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Covid vaccination

Whangamatā Community Health Inc can now confirm that our community Covid vaccination site is live in the National Booking System (Book my Vaccine) and the vaccination programme is set to start on Sunday 1st August at 103 Lincoln Rd, Whangamatā (the Whangamatā Medical Centre).

Bookings can be made online at <https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/> and selecting Whangamatā Community Health as the site. Please use the booking code BZE7OP5WYX.

If you have any questions or need assistance with booking please ring 0800 28 29 26.

All people in Tier 3 will receive a text from the Ministry of Health inviting them to book their covid vaccine.

Should anyone have issues with

transport, please contact St John Health Shuttle Service - phone 07 865 9011 or Whangamatā Community Services Trust on 07 865 7065 to discuss assistance.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Whangamatā Community Health Inc.

Responsible farmers

Edward Noel Eyre (NZH 26 July) appears to want farming to regress 70 years to a time when farming systems were much less productive than they are today.

A comfortable relationship with the post-war British market and Government subsidies meant less importance was placed on the efficient use of resources.

Eyre needs to give consideration to the growth in the global

population over those 70 years; from less than 3 billion to the 8 billion we have today. Over the same period the populations living in abject poverty under the threat of starvation have now shrunk to a fraction of what they were historically.

Despite huge population growth, the world is now better fed than ever before due to efficiency gains in modern farming systems. This would never have been achieved with the 'traditional' methods of yesteryear.

Farmer environmental awareness has advanced considerably over this period also, despite the efforts of a largely negative and hostile media. Rather than denigrating today's farmers as irresponsible they should be lauded for what has been achieved.

George Williams
WHANGAMATA

Thanks Boof!

I'd like to put a massive shout out to Boof from Boof Boland painters. Boof has very kindly sponsored the Whangamatā Equestrian Social Group by providing us with all of the sealer and paint we need to repaint our building on Mayfair Reserve.

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Blake hits throttle to success



Whangamatā News caught up with Blake Goodman, the local 15-year-old who is making waves in the BOP ministocks car world.

Ever since he was a young boy, Blake was interested in the mechanics of things. He would pull things to bits, then reassemble them which led to working on engines, repairing them as necessary and igniting a passion that has been life changing.

When Dale and Evelyn Adams offered him the use of a ministock car for a season (one of several cars made available for youth in the town) three years ago, Blake jumped at the chance. This was the first time he had driven anything. The young Whangamatā guys, with the original ministocks, were rapt to make a track and race at Jo's Farm at Opoutere.

At the end of the year the car was returned for another family to use and the Goodmans picked up a faster car from Hamilton where that car raced at Huntly. He picked his lucky number 22 Mount and found his groove.

All the cars are Datsun 1200 powered with no modifications, so the talented drivers and tacticians will win out.

This season from October to May, Blake (in the youth grade 12 to

17-years-old) gained a second overall at the Waihi Dirt Track club and third overall at Baypark, where there can be up to 25 cars in a race.

He was then voted Best Overall Driver for the Baypark Ministocks. Criteria for this was: Outstanding throughout the season; represented the Mount Maunganui club well at other events; raced clean throughout the season; consistently improved throughout the season; and has shown good sportsmanship.

Blake is currently studying at Windermere Polytech in Tauranga, to enable him to complete a Certificate of Automotive Engineering certificate course next year, with the aim of eventually gaining employment in Tauranga and ultimately to work on classic cars.

Several local companies have been very helpful, thanks to Bubbas, Country Welding and J's Autos included. I'm sure any local enterprise looking to offer any kind of sponsorship to a talented and determined young man would be welcomed.

Go Blake - the would-be mechanic that drives!

- Whangamatā News

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Council wants to dump camping by-law

The Thames-Coromandel District Council is looking at dumping its Standards of Camping on Private Property by-law, after deciding it has passed its "use-by" date.

And the council has revealed that there have only been two complaints relating to sanitation, overcrowding and nuisance on private property since the by-law was introduced six years ago.

The council is looking for feedback on the proposal to revoke the by-law after deciding that the by-law is no longer useful for addressing issues relating to camping on private property.

"Instead, our council thinks that current legislation such as the Health Act can manage sanitation and nuisance issues," a news item posted on the TCDC's website says.

"Overcrowding and nuisance can also be managed through the Police. This is your opportunity to let us know what you think of the proposal."

Members of the public have till 4pm on Monday August 23 to comment on the proposal and the by-law.

The TCDC adopted the Standards of Camping on Private Property By-law in December 2015, in response to a perceived issue with



While private properties can be crowded with visitors at peak times during summer, the Thames-Coromandel District Council sees no further use for its Standards of Camping on Private Property by-law.

large groups staying in temporary structures such as tents on private property, particularly during summer holidays and large events.

According to the council, there were concerns about potential issues of public health and safety, including overcrowding, pollution, littering and nuisance to neighbouring properties.

"The by-law aimed to prevent people from creating a nuisance on private property and to allow the general public quiet enjoyment of their properties and amenities," a council report said.

"It requires minimum standards for sanitation and adequate supply of drinking water."

The report said a review of the by-law had determined the council

had other "legislative tools" to address sanitation and nuisance issues and the council had never needed to use the by-law for enforcement issues.

"Under section 155 of the Local Government Act, Council must determine whether a by-law is the most appropriate way to address an issue," the report said.

"Council is of the view that the by-law is no longer required in order for it to address issues relating to public health or nuisance arising from camping on private property."

A TCDC meeting earlier this year recommended that the current bylaw be revoked and that revocation should be done through a consultative procedure to seek feedback from the community.

You can read the by-law and submit using the online consultation portal at www.haveyoursay-tcdc.objective.com or email the council at consultation@tcdc.govt.nz

Alternatively, you can complete a submission form and post it to Thames-Coromandel District Council, Private Bag 1001, Thames 3540; or drop it into the council's area offices in Whangamata, Thames, Coromandel, Whitianga

Submitters should say whether they want to attend a hearing in Thames to speak to council representatives in support of their submissions.

A final decision on revocation of the by-law will be made following the hearings.

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Whangamata Fire and Emergency New Zealand have had a very quiet patch which has been good.

Our brigade responded to a truck which had slipped off the highway earlier in the week. No injuries or damage were sustained thankfully. This has been the first incident for quite a while, a surprise considering the frosts and weather events we have had which traditionally cause issues on our roads. Also the school holidays were quiet with a good number of visitors in town.

There have been a number of serious accidents in neighbouring districts which does remind us of the constant risks while travelling and the importance of staying focused and driving to the conditions.

Fire safety is a huge focus nationally and small steps in your own home can prevent fires that risk life and property. Working fire alarms do really help in notifying an issue early on. Some easy prevention measures are don't overload switches and multi plugs- monitor electric blanket use and have them inspected regularly and importantly implement the metre from a heater rule.

The number of times we witness clothes, fire wood and paper , flammable aerosols or other items in close proximity to heat sources.

Wishing you a safe week.

- CFO Nigel Airey

Do drinks in plastic bottles taste a little oily to you?



Or maybe a little bit warm? It's no wonder. The plastic bottles these drinks come in are actually made from oil and gas.

That means the plastic bottles and other single-use plastic products big corporations sell us are polluting our beaches and oceans. They're propping up the fossil fuel industry AND warming the planet! Beware: the oil industry sees plastics as their lifeline as oil becomes more and more unpopular.

We deserve to have choices that don't compromise our values or

destroy the Earth. Together, we can keep on fighting for a green, peaceful, and sustainable future for all.

Please help us turn up the heat on companies like Coca-Cola and the other big polluters and corporate climate-changers.

You can pour a soft drink over ice, but you can't cool the planet enough to make up for the reckless policies of companies producing drinks in single-use plastic bottles. An estimated 99% of plastic is made from fossil fuels like fracked gas and oil, and

it contributes to climate change throughout its life-cycle.

Of course, there are a lot of corporate polluters. We're keeping our eye on all of them - but Coca-Cola is one of the worst, responsible for three million tonnes of plastic each year!

They're making pledges about sustainability. But talk is cheap, because they're all still making and selling plastic-wrapped products by the billions.

Someone needs to hold them accountable. That someone is Greenpeace - and YOU!

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English Petrochemical company INEOS is one of the world's

biggest producers of single-use plastic and a major player in the UK oil and gas industry.

Last week, NZ Rugby signed a 6-year sponsorship deal with the oil and plastic polluting petrochemical giant.

We must put pressure on NZ

Rugby to cancel this deal. You can share our petition with your friends and family to ask for their support.

Already more than 16,000 people have signed, but we need many more.

- Juressa Lee, Greenpeace

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No park entertainment on New Year's Eve

Following unsuccessful attempts to organise entertainment in Williamson Park New Year's Eve, no event will be held in Williamson Park this year.

A Thames-Coromandel District Council spokesman said a report regarding park security for New Year's Eve would be considered by the Whangamatā Community Board at its August 10 meeting.

Following a call for expressions of interest earlier this year, just one entertainment proposal was submitted by Mels Berg and Jonas Karsten, operators of Extravaganza Fair and Lucky Star. It was considered by the board at a special meeting on June 4, but was withdrawn by Berg and Karsten over budget concerns.

The proposal would have cost

\$42500 when other expenses were added to a retro-themed carnival and entertainment costing \$14000.

Security will be needed at the park to prevent a repeat of last year's New Year's Eve incident, when bottle-throwing teenagers rioted, damaging Blackies Café and stealing around \$8000 worth of product from an adjoining freezer.

The incident was widely blamed on bored and drunk teenagers who were too young to attend a concert at Joe's Farm - and their parents also copped blame for lack of control over their children.

There has been no entertainment for under-18-year-olds in Whangamatā since 2017.

- Cameron Scott

TCDC still pondering Three Waters reforms

The Thames-Coromandel District Council has yet to firm up its position on the government's \$120-\$185 billion Three Waters reforms.

A story on news website Newsroom last month said about 18 councils appeared to be close to opting out of the reforms, including "perhaps" Thames-Coromandel. The story quoted mayor Sandra Goudie as saying the Three Waters proposal would have "significant local impact".

"I don't think there is a good understanding in our community of what it means and how it will affect people. We're carefully reviewing all the material that has been released this week to decide if community consultation is required before we commit further to the process," Goudie said.

Asked to explain in more detail what significant local impact the reforms would have and what progress had been made on the review, a TCDC spokesman referred Whangamatā News to a new page on the council's website with information on the Three Waters plan.

A report on the site said the council was awaiting further information from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)

"As part of the announcement, it was noted that the DIA is still to publish more detail about the package. This will assist our staff in understanding the implications of the announcement for our district and communities.

"The Three Waters Reform could potentially significantly change the way water infrastructure

and services are delivered in our district."

The report said all parties needed to spend more time working through important issues, such as ensuring all communities had both a voice in the system and influence over local decisions.

"This means being sure the water entities understand and act on communities' needs and wants, including responding to localised concerns like a desire for chlorine-free water."

The boundaries of the proposed four new authorities mostly align with existing council boundaries. Thames-Coromandel is included in "Entity B" along with Rotorua Lakes, Ruapehu, South Taranaki, South Waikato, Stratford, Taupo and Tauranga.

Under the proposed reforms, government plans to take over the drinking water, wastewater and stormwater assets of all New Zealand's city and district councils, and combine them in four new regional entities which will begin operating from July 1, 2024.

The scheme will give ratepayers "arms-length" governance of the new entities and will remove council's ability to develop their Three Waters assets. And though the new regional water authorities will take over the debt on ratepayers' water assets, they will not pay for the equity.

Reports have warned that up to \$185 billion will have to be spent on water systems by 2051, raising fears of big increases in water rates bills from councils.

- Cameron Scott



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The Whangamatā Lions Club has daffodils for sale at \$5 per dozen at various venues around the town. Proceeds from the sales will go to the Lions Cancer Lodge in Hamilton, which provides a relaxed and friendly environment, free accommodation, meals and a shuttle service for people undergoing cancer treatment and appointments at the hospital.



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Competition poignant reminder



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Graham was a keen pool and snooker player, with a talent that shone through his health problems.

It was a poignant reminder of our temporary visa on this earth, and the need for us all to relax and congregate with friends.



A big shout out to the maestro music talent of Peter Grahame, who kept foot tapping and many of us singing along, and to the wonderful Karyn Jones, for weaving together the fabric of this important and emotional memorial event.

- Mark James

The turnout was great with 24 players and much hilarity. Paul won the final over Matty Aro, but the winner was the event itself, a fine way to keep our memories alive.

Euchre made top 15

Three weeks ago, Janet and Pam went to a two-day tournament in Māngere. It was Pam's first ever tournament.

With approx. 90 players attending, we both did ourselves proud and were in the top 15 with our scores.

We were both approached by many players at the tournament to have one in Whangamata as so many did not know where Whangamata was or had never been.

We are looking for more players to come down on a Wednesday



evening 6.30pm and play, have fun meet new people and go away to tournaments if you feel like.

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Sunday, 19 September

Annual General Meeting

11am. Notices of Motion, and Nominations for the Executive Committee are to be in the hands of the Secretary by 5pm, Friday, 27 August. Details of eligibility may be obtained from the Secretary/Manager. Voting to take place between 9am and 6pm, Saturday, 18 September. Absentee votes available from Monday, 13 September.

Sunday, 8 & 22 August

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Royal acknowledgement by post

Jim Green had just come back from three weeks around the South Island, and upon going through his mail, he found this from HRH.

When His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, passed away, Jim sent HRH a condolence card, and to his amazement this card turns up at little Whangamatā.

Jim has previously sent Queen Elizabeth II a birthday card, and Jim's wife, Chris, got a lump in her throat as Jim says "to think a Mere Mortal Pleb, such as me, should receive something from the Queen".

Once in a lifetime, Jim!



Toy library thankful



On behalf of the Whangamatā Baptist Community Toy Library, I would like to thank the Whangamatā Lions Club for their generous donation of \$500. This money will be used to purchase new and interesting educational toys to fill our shelves.

This year has been a struggle without funds normally distributed through the lotteries commission but not forthcoming with the Covid pandemic.

Our small fees do not cover purchasing new toys so all recent

donations are wonderful. We have currently 42 families and 69 children using the toy library.

The toy library has been operating for 26 years and is open every Saturday from 10am until 12 noon. We are situated at 1100 Port Rd, in the Plunket building down by the wharf.

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- Jenny Stewart

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Tee ball a big hit!

Softball is about to become an option to play as a summer sport in Whangamata.

Because we are new, this season we are focussing on starting a T/ball competition. T/ball and softball are summer sports, with the T/Ball age group usually for 8 years and older.

T/Ball is a game in which you learn the fundamental softball skills, with hand-eye coordination learned here

an essential life skill in many areas. This setup is also ideal for beginner coaches.

More age groups will play depending on numbers, so come along when the season starts.

I was honoured to receive an award last month, a reward for 15 years on a WBOP Softball Committee and for coaching various teams.

Our Committee are a strong group

of ex-players and new players, with the clubhouse situated at the Whangamata Rugby Sports Club. Softball is great for the whole family -everyone can play!

Our special thanks to Lindsay Turnbull and Andrew McGee from the Ray White Group Whangamata for generously supplying all our 50 children with uniforms!

- Lindsay Martin



Hard fought games at bowls tournament

The Whangamata Club Indoor Bowls adjunct held their annual pairs and fours tournament over the weekend of 31 July and 1st August.

72 pairs teams took part in the Twentymans Funeral Services pairs competition on Saturday, playing in the Whangamata Club, Memorial Hall and the RSA. From the 72 teams, 36 qualified for post section play. The first semi-final was played between Ray Rout and Rio Bond, Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club and Gordon and Tricia Laing Otorohanga Club with Ray winning. The second semi-final was between Jason Parker and Cindy White of Counties and Neville and Pamela Bracewell from the Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club, with Jason winning. The final between Ray and Rio and Jason



Team Winners, Hamilton Working Mens Club

and Cindy was a tightly fought contest with the score ending at 5 all after the regulation eight ends. An extra end was needed which saw Jason and Cindy coming out the winners.

38 teams took part in the Whangamata Real Estate fours on Sunday with each team playing

five games. The winning team is found by counting the number of wins, draws and ends won in each game.

Four teams had five wins so the number of ends won in each game determined the winner. Coming out on top was the team of Steve Flaszynski, Terry Boyle,

Kay and Bob Lord from Hamilton Working Mens Club with 31 ends, second was Theunis and Lorraine Miedema, Anita Syben and Jason Duncan from the Manawaru Indoor Bowling Club with 25 ends and third was Diane Paulson, Ross Baird, Shirley Taylor and Mike Demlar of the Waihi Beach RSA with 24 ends.

150 players played over the two days in good spirits and many hard fought games. Congratulations to all the winners.

The Whangamata Club Indoor Bowls Committee thank the many local businesses who assisted us with sponsorship with special thanks to Whangamata Real Estate, Twentymans Funeral Services, South Pacific Motel and Blake Court Motel.

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Seagull centres down south hugely successful

South Island recycling centres are popular with bargain hunters, people looking for household items and simply being curious.

I love them! Whangamatā really must get with it and establish a recycling centre!

Hokitika has its Magpie Centre while others go for Seagull Centre or just recycle centre - boring but obvious.

My sister in Blenheim was building a 'She Shed' in her backyard so off we went to the town's huge recycling depot.

Timber framing, corrugated iron for cladding, and even a solid old dresser to store craft equipment were bought - total cost? \$20!

Wānaka and Queenstown dump shops are popular as many wealthy residents and visitors dispose of everything from furniture to sports gear, clothing, footwear, kids toys etc.



And here in Ashburton there's a huge variety (pictured above).

When I eventually settle down to domestic bliss in a wee cottage by the sea (dream on!) I'm going to be ecologically responsible and furnish it with refurbished stuff from dump and op shops!

So come on Whanga - recycle and save the planet! I fully support Helen McCabe in her endeavours to get a Seagull Centre up and running in Whangamatā.

- Lesley Staniland, former Editor & knowledge bank!

Update on Swappa Pottles

The Whangamatā Resource Recovery Trust's Compost2GO Swappa Pottle project aims to show local residents how they can help reduce the serious problems caused when food waste is dumped in landfills.

Starting with just 30 pottles there are now 120 users locally - and how fantastic is that.

Proud to say I'm on my 4th pottle and I love the sense of pride it gives me.



The project uses a system of swappable pottles which can be filled with plant food kitchen scraps. Washed egg shells and kitchen paper towels can be added, but not meat, bread or dairy products.

Full pottles are taken to one of a number of handy locations around Whangamatā and swapped for empty ones - eliminating the need to handle food waste.

Swap locations are outside the back door of the Whangamatā Information Centre, the Estuary Store (Pōhutukawa Cres), 114 The Drive, 114 Tāmaki Drive, 101 Tukere Drive, 113B Casement Rd and also now outside Rainbow Cottage in Mark Street.

Once you've dropped off your full pottle and picked up a new one, just send a quick text message to the number printed on the lid top saying a swap has been made and volunteers will collect it.

With 60% of our blue kerbside bags containing organic waste, something has to change.

C'mon Whanga - we got this!

- Jennie Black



Juice survey shocking

Whangamatā News recently ran a small survey locally to see how many Juice brands are actually recyclable.

To my horror, of 20 brands I inspected, only seven brands showed recyclable logos and numbers. Many had misleading triangle emblems, but were not actually recyclable. Others offered a 10c refund to return to store - but only if you live in the Northern Territory of Australia.

Obviously, foiled lined soft cartons can

not be recycled and there is plenty to offer your children with a straw - not cool.

Single use water bottles were in abundance, although some of the New Zealand companies did offer a recycle logo.

So when purchasing your thirst quencher, please check the product first and do your bit to saving our planet.

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Off-to-school reports give insight

The start of term 3 saw two children from Rainbow Cottage have their first day at school.

Caleb and Liam, both aged 5 started at Oputere School. They were lucky to begin their school learning journey in a new classroom, which has been established due to increased numbers.

When a child from Rainbow Cottage starts school, a teacher of their choice from the centre joins them on their first day. This gives the child and whānau a familiar face and link between learning environments. An off to school report is provided to the new teacher at school to give an insight into the new entrant's individual learning style, strengths and interests.

Liam and Caleb started school with confidence. They spent the morning getting to know their new teacher and classmates.

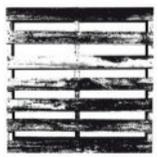
Their last days at Rainbow were celebrated with a bouncy castle, wheels day and dress up parties.



Caleb, off to school.



Liam leaves Rainbow Cottage with confidence.



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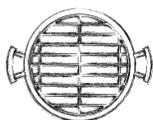
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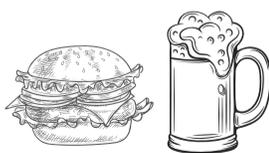
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Another cost on Kiwis at the behest of the unions

Labour is using Covid-19 as the justification for imposing new costs on employers in the form of an extra week of paid sick leave for each employee, but the real reason is because their union mates have been applying the pressure, National's Workplace Relations spokesperson Scott Simpson says.

"If Covid-19 really is the reason Labour want the change to sick leave entitlements, that come into effect tomorrow, then a better option would be to attach a sick leave response to the existing Covid relief package.

"It would be appropriate to limit the life of an increase to sick leave entitlement and target those who need to take time off work in response to the pandemic. Instead, Labour has used the funds for Covid recovery for policies completely unrelated to Covid.

"MBIE figures show the additional week will add about \$1 billion a year to the nation's wage bill. That's about 1 per cent of the total wages paid New Zealand wide.

"Labour never gets tired of spending other people's money, but it isn't just businesses who will

pay for this, it is every single one of us. The extra cost on business will inevitably end up being recouped by increasing the price of goods and services.

"The only thing this Government likes more than regulating businesses is imposing more costs on them. They seem to have forgotten how much businesses - especially small businesses - have been impacted by Covid-19 and have no hesitation in increasing wage costs in every way possible.

"It's small and medium sized businesses that make up the bulk of our economy and they will be the ones hurt most by the new sick leave rules as they are the least able to absorb the extra cost not just of the leave but of replacing an employee who is away on leave.

"The unions have far too much power over Labour Party policy. They are connected politically, historically and financially, and clearly have decided that while they have a parliamentary majority they need to squeeze every ideological policy in.

"Making it more expensive to hire a new employee does nothing to encourage job growth. It seems there is a basic lack of understanding amongst Labour MPs about how businesses and our economy work."

*Authorised by Scott Simpson MP,
614 Pollen Street, Thames*

Running park a grand idea



Tony Warren, seen here running at a recent event at Pakuranga, has been running for 15 years and is still going strong. He has won six out of six cross country races this year, including the Auckland and North Island championships this month.

Tony's running colleague, Karen Crossan, has also been running for many years and has won multiple age group races.

Both Tony and Karen have been selected to run in the Masters 50+ age group at the National Cross Country Champs on 7 August in Dunedin - a fine accomplishment indeed.

Both cross country runners have houses here in Whangamatā, but hope to set up a Park Run in our township, when they move down here permanently.

Park runs have become hugely popular in many countries and is a free weekly event for anyone to enjoy.

For all locals keen to get involved, watch this space!



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Whangamatā Harbour Care – spirit of determination

Whangamatā News attended the recent AGM of Whangamatā Harbour Care Inc and found these Chairman's words hitting the situation head on. Mayor Sandra Goudie also attended the meeting and presented two Community Service awards to Kay Baker and Dr Brian Coffey (Environmental Consultant) – well deserved.

Chairman Kerry Gibb presented this report:

A popular phrase in this day and age is 'keep calm and carry on'.

It's got to be right up there in terms of what's ahead for Whangamatā Harbour Care.

We as a volunteer community group are now faced with the task of meeting the challenges ahead full on or accepting defeat and putting it all in the 'too hard basket' – this is not the kiwi way.

We now are forced to take on organisations that have unlimited resources both technically and financially – they have fixed agendas and in some cases no accountability.

We as a volunteer organisation must now meet with all the criteria they demand in order to even begin discussion.

The last year has been spent doing just that and therefore the spirit of determination remains within WHC.

We accept that certain things must be done, however this comes at a cost to a volunteer organisation. Time, although limited in some cases, is a great asset, however financial resources are another matter.

Our members have come from both professional and practical backgrounds, they have years of experience and a wealth of knowledge. What's happening now is that they are expected to face continual peer review by 'faceless experts.'



Our consent to continue with the removal of mangrove seedlings has expired, we were then directed to operate under a consent held by Waikato Regional Council. What's different is that the WRC consent was appealed by Forest and Bird, not the local members, as they didn't even get consulted, but by the forest and bird's national body. The Environment Court ruled in favour of forest and bird. WRC then had to interpret the ruling with the assistance of their regulatory team. What transpired was a set of rules that had no regard what so ever in terms of practical methodology and application when forced upon a volunteer community group.

Waikato Regional Council are now faced with explaining to the local community how they now intend to continue on with seedling removal, their costs of course



will be met by ratepayers.

The 'carry on' option for Whangamatā Harbour Care is to continue with submissions, petitions and legal options available to volunteer groups (although very limited). This is being supported by members determined to see justice done.

The strangest thing is that other communities dealing with the same issues and consulting with their authorities have achieved the agreed outcomes. WRC after spending hundreds of thousands of dollars now see themselves as an authority on the invasion of mangroves, when a few meetings with other authorities could have saved those funds for countless other projects.

Our Pest Control Team have made significant progress especially in dealing with the complexities of approval by our local authority TCDC. With a genuine understanding by both parties, we have now met all the criteria required for approved operator status.

Pest Control volunteers have really put in the 'hard yards' and are the unsung heroes boldly braving the great outdoors to protect our native trees, birds' insects and lizards from possums, rats, stoats, weasels and hedgehogs. They also continue to do all the required paperwork and monitoring in order to meet reporting requirements under our agreements for compliance and funding.

The support from sponsors with donations to acquire the latest in tracking and monitoring equipment is most appreciated, we need this type of technology to not only make life a little easier, but to protect our volunteers when out in the field.

Whangamatā is also attracting many new permanent residents, they have skills that are in high demand within our organisation, and we are open to any assistance that they may offer with or without long-term commitment.

The Conservation subcommittee is currently completing a submission to the Coastal plan review, they are also undertaking preliminary investigations into initiatives that will support the seabird population now being endangered by lack of feeding, resting and roosting opportunities due to the invasion of mangroves and the expected rise in sea levels.

The future although clouded at times deserves every effort made to improve our community spirit. What we see as being unsurmountable can in fact be overcome, the tick or cross on a ballot paper will make the difference.

– Kerry Gibb, Chairman,
Whangamatā Harbour Care Inc

The Judys meet again



Great to see 10 members of the Judy Club meet for Lunch at the RSA on 28 July. In fine fettle they were, sharing stories and updates of lives busy and full.

The club started 13 years ago and some have had friendships of over 70 years. There is no membership fee – just a smile, a giggle and a wine. Well done Judys.

If there are any other 'name clubs' in Whangamatā please contact Whangamatā News or call Jennie on 021 0232 1661.

Local poet intensely expressive

Amber Abbott is a very talented young lady who has sent in this stunning poem. She went to Whangamatā Area School, became dux in 2018, and this year she's graduating from Bachelor of Arts at Waikato University.

7 ways of looking at a rose

1. a single rose grows from a crack in the sidewalk
solitary, defiant
love is nothing if not persistent
it will manifest anywhere
even at the risk of being trampled on
especially then
2. you stopped picking roses aged six
after you learned that it kills them
you realise it is better to leave them be
love, you think, is about appreciation, not possession
this is a lesson you have learned time and time again
it is one you will continue to learn
3. a rose watches you cry and is indifferent
this has happened many times before
it is the tang of blood and salt water
a flavour so familiar you no longer taste it
how many more times? you ask it
you get no response
there is comfort in the silence
you both know what this feels like
4. it has always confused you that a rose symbolises love
roses stand watch at funerals, at hospitals, at graveyards
how can they embody anything other than sorrow?
the longer you think about it, the clearer it becomes
perhaps love and death are the same
5. a rose is never as beautiful in life as it is theory
the mist obscures it from vision
the colour is dull
the petals droop, weighed down with burden,
you have over-watered it once again
you never did know when to stop giving
6. you hold the rose too tightly
and try to decide what hurts more
the thorns digging into your left hand
or her hand holding your right
you think that a short sting of pain is preferable
better than a relentless, dull ache
the rose drops to the floor
it lays there, dormant
she asks you what it feels like
you reply that not everything feels like something else
7. a rosebud begins to bloom from a crack in the sidewalk
you warn it of the danger
sometimes the risks are worth it, it says
you tell it of the agony
the crushing weight that lies ahead of it
you tell it how love, and this too will ruin us
it never listens

– Amber Abbott



Coromandel Missions: July 2021

2 July: Coromandel. Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a female patient in her 40's suffering a medical complaint and in a moderate condition. Transportation to hospital by helicopter wasn't required and crew returned to base.

3 July: Onemana. Crew tasked to Onemana to assist a male patient suffering a severe allergic reaction. Crew were stood down en-route and returned to base.

10 July: Manaia. Crew tasked to Manaia to assist a male patient in his 50's suffering a fall from bed. He was flown to Middlemore

Hospital in a serious condition.

11 July: Simpsons Beach. Crew tasked to Simpsons Beach to assist a male patient in his 30's who had fallen out of his kayak and was in the water for approximately 20 minutes before being rescued by a jet skier and brought to shore. He was flown to Thames Hospital in a moderate condition.

12 July: Coromandel. Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 60's suffering a fall from standing height. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

13 July: Thames. Crew tasked

to Thames to assist a female patient in her 80's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

15 July: Whitianga. Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a male patient in his teens suffering a fall from standing height. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

27 July: Whitianga. Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a male patient in his 70's suffering a fall from standing height. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

Sports results

INDOOR BOWLS

Memorial Hall, 19 July: Winners: Norm Sayer and Basil Johnstone. Close behind in second place, Peter Gorrie, Jude Sayer and Ngaire.

Ngaire also won the raffle. On the 26th July a good turnout played three games of pairs, with two teams winning all three games and scoring the same number of points and the same number of ends. So a coin was tossed and the winners were

Alex Steel and Lynda Callaghan. Norm Sayer and Max Hill had to settle for second place. John Hares won the raffle.

RSA 500 CARD CLUB

21 July: 12 players enjoyed the afternoon.

The winner on the day was Robert Watson and Ella Blunden won the chocolate bar. Robert Watson won the raffle.

28 July: 17 players enjoyed the afternoon.

The winner on the day was Robyn Curd and Lorna Judd won the chocolate bar.

Chris Hepi won the raffle.

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

TABLE TENNIS

22 July: Such exciting news: different names taking the top spots. Bob Rogers was top scorer with Barbara Hoy close behind. Does this mean the competition is turning; are different people starting to assert their skills? Find out more as the weeks progress. Or turn up for a game at the Whangamata Club every Thursday at 12.50pm.

WHANGAMATĀ CLUB MAH JONG

23 July: We had 56 players. With a great score of 52 points, the winner for the day was Daphne Inglis. Second was Kerry Gallagher with 45 points and third was Tina Palmer with 42 points.

25 July: We had our Annual Open Mah Jong Championship. We had 92 players attend. The winner was Ila Pellowe from Whangamata with 63 points, second was Pauline Harvery from Whakatane with 57 points and third was Gael Butler with 55 points.

30 July: We had 58 players. There was some great scoring. The winner for the day was Erin Wyatt with 53 points. Second was Tina Palmer with 45 points. Third was Jill Thomson with 41 points.

WHANGAMATĀ CLUB POKER

21 July: 1st Andre Barlow; 2nd Wal Peihopa; 3rd Cj Loughlin. In the bubble Stella Barlow
What's with all the visitors from over the hill robbing us blind? Congratulations team Thames and Cj for waving our flag, well done. Nice game Andre x

28 July: 1st Phil Harriss; 2nd Eli Byles; 3rd Leanne Rymill. In the bubble Wayne Rymill.

This night was set at a much faster pace using 2 packs of cards, way more poker played. Congratulations to the winner Mr Smooth - pulling off yet another win, but watch this Eli - he sits there quietly doing the job, cool operator. Leanne played great, she looked like she was going to bomb out a few times but showed some real grit towards the end, with hubby trying to rein her in had no show. Well done all, another super night at the Love Club.

We welcome submissions from clubs and organisations wishing to be listed here in every edition. There is no charge. To be included, email your club's details and contact details to: WhangamataNEWS@gmail.com

Books

Ocean Prey

JOHN SANDFORD

An off-duty coast guardsman is fishing with his family when he calls in some suspicious behaviour from a nearby boat.

It's an impressive-looking craft, zipping along until it slows to pick up a surfaced diver in the middle of the ocean. None of it makes sense, and the guardsman's hunch is proved right when all three of his colleagues who come out to investigate are shot and killed.

They're federal officers killed on the job, which means the case is the FBI's turf. They call in Lucas Davenport, but when the case turns lethal, Davenport knows he'll need every asset he can claim, including Detective Virgil Flowers.

Worst. Idea. Ever.

JANE FALLON

Georgia and Lydia are so close, they're practically sisters.

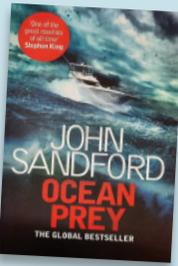
So when Lydia starts an online business that struggles, Georgia wants to help her- but she also understands Lydia's not the kind to accept a handout.

Setting up a fake Twitter account, Georgia hopes to give her friend some anonymous moral support by posing as a potential customer.

But then Lydia starts confiding in her new internet buddy and Georgia discovers she doesn't know her quite as well as she thought.

Georgia knows she should reveal the truth - especially when Lydia starts talking about her - but she just can't help herself.

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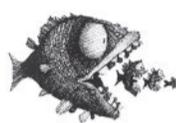
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Whangamata Tides 2021

August 2021

☾ New Moon: 9th ● Full Moon: 23rd

Date	High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Low tide AM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Sun rise	Sun set
6	Fri	4:57	1.6	17:36	11:08	0.5	23:39	07:11 17:32
7	Sat	5:47	1.6	18:23		0.5	11:55 07:10	17:33
8	Sun	6:36	1.7	19:07	0:26	0.5	12:41 07:09	17:34
9	Mon	7:23	1.7	19:51	1:12	0.5	13:25	07:08 17:35
10	Tue	8:08	1.8	20:34	1:56	0.4	14:09	07:07 17:35
11	Wed	8:53	1.8	21:17	2:41	0.3	14:53	07:05 17:36
12	Thu	9:39	1.8	22:02	3:26	0.3	15:39	07:04 17:37
13	Fri	10:25	1.8	22:47	4:11	0.3	16:26	07:03 17:38
14	Sat	11:14	1.8	23:35	4:58	0.2	17:15 07:02	17:39
15	Sun		1.9	12:05	5:47	0.2	18:08 07:01	17:40
16	Mon	0:26	1.9	13:01	6:39	0.3	19:04	06:59 17:40
17	Tue	1:20	1.8	14:02	7:34	0.3	20:04	06:58 17:41
18	Wed	2:18	1.8	15:05	8:33	0.3	21:07	06:57 17:42
19	Thu	3:20	1.8	16:08	9:35	0.3	22:10	06:56 17:43
20	Fri	4:23	1.8	17:08	10:36	0.3	23:11	06:54 17:44
21	Sat	5:25	1.8	18:05	11:35	0.3		06:53 17:45
22	Sun	6:23	1.8	18:58	0:09	0.3	12:30 06:52	17:46
23	Mon	7:17	1.8	19:47	1:03	0.3	13:22	06:50 17:46
24	Tue	8:08	1.8	20:34	1:54	0.3	14:10	06:49 17:47
25	Wed	8:55	1.8	21:19	2:42	0.2	14:57	06:48 17:48
26	Thu	9:40	1.8	22:03	3:27	0.2	15:42	06:46 17:49
27	Fri	10:24	1.8	22:45	4:11	0.3	16:26	06:45 17:50
28	Sat	11:07	1.8	23:27	4:53	0.3	17:09 06:43	17:51
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September 2021

☾ New Moon: 7th ● Full Moon: 21st

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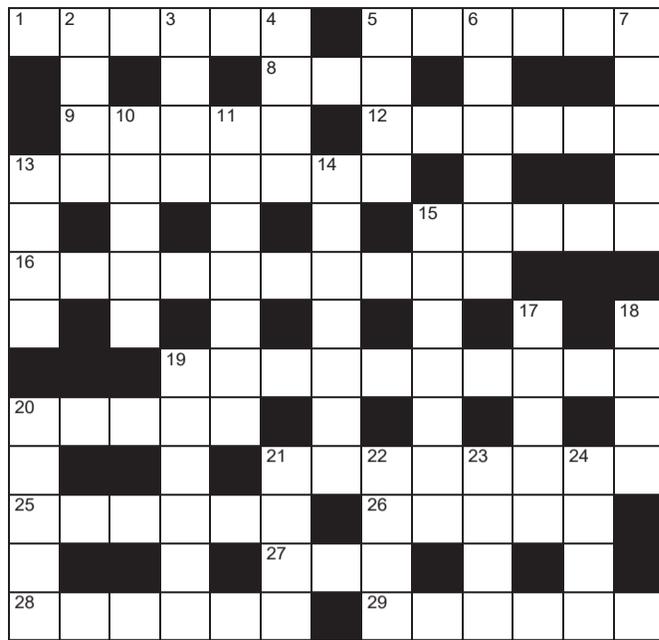
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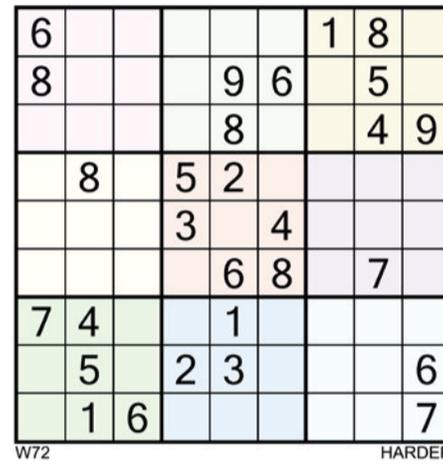
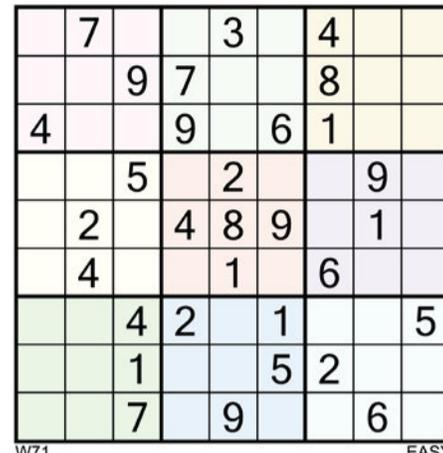


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 - Judge (10)
 - Below (10)
 - Conking out (5)
 - Supply with water (8)
 - Pattern of small pieces (6)
 - Foe (5)
 - Geological age (3)
 - Fumigated (6)
 - Decorative woollen ball (3-3)

- DOWN**
- Scorch (4)
 - Burden (4)
 - A friend, or partner (4)
 - Bird home (4)
 - Speak indistinctly (6)
 - Choose (5)
 - Stringed instrument (5)
 - Inquiry conclusion (7)
 - Happy (4)
 - Atomic (7)
 - Substitute (5-2)
 - Brothel keeper (5)
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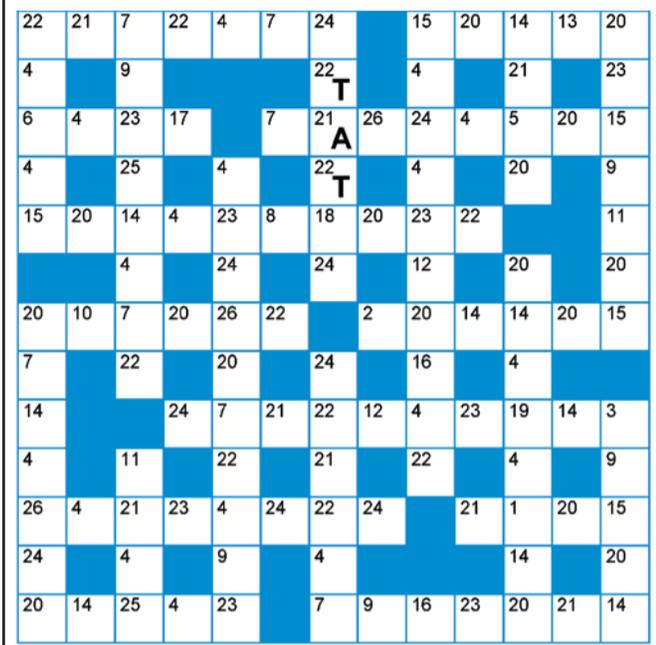
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13													
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WORKING SPACE

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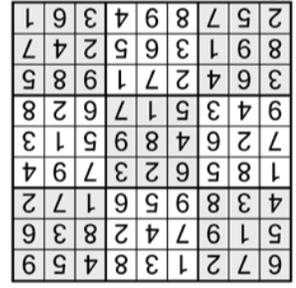
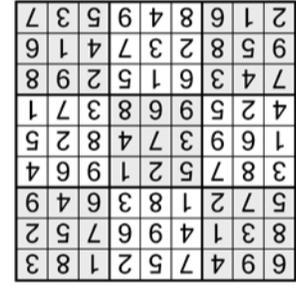
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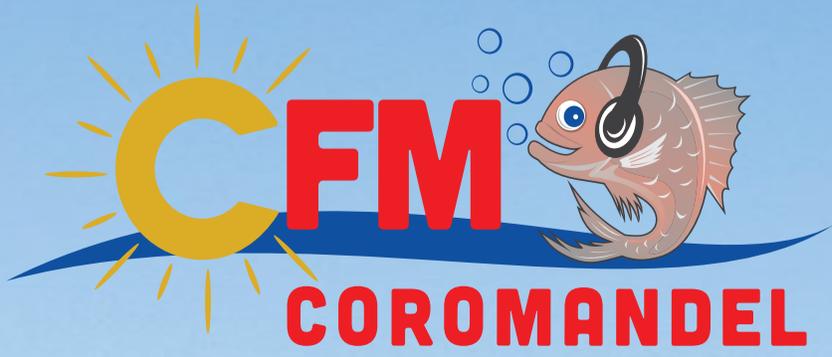
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