



Whangamatā & Waihi NEWS

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Two communities welcome road opening



Golden Valley Road, Waihi, officially reopened to through traffic last week. Closed since May 2023 due to heavy rain and wind made the road impassable.

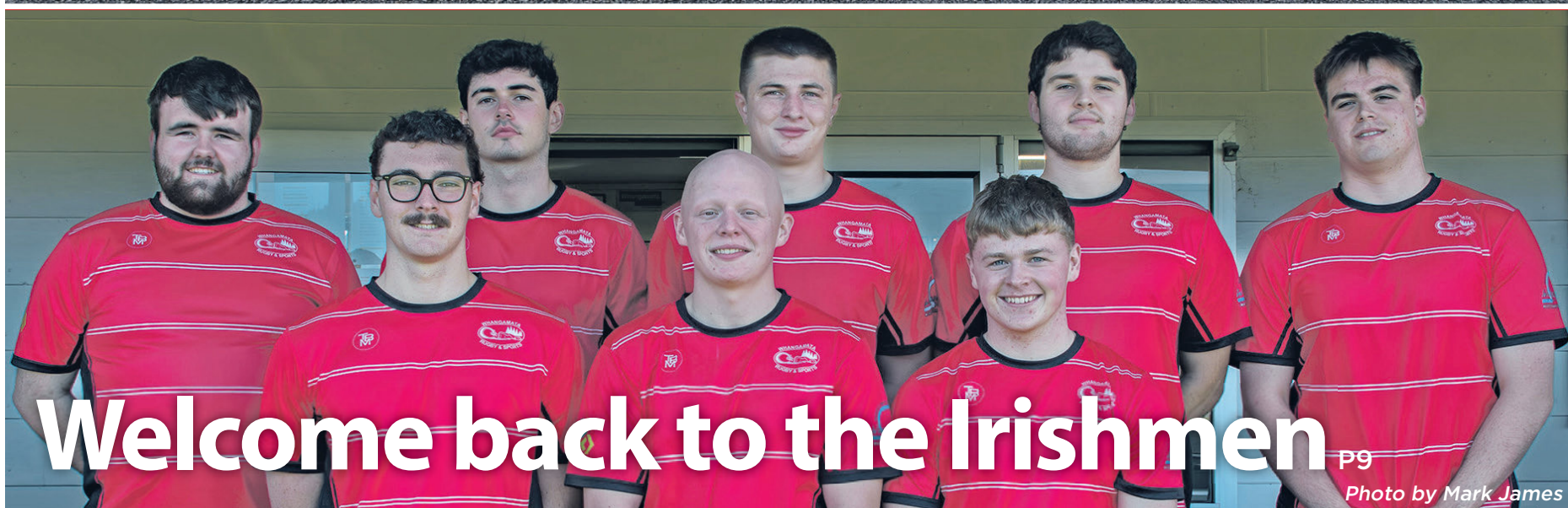
The HDC Project Team, Mayor Toby, NZTA and the Contractors involved in this complex

road rehabilitation stand on the newly completed stretch that was washed away.

Golden coloured shears were used to cut the ribbon today, reopening of Golden Valley Road to through traffic after a closure of two years due to storm damage.

Mayor Toby Adams from Waihi happily wielded the appropriately coloured golden shears as he cut the yellow ribbon to officially reopen the road. He congratulated the HDC Project Team and all the contractors on a job well done.

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Welcome back to the Irishmen

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Photo by Mark James



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Breaking news!



Whangamatā News is one of 85 newspapers in the NZ Community Newspapers Association.

On the night of 9 May, at the CNA Annual Conference for Awards Ceremony in Christchurch, we are delighted to announce that we won the Best Photographer of the Year 2024 and the Best Front Covers of the Year 2024 awards.

A huge congratulations to Mark James, our photographer, and Anna Gledhill, our amazing graphic designer!

The judges stated for Best Photographer 2024: "The portfolio showed a broad range of angles and depth. Strong composition and stunning colour. Extremely high-quality work."

And also for the Best Front pages, from the judges: "Whangamatā News was the stand-out. It says its readers regularly comment on its great design and layout, and that's no surprise. I'd certainly pick one up. Its contrasting styles were a joy; the headlines crisp and clever."

We also came runner-up in the Best Community Involvement

with the exposure and fundraising towards our Whangamatā RSA new Remembrance Wall.

Overall, we are totally delighted that our small team of three can deliver winning NZ results!

Congratulations to the Ashburton Guardian who took out Best Community Newspaper 2024 - a totally deserved win.

- Jennie Black



Mark James, award-winning photographer for Whangamatā & Waihi News.

HON SCOTT SIMPSON

MP for Coromandel

Government to deliver responsible Budget next week

On 22 May, Finance Minister Nicola Willis delivered the Budget 2025, which will confirm our Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

The annual Government Budget sets out how taxpayer's money will be invested, as well as outlining the Government's areas of priority. An uncertain global economic outlook, combined with the hangover from years of reckless spending by the previous government, mean that this year's Budget will not be a lolly scramble.

Since 2019, Government debt has increased from \$58 billion to \$175 billion in 2024. That amounts to \$22,000 more in debt for every New Zealander. Servicing the interest on that debt cost us \$8.9 billion last year, which is more than we spend on Police, Corrections, the Ministry of Justice, Customs and the Defence Force combined.

Those figures make for sobering reading, but there is reason for optimism. As a Government,

we're committed to reducing debt through prudent and careful spending choices. The economy is also steadily recovering and inflation is under control.

Budget 2025 is another step to that recovery, and it will continue our responsible and predictable approach to managing the economy, with an emphasis on supporting economic growth.

We've already made some pre-Budget announcements which will make a meaningful impact in the areas most important to New Zealanders. From 1 July, we are funding teacher registration and practising certificates which will save teachers up to \$550. This initiative will benefit around 40,000 fulltime and part time school and early learning teachers in the first year, growing to around 115,000 across three years.

More will be announced when the Budget is delivered this week.

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

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Plans underway for 2025 Waihi Lions Book Fair

The team behind the annual Book Fair are now well underway with preparation for the event over King's Birthday weekend.

As you move around Waihi and Waihi Beach, it is hard not to miss the Waihi Lions signage that is now up and advertising this event.

The annual book fair is one of the club's major fundraising events for the year, with all funds being donated back into the community. Recent years have seen significant donations made to the Lions Cancer

Lodge in Hamilton and the purchase of special chairs for the folk at Hetherington house in Waihi.

Event Coordinator Doug Longdill says that the club's long history with this event has been a real asset.

'Over the years, we have developed a good understanding of what works best for our customers.

We receive great feedback from our customers regarding not only the range of books we have on offer, but also for the way we layout the books and puzzles.'

'This makes it so much more convenient for those customers who know what authors they want to follow, or what subjects they are interested in'.

The event is also a positive event from a club perspective, as all club members can contribute toward its success in some shape or form.

As in past years, we greatly appreciate the effort and help we receive from our Waihi Leos from Waihi College provide with setting up process.

The Book Fair is held in the Waihi Memorial Hall. Books will cost \$2 each unless marked otherwise.

Doors will open on Saturday, 31 May, from 9am to 4pm, and on Sunday, 1 June, from 10am to 4pm.

For those early birds wanting the first pick, we offer an Early Purchase Night on Friday, 30 May, from 5pm to 7pm, with books \$5 each unless priced otherwise.

- Doug Longdill

Can you help?

The Moana House fundraiser is underway. They desperately need new beds and equipment. The Lions Club of Whangamata has started off with a \$2000 donation. Public donations can go directly to Moana House Fundraising account below:

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Denis Beaver, businessman, Deputy Chair of the WGM Community Board, founder and promoter of Kick Down Festival and the Summer Bar. He has been a key member of Repco Beach Hop committee.

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Creative Coromandel farewells founding trustee

After eight years of dedicated service, Bernie Ross has retired from her role as an original Trustee of He Mana Toi Moehau Trust (Creative Coromandel).

A respected figure in the Whangamatā arts community, Bernie is widely known for her beautiful harakeke weaving and her passionate advocacy for Toi Māori (Māori art).

Throughout her tenure, Bernie played an integral role in supporting and promoting the arts across the Coromandel Peninsula. As a member of the Trust's financial team, she was also responsible for the signing off of accounts, helping ensure the organisation's operational integrity.

On behalf of Chair Fiona Cameron,

fellow trustees, members, and staff, Creative Coromandel extends heartfelt thanks to Bernie for her outstanding contribution. Her commitment to celebrating and elevating Māori arts has left a lasting legacy.

In recognition of her service, Bernie was gifted the book *Toi Te Mana: An Indigenous History of Māori Art*—a fitting tribute to her passion and dedication.

While Bernie steps back from her governance role, she is expected to remain a visible and inspiring presence in the local arts scene. We wish her all the best for the future and look forward to seeing where her creative journey leads next.



L-R: Terry Walker (Trustee), Bernie Ross, Heather Watt (Trustee and Chair of Whangamatā Arts Collective).

Cornerstone Consecration

Sunday, 25 May, will see the consecration of the Anglican Church building at its usual worship service time of 9am.

Vicar Rosie Dell on behalf of the parish extends to you all a warm welcome to mark the consecration of, "All Saints Anglican at Cornerstone Whangamatā," presided by the Most Reverend Bishop Philip Richardson, Bishop of the Waikato, Taranaki Diocese.

This marks another milestone in the progress of Whangamata Anglican Parish having moved from 103 Beverly Terrace to its new home at 101 Ocean Road, adjacent to the op shop.

Regular weekly services will continue throughout the year, using recently installed multimedia facilities, making the most of modern audio-visual messaging to express the word of God.

*– Alistair Page, Verger
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Whangamata Community Pool seeks sustainable funding

The Whangamata Real Estate Community Swimming Pool is facing a critical funding challenge as its management committee appeals for sustainable operational support to keep the facility running smoothly in the years ahead.

Committee Chair Rob Boston recently submitted a formal request to Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) Chief Executive Aileen Lawrie, highlighting the committee's progress in strengthening the pool's long-term viability.

Following a significant refurbishment program, the pool now meets key operational standards, including regulatory staffing compliance, improved governance, and updated financial systems.

"With these milestones achieved, we believe the timing was right to submit our Finance Application," Boston said. "Our goal is to secure reliable operational funding to ensure the pool continues to serve the community well into the future."

The committee had hoped the application would be included in TCDC's 2025 Annual Plan.

However, the final plan focused on three district-wide priorities: the rates review, water services, and kerbside rubbish collection. As a result, the pool's application was not included for formal consideration this year.



In her reply, Aileen Lawrie acknowledged the value of the facility and the proactive steps taken by the committee but explained that the Council is operating under significant financial constraints.

Council has been directed to reduce its operational budget by \$1.7 million for the upcoming year, despite inflationary pressures on costs across the board.

"These sorts of funding decisions are beyond staff authority," Lawrie said. "We simply don't have the budget flexibility at present, but that doesn't mean there aren't options."

Lawrie encouraged further

discussions among councillors and suggested that support could still be explored through informal channels or future Annual- Long Term Plan processes. She also noted that public forums remain an avenue for raising the issue with elected representatives.

A stakeholder meeting held on 29 April brought together local councillors, Council staff, and members of the Whangamata Community Board. While attendees expressed broad support for the pool, the timing of the application was again highlighted as a barrier to immediate inclusion in this year's plan.

The pools proposed Finance Application was circulated to Councillors and a presentation made in Public Forum on 13 May, this proposal included a revised funding proposal to assist with operational expenditure through to June 2026. We appreciated Councillors engaging with the presenters, seeking clarification on several points.

In the meantime, the committee is investigating other funding opportunities, including potential external grants and sponsorships. Internal discussions have also begun around possible cost-saving measures, such as reduced operating hours and staffing adjustments, though Boston emphasized that these are not preferred options.

"We are determined to find a way forward," Boston said. "We want to work constructively with Council and the community to secure a funding model—similar to the one used for the Thames Centennial Swimming Pool—that ensures this vital facility remains accessible for all."

As discussions continue, the community is being encouraged to stay engaged and support efforts to keep the pool open seven days a week.

– Rob Boston



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Fair rates: What are they? Who decides?

Council's 2025 Rating Review (rate burden distribution) finished last week. Our Councillors will deliberate (decide) on the outcome next month, 12 June, 2025. Its primary focus was a proposed change from Land Value (LV) to Capital Value (CV) based ratings. This article, an abbreviated version of a detailed public submission, outlines why maintaining LV is the best TCDC ratepayer solution, whilst outlining future recommended rating considerations.

POLITICAL BIAS

TCDC's consultation documentation refers to subjective, value-based (political) reasons such as "fairer", "fairer outcomes", "wealth", and that other councils have moved to CV-based ratings, to support a biased (recommended) change from LV to CV.

By statute, TCDC's consultation documentation must be transparent (and objective). It was not.

The Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA) does not explicitly codify fairness, equity, transparency, or affordability rating principles. These principles are implicitly embedded in a combination of LGRA and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) (see table below).

Several councils have, over time, moved from LV to CV, but not all. There is a reason for that. Most such councils are characterised by population growth, relatively homogeneous property profiles, full-time residents, and increased density (suburban areas). Simply arguing that TCDC should move to CV because others are doing it is not a valid argument. More



Flemming H. Rasmussen, Lawyer, Whitianga.

importantly, it fails to recognise and account for TCDC's unique ratepayer profile compared with the "others".

A dominant TCDC Ratepayer Class:

Absentee batch owners paying full rates but only using infrastructure and services for a short(er) period. District-wide, they represent more than half (+50%) of our 28,508 rateable properties (SUIPs) (Separately Used or Inhabited (rating) Unit) (TCDC figure per Nov 2024). In some Eastern areas, the figure is closer to 70%!

They provide a fiscal injection of money to our district, not just in rate income, but in economic activity and jobs. Many places in our district would not enjoy today's infrastructure without absentee batch owners.

Nationwide, only selective parts of Marlborough District and the Far North District have such a skewed ratepayer profile. For TCDC, the

profile is district-wide!

Fact: Absentee batch owners already shoulder a disproportionate part of our rate burden today (they do not stress our infrastructure assets and services similar to full-time residents). It follows that they pay disproportionately more than the benefit they enjoy. This conflicts with s 101(3) LGA – Funding Principles: Distribution of benefits (those who benefit more should contribute more).

A change from LV to CV further compounds this skewness in rate burden distribution.

RECOMMENDATION

For now, TCDC must maintain status quo for rate distribution, providing stability and certainty to all ratepayers.

A Thorough Review: A Required Rates Reset

Presently, Whangapoua to Whangamatā pay 75% of all rates.

In the medium term, we should, for rating purposes, divide our district into geographical areas aligned with our Community Board structure, presently five areas (possibly differentiating between Pauanui and Tairua in the future). Each area should have specific rates and charges that reflect the services provided and the needs of the community within that area.

Rate Components

Simplified, TCDC rates should be easily identifiable and comprise:

- General Rates: Uniform or variable per rateable LV dollar value with variable rates (rating differentials) based on land use, area, location, and provision for ability to connect to Council-provided services;
- Targeted Rates: Applied for specific services or projects benefiting particular areas or groups (water supply, sewerage, stormwater management, or a requested activity that an area wants and is prepared to pay for).
- Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC): A fixed charge applied to all rateable properties to fund general services (roads, etc.).

A Novel Idea

Rates are a land tax. Not a progressive income tax. An alternative proposal for a fair, simple and transparent rate burden distribution is analogous to a club membership. A club where all members essentially pay the same membership fee (children pay less, some family rebates, etc.). In this case, the club is called "Property Ownership".

We (TCDC) must go back to the drawing board. We need a balanced, thorough rates review debate and consultation. This is too important to get wrong. Too important to rush. We need a rates reset.

What do you think?

– Flemming H. Rasmussen, Lawyer, Whitianga.

Principle	Statute	Legal Source
Fairness & Equity	Distribution of benefit, exacerbators	LGA s 101(3)
Transparency	Requirement for consultative and public rating processes	LGRA s3, LGA Part 6
Consistency	Must align with LTP and Revenue/Funding Policy	LGA ss 101, 102, 93
Affordability	"Community's capacity to pay" must be considered	LGA s 101(3)(b)(vi)

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WSLSC wraps season of lifesaving, leadership & legacy

As the 2024/2025 surf lifesaving season ends, Whangamatā Surf Lifesaving Club celebrates a year marked by dedication, resilience, and progress on a transformative rebuild that will serve the community for decades.

Despite operating without a functional clubhouse, the club's spirit remained strong. From rescues to record-breaking sporting achievements, this season proved that people and purpose are the heart of the club.

At the annual prizegiving, top honours went to Daniel Lewis, awarded both Volunteer of the Year and U19 Volunteer Lifeguard of the Year for 500 patrol hours. Danielle Ellery was named Junior Surf Contribution of the Year and Instructor of the Year, while Lily Taylor received Paid Lifeguard of the Year. Megan Luke won Ocean's Athlete of the Year, and Madison Kidd, after breaking her own world record at the World Championships, was named Overall Sportsperson of the Year. Patrol Team of the Year went to Romeo Patrol, led by Jaeden Waldron-Lemon and Ayla Davie.

The Junior Surf awards celebrated younger members' contributions, while the Search and Rescue Squad continued its vital work year-round, including rescuing three kayakers blown out to sea. Rachel Luke earned SAR Contribution of the Year, and Nathan Hight was elected to the Board of Surf Life Saving New Zealand.

The club's major redevelopment, Project Transform, is nearing completion but now faces delays due to deterioration in six key structural columns. The original repair plan was rejected, prompting a full replacement with long-life steel beams—extending their life to over 70 years and lowering future maintenance costs.

"Project Transform is more than a building—it's a symbol of our club's growth," says Board Chair Gavin Scott.

While fundraising and sponsor loyalty have kept the club financially steady, final-stage pressures mean now is the time to donate. Help complete the project and create a facility the Whangamatā community can be proud of.

Special thanks go to Just Sheds and Sea Containers for their generous free hire of essential infrastructure, and to Altranz and McLeods for transport support. We also acknowledge local businesses— Bunnings Warehouse, Boot IT, EPL Construction, Laser Electrical, and Russel Choat Plumbing—for making space available and allowing us to operate through the season.

To support, or for more information about our awards and Project Transform, visit our website, check out our Facebook page, or contact Club Manager Dianna (Dide) Harrison at manager@whangamatasurf.co.nz or phone 07 865 8401.

— Dide Harrison,
Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club



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Daniel Lewis with Board Chair Gavin Scott.



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People regularly ask how busy we have been over the holiday period. Between 24 December, 2024, and 25 March, 2025, we attended 25 call-outs for assistance, up slightly from previous years. This also resulted in 52 people returned safely to their families.

From these calls for assistance, it is apparent that we need to remind all boaties of the following:

It is important for all boaties to remember that after your vessel has been unused over the winter period, a service check on motors, fuel, boat batteries, safety equipment should be done before venturing out.

Also, it is important to utilise Coastguard for recording Trip Reports. This can be done via the Coastguard App or via Marine VHF Radio (Whangamatā utilises Ch04).

Coastguard recommends the primary method of communication at sea, via Marine VHF Radio.

Communication utilising Marine VHF enables a wider audience to listen to calls and possibly provide assistance until Coastguard Whangamatā arrives on scene..

So why is a Trip Report important – if you don't return and becomes a search issue, they provide critical information for Coastguard/Police



to activate searches. Trip reports can be done free of charge, whether you are a member or a non-member of Coastguard.

It should be noted that if you require coastguard assistance, it is free for members. Non-members are charged a cost recovery fee of \$350 + GST per hour (minimum 1 hour).

A recent case was a call from a concerned father, whose son was 4 hours overdue. No trip report completed, not answering cellphone. He was going diving from his Jet ski between Whangamatā Harbour and Tairua, possibly going around

Slipper Island... So, where do you start looking? Basically, in this case we would have to report the incident to the Police and request an aerial search.

Luckily, in this case, he arrived back at Whangamatā soon after, negating the need to start a search, with a flat cellphone battery. Coastguard recommends 2 types of communication on board and with cost effective USB cellphone chargers available, this is a simple option to ensure your cellphone battery doesn't go flat.

Coastguard also utilises technology which allows us to send a text

message, with a link to a cellphone and on clicking the link, the GPS position of the cellphone is provided back to Coastguard. This provides a critical piece of information for our crews, as a starting point for a search.

Happy and safe boating from Coastguard Whangamatā.

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Zach is back!

Before Whangamata Senior A's played Mercury Bay on Saturday, I had the absolute pleasure to meet the Irishmen come to play for the Red n Whites, and to also have a chat with Zach Clarke, returning legend and all round top man.

The young men from all around Ireland seem to have settled in pretty well, some have started jobs and this week's great weather saw them out kayaking. They tell me that during next week's bye they're off on a roadie to Queenstown with plenty of sightseeing along the way. With a run of injuries recently Whangamata is glad to see you all here.

Zach tells me that he has been living in Fulham, London for 2 years with one more to do on his 3 year visa, working as a P.E. teacher. When he was back home for Xmas and speaking to Russell Choat about coming to help out at the club it was a done deal. Delays with his visa have meant today's game is his first for the season, and stated that he "intended to steady the ship and get it going in the right direction".

With no rugby for a couple of years due to a long rehab on his knee, he struck a cracker match to get back into top rugby with the Bay comprehensively beating Whanga in their first game and sitting at

number 2 on the leaderboard, and the Coastal Shield at stake.

The game itself was one for the ages, and for a multitude of reasons. The day was brilliant t-shirt weather, The Bay arrived and were looking very confident in the warm-ups. The playing surface was pristine, Zach was back and the boys were looking very focussed.

Two and a half minutes into the game Whanga scored a try and Bay were rocked. It seemed like they never got over that, the Red n Whites defended like demons,

and the attacks were fierce and committed. Defence was certainly the key to the day with The Bay not scoring until the last quarter when Whanga were 22-0 up. Two late tries gave Mercury Bay points on the board but they never looked likely in what was a fantastic turnaround by the Mighty Red n White Dynamites. Clarke had a great game in what was a great team day played with pride and passion.

I look forward to the next game.

- Story and photos by Mark James, see more on [whangamataneews fb](#)



Back row, left to right: Jimmy Maunsell, 20, County Kerry, Prop, plays for Uni Galway; Jack Girvan, 23, First Five, Dungannon RFC; Louis Johnston, 23, Co Tyrone, Lock or flanker; Jaikie Callaghan, 20, Dungannon Co Tyrone; Lawrence Jones, 20, Co Louth, Uni of Galway, Hooker. **Front row, left to right:** Lewis Doherty, 19, Co Antrim N Ireland, Fullback/Peter Davidson, 23, Dungannon Co Tyrone, Lock/flanker; Sean Crowley, 20, Co Kerry, Uni of Galway, Scrum Half.



Zach Clarke, Captain/Coach.



Busy times & fresh faces at community pool

Hey there pool-goers! It's us again. Here to update you on what's been happening at our fabulous Pool. There's been plenty happening at Whangamatā Community Pool lately, with a mix of exciting events, seasonal updates, and some fantastic new staff settling into their roles.

Over the past few months, the pool has welcomed several new team members, and each of them are already doing an outstanding job. Whether it's lifeguarding, customer service, or supporting our programmes, the new staff have brought great energy and enthusiasm to the facility. It's been wonderful to see them quickly become part of the fabric of our pool community.

The Easter weekend was one to remember, with a range of fun activities that brought in swimmers of all ages. On a Saturday afternoon the pool was turned into an aquatic playground with the large inflatable obstacle run set up. While a colourful Easter egg hunt had kids searching high and low for hidden treats. Our colouring competition also received a great response, showcasing the artistic talents of our youngest swimmers.

We're also excited to share that the Learn to Swim programme is now being run by the Whangamatā Community Pool, and both LTS and Swim Club are back up

and running for the season. It's fantastic to see so many young swimmers developing their skills and confidence in the water again, supported by our passionate instructors and coaches. Aqua aerobics continues to be a crowd favourite, with our dedicated "aquaholics" singing to the beat and splashing their way through each energising session!

This June, Whangamatā Community Pool is diving into The Big Swim, a Coastguard NZ fundraiser to help keep our waters safe. We're aiming to swim a combined 500 km through a fun inter-house competition — and raise vital funds along the way!

Find out more on our Facebook page and get involved in supporting this great cause!

As we shift into the cooler months, new winter hours have begun. The Pool will be open Monday to Friday from 6am to 5pm, and weekends from 7am to 2pm. These seasonal hours are designed to match funding requirements, community usage during winter while still offering plenty of opportunities for fitness, relaxation, and fun. Remember, no matter the weather, our pool is heated to a constant 27 degrees.

Whangamatā Community Pool continues to be a vital hub for locals and visitors alike, and the team looks forward to another great season ahead - both in and out of the water.



What's on at the pool

Pool Hours
Monday to Friday 6am-5pm
Saturday & Sunday 7am-2pm

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Aqua Fit - 8am
Sensory Hour - no music, no chaos - 10am-11am
Swim lessons & Club sessions - From 3pm

Tuesday
WAS half pool booking - 10am-3pm
Swim lessons & Club sessions - From 3pm

Wednesday
Aqua Fit - 8am
Sensory Hour - no music, no chaos - 10am-11am
Swim lessons & Club sessions - From 3pm

Thursday
WAS half pool booking - 10am-3pm

Swim lessons & Club sessions - From 3pm

Friday
WAS half pool booking - 10am-3pm


Lane availability reminder: 3pm Monday - Thursday
There will always be a lane available for the public, however space is limited due to lessons and club sessions.

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23 May 2025

Thanks for the feedback

We've just closed the last of three feedback opportunities on big, important topics facing the district. Thanks to everyone who provided us feedback.

The next steps are for staff to collate and analyse the feedback for our councillors and mayor to consider, debate and make decisions in the coming weeks. Your feedback is instrumental to this decision-making process.

Our options for the future of water services delivery under the Government's **Local Water Done Well** reforms received 280 responses.

Our **Rating Review** proposals to revamp our rating system received 653 responses.

Our **Annual Plan 2025** proposal to reduce kerbside rubbish and glass collections over the peak summer period from twice weekly to once a week received 248 responses.



Stay tuned to our Council communications on our website, eNewsletters and social media to find out what decisions are made on each of these issues.

Find out more at tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2025



Whangamatā Community Board UPDATE

A word from our Board Chair, Dave Ryan –



"A milestone this month: the lease for 101 Lindsay Road, future site of the Whangamatā Community Marae and Wellbeing Hub, has been signed. A blessing of the whenua marked the occasion. Learn more: wcm.maori.nz



Refurbishment of the Port Rd public toilets will begin soon.

We are aware streetlight outages in Whangamatā are currently affecting the area, likely due to an issue with the power supply. Efforts are underway with suppliers to resolve the problem as quickly as possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience as this is addressed.

We look forward to celebrating our volunteers next month and I would like to urge any residents interested in standing for local body elections to start looking into the requirements."

dave.ryan@council.tcdc.govt.nz

The Board's next meeting is Tuesday 10 June at 10am at our Whangamatā Service Centre, 620 Port Rd. Meeting agendas and schedules are at tcdc.govt.nz/meetings

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King's BIRTHDAY WEEKEND



Kerbside collections

There are no kerbside collections on the King's Birthday public holiday on Monday 2 June. Collections for that Yellow week (food, glass, recycling) will be a day later than usual. Check your local calendar at tcdc.govt.nz/bindays

Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations

Our Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations will be open as usual on the holiday Monday, from 8.30am-4.30pm. Find out where your nearest station is at tcdc.govt.nz/rts



Council offices

Our offices (and AA services) are closed on King's Birthday Monday. You can still contact us 24/7 at **07 868 0200** or customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz



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Broadway Revue

The Whangamata Theatre Society is proud to introduce Lisa Dorreen as the director of its upcoming musical revue, set to take the stage this September.

Lisa, whose passion for musical theatre began at the age of 14 with her debut role in *The Music Man*, is now bringing that enthusiasm full circle. Inspired by her own daughter, an accomplished young performer, she has put together a lively selection of Broadway favourites for the upcoming production.

Audiences can expect beloved numbers from classics such as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Chicago*, *Mamma Mia*, and *Matilda*, among others.

The show will run for six performances from 13-20 September, 2025, at the Whangamata Memorial Hall.

Auditions will be held at Cornerstone House, 101 Ocean Rd, on Sunday, 25 May, from 1pm to 5pm and Tuesday, 27 May, from 6:30pm to 9pm. Pre-booked audition slots are available from 1pm to 3pm on Sunday and 6:30pm to 9pm on Tuesday. Open auditions will run on Sunday from 3pm to 5pm.

The production is seeking a cast that includes adult and youth singers and dancers (aged 8 and up), as well as four narrators.

Participants are encouraged to prepare a song or dance number and bring a backing track on their own device. A selection of songs with backing tracks and lyrics will also be available.

To book an audition or for more information, contact Lisa Dorreen at 021 184 2189 or email lisa@dorreen.nz.

Warm up this winter at Onemana Community Pools

As the days get colder, it's the perfect time to enjoy a hot spa. The Onemana Community Pools have four private spa rooms available to book during the day or evening, each with its own shower. And for a post-spa treat, the Onemana Café is just a few steps away...

The complex is community-funded and operated through a membership model. Right now, we're also fundraising for a much-

needed new roof.

We're offering a special Winter Membership Rate - just \$178 - from now until 19 September, 2025. That's about \$9.90 a week to use the spa all through winter if you join now!

Please note, the swimming pool is closed during these winter months.

Interested? Contact Carol at onemanaspa@gmail.com

Local retailer gives generously



Patrick Kerr, Chairman of Enterprise Whangamatā, and Mainly Casual owner Su Marceau.

Mainly Casual has very kindly offered her \$1,000 prize for the Repco Beach Hop Top Shop to be given to the Whangamata Eastern Coromandel Community Services Trust!

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Operation Cover-Up Knitting Group are once again holding their annual knitting display on Saturday, 31 May (King's Birthday Weekend) at Cornerstone House, 101 Ocean Road, Whangamatā.

All items have been knitted and crocheted by the dedicated ladies of the group which include blankets, jumpers, scarves, slippers and more and all items are for sale.

There will be the usual raffles and this year there will be a cake stall and the proceeds of these go towards the shipping costs.

After the display all items go on to Thames where they are baled up and then sent on to Auckland for despatch by sea to Eastern European countries which include Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and more. Temperatures are 25 degrees below over there so they need all our woollies.



So please come and support us and view our wonderful display. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Wool is extremely hard to come by so if anyone is having a cleanout and finds any, the group would be

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Loads to see at Art Expo

Whitianga Lions Club is gearing up to bring you an outstanding collection of local artworks in their annual Art Expo at King's Birthday Weekend (May 30-June 2).

This year the Lions are pleased to announce that Dayle Candy and David Frew of Harcourts Coromandel Beaches Realty have gotten in behind the Art Expo as the major sponsors making it possible to extend aspects of the Expo and add a greater visitor experience.

The Art Expo committee says as well as inviting existing artists and new artists to take part, there will be Artists in Show where visitors can watch ceramics, glasswork and painting as the artists' work on their pieces.

"Secondary schools on the

Coromandel have expressed lots of interest in Secondary Schools Art Competition, which this year we've divided into two categories: photography and visual art. The first place winner in the photography category will receive mentorships with Ian Preece covering astrophotography and Peter Drury focusing on wildlife photography. The winner in the visual art category will spend time being mentored by Kay De Baauw and Souzie Speerstra. All of these artists have a wealth of knowledge and skills to share and aim to encourage the winners to continue on their learning path."

The public is invited to opening night, May 30, of the Whitianga Lions Art Expo presented by Dayle Candy and David Frew of Harcourts

Coromandel Beaches Realty where the winners of the Secondary Schools Art Expo will be announced.

"Our opening night will be a little different this year with a live auction as part of the fundraising with prizes so far including artworks by Emma Evangeline Gustafson and the Glass Art Studio; a Hot Weekend Escape in Hot Water Beach and Hahei; a Wellness Package in Whitianga and a Full Day Fishing Charter and membership to the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club. We'd like to thank artists Emma Gustafson, and Sandra and Mark Hosking for their donations. Thanks also go to Hot Water Beach 10 Top Holiday Park, The Lawnmower's Son Art Gallery, the Hahei Beach Café, Infinite Fitness and Unichem Stephenson's Pharmacy, Whitiangler and Mercury

Bay Game Fishing Club.

All money raised from the auctions and artwork sales commission over the weekend is going to the Cancer Society Lions Lodge in Hamilton and with these generous sponsors we hope to make a real difference for the Lodge which provides a home away from home for patients receiving treatment for cancer at Waikato Hospital.

The Whitianga Lions Art Expo presented by Dayle Candy and David Frew of Harcourts Coromandel Beaches Realty will be held in the Whitianga Town Hall from opening night (May 30, 5.30pm-8pm), Saturday and Sunday (May 31 and June 1, 10am-4pm) and Monday (June 2, 10am-12pm).

Do you see what I see?

When Tairua intuitive artist Jessie Macaw begins work on a new painting she has no specific idea what the finished piece will look like. That's where the intuitive part comes in. As Jessie layers her painting she starts to see things in the composition...maybe a dog's ear or a cat's eye. But then again it might be a fish, whale or a rooster.

During the course of painting, Jessie will often have two to three paintings underway. She starts by brushing colours across the canvas, warm and cool colours, then whites, blacks and glazes. Next she'll glue on some cotton material and paper for texture. "Golden acrylics are my favourite to work with. I like the transparency they bring when building layers."

"Intuitive painting is about the journey not the destination," says Jessie. The next stage is like a



discovery of what she can see. She'll take a seat and look back at a canvas for fragments of detail that will guide her on, and depending on her mood, it will happen on this canvas, but it just as easily might be on one of the other canvases in progress. What she sees won't

all come at once; they're like visual jigsaws where she gradually places the next piece by letting the curves, colours and flow of the painting lead her.

"How do you know when you're finished a piece?" I ask.

"I sit and look at the painting and if my eyes don't get stuck on a particular point, then I know it's finished. One canvas I was working on sat there for about five years and I kept going back to it adding layer after layer until one night I thought 'oh my gosh there's a cat' and so on."

Today Jessie's paintings, which she describes as quirky and fun, are selling relatively quickly and she can now say she's a professional artist. "I love it when I hear people laugh as they look at my paintings; they get it."

Thanks to exhibiting in her first Art Escape approximately 18 months ago, and with the encouragement of Whitianga Art Gallery owner and fellow artist Monique Rush, Jessie started to sell her paintings.

At last year's Whitianga Lions Art Expo Jessie sold several of her works and enjoyed interacting with the public and other artists, though she admits she generally prefers to be in the background. At the Whitianga Lions Art Expo this year however, with the confidence she has gained in her ability, she has agreed to be one of the Artists in Show. You can watch her at work on Sunday, June 1 from 1pm-4pm in the Whitianga Town Hall. Entry is free and all money raised over King's Birthday Weekend is going to the

Cancer Society Lions Lodge in Hamilton.

- Cynthia Daly

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Waihi NEWS

Waihi Gold Mines Sky Tower Challenge

Ask a Waihi Gold Mines Rescue team member how many stairs they climb in the Sky Tower Stair Challenge and they'll likely say they don't know. "You take a breath, put your head down and start climbing—two steps at a time—using your arms to pull yourself up," says team member Shay Perkinson. "You pace yourself, control your breathing, but you don't count."

There are 51 flights and 1,103 steps, but that's not what's on their minds. What they do feel is the 25 kilograms of gear they carry to the top.

"We climb with a BG4, a self-contained breathing system used in environments where the air isn't safe to breathe," explains Shay. Unlike the more familiar firefighter's BA sets, the BG4 recycles the user's breath, scrubbing out carbon dioxide. "The chemical reaction makes the air hot, so it's not easy breathing on the way up."

The Waihi team is one of over 250



The Waihi Gold Mines Rescue Sky Tower Challenge team in front of 'Little Flick'. Left to right: Jenna Powell, Kristin Gillard, Shay Perkinson, Jamie Bird.

from around New Zealand taking part in the annual challenge on Saturday 24 May. Last year, they

placed fifth in fundraising, while OceanaGold's Macraes team came fourth. Together they helped raise

over \$110,000 of the \$1.9 million total. Waihi's Jenna Powell came second in the women's overall category on her debut climb. Paul Sharfe, Jed Moriarty, and Josh Foster were second-fastest overall as a team.

This year Waihi's team is smaller, but fundraising remains strong. Macraes is currently third, with Waihi close behind in fourth. Shay himself sits third in the country for individual fundraising—though he won't boast about it.

"Fundraising is just as tough as the training," he says. "But we're lucky to have the support of generous local businesses, individuals, and larger sponsors outside Waihi."

The event raises funds for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. "We all know someone touched by cancer," Shay says. "Every day, eight Kiwis are diagnosed with blood cancer. A few minutes of sweaty discomfort is a small way we can help."

Nuggets Compete Well

The mighty Nuggets represented Waihi Golf in the 2025 final of the Craigs Investments Partners Waikato Vets Pennants final at the riverside Huntly Golf course. To get to these finals the Nuggets won the Zone 3 with Thames runner up. The Waihi Golf club had strong representation in this zone with two other teams Quartz and Ingots. The Nuggets totalled 446 with net scores Brian 71, Don

73, Ken M 74, Allen 75, Ken P 76 and Adele 77. Tairua took this competition with 425 and the Nuggets were unable to repeat their 2021 title winning. Competing teams were Raglan, Matamata, Tieke (Hamilton), Purangi, Te Awamutu and Cambridge. Back row left to right Brian, Ken M, Allen S, Adele. Front row Ken P, Don M. Waihi Golf Club. Ken M warming up his putter. Left handed Brian on the tee block.



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Waihi NEWS

Netball season sees tremendous growth

2025 has been a standout for netball in Waihi, in particular our Secondary School space with the season experiencing tremendous growth across all levels. Essentially this is a TVSSSA (Thames Valley Secondary School Sports Association) run competition but done under the umbrella of Waihi Netball Centre.



The idea was planted at the first TVSSSA meeting earlier in the year because at Representative Netball Level our province was at risk of losing valuable players to other regions. There was a lot of background work done in the lead up to the competition and it has been well worth the time and effort for all our young athletes.

We now have multiple teams in our secondary grades from Te Wharekura o Manaia, Thames High School, Whangamatā Area School, Waihi College, Paeroa College, and Hauraki Plains College able to play within their own age groups which is creating a more balanced playing environment, with even competitive flair.

Our Netball Development Programmes have also been a huge success from our Year 9-13, 6 week Development Programme, Year 7&8 Development Programme, and our Year 5 transition from 5v5 to 7v7 Netball. We have seen



a notable increase, with more students than ever getting involved in Development, learning the game, and building confidence on court. I could run these programs successfully without the help of our Secretary; Tracy Taite-Grace, Future FERNs Coordinator/Primary School Delegate/Child Safeguarding Officer; Brittany Durbin, and

Canteen Coordinator/Child Safeguarding Officer Kelli Purcell. We also couldn't run successful days without sponsors thanks to Waihi Sports n Cycles, WBOP Netball, and Subway Waihi.

Alongside this, Representative Netball has also expanded, with more of our athletes stepping up to higher-level competition



Silver Fern Claire O'Brien paid a visit....

and proudly showcasing their talent beyond the school. It's been an exciting year of growth and opportunity for our netball whānau. Our Representative Teams have several tournaments lined up including Nationals at the North Island Junior Netball Championships in Taranaki in the holidays. Our u18s are also looking at the idea of Nationals in Waitākere.

In a nutshell Netball is thriving at Waihi Netball Centre and we are excited to see what the future brings.

– Jessie O'Brien, Vice President, Waihi Netball Centre Committee

Girls just wanna have fun... on roller skates!

Every Thursday evening, the Waihi Events Centre comes alive with music, laughter, and the whoosh of roller skates. It's the weekly gathering of the Waihi Wonder Wheels—a women's roller skating group offering fun, fitness, and a strong sense of connection.

The group began in late 2023 when local skating enthusiast Kathy Alexander posted in a community Facebook forum, asking if any other women were keen to give skating a go. Her dream was simple: create a safe, welcoming space where women aged 18+ could roll together, free of pressure or judgement.

The response was immediate and overwhelmingly enthusiastic. Within weeks, the first session was held at the St John Church Hall but since then, the group has found its groove at the Waihi Events Centre, with a regular crew of 10-12 skaters (but as many as 20) who turn up each week.

Some are complete beginners, others are reliving their roller disco days, and a few bring serious skills—



like Lyn Randall, a former roller derby skater from the UK who's helped shape the supportive, skills-sharing culture that defines the Wonder Wheels.

Entry is just \$5 to cover the venue. All that's required is a pair of skates, a helmet, safety pads—and a dash of

courage. Each week has a themed twist, from crazy hats to "wear something you love but never dare to." It's light-hearted and always fun.

When I visited the group recently, I was struck by the friendly, encouraging atmosphere. Music played, conversations flowed,

and the space felt truly inclusive. Whether you're hugging the wall or cruising with confidence, there's space for you here.

"It's more than skating," one member said. "It's a way to feel free, move your body, and meet great people." "It's really about more than skating," says another. "It's about showing up, being seen, and doing something just for you." Whether you're steady on skates or clinging to the wall, Waihi Wonder Wheels is about self-expression, and pure comradery. It's a reminder that simple fun is for everyone—and sometimes, it rolls in on four wheels.

Waihi Wonder Wheels isn't about being a perfect skater—it's about showing up, rolling forward, and enjoying the ride. If you've been waiting for a sign to dust off your skates or try something new, this might be it. The Wonder Wheels are ready to welcome you—with smiles, support, and plenty of laughs.

– Story & photo by Sam Roff, Waihi News Reporter

Waihi NEWS

Waihi Aces noticeably fitter

Saturday, 10 May, was round 6 of the Thames Valley Senior A Men's club rugby competition. Key takeaways were Waihi Aces with a strong win over the resurgent Thames, Paeroa took a well earned win over Mercury Bay in Whitianga, only 1 point ahead gave Waihou the win over Hauraki North and Te Aroha beating the smouldering Whangamatā side.

At Kenny Street, Waihi it was the home team who set the early pace with a try to winger Dylan Bellamy after four minutes. Thames had the significant breeze at their backs but were largely pinned in their half with strategic kicking by Waihi first five Quinn Collard. And Collard knocked over a penalty to take Waihi ahead 8-0. Another Quinn penalty took Waihi ahead 11-0 after 23 minutes. Then it was Thames' turn a converted try 11-7 then a surging break by Thames number 5 Koen Liddle led to a try wide out. The conversion crashed into the crossbar and over, 14-11 to Thames. Another seemingly inevitable Collard penalty tied the scores up 14-14 at half time. The Waihi Aces regrouped at the break and powered four second half tries to the solitary Thames try. This Waihi side was noticeably leaner and fitter against the stubborn



Thames outfit who hung in there for long periods of the game. The Thames Valley Senior A league table is slowly developing into a top and bottom four look. Waihi lead on 25, then Mercury Bay 21, Paeroa 20 and Thames 19. Only nine points separate Waihou in fifth and tail end Hauraki North on 4. In the Thames Valley Senior B competition the super consistent Coromandel have won five from five to top the table. In their comeback season Tairua are humming in mid table with some solid form. The Ngatea Black Hawks are beginning to build some

momentum for their club's 50th Reunion on Saturday, 24 May, at the Hugh Hayward Domain, Ngatea.

10 MAY RESULTS

Premier:

Te Aroha Cobras 31 v Whangamatā 17, Hauraki North Blue Bulls 27 v Waihou Mongoose 28, Mercury Bay Marlins 21 v Paeroa 29, Waihi Aces 45 v Thames 19.

Senior B:

Ngatea Black Hawks 14 v Whangamatā 14, Mercury Bay 19 v Waihou Senior B 19,



Waihi Bullets 0 v Tairua 76, Hauraki North 0 v Coromandel 90, Te Aroha Cobras 26 v Paeroa Senior B 36.

U21 Colts:

Rugby United Colts 20 v Hautapu Under 21s 48

U19: Rua North 44 v Waiuku 14.

Senior Women's Round 2,

Sunday, 11 May: Ngatea 0 v Hauraki North 20, Mercury Bay 10 v Te Aroha 41, Coromandel 8 v Paeroa 19

- Don Mackay, Waihi Sports Reporter
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Waihi NEWS

Waihi College students go the distance

Waihi College held its annual Cross Country last Thursday, with students from Year 7 through to Year 13 taking part in races set out across the school grounds. One Year 13 runner summed up the mood for many seniors facing their final cross country, joking mid-race, “I’m so glad I never have to do this again!” as she tackled her second loop.

The course was designed with varying lengths to suit different year groups. Year 7 and 8 students ran a 2.5km track, while senior boys completed a full 6km route. All races started on the top field, looping across the far fields, over the bridge, around the farm unit and front field, before finishing near the Pavilion.

Students turned out in support at various checkpoints along the course, as well as at the finish line, offering cheers and encouragement to runners. While there were some slightly less enthusiastic participants, many showed awesome effort, impressive speed and stamina. Several races ended in close finishes, adding excitement for spectators who cheered on as friends sprinted side by side to the finish line.

Among the standout performances



Sam Bjerring leading the senior boys along the tree line.

was Stanley Anderson, who won the Intermediate Boys’ 4km race in a time of 16 minutes and 12 seconds—finishing four minutes ahead of the second-place runner. His impressive performance drew admiration and cheers from spectators and reflected his strong preparation for the upcoming Thames Valley Cross Country Champs.

Other first-place finishers included:
Ali Sharfe – Year 7 Girls,
Kahu Appleton – Year 7 Boys,

Pippa Bartram – Year 8 Girls,
Lachlan Hewlett – Year 8 Boys,
Mitchell Paynter – Junior Boys,
Brooke Kelly and Sam Bjerring – Senior divisions.

Several students have also now qualified for regional events - WBOP Cross Country (Year 7 & 8) - Tauranga: Rikki Morgan, Kahu Appleton, Brody Nicholsdeber, Carter Hewlett, Ethan Peake, Pippa Bartram, Poppy Bolderston, Sonny Fitzgibbon, Lachlan Hewlett, Noah



Stanley Anderson charging ahead towards the finish line.

McNeil, Beau Wilson, Joel Crockett.
Thames Valley (Year 9–13):
Kate Goodwin, Tane Whaanga, Stanley Anderson, Lachlan Osborne-Sole, Sam Bjerring, Jack Unsworth, Max Morley.
Well done to all the runners—your determination and school spirit made the day a great success.
– Story & photos by Sam Roff, Waihi News Reporter



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Waihi Beach Tides 2025

MAY 2025

New Moon: 27th

Full Moon: 13th

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			
23 Fri	2:40	1.9	15:09	1.8	8:53	0.4	21:15	0.5	07:14	17:09
24 Sat	3:35	1.9	16:10	1.9	9:50	0.4	22:15	0.4	07:15	17:09
25 Sun	4:32	1.9	17:10	1.9	10:47	0.3	23:14	0.4	07:16	17:08
26 Mon	5:29	2.0	18:08	2.0	11:44	0.2			07:17	17:08
27 Tue	6:26	2.0	19:04	2.0	0:12	0.3	12:39	0.2	07:17	17:07
28 Wed	7:22	2.0	19:59	2.1	1:08	0.3	13:33	0.1	07:18	17:07
29 Thu	8:18	2.0	20:53	2.1	2:04	0.3	14:25	0.1	07:19	17:06
30 Fri	9:13	2.0	21:46	2.1	2:59	0.3	15:17	0.2	07:20	17:06
31 Sat	10:07	1.9	22:39	2.0	3:54	0.3	16:09	0.3	07:20	17:05

JUNE 2025

New Moon: 25th

Full Moon: 11th

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			
1 Sun	11:00	1.9	23:31	2.0	4:48	0.4	17:00	0.3	07:21	17:05



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Jumpstart Navigators gear up for year of success

The Waihi-based Community Jumpstart Driver Training Programme has entered its fourth year, continuing to support local students and residents in gaining their restricted driver's licences through a partnership between OceanaGold, Waihi Police, Waihi College, Blue Light, and trained community volunteers.

The programme, which began in 2022, offers free driving lessons to those who may not have access to a licenced driver or a reliable vehicle. Lessons are held during or outside school hours, with scheduling designed to minimise disruption to learning. The vehicle is provided and maintained by OceanaGold, and all volunteer Navigators are police-vetted and trained through Blue Light, a charity working with Police to support youth development.

Recently, the Navigators took part in a training session with Gavin from Thames Valley Driving School to prepare for the year ahead. Phil Salmon, Community Development Advisor for OceanaGold, praised their commitment. "It always impresses me how our volunteers continually seek to upskill and provide the best service they can to the Waihi community," he said.



As of January 2025, 117 people have earned their restricted licences through the programme, supported by more than 1,200 driving sessions. Waihi College Careers Co-ordinator Carolyn Graveson said the programme addresses a real need. "Many young people, especially in rural areas like Waihi, are disadvantaged by the lack of public transport. Without a licence, they often can't access jobs or training,"

she said. The programme emerged from discussions between OceanaGold and Waihi College as a way to support students in the transition to work. It has since grown to include other community members. Phil Salmon said the programme reflects a wider community effort. "As a community, we need to work together to do everything we can to provide a pathway to success for students who have often had their fair share of failure and disappointment. Providing a vehicle may seem like a small thing, but in towns like Waihi, getting your driver's licence is a major building block for future success."

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Costumes,
cold water
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lot of fun!

Ready to shake off the winter blues? Head to Waihi Beach on Saturday, 31 May, and join the legendary Polar Plunge – a hilarious, heart-warming community tradition.

Whether you're diving in or cheering from the shore, it's a spectacle not to miss. Dress up, rally your mates or whānau, and go for gold – with best dressed prizes for individuals, kids, families and work crews.

After your dash through the surf, warm up with mulled wine and tasty hot snacks at the Surf Club, or settle in at The Deck Kitchen & Bar – open from 9am till late.

Safety briefing kicks off at 1:15pm, with the plunge at 1:30pm. Entry is by gold coin.

It's cold, it's colourful and it's hosted by Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services – see you on the sand!

Max named top lifeguard candidate

Waihi Beach surf lifeguard Max Morley has been awarded Top Male Candidate at the 2025 Intermediate Lifeguard School for the Surf Lifesaving Eastern Region – a significant achievement in one of the movement's most respected youth development programmes.

The three-day school, held at Mt Maunganui, brought together 29 young surf lifeguards from across the Eastern Region to take part in intensive training and leadership development. Scenarios included board and rock rescues, jet ski operations, missing person searches, and advanced first aid, alongside workshops with Police, St John, Search and Rescue, and Fire & Emergency.

Max's selection for the top award was based on his strong surf skills, leadership, and ability to perform under pressure – qualities that stood out across a weekend filled with challenge and teamwork.

A student at Waihi College, Max is part of a well-known surf lifesaving family. His mother Kate, a teacher at the college, is a qualified lifeguard and surf boat rower. His father Chris is part of the club's Search and Rescue Squad and a qualified IRB and jet ski operator. His older



brother Leo is a senior lifeguard and surf sports competitor who recently served as Deputy Head Guard during the summer patrol season. Sister Rosie has also been actively involved as a lifeguard, junior surf coach, and surf athlete, currently studying at university.

Max's achievement is a reflection not just of talent, but of the powerful development opportunities that surf lifesaving provides for young people. Programmes like ILGS are about more than just rescue skills – they build confidence, communication, and leadership under pressure.

They also open doors into future pathways, with many lifeguards going on to careers in emergency services, health, outdoor education and beyond.

Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services is proud of Max and the example he sets – showing just how far dedication, service, and a passion for the ocean can take you.

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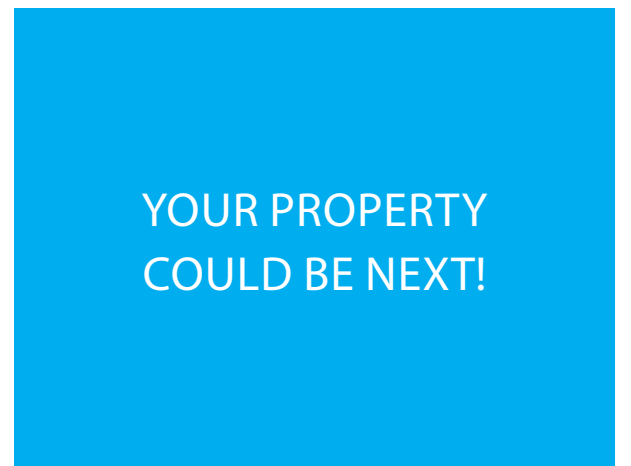


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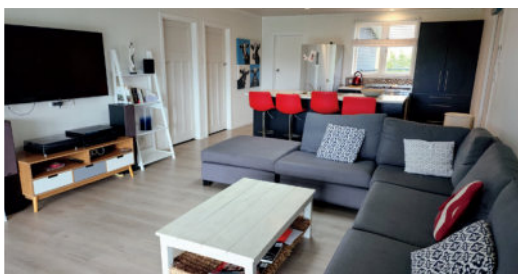
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- Convenient location close to town centre, wharf and beach
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Barrowclough Rd - Beach & Bar

103B Barrowclough Road, Whangamata

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Size Space Surf and Sunshine

107 Rangi Avenue, Whangamata

- 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

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Landscaped 'n Laxing

316 Linton Crescent, Whangamata

- Freehold full site (744sqm) with north/west aspect
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PRICE BY NEG

Mary Road Magic

214 Mary Road, Whangamata

- Freehold full site - 809sqm in a popular location
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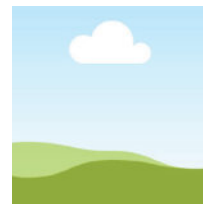
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A Reel Catch in Tuna

108 Tuna Place, Onemana

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- Full freehold 822sqm bordering reserve
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Negotiable Vendor

127 Tuna Place, Onemana

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- Spacious kitchen, dining and lounge taking in an ocean view
- Multiple outdoor living options
- Now selling fully furnished

View 1pm Saturday 31 May



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Outstanding Estuary & Rural Views

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- Cooks kitchen complete with scullery
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Tropical Paradise - A Hidden Opoutere Oasis

311 Opoutere Road, Opoutere

2 1 1

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\$900,000

Onemana Hideaway

338 Onemana Drive, Onemana

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- New kitchen and bathroom presents well to the market
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302 Sylvia Road, Whangamata

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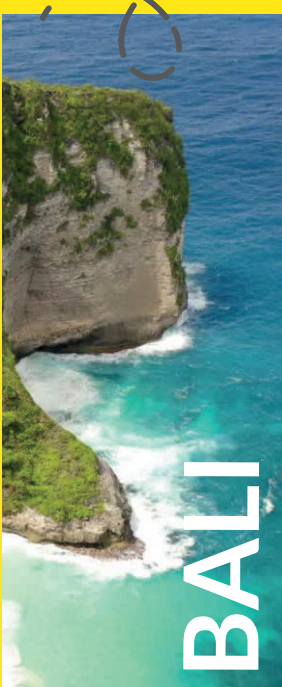
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A celebration of Margaret's life was held on Monday 19th May, 11am at Whangamata Baptist Church, 301 Port Rd, Whangamata. Margaret requested that bright colours be worn on the day. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The Leprosy Mission. Messages to huntianmargaret@gmail.com

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Whangamatā Tides 2025

MAY 2025 ☾ New Moon: 27th ☀ Full Moon: 13th

Date	High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set
23	Fri	2:45	1.9	15:14	1.8	8:58	0.4	21:20	0.5	07:14 17:09
24	Sat	3:40	1.9	16:15	1.9	9:55	0.4	22:20	0.4	07:15 17:09
25	Sun	4:37	1.9	17:15	1.9	10:52	0.3	23:19	0.4	07:16 17:08
26	Mon	5:34	2.0	18:13	2.0	11:49	0.2			07:17 17:08
27	Tue	6:31	2.0	19:09	2.0	0:17	0.3	12:44	0.2	07:17 17:07
28	Wed	7:27	2.0	20:04	2.1	1:13	0.3	13:38	0.1	07:18 17:07
29	Thu	8:23	2.0	20:58	2.1	2:09	0.3	14:30	0.1	07:19 17:06
30	Fri	9:18	2.0	21:51	2.1	3:04	0.3	15:22	0.2	07:20 17:06
31	Sat	10:12	1.9	22:44	2.0	3:59	0.3	16:14	0.3	07:20 17:05

JUNE 2025 ☾ New Moon: 25th ☀ Full Moon: 11th

Date	High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Height (m)	Sun rise	Sun set
1	Sun	11:05	1.9	23:36	2.0	4:53	0.4	17:05	0.3	07:21 17:05
2	Mon			11:58	1.8	5:46	0.4	17:57	0.4	07:22 17:05
3	Tue	0:28	1.9	12:52	1.7	6:39	0.5	18:50	0.5	07:22 17:04
4	Wed	1:19	1.8	13:46	1.7	7:31	0.5	19:45	0.6	07:23 17:04
5	Thu	2:09	1.8	14:40	1.7	8:23	0.5	20:39	0.6	07:24 17:04
6	Fri	2:58	1.7	15:34	1.7	9:14	0.5	21:33	0.6	07:24 17:04
7	Sat	3:46	1.7	16:26	1.7	10:04	0.5	22:25	0.6	07:25 17:03
8	Sun	4:33	1.7	17:15	1.7	10:51	0.5	23:14	0.6	07:25 17:03
9	Mon	5:20	1.7	18:01	1.7	11:37	0.5			07:26 17:03
10	Tue	6:05	1.7	18:45	1.8		0.6	12:19	0.5	07:26 17:03
11	Wed	6:49	1.7	19:27	1.8	0:43	0.6	13:01	0.4	07:27 17:03
12	Thu	7:32	1.7	20:09	1.8	1:26	0.6	13:41	0.4	07:27 17:03
13	Fri	8:16	1.7	20:50	1.8	2:09	0.6	14:22	0.4	07:28 17:03
14	Sat	8:59	1.8	21:32	1.9	2:52	0.5	15:03	0.4	07:28 17:03
15	Sun	9:43	1.8	22:15	1.9	3:36	0.5	15:46	0.4	07:28 17:03
16	Mon	10:28	1.8	23:00	1.9	4:20	0.5	16:30	0.4	07:29 17:03
17	Tue	11:14	1.8	23:46	1.9	5:07	0.5	17:17	0.4	07:29 17:03
18	Wed			12:04	1.8	5:55	0.4	18:07	0.4	07:30 17:03
19	Thu	0:34	1.9	12:56	1.8	6:45	0.4	19:00	0.4	07:30 17:03
20	Fri	1:24	1.9	13:53	1.8	7:37	0.4	19:57	0.5	07:30 17:03
21	Sat	2:18	1.9	14:53	1.8	8:33	0.3	20:57	0.5	07:30 17:04
22	Sun	3:14	1.9	15:55	1.8	9:30	0.3	21:58	0.4	07:31 17:04

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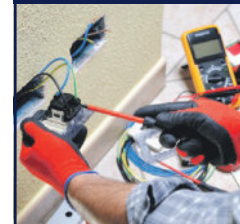
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1. Adjoin (6)
4. Add on (6)
9. Split (7)
10. Horrify (5)
11. Make a minor adjustment (5)
12. Soundly defeat (7)
13. Intricate (11)
18. Stream (7)
20. Troubled (5)
22. Decorate (5)
23. Result (7)
24. Soak up (6)
25. Entry (6)

1. Unusual event (6)
2. Thicket (5)
3. Conceited (5-2)
5. Musical instrument (5)
6. Cost (7)
7. Sweet sounding (6)
8. Limitation (11)
14. Easily discernible (7)
15. Relating to water (7)
16. Misprints (6)
17. Emphasise (6)
19. Cruise ship (5)
21. Cursed (5)

SOLUTIONS

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20. Bogus, 21. Demo.
13. Groggy, 15. Bramble, 16. Courts, 18. Fifth,
5. Overture, 6. E-mail, 7. Old age, 12. Shanghai,
Down: 1. Heath, 2. Marilyn, 3. Arcs, 4. Doodle,
24. Chaismokers.
14. Arable, 17. Off and on, 19. Lamb, 22. Gift horse,
Across: 1. Home and nosed, 8 & 23. Air bag,
9. Close call, 10. Hull, 11. Flotilla, 13. Gandhi,

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Across

1. Where to go with the 4WD and what has to be done to clean it (4,3,5)
- 8 & 23. Car & plane? safety device (3,3)
9. Phew! – I heard that! (5,4)
10. UK shipbuilding city? (4)
11. ...fill a lot of small craft (8)
13. A man of great standing and high profile (6)
14. Middle Eastern and the French male made it fit for planting (6)
17. It's cancelled then reinstated occasionally (3,3,2)
19. Mary's stalker was an essayist? (4)
22. This will need no oral examination (4,5)
23. See 8

Down

1. Erica Moorland is one ... (5)
2. Mary nil unfortunately (7)
3. Scramble back in for pieces of a ring (4)
4. It's a Yankee scribbling? (6)
5. Theme for a Rover & ute maybe (8)
6. Ned leaves Madeline to get a message (1-4)
7. Iron for example or just getting on (3,3)
12. Force on to a junk with a catapult (8)
13. A bit stunned – like beer? (6)
15. A bush finch (7)
16. Tennis chat-up lines? (6)

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18. Beethoven's "G" in C for example (5)
20. Tom left his strange looking gumboots? Not really (5)
21. A short show (4)



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