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FRONT COVER

Lockdown level 4, top: Scarcely a soul to be seen. Below: Locals and visitors come out in their droves for some retail therapy.
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Editorial

Wouldn't it be nice...

Bring back level 4!!

Well, I don't really mean that because our local retailers need us!

But wouldn't it be nice if we could get those cars off the road (maybe have a driverless road tram system cruising around Whanga!), have the shops open, reduce pollution (no doubt the Himalayas, not seen in decades from Delhi because of pollution, will be covered again with smog); keep in touch with friends and family by walking or using the tram - and not have to worry about passing on bugs.

Back in level 4, the only sound was the tui and other birds

happily enjoying their quieter world, and the sound of rubber tyres from cycles on the road.

Level 3 saw a sudden influx of overnight travellers (we live on a main road so were well aware of the extra movements) but it was still fairly quiet.

Bring on level 2 and what happens? A mass explosion of people and vehicles in town.

Last Thursday, first day of level 2, we walked into town and everywhere, people were spending.

It was as though the dams of lockdown fiscal restraints had burst.

Everyone was smiling - retailers

and shoppers! And I couldn't get sushi or other takeaways for lunch for love or money as they couldn't keep up with phone orders.

And by Saturday, practically every house in Whangamata was occupied, the sound of lawnmowers and weed-eaters filling the air, and the cafes and shops trying to cope with demand.

Long may it last, I say - bring on level 1. Our retailers need the cash (or contactless payment) to make up for seven weeks of income-drought.

We urge everyone to SHOP LOCAL, SUPPORT LOCAL - and SMILE! - Lesley Staniland



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Awesome Terry

Since Terry and Michelle took over as the NZ Courier contractor/owner drivers for Whangamata we have been spoilt.

We now have Saturday deliveries, and each and every day Terry ensures all the deliveries are made.

Be it the red van or the white one, he is driving about getting our goodies, products and supplies to us and picking up along the way.

During lockdown he is still running about making sure we get the deliveries and picking up those we want sent.

Keeping social distancing and managing to do this with signatures needed has been done wonderfully.

So Terry, keep on doing your wonderful job because we of

Whangamata appreciate it all.

Jude Oliver
WHANGAMATA

Changes at medical centre

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for their patience, cooperation and understanding over the past weeks. We have recently implemented some new procedures to ensure a safe environment for those visiting the practice during the current COVID-19 situation - many of which will be ongoing.

We are offering the majority of our consultations via phone (standard fees apply), however, there will be instances when patients will need to be seen in person. On those occasions we will provide specific instructions via text message.

Please make sure reception have your correct details when booking your appointment.

We now have a RED ZONE for the assessment of people experiencing any of the following symptoms of a respiratory tract infection: cold/runny nose, sore throat, fevers, muscle aches, headache, cough, phlegm, chest pains, diarrhoea. Patients will be given dedicated appointment times.

The rest of the centre will be a GREEN ZONE whereby patients who are not experiencing any of the above symptoms can be seen and treated accordingly.

We would like to encourage all our patients over the age of 16 to join our Online Portal, MyIndici. This secure system allows patients to access their health information 24/7 from their computer, phone or device,

including; requesting repeat prescriptions, communicating with their health professional and more. Signing up takes two minutes and interested patients need to provide a copy of their photo ID and individual email address.

A final reminder that we are open and here for you. To arrange an appointment, or to obtain advice please ring 078658032.

Whangamata Medical Centre

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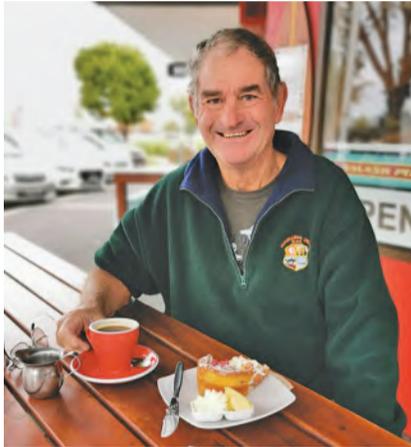
Retailers, too, were smiling as the eftpos machines were put under pressure.

By the weekend, they were reporting 'insane, crazy, hectic' days.

Deprived for seven weeks of the ability to get out there and spend on 'real' things, shoppers were out in their droves.

We asked people what was the first thing they bought on their first day of relative freedom:

- by Lesley Staniland & Jennie Black



Don Adamson, Pauanui, came to town for a cup of coffee and a cooked breakfast at Smash Pipi.



Christine Green and Lorna Lamdon: Sushi from Minato Sushi.

Whangamata News also contributed to the local economy at several outlets!



Alan Eustace: A cup of coffee and a haircut at Sorenson's for Hair and Beauty.



The Tautuhi Family: Kahu Tautuhi, 2, and her sister Lula, 5, were tired but keeping warm in their furry hats while mum Amy went shopping.



Bob and Beryl Harkin were heading for 100% Whangamata for some potting mix.



Happy retailers at 100% Whangamata are, from left, Sue, Liam and John.



Lyn Bryant: Magazines - at last!



Jim Green: Coffee!



Paulene Rollo: Meat from Meat at the Beach, where she also picked up the latest copy of *Whangamata NEWS*.

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A 'serendipitous' find!

'Serendipitous!'

That's the word used over and over by a very excited Kristan Lopes when she and her son-in-law Nathan Harvey's treasured gold sovereign ring were reunited.

Lost at the top end of Beach Road, Whangamata, back in February, the pair scoured the beach to no avail.

On April 19, Kristan was driving along Port Rd with her son when she spotted Ross Arthur with a metal detector.

'We screeched to a halt and I ran over to him.'

She explained her son-in-law's predicament to Ross and described what had been lost and roughly where.

Next morning was low tide and Ross decided he had time to go and do a 'sweep' for the ring.

'I thought that after seven to eight weeks it would've been washed away during the high tides and there was a pretty slim chance of finding it.'

The result, as Kristan says, was

'serendipitous'.

The metal detector sent a positive signal and Ross dug into the sand, finding the ring buried about 15cm deep, slightly dented but fixable.

Kristan and Ross (pictured) met the next day at the beach and the ring was handed over - at a Covid-19 distance - with Kristan wearing face mask, gloves and with hand sanitizer at the ready.

Ross said he bought his metal detector about three years ago and it had more than paid for itself with items he had found.

'A lot of it is money - loose change that's fallen from someone's pockets - but I have found some rings too. Anything valuable that I find goes to the Police, like a ring I found at Whitianga once.

'We advertised it in The Informer but no one claimed it so the Police gave it back to me.'

- Lesley Staniland



Kristan Lopes tries to obey the 2m rule when being reunited with her son-in-law's precious ring.

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New life for Whangamata Info Centre

Thames-Coromandel District Council has granted approval for the Whangamata Multi-Sport Club to take over management of the Whangamata Information Centre.

The club will manage, service and operate the centre from July 1.

The management and operation of the information centre will be led by Richard White, General Manager, of the Whangamata MultiSport Club, supported by wife Lynne White and daughter-in-law Rachel Forbes.

Richard has an extensive business background working with high-growth start-ups, SMEs and exporters, and was previously employed by NZ Trade and Enterprise and in the commercial and corporate banking field.

He was also Trade Commissioner to India from 2012 - 2015.

Rachel has a background in project and event management,

marketing and sponsorship.

She has worked in London, travelled extensively and is passionate about tourism.

She believes the Information Centre has the potential to play a significantly more pivotal role in the Whangamata community.

Their vision is to refine the current business model to one that is community focused, but sustainable and ready for growth when the world returns to normal post-COVID-19.

Their aim is to deliver on the potential that exists to create a community hub that is open, collaborative and supportive to all businesses and stakeholders.

The club's principal activity is the progressive development of a mountain bike park to serve the local community and the region's many active tourist visitors.

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Whangamata RSA

LOCKDOWN, a new word in our vocabulary, has changed our lives. Hopefully you have survived in good spirits and good health.

Since the lockdown there has been a bit going on. When we finally got to level three we were able to replace our carpet and make changes to the handicap toilet units to make them more wheelchair friendly.

When our members walk in the door, they will see a refreshed club albeit with a few changes for the level two requirements.

We have been busy deciphering the large volumes of regulations and information that has been supplied and yes, it is going to be different when you come to enjoy our RSA again.

It will be the same for all of us. Whatever we do will be to protect our members as a lot of our members are in the vulnerable age group.

Personal hygiene will be your responsibility to keep up.

The committee will be working to set the RSA up as per the

level two regulations, so we ask our members to respect the changes, keep to the distances required and abide by the new rules.

So, we hope to see you come and enjoy our facility again since we opened our doors again on May 21. Ying's Restaurant opened last Thursday. It is going to be a new normal - we will be learning as we go and remember, we are doing this for our members and eventually their guests as the alert level regulations allow.

If you are not a member, or have been thinking of becoming a member, now is the time to join - just \$35 special deal, which takes membership until the end of June 2021, plus Kids Club is free.

Remember serving defence force personnel and serving members of our police force are complimentary - just sign up via our membership application on our website.

Well done Whangamata, you have been great at being kind to each other and you have looked after those who need it.

- Geoff March, President

OPINION

Bamboozled

Nothing quite prepared us for the uncertainty that attended a plea [in May] by NZME [owner of NZ Herald, regional and community newspapers] for the Commerce Commission to authorise a quick marriage to Stuff.

It was followed in short-order by a quickie divorce petition from Stuff's Australian owner Nine Entertainment Group.

One suggested the parties were on course for a deal.

The other suggested the exact opposite.

The fact that both parties made statements to their respective stock exchanges suggests each believes its position on merger talks to be correct.

The commission merely acknowledged receipt of the request.

The Minister of Communications, Kris Faafoi, said nothing about the letter seeking his support.

And the Prime Minister batted away questions, citing "commercial confidentiality".

Surely, as the day progressed,

clarity would emerge? No, it did not.

The sun left Auckland, passed over the Tasman and told Nine's executives they could finish for the day.

Had it been able to penetrate the depths, it might have revealed a kink in the submarine cable linking the two nations.

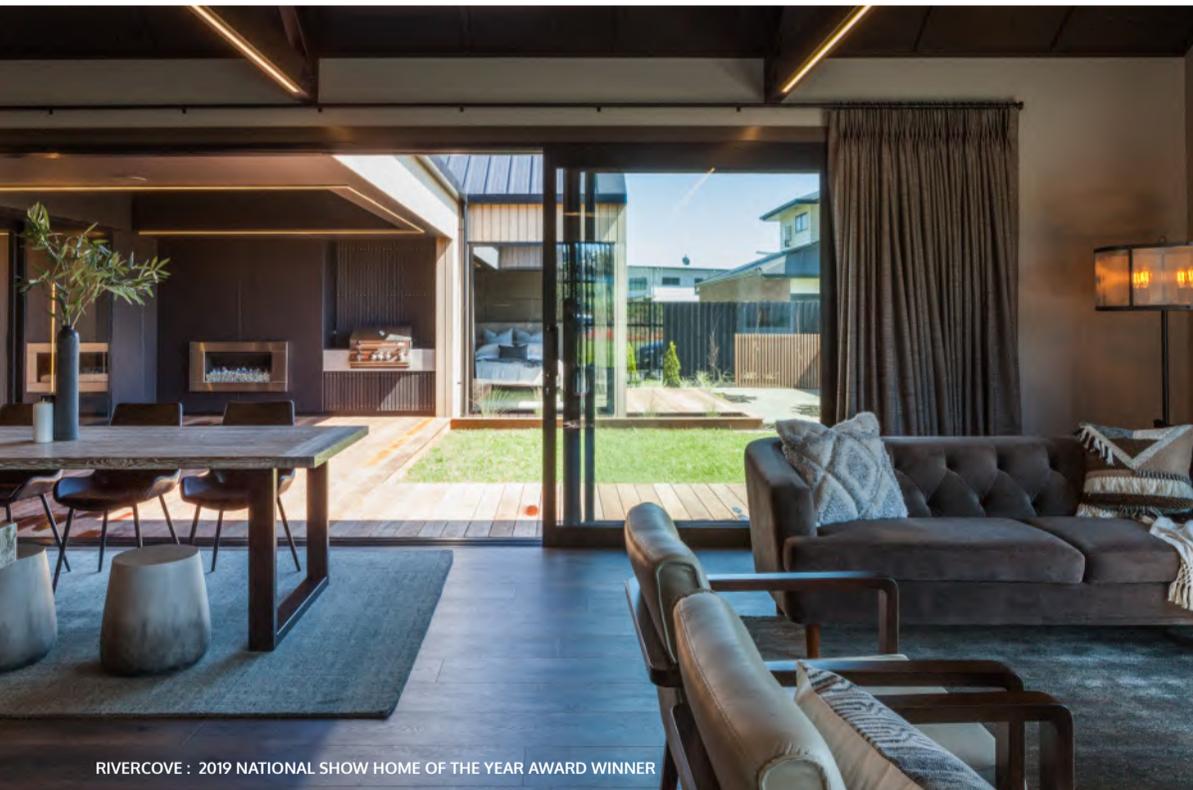
That seems to be the only plausible reason there could be such profoundly confused communication between NZME and Nine.

The reversals that have attended the protracted on again-off again merger talks have the makings of a movie.

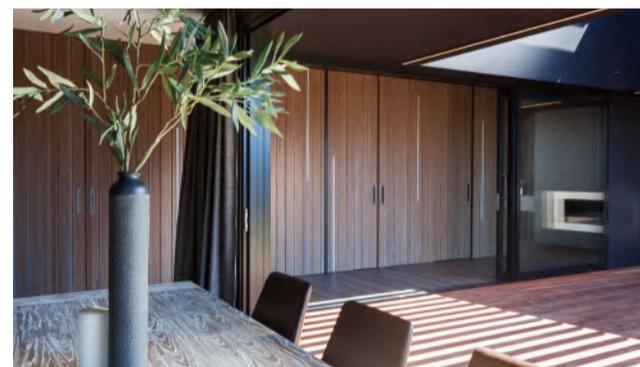
In 1967, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore wrote and starred in a very funny retelling of the legend of Faust. It was called *Bedazzled*.

We might call this one *Bamboozled*.

- Dr Gavin Ellis (Auckland), media consultant, author and researcher



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'Kiwis on the farm' escape South America

Sue and Geoff March are home after a South American trip was unexpectedly extended because of the Covid-19 pandemic (story Whangamata NEWS, May 8).

Quarantined in Argentina (all foreigners were treated as potential virus spreaders) the couple ended up in isolation in a rural area 11 hours from Buenos Aires, on a camping property run by one of their former exchange students.

'It was the best place for us to be,' Geoff said.

'Had we been in a city it would have cost a fortune to be holed up in a hotel.'

'Mariana (former student) looked after us well - from a distance. In return we did chores around the property and I made them some wooden people and kiwis out of the firewood we chopped.'

One day came the welcome news they were waiting for - Australia's embassy was sending a Qantas aircraft to Buenos Aires to repatriate Australians stranded there.

With a few seats left vacant, the flight was opened up to Kiwis.

'The van did a circuit picking up other people then drove to Buenos



Sue March, left, with Kay Gregan and husband Geoff - all are happy to see Sue and Geoff home again.

Aires - a round trip for the two drivers of 22 hours.'

Sue and Geoff had registered with NZ Government department Safe Travel before heading to Argentina. Once in lockdown, they became known through official channels in Argentina as 'the Kiwis on the farm'.

Meanwhile, pulling strings in the background, pulling her hair out and generally coming to terms with bureaucracy was Whangamata travel broker Kay Gregan.

Kay did all she could, emailing, talking (via Zoom) to various government departments, embassies here, there and everywhere, liaising with Geoff and Sue, preparing paperwork for the couple to show to Federal Police, local police, navy, army and others at checkpoints on their journey to BA and, as she described it, 'trying to put all the pieces of the puzzle together'.

Sue said they were stopped 18 times on that trip to Buenos Aires.

At the airport, they joined the

Australian contingent and the aircraft crew - all who volunteered their time - came out to meet them.

'Everyone erupted into cheers - they were so glad to realise that at last they were heading home,' Geoff said.

The trip home was long, cramped and tedious - no entertainment, no food or drink service apart from a lunch box with water handed out at the start.

Ironically, (with Geoff being president of the Whangamata RSA) the flight home happened on Anzac Day.

After the 17 hour journey, Sue and Geoff landed in Auckland and put into 14-days quarantine.

Sue developed a sniffle so the couple were moved to a 'hospital' hotel at Mangere where Sue was tested - and cleared of the virus.

'It is fantastic to be home in Whangamata with our amazing community,' Geoff said.

They are planning to return to South America to complete their visit to their seven former exchange students, after getting to see just two of them.

- Lesley Staniland



Some of the cheerful creations Geoff made for his hosts while in lockdown in Argentina.

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I hope each of you have arrived safe and well, as we ease into level 2. The travel/tourism is the hardest hit industry in New Zealand, however the domestic market is open more than ever. Let us explore our beautiful country.

I am planning travel packages for New Zealand with key suppliers to bring affordable and safe travel. My recent Nothing But Dreams 'Wine, Women & Song' tour, with NZ Music Legend Tina Cross ONZM was a resounding success. To hear 'it exceeded our expectations' was a great affirmation.

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How has your business coped during the Covid-19 lockdown? Covid-19 has had a huge impact on our business. Reducing costs and coming up with new ways to operate is now the priority. We are extremely fortunate to be in Whangamata with a landlord who values us, and some exceptional locals who support us. Within minutes of the announcement we would move to level 2, some of our regulars had already pre-booked tables - and we can't wait to see them!

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Gordon Turner: First National Whangamata, Tairua & Waihi Beach

How long have you been in business? I've been in the real estate business here since February 1987 as a salesperson, bought my first real estate office in 1989, had two others in between and then bought First National Whangamata in April 2001. I have previously owned offices in Huntly, Mount Maunganui, and Lower Hutt.

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How has your business coped during the Covid-19 lockdown? Like many businesses we are taking a hard hit from the lockdown. Marketing real estate is an expensive business and going forward we will have to make changes to how we do this. We are making them now. Some good things have come of it, one being we now have staff meetings via a Zoom type platform! There's no excuse that you're not available!

Future growth: What doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Providing we have some kind of market to work with, the future looks great. We've been here before and we are one of three local real estate companies to survive the GFC - there were eight before that. We will rise from the ashes again and be better and stronger. Bring it on!



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Planet Earth: Past, present and future

The end of the Stone Age came abruptly when the first plough was invented; regarded in evolution terms as the first 'machine' designed by humans.

From that momentous point in history the age of Anthropocene came into being.

This age depicts when intelligent human beings began, and continued at an ever accelerating pace, to design and develop the world of machines -beginning with the steam engine (to draw water up from mines), to steam trains (remember Stephenson's rocket).

Aeroplanes came later (remember the Wright Brothers). Today we have at our disposal machines that can do almost everything to appease the masses and to make life as easy as possible.

We have huge and vastly complicated aircraft at our immediate disposal, that can take anyone half way around the world in a few hours at the drop of a ticket to ride.

Much of the affluent western part of the world take the automation and innovation of machinery as 'progress' and this is taken completely for granted by modern living standards, and regarded

as everyone's' rite to its being, while the remaining part of the world languish in extreme poverty, with no hope for any of the basic necessities of life, including food.

Unfortunately there does not seem to be any remedy for this situation.

There is an obvious downside to such 'progress' with everyone living well in the western world; albeit the pressures and stress of modern living is accepted by society.

At bottom line there continues the real threat to our beautiful planet; greed by world governments and big business overrides every other consideration.

Financial gain and greed remains forever King.

In this modern world the age Anthropocene also includes the recording of major geological issues, and has charted the health of the planet over several centuries.

Included in the ever continuing updating of information is a graphical presentation showing

that a slow but steady rate of deterioration of more than 24 major issues concerning the geological health of the planet up to the 1950s.

From the 1950s to the present, the graphical representation becomes exponential and shows an ever decreasing and very rapid depletion of vital chemicals, minerals, deforestation, global warming, fossil fuels, and loss of habitat by many animal species, all vital to the health of the planet and should be of major concern to everyone living a healthy life today.

Geological time is becoming very short. There is no forgiveness from nature for the folly and demand of continual pecuniary gain.

Anthropocene is coming to a close and is being replaced rapidly by the age of Novacene.

There is currently a period of overlap of these two ages until, in the near future, the age of Novacene will become the overriding and dominant innovation to 'progress'.

Novacene is the (near) future age of superintelligence, these are future machines that includes ever increasing developments of automation for production purposes; these future machines will 'think' ten thousand times faster than the human brain, and able solve problems.

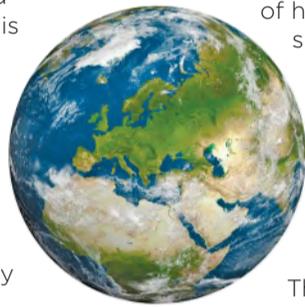
Currently being designed and developed in various parts of the world, super intelligent machines will include the common use of humanoids that can assist domestically, and in commercial or office environments, and many other applications.

The current and growing inventory of intelligent machines, mainly referred to as robots, can for instance, complete 90% of the laborious tasks required to assemble new cars on the assembly lines of all major car manufacturers.

Many other applications of robots exist today and the future of hyper intelligence is close in this Novacene age.

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- Ivor Bray



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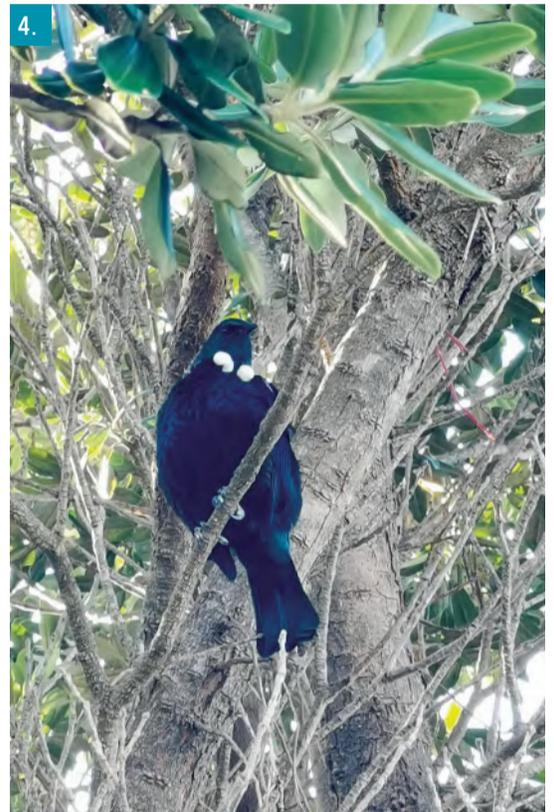
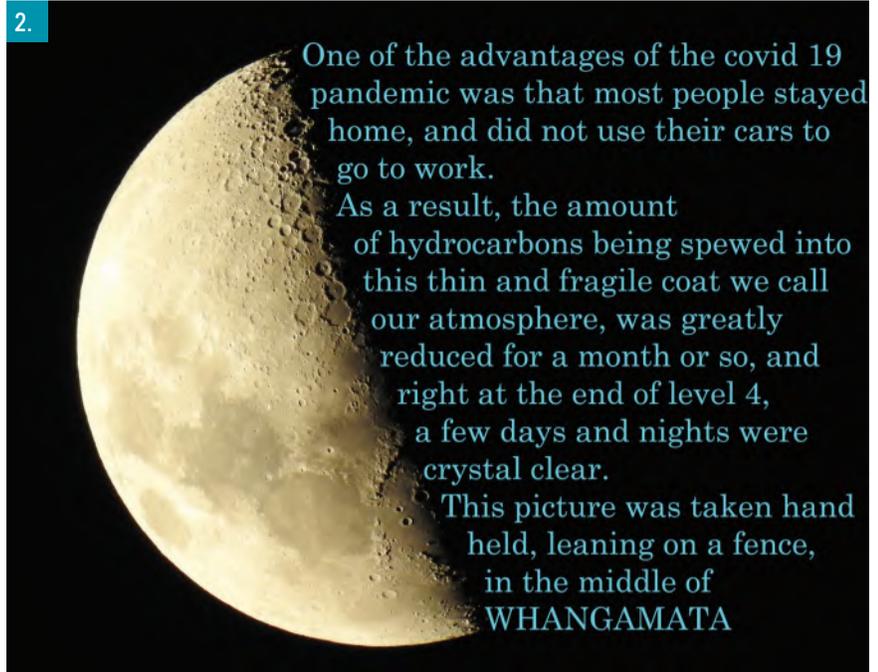
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1. A stealthy approach and the use of a long lens allowed photographer Colin McGaughran to capture this goldfinch.

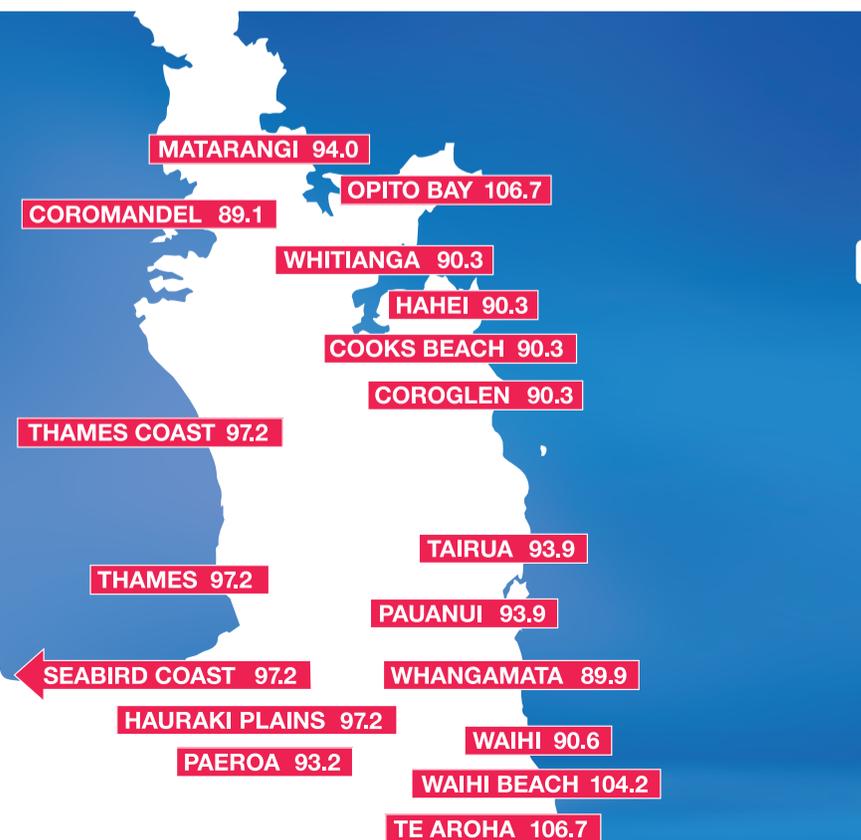
2. The moon. Photo by Peter Charles.

3. Nui enjoys the rustling sound of autumn leaves. Photo by Mark James.

4. Tuis were in full voice during lockdown 4 & level 3. Photo by Peter West.

5. Aviators always keep a close eye on the sky. Photo by Peter West.

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With unemployment rocketing up at 1000 people a day, it's clear that many thousands of New Zealanders are in for a long, hard and worrying winter.

The figures are shocking right here in our own backyard on the Coromandel – compared with April 2019, the percentage of those applying for the unemployment benefit has increased by a massive 33 per cent in the Thames-Coromandel district.

That's an indication of how hard our local businesses have been hit

and especially those in the tourism sector.

Yes, there were lots of dollars allocated in the Budget, about \$50 billion in fact. But just announcing things isn't actually doing things.

However this Budget wasn't so much a plan as it was a sobering reminder of how far we as a country have to go to fix our economy.

There is very little in the way of a growth plan, beyond the \$230 million to encourage entrepreneurship and some

announcements in infrastructure that we all know they will struggle to deliver.

And while we agree that Government support is necessary to save jobs, we must be mindful that every dollar spent in today's Budget will need to be paid back.

The cost of that debt is about \$80,000 for every New Zealand household.

That's debt that will be a burden on not only today's taxpayers but on our children and grandchildren for decades to come.

Ultimately, Government debt is taxpayer's debt. It's individual New Zealander's debt and like all debt, it means future options are limited and constrained by that debt.

There is now a very real prospect the debt will be paid back with increased taxes.

What this Budget lacks is cohesion, any detail and accountability of how it will be spent and what it will achieve.

If the Government had a credible record of delivering it perhaps wouldn't be so worrying, but sadly I fear we are all in for a very rocky road ahead.

So what can we do as individuals to help out right now?

We can all help make things easier by getting out and supporting local businesses, by spending money locally and if you're planning a winter holiday, making it a local road trip holiday.

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*- Authorised by Scott Simpson MP,
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We are still in restricted fire season as things are still dry out there.

Permits are required which can be applied for on [checkitsalright.nz](https://www.checkitsalright.nz).

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The brigade functioned well during the lockdown with reduced crew numbers and extra precautions taken.

Several members were in the frontline at their work places and their efforts were valued. I publicly acknowledge their efforts.

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Wishing you well.

- Nigel Airey, CFO

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Reminiscences of Whanga 70 years ago

Local woman Marie Wise first visited Whangamata about 1948-49.

Here's an excerpt of her memories, as published in a book, True Tales of the Coromandel's Eastern Seaboard, compiled and coordinated for the Treasury, The Coromandel Heritage Trust, by Anne Stewart Ball with editorial assistance from David Rushforth.

My Mum bought a section here for 50 pounds with some money she had won on a horse. I didn't know her as a gambler but it was a rare occasion and it was the horse's name which made her decide.

My younger sister from Taumaranui [sic] bought the

back half which was covered in pine trees, toi toi, ferns, etc... it was in Philomel Road, right where the Whangamata Club dining area is now.

My youngest brother... was learning carpentry so with the two older brothers, my husband Ian and a friend we cleared the land and started building.

Marie's sister's bach was built where the club's dance floor and part of the car park are now - 'the same place where my brother caught a kunikuni pig. He took it to Matamata and made a pet of it', Marie wrote.

Marie's brother Roger Garnett was a foundation member of the Whangamata Club.

To be continued...

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Welcome Waitomo!

Waitomo self-serve pumps will open in Casement Road at 10am on May 25.

Managing Director Jimmy Ormsby will be there to pump petrol for customers - and if they've loaded the Waitomo app to their cellphones, there will be no need for the driver to leave the car.

After the 25th, use the app to book a pump and pay, then hop out and pump your own - an advantage if it's raining!

Mr Ormsby said he was happy with progress on the site.

'We made good progress pre-lockdown and the guys are well and truly on the job again since level 2,' Mr Ormsby said.

'We're looking forward to having this facility open. It will be the first after Covid-19.'

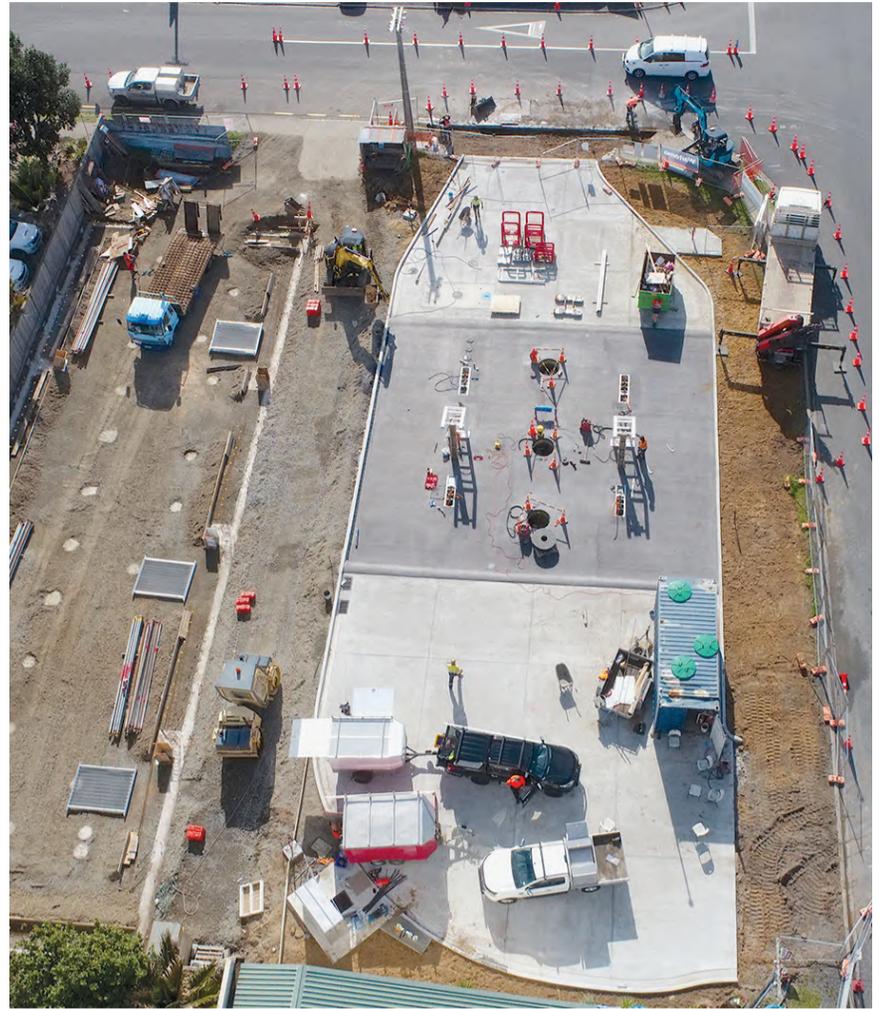
He said the company was not always the cheapest supplier of petrol 'but we will do our best'.

'We have had the most competitive prices across the year. However, Covid-19 has affected everyone and we need to operate sustainably.

'While world oil prices have dropped dramatically, like a lot of Kiwi businesses we have suffered during lockdown.'

He said he was looking forward to opening day and serving petrol to local motorists.

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Dog registration fees are on the rise

At its May meeting, TCDC approved the early adoption of dog fees for the 2020-2021 financial year.

Dog registration letters to owners will be sent out

Loads of rubbish

Full Kerbside service with blue bags at the kerb, glass in crates and wheelie bins for other recyclables is again under way.

From June 1 the only plastic types to be collected are

those with 1 and 2 on them. Other plastics numbered 3 to 7 or unnumbered should go in to the blue bag used for general rubbish.

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