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Despite the miserable weather it's been great to see people making the most of summer and enjoying the Coromandel. Locals have done a tremendous job of rolling out the welcome mat to our visitors and I'm sure that this will continue over the long weekends.

I must thank all our first responders who continue to work tirelessly for our communities and do all they can to help people through challenging situations. The storms which battered much of the wider Coromandel Peninsula over the New Year period really emphasised the importance of their work and expertise. Civil Defence, NZTA and Council contractors did a great job keeping things moving and systems working when mother nature was throwing her worst at us. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to

keep people safe and informed.

2023 is set to be a big year as we head toward a general election. At the forefront of most voters' minds will be our country's economy and how government policies affect weekly household budgets. Everyone is feeling the pain of high inflation and the cost-of-living crisis. National will be keeping the pressure on the Labour Government and calling out wasteful spending when it occurs.

With the grim economic forecasts across the globe, New Zealanders need a government laser focused on outcomes and getting the economy back on track.

Happy New Year and all the best for the year ahead.

*Authorised by Scott Simpson MP,
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Surf Club struggling to reach Funding Target

Whangamatā News recently caught up with Bryan Black who is heading up the club's rebuilding project: **Project Transform.**

While Bryan stated the club was truly appreciative of the support by many persons and organizations, the funds to date at \$520,000 falls well short of the initial target of \$650,000 to enable the club to make a significant request to the Lotteries Board, this March to help with the ultimate build target of \$2.5 million. The club's own funds of \$100,000 and future funding from New Zealand Surf Life Saving means that the current potential funds with the support of the Lotteries Board and pledges are at \$1.5 million approximately \$1 million short of the club's target.

The significant cost in building materials and labour have had a major impact and the club has reviewed the plans on several occasions looking for potential savings.

"We fully understand that for many families, 2022 has been a difficult year financially and the projections for 2023 will require sensible budgeting," said Bryan. "However, the club would ask those people that understand the surf club's major contribution to water



safety at our beautiful beach, could possibly reconsider assisting with this vital project no matter how small and certainly not how large the amount would be!"

"My own passion for the services the club has provided over the years, meant my family had little hesitation with our contribution of \$50,000.00 which was immediately matched by my new neighbour Mark Shapland, and the same amount by way of a pledge from popular Whangamatā town supporter Ron Mcrae, and long-time Whangamatā

holiday-maker Mitch Plaw. Bryan also advised, "the wonderful acknowledgement from the family of the late Sir David Levene, who not only donated \$100,000 to Project Transform but added a further \$50,000 towards the club's operating costs at \$10,000 per year over the next five years.

Bryan further advised, that providing financial support can be a delicate and sensitive matter, but it was important to acknowledge that there had been some very meaningful contributions

and pledges from families and individuals where \$50 represents a lot of money and such persons deserve equal recognition. Gratefully received funding examples have come from family trust pledges, such as the \$15,000 from the Morrison family, \$23,000 from the club's previous board member Mike Riordan and last week \$700 from our local bowling club. Additionally support from the likes of Whangamatā Real Estate headed by Murray Cleland cannot be overstated.

Bryan made an important comment, that at some point in time the club will prepare a list of all supporters and ensure they are kept fully informed of the project status. In concluding our catch up, Bryan asked that if anyone can find it in themselves to make a donation or pledge over a few years then the club will be eternally grateful, and that the finished building will become a monument of the communities support and one that the entire town can embrace and be proud of.

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To the EDITOR
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Electoral Freedom

Simon Wilson (NZH 17/01/23) laments the current level of anger aimed at the Government and fears that the freedom of our political leaders to attend public gatherings will be curbed by safety concerns. He opens with belittling remarks aimed at those who are vocal in their distaste for the current regime. His clear political bias limits his ability to recognise the cause of the strong negative sentiment being directed at this Government and its policies.

To suggest that it is the outspoken critics of these policies who are a threat to democratic process is breath-taking. Most of the simmering public discontent is a

result of the Government's own actions in reshaping our democracy to suit its previously covert agenda.

The Labour Party gained the treasury benches in 2017 courtesy of the Winston Peters decision to deny power to the most popular party of that election. Was that the first insult to our democratic process? The subsequent election of 2020 produced another distortion of our MMP system by an electorate sufficiently gripped by the fear of a virus.

Whatever the outcome of this election, we must be assured that the accepted historical framework and the integrity of our democracy remains sacrosanct.

George Williams
WHANGAMATA



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- Carly Simon: *Moonlight Serenade Live on the Queen Mary 2*
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Opoutere drowning an absolute tragedy

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Whangamatā News spoke to Kathy Le Haavre from Mount Maunganui on the day, who, with her partner Tony Brooks saw the family go into the water and their hands going

up, Tony a former lifeguard and Helicopter medical worker went straight into the sea with what is unbelievable in finding an unused kayak by the lifesaving pole with the issued rescue swim belt.

Bringing Ian Cruikshank into shore Kathy resuscitated him for more than 40 minutes but unfortunately lost him.

The Hawke's Bay community is wrapping aroha and financial support around the family rocked by tragedy after being swept to sea in the terrifying mass water rescue on a remote Coromandel beach.

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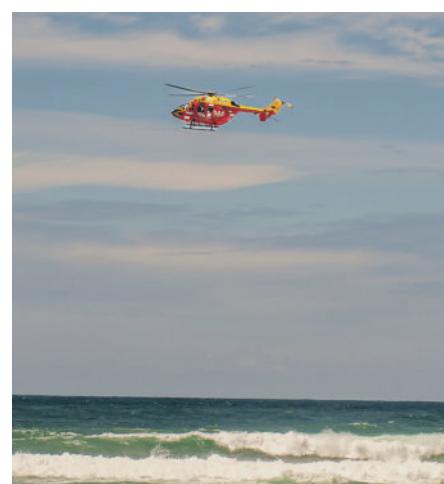
The Cruickshanks, a family of six from Takapau, central Hawke's Bay, were on holiday in the Coromandel, along with Wellingtonian, Ethan Goddard, 19.

The group were taking a dip and jumping waves at Opoutere beach, north of Whangamatā, on January 18, when they were swept out to sea in rough water conditions which included strong rips.

Despite frantic rescue efforts by other holidaymakers in the area, later joined by surf lifesavers and three rescue helicopters, one family member died and another is still missing.

Ian Cruickshank, an orchardist who worked in Hastings, died after he was unable to be revived after a lengthy resuscitation attempt.

His 15-year-old son, Samuel, is still missing at sea. The search for the missing teenager is now entering its fifth day as we go to print.



Other members of the group, including Ian's wife Donna, their other children and Goddard, were rescued from the water.

They are being supported as they deal with not only the loss of a beloved husband and father in Ian, but a missing brother and son Samuel.

Family friend, Kate Taylor, has set up a Givealittle fund to support the Cruickshank family "during the terrible weeks and months they have ahead."

"They are a wonderful family hit by the tragedy this week with the loss of Ian and the search for Samuel. They are much loved and valued members of the community – so

good-natured and kind. They would be the first to help anyone else."

The Givealittle page has raised \$36,286 to date for the family.

Ethan Goddard, the boyfriend of Isabella Cruickshank, is recovering in the high dependency unit at Waikato Hospital. The couple, both 19, are students at Victoria University in Wellington.

They were both rescued when a man put them on a boogie board and brought them to shore. Goddard was at first unresponsive, but local holidaymakers who were medically trained were able to revive him before he was airlifted to hospital.

As the search for Samuel continues, a rāhui has been placed over the beach.

A number of people, services and resources had been involved in the search, accompanied by a fixed wing aircraft, Acting Senior Sergeant for Whangamatā Police, Will Hamilton said.

"The search area is extensive and complex. Everyone involved is focused on bringing this person home."

"Our thoughts are with the whānau at this difficult time."

UPDATE

(as Whangamatā News goes to print)

A body has been found in the water near Opoutere Beach, north of Whangamatā, on the Coromandel Peninsula.

It ends the search for a teenager, who disappeared in the surf while swimming with his family earlier in the week.

Police were alerted about 1.30pm Saturday, following the discovery by a member of the public near Slipper Island/Whakahau.

Formal identification is yet to take place but police believe the body is likely that of a swimmer who disappeared during a group rescue on 18 January, Samuel Cruickshank, aged 15-years-old.

The Cruickshanks, a family of six from Takapau, central Hawke's Bay, were on holiday in the Coromandel, along with one other.

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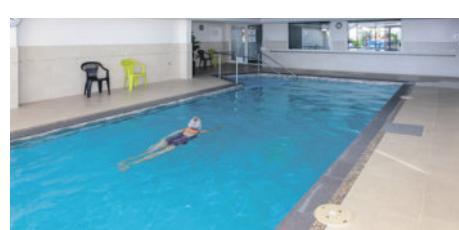
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Yes, it's a warm welcome back for Brits At The Beach, after a 3 year enforced break. The Festival is a celebration of all things British, and with over 150 cars registered already, it promises to be a great weekend.

Early Registration starts on Thursday 9th February at 4pm at the I Site Centre in Port Road, Friday morning kicks off with 'Brekkie On The Bridge' at the Kopu Historic Bridge, a chance to drive your classic car on this famous swing bridge, and enjoy a bacon buttie whilst you are there!

Friday also sees the Brits at the Beach Inaugural Charity Run around the Peninsula, with funds being raised for the Whangamatā Resource Recovery Trust.

The new Friday Nights Lights Cruise rounds out a very busy day. Starting at 8.30pm from the Information Center and driving a loop of the town.

The Village Fete and Car Show begins at 10am on Saturday at Beach Road Reserve, with music from the famous Kerepehi Brass Band. Hot food and drinks, and a chance to see these wonderful

vehicles up close and personal.

Brits At The Beach has always been famous for its British Bands, and this year is no exception, with 'The British Invasion', taking us on a journey through the greatest hits from the UK.

For those early birds, we'll kick Sunday off with a Big British Breakfast at Blackies Cafe and then it's off to the Beach Road Reserve, where the Bonnets Up Car Show runs from 10am until Midday and then we round out our weekend with the Registered Entrants Sunday lunch of Fish & Chips from Craig's Original Takeaway, before the Festival rounds off around 1pm.

The Brits At The Beach Festival is brought to you by The Brits Job Tour. See everything that's Great about Britain on this self drive adventure.

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- Peter Stretch



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Fundraiser needs more help

The weather gods looked the other way, allowing the sun to come out and the Whangamata Real Estate Community Pool to borrow a giant inflatable, courtesy of the Thames Community Swimming Pool – an idea initiated by Tayla and Marcia, two of the pool's lifeguards over the summer season.

275 youngsters and adults were entertained for nearly three hours – at one stage the queue wound its way back along Achilles Ave, almost to the Senior Net Building.

This was a tremendous community



event with smiling happy faces, of friends and whanau having a great time. It was fantastic to see older siblings encouraging and helping younger children over the challenging inflatable obstacle course to reach the slide and blast into the water.

The purpose of the event: to raise funds to purchase a similar inflatable to entertain local and visiting families. Fundraising has begun and as a result of the recent fundraiser there is \$3000 in the kitty, the target being \$10,000.

Graeme Smith and his team on the sausage sizzle were kept on their toes keeping up with the demand. The fundraising committee is grateful to several local residents and businesses who have already made donations which has boosted the total.

Mr Whippy was on hand with a steady stream of customers who enjoyed a wide range of cool delights.

A big thanks to pool manager Monique and her team of lifeguards who ensured the event was safe and enjoyable, and to the volunteers who assisted with the setting up and dismantling of the inflatable.

The recent installation of the heat pumps has been hugely successful,



allowing the pool to operate over a 12-month period.

The pool management committee has plans in place to further develop facilities at the pool, with a covered Learn to Swim/Therapeutic pool, main pool refurbishment, which includes replacement of deck tiles and repaint of the pool, and if specific funding can be secured replacement of the existing solar panels which are no longer fit for purpose.

- Rob Boston



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They have resided in Wilson Gardens for the last 15 years, and as dairy farmers they spent a lot of their married life at Donnelly's Crossing, known as the railhead for Kauri felling.

Ersk tells Whangamatā News that seeking forgiveness is an important part of life, we follow our Lord and

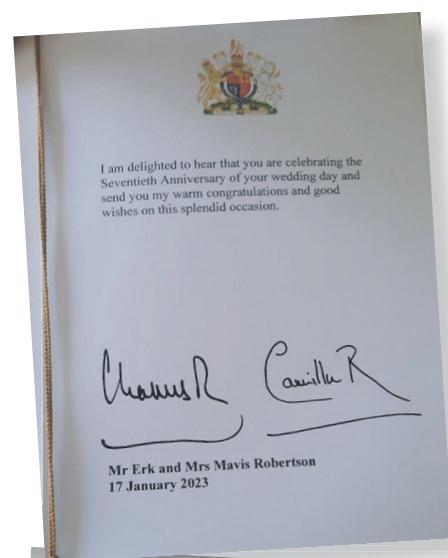
took our vows very seriously.

With five children – Carolyn, Patsy, Margaret, Ken and Jennifer – 12 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, the pair have wonderful family support.

Both Mavis and Ersk are 93-years-old and have received congratulatory cards from King Charles, Queen Consort Camilla, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Governor General Rt Honourable Cindy Kiro and Dr Richard Davies, as well as MP Scott Simpson.

A hearty congratulations indeed.

– Jennie Black



Ersk and Mavis Robertson enjoying the day.

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Moana House needs significant fundraising for future

Whangamatā News will run a series of articles on the Moana House and Village on the 5 to 10 year plan because although the community came together in the early days to get the rest home built it is now a generation later and it's obviously out grown the needs of Whangamatā as we grow as an ageing population. We spoke with Garth Blake - Fundraising Manager for the project and were told it will be in three stages.

Stage 1 - Demolishing the old cottages to the rear of the facility and building 12 villas there. They will be sold off plans and should self fund.

Stage 2 - On the vacant land now, to build an 80 bed facility there including a dementia unit (currently 47 beds).

Stage 3 - Demolishing the existing rest home and hospital once everyone has moved into the new facility, and building apartments & villas there.

A feasibility study is underway now.

Garth told us "One in three people will need a caring facility and as close to home as this is, it will be apparent that someone in your family will need this facility".

"It is not a large commercial entity, it is a community trust, it does not make huge profits like other ventures.

It was set up, then it was left and



over time the facility is starting to decline and is in need of refurbishment. It obviously needs 80 beds, and this process will be a multiple stage approach."

So this article is about the history of Moana House and Village, then in upcoming editions, we will cover what is happening now and then what is happening in the future.

Moana House and Village is a Charitable Trust (CC11358) established in April 1984 to provide accommodation and care for the older population.

The Moana House facility was purpose built as a Community Trust and officially opened in August 1987 and commenced with 36 rest home beds. This enormous undertaking had been accomplished with the support of the community and untiring efforts of volunteers including a major part played by the Lions Club International.

With fundraising efforts, loans, grants, and the generosity of benefactors, \$750,000 was raised to match the Department of Health subsidy to develop and fit out the building. James and Enid Watt gifted the two hectares of land that Moana House is situated on.

Since that time additional services have been developed to cater for the needs of the Whangamatā community. Subsidised meals on wheels were originally supplied five days a week but since the mid

1990's the subsidy was withdrawn, and the provision of meals grew to a seven-day service. Day Care and Respite Care have long been an important part of our service provision. With the increasing care needs of the aged population, it became evident that hospital level beds were needed, and this resulted in the building of an eleven-bed hospital facility in 1992 named the

Willson Wing (named after Stan Willson).

As the main Moana House facility was completed, the community suggested the development of independent accommodation for the elderly to rent and shortly thereafter the building of eight cottages commenced. This was the beginning of the Willson Gardens Village complex. A further fourteen two-bedroom units were then built with the first leases entered into in 2001. With changing national strategies and societal expectations regarding care of the older person, it was considered prudent to reconfigure the Moana House complex to enable development of serviced apartments. At the beginning of 2006 five rest home beds were closed to make way for two serviced apartments. This development concluded in 2011 when a further two were built making a total of four serviced apartments.

Construction of another ten-bed hospital wing then commenced bringing the total number of hospital beds to 20. This development was opened in April 2009 and was called the Stewart Wing (named after Rex Stewart). To complement the range of services provided, a long sought-after primary care

Inpatient service was introduced in April 2008.



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Huge pressure in community care

Whangamatā News felt the best person to talk about the history and intent is Ralph Pitcher (pictured) – current Patron of Moana House and Village (formerly Board of Trustees Chairman).

Ralph told us "the farmland was originally donated by the Watt family, Jim Watt had visions of a cottage hospital in the town and purchased 2 hectares of land especially for this purpose. The original committee, of 40, more than 25 years ago, got an architect to build a plan.

Brian Gibson and Brian Stewart went to Wellington in 1985 and managed to source a large sum of money (\$756,000 at \$21,000 per head, for a 36 bed facility) from the government as a suspensory loan. One of the conditions of the loan was that they were to look after the elderly, with a certain amount of beds and at the end of 25 years the loan was wiped.

Ralph told us "what people need to get into their heads is at this moment in time, there is huge pressure on community trust hospital and care facilities because they are all under funded. Over the years the funding has been screwed down to the stage where they can't afford to operate. I believe 14 community organisations like Moana House have gone into liquidation in New Zealand."

Ralph told us "the money needed

back then from the community wasn't for goods and services but that we needed cash. There were a lot of people who did give free services like bulldozer work, ground works and stepped up at differing times but generally done under a contract basis. The public were very generous at the start, but the whole town was being drained building the gym, the pool, the sports centre and the squash courts while Moana House were trying to get things underway.

"It's amazing how much support the different groups had at the time."

The Pitcher family also had a contract for mass electrical work on the facility and were always on call.

The timeline of this historic process started in 1983 with a humble garage sale and the first of hundreds of community fundraising efforts supporting Moana House that continued over the years.

Ralph also made a very real statement "just about every hospital and care facility is short handed, always needing more staff and of course the ageing population is huge."

We asked Ralph what would Whangamatā look like without the Moana House facility, as he said "you never know when you might be needing it, I've had my Mother there, two brothers and Doreen's father, and we never thought my older brothers would need looking after".



Ralph added "There is huge reluctance for people to even mention Moana House, they are scared of it. People need to go up there, spend some time and see what they do", but Covid has prevented that. Doreen hasn't been up there for a year and she misses it. They would both go up and keep in touch with the oldies from around town, talk to them and see them. Doreen said "the town now is a lot bigger than it was".

While reading the booklet *Moana House & Village Celebrates 25 Years*, I found the perfect quote from long-

time staff member and Honorary Life Associate Mary Durrant:

"Sometimes people ask what it's like working with the elderly all day. I say just because they get old doesn't mean they lose their personalities. They are personalities who have aged, and it's so good to know you have put a spark in their day."

Keep following upcoming editions, as we walk readers through the plans underway and how as a "community - we can give again".

- Jennie Black

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Arts Days not to be missed

A huge thank you to Paul Prouse and his team at Harcourts Whangamatā.

Paul has been a dedicated supporter of the Annual Harcourts Challenge and the Big Arts Day Out for the past six years.

Paul's financial assistance allows artists of all ages to compete for prize money. Encouragingly there is now an increasing presence from our local area school senior students.

The Harcourts Challenge judge has now been secured.

Lynette Fisher is a Tauranga-based artist and is the current coordinator of the Molly Morpeth Canaday Art Award.

Her art practice ranges from drawing, printmaking, assemblage and painting all of which have featured in solo and group shows around Aotearoa New Zealand. Her work is held in public and private collections.

Lynette has a particular interest in artists working within their community and has held various roles in education and mentorship, working closely with Toi Ohomai, The Incubator Creative Hub and the Aotearoa Creative Communities scheme.



Lynette Fisher from Tauranga

Event details

WHAT: Harcourts Challenge and Big Arts Day Out

WHEN: 27-29 January
Prize-giving and wine and cheese on 27 January, 5pm.

WHERE: Whangamatā Memorial Hall

PRICE: Tickets for the Wine and Cheese evening (5-8pm) available from the Whangamatā Information Centre at \$25.

No.2 surrounds completed

As reported earlier, the Whangamatā Bowling Club received a grant to refurbish the surrounds of their No.2 Turf green, which had become a dangerous trip hazard due to un-level surfaces.

The Club members dug out grass and cobble stone areas and poured eight cubic metres of concrete to provide a level surface for Tiger Turf to lay artificial Trophy Grass. They have also completed water blasting and re-painting the fence around No.2 green.

The project stalled due to the lack of materials, Tiger Turf has now released enough trophy grass to complete the project, commencing

on Friday, 10 December.

The Bowling Club's major three day Classic tournament – which is to be held on 28-30 November – has attracted a full field of 32 four person teams. The Tournament is co-sponsored by First Mortgage Trust and New World Whangamatā.

Teams competing are from Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Thames Coromandel.

Last weekend the Whangamatā Club hosted the Thames Valley Bowls Junior pairs tournament. The winners were Tony Lucas, Whangamatā, and Chris Smith from the Pauanui Club.



Peter Burgess delighted with turf surround.

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Hanna is by playwright Sam Potter and performed by Cassandra Woodhouse. She is touring this show with 20 performances the length and breadth of the country during March. The Whangamata Theatre Society were lucky enough to book her between shows in Waihi and Tauranga for Saturday, 4 March.

Hanna is about a young mother's plight when she finds out that her three-year-old daughter Ellie is not in fact her biological

daughter. This funny, heartfelt, and compelling premiere from Office - nominated playwright Sam Potter asks what family means in a modern society, delicately weaving in questions of racial identity, economic privilege, and the lottery of birth.

Cassandra Woodhouse was mentored and directed by Jennifer Ward-Lealand. Jennifer is President of the Actor's Union Equity New Zealand and 2020 New Zealander of the Year.

The Whangamata Theatre Society expects their loyal Whangamata audience will support this show.

Event details

Unlike our other shows this is a one night opportunity at the Whangamata Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday, 4 March.

Tickets can be purchased from The Pumice Patch at 704 Port Road or online from the Society itself by their email info@whangamatatheatresociety.co.nz



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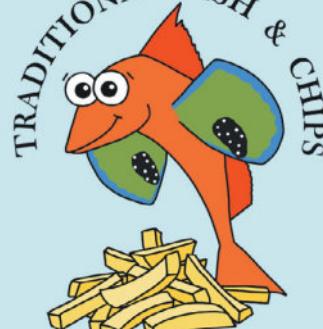
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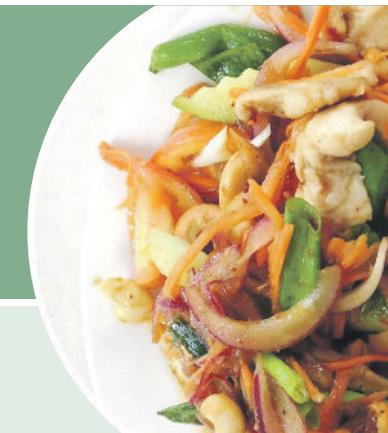
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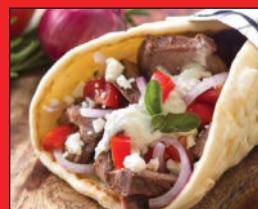


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Renee McCullum lost at sea in 1979 remembered

Whangamatā News caught up with Evita Cleverly, now 81 years old, as she returned to Whangamatā from the UK to say her final goodbyes to her daughter Renee.

Meeting up on the same spot from 31 years ago in 1992 with her grandson Jarryd Wright from Auckland, the pair took four bunches of hydrangeas, one each for the four youngsters from Hamilton lost at sea in 1979 in Whangamatā waters.

It had an eerie feeling about the timing of this interview, as the Coromandel have lost 11 lives to the water this New Year.

The missing people were Donald Bruce Hine, 21, Patrick Allen



Evita Cleverly, with her grandson Jarryd Wright, returned to the place where she lost her daughter, Renee.

Cameron, 25, Both of Cameron Road Hamilton, Susan Florence Godfrey, 18, of Dinsdale Road and Renee Pearl McCullum, 16, of Salmond Street.

Back then six Hamilton Policemen, a helicopter and a light aircraft



The vessel they used to go holidaying over the long weekend.

joined the search to assist more than 30 people involved in extensive shore searches North and South of Whangamatā.

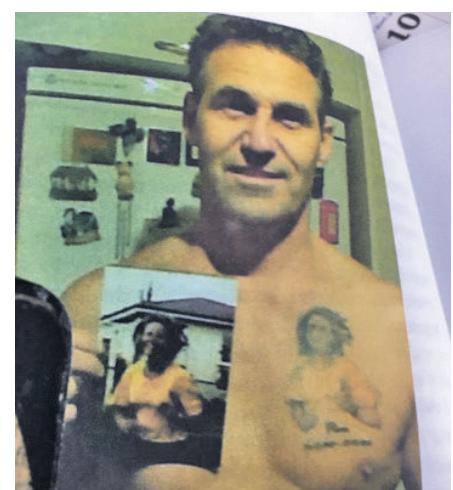
In 1979 the four left in rough seas and high winds in a skiff-type boat powered by a 1600cc inbound engine. They were sighted first with a broken down skiff outside the harbour, but it is believed they started the engine and set off, at 2pm on 21 October, 1979 (Labour Weekend), never to be seen again.

Nothing has changed, PLEASE stay safe in the water, readers. Swim between the flags and if in doubt - DON'T go out.

- Jennie Black



Evita's daughter, Renee, aged 16.



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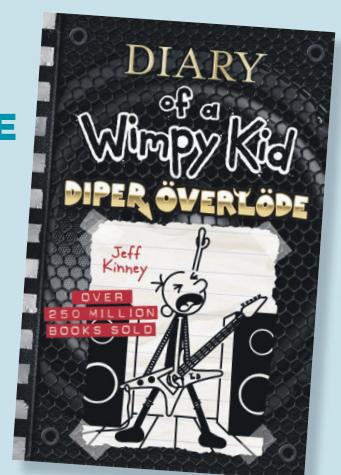
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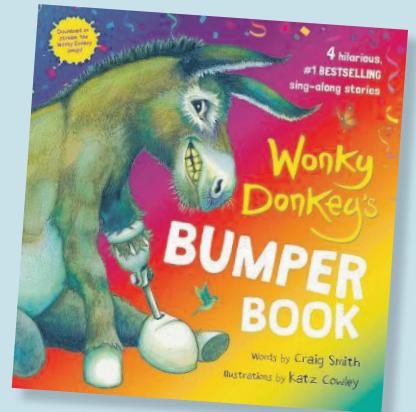
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Mounting costs for Cyclone damage

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Our Council's staff and contractors have already started urgent repairs and, as the clean-up continues, our Mayor Len has written to Emergency Management Minister Kieran McAnulty, seeking financial assistance from the government to lessen the impact on our ratepayers.

"While no exact cost figures are confirmed yet, we expect the bill to repair the coastal areas will run into serious six figures," says our Mayor Len. "We've made a start removing debris, and fixing and fencing off infrastructure and assets along the coast that have been damaged and are unsafe to use. A significant challenge lies ahead, but together as a community, we can get there."



Photos by Jane Mabbott.



Summer Kerbside Schedules

Our summer period of extra kerbside rubbish and recycling collections across most of the Coromandel ends on Friday 10 February. From Monday 13 February we resume our regular non-summer collection schedule. Check the schedule for your area at



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Our seven Refuse Transfer Stations (RTS) are open to extended operating hours until Sunday 19 February. From Monday 20 February they are open to their regular non-summer hours. Check the RTS locations and operating hours at

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Whangamatā Community Board UPDATE

A word from our Board Chair, Dave Ryan –

"We've made it through the recent stormy weather and ex-Cyclone Hale, but the clean-up continues. A big thanks to our Civil Defence team who kept everyone well informed and safe during this event, and to the capable crews now working on fixing up any damage left by the storms."



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The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 14 February, 10am at 620 Port Road. To speak in the public forum, contact governance.services@tcdc.govt.nz. Agendas are published two working days before meetings at tcdc.govt.nz/meetings, where you'll also find recordings of each meeting.

Check out changes to our Council services over summer.

If you're visiting the Coromandel these summer holidays, we have put everything you need to know about our services all on one handy page.

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SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

Even though we've had a lot of rain in the past few months, we face increased demand for water over our busy summer period. Water is a precious resource and we're asking households to please be mindful of water use so that we can ensure that our supply can be effectively managed in the months ahead.



Check out our handy water-saving tips at tcdc.govt.nz/savewater

Find out what level of water restrictions are in place locally at tcdc.govt.nz/waterrestrictions

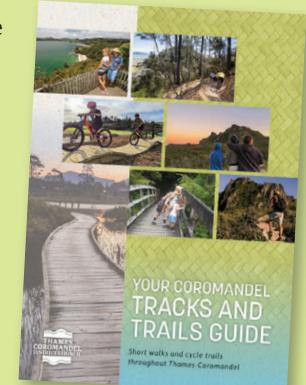
Your Coromandel Tracks and Trails Guide

The updated edition of our popular Tracks and Trails Guide is now available free from information centres, public libraries and Council offices.

The guide outlines a variety of walks and cycle trails across the district for all fitness levels. The mix of locations includes harbour and river margins, heritage town centres, playgrounds, busy working wharves and the Coromandel's famous sandy beaches.

Most of the walks are short, easy excursions near our town centres, rather than more strenuous tramping routes. You can also check out mountain biking and cycling trails, ranging from family-friendly easy experiences to harder mountain biking trails.

The online version can be downloaded at tcdc.govt.nz/tracksandtrails



KERBSIDE CHARGES TO CHANGE

Changes in our kerbside rubbish collection this year, when a different provider takes over our solid waste services, is one of the big issues we'll be publicly consulting on as part of developing our 2023-2024 Annual Plan.

From 1 September 2023 the blue rubbish bags are going to be replaced with wheelie bins and we'll also be introducing a kerbside household food waste collection.

How these changes are funded is currently being developed as part of the process of our Annual Plan, which sets out our project delivery and budgets for the next financial year (1 July 2023-30 June 2024).

Our Annual Plan 2023/24 is year three of our 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP). There will be public consultation to get your feedback on any changes that are significantly different to what we forecast in our LTP for 2023/24.

We'll be asking for your feedback in March/April this year, and we'll deliberate on submissions at our 17 May meeting.

The final Annual Plan 2023/24 will be adopted at our Council's meeting on 28 June.



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Creative Coromandel gives great insight for artists

The Coromandel Peninsula is a beautiful region filled with pockets of stunning scenery, wild terrain and an abundance of talented creatives offering unique performing and visual arts experiences.

Fiona Cameron, newly elected chair for Coromandel Creative opened the

meeting and thanked Jean McCann, a trustee in Tairua who organised the mix and mingle at the Tairua Golf Club recently.

Fiona stated "Our job is to support the arts in the Coromandel Peninsula as promoters and advocates and to pull all the arts together, I am passionate about the arts and I'm

passionate about the Coromandel as this is my home, the land from where I came from". She encouraged everyone to connect with Coromandel with websites and social media and Instagram.

"Tell us your stories, what are you doing, your exhibitions, your workshops, we are here to support you and to promote what we do in the arts".

Our next mix 'n' mingle will be in the ward of Whangamatā, then Coromandel and Kuaotunu and beyond.

Introducing Jan Wright, Arts Manager mentor for Creative Coromandel, formerly from Whitianga, now recently moved to Thames.

Jan said "Limited funds has meant without finance we couldn't create awareness of our arts events, gigs and exhibitions to have visibility.

"Thanks to the Lottery Community we got \$30K to employ a marketing person to run the website, Facebook, previously run by volunteers"

They then gave us \$75K last year to enable us to do so much more work, and in particular enabling a review of the TCDC Adopted Arts Strategy.

Jan says "we want to know what's happening for you and what is of primary importance to you..."

Len Salt, newly elected Mayor, came with Deputy Mayor Terry Walker and said "it is so thrilling to see so many of you here and right on board with this..."

How many of you here are small business owners and operators and artists? Do you sell your work?"

He went on to say "I need you to understand my total support and the value of what you do".

"I need you to understand and appreciate the value of what you do, because the emphasis at council level is to unlock the economic opportunity that exists in our district



Jane Wright - Arts Manager Mentor.



Fiona Cameron - Newly elected Chair Coromandel Creative.

and you folks are the beating heart of the Coromandel."

We are business, we are Artists and we are contributing to the economy and to the wellbeing and heart and soul of this district.

"We must support the Arts Strategy - with a very engaged council."

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Piha's Dune Kennings and Whangamatā's Piha Rogers have claimed their maiden titles at the 2023 National Surfing Championships completed at Piha Beach, Auckland on 14 January.

In a spectacular display of surfing in perfect 1.5m waves, Kennings rode to a near perfect 19.25 point heat total to win the final.

16-year-old Rogers also put on a dominant display of surfing riding to a 15.65 point heat total to win her final.

Kennings becomes the first son of a previous title winner to join the illustrious list of New Zealand champions behind his father Lynden who won back-to-back titles in 1990 and 1991. It was a feat that was not lost on him.

"It is a unique feeling in itself to follow my Dad. He has been telling me all week to bring it home for everyone that supports me. The emotions of this win are incredible," said Kennings.

The Men's final is believed to be the highest scoring in the 60 year history of the event with six excellent scoring rides, four of those above 9/10 points.

When Kennings returned to the beach, he had a swarm of supporters from his Keyhole Boardriders club waiting at the water's edge.

"The whole time out in that heat I was looking back into a packed beach and I knew half of that crowd were supporting me and Elliot and to bring it home means so much to me. I have been working so hard for a long time and I have finally done it," he added.

"Stoked to put on a performance that I knew I was capable of, especially in the final. I had to bring my best to this final against the best guys in New Zealand. I knew I couldn't hold back one bit".



Pia Rodgers claims title.

Kennings' good mate and 2020 National Champion Elliot Paerata - Reid (Piha) finished runner up in the final with a 18.20 point heat total vs Kennings 19.25. Paerata - Reid started strongly with an 8.90 point ride and followed that up with a 9.30 to amass his heat total.

Eight time national champion Billy Stairmand (Rag) held the lead for part of the final with a 17.85 heat total until the patient Kennings found a late ride and completed three big turns to score a near-perfect 9.90.

17-year-old Kalani Louis (Tara) finished fourth in the final after a stellar run of performances over the seven days.

The Open Women's Division was filled with New Zealand's future of surfing and it was Rogers who took full advantage of gunning for a maiden title. She went for broke on every wave, a strategy that looked like it could cost her the title when she fell at the end of several waves.

"I fell three times in the final on my end turns and wasn't finishing my waves, but I was going for broke to get the big scores because I knew that is what you have to do to win a title," said Rogers who is renowned for her love of surfing big waves. Her commitment paid off with her last waves scoring 8.25 out of a possible 10 points to seal the victory.

"This is so cool, I am so stoked"

added Rogers who felt a bit surprised despite placing fourth in the event in 2022.

"For me, there was no pressure in the Open Division so I was trying to surf my best and get on the best waves and yeah, the performance just came."

Rogers acknowledged her opponents, many of whom are friends and teammates. "We have been pushing each other all week in our performances and all the heats were back and forth in terms of results but it is good to take out the one that counted today."

Again, another Whangamatā youngster super achiever from Whangamatā.

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Sarah Halliday – Manager

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Alongside our business as usual we have had lots of exciting updates for the Community Service this year, this includes changing our name to Eastern Coromandel Community Services to better reflect the area that we service, an exciting new website, and regular social media updates.

We had several new services and programmes commence including Kite Kai, Te Reo lessons (in conjunction with the Whangamatā Community Marae Trust), Stop Smoking support and the very popular Community Transport trips out of town.

Comfort Kai has continued to be a very popular weekly event with our volunteers cooking and serving over 1500 meals this year!

Wishing you all a safe, sunny, and relaxing summer break 😊

Sarah Halliday (Manager)

Michelle Crook – Chair of Board

At ECCST, we are here to provide social services to our community, be that foodbank services, counselling or support for those suffering hardship or social isolation. If there is a need in our community, we like to think that we are there to assist.

The entity is governed by a hard-working volunteer Board whose role is to ensure that the organisation stays aligned with its charitable purpose. Income is derived from contracted government services, plus we receive grants from funders, and a wide range of generous locals who see the need and respond accordingly.

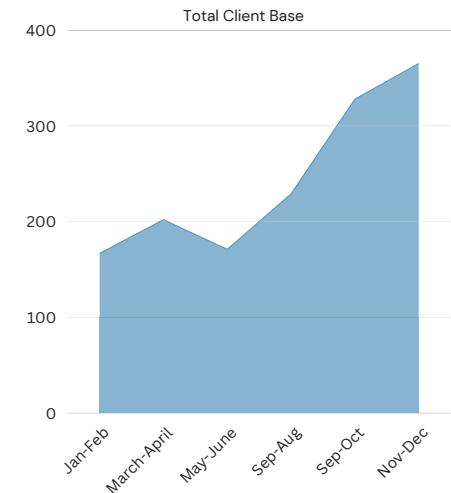
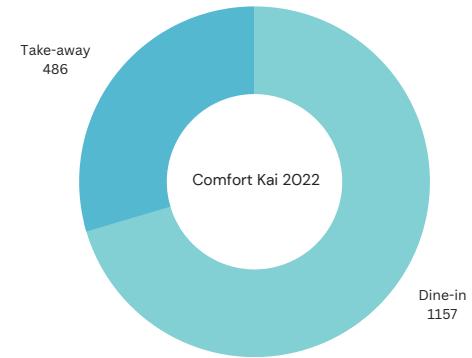
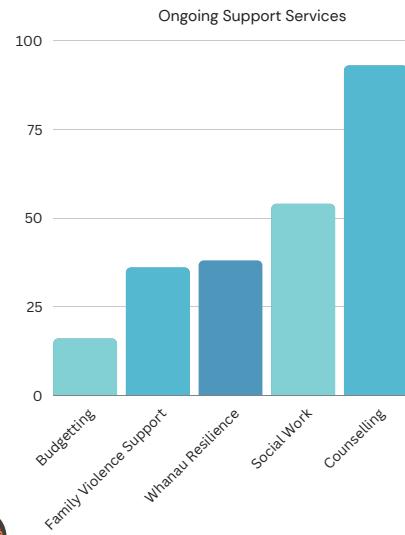
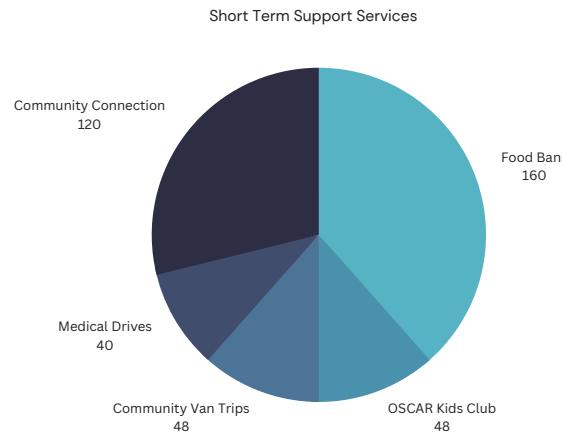
One of the main perceptions of visitors to Whangamatā is that the area is without social need or deprivation, but sadly, this perception is not reality. Like every small town in New Zealand, there are people who are struggling to make ends meet or find fulfilment in their day to day activities.

That's why we are reporting our activities to you. If you believe that you can support ECCST to help those in need in our community, we would welcome that – whether that be via a donation or the giving of your time or expertise. Thank you for taking the time to read this report so you can get to know us and our services better.

Ngā mihi, Michelle Crook (Chair)

Our Services and Delivery Statistics

- Comfort Kai (weekly community meal)
- Community Connector support
- Counselling
- Whanau Resilience
- Integrated Safety Response
- Social Worker support
- Youth Worker support
- Stop Smoking support
- Employment Placement
- Medical Drives
- Community Van Trips
- Holiday Programme
- Financial Mentoring & Budgeting
- Food Bank
- Kete Kai Cooking Classes
- Te Reo Maori lessons in partnership with the Whangamatā Community Marae Trust



Eastern Coromandel Community Services

Annual Community Report

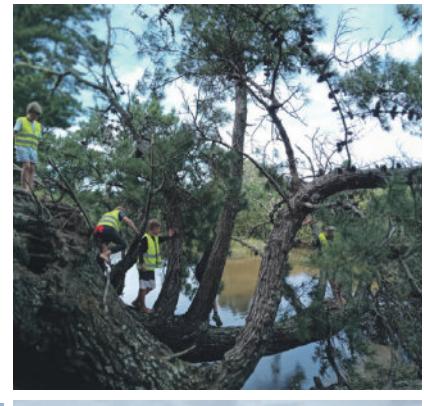
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Our 2022 Programmes and Events

Annual Food Bank Drive



Kete Kai Cooking Classes



Community Van Trip

Fishing with Shanan

Comfort Kai Christmas Dinner

Kids Club

Our Funders and Partner Organisations

We would like to extend a huge heartfelt thank you to all our funders and partner organisations for their support over the past year. We cannot provide the services that we do without their support. Our community thanks you!



Hauraki Family Violence Intervention Network

Whangamatā Youth Forum

Whangamatā Quilters

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We are seeking more volunteers to help us with Medical Drives to Pārāwai/Thames and Kirikiriroa/Hamilton, local shopping trips, and our weekly meal Comfort Kai. We deeply appreciate our volunteers and could not run these services without their support!

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We are a not-for-profit organisation that depends fully on securing government contracts, funding grants, community and corporate sponsorship sponsorship, and donations to keep our services running.

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We look forward to meeting and working alongside more of the community throughout 2023.



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Sandcastles show imagination & talent

The annual Whangamatā Real Estate Competition was held again last weekend in Whangamatā.

Whangamatā News met some inspirational youngsters with traditional castles, Mountain of ice creams with mermaids, Duck on a nest and even a giant Octopus eating a cruise ship! Of course, an IRB boat, Beach Hop car, Mr Stingray and the winning Lego 'OUCH', so many wonderful ideas on a breezy summer day, at last!

Thank you Whangamatā Real Estate crew – the prizes were amazing and the smiles were abundant... I loved it!

- Jennie Black



Stephens and Eyes families.



Hocken and Bull families.



The Woods and Trubshaws.

RESULTS

Under 12's

- 1st: The Bandits – Duck
- 2nd: Lizzy – Shark
- 3rd: Ruby – Boat

Families / Groups

- 1st: Team Turner – Beach Hop car
- 2nd: Weka St Warriors – Lego creation
- 3rd: Sand Snakes – Buggy



Georgia and Rosie.



Marlee.



Turner family.



The winners – Price and Parry families.

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Opoutere

I recall that time
the beauty of youth
looking down from this footbridge
at the water drawn out
unhurried by tide and moon
seagrass waving in slow motion.

The clear water still flows
under the bridge
an altar above a river of peace.
Here, human speech
a useless intrusion.

We want your poems! Email them to WhangamataNews@gmail.com

Things of interest!

I'm so blessed daily

Gillian is a seven-year-old girl who cannot sit in school. She continually gets up, gets distracted, flies with thoughts, and doesn't follow lessons. Her teachers worry about her, punish her, scold her, reward the few times that she is attentive, but nothing. Gillian does not know how to sit and cannot be attentive.

When she comes home, her mother punishes her too. So not only does Gillian have bad grades and punishment at school, but she also suffers from them at home.

One day, Gillian's mother is called to school. The lady, sad as someone waiting for bad news, takes her hand and goes into the interview room. The teachers speak of illness, of an obvious disorder. Maybe it's hyperactivity or maybe she needs a medication.

During the interview an old teacher arrives who knows the little girl. He asks all the adults, mother and colleagues, to follow him into an adjoining room form where she can still be seen. As he leaves, he tells Gillian that they will be back soon and turns on an old radio with music.

As the girl is alone in the room, she immediately gets up and begins

Crossing the bridge
a fantail dances before me
inexplicably happy.
These forested sand dunes
make me think of
Christmas trees and goblins.

"The mind likes to populate its own
vacancy"
Unsolicited, Baxter comes to mind.

There is no end
to fatuous thought
and no beginning.

- Scott Vennell, Onemana

to move up and down chasing
the music in the air with her feet
and her heart. The teacher smiles
as the colleagues and the mother
look at him between confusion and
compassion, as is often done with
the old. So he says: "See? Gillian is
not sick, Gillian is a dancer!"

He recommends that her mother
take her to a dance class and that
her colleagues make her dance from
time to time. She attends her first
lesson and when she gets home she
tells her mother: "Everyone is like
me, no one can sit there!"

In 1981, after a career as a dancer,
opening her own dance academy
and receiving international
recognition for her art, Gillian Lynne
became the choreographer of the
musical *Cats*.

Hopefully, all 'different' children find
adults capable of welcoming them
for who they are and not for what
they lack.

Long live the differences, the little
black sheep and the misunderstood.
They are the ones who create
beauty in this world.

**Readers – do you have any
delightful submissions to share?**

- Jennie Black, Editor

Sports results

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Competition resumed again after
our break. The weather was kind

Send us your sports results! WhangamataNews@gmail.com

to us again and competition was
close.
Bits & Pieces (15) v. Quizzers (23)
Cornerstone (12) v. Patrollers (18)
Bridge Buddies (15) v.
Dare Devils (17)
Rumbler (20) v. Probus (22)

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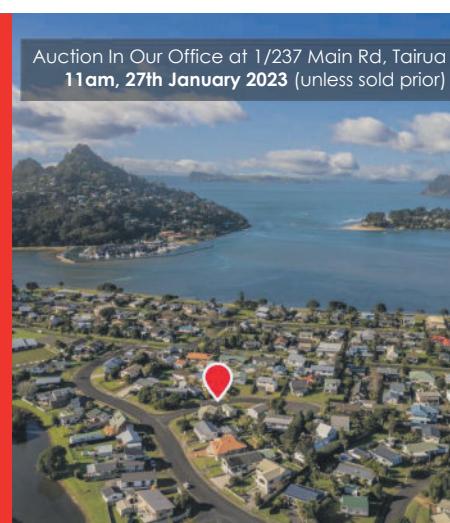
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- Open plan ground floor living
- Three double bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Sunny and sheltered conservatory
- Dual north facing decks
- Large double garage plus carport

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Auction to be held at 328 Ocean Road 1pm 29 January 2023 (unless sold prior)



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217B Beverley Terrace

- Four double bedrooms
- Master bedroom with private balcony, ensuite and walk in robe
- Large open plan ground floor living, polished concrete floors
- Dual outdoor entertainment spaces
- Designer kitchen
- Internal access garage with 2.8m high door opening
- Fully fenced and gated rear yard area

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203A Philomel Road

- Immaculate 4 bedroom home
- Designer kitchen and scullery
- Multiple entertaining areas
- Open plan living flanked by dual covered deck areas
- Triple garaging plus boat garage/workshop
- Keyless entry and intercom
- Spa pool and accessories
- Gas Fire and Heat Pump

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118 Tirohanga Drive

- Well positioned to make the most of all day sun
- Three double bedrooms (master with ensuite)
- Modern and spacious kitchen
- New double glazing throughout
- Two deck areas create outdoor dining options
- Double garage
- Private garden with mature trees
- Fully fenced and gated yard
- Exclusive use walkway to Harry Watt Drive

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216A Philomel Road

- Beautifully presented and substantial home at 192sqm
- 4 bedrooms - spacious master bedroom with ensuite & walk-in-robe
- Comfortable lounge area and lovely kitchen/dining space
- Double internal access garage

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View 2pm Saturday



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603 Beach Road

- Spacious modern 4-bedroom home
- Main living on ground floor
- Alfresco dining from deck areas
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Colin Thompson
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104 Tukere Drive

- A stunning vista of the expanse of the Whangamata harbour, the views are everywhere you look
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- Open plan living, beautiful kitchen with scullery
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View 1pm Saturday & 2.30pm Sunday



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136B Sharyn Place

- Very tidy 2 bedroom home with 2 bathrooms
- Fully fenced and gated
- Freehold title
- Vacant and ready to purchase

[View 11am Saturday](#)



Pete Sheppard 027 609 4955
Chris Speedy 021 747 901
[View Listing: whanga.co/8177](#)



311A Port Road

- Sunny single level home
- Fully fenced and secure backyard
- Low maintenance grounds
- Located close to town

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Sharon Laurenson
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115B Ajax Road

- Freehold title 604sqm flat site
- Holiday now, develop later
- Open plan living
- Selling fully furnished
- Plenty of room for the boat, caravan & tents

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Julian West
027 222 4364
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6 Widdison Place

- Beautiful garden retreat
- 1960's 3 bedroom home with significant upgrades
- Cabin at rear
- Heat pump and wood burner

[View 3pm Saturday and 10am Monday](#)



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307 Hetherington Road

- Full freehold 822sqm site
- Fully fenced and gated
- Good tidy condition
- Sunroom, open plan living

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Wendy Jeffs
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64 Kon Tiki Road, Whiritoa

- Located within a very easy stroll of the beach
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- Double garage
- The land is 809m² in size with beautiful plantings
- Fully fenced and gated

View 11am Saturday
Deadline Sale closes Thursday 9 February at 4pm (unless sold prior)



Dave Anderson 021 790 488
Renee Jacobsen 021 250 8541
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115 Onemana Drive, Onemana

- Very well presented 3 bedroom home plus office or 4th bedroom
- Sunny modern kitchen
- Spacious decks
- Single lock-up garaging
- 890sqm site
- Short walk to beach, café and dairy

View by appointment



Julian West
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435 Onemana Drive, Onemana

- Beautiful views over the ocean, islands and farmland
- Very well presented 2 bedroom with separate sleepout
- Recently renovated and re-roofed
- New heat pump, new curtains
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View by appointment



Julian West
027 222 4364
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167 Durrant Drive

- Two level four bedroom home with upper harbour views
- Modern kitchen/dining, spacious lounge
- North facing deck
- Rumpus room
- High stud double garage with internal access
- Ample off-street parking

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109A Graham Street

- Prime location in surf club zone
- Three bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Open plan kitchen/dining space, a covered deck and sunny courtyard area
- Internal access double garage

View 10am Sunday



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22 Ngahere Terrace, Opoutere

- Enjoy beautiful, elevated views of the Opoutere harbour to the Coromandel National Park from this classic Opoutere holiday home
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- Clad almost entirely in native bush with a natural spring
- The house has 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open plan living, timber ceilings
- Designed to maximize the water & bush views
- It is in a very private position with no visible neighbours.
- Access is via a bush lined concrete driveway

[View by appointment](#)



Dave Anderson 021 790 488
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- Two double bedrooms both with wardrobes.
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226 Otahu Road

- Recently renovated, refreshed, and ready for a new owner.
- This 2-bedroom home has a new kitchen and upgraded bathroom amenities plus new floor coverings throughout.
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- New double garage
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View 11am Saturday**Central Full Site****114 Chartwell Avenue** 3 1 1 **\$1,165,000**

- Close to town
- Refurbished single level
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- Covered spacious deck

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- Short stroll to beach
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View 11am Saturday**Brand New****115 Elsinore Close** 3 2 1 **EO \$1,195,000**

- Newly constructed GJ Gardener home
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- Neutral tones throughout

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**Home & Income****102 Aickin Road**

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- 10 x storage units
- Solid 2 bedroom home
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**The Beverley Terrace Bonus****320 Ocean Road** 6 2 1 **EO \$2,675,000**

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- Dual road frontages
- Will suit large family
- Development potential

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SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

10.00am	114 Otahu Road
10.00am	212 Otahu Road
11.00am	105 Sylvia Road
11.00am	167 Durrant Drive
11.00am	504 Achilles Ave
11.00am	64 Kon Tiki Road, Whiritoa
11.00am	320 Ocean Road
12.00pm	311A Port Road
12.00pm	118 Tirohanga Drive
12.00pm	213A Otahu Road
12.00pm	226 Otahu Road
12.00pm	107B Esplanade Drive
12.00pm	203B Esplanade Drive
1:00pm	104 Tukere Drive
1:00pm	131 Durrant Drive
1:00pm	307 Hetherington Road
1:00pm	111 Wattle Place
1:00pm	200 Leighton Road
1:00pm	138 Moana Anu Anu Avenue
2:00pm	216A Philomel Road
2:00pm	115 Elsinore Close
2:00pm	126 Patiki Place
2:00pm	217A Beverley Terrace
3:00pm	117 Rangi Avenue
3:00pm	6 Widdison Place

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

10.00am	109A Graham Street
11.00am	136B Sharon Place
11.00am	106 Lorraine Place
11.00am	167 Durrant Drive
11.00am	320 Ocean Road
12.00pm	213A Otahu Road
12.00pm	226 Otahu Road
12.00pm	100 Park Avenue
12.00pm	203B Esplanade Drive
1.00pm	307 Hetherington Road
1.00pm	111 Wattle Place
2.00pm	217A Beverley Terrace
2.30pm	104 Tukere Drive
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3.00pm	117 Rangi Avenue

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Notice of Special General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of members of the Whangamatā Golf Club will be held at the Titoki Clubrooms on **Tuesday 31st January 2023, commencing at 4.00pm**

BUSINESS

1. Apologies
2. Proposed house development project for Titoki Golf Course

Richard White
General Manager

MEETING OF THE WHANGAMATA PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

7:00 pm Tuesday February 7th
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Whangamatā Tides 2023

JANUARY

Date	New Moon: 22nd			Full Moon: 7th						
	High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Height (m)	Sunrise	Sunset
27 Fri			12:27	2.0	5:59	0.2	18:34	0.2	06:23	20:32
28 Sat	0:50	1.9	13:17	2.0	6:51	0.3	19:25	0.3	06:24	20:32
29 Sun	1:44	1.8	14:08	1.9	7:45	0.4	20:17	0.3	06:25	20:31
30 Mon	2:39	1.8	14:59	1.8	8:41	0.5	21:11	0.4	06:26	20:30
31 Tue	3:36	1.7	15:52	1.7	9:38	0.5	22:05	0.4	06:28	20:29

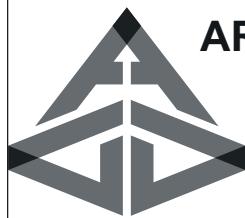
FEBRUARY 2023

Date	New Moon: 20th			Full Moon: 6th						
	High tide AM	Height (m)	High tide PM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Height (m)	Low tide PM	Height (m)	Sunrise	Sunset
1 Wed	4:34	1.7	16:45	1.7	10:36	0.6	23:00	0.5	06:29	20:28
2 Thu	5:30	1.7	17:39	1.6	11:33	0.6	23:54	0.5	06:30	20:27
3 Fri	6:22	1.7	18:32	1.6		0.5	22:27	0.6	06:31	20:27
4 Sat	7:11	1.7	19:21	1.6	0:44	0.5	13:17	0.6	06:32	20:26
5 Sun	7:56	1.7	20:08	1.7	1:30	0.5	14:02	0.6	06:33	20:25
6 Mon	8:38	1.8	20:51	1.7	2:13	0.4	14:45	0.5	06:34	20:24
7 Tue	9:18	1.8	21:32	1.7	2:53	0.4	15:24	0.5	06:36	20:23
8 Wed	9:56	1.8	22:11	1.7	3:31	0.4	16:02	0.5	06:37	20:22
9 Thu	10:33	1.8	22:49	1.7	4:09	0.4	16:40	0.4	06:38	20:21

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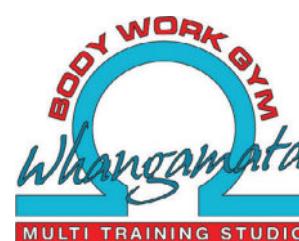
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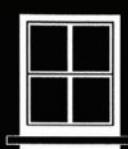
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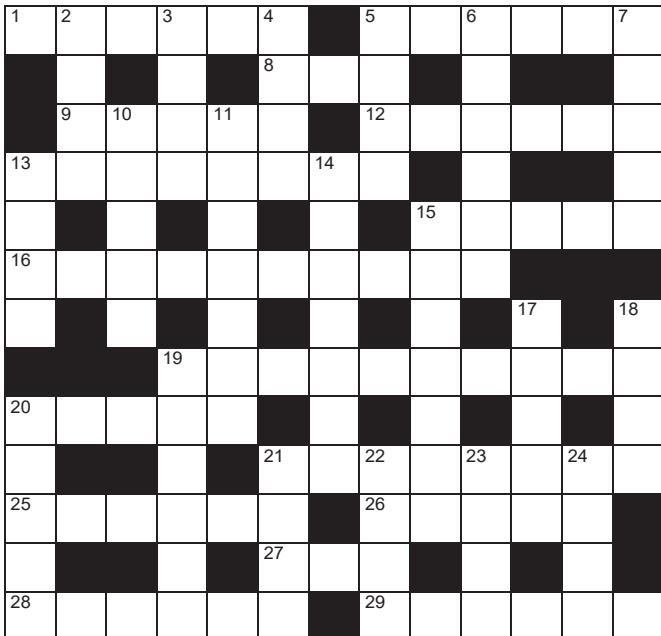
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- Veer (6)
- Weaken (3)
- Stand up (5)
- Look up to (6)
- Male religious order (8)
- Wander (5)
- Unity of action (10)
- Breakaway (group) (10)
- Scent of animal (5)
- Lively and unpredictable (8)
- Curved fruit (6)
- Motif (5)
- Twitch (3)
- Go back on a deal (6)
- Powwow (6)

Down

- Slightly open (4)
- Leave the stage (4)
- Drug addict (4)
- Stretch across (4)
- Hostility (6)
- Adversary (5)
- Respond (5)
- Tremble (7)
- Strike hard (inf) (4)
- Tag (7)
- Surreptitious action (7)
- Musical note (5)
- Engrave (4)
- Consolation in distress (6)
- Serious (5)
- Fill to satisfaction (4)
- Scratch (4)
- Care for (4)
- Put on the market (4)

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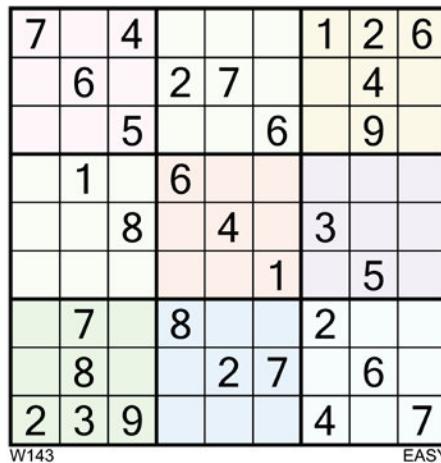
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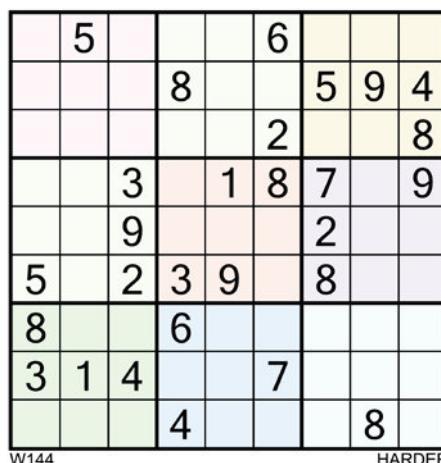
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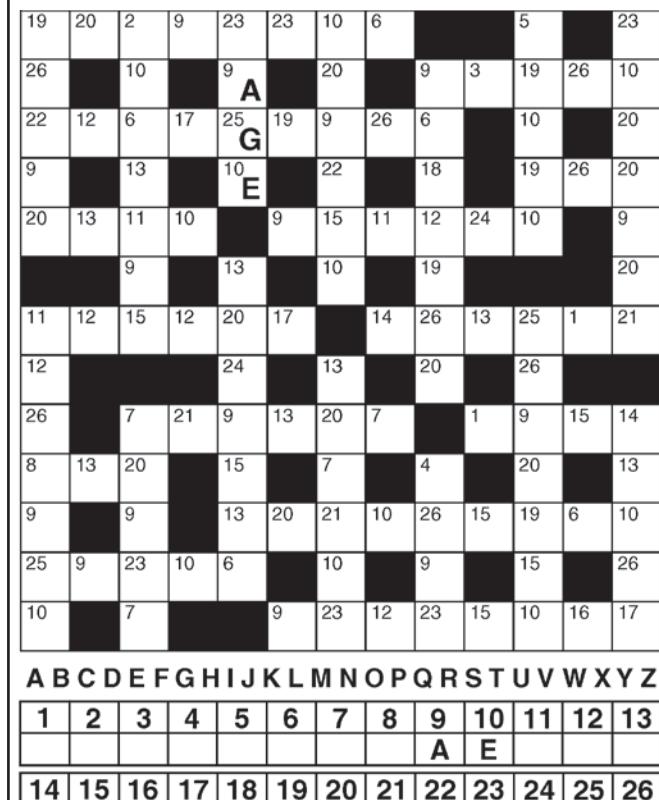
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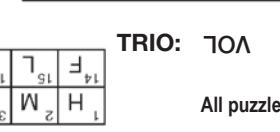
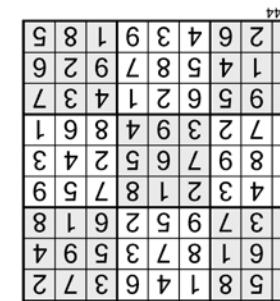
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