPL for their efforts - such a brilliant local company. Well above and beyond".

- Shaun Faye



Coralie finds winning form

Whangamatā News caught up with Coralie Auger and her passion for twilight golf croquet.

"I started twilight golf croquet about eight years ago when my friend, Gina Williams, asked me to play for the Silkwood Lane team as they were short players.

"Gina was the spare player for the team and two people were going to be away for a couple of games, so my opportunity arrived.

"If I remember rightly, the next year, Silkwood Lane didn't put a team in, and Gina suggested we make a team up. Consisting of Gina, George, myself and Margaret Gillespie. On that occasion we needed a spare player. I asked Jenny Stewart if she would play, we were friends through Ramblers and Friday night quiz at the RSA.

"The current team has been playing together for four years now, with Margaret our spare to start with, until health problems stopped her playing altogether. Then came Judith Staples and Ann Coster. Ann was a great help this year when Jenny was away and helped us keep our winning form on 3 of the four occasions she played. We may not have been at the top otherwise."

After being last or second to last over the years, the team has really found their form, nearly going



through the whole season unbeaten.

"I am really proud of the team for winning this year, a great team effort!"

Sports results

RSA 500 CARD CLUB

27 March: The winner on the day was Robert Watson and he also won the raffle. Ann Jacob was awarded the chocolate bar.

TABLE TENNIS

28 March: Wayne Broome was our winner winning all 10 games he played. Well done Wayne. In 2nd place were Brenda Smith, Tony Rowe and Keith Gribben all with 7 points. Lots of fun was had by all.

FOR SALE

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105B Tobie Place, Whangamata

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION

- Large family-sized home in a quiet cul de sac, fully fenced.
- Three spacious bedrooms with wardrobes plus an office.
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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				
5	Fri	4:19	1.8	16:38	1.8	10:26	0.5	22:50	0.4	07:32	19:03
6	Sat	5:19	1.9	17:43	1.8	11:27	0.4			07:33	19:02
7	Sun	5:17	1.9	17:44	1.9	11:51	0.4	11:27	0.4	06:34	18:01
8	Mon	6:13	2.0	18:42	2.0	11:50	0.3	12:23	0.3	06:35	17:59
9	Tue	7:07	2.1	19:36	2.1	0:46	0.3	13:17	0.2	06:36	17:58
10	Wed	7:59	2.1	20:29	2.1	1:39	0.2	14:08	0.1	06:37	17:56
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Daylight Savings ends 7 April

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3	Fri	1:58	1.8	14:19	1.8	8:07	0.5	20:27	0.5	06:57	17:27

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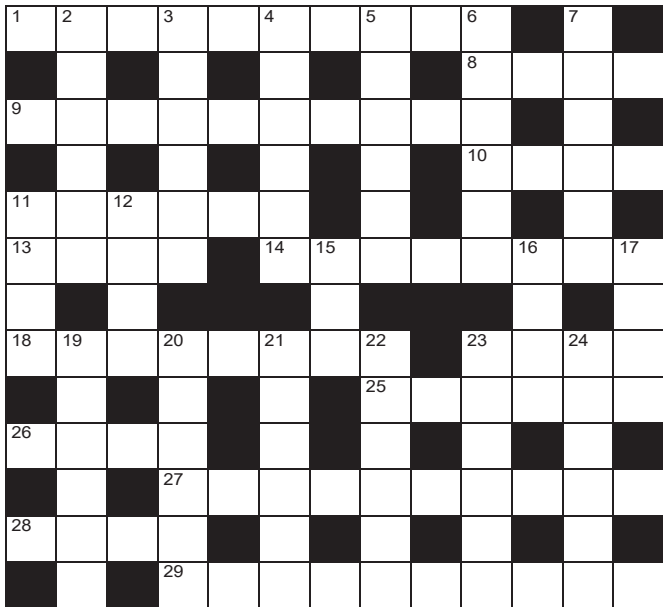
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- Across**
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 11. Beach wear (6)
 13. Corrosive liquid (4)
 14. Baptise (8)
 18. Confrontation (8)
 23. Toboggan (4)
 25. Hinder (6)
 26. Printed characters (4)
 27. Over-egg (10)
 28. Musical style (4)
 29. Simple (10)
- Down**
 2. Substance inducing vomit (6)
 3. Squalid (6)
 4. Ploy or manoeuvre (6)
 5. Pencil mark remover (6)
 6. Perspires (6)
 7. Slender and elegant (6)
 11. Excludes (4)
 12. Weight measurement (abbr) (4)
 15. Chop (3)
 16. Story (4)
 17. Naked (4)
 19. In your prime (6)
 20. Breathe with a rattle (6)
 21. Power cut (6)
 22. Petty criticism (6)
 23. Supernatural being (6)
 24. Newspaper boss (6)

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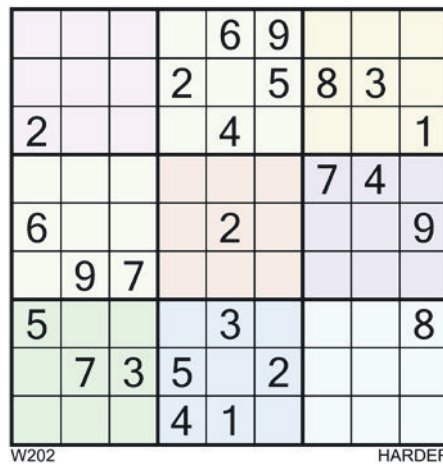
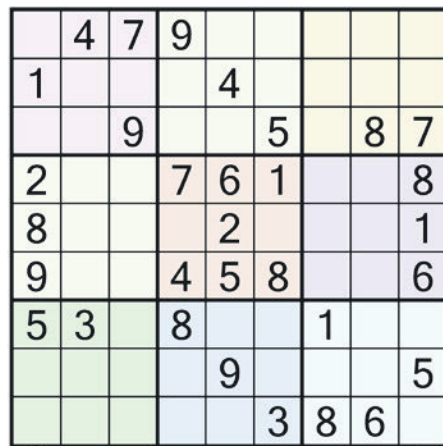
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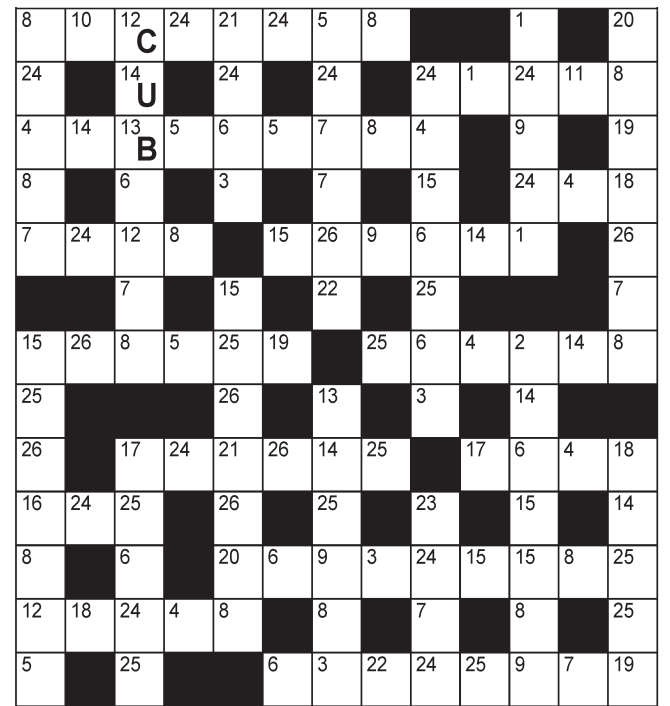
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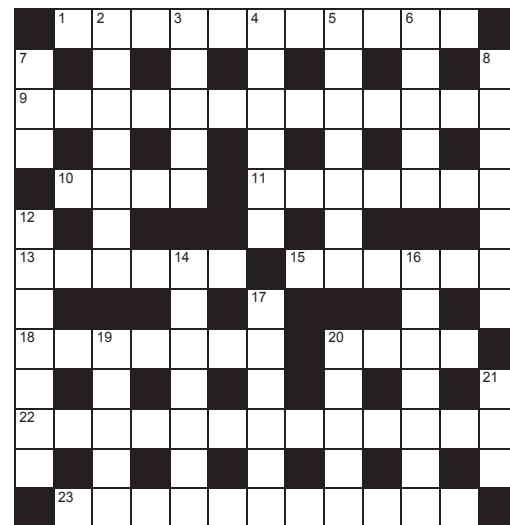
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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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- Across**
 1 & 10ac. The rifleman is adamant about the outcome of discarded chewing gum (6,2,3,4)
 9. "Aunt's Plants", "Lees Trees", "Jardin's Gardens", Hander Mrs. Gander? We hear (7,6)
 10. See 1
 11. Ideal sort of place to put up lan maybe (7)
 13. See 18
 15. Beat runny honey, yoghurt, toasted hazelnuts & marshmallows together initially-mmmm sounds finger clicking good! (6)
 18 & 13ac. They lie on the hospital bed trembling – or is that ocean bed? (7,6)
 20. Mother drops off the most fashionable dress (4)
 22. Taking for granted? (5,8)
 23. Mrs Gander again? Liar! (11)
- Down**
 2. Teetotaler has an alternative – goes to the old city at the end of June for torment (7)
 3. Board antics? (5)
 4. Pen "Uncovering Dynasty Lustfulness" (6)
 5. We're in a Canadian city. Oh be quiet, Kay. Oh be quiet! (7)
 6. 15 feet type – short and long (5)
 7. Spellbinding? Blast! (3)
 8. A big wave, maybe, for Austin around the first of May (7)
 12. Trick with sewn lid (7)
 14. He's bound to know ropes (7)
 16. Pretty easy going to get minimum price (3,4)
 17. Top is off causing thirst (1-5)
 19. I'm a Tory, OK (5)
 20. Man of great unbridled leadership first and foremost (5)
 21. Was initially used to kill insects (3)

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