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Library closed for repairs

The Whangamatā Community Library has had to close temporarily while repair work takes place to fix water leaks.

The building at 620 Port Road in Whangamatā has been subject to water leaks for several years, including from the roof. Remedial works to date have not fixed the leaking. A detailed building assessment carried out in the last week has indicated that while the Council service centre side of the shared building can remain open, the community library side of the building needs to be closed until more extensive building work can be carried out.

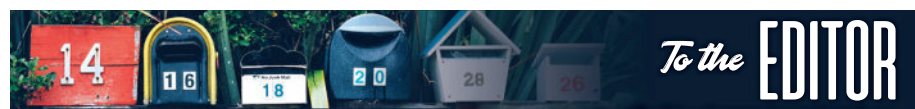
As part of the building condition assessment, air and surface samples were taken which tested positive for mould in the library area and in one office of the service centre. This office has been sealed pending remedial work. The rest of the service centre is safe for customers and staff.

Our District Library team is working with the community library staff and volunteers to find an alternative space in Whangamatā for the library to continue to serve customers. Once those arrangements are in place, we'll let the community know. In the meantime, due dates have been extended and books can be returned to the Council service centre.

We've also been investigating our two Thames office buildings for similar reasons.

"I'd like to assure the community that the parts of our buildings that we're keeping open remain safe for customers and staff to use," says Thames-Coromandel District Council Chief Executive Aileen Lawrie. "We've been patching these buildings for a number years now and we are investigating whether more comprehensive work needs to be done to make them fit-for-purpose."

- Michael Dobie, TCDC



It's finally happened

Due to the usual lack of maintenance on our Council building which houses the Library and the TCDC offices, it is full of mould. So it gets shut but a wall away the TCDC offices stay open?

My question is for those in charge, having tried to get some answers, why was the roof not addressed at least 11 years ago when leaks were first noticed. Why do we keep patching up in the hope it will fix things?

It would have cost a lot less money all those years ago when I was on the Community Board and the Library Committee, a Committee who tried to get a proper fix to the roof back then.

Can our Community please have some answers and proper consultation when it will be fixed

and reopen? It is a vital asset to our community and one we have worked hard to keep viable.

K. Baker
WHANGAMATA

Thank you

St John Op Shop Whangamata, had the pleasure of presenting Whangamata Area School with a further \$950 donation from the sale of second hand WAS uniforms.

100% of the money we receive for the uniforms is donated back to the school.

These donations are to assist students of any age group, selected for school trips.

Thank you to the community for supporting this.

Karen, Op Shop Manager
WHANGAMATA

Stats show Government's approach to law and order is working

Fixing the basics in law and order is a key priority for the Government, because we need to build a present and future where people can feel safer in their communities.

This has meant taking a tough on crime approach, which has resulted in the banning of gang patches, restoring three strikes, giving police more tools to go after gangs, and reforming sentencing laws to make sure people face proper consequences for their actions.

I'm encouraged the latest crime statistics show that the Government's approach is having an effect.

There were 49,000 fewer victims of violent crime in the year to October 2025 than there were in October 2023. There has also been a 22% drop in serious repeat

youth offending compared to when we took office after the 2023 General Election.

Moreover, there has been a significant reduction in ram raids with just 107 recorded last year. That's still too many as each ram raid causes emotional and financial stress to their victims but think back to 2022 when it seemed like ram raids were occurring every day across the country. The current figures represent an 85% reduction from the peak in 2022 when 713 ram raids were recorded.

There's a lot more to do but these signs of improvement are good for the Coromandel and New Zealand, and it shows that we are heading in the right direction.

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

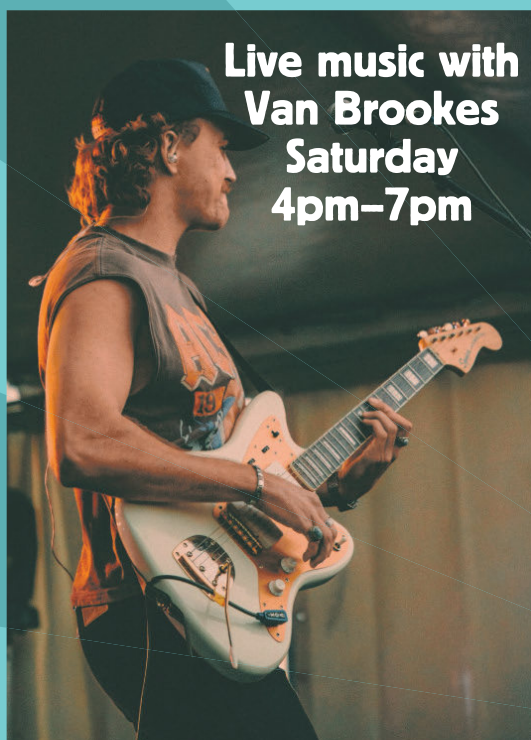
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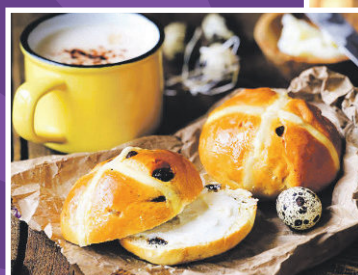


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Whangamata Police Report



What a wet and wild Beach Hop that was! A huge congratulations to the Beach Hop team, including all the hard working volunteers keeping everyone safe and well informed throughout.

While not the first wet Beach Hop, it certainly in my memory of the event the most wet and presented the biggest risks. A further thank you to our visitors and local people for adapting to the change. While there were some issues identified, there were not any issues discovered from official entrants or official participants of Beach Hop. This is consistent with years gone by.

There have been a few instances lately prompting me to remind people to keep themselves safe while online and interacting with strangers online. One line I always tell people is "the internet never forgets". Whatever you share online, regardless of what platform, chat app, socials etc. Chances are it will never disappear. Things like private or explicit images can be used for blackmail and elicit money out of people. Keep yourselves and young ones safe. Things like 'disappearing messages' or 'one time view' messages don't stop screenshots.

A timely reminder with what is going on in the world affecting fuel

prices to lock your vehicles and fuel storage systems if you have one. We expect to see fuel theft increase in the current situation. Locking vehicles makes it more difficult to siphon fuel. Parking vehicles for example, with the fuel cap side against a wall/house so a person cannot fit between the vehicle and wall is another good prevention measure. Good security lighting goes a long way and if you have cameras, now is a good time to check and ensure they are clean and functioning as they should.

At the end of February, a teenager was hit by a vehicle on his bike at the intersection of Barrowclough and Rutherford Roads. The vehicle failed to remain stopped for the clearly injured cyclist and left the scene. It is described as a white/silver sedan with the back left wheel being a different colour to the rest. The driver was described as in his 70's of European descent with a white beard/moustache. Any information on the vehicle or driver that you may have please pop into the station or call 105 quoting the file number 260226/0134.

Happy Easter from the team and I.

- Sergeant Will Hamilton, Officer in Charge, Whangamata Police

Waihi Police Report

Burgs, Beach Hop, bad weather... & Easter too

It's been a busy stretch in town, with a bit of everything thrown into the mix — sunshine, storm clouds, classic cars, and a few things we'd rather do without.

Beach Hop has brought plenty of noise, colour, and shiny chrome — and a great atmosphere overall. With busy streets and lots of visitors, it's a good reminder to keep cars locked and valuables out of sight while enjoying the festivities.

The weather has kept us guessing. We've had great beach days mixed with heavy rain and localised flooding. If roads are flooded, don't risk it — turning around is always the smarter option.

With Easter here, more people are traveling, heading away, or busy with family plans. Empty houses and crowded public spaces can attract the wrong kind of attention, so double-check doors and windows before heading off — and resist the urge to post holiday plans online until you're home (the chocolate can still

be shared later).

Yes, fuel prices are painful. No, petrol drive-offs are not the solution. They're still theft and can lead to fines, court dates, and long-term consequences that last much longer than a tank of fuel.

Meet the team: Melissa

Melissa is a dedicated Youth Aid Officer serving Waihi, Whangamata, and Tairua, with over 21 years of service in Police. Known for her calm approach and genuine care, she's passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of young people and supporting her community. When she's not at work, Melissa enjoys time at the beach and making memories with her family.

Final Word

Lock it, enjoy it, plan for the weather, drive safely, and keep it legal. A bit of common sense helps keep the town safe, fun, and friendly — especially over a busy Easter period.

- Rachel Gillingham,
Community Constable, Waihi/
Waikato East

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Book sale for Moana House

Thanks to Lions' ongoing support, the much-loved Whangamatā Book Sale is back this Easter, with a strong community focus and a very worthy cause.

Hosted by the Whangamatā Lions Club, the sale will be held at the Whangamatā Fire Station on Port Road on Easter Saturday morning. This year, all proceeds will go toward much-needed equipment upgrades at Moana House Retirement Village—an organisation at the heart of the local community for nearly four decades.

Moana House is currently seeking to replace key items to better serve its residents. At the top of the list is a commercial-grade freezer, estimated at \$5,500, to replace an existing household unit that no longer meets demand. Insulated food trolleys, costing around \$3,500, are also needed to ensure meals are delivered hot and safely to residents across the facility.

The Government's contribution to aged care is insufficient to allow for replacement of necessary equipment hence our regular fund raising efforts. The project reflects the same spirit of community support that brought Moana House to life in the first place.

Established as a Charitable Trust in 1984, the facility officially opened in 1987 with 36 rest home beds. Its creation was made possible

through an extraordinary combined effort of fundraising, grants, loans, and local generosity—including a significant contribution from the Whangamatā Lions Club. The Lions, alongside dedicated volunteers and benefactors, helped raise the \$750,000 required to match a Department of Health subsidy and complete the build.

The land itself was generously gifted by James and Enid Watt—an enduring legacy that continues to benefit the community today. Since then, Moana House has grown into a vital provider of care, offering hospital and rest home services, including palliative, primary, and continuing care.

It also supports the wider community through day programmes and Meals on Wheels. Following a reconfiguration in 2012, the facility now accommodates 47 beds, including hospital and dual-purpose care options.

Guided by its mission to provide a "caring, safe place" for residents and staff, Moana House remains a cornerstone of compassionate care in Whangamatā.

With the support of the Lions Club and the wider community, this year's Book Sale promises not only great reads, but another chapter in the ongoing story of generosity and care.

- Ian Feasey

Artist open studios

The Whangamatā Easter Arts Trail promises a weekend of creativity and inspiration.

Art lovers and visitors to Whangamatā are in for a treat this Easter season as the Whangamatā Arts Collective prepares to host its much-anticipated Easter Arts Trail.

Taking place over Saturday and Sunday, 4-5 March, the popular community event will showcase an exciting and diverse range of artwork across 10 creative hubs throughout the town.

The Arts Trail invites locals and visitors alike to explore Whangamatā's vibrant creative community, with artists opening their studios, galleries, and shared exhibition spaces. From painting and mixed media to sculpture and innovative contemporary works, the event promises something for every taste and curiosity.

Each hub will feature an artist or a group of artists displaying their work, offering a wonderful opportunity for the public to meet the creators, learn about their processes, and enjoy the rich variety of artistic styles on display. The trail highlights the depth of



talent within Whangamatā and creates a welcoming, relaxed environment where art can be experienced up close. Children are welcome so bring the family.

Getting involved is easy. Trail flyers are available at Discover Whangamatā, and full details can also be found on the Whangamatā Arts Collective website. A QR code on the promotional material allows visitors to quickly scan and access maps and information, making it simple to plan their own art adventure around the town.


Visitors are encouraged to follow the trail, explore the hubs, and immerse themselves in the vibrant artistic spirit that makes Whangamatā such a special creative community.

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<p>1. 11 Aileen Place Silica Ceramics Suzanne Clegg – Ceramics</p> <p>2. 122 Isabel Street Lena McKillop – Painter / Photographer</p> <p>3. 306 Hetherington Road Sue Jamieson – Mixed Media Cherry Escourt – Fibre Claire Fairweather – Polymer Clay Dan Simonsen – Painter Jesse Macaw – Intuitive Artist Caryl Cullen – Mixed Media</p> <p>4. 427 Port Road The Little Gallery A collection of work from artists around the region.</p> <p>5. 200 Beverley Terrace Kieran Taylor – Ceramics /Sculpture Ashley Crabb – Wall Sculpture Maree Burt – Charcoal Portraiture</p>	<p>6. 410 Ocean Road Studio @ 410 Vicki Morris – Painter</p> <p>7. 112b Tamaki Road Gail Stent – Photographer Nicky Ball – Pottery/Sculpture</p> <p>8. 105 Kea Street Kea Iti Studio Heather Watt – Mixed Media / Outdoor Sculpture Janice Marshall – Portrait Gretha Whyte – Fibre Artist</p> <p>9. 137 McKellar Place Wild Essence Studio Nikki Seales – Pottery / Mixed Media</p> <p>10. 117 Brook Place HC Studio Laura McCabe – Painter</p>
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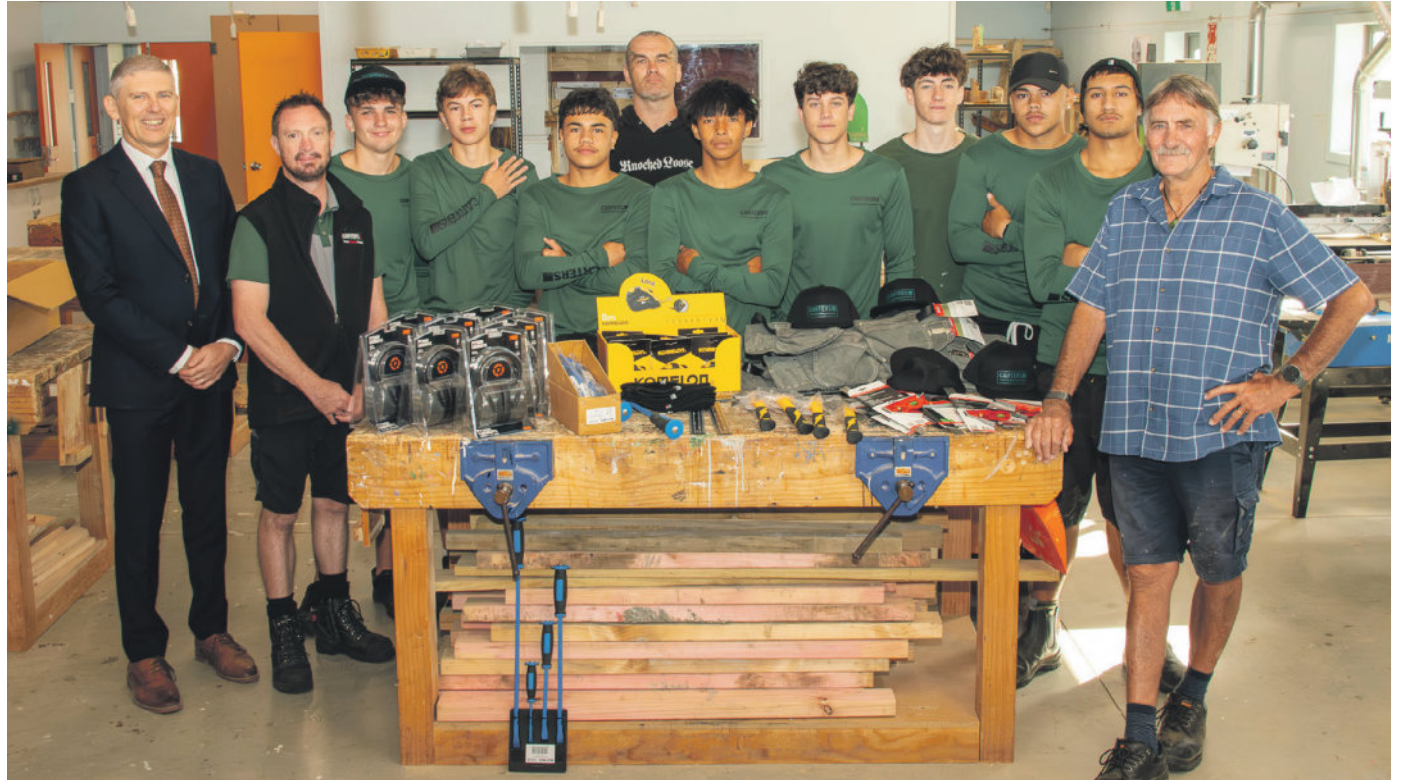
New trade academy for local students

Whangamatā News were privileged to meet up with Ian Fulton, Deputy Principal of Whangamata Area School and Geoff Spargo, Manager from Carters Whangamata on the new initiative for 9 boys involved in the new 'trade academy' coming through the school.

Ian told us "we found that last year with the Gateway programme, they needed more of a hands on experience, this new initiative will enable them to get work experience in a safe environment at school, so when they go out and complete their Gateway placement on a building site or electricians site, they will feel confident getting on the tools, hopefully this will then lead to an apprenticeship for all our boys."

This is a brand new Trade Academy, set up only this year, with the board's support, and have managed to secure the hands on learning services of Mr Nick Tautuhi and teacher Mr Tony Renshaw. Mr Rangī Ormond then takes the lads through the theory part of the training for a further four time slots. There are some substantial projects coming up over the course of the year.

Ian approached Geoff Spargo, Manager of Carters Whangamata for assistance, who give a lot of materials throughout the year as do Bunnings, both firms also sponsor prizes at the end of year prizegiving. Carters were keen to get on board,



and very generously have gifted \$1800 of tool belts and equipment, tools that would be used on a building site, the new training builds confidence and hopefully will lead to one day placements with a local builder from Whangamata, Pauanui or Tairua over a 10-week placement.

It's all about turning up to school on a Friday, on time, ready to go with their boots and equipment,

just as you would for a workplace commitment.

Geoff from Carters told the eager group "these work belts, shirts and tools gifted from Fox & Gunn, will make you feel comfortable with this equipment, and when on a work site, you know exactly what is needed, if you guys do well, you are setting the platform for the next lot of boys, so this is a big opportunity, take it with

both hands.

"That's your future, whether you end up getting a job in a trade and paying your bills or not having a job and not paying your bills!"

Keep following the Whangamatā News as we follow one student per month on their progress.

- Jennie Black, Editor
Photo by Mark James



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Kickdown - best of all time

You spoke... and we listened.

Kickdown switched things up with a special downtown experience this year and it did not disappoint.

This year was all about keeping the spirit alive and bringing the action right into the heart of our Whangamata town.

Friday night saw an extensive downtown Bike Show & hilarious Bike Games, the

Saturday Coromandel Loop Ride saw the bikers leave with the usual joy from the watching crowd and the Saturday night Main Street Party with live music from one of New Zealand's best live cover bands: 88 mph! totally rocked it out for our revellers. It was the best ever central location, fab food, bikes of envy and the very best of good times

- Photos by Mark James, Whangamatā News



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Daily Dip promotes sense of connection

Whangamatā News heard about a very special challenge for local students, read Jack Burns' story...

My name is Jack, and I'm a teacher and content creator based in Whangamatā. I recently started a community challenge called the Daily Dip - the goal is simple: get in the water every single day for 365 days, whether that's the ocean, a lake, a river, or even a cold shower.

What started as a personal challenge has quickly grown into something much bigger within the Whangamatā community. We've had groups of local kids and others joining in regularly, building confidence, resilience, and a real sense of connection. To date, we have had up to 30 kids take part in one of our morning dips, which was pretty special to see.

The challenge is all about wellbeing, routine, and getting people outdoors and connected. It's been awesome watching it grow naturally, and I'd love to see it reach even more people.

Jack has been sharing the journey on TikTok and Instagram as @thesaunaguynz if you'd like to see it in action.

Perhaps your youngsters would like to join in with the focus on mental and physical wellbeing.

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\$50,000 raised as Smoky Pallet Invitational delivers

The Smoky Pallet Invitational Golf Tournament has once again delivered an outstanding result for the Whangamatā community, raising more than \$50,000 to support a wide range of local initiatives.

Held on Friday 13 March, the event combines a fun and competitive Ambrose-format golf tournament with a unique twist – a celebrity auction prior to tee-off, where each team purchases a fourth celebrity player to join them. This year's lineup was the best yet and included former Olympians, ex-All Blacks, Black Caps, Kiwis and Warriors players, professional golfers, social media stars, and other high-profile Kiwi personalities, all contributing to the energy and success of the day.

While DJ Matt Hicks filled the fairways with music from a tower on the first tee, a cocktail and bubbles lunch, supported by Whispering Angel, took place in the clubhouse alongside the golf and was well attended by a large group of ladies dressed to impress.

Major sponsor Coromandel Homes played a key role in organising and elevating the event, helping transform Whangamatā Golf Club into a course setup worthy of a professional tour. The day was further supported by a strong group of sponsors including Challenge Whangamatā, Whangamatā Ocean Sports Club, Craft Haus, Whanga Bar, Chill Café, New World Te Puke, Mitre10 Mega Pukekohe, Winger Motors Hamilton, EZGO, Live Forever Golf, The Clubroom, Share Insurance, Pernod Ricard, DB Breweries, Lion Breweries, Suntory, Bidfood, and several golf clubs from around New Zealand.

Aside from the extremely generous players who paid to participate in the golf and fundraising activities, a number of individuals and community groups were also instrumental in the event's success. Thanks are extended to Allan Smith, Allan Peard, Paul Stevenson,



Marcus Child (blacksticks) and the Bay View Hotel Team, and Mike Legg (Social Media) with the Share Insurance Team.



Kent Fife lines up a putt as Stephen Donald and Frano Botica watch.



David Smail and Joelle Legg being auctioned off in the celebrity auction.



Some of the glam from the Tapas & Tunes event.

Sean Lincoln, Shane Singe, Damon Jakeman, Andre Shi, and Andrew Forsman for their donations and support, along with Rob, John, Rod, and the Menzshed team, and the Waka Ama crew for their hands-on help. Terry Booth and Murray Cleland were also instrumental in expertly managing the auction processes, a key driver of the fundraising result.

The entire Smoky Pallet team, led by Alex, Victor, and Aleishia, along with Josh, Emma, Dave, Morven, Kevin, and the outstanding greens team at Whangamatā Golf Club, must also be recognised for their contribution to a seamless and high-quality event. The day was capped

off with an after-party featuring entertainment from musicians Tui Hall and Jake Barfoot, alongside DJ Matt Hicks.

Funds raised will now be distributed back into the local community, supporting organisations and initiatives including Waka Ama, Menzshed, support for local students attending sporting and cultural trips, Junior Golf, Community Patrol, Surf Life Saving, the Fire Station, the Golf Club, the Rugby Sports Club, Toy Library, Mountain Bike Club, Kindergarten, Playcentre, and assistance for inspiring local families bravely facing cancer treatment.

A portion of the funds will also support "Friends of the School" at Whangamatā Area School, helping fund a new vegetable garden and a playground upgrade to enhance learning and play opportunities for students.

Event organiser Kane Edwards said the ongoing support from friends, sponsors, participants, celebrities, and the wider community continues to drive the event's success.

"This day is all about having a lot of fun and giving back to Whangamatā. To be able to return over \$50,000 into our local community is something everyone involved should be really proud of."

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WAS Surf Girl team battled opponents to victory

The Gisborne Boys High School Surfing Team and Whangamata Area School Girls Surfing Team both claimed the prestigious Cranch Cup at the 2026 New Zealand School Surfing Festival at Muriwai, Auckland on Wednesday 25th March.

It is the first time the two teams have claimed victories at the event with the final day of action played out in clean 1.0m waves under wet skies at Maori Bay as the event raced to beat the remnants of the sub-tropical cyclone pushing south.

Twenty one school teams took part in the event this year, with just under 100 participants involved. The festival is integral in surfing's growth as a recognised sport within schools and our talented surfers getting recognition.

Whangamata Area School Girls Team battled their opponents through three round robin heats and finished tied on points with Mount Maunganui College. It took a countback of aggregate points across the three rounds to separate the two teams with Whangamata edging out Mount Maunganui - 51.77 v 45.33.

Whangamata Area School needed to win the final round robin match up to force the tie break, the team comprising India Kennings, Lola Groube, Poppy Robinson and Ariella Lansdowne.



Champion Whangamata Area School Team. L-R India Kennings, Lola Groube, Poppy Robinson, Ariella Lansdowne.

"We're super excited and happy to take it out this year out. We've been super close the past two years, so it feels really good to take this win, especially in my last year being able to captain this team, such an amazing group of girls," said team captain India Kennings.

"We decided it was crucial that we had a couple anchors, like me and Lola at the start, to get those quick good waves and it worked in our favour in the last heat. So yeah, and it worked out perfectly, Ariella (Lansdowne) swooped the last wave off Mount College too, which was

clutch for us," added Kennings.

Whangamata Area School Boys (27.91) finished in third place ahead of Mount Maunganui College Boys (25.08).

Overall Results

BOYS DIVISION

- 1st Gisborne Boys High School
- 2nd Takapuna Grammar
- 3rd Whangamata Area School
- 4th Mount Maunganui College
- 5th New Plymouth Boys High School
- 5th Kaipara College
- 7th Rangitoto College

- 7th Westlake Boys High School Red
- 7th Papamoa College
- 10th Whakatane High School
- 10th Westlake Boys High School Green
- 10th Trident High School Boys 2
- 13th Trident High School Boys 1
- 14th Opunake High School
- 15th Takapuna Grammar Boys 2
- 16th Rangitoto College
- 17th Papamoa College Boys 2

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Pre-season solid workout

The Red n Whites played their second warm up game against Tuakau last weekend with a fairly convincing win.

According to Coach Basil Lennan the team lacked a little cohesion but overall did things pretty well. Tuakau were an understrength team, and while they were behind on the scoreboard they never gave in and gave the locals a stern test in the last hit out before the season begins on 11 April.

Lennan told *Whangamatā & Waihi News* that for the most part the team played to their plan, with the chance to implement some combinations. He would like to see another warm up hit out under the belt but is overall pleased with how they went.

There are a couple of new players with the Irish men to arrive soon, to join in the community and continue the great relationship Whanga has with Galway. Jono Handy slotted in at halfback and had a good game, and young Englishman 19 year old Monty Goodwin played centre for a solid game.

Make sure to turn up on the 11th for a home game against the Cobras, go the mighty Red n Whites!

- Story & photos by Mark James



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Whangamata Harbour Birds: The Grey-faced Petrel (Oi)

The grey-faced petrel, also known as the Northern muttonbird, is rarely seen in the sheltered waters of the Whangamata Harbour but is often observed soaring fast and gracefully over the waves in search of their food sources in the deeper seawaters around the Coromandel peninsular.

They generally feed alone but sometimes in small flocks, when seeking their favoured food squid. Most of their feeding activity is at night when many of the squid species they target are more active near the sea surface. Studies have shown the majority of their food foraging is undertaken out over the continental shelf and beyond and is obtained mostly in the top 5m. However, they are capable of diving down to a depth of 23m.

Like many of the seabirds known generally as petrels, grey-faced petrel nest mainly in burrows excavated amongst tree roots on pest free islands in the upper North Island. A few small mainland island colonies still survive on some headlands and peninsulas around coasts of this area. The largest colonies occur on the Three Kings, Hen and Chickens, Mokohinau, Mercury and Alderman Island groups, and also on Cuvier, Moutohora (Whale), White and East



Grey-faced petrel. Photo by Anna Sephton.

Islands. Small numbers are known to nest here on the Whangamata Islands of Whenuakura (Donut), Hauturu (Clarke) and Maukaha. Their total population is thought to be in the order of 200,000 to 300,000 pairs. Their Conservation status is Partially Protected and a small number of chicks are legally harvested by Maori each year from nesting colonies on privately owned islands.

The grey-faced petrel is a largish petrel, 41cm long and weighing

around 550gm, with plumage uniformly dark black-brown in colour. As its name suggests the feathering around its bill and throat is grey. Their eyes, legs and stout beak are black, with the beak boasting a large sharp hook which is used when capturing, holding and devouring their favoured prey.

This species has a particularly long breeding season, starting with burrow nest construction and mating courtship activity in March. Egg-laying commences in late June

and July with just the one egg laid per pair. Incubation is carried out by the female for the first 4-16 days, followed by successive shifts of varying lengths by both parents. Eggs hatch after about 55 days incubation over the period mid-August to mid-September. The emergent chicks are guarded for the first 2-3 days and then fed about every 4 days by both parents until fledging. They depart their underground homes from around early December to late January when about 118 days old. These young won't commence breeding themselves until they are 7-10 years old. The oldest known bird recorded lived for over 40 years.

Unfortunately small numbers of young birds, new to flying, are driven ashore here during severe on-shore storm conditions. They are also attracted to the town's lights during such conditions and often in a disorientated and weakened state crash into buildings and other structures injuring themselves in the process. People finding such injured or weakened birds are urged to report their location to the Department of Conservation or capture and transport them to the local Veterinary Clinic.

- John Adams,
Whangamata Harbour Care



Te Whanau Waka Ama o Whangamata *paddle hard out*

On 26 March, day three of competition and with 2 races of 500m and 250m, both teams paddled their hearts out and left it all out on the roto (lake). Bad weather saw the Thursday and Friday cancelled, but both teams Whangamata Mangopare Wahine and Whangamata Mana Waves

represented their Kura, Whanau and Te Whanau Waka o Whangamata Club with pride.

Whangamata News has been following their training on going over several weeks with Simone up-skilling strength and resilience. Well done!

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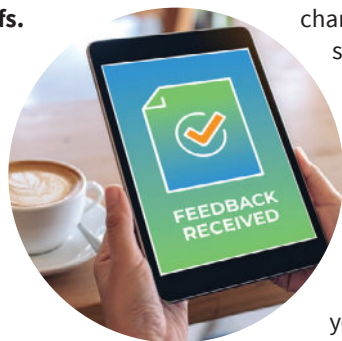
Tough choices for lower rates

Lower rates come with real trade-offs. We want to hear what you think.

Our 2026/27 Draft Annual Plan centres on holding the average rates increase to no more than 3.8%, significantly lower than earlier projections in our 2024–34 Long Term Plan. And reaching that target means making some tough choices about the services we deliver and how we fund them.

We're asking for your feedback from late March through to late April, so now's your chance to review the proposed changes and tell us what matters most to you.

Mayor Peter Revell said lowering the rates increase in 2026/27 doesn't make services cost less, but



changes how some of those costs are shared, including greater use of user fees and changes to rates remissions. "We've clearly set out what those changes involve, and we encourage everyone to make time to have their say," he said. "We will listen carefully to all your feedback."

There are plenty of ways to share your thoughts – from in-person events and pop-up market stalls to the quick and simple feedback form on our website and any Council office.

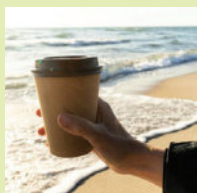
Find out about proposed changes and give your feedback at tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan26-27

Applications open for Commercial Operator Licences

The tender process for Commercial Operator Licences – allowing food or activity businesses to operate from Council reserves – is now open. These sites offer excellent opportunities for operators looking to introduce new food options or visitor experiences to the Coromandel.

Applications close **Thursday, 30 April**. Submissions will be assessed in May, with applicants notified in June and licences issued in July.

tcdc.govt.nz/commercialconcessions



HETHERINGTON ROAD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: PHASE 2 UPDATE

Schick Civil Construction will return to Hetherington Road in the week ending 10 April to begin the second phase of the Stormwater Improvement Project.



This stage will complete the upgrade of the existing stormwater network, replacing pipes with a new 900mm pipeline. That will significantly improve drainage capacity and help reduce surface flooding in the area.

During construction, traffic management will be in place. There will be periods of single-lane traffic on the northern side of the road, and a temporary detour may be required at times.

Work is expected to be completed by mid-June 2026. Thank you for your patience as we finish these important upgrades.

tcdc.govt.nz/whangastormwater

Air Force volunteers lend a hand to protect Whangamatā's dunes



Read the full story at: tcdc.govt.nz/rafdune

What's happening over Easter and Anzac weekends?



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Our offices (including AA services) and district libraries will be closed from Good Friday through to Easter Monday, and from Saturday 25 April (Anzac Day) to Monday 27 April (observed public holiday). You can still reach us 24/7 at 07 868 0200 or customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz



DOG RESTRICTIONS

Please keep your dog on a lead in urban areas such as town centres and roads. Look out for Council's traffic light signage and check the rules in your area at tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide



ALCOHOL BANS

Alcohol bans are in place over Easter weekend from 4pm Thursday 2 April to 4pm Tuesday 7 April, and over the Anzac long weekend from 4pm on Friday 24 April to 4pm on Monday 27 April. Check out tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS SATURDAY 25 APRIL

WHANGAMATĀ: 6.30am Sunrise Flag-Raising and Service – assemble at Whangamatā Surf Club. Breakfast afterwards at Blackies in Williamson Park.

9am Mix and Mingle at Whangamatā RSA

9.30am Beach Hop vehicles will drive RSA members to the parade start.

10.20am Civic Parade led by the Bay of Plenty Pipes and Drums from the Council Offices, Port Rd, Whangamatā.

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

PĀUANUI: 6am Dawn Service – assemble at 5.45am on the beach adjacent to Surf Life Saving Club. Paying breakfast afterwards at Pāuanui Club, 31 Sheppard Ave, Pāuanui.

TAIRUA: 6am Dawn Service – assemble at 5.45am at the Soldiers Wall, Tairua Ex Servicemen's Cemetery, Main Rd, Tairua.

Returned service personnel are asked to wear their medals and decorations. Descendants of returned service personnel marching in the parades are asked to wear medals on the right upper portion of their apparel.

OUR NEXT WHANGAMATĀ COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING WILL BE 10AM TUESDAY 21 APRIL AT THE WHANGAMATĀ SERVICE CENTRE, 620 PORT RD

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OceanaGold Update

3rd April 2026



The SIMP report is structured around six main themes

- Economy
- Employment
- Property
- Community
- Health and wellbeing
- The future of Waihi and the OceanaGold NZ legacy.

Scan the QR code to read the full SIMP report



2023 /24 Social Impact Report

Since 2015, OceanaGold Waihi has commissioned and released a Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) Report. This biennial report provides an independent review of the operation’s social effects within both Waihi and the wider local area, and incorporates data from our annual staff survey.

Stakeholder input

The SIMP report has been developed and revised over time through an iterative process involving OceanaGold, the Hauraki District Council, and in consultation with a range of stakeholders, including Waihi residents, community representatives, local business owners, and the Waihi Operation’s workforce.

Some key findings

OceanaGold employees were once again significant parts of the fabric of Waihi, with strong participation across a wide range of local organisations. During the year, employee involvement included:

- **157** employees actively participating in sporting organisations
- **67** employees contributing to emergency & rescue services
- **40** employees involved in faith-based groups
- **35** employees supporting education groups, like Boards of Trustees and Parent-Teacher Associations
- **28** employees engaged in arts and cultural organisations.

77% of our workforce live locally.
(local is defined as within 30 km or 30 minutes’ drive of Waihi)

278 children of staff and contractors were enrolled in schools and pre-schools in Waihi.

In 2024, **533** people were employed:
• **395** employees
• **138** contractors.

In 2024, 89% of our expenditure (**\$248M**) occurred within New Zealand. Of this, over **\$74M** was spent locally.



- **61%** of OceanaGold Waihi employees own their current home.
- Across 2023 and 2024, we invested **\$790,220** into local sports, education, community events, environmental projects, the elderly, the arts, and health.
- **83%** of Waihi residents and **92%** of Waihi businesses surveyed said that mining has a positive or very positive impact on Waihi’s economy.

Tracking our social effects

The report provides an ongoing way to track our social effects and share them with the wider community. The 23/24 report confirms that OceanaGold’s Waihi operations continue to be an integral part of the Waihi community and contribute significant benefits at a regional level.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us

Community Engagement Line: 0800 924 444 | Project Information Office: 86 Seddon St., Waihi
Email us via our website: www.waihigold.co.nz

Please note: We are not currently blasting in the Martha Open Pit. Any changes to this will be notified.



Waihi College students explore career pathways in mining

36 Waihi College students were invited on-site for our annual Careers Day, gaining first hand insights into the diverse range of professions within the mining sector, and the necessary training to get there.

Career pathways come to life

In partnership with Alton Drilling, students heard from team members at our Moresby Avenue, office working across accounting, environmental management, projects, community development, human resources, and geology. From there, the group headed behind the gates to meet with our tradespeople and an underground service crew member, each a former Waihi College student themselves. Hearing directly from our people

who once sat in the same classrooms helped bring these career pathways to life.

Students were also introduced to the Mining Skills Development Course. Those selected for the programme will have the opportunity to build practical skills in areas such as driving a manual vehicle, working at heights, and visiting the underground mine environment, to better understand what working on-site involves.



“The opportunity for students to explore future positions within a company that employs more than 560 people locally, is incredibly valuable.”

OceanaGold Community Development Advisor, Phil Salmon.



To find out more about opportunities with OceanaGold or our contractors, use this link → www.waihigold.co.nz/about-oceanagold/careers

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Waihi NEWS

Waihi Beach Hop spirit rocked all day!

OceanaGold Waihi Warm Up Party absolutely rocked, it revved, the sun shone, the fashion, the music, the food, the vibe and energy the best we can ever remember. We all soaked up the cars, we all felt the days of rock n roll. Huge thanks to the Go Waihi retail committee for bringing it together, and of course all the sponsors who enabled the spirit of a fabulous day!

- Jennie Black, Editor
Photos by Mark James



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Bowentown playground upgrade swings into action

Work started this week on a refresh of the Tui Park playground at Bowentown.

The upgrade has been shaped by ideas shared by the community, who wanted a mix of active play and natural elements. It will include big swings, baby swings, a mini flying fox-style glider, climbing frame and natural play features like logs, rocks and balancing equipment.

Once completed, the playground will also be easier to access, with a boardwalk and ramp, plus a rock seating area for tamariki to gather and play.

The upgrade is part of Western Bay of Plenty District Council's ongoing playground renewal programme, with funding allocated from the Long Term Plan 2024-2034.

"Playgrounds play a huge role in helping our tamariki build confidence, stay active, connect with others and explore the world around them. This refresh will help



ensure Tui Park continues to be a safe and welcoming place for the community," says Peter Watson, Council's Reserves and Facilities Manager.

The work is being carried out by Tauranga-based contractor CGC Landscapes, and is expected to continue through April and May, weather permitting.

For more information, visit yourplace.westernbay.govt.nz/tui-park

- Western BOP District Council

Waihi Beach Tennis recognise great summer season



Waihi Beach Tennis Club wound up their 2026 summer season with their club championships.

First up was the men's singles division. Nivek Smith powered unbeaten to the 2026 Waihi Beach Tennis Club men's singles title. In the final match Nivek beat Cam Arthur 9-1 to add this trophy to his already bulging trophy cabinet. Nivek played three matches and won all three scoring 27 game wins and conceding only 4.

Then in the doubles Nivek partnered Mark in the men's doubles for another trophy. Mark and Nivek won all three of their matches, followed by Craig and Bill with two match wins.

The woman's doubles final saw Isla and Asha beat Kerry and Ngaire. The combined doubles title was won by Mark and Asha with a perfect 2 from 2 result.

Cheers to club sponsor LJ Hooker, Waihi Beach and tournament convenor Craig. Well done champions your names will join

the following past Waihi Beach tennis champions on the clubhouse honours board- 1993/94 Men's singles R Hope, Women's singles G Wicks, Men's doubles M Rapley and C Moore, Women's doubles A Gilmer and Y Wicks, Mixed doubles E Kirk and J Kirk.

Results

Men's Singles Round 1: Nivek 9 v Jimmy 1, Cam 9 v Don 3, Round 2 Cam 9 v Jimmy 5, Nivek 9 v Don 2, Round 3 Nivek 9 v Cam 1, Jimmy won by default over Don.

Doubles Women: Isla and Asha 9 v Kerry and Ngaire 1. Combined Mark and Asha 9 v Carl and Isla 2, Carl and Isla 9 v Robert and Ngaire 5, Mark and Asha 9 v Robert and Ngaire.

Doubles Men's Round 1: Nivek and Mark 9 v Carl and Don 2, Craig and Bill 9 v Paul and Kev 6,

Round 2: Nivek and Mark 9 v Paul and Kev 6, Craig and Bill v Carl and Don 1, Round 3 Nivek and Mark 9 v Craig and Bill 4, Carl and Don 8 (tie breaker) 10-4 v Paul and Kev 8.

- Don McKay

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Waihi NEWS

A Story of Songs

Moonbelle Productions presents original performances of the award winning show **Walking Songs - a story of songs from te araroa and Birds of Paradise - a story of songs for the spaces between.**

Join Milly & Benny in this rich, musical storytelling to question the precariousness of life, the discomfort of growth and how we might fill the gaps with song.

"Milly and Benny have an unmatched ability to bring depth through story, song and laughter. Every moment pulls you in, even the silences speak" - Melbourne Fringe Festival

Founding Moonbelle productions in 2023, writer/vocalist Milly Moon, debuted with award winning solo show, **Walking Songs**. This intimate story follows a journey on Te Araroa, re-telling in song and verse, walking the world's toughest through-hike, and celebrating the power of the voice, the body and mother nature's healing spaces.

"My goodness she can sing. There's a soulful, almost gospel tone to [her] music, performed with minimal accompaniment and little ceremony...it's mesmerising" - Wee Review UK

After two international tours, **Walking Songs** was answered with **Birds of Paradise**, a story that sees a transition to a new space where hiking boots are exchanged for frames on a wall. Developed from conversations between Moon and co-performer Benny Coles, **Birds of Paradise** is woven with poetry and unadorned music, exploring the friend's multi-generational life experiences. Artist and poet Benny Coles, brings his signature style of spoken word, raw and dark-edged, with a distinctly musical lilt.



"The vocals were astounding - deep, raspy and soaring. Benny [is] a fierce expressionist, a true eccentric storyteller with poetry that invited us into many emotional landscapes." - Heartline Reviews AU

These independent stories combined, are a testament to every feeling we've tried to push down, every grieving process we'd thought we'd been in for too long and every dream we haven't quite reached. They're a story of celebrating the humanity and connection we find when we accept where we are in life, however transitory, challenging, mundane or joyous.

"Being a creative is to make something meaningful that connects people to some kind of understanding in such a strange time" - Milly Moon

When: Saturday, 25 April, doors open 5.30pm, show 6-8pm with intermission.
Where: Boyd Rd Theatre, Waihi
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Prize winners

Prize	Name	Entrant
Top 3 Bikes	Glenn Dyball	7006
Top 3 Bikes	Rangi Lyndon	7034
Top 3 Bikes	Joel Armstrong	7029
Top Bike	Joel Armstrong	7029
Top 2 Caravans	Tony Raffles	8015
Top 2 Caravans	Karyn Lambert	8014
Top Caravan	Karyn Lambert	8014
Top 5 Car	Patrick Jenden	28
Top 5 Car	John Gamble	34
Top 5 Car	Rex Moyle	214
Top 5 Car	Steve Salmond	935
Top 5 Car	Reece Melville	977
Top Car	Steve Salmond	935
Top Shop	Pumice Patch	
Cool classic car Coastguard pick	Paul Taylor	428
Whanga books best tot rod	Maddox Kane	
Isometric Young Guns under 25	Joel Griffin	117
Des Rea family pick	Alan & Maxine Rees	284
Best nostalgia Hot rod	Paul Tilsley	121
JCD best pick up	Robyn Ganley	923
RepcO best hot rod	Neil Baker	812
Harcourts best house	103a Charleston Ave	
NZHRA Top car	Tim Kennedy	917
Best custom car	Rex Moyle	214
Rock n roll club banner	Whakatane	
Richard Skelly memorial	Ben Armstrong	
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Winner of Mustang	Kerry (Woody) Wood	
Winner of Harley Davidson	Gary Wi Hongi	

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Repco Beach Hop – could it get any better!

The main show day last Saturday saw the sun return in all the glory, just what the crowds were waiting for, what a fantastic day, glistening cars, rock n roll fashions, oh the markets were terrific, the bands booming the vibe, Harley burn ups and the day had a fever all of its own. We dont talk about a few kids getting a few too many in, because for those of us who love it all, WE ROCKED! Huge thanks to new President Denis Beaver and his tireless crew of incredible volunteers, generating huge income over 5 days, much needed to our township.

Let's do it all again next year - 17-21 March, 2027.

- Jennie Black, Editor. Photos by Mark James, Whangamatā News



Winner of Harley Davidson Gary Wi Hongi from Waitakere, Auckland.



Winner of Mustang Kerry (Woody) Wood from Tauranga.



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- Basement rumpus room, storage, garage, and carport
- Low Maintenance 713sqm freehold site with easy-care gardens
- Includes furniture, appliances, security system and more

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Auction on Site

1pm, Saturday 11 April 2026
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PRICE BY NEG

The Great Entertainer

130 Moana Anu Anu Avenue, Whangamata
5 🚗 3 🚿 2 🚗

- 1357sqm freehold title located on the boundary of reserve
- Serene and natural outlook to bush, reserve and harbour
- Expansive outdoor entertainment area, deck and lawn
- Enviably Entertainer's kitchen
- Open plan living area with dual lounges
- Multipurpose family room
- Dedicated games room complete with bar and pool table



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PRICE BY NEG

Size, Space, Surf & Sunshine

107 Rangī Avenue, Whangamata
4 🚗 2 🚿 1 🚗

- Freehold 809sqm full site
- Popular address near surf beach and estuary
- Open plan kitchen and living area flanked by dual decks
- Second lounge or games room (includes pool table)
- Master bedroom with private balcony
- Large garage and great storage
- Easy care grounds
- Great sun aspect
- Potential for future development



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PRICE BY NEG

Beach & Bay Panorama

209A Esplanade Drive, Whangamata
3+ 🚗 2 🚿 2 🚗

- Waterfront property with panoramic views of the bay
- Dual north-facing upper-level decks with sweeping outlook of beach and islands
- Three/four bedrooms with great separation & guest facilities, two bathrooms (one on each level)
- Open-plan kitchen & living flowing to decks and views
- Easy lock and leave, low maintenance property
- Stroll across to beach for swimming between the flags
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DEADLINE SALE



Beach Road Bonus

303B Beach Road, Whangamata

2 🚗 1 🚗 1 🚗

Deadline Sale (unless sold prior) all offers considered 3pm, 9 April 2026

- Views of the harbour and handy to the water's edge
- Stroll across the road for a swim at high tide
- Easy access for Kayaking or Paddle Boarding
- Elevated level site with easy access and off-street parking and a fully fenced yard
- 479sqm freehold title
- Open plan living with good connection to outdoors
- Dual decks giving all weather options

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DEADLINE SALE



Crowd Pleaser

202 Beverley Terrace, Whangamata

3 🚗 2 🚗 1 🚗

Deadline Sale (unless sold prior) all offers considered 3pm, 30 April 2026

- Located in popular Beverley Terrace
- No roads to cross to get to the beach
- Handy to Town and Surf Club
- Relaxed ground floor living with excellent indoor / outdoor connection
- Expansive north facing deck and lawn area
- Modern kitchen central to multi dining spaces
- Open plan lounge with wood burner
- Garage with auto door

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ENQUIRY OVER \$840,000



It's a Given

303B Given Avenue, Whangamata

3 🚗 1 🚗 1 🚗

- 401sqm Freehold Title
- Single level dwelling with dual decks
- Level grounds with easy access and off street parking
- Carport and handy garden shed for extra storage
- Low maintenance construction, lawns and gardens
- Appeals as a holiday home or rental option
- Suitable as a permanent home or retirement option
- Sunny aspect and popular location

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ENQUIRIES
OVER
\$1,099,000



Timber Charm & Easy Living

203 Tirohanga Drive, Whangamata

3 🚗 2 🚗 2 🚗

- Warm and sunny north-facing aspect
- Feature timber ceiling adding character and charm
- Primary bedroom with ensuite and balcony
- Wood burner and heat pump
- Double garage with workshop
- Separate cabin - ideal for office, studio, or guests
- Good off-street parking
- Fully fenced section - 661sqm Freehold title

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NOW
\$1,150,000



Renovated with Sun & Garaging

107 Sharyn Place, Whangamata

4+ 🚗 1 🚗 2 🚗

- Ideal beach house or permanent home
- Renovated modern interior
- Excellent sun and privacy
- Spacious covered outdoor living
- Beautiful large kitchen
- Heat pump for year-round comfort
- Consented sleepout/garage
- Low-maintenance grounds
- Large 924sqm fully fenced freehold section
- Great garaging

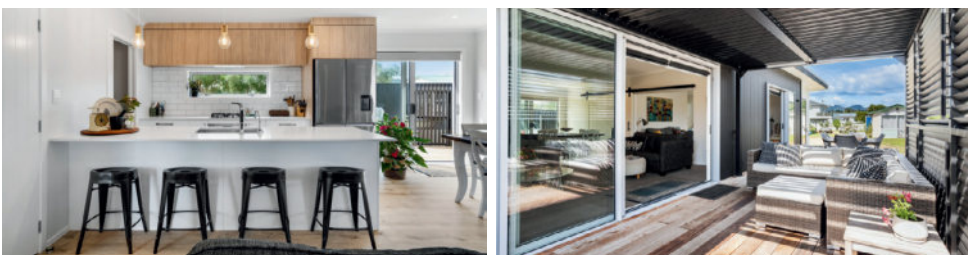
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\$1,465,000



Flexible Beach Living

215A Ocean Road, Whangamata

3 🚗 2 🚗

- Open-plan kitchen, living, and dining
- Main bedroom with walk-in wardrobe and ensuite
- Low-maintenance, lock-and-leave living
- Flexible layout with additional living space
- Barn door allows separation for guests or kids
- Off-street parking
- Garden shed for storage
- Ideal holiday bach or comfortable permanent home
- Recently completed, modern build
- Walk to Whangamata Beach and town

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DEADLINE SALE

Hilltop Holidays

441 Onemana Drive, Onemana

3+ 3

Deadline Sale (unless sold prior) all offers considered 3pm, 29 April 2026

- Panoramic ocean, island and rural views
- Modern kitchen and bathroom
- Generous open plan living
- Cosy wood burner
- Two bedroom cottage
- Separate sleepout & cabin
- Multiple outdoor entertaining options
- Freehold 593sqm full site

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ENQUIRY OVER \$1,195,000

Retro Coastal Classic

101 Titiro Place, Onemana

4 2 3

- Wide views across Onemana Beach
- Well-maintained 1970's dwelling full of retro charm
- Large, home with great proportions & potential
- 3 car garaging options
- Sunny conservatory with lift
- Two deck areas
- 641sqm corner site - freehold title
- Great floor plan
- Two separate entry ways

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NOW \$1,675,000

Architectural Escape

107 Russell Bruce Place, Onemana

4 3

- Architecturally designed by Hillary Priest, built in 2006
- Exceptional entertaining spaces with ocean view
- Sunny north-facing aspect
- Cosy separate lounge with gas fireplace
- Light-filled open-plan living
- Solid kwila flooring
- Quality fittings and finishes throughout
- Private, tropical gardens
- Large freehold 918sqm site (more or less)

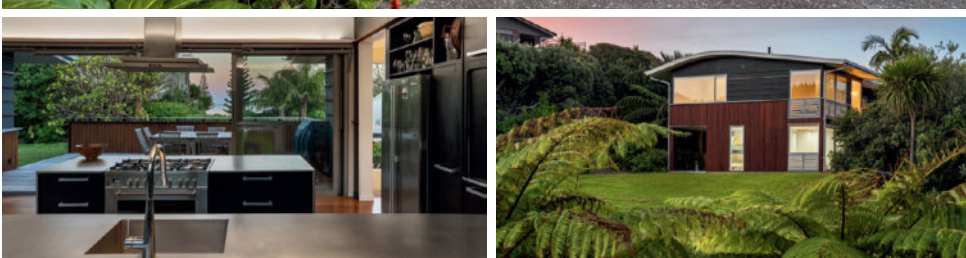
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Realistic Vendors Wants SOLD!

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1 1

- Affordable entry level opportunity
- Sunny elevated one bedroom unit
- Open-plan living with balcony access
- Prime location

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\$935,000

Welcome Home

111 Tobie Place, Whangamata

3+ 1 1

- Ideal family home with a lovely private outlook
- Spacious and sunny backyard
- Recently renovated kitchen and bathroom
- 914sqm section bordering a reserve

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\$1,049,000

Fresh, Modern, Coastal Living

123 Park Avenue, Whangamata

4 2 1

- Set on a rear freehold half site with bush backdrop
- Renovated modern interior
- Designer kitchen & spacious living
- Ample basement storage & future potential

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**ENQUIRIES
OVER
\$765,000**

Sun, Surf & Simplicity

211B Weka Street, Whangamata

2 1

- Open plan kitchen, dining, and lounge area
- Excellent indoor/outdoor flow to a flat lawn area
- Bonus Caravan and garden shed
- Fully fenced and gated yard area

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\$905,000

Beachside Sweetie

511C Ocean Road, Whangamata

2 1

- Overlooking Williamson Park and Surf Beach
- Cross the road for easy access to Beach and swim
- Refurbished unit
- Landscaped grounds & patio area

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Relax & Enjoy

304B Sylvia Road, Whangamata

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- Prime central beach location with great presentation
- Separate serviced garage
- Open plan living with direct access to deck
- Easy access to Surf Club & estuary beach

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\$1,195,000

Motivated Vendor has Purchased

115 Chevron Crescent, Whangamata

4 🚗 2 🚿 1 🚗

- Permanent ocean and island views
- Peaceful elevated cul-de-sac location
- Modern kitchen with excellent views
- Convenient lift access from garaging

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200a Harbour View Road

\$1,395,000

Harbour Attraction

200A Harbour View Road, Whangamata

3 🚗 2 🚿 1 🚗

- Prime harbour, ocean beach location
- 3 double bedrooms + rumpus area
- Exterior reclad including double glazing
- Single garage plus carport

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ENQUIRIES OVER \$799,000

Walk to Estuary & Beach

115A Papanui Road, Whangamata

2 🚗 1 🚿 1 🚗

- Fantastic beach house with relaxed, easy-care living
- Sunny open-plan living, updated kitchen
- Seamless indoor-outdoor flow to deck
- Recently painted and freshened up

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\$1,295,000

Relaxed Beachside Living

409 Tamaki Road, Whangamata

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- Low-maintenance and superbly positioned
- Open-plan kitchen, dining and living with indoor-outdoor flow
- Sunny private deck with shade awning

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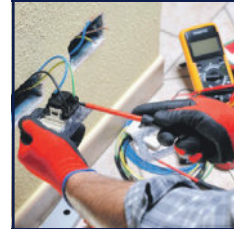
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OBITUARY

Osmers Harry Raymond (Ray)

Passed away peacefully with Lyn by his side on 22nd March aged 89.



Cherished husband of Lyn. Dearly loved father and father-in-law of Graham and Toni, Carol and Brendon, John and Heather. Proud Poppa of Myah, Jade, Alana, Lyndsay, Max, Tom, Indi and 5 great grandchildren.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful staff at Tairua Residential Care who took such loving care of Ray.

A private celebration of Ray's life to be held in April.

Any communications to 027 350 0408 or 027 651 9588.

PUBLIC NOTICES

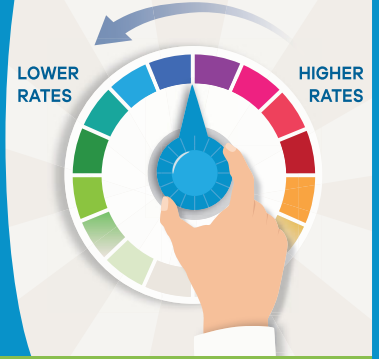
Whangamata Hospice & Cancer Support Trust AGM

23 April, 2026, 5.15pm,
512 Port Rd, Whangamata (foyer of Hart and Lowe Solicitors).
All welcome. Contact Sheena 027 289 2070.

PUBLIC NOTICES



What matters most to you?



We're asking for your thoughts on some tough choices to help keep rates affordable for 2026/27.

To do that, we're putting several trade-offs on the table:

reducing mowing and garden maintenance

changing opening hours at some Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations

increasing fees and introducing new charges

reducing selected rates remissions

We know these aren't easy choices, and each one has an impact. That's why it's so important we hear from you.

Feedback is open now until **Tuesday 28 April.**



Scan the code or visit our website to learn more and **share your feedback.**

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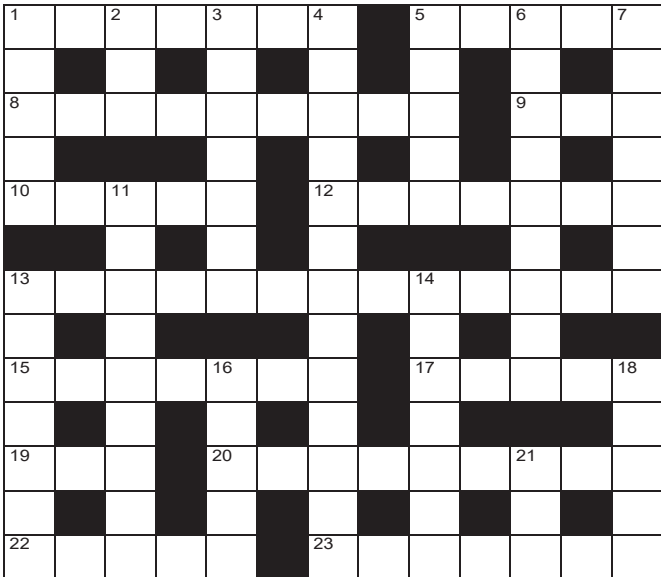
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APRIL 2026		New Moon: 17 th				Full Moon: 2 nd					
Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set
		AM		PM		AM		PM			
3	Fri	8:51	1.9	21:19	1.9	2:35	0.4	15:01	0.4	07:30	19:08
4	Sat	9:33	1.9	22:00	1.9	3:19	0.4	15:42	0.4	07:30	19:06
5	Sun	9:13	1.9	21:40	1.9	3:00	0.5	15:22	0.4	07:31	19:05
6	Mon	9:51	1.8	22:19	1.9	3:41	0.5	16:00	0.4	06:32	18:03
7	Tue	10:30	1.8	23:00	1.8	4:22	0.5	16:38	0.5	06:33	18:02
8	Wed	11:10	1.8	23:42	1.8	5:03	0.6	17:18	0.5	06:34	18:01
9	Thu			11:52	1.7	5:47	0.6	18:00	0.6	06:35	17:59
10	Fri	0:28	1.7	12:38	1.7	6:33	0.7	18:46	0.6	06:36	17:58
11	Sat	1:18	1.7	13:28	1.7	7:22	0.7	19:37	0.6	06:37	17:56
12	Sun	2:10	1.7	14:22	1.6	8:14	0.7	20:31	0.6	06:38	17:55
13	Mon	3:03	1.7	15:19	1.7	9:08	0.6	21:27	0.6	06:39	17:53
14	Tue	3:56	1.8	16:16	1.7	10:02	0.6	22:22	0.6	06:39	17:52
15	Wed	4:47	1.8	17:12	1.8	10:55	0.5	23:16	0.5	06:40	17:51
16	Thu	5:37	1.9	18:05	1.9	11:47	0.4		0.4	06:41	17:49
17	Fri	6:27	1.9	18:57	1.9	0:08	0.4	12:38	0.3	06:42	17:48
18	Sat	7:17	2.0	19:48	2.0	0:59	0.4	13:28	0.2	06:43	17:46
19	Sun	8:08	2.0	20:39	2.1	1:50	0.3	14:18	0.2	06:44	17:45
20	Mon	8:59	2.0	21:30	2.1	2:42	0.3	15:08	0.2	06:45	17:44
21	Tue	9:51	2.0	22:23	2.1	3:35	0.3	15:58	0.2	06:46	17:42
22	Wed	10:45	2.0	23:18	2.0	4:29	0.3	16:50	0.2	06:47	17:41
23	Thu	11:40	1.9			5:25	0.4	17:44	0.3	06:47	17:40
24	Fri	0:15	2.0	12:38	1.9	6:23	0.4	18:41	0.4	06:48	17:39
25	Sat	1:14	1.9	13:39	1.8	7:23	0.5	19:41	0.4	06:49	17:37
26	Sun	2:14	1.9	14:41	1.8	8:24	0.5	20:43	0.5	06:50	17:36
27	Mon	3:13	1.9	15:43	1.8	9:23	0.5	21:44	0.5	06:51	17:35
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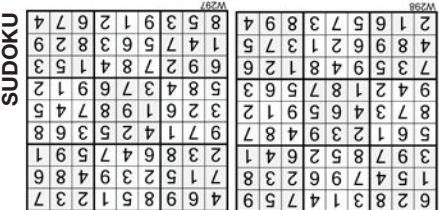
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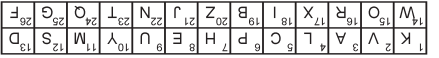
- Across**
 1. Without purpose (7)
 5. Huckleberry Finn author (5)
 8. Burial (9)
 9. Fowl (3)
 10. Power (5)
 12. Strand from a climbing plant (7)
 13. Awareness (13)
 15. Extend (7)
 17. Rooftop room (5)
 19. Ailing (3)
 20. Place of safety (9)
 22. Verse (5)
 23. Snake (7)
- Down**
 1. Statement accepted as being true (5)
 2. Encountered (3)
 3. Unpredictable (7)
 4. Words of affection (5,8)
 5. Giant (5)
 6. Distasteful (9)
 7. Confuse (7)
 11. In most cases (9)
 13. Teller (7)
 14. Strew (7)
 16. Flavour (5)
 18. Burial chamber (5)
 21. Cut (3)

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SOLUTIONS



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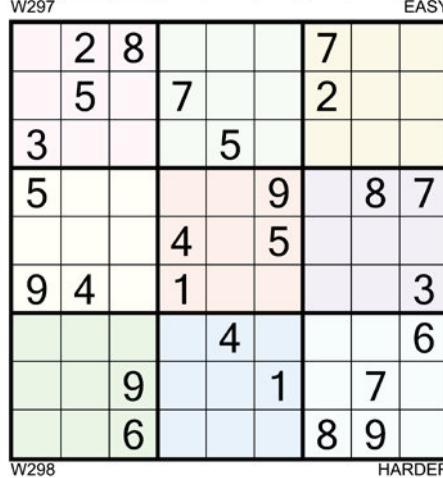
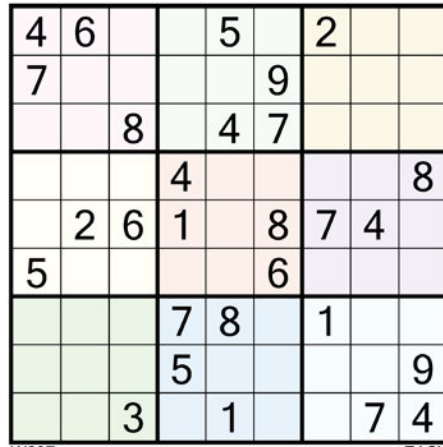


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- Across:** 1. Tap dance, 5. Scam, 8. Reversal, 10. Clod, 11. RSA, 13. Spring, 14. Swam, 15. Extras, 17. Breeze, 19. Scrum, 20. Niger, 22. Egg, 24. Asia, 25. Regulars, 26. Keel, 27. Nauseous.
Down: 1. Thresher shark, 2. Paver, 3. Aerogramme, 4. Ellis, 6. Collate, 7. Mid life crisis, 9. Army, 12. Astronauts, 16. Turbine, 18. Wage, 21. Guano, 23. Gln.

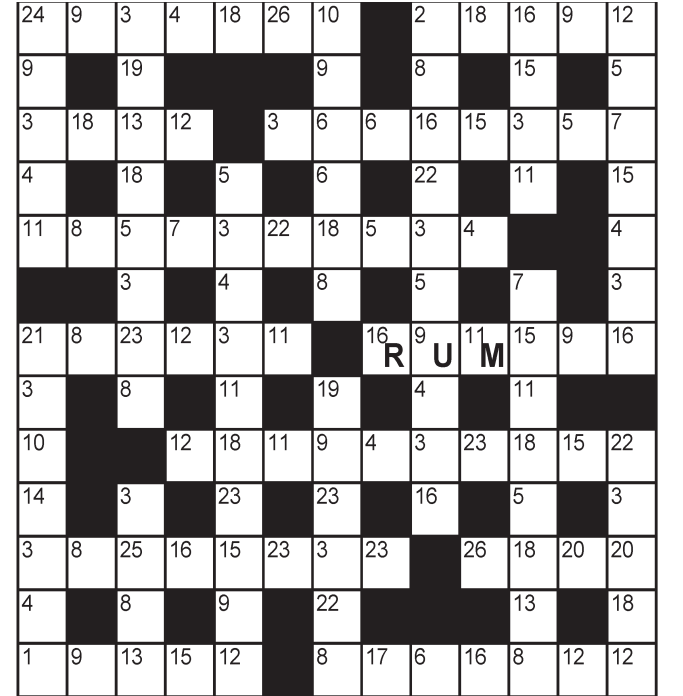
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Fill the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9



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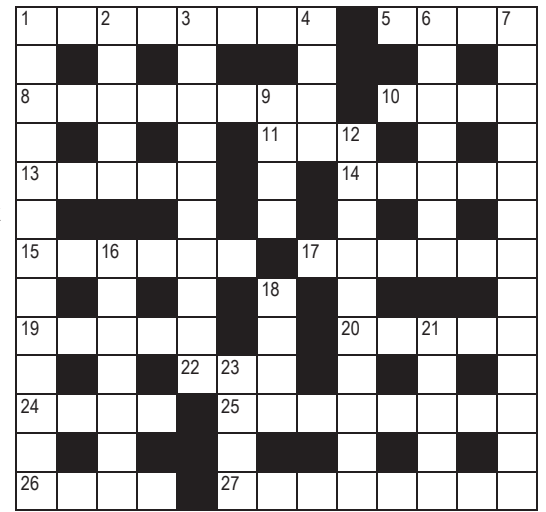
Each number below represents a different letter. Find the correct letter for each number by working out the word from the letters given. To keep track, cross the letters off on the grid below.



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

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- Across**
 1. Stage act – dangerous if done in the bathroom! (3,5)
 5. No Oriental reclamations – it's a fraud! (4)
 8. A total about turn with lapel (for example), Albert (8)
 10. 150 overdose on dirt (4)
 11. Meeting place of old masters at arms initially (3)
 13. Put a bit of herb on the football boot (5)
 14. Master paddled one (5)
 15. A paid crowd for the cricket match? (6)
 17. By the sound of it French cheeses can cause wind (9)
 19. Players in the pack (5)
 20. It's one way to get to Timbuktu (5)
 22. To get in you need to open a crack (3)
 24. Runt led out naturalised Oriental (4)
 25. They could be seen in 11 – on most days (8)
 26. A vegetable found back on the yacht (4)
 27. So, Una and Sue make you sick (8)
- Down**
 1. Her harsh treks may find a bite in the ocean (8,5)
 2. He will lay it (5)
 3. Drop a line – from an aircraft? (10)
 4. 45 inch letters (4)
 6. Lot Alec will assemble perhaps (7)
 7. 40 year itch? (3,4,6)
 9. Mary & Myra joined forces? (4)



- 12.** Their occupation is out of this world! (10)
16. Uri bent the big wheel (7)
18. Engage in earnings (4)
21. No gastric sugar-coating by the smell of it! (5)
23. Reveals smiling ring of smugness (4)

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