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Garden Gals are Christmas Stars P17

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Affordable art for Christmas

Hi, Whangamatā News readers. My name is Donna McDonald, and I'm a local coloured pencil artist.

I'm offering coloured pencil drawings at half price for Christmas gifts. These are vouchers which can be gifted for Christmas, to receive a drawing to be completed during 2024.

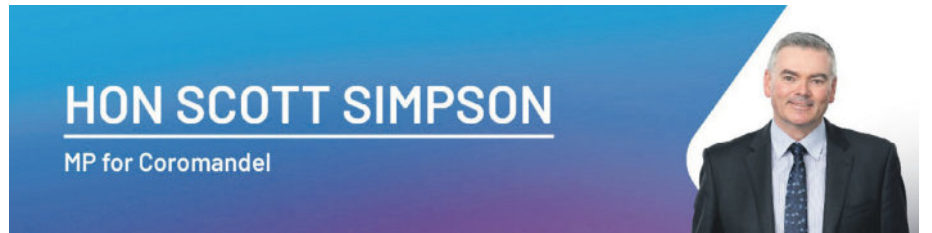


The drawings are A4 size on acid free art paper, unframed so the recipient can frame it to suit their decor and other framed works.

A half price voucher will cost \$95. It can be supplied locally or be sent by email to the purchaser or direct to the recipient in time for Christmas. Get your orders in quick and it can be arranged for a stress-free gift.

Merry Christmas everyone.

I can be contacted by email at donnaredbeach@msn.com



Coromandel on Track for Cracker Summer

With State Highway 25A re-opening and with Christmas and the summer holidays quickly approaching it's starting to feel like the Coromandel is back on track.

It'll be great to get back to usual and the expectation of a huge influx of visitors being drawn to our region to sample everything we have to offer. Whether it's a day at the beach, hiking our awe-inspiring bush trails, or getting out on the water, the Coromandel is truly the place to be over the holidays.

Don't get me wrong, the Coromandel is spectacular all year round, but there's just something special about our summers. I particularly enjoy welcoming people who are making their first visit to Peninsula. It's usually pretty apparent by their reactions that a life-long tradition is being established and that they'll soon be joining the throngs of visitors who make the trek back to the Coromandel every year. I hope you

will join me in encouraging one and all to be spending time here over the summer and festive season.

In political news, we've had an exciting few weeks as the new government started working to get our whole country back on track. The Prime Minister outlined our 100 day plan, which is focused on easing the cost of living, restoring law and order, and delivering better public services. We're repealing Three Waters, getting rid of Labour's prisoner reduction target, and disestablishing the Māori Health Authority.

Finally, I want to wish the readers of the Whangamata News a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. There's simply nowhere better to recharge, relax, and experience the classic Kiwi holiday than right here on the Peninsula. Stay safe and enjoy yourselves.

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

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- a magazine By Locals, For Locals, About Locals

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to all our **Whangamatā NEWS DELIVERY TEAMS**

To all of our 19 deliverers, children and adults, a massive thank you for always getting the news out on time!

During all weather, holiday times and special requests from our readers.

- from Jennie, Mark and Anna

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To the EDITOR

We welcome your letters! Email to: whangamatanews@gmail.com

The facts can't be ignored

Climate change is happening and no amount of right wing misinformation will alter the basic facts.

This year will be the hottest year on record and extreme weather events are happening more frequently and with more intensity.

There are some who refuse to accept these facts and talk about a wide spectrum of climate opinion. 99% of scientific research supports the need for the planet to reduce emissions.

You can talk about the hypocrisy of others, about commitments to curtail the pollution not being fulfilled or that some predictions were overstated, but the basic fact is that the polar ice is melting and glaciers are retreating.

These facts can't be ignored and we will leave our planet in a far worse state than when we inherited it, if we don't reduce our emissions.

John Lipscombe
WHANGAMATĀ



Humpback car park!

Ratepayers deserve an answer.

Can anyone in the Council explain what is happening at Island View Reserve?

This carpark is not what we lobbied for while I was on the Community Board. It is a disgrace and a waste of our money to end up with something that looks like this.

We must have the only humpback carpark in NZ and certainly the most untidy one. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on this mess and it's time the engineer who designed it stood up and explained why it ended up like this and what is happening to fix it?

Not only do we have a footpath to

nowhere (other than around a tree) but now an unusable carpark.

Our Community deserves better.

K. Baker
WHANGAMATĀ

Thank you

I would like to express a huge thank you to Dr. Michael Miller for his 35 years of unflinching service to our community. For his foresight into ensuring that we have a first class medical service here in Whangamata and his caring for us whenever we needed it.

Thank you Michael, enjoy your retirement, you have surely deserved it.

K. Baker
WHANGAMATĀ

Changing landscape

The sea level doesn't really rise, rather, it is the land that changes due to volcanic activity and earthquakes.

Leonie Leroy

Successful open day

St John Op Shop Whangamata would like to thank all who came and supported us on our open day. It was fun and successful in creating the awareness of our shuttle service and ambulance.

The sales racks were well received, as was the sausage sizzle, which New World kindly donated to. Thank you, Ricky and your team. Also a huge thanks to all the volunteer Op shop staff who gave 100% in the day to assist the cause.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone, stay safe.

Karen, Manager

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Blue Christmas

A Service of Remembrance and Hope

Christmas can be a difficult time for many reasons, whatever your loss or hurt, you are invited

Christmas can be a difficult time for those whose loved one has died or is no longer there for any reason. What is usually a time of joy and celebration can be overshadowed by sadness. There may be other hurts, losses and disappointments that make this a challenging season for you. It can be helpful to take a little time aside in God's presence to acknowledge your pain.

We invite you to come along to
A Time to Remember
 (Blue Christmas)
Sunday 17 December 2023 at 2.00pm
 All Saints Community Church, 103 Beverley Tce, Whangamata

for a short time of reflection, music and prayers followed by afternoon tea. Everyone welcome
 Vicar Rosie 021 933 624 or rosie@whangamataanglican.org.nz

Key facility has great support

In a community like ours, local business support is key to making things happen, whether it's events or ensuring facilities are available for residents.

The Whangamatā Real Estate Community Pool is no exception. Here, we chat with Murray Cleland, owner of Whangamatā Real Estate, about his organisation's naming rights sponsorship of the pool and why it's so important for our community.

Tell us about how your relationship with the pool started?

Here at Whangamatā Real Estate, we've been involved with the pool for about 8 years.

As happens in a wonderful community like Whangamatā, we knew the Chair of the Pool

Committee at the time and took on the naming rights sponsorship when it became available.

We sponsor around 20 organisations and activities in Whangamatā, and the pool is one of our key partnerships.

What motivated you to invest in the pool?

We see the pool as being a key facility for the children of the town. Learning to swim is such an important life-skill, especially given where we live. Our motivation



is aligned with that of the Pool Committee: to ensure all local children have an opportunity to learn to swim and be competent in the water.

What do you feel is the key benefit to your business of sponsoring the pool?

We've been helping families make memories in Whangamatā by buying and selling homes and baches here for over 70 years, and we have invested in the town for an equal length of time.

Our Real Estate specialists are all community members, and a lot of those who have worked for our

company over the years have also been involved in our community facilities. Our own Sharon Laurenson was there when the pool opened... likely running raffles to fundraise! It's a key part of our local history.

We pride ourselves on supporting our community by making activities and facilities available to our residents and bach-owners. We hope that people recognise this, and place importance on this sense of community when it comes time to Buy or Sell.

Tell us about your relationship with the Pool Committee Volunteers and Management.

We commend the committee; they're doing a great job of running the pool. The addition of heat pumps in 2021 making the pool available year-round was a big project, and the Committee has many more big projects in the wings. We're proud to support their vision for the pool.

Thanks Murray!

DECEMBER AT YOUR COMMUNITY POOL

SUMMER INFLATABLE DAY!
Friday, 15 December, 2023.

Check our Facebook page for future dates!

AQUA PROGRAMME

AquaFit (45 minutes): Wednesday & Friday mornings, 8am.

AquaAerobics (45 minutes): Tuesdays, 5.30pm.

Classes continue throughout December, and will run on Boxing Day.

Whangamatā Amateur Swim Club: Squad and SwimFit last sessions Friday, 15 December and restart February, 2024; see Facebook page for 2024 enrolment.

Learn-to-Swim: Lessons restart in February, 2024; see whangapool.co.nz for 2024 enrolment.

Whangamatā Craft Beer & Gin Festival

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Carols in the Park

Once again, this Christmas Eve, Carols in the Park will be a must see and family participation event.

A talented front line team will present great entertainment with Compere Aisne Edwards, following her brilliant season of the play, 'Life South Of The Bombays', joined by Denise Boston as producer, and Sandy Snooke song writer and songster, returns as musical Director.

This year will see the carolling rearranged from the usual format, however the old favourites are still included. Watch out for the rock

'n' roll dancers, lucky draw prizes, Santa's arrival before heading off on his usual Christmas rounds and, of course, the Christmas message address by Vicar Rosie Dell.

This wonderful family entertainment is made possible by the help of our generous sponsors: Bayleys Real Estate, TCDC, Enterprise Whangamata.

Come one, come all, roll up for the 7pm start on Sunday 24 December, Williamson Park, Whangamatā.

Proceeds to the Community Service Centre, Whangamatā.

SH25A to open next week

11 months after Gabrielle, TCDC and NZTA (Waka Kotahi) rallied to construct a new bridge in record time.

This vital infrastructure not only reconnected isolated areas but paved the way for economic rejuvenation. The bridge serves as a gateway, inviting visitors to explore the community's unique charm and natural beauty. Local businesses, once struggling, can now benefit from the increased tourism. Opening SH25AA provides grater accessibility for trade, health, school and visitors. The bridge stands as a testament to the relationship with Council, NZTA (Waka Kotahi), Government and the community's strength, fostering unity and offering a brighter future. Through adversity, they've all built a bridge to foster prosperity and a stronger, more

connected community.

We will celebrate!

- Terry Walker, Deputy Mayor

"We all know it's not been an easy time for us on the Coromandel Peninsula, but a huge thanks goes out to the New Zealand Transport Authority and their contractors for turning the problem into a lasting solution three months ahead of schedule and under budget!

This will enable us and our visitors to the peninsula to finally enjoy a full on Summer.

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- Patrick Kerr, Chairman, Enterprise Whangamata Business Association



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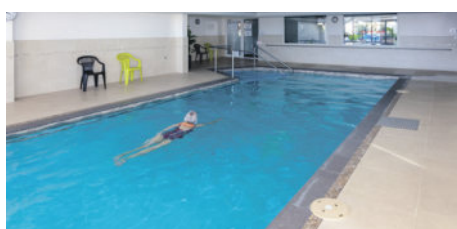
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'Tis the season...



...and we have goodwill in abundance in Whangamatā!

Toes in the Water Whangamata is a volunteer community initiative which enables free access to our beautiful beach for those who require assistance dipping their 'toes in the water' using beach accessible equipment and matting.

In preparation for the summer season Gary Clarkson Contractors and Menzshed kindly assisted Toes in the Water to get the access cleared of sand and ready for beach goers. Another weather bomb and the beach matting was lost down the beach! The Whangamata Fire Service came to the rescue. At what was very busy time for them, they managed to retrieve the matting and store it safely away.

In grateful appreciation, the Toes in the Water committee decided to put on a thank you supper for the Fire Service. When the Whangamata Club heard about this they kindly prepared and donated savories for the occasion.

When Toes in the Water get the matting down again (hopefully in the next few weeks) a donated blower will be used to keep the pathway free from sand build-up along with the tools donated by Bunnings. Local resident, Brian Pemberton, kindly serviced the blower. Whangamata Service Centre have donated the required fuel, along with the offer of any ongoing repairs and maintenance. The Whangamata Surf Lifesaving Club have offered their support also.

The assistance the initiative has received has been testament to the great community we live in.

The Whangamata Club, RSA, Luv Coffee, Port Rd Bakery, Corner Store Estuary Store, Whangamata Information Centre, Unichem, Whangamata Sports Bar and Chill Café all continue to support Toes in the Water by hosting donation boxes.

Bookings can be made online www.toesinthewater.co.nz or call 027 885 8939.

Sports results

RSA 500 CARD CLUB

29 November: The winner on the day was Snow and David won the raffle and chocolate bar.

6 December: The winner on the day was Robert and Michael won the raffle. Helen won the chocolate bar.

TABLE TENNIS

7 December: Playing at the Whangamata Club were Roger Wolfe, who won 10 of 11 games, Wayne Broome won 9 games and, in 3rd place, Murray Lambert won 8 games. Well done everyone.

Table tennis is on Thursdays at 12.50 - all welcome.



Humphrey is ready for Christmas!

Last week, Jennie, Mark and Gavin from Enterprise Whangamata Business Association gave Humphrey a much needed makeover.

It's been a harsh winter for his coat, his membrane suffered some mean conditions, but he is back ready to view and photograph in all his glory.

If you didn't know, here is some background to our favourite sea elephant. Thanks to everyone that gave us more than 150 likes and comments.

There was an element of excitement for us and our communities, at the end of July 2021, when a recycled fibreglass sculpture of Humphrey, the elephant seal found its way to a most appropriate resting place - near the foreshore by the causeway Whangamatā.



This fibreglass sculpture was originally made just over three decades ago by a local Whangamatā surfboard maker, Anderson Surfboards. It took pride of place in the Annual Labour Weekend parades.

In 2021, Menzshed strengthened his insides and made him viable for public admiration. Many thanks to Whangamata Woodworks who gave him a new look.

When Humphrey first arrived at Whangamatā in the early 1980's. Humphrey then spent the next several years visiting this stretch of coastline - known as Coromandel's eastern seaboard - considered unusual for an elephant seal to be seen so far North from the Antarctic.

Humphrey (temporarily named Willie on first arrival at Tuhua or Mayor Island) came as a surprise to local residents from far and wide - Tairua, Pauanui, Opoutere, Whangamatā, Otahu, Bowentown, down to Katikati and even reported at Tauranga enjoying a spot of Mount Maunganui surf and sand. He became a much loved marine mammal by many.

Humphrey's choice of place and activity - sunbathing, sleeping on the sand, a favourite, along with a spot of surfing.

Enjoy, everyone! He is back, in style.

- Jennie Black



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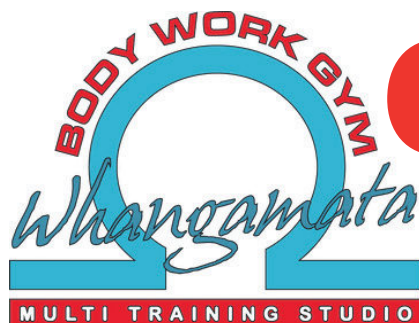


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8.00am			HIIT	BOXFIT	HIIT	BOXFIT

	MONDAY 01/01	TUESDAY 02/01	WEDNESDAY 03/01	THURSDAY 04/01	FRIDAY 05/01	SATURDAY 06/01
7.00am	NEW YEARS DAY	SPIN BIKE	SPIN BIKE	SPIN BIKE	SPIN BIKE	SPIN BIKE
8.00am	<i>Happy New Year!</i>	HIIT	BOXFIT	HIIT	BOXFIT	HIIT

	MONDAY 08/01	TUESDAY 09/01	WEDNESDAY 10/01	THURSDAY 11/01
7.00am	SPIN BIKE	SPIN BIKE	SPIN BIKE	SPIN BIKE
8.00am	BOXFIT	HIIT	BOXFIT	HIIT

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Summer Calendar

DECEMBER 2023 / JANUARY 2024

<p>JUNIOR SURF SEASONS</p> <p><i>Shoulder Season:</i> Every Sunday from Labour weekend until 17 December</p> <p><i>Peak Season:</i> 20, 21, 22 & 23 December no JS 25, 26 & 31 December 27, 28, 29, 30 December no JS 1, 2 January 3 to 28 January Wednesday – Sunday. Note there is no Junior Surf Monday or Tuesday</p> <p><i>Prizegiving and close down:</i> Sunday 28 January 2024</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 27 DECEMBER</p> <p><i>Bar open</i> 4pm-7pm daily Members only Social membership \$40-00 per person.</p>	<p>FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER</p> <p><i>Surf Club Classic Harbour Swim</i> (a Whangal/Neck® event)</p> <p>9am. \$30-00 pp. Register at the surf club from 8am. *swim caps compulsory</p> 	<p>FRIDAY 19 JANUARY</p> <p><i>Whangamata Real Estate Sandcastle Competition</i> 10am-12pm, gold coin donation entry per person. Bring the whole family down to the Whangamata main beach for a sandcastle building battle!</p>  <p><i>'A Whangamata Real Estate Event'</i></p>
	<p>MONDAY 1 JANUARY</p> <p><i>Annual collection</i></p> <p>Keep an eye out for our lifeguards late this afternoon as we drive around the streets with sirens blaring! Come out and see us! We will be carrying donation buckets and pay wave machines</p>	<p>SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER</p> <p><i>Surf Club Beach Fun Run & Walk</i> (a Whangal/Neck® event)</p> <p>5pm. \$10-00 pp. Register at the surf club from 4pm.</p> <p>G.J. Gardner. HOMES</p>	<p>SATURDAY 27 JANUARY</p> <p><i>Quiz Night!</i></p> <p>\$35-00 per ticket buy online @ whangamatasurf.co.nz from 27 December 2023. Note no ticket sales on night. Numbers strictly limited; R18</p>



- **62 people home for Christmas!** Last season our lifeguards patrolled for over **5500 hours**, rescued **62** people, and assisted an additional **61** to safety, with **173** preventative actions taken which impacted **6,600** people. Of the **10** first aid incidents recorded, **two** were transported by ambulance to hospital. Our team also provided educational services to **over 200** children through our Junior Surf programme.
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To all of our sponsors, members, supporters and friends; we couldn't do what we do without you.

Thank you from the bottom of our collective hearts. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

The Whanga Pack is stacked with value

Destination Hauraki Coromandel (DHC) is the marketing arm of Thames Coromandel and Hauraki District Councils. Suffice to say it hasn't been that easy for them these last 12 months. Tough to sell a place that's hard to get to.

In truth our numbers are down in comparison to the rest of New Zealand but the story is definitely improving and having our road back will make a huge difference.

Tasked to grow visitation, DHC has received some healthy central government help by way of grants. One of which has been developed into a nationwide campaign called

The Coromandel Cure. Created and managed by international ad agency DDB Needham, The Coromandel Cure Campaign is now in full swing with several local businesses participating. Never one to let a chance go by, Enterprise Whangamata your local business network decided that it would be a perfect opportunity for some of our 80 plus members. Enterprise Whangamata's intent is not just to sell product for members but also to capitalise on the campaigns budget to keep the town on the radar.

Introducing 'The Whanga Pack':

a unique package that includes luxury accommodation, two of our best restaurants, an electric bike hire for two, a souvenir from the info centres and a free Coromandel Chocolate bar. With Christmas coming it's the perfect gift for those relatives and friends you love to see but love them even more when they stay somewhere else.

You can learn more by visiting the Enterprise Whangamata website, www.whangamata.org.nz and look for the 'The Whanga Pack' button on the homepage.

You can also contact Shaun Fay on 027 931 7157.



Discover your inner Frida!



Unleash your creativity at a fun mixed media art workshop! Explore the vibrant world of Frida Kahlo with local artist Heather Watt.

Book a space for an unforgettable mixed media art workshop, where Heather will guide you through the process of making your own Frida inspired artwork. What a fun holiday activity. It would suit ages 13-100.

Step into the surreal and colourful universe that Frida Kahlo brought to life in her art. Heather will help you explore Frida's life, and the symbolism within her work.

Mixed media magic: Learn how to blend different artistic techniques, including painting, collage, and more, to create your own unique Frida-inspired masterpiece.

All skill levels welcome: Heather will tailor the workshop to your level of experience.

Local artist and educator, Heather Watt, has years of experience in the art world and will guide you throughout this workshop. A fun, relaxed environment providing the opportunity to create.

"I am my own muse, I am the subject I know best. The subject I want to better." - Frida Kahlo

The workshop is taking place from Friday, 5 January through to Sunday, 7 January, 10-3pm at Kea iti Studio, Whangamatā. The cost is \$150 per day Includes all art supplies, light lunch and refreshments. Discount for group bookings.

To book your seat or further enquiries, please contact Heather at 027 388 8007 or email at heather.watt.create@gmail.com

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WRA Survey 2023 update

The Whangamata Ratepayers Association (WRA) has presented the results of the WRA survey 2023 to both the Community Board, Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC), Mayor Len Salt and councillors.

To view the presentation please visit the WRA website: www.whangamataratepayers.org.nz.

The mayor congratulated WRA on an excellent survey and stated that he would reach out to the WRA and set up an independent meeting and go through the survey results in more detail.

To date the WRA have received no communication from the Mayor or TCDC despite contacting the mayor's office and requesting the meeting as stated.

WRA are very concerned that once again, Whangamatā will receive very



little funding from the \$20million + of rates collected annually. TCDC 10-year long term plan (LTP) is being drafted and unfortunately some projects planned are not a priority highlighted in the survey.

The survey highlighted that no further new projects be undertaken by TCDC, in the Whangamatā area, until satisfactory repairs and maintenance of existing run-down council assets are completed.

On many occasions the WRA have asked the Council where and what the Whangamatā rates are spent on. To date they have not received a response. The survey highlighted that the ratepayers and residents of Whangamatā want more



The Menzshed are currently upgrading seats and viewing platforms in Hunt Rd. The photos above are of the viewing platform before and a work in progress.

transparency around where and what their rates are spent on.

WRA have presented to TCDC a concept that the local community would provide support to upgrade some of the run-down council assets i.e., Dune Care with planting, Harbour Care planting, weeding beach and estuary areas, etc. The Port Road seats and viewing platforms in Hunt Road were identified as being areas that required work, Gail as a member of

WRA worked with Menzshed and Council to produce the repair work plan.

Menzshed are currently repairing and upgrading council seats and benches in Hunt Road, and some 40 other benches in the town centre.

WRA is doing considerable work behind the scenes on behalf of the residents of Whangamatā and will continue to seek co-operation from the Mayor and TCDC.

Hundertwasser inspires Tyler

Whangamatā Area School student Tyler Higgins proudly presented his grandparents with his Hundertwasser inspired artwork last week.

Completed during his Year 8 options class with art teacher Ursula Purdy, Tyler's art holds a special place in his

grandparents' hearts.

Whilst on their OE, Tony and Jeanette landed themselves jobs aboard Hundertwasser's vessel the Regentag. They were part of the crew who brought her over from Europe when Hundertwasser moved to New Zealand.



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Surf Boat series did not disappoint



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Crews accumulate points across all five events, with the highest number

of points accrued from up to any three events used to determine overall rankings. Crews must attend minimum of two events to be eligible to accrue points towards the series.

A fantastic day on Saturday, 9 December, loads of action, colour and skill and photographed by Whangamatā News.

- Photos by Mark James




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A Whanga Week® Event, proudly sponsored by Golden Homes.

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- Registrations:** From 8am, in the Whangamatā Surf Lifesaving Club, corner Lowe Street & Esplanade Drive, Whangamatā
- Briefing:** 8:15am at the Surf Club (compulsory)
- Entry fee:** \$30 per person

Circa 1.9 km course - open to beginners to advanced swimmers. Swim caps compulsory. Prizegiving will be held in the Whangamatā SLSC clubrooms at 10am. Winners prizes, oldest/youngest and spot prizes.

Pauanui Volunteers Night

This is the evening when we are all gather together to recognise the volunteers of the Pauanui Community and Pauanui Club that are the heart and soul of our great community that work many hours of voluntary labour to help maintain and operate this great community.

The evening has two categories.

A volunteer nominated from the Pauanui Club - Sub Club and an individual or a group in the community who has given exemplary service to Pauanui for the Experience Community Awards

Nominations this year from the Pauanui Club were: Garden Club Sarah Kilpatrick, Golf Club Jimmy Buffett, Christine Meinhold, Wendy Fulton, Brian James, Peter Maxwell, Ken Philp, Andy Bolton, Bridge Club Jenny Prince, Focus Club Frank Coulter, Outdoor Bowls Anne

Hunter, Senior Nett Dave Parkin.

Congratulations Andy Bolton taking out the Pauanui Club overall award. Andy has done many hours on the clubs golf course. Andy is the key liaison between the golf club, the green keeping staff and the Club management for the maintenance and development of the combined course.

Nominations this year from Experience Pauanui were: Pop Taipari, Gary Thom, Frank Coulter, Pauanui Volunteers Fire Brigade, Janet Currie, Paula Leen & Mandy Alexander, Peter & Linda Millen, Martin Hopkins, Phil Wilson and Pat Courtney.

Congratulations to the Pauanui Volunteer Fire Brigade taking out Experience Community Award. Exceptional community service during and post Cyclone Gabrielle.



Volunteers award winner Pauanui Volunteer Fire Brigade and Andy Bolton.



Experience Chairperson John Hindmarsh presenting 90-year-old Frank Coulter his award.



Life member John Courtney presenting Ken Philip his award.



Experience Chairperson John Hindmarsh presenting Pat Courtney her award.



Volunteers winners Darren Steel and Andy Bolton.

Welfare checks, distribution and preparation of food, shelter if needed, communication and assistance was provided above and beyond the duties required as part of FENZ.

Congratulations to David Yeomans winning the Volunteer Service Award for voluntary service around the

club. David gives his dedicated time in the Open Mic Nights.

An encouraging talk was given by TCDC Councillor Terry Walker highlighting the importance of volunteers in the community.

A big thank you to our great MC Warren Male.



Hey there, holidaymakers! How is the new council waste collection going so far? Thought so.

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RSA Christmas lunch and dress ups!

Last Sunday, *Whangamatā News* attended the annual delicious lunch for 150 members and their families, special thanks to Ying and her incredible staff, what a day! All the festivities of great company, food, bubbles, music, laughter and glitter.

The atmosphere is always incredible and this year no different! The 'Dress it Up'

for Christmas prizegiving was great too. Oh the elves... little and large! Mrs Claus and also Santa's mistress won an outdoor bean bag each, sand bucket, toys, elf food vouchers, kitchen goodies... even a fishing rod it, was so, so good!

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- Jennie Black



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Mahjong awards hotly contested



Robyn Curd (left), winner of the day.

The Whangamata Club Mahjong group finished the year with a large crowd of over 70 players for their end of year fun tournament.

It was a great day with a lovely Christmas lunch put on by the Mah Jong Club and provided by the Whangamata Club. Then followed by Christmas cake for afternoon tea baked by Ila Pellow.

There were a number of spot prizes awarded during the day some kindly donated by Luv Coffee.

The top 3 winners of the day were:

- Robyne Curd with 44 pts
- Jacqui Gray with 41 pts
- Joy Speedy with 38 pts

The Jackie Godfrey Trophy which is based on the Aggregate points of the year was won by:

- 1st Daphne Inglis with 25.45 pts
- 2nd Jill Thomson with 25.22 pts
- 3rd Philipa Dennison with 24.75 pts

Top score of the year:

- Joyce Deeming with 61 pts

Second highest score for the year:

- Chris Adams with 53 pts

The Beth Wigmore Trophy: Given out each year to a special player who has gone above and beyond to support the club and players, was won by Joy Speedy. This trophy is decided on by the previous winners.



Daphne Inglis, winner of the Jackie Godfrey Trophy.



Prize winners 4th to 10th place, left to right: Lois Madson, Vina Carroll, Heather Danby-Scott, Daphne Inglis, Jill Thomson (President) presenting prizes, Leslie Coatham, Dawn Styles and Heather Van Rjis.



Catherine Kidd (left), winner of hand of the day, with Jill Thomson.



Chris Adams (left), second highest score of the year, with Jill Thomson.



Joy Speedy (right).

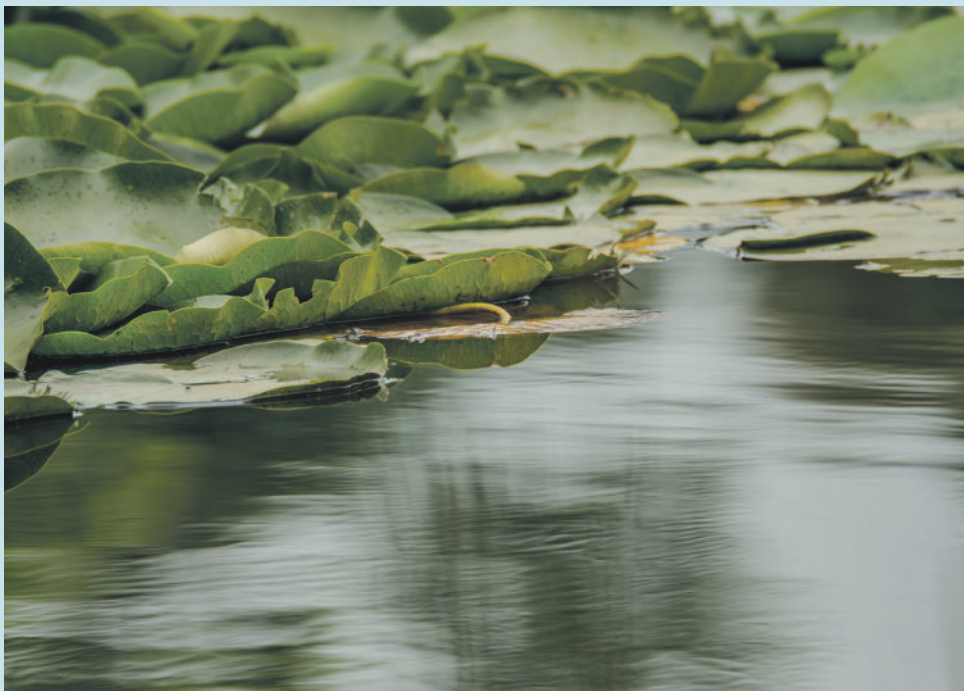


Tina Palmer, Joan Tapp, Gael Elliot, Phillipa Dennison.



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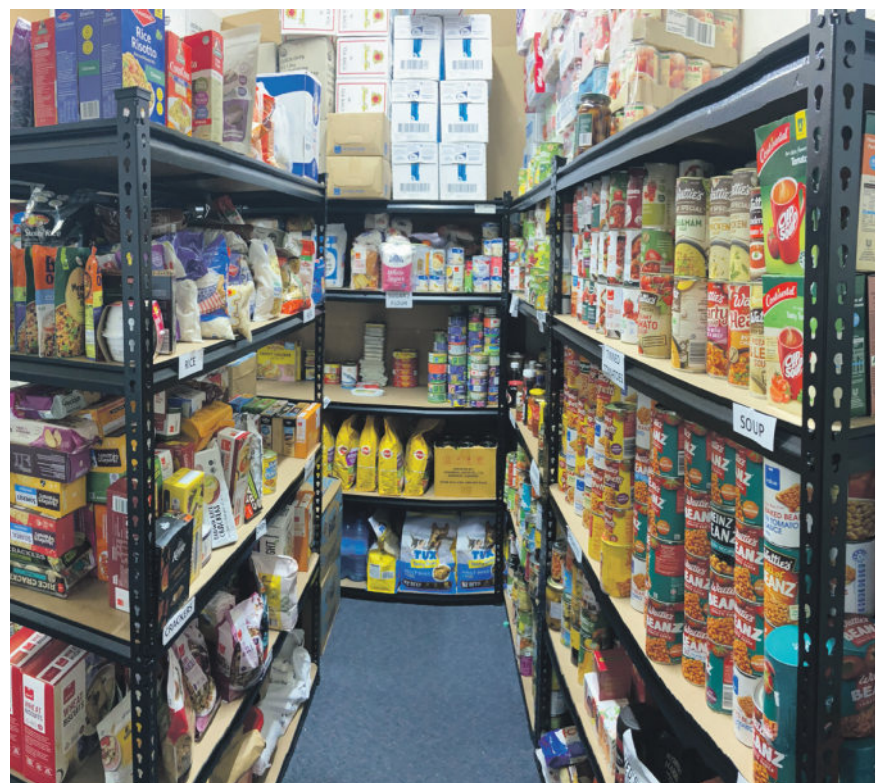
- Photos by Mark James, Whangamatā News Photographer

Foodbank drive assists 2000 meals annually

This year's annual Food Drive was even bigger than the last! Thank you to the Whangamata Real Estate for organising this meaningful event, the emergency services for their efforts in collecting and of course, our wonderful community for coming together in support of our community.

Our Food Bank supports families with around 300 food parcels per year, and food hampers for 50 families this Christmas. Your contributions also support Comfort Kai, our weekly free community meal with just under 2000 meals per year. This is a great reminder that our community is in need and the generosity of our residents really shines through.

- Eastern Community Services Trust
Photos by Mark James



What a parade!

With over 20 fantastic floats entered this year, it was truly a sight to behold.

Whangamatā News caught up with Whangamata Lions President Chris Brown for his comment on the highlights: "The amount of public and locals who turned up to see it! For

me, a very joyful occasion."

The winners were: 1st Whangamata Garden Club incredible umbrellas; 2nd Whangamata Area School; 3rd Mainly Music.

Let's do it all again next year, Whanga!



- Photos by Mark James

Festive delight for Creative Fibre group



Whangamatā's creative fibre group celebrated the end of the year with a beautiful Christmas lunch.

The community group meet twice a month at the Memorial Hall where members work on craft projects including crochet,

knitting and needle felting. Some ladies even spin their own wool.

The Whangamatā Club served a festive delight of ham, turkey and vegetarian filo parcels. The members enjoyed a sweet ending of chocolate brownie and sticky date pudding.

Self vaginal swabs – a real game changer

A new cervical self-screening test is available now at our Whangamata Medical Centre.

I recently was due for a smear test, and like all of us I was dreading it. Don't get me wrong, there are worse things for sure, but to my delight my lovely nurse told me, that all that's changed now! No more lie on your side, leave dignity at the door and collect it on the way out... it was simple, private, fast and much better than the Covid swab up your nose bizzo!

So simply wash your hands in the private bathroom, insert swab and wiggle all about up your vagina, put it into the tube of liquid, seal the cap, give it to your lovely nurse and there it is... done!

Even better, this test is expected to increase screening rates and significantly reduce cervical cancer deaths in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The self-swab will usually be done in privacy, at a health clinic, doctor's surgery or community clinic. Some health centres may offer a take-home option, but this won't be the norm until HPV testing becomes more established.

The HPV primary screening test is a simple and quick swab that people can choose to do themselves. It detects the presence of the human papillomavirus (HPV) which causes more than 95 percent of cervical cancers.

This year also marks the start of free cervical screening for people aged 30 and over who have never had a cervical screen or who haven't had a screen in the last five years. It also applies to Community Services Card holders and Māori and Pacific people.

Dr Nick Chamberlain, National Director, Te Whatu Ora National Public Health Service, says HPV primary screening will be a game changer.

"Not only is this test easier and less intrusive, it's also a better, more sensitive test that will prevent more cancers. It also means most people will only have



to be screened every five years instead of every three."

The new HPV test won't totally replace the cervical sample test (often called a smear test) which remains an option and will still be necessary to check if the HPV virus has caused cell abnormalities.

Cervical screening is for eligible women and people with a cervix aged 25 to 69. New Zealand's move to HPV primary screening follows the adoption of the new test in Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and several other European countries.

The introduction of HPV primary screening is expected to help towards addressing longstanding inequities for Māori and Pacific people, who have higher rates of incidence and death from cervical cancer. Selah Hart, Maiaka Hāpōri Deputy Chief Executive Public and Population Health, Te Aka Whai Ora - Māori Health Authority, says currently only around 60% of wāhine Māori access screening.

"We know cost has been an issue, as well as the invasive nature of the cervical sample test. The removal of these barriers will undoubtedly improve access for wāhine Māori who are currently under screened, and therefore more at risk of late diagnosis.

Personally, I urge all ladies in Whangamatā to make the booking with the nurse team... it's a real game changer.

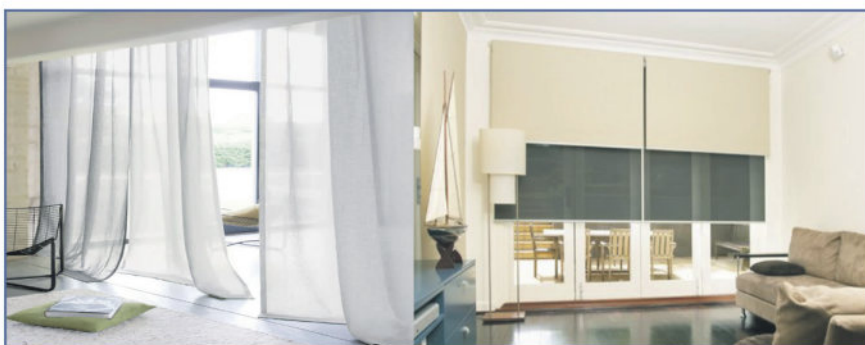
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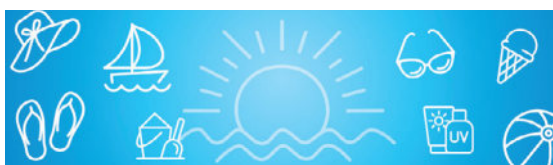
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ANOTHER WIN FOR THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PATHWAYS PROJECT



The Shoreline Management Pathways (SMP) project has won the prestigious Terry Healy Project Award at the New Zealand Coastal Society (NZCS) conference in Wellington. This was jointly awarded to our project partner, Royal Haskoning DHV, and our Council. Find out more at tcdc.govt.nz/smp



Check out changes to our Council services over summer

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Our peak summer kerbside calendars are now available online – they cover rubbish, food scrap and recycling pick-ups from Christmas Day to early February 2024. The additional summer collections are provided to areas where there is a significant increase in visitor numbers. Find your calendar at tcdc.govt.nz/bindays

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Whangamatā Community Board 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

A word from our Board Chair, Dave Ryan –

Our community board was involved in a range of great projects and community networking sessions this year, including:



The opening of the new water treatment plant on Tairua Road, which has improved the water quality for residents in Whangamatā.



Planning for stormwater improvement

has taken place this year. Due to weather events and flooding, this project will be actioned in the new year.

Cyclones caused severe coastal erosion

at the south end of Whangamatā Beach. The coastal management team carried out push-ups and re-shaping of the dunes and held dune planting weekends which were well attended. Work continues on these areas.



The Board held eight networking meetings

during the year with the board meeting with Onemana, Ōpoutere and Whangamatā ratepayers groups, Whangamatā Community Library, Ōpoutere Hall Committee, Whangamatā Harbour Care Group, Whangamatā Information Centre, Whangamatā Golf Club, Whangamatā Ocean Sports Club, 101 Lindsay Road Working Group and Moana House Trust.

The Board received presentations from

Waka Kotahi NZTA on the progress of SH25A, Whangamatā Library on the proposed short-term housing project, FortySouth on the new COW (Cell On Wheels) locations in Whangamatā, our Council on the Recreational Biking Strategy, and Destination Hauraki Coromandel on the Destination Management Plan.



We had a site visit to Ōpoutere Hall to see the refurbishment works by the hall committee and the new bus shelter and notice board, led by the Ōpoutere Residents and Ratepayers Association and supported by the Board.

In June the board held a well-attended Volunteer's Week morning tea in Whangamatā.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Board's activities, projects and meetings this year. We hope you have a safe summer holiday and enjoy our beautiful region. For our 2024 meeting calendar, please visit tcdc.govt.nz/meetings dave.ryan@council.tcdc.govt.nz

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Santa's Holiday WAS Christmas play

Whangamatā News joined a packed school gymnasium of Whangamata Area School (WAS) on 5 December – it was incredible! Written by Year 10 student Jos Watts, who wrote the script in just eight hours, incorporated all the songs the students wanted to include. Under the guidance of Amy Russell, the show started with *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas*.

We visited the South Pole where Santa was dreading Christmas and decided he should come on vacation to Whangamatā, with Mrs Claus and Rudolph. He left a new manager with the elves to organise the 195 bags of gifts for each country globally.

Of course, that went pear-shaped and the search was on for Santa to fix the problem!

We heard our favourite songs... *Snoopy's Christmas*, *Jingle Bell Rock*, *All I Want for Christmas is You*... and loads more.

I found myself tearing up throughout the whole show! The wee faces, the singing, the littlies, the trendy and smooth lads, the older girls too!

Alistair Luke, WAS Principal, told the students "it's a true credit to you all, you guys led the younger students with your experience, and a tribute to the time you all put into the play... a great way to wrap up the year and all of you bought it to life."

– Jennie Black, photos by Mark James



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Whanga Dippers Weekly Plunge

On 21 June, a group of keen swimmers - Whanga Dippers - decided to celebrate the Winter Solstice by taking a dip in our beautiful beach.

On entering the sea on this initial dip, we were all taken aback with the effect of the cold water on our legs and then as we finally were fully immersed, we became used to the cold water and started enjoying its effects.

It is a proven fact that the immersion in cold water has many benefits, some of which are to reduce inflammation, manage stress and anxiety, becoming more resilient, enhancing circulation, just to name a few.

After our first dip it was suggested that we make this a regular event so every Wednesday morning at 7.30am we have met by the Surf Club for our weekly dip. What we have all found is that we are all feeling more invigorated during the day and we have now made many new friends. As the weather has become warmer, we now head to Blackies for a coffee afterwards.



We would love more people to join this group which has grown since our first dip. If you are keen and want to know more, contact Therese on 021 315 085.

Pictured above are the Whanga Dippers in June 2023 and, below, on 15 November.




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Events a huge success at Hikuai

November saw Hikuai School host three major events in short succession.

First, Junior H.O.T. sports (Hikuai, Opoutere and Tairua schools). The school ran a very successful day that saw Year 0-3 pupils from all three schools compete together and have lots of fun running, jumping and throwing, developing athletics skills for the future.

Feedback from our visitors was that the event was well run. A huge thank you goes out to Mark Thomson for all his efforts.

Pet day was also a huge success with this event back on our calendar after an absence of a few years, due to Covid-19. We loved celebrating our four legged friends and one fish! Our community got to spend time with farm animals and watch the dog trials. Our

family pets made us proud!

The third event was our Hikuai Market, held on 25 November. Our community came together on the school site to reconnect and celebrate our amazing environment.

The school sits beneath the majestic pinnacles surrounded by rolling farmland and native bush. The Tairua river runs nearby.

We loved hosting our stall holders' families and visitors. Our learners also ran stalls, producing and selling goods and were very excited to make a profit!

A huge thank you to our wider community who supported our first time event and made it such a success.

*- Rachell Leitch,
Hikuai School Principal*



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THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Saturday the 2nd of December was a successful day for our town and company!

Starting with the annual Foodbank Collection in the morning, we headed out on the streets on a mission to top up our local Community Services Trust food supply. The generosity from our Whangamata, Onemana and Oputere communities was amazing, this year has been a struggle for most but despite this our collection was one of the biggest yet! A special thank you to the Whangamata and Onemana Fire Brigades, St Johns and Surf Life Saving Club for providing vehicles and extra helpers, along with the fantastic team at Whangamata Community Services Trust.



That same afternoon we hosted the Whangamata Christmas Fair at Williamson Park. It was great to see our community come together to share some Christmas spirit. We were delighted with the turnout at the fair and the outstanding effort put into all the Christmas Parade floats. Thank you to everyone that came and supported, it was a pleasure to make this event happen for our town again.



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709 Tairua Road

- Located in an elevated position only a few minutes from Whangamata and very close to Onemana beach
- This superior home enjoys spectacular views of the ocean, Islands and harbour
- Tastefully and fully refurbished interior, including new kitchen, bathrooms, joinery, flooring, furnishings and more
- 4-bedrooms, 3-bathrooms & 3 car garaging
- Privacy is assured with beautiful mature grounds creating a tranquil setting



Dave Anderson 021 790 488
Renee Jacobsen 021 250 8541
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8 Mako Avenue, Whiritoa

- Presented in as new condition
- 3 bedrooms, full bathroom plus an extra separate toilet
- Sunny living area opening onto a large deck
- Garage, carport, and garden shed, fully fenced & gated
- Easy walk to beach & surf club

View by appointment



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407 Onemana Drive, Onemana

- This property commands stunning 180 degree views of the ocean and Mayor Island
- The sunny north facing home contains 5 bedrooms, two bathrooms
- A freestanding fire in the spacious lounge opens out onto a large deck
- Interior has been completely redecorated

View by appointment



Julian West
027 222 4364
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441 Onemana Drive, Onemana

- Panoramic ocean, island and rural views
- Two bedroom cottage, serviced sleepout and separate cabin
- Modern kitchen and bathroom, open plan living, 3 bathrooms
- Multiple outdoor entertaining options
- Freehold 593sqm full site

View by appointment



Sarah Speedy 027 843 401
Julian West 027 222 4364
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104 Ngati Pu Place

- A very well presented 3 double bedroom property
- Modern kitchen and dining room with a heat pump
- Separate bathroom with bath and shower
- Lockup single entry garage/workshop
- Fully fenced property with garden shed

View by appointment



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13 Titoki Lane

- Spacious easy living single level home
- Excellent indoor/outdoor flow for alfresco dining
- Direct access to 18 hole golf course
- 4 double bedrooms, main with ensuite and walk-in robe
- Well-appointed kitchen with scullery.
- Spa and sauna for relaxing
- Easy care landscaped grounds
- Double garaging plus high stud carport for motor home /boat

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104A Hunt Road

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

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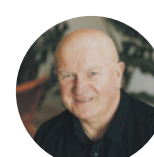
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200 Sylvia Road

- Prime central beach corner site location
- Easy walk to the Surf Club, Williamson Park and the Golf Club
- Open plan living with direct access to louvered deck area
- 3 bedrooms including extra large bunk room
- Positioned well to capture maximum sun
- Bonus of conservatory off main bedroom
- Spacious double garage with internal access

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123 Durrant Drive

- This stunning property offers ample space for comfortable living
- Three bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Double garage with internal access
- Open plan living area, modern kitchen is a chef's delight, featuring Bosh appliances
- Spacious north facing deck

View 12 noon Saturday, 16 December



Nancy Millett
021 517 708
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132 Sharyn Place

- Bordering harbour reserve
- Easy access to town centre and supermarket
- Open plan living with direct deck access
- 2 double bedrooms plus sleep out in garage
- Separate garage with toilet
- 877m2 site with easy care gardens

View by appointment



Colin Thompson
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115A Otahu Road

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

View by appointment



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500A Port Road

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

View by appointment



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15/135 Waireka Place

- Secure this prime building site
- Development or land bank opportunity
- Estuary, ocean, and island views beyond
- Substantial 1086sqm north/east facing site
- Preliminary retaining work completed

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466A Ohui Road, Opoutere

- Direct beachfront access
- 1.9250ha in a combination of private bush, garden & lawn
- Three bedroom home, open plan kitchen and living
- Expansive north facing deck
- Sheltered outdoor entertaining area
- Separate Yurt accommodation

Viewing by appointment



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119 Chevron Crescent

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

Viewing by appointment



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107 Riverview Road

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

Viewing by appointment



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View Listing: whanga.co/8210



322B Mary Road

- Immaculate throughout, the ultimate lock and leave beach lifestyle
- Located close to surf beach access walkway 11
- Five double bedrooms over two levels
- Open plan ground floor living, second lounge upstairs
- An easy relaxed atmosphere with well connected outdoor spaces

Viewing by appointment



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113 Moana Anu Anu Avenue

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

Viewing by appointment



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103 Estuary View

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

View by appointment



Sharon Laurenson
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203B The Square

- Enjoy this sunny, low maintenance, three-bedroom, two bathroom home
- Open plan living is well connected to decks
- Outdoor areas are nicely framed by established plantings and easy-care gardens
- Central harbour location
- Freehold level site

View by appointment



Sharon Laurenson
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View Listing: whanga.co/8218



Lot 1 of Lot 16 Te Pamahue Drive

- Blank canvas – Bare section
- Elevated north facing site with expansive upper harbour views
- Located on the boundary of Reserve
- Close to town yet offering a semi-rural setting.
- Build amongst quality homes

View by appointment



Sharon Laurenson
027 662 3164

View Listing: whanga.co/8152



211B Casement Road

- Convenient and Central location
- Ideal entry level bach or home
- Open plan living, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Paved outdoor entertaining space
- Spacious internal access garage
- Freehold title level site

View by appointment



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View Listing: whanga.co/8250



7/106 Barbara Avenue

- One of Whangamata's most popular addresses, due to its convenient location
- Single level, lock and leave apartment
- Two double bedrooms, modern kitchen & bathroom
- Easy indoor / outdoor living, sheltered patio area
- Well maintained grounds and swimming pool

View by appointment



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View Listing: whanga.co/8229





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2/106 Saint Patricks Row

- Spacious and stylishly designed, this 4 bedroom home provides ample space for everyone
- The master and guest bedrooms have ensuites, with 3.5 bathrooms in total
- Designer kitchen, complete with a scullery
- The open plan living and dining space flow onto a sunny deck
- A stunning property located in a highly sought-after area

View 12pm Sat 16th December or by appointment



Chris Speedy 021 747 901
Katie Speedy 021 382 022
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102B Hinemoa Street

- Breathtaking views of the sea, islands, and the beach
- Four bedroom, two bathroom home with double garage
- Open plan living, kitchen, dining and lounge area, all with fantastic views
- Great deck for entertaining
- Borders the lovely Island View Reserve

View 1pm Sat 16th December or by appointment



Chris Speedy 021 747 901
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View Listing: whanga.co/8226



68 Parakiwai Quarry Road

- A beautiful 2-hectare lifestyle property located just minutes from Whangamata
- The large 236sqm house has three double bedrooms and two bathrooms
- Generous living area has lovely rural views
- Internal access double garage
- 12m x 18m man shed, with 3 x 3.4m high sectional doors
- Nice level land with lots of native plantings, established plum and citrus trees

View by appointment



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114 Tirohanga Drive

- This property offers a mix of space and privacy
- Three bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open plan living, dining and kitchen
- The outdoor entertaining area with pool sets the scene for summer
- Single garage plus a separate cabin/office
- Selection of citrus, plum and avocado trees

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Whangamata Coastguard Membership Enquiries to:
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Christmas with Whangamata Anglican
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There will be 3 sessions planned for 11am, 12 noon and 1pm.

Please call into the Banking Hub to book in your interest to attend, as spaces are limited.

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DECEMBER 2023											
☾ New Moon: 13 th ☀ Full Moon: 27 th											
Date	High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set	
	AM		PM		PM		PM				
15	Fri	9:40	1.9	21:51	1.8	3:11	0.2	15:42	0.3	05:48	20:33
16	Sat	10:28	1.9	22:41	1.8	3:59	0.2	16:32	0.3	05:48	20:33
17	Sun	11:18	2.0	23:33	1.8	4:47	0.2	17:24	0.3	05:48	20:34
18	Mon			12:09	2.0	5:37	0.2	18:16	0.3	05:49	20:35
19	Tue	0:27	1.8	13:01	1.9	6:30	0.2	19:10	0.3	05:49	20:35
20	Wed	1:22	1.8	13:55	1.9	7:25	0.3	20:05	0.3	05:49	20:36
21	Thu	2:21	1.8	14:50	1.9	8:22	0.3	21:02	0.3	05:50	20:36
22	Fri	3:22	1.7	15:47	1.8	9:23	0.4	21:59	0.3	05:50	20:37
23	Sat	4:24	1.7	16:43	1.8	10:24	0.4	22:57	0.3	05:51	20:37
24	Sun	5:25	1.8	17:40	1.8	11:24	0.4	23:54	0.3	05:51	20:38
25	Mon	6:22	1.8	18:35	1.8			12:22	0.4	05:52	20:38
26	Tue	7:16	1.8	19:27	1.8	0:47	0.3	13:17	0.4	05:53	20:39
27	Wed	8:06	1.8	20:18	1.7	1:38	0.3	14:09	0.4	05:53	20:39
28	Thu	8:53	1.8	21:05	1.7	2:26	0.3	14:58	0.4	05:54	20:39
29	Fri	9:38	1.8	21:50	1.7	3:11	0.3	15:44	0.4	05:55	20:40
30	Sat	10:20	1.8	22:34	1.7	3:53	0.3	16:29	0.4	05:55	20:40
31	Sun	11:01	1.8	23:15	1.7	4:35	0.3	17:11	0.4	05:56	20:40

JANUARY 2024											
☾ New Moon: 12 th ☀ Full Moon: 26 th											
Date	High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set	
	AM		PM		PM		PM				
1	Mon	11:41	1.8			5:14	0.4	17:51	0.5	05:57	20:40
2	Tue	11:56	1.7	12:20	1.8	5:54	0.4	18:32	0.5	05:58	20:40
3	Wed	0:37	1.6	13:01	1.7	6:36	0.5	19:13	0.5	05:59	20:40
4	Thu	1:21	1.6	13:42	1.7	7:19	0.5	19:56	0.5	05:59	20:40
5	Fri	2:09	1.6	14:27	1.7	8:06	0.6	20:42	0.5	06:00	20:40
6	Sat	3:00	1.6	15:13	1.7	8:57	0.6	21:31	0.5	06:01	20:40
7	Sun	3:55	1.6	16:04	1.7	9:51	0.6	22:24	0.5	06:02	20:40
8	Mon	4:52	1.6	16:57	1.7	10:47	0.6	23:18	0.4	06:03	20:40
9	Tue	5:49	1.7	17:53	1.7	11:44	0.6			06:04	20:40
10	Wed	6:44	1.7	18:49	1.7	0:12	0.4	12:41	0.5	06:05	20:40

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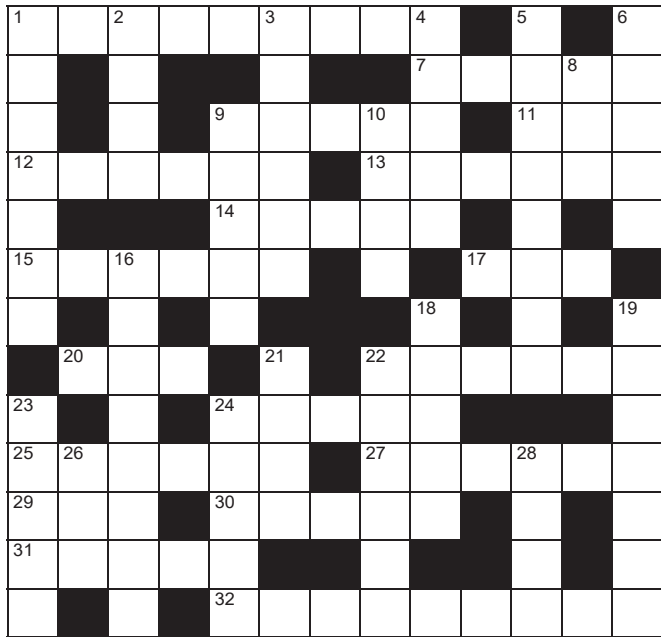


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Across

- 1. Disco bar (9)
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- 9. Small motorcycle (5)
- 11. Floor covering (3)
- 12. Trouser support (6)
- 13. Strict (6)
- 14. Entice (5)
- 15. Payment for information (6)
- 17. Eyelid swelling (3)
- 20. Dined (3)
- 22. Short pithy expression (6)
- 24. Extremist (5)
- 25. Horrified (6)
- 27. Administer intravenously (6)
- 29. Unhappy (3)
- 30. Lift (5)
- 31. Fungus starter (5)
- 32. Promise for later (4,5)

Down

- 1. Infant (7)
- 2. Variety of apple (4)
- 3. Shut (6)
- 4. Bathroom appliance (5)
- 5. Memory disorder (8)
- 6. Speak (5)
- 8. Golf strokes for a hole (3)
- 9. Unit of length (5)
- 10. Catch sight of (4)
- 16. Monitoring group (8)
- 18. Repeat over and over (5)
- 19. Encouragement chat (3,4)
- 21. Highest male singing voice (4)
- 22. Jail (6)
- 23. Forward or bold (5)
- 24. Theatre attendant (5)
- 26. Opening (3)
- 28. Otherwise (4)

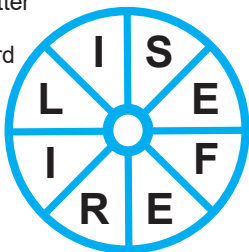
TRIO

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

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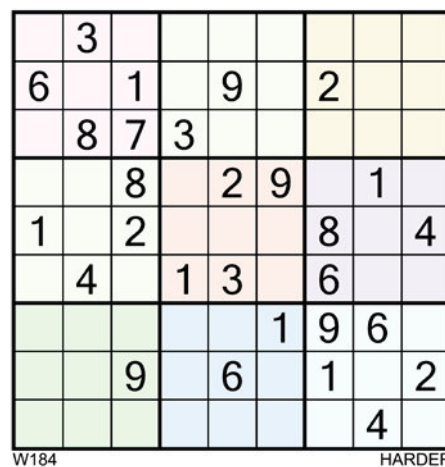
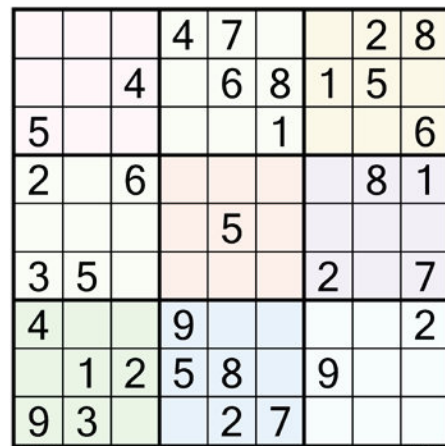
WORDWHEEL

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



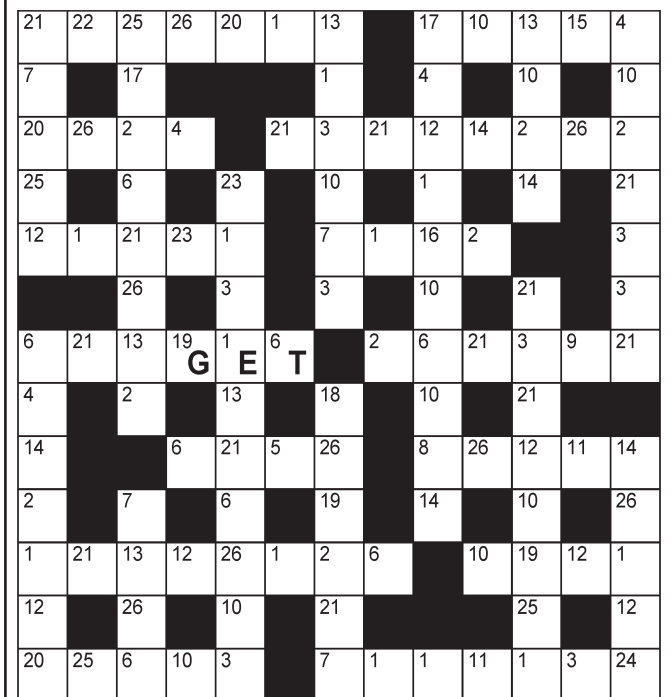
SUDOKU

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



DECODER

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



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

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CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Nightclub, 7. Inept, 9. Moped, 11. Mat, 12. Braces, 13. Severe, 14. Temp, 15. Reward, 17. Sty, 20. Ate, 22. Phrase, 24. Ultra, 25. Aghast, 27. Inject, 29. Sad, 30. Hoist, 31. Spore, 32. Rain check.
Down: 1. Newborn, 2. Gala, 3. Closed, 4. Bidet, 5. Dementia, 6. Utter, 8. Par, 9. Metre, 10. Espy, 16. Watchdog, 18. Chant, 19. Pep talk, 21. Alto, 22. Prison, 23. Sassy, 24. Usher, 26. Gap, 28. Else.

DECODER

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

SUDOKU

9	3	4	2	8	6	5	7	1
8	2	3	5	4	1	9	6	7
7	4	5	1	3	8	6	2	9
1	9	2	6	5	7	8	3	4
3	6	8	4	2	9	7	1	5
2	8	7	3	1	5	4	9	6
6	5	1	7	9	4	2	8	3
9	3	4	2	8	6	5	7	1

9	3	8	6	2	7	4	1	5
6	1	2	5	8	4	9	7	3
4	7	5	9	1	3	8	6	2
3	5	1	8	4	6	2	9	7
8	9	7	1	5	2	6	3	4
2	4	6	7	3	9	5	8	1
5	8	3	2	9	1	7	4	6
7	2	4	3	6	8	1	5	9
1	6	9	4	7	5	3	2	8

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