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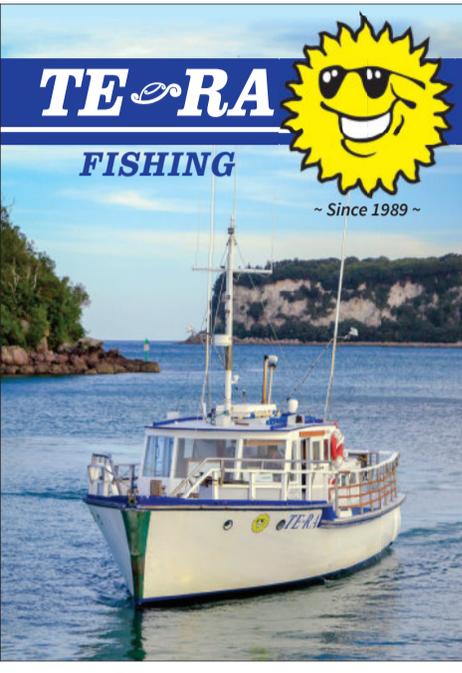
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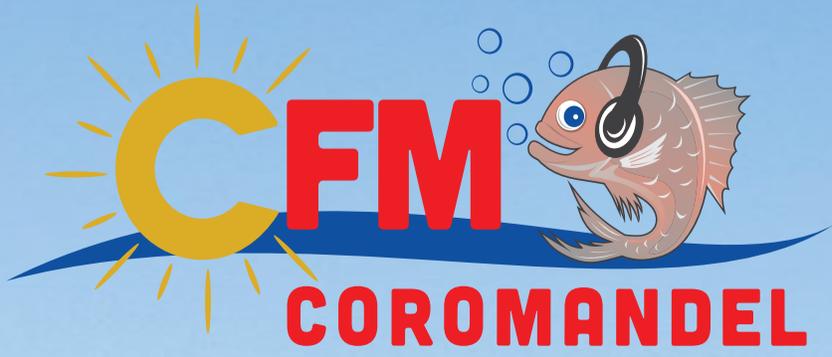
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To the EDITOR

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

Golf – the game for life...

But only if you're vaccinated. Whangamata Golf Club introduced a blanket ban on unvaccinated members last week. This has affected a wide range of people, from those that have been members for 40+ years, to those in their early teens.

The decision made was contrary to advice released by Golf NZ, stating that the game could continue to be enjoyed safely by all members, regardless of vaccination status, at all traffic light levels.

Whangamata Golf was lucky enough to nab pro golfer Ben

Harwood, who grew up in Whangamatā and returned to his hometown to instil his passion for golf, especially to our young people. The club has seen unprecedented numbers of youth join the ranks over the last two years.

Several of those youth and their whanau now face a daunting decision. Taking away something someone loves unless they undergo an experimental medical procedure is not consent. It is in fact, by definition, coercion.

More evidence about the risk of myocarditis and pericarditis is becoming evident every day. The CDC have now admitted these as

adverse reactions that are more prevalent in our adolescent and young men.

Medsafe NZ have recently reclassified it, from 'extremely rare' to 'other side effects - frequency unknown' - Medsafe data sheet 21 Nov 2021.

When do we say enough? Where is your line? Whangamata Golf had an amazing opportunity to embrace inclusivity, to allow all members to participate. The right road is not often the easy one, and it appears as though Whangamata Golf Club have chosen the latter.

Donna Cooney

Sewage dump

Does anyone else think that it's disgusting that the houseboat that's lived in the harbour can go out and dump all it's sewage, stored for sometime, by Clarke Island with an onshore wind?

We've witnessed this many times.

Robin Kennings
WHANGAMATA



From the Editor:

A notice (right) was posted by the Whangamata Golf Club, clearly stating their mandate.

There is no doubt Ben Harwood has attracted a lot of youngsters to the sport - are there any exemptions for teenagers? Could it jeopardise their ongoing participation? I would be surprised if it did, but I'm sure Richard White could answer your questions, Donna Cooney. I believe the right call has been made for the safety of all those playing golf, especially as the borders are now open.

- Jennie Black

Whangamata Golf Club Inc

As of the 3rd of December, New Zealand moved to the Traffic Light System to try to limit the spread of COVID-19.

At the Whangamata Golf Club, our highest priority is always to provide a safe environment for our staff, members, suppliers, contractors and visitors. All our staff are required to be fully vaccinated to ensure everyone is protected to the best of our ability.

Visits to our golf courses

We operate two golf courses and clubhouses, the Titoki 18 hole course and the Williamson 9 hole course. With effect from Friday 3rd December, we are introducing a "no vax/ no entry" policy, and only fully vaccinated visitors will be permitted to visit our premises. On arrival visitors will be required to:

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or record keeping book.

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Wonderful memories of times and places through singing

Mary Durrant has given 34 years service to Moana House residents, and was there when it first opened, initially working in the laundry for 18 months.

Mary told *Whangamatā News* "I have a happy disposition, so I enjoy interacting with our residents - I've found communication invaluable in my role. You know we are all going to get old, we are all going to have stories to tell, and in many ways, time here has been a bit of a history lesson for me."

I asked Mary what strong survivors she had encountered. She recalled, in the early days, meeting residents who had served in the first World War, survived polio and the Spanish flu, and one gent who had even met Princess Te Puea.

"Over the years, there have been fantastic trips we have done, including fishing trips, with the assistance of the Fire Brigade helping everyone on, with wheelchairs too, a good number of the residents came, not all."

Mary recounted an older gentleman, with only one leg, sitting on the boat. Another old chap asked him "What happened to your leg?" Mary's quick response in humour "bitten off by a shark on the last fishing trip, so you'd better be careful!"

So much fun with train trips in Waihi, performances staff have put on - lots of special times.

Mary is well known to families here, she said "you develop some special relationships, they are all special in their own ways".

She told me that we have residents here who have no visitors or family, so you become their family.

Mary brightens the residents with song, all the favourites bringing back memories of times and places.

"You know what? With the singing, the residents never forget words... *Grand Old Duke of York* on the way to the lounge... never missing a beat."

Mary remembers Opening Day and meeting the first resident at the door.

"I'd never known grandparents, never had much to do with the elderly, and didn't know what to expect. I must say I loved it from



Mary and Aileen hitting the notes!

the start... it's been a fulfilling working-life.

"Meeting so many fascinating people with intriguing life stories to tell, the talking, the listening, the dancing, the laughing and the singing - always fun."

Mary remembers the first Matron at Moana who told her "it's a privilege to care for the elderly and I can honestly say it has been a privilege, I'll miss you all."

The community of Whangamatā thanks you, Mary Durrant, for making the world a better place.

- Jennie Black



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Council supports Three Waters plan protests

After eight weeks of “good faith” communication between the Thames-Coromandel District Council and the Government on the Three Waters project, Internal Affairs Minister Nanaia Mahuta has mandated the controversial reform.

The Government will make the reform compulsory for all councils, and the management of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater will be transferred from 67 councils to four public-owned entities from July 1, 2024.

Thames-Coromandel South East Ward councillor Terry Walker says the council was told public consultation would follow the eight week period. But as that hasn't happened, the council has agreed to a three-step response to the Government's plan. This will include support for community marches and demonstrations, such as the protest march which took place in Whangamata on March 4.

The Whangamata Ratepayers Association-organised march started at the Ocean Sports Club at 10am. A group of around 50 people heard speeches from National Party MP Scott Simpson and Tairua resident Benjamin Dunbar Smith.

They then marched through town to the district council offices, waving banners and flags and



Rob Boston leads the protest march through Port Road on 4 December.

chanting to the beat of a drum.

Walker addressed the crowd on reform concerns and Whangamata Ratepayers' Association Rob Boston also spoke.

Walker said the council had agreed to publish full page advertisements expressing their concerns at the lack of democratic process in the Three Waters plan. It will also submit a strongly-worded submission to government and representatives will speak at later Select Committee Hearings.

“There is a tsunami of reforms coming that will impact on local government and communities,” said Walker.

“The major concern is that these reforms are creating further government centralisation or regionalisation, and there are fears as to how the local voice will be heard in future, and how reforms

will be delivered and funded.”

The development of Maori/iwi co-governance arrangements lacked a national conversation and understanding, and had been imposed by governments over the last 20 years, he said.

“There are some positive expectations within the entities model, including more investment in infrastructure at a higher standard and in a faster manner than councils can provide it.

“The entities model could provide a higher level of capability and capacity and stronger buying power, a higher level of governance focused on the waters business, and lower cost delivery to smaller communities.”

“However, in the proposal's current form, the concerns outweigh the positives.”

Those concerns included the structure of the proposed model, the fact that it had too many layers and that council ownership would be too far removed, he said. Ratepayers, consumers and communities also needed to have stronger input into its structure, he added.

“The entity model is yet to take shape that controls the water assets. Who and how will the ratepayers and communities hold the entities to account?”

“There is also real concern regarding the makeup of the regional representative group of 50 per cent iwi and 50 per cent ‘other’ - and what skills they will bring to the table. There is also uncertainty around rural water schemes in the proposed model.”

Walker said a working group had been set up to address critical issues of concern, with an announcement expected in March.

There will be consultation on the reform's economic regulation and consumer protection this month and a national transition unit will be set up to consult with councils.

The first of two water entities bills has begun consultation and process to legislation, while consultation on implementation of the second water entities bill will start in July next year.

- Cameron Scott

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Whangamatā News caught up with our local bird hero, Heather, as she went on a rescue mission as the king tides, which struck our shores last week, threatened the existing dotterel nest at access 18.

With some assistance, the nest was moved more than four metres, up to the dunes, and lifted up with tyres and masked in natural seaweed to disguise the site from predators.

This is actually quite a distance and Heather wasn't sure if the Mother bird would return but, yes, the mother returned within the hour - and probably found the view quite like a high rise!



Well done, Heather. Thank you for everything that you do for our dotterel community.

- Jennie Black



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Toes in the Water update

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They have been paid for, so with stage two, we are now tracking to completing the galvanised storage shed, the matting and a blower for sand build-up on the mats. At this stage, the access to the beach is not available until DOC approves the matting.

But should you want the chairs for use, and you can get them down to the beach, you can book a two-hour time slot by ringing **Dave Ryan on 0274 965 406 or email redryan1948@gmail.com.**

Most importantly, we are here to acknowledge the huge generosity of the Whangamata Club, donating \$5000, and of Whangamata Ocean Sports Club, donating \$4000, last week. This makes a great difference in reaching the goal to purchase specialised beach matting, and four sheets to get down to the beach matting (all up a 50 metre distance), to assist the disabled in getting to the water.

Again the message is simple:

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Dave Ryan (second from left) thankfully meeting Management teams from the Whangamata Club and The Whangamata Ocean Sports Club giving a total of \$9000 combined.

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Returning to Wellington, where he opened two places, then further north to the mighty Auckland, and set up another seven businesses in hospitality.

Wiley said "This is the smallest place I've ever had, so it's a dream of mine. Basically, I'm at retirement age but there's no way I could retire... I would die! I love it - working seven days and still working with Whangamata Harcourts."

There will be lots of exciting new initiatives with afternoon sessions (3pm to 6pm) from Boxing Day, with frozen margaritas, piña colodas and craft beers - and more to come



Call in, meet the 'new guy', have a fabulous meal and enjoy summer at Whanga Bar.

- Jennie Black



New leader welcomed

I'm looking forward to working with the new leader of the National Party, Christopher Luxon.

Most people will have heard of Chris from his time as CEO of Air New Zealand and have seen him in the media in recent times. He brings real-world business and life experience to the leadership role. He represents a fresh start for National following what had been a challenging year. I share his vision to build a better, more ambitious future for our country and for all New Zealanders.

I've retained my spokesperson role in Environment and have taken on the Climate Change and associate Transport portfolios. Of course I continue to represent and advocate for the Coromandel. Please never hesitate to be in touch.

Now that the 'traffic light' system is in place and the regional boundaries are loosening, there is greater certainty that we can enjoy another classic summer on the Coromandel. There have been a few teething issues with the vaccine passes, but please be patient with businesses who

are doing their best under the regulations. It's been a trying time for them and an extra few moments of waiting is a small price to pay to help get our businesses back on their feet and to keep everyone safe.

We have some of the best beaches, walking and cycling tracks, and fishing spots in the country. More than the well-known attractions, it's our small businesses, volunteers and local characters that make Whangamata and the Coromandel so special. We have so many amazing communities and the summer signals a time when the rest of the country remembers what they're missing out on during the rest of the year.

2021 has been a roller-coaster of uncertainty and now as it draws to a close everyone deserves a chance to relax and spend time with their family and friends over the Christmas break.

I wish you and your family a happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Merry Christmas.

Authorised by Scott Simpson MP, 614 Pollen Street, Thames

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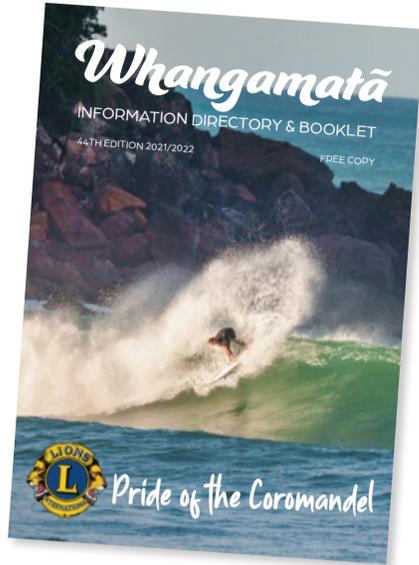
Whangamata Lions' new info booklet now out

I'm delighted to see the refreshed look of the Lions' Whangamatā Information Directory Booklet for 2021/2022. It's free and available from the stores listed below.

Well done to Lions co-ordinators and to Sara Bain, as graphic designer, this year.

It's bursting full of all the info we need - as we know the Yellow Pages are a thing of the past!

- Jennie Black



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Christmas is also a time when plastic overkill becomes even more exuberant. At Christmas alone 50,000 tonnes of waste is sent to landfill in New Zealand!

As part of our responsibility as a green-gold enviro school we are always thinking about our use of

plastic and finding ways of reducing our reliance on the amount going to landfill. We encourage everyone to spend the holidays trying to reduce your waste footprint. With the tamariki we are critically looking at what materials we are using, what we are creating, where it is coming from and challenging ourselves to find alternatives that we can compost.

Inspired by our visit to Aspire Eco and Refill Store and seeing their colourful baubles we decided we would experiment and make our own recycled paper baubles. The baubles are made from shredded paper (business waste) and water. We talk about where paper comes from = trees and how important it is for us to recycle paper as many times as we can to save more trees from being cut down. After rolling these into balls and squeezing all the water out we watched them get hard in the sun.



We have also made our own bioplastic, mixing 1 part gelatine to 4 parts boiling water and add some salt to prevent mould. We then added leaves, flowers, seed pods to a lid and the gelatine mixture. The plastic sets quickly (they will be rubbery) and then dries hard after several days.

Shells, rocks, driftwood and

pumice are treasures from Papatūānuku and reflect the amazing community in which we live. These have also been used by the children to create trees and angels for our Christmas tree.

Look out for our Rahu Kirihimete at the Christmas Tree Grotto.

Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū Ia from Whangamata Kindergarten.



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Snooker at its best

At last, the Open Men's Singles and Pairs snooker finals have taken place. Covid meant delays this year and, with only 15 days until Christmas, the competition couldn't run over the usual two months.

The winners were finally declared at the RSA on Saturday, 11 December.

The prestigious competition has been running for more than 20 years, with 40 current men and

women members in the Snooker Club.

It's obvious, while watching these players, that the game is all about tactics and strategies. It's not how well you can pot, or if you can get 30 or 40 points at a time. It's about how clever you are and whether you can last the longest, despite frustration.

Well done, guys!

- Jennie Black

Results

OPEN MEN'S SINGLES

Winner: Gavin Johnson
2nd place: J.T.
3rd place: Glen Adam

OPEN MEN'S PAIRS

Winners: Gavin Johnson & J.T.
2nd place: Graeme Walder & Alex Van de Einden



J.T. plays a shot.



Champion Gavin Johnson.

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Telcos go all out to cater for holiday spike in data use



Both Vodafone and Spark will deploy temporary CoW (Cell on Wheels) signal booster units in Whangamatā over the summer holidays, in a bid to cater for expected huge spikes in data use.

Vodafone spokesperson Nicki Preston says Vodafone has selected a location for their unit in Whangamatā that is expected to have minimal visual impact on local residents.

The decision to use a temporary signal booster again follows problems last year when a unit was placed at the Whangamatā Golf Course, attracting objections from residents who said it was too close to their homes. As a result the CoW was removed in mid-December, resulting in severe data congestion for Vodafone users.

Preston said the company had been in regular contact with Thames-Coromandel District Council representatives and did not expect any issues with the location that had been selected this time.

“More broadly, this year Vodafone has been upgrading the capacity of our mobile cell sites in order to provide contiguous high speed data services throughout the holiday period, and to prepare for expected spikes in data use,” she said.

“We will actively be monitoring the performance of the network throughout

the summer period and will respond to any service issues should they occur.”

Meanwhile Spark has also geared up for the busy summer holiday season by installing a CoW last week.

A company spokesperson said mobile services worked by connecting customers to the nearest cell tower, and each cell tower had a certain amount of capacity that was shared among those using it.

“So in preparation for predicted increased demand on our network in popular summer hotspots, we often deploy temporary cell sites to increase capacity,” the spokesperson said.

“We know that Whangamatā is a popular destination with visitors at this time of year, so we have installed a temporary cell site on the corner of Hilton Drive and Waihi-Whangamatā Rd to ensure there’s enough capacity to go around. The temporary site was scheduled to be connected last Monday and removed in February, which is when we expect demand for digital services returns to normal levels.

“We’ve also upgraded several of our permanent cell towers in the area, increasing capacity to support connectivity for our customers over the holiday period and beyond.”

- Cameron Scott

Kaitiaki kids

Kia ora, our names are Ivy, Aiyana and Torah and we are students at Opoutere School. We are writing an article in the newspaper because we are currently doing an Inquiry into ocean pollution.

One of the things our class has noticed is a major problem with pollution and litter on our roadsides around Whangamatā.

Our class did a litter audit on Whangamatā beach. The information collected is part of a national database initiative by Sustainable Coastlines.

Even though our beach looks tidy at first glance, our class found out that there is a lot of rubbish under the surface.

We also know that roadside litter can travel down drains and rivers and eventually end up in our ocean.

We are disappointed that people choose to throw their rubbish on the roadside and also that no one in our community takes responsibility to go pick up this litter. It is a major problem in our opinion. We would like to see some action on this issue.

We are supposed to be a clean, green country but a lot of the roadsides around our local community have a litter problem.

As you can see in the photos above, we have started to clean up as part of our Environmental Inquiry action. We have only done



Watt Road so far, and that short side road alone produced a trailer load of rubbish!

Some of the items that have been dumped, like the boat in the picture above, were too big for us to move so we had to leave them there. Watt Road is only one of our examples to date and it is just horrific how much rubbish we found on that road alone!

The 'NO DUMPING' sign from Watt Road has been vandalized.

We are wondering *why* people

are choosing to use the roadside instead of the rubbish dump?

Maybe one answer is to make it more affordable for people so they don't choose to use the side of the road. The paid bags could be half the price. Maybe there should be a bigger consequence like a really big fine for people who are actually caught using our roadsides as a dump?

Another idea we have is to put cameras in places like Watt Road to catch the people who are dumping the rubbish.



An example of how bad some of our roadsides are.

Another thing that would be helpful is people taking some time to maybe clean up their local areas or roadsides. Every little bit helps our environment.

Lastly, we would really like to know: what the Whangamatā Council is going to do about it?

With Christmas coming soon, and more people heading into town, we hope that everyone can be more mindful of caring for our precious, local environment.

- Laurie Webb, Opoutere School

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

17 December, 2021

Government cuts roading funding

A cut in the Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) subsidy for improvements to Council roads and footpaths means that many of the projects in this category identified in the Long Term Plan will be delayed, reduced in size or scope, or potentially not carried out.

Waka Kotahi has approved funding of up to \$4,940,000 over 2021-24, with approved projects already confirmed by the transport agency totalling \$3,615,500. This leaves \$1,325,000 of subsidy available for other Council projects valued at \$7,018,272.

Our Council has decided that the available subsidy should go towards the improvement of the Te Kouma Road intersection with State Highway 25, to support the expansion of Te Ariki Tahī/Sugarloaf Wharf – an economic development project which has investment from the Provincial Growth Fund (\$19.95 million)

and Waikato Regional Council (\$2 million). The wharf expansion will allow for growth in the mussel farming and aquaculture industry and create jobs in the region.

This will mean that the funding subsidy from Waka Kotahi will not be available for Community Board promoted footway construction or street lighting improvements or for district funded improvements that are not regarded as high priority.



CCTV operating in Whangamatā

Two CCTV cameras have been installed at Williamson Park and the skatepark ahead of the holiday season. These cameras will be operating 24/7 and will record any illegal and unsociable activities in these areas, particularly over New Year's Eve. The video evidence will help police identify anyone who commits an offence and help protect property and businesses in these areas.

MERRY Christmas from TCDC

Our Council Christmas operating hours

- Friday 24 December – 8am–3pm
- Monday 27 December – Tuesday 4 January – Closed
- Wednesday 5 January – Open regular hours
Applies to all our offices and district libraries.

Our Contact Centre and Bylaws staff will be available during this period. Contact us on 07 868 0200. Contractors and Bylaws staff will be available.

Alcohol bans in public places

Our district has year-round, 24/7 town centre alcohol bans, plus additional Christmas and New Year alcohol bans on many of our beaches and seaside reserves. Find locations and dates here: tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol



Fire in Summer

A total fire ban applies in the Coromandel from late December to early February each year. Explore permits and rules here: checkitsalright.nz and stay safe over summer.



Water Restrictions

Water Restrictions may be in place over summer. Check if your area needs to conserve water at tcdc.govt.nz/waterrestrictions



Kerbside Summer Collection

Our summer Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection schedule begins Monday 27 December 2021 and ends Saturday 12 February 2022. In most areas of our district there are extra collections during this period.



tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Please put your blue Council rubbish bags, glass crates and/or recycling wheelie bins by the kerb for collection by 9am on your collection day. If your wheelie bin or glass crate isn't full, you don't need to put them out as there'll be another collection soon. If you're leaving the area before your collection day, drop your material at one of our seven Refuse Transfer Stations (RTS). Hours and locations:

tcdc.govt.nz/rts

Whangamatā Community Board UPDATE

A word from our Whangamatā Community Board Chair Ken Coulam

"Although we are coming up to the silly season, now more than ever we need to make sure we are following the rules. With lots of people coming into Whangamatā over Christmas, the risk of COVID-19 entering our community increases. Don't get complacent with wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, and scanning in. These measures will help us all stay safe over this holiday period. From your local Community Board, we wish you a very safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



ken.coulam@council.tcdc.govt.nz

The Board's next meeting is on 22 February 2022, 9am at 620 Port Road. Recordings of all our Council and Community Board meetings are posted on tcdc.govt.nz/meetings, where you'll also find meeting agendas and minutes.

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Monday 27 December 2021	Monday 24 January 2022
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Hours and locations for all transfer stations: tcdc.govt.nz/rts



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Denis Beaver from Coro-Events has three events planned in January in Whangamata and like the rest of us was on tenterhooks today waiting to find out what level Waikato would enter the traffic light system on.

Please let us know if you would like more information or to interview him about his statement below.

Denis Beaver, Event Director, Coro-Events said of the updated traffic light announcement made by the Government this afternoon;

"We're absolutely stoked that Waikato is entering the traffic light system at orange.

"Our impressive line-up of top Kiwi talent is already here so

we've no worries about securing MIQ spaces - they're all ready to get this summer party started!

"Today's announcement means we are now full steam ahead to deliver some world class events right here in Whangamata this January!"

Coro-Events three new events include; Sundown (02 January), DanceFarm (08 January) and Kickdown (20-23 January).

All of these events are being held outdoors at Joe's Farm with free shuttle transfers from Whangamata.

For more information visit:
sundownfestival.nz
dancefarm.co.nz
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Best premier muster pre-season

Whangamatā News caught up with Whangamata Rugby and Sports Club President, Murray Cleland, about the upcoming season.

He told us "we are now looking at the 2022 season for rugby and we've had our first muster of our premier players, we are very excited that we had over 30 players present. It was probably the best muster we have ever had prior to pre-season and before our first training run on January 17th for the squad."

"This year we have appointed a new coaching group, they will be Johnny Corbett, who comes to us from Te Puke Sports, he comes with great knowledge of the game and coaching, and also Zac Clarke who was the Captain of our winning 2020 Thames Valley Competition, so he's coming back in the coaching squad but will also play.

The third member of the group, will be Telly Hemopo. He will also play and run the backs.

The committee is very excited to



Telly Hemopo (above) was always dangerous with ball in hand.

have managed to put a group of premier players so easily and early in the season, and the club has also registered a Senior B side in the Valley Competition.

These are very exciting times for Whangamata Rugby and hope that the town continues to get behind us for all the home games.

Come and see some exciting rugby ahead, from the first game on 2 April 2022. For regular updates go the Facebook page for Whangamata Rugby & Sports.

- Jennie Black



Johnny Corbett joins the coaching squad from TePuke Sports.



Zac Clarke winning lineout ball early in the first half.

Sapphire on the tennis courts

April 2022 will be a big year for the Whangamata Tennis and Squash Club.

The club will celebrate it's Sapphire Anniversary. 45 years, and for many locals it will be a day to saviour.

Back in 1977, it was all volunteers! Money was pledged, sponsors found, endless sausages eaten.

But slowly, bit by bit the money was raised, the walls painted, the courts sealed, racquets restrung.

Many of our town's revered citizens played a huge part - people like the Pitchers, Webbs, Ironside - too many to mention.

If it's been a while since you popped down to the club, you will notice some major changes. New paint job inside and out, bathrooms, bar area, downstairs, furniture upstairs and downstairs and much more.

New president Sue Blanchett is proud to continue the 45-year legacy. "Many of our new improvements in the last 2 years have only happened with the help of grants and while we still rely on our members and volunteers for many things, I imagine it's nothing like it was 45 years ago. Working Bee was almost a swear word".

However, it wasn't all dust and knuckles with several stories



Sue Blanchett, President of the Whangamata Tennis and Squash Club.

leaking about the many 'big nights down at the club'.

"We're really looking forward to April where we will celebrate our anniversary" says Sue. "Who knows, maybe we can create a story or two of our own for future generations".

Watch out for more details about the big party but in the meantime if you'd like a game.

Club Tennis games are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30am to 10am and Sunday from 2pm to 4pm. Casual hire for tennis or squash is just \$20 an hour - the key is at Whangamata Pharmacy.



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- 31/12 • 9.30PM - LATE DJ SMOKEY BARRACK

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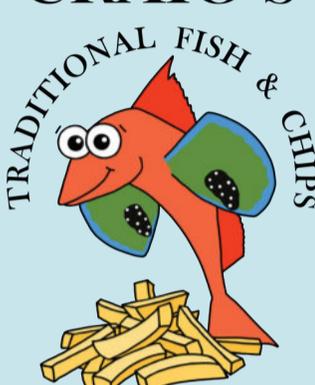
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- 05/01 • 9.30PM - LATE DJ SMOKEY BARRACK
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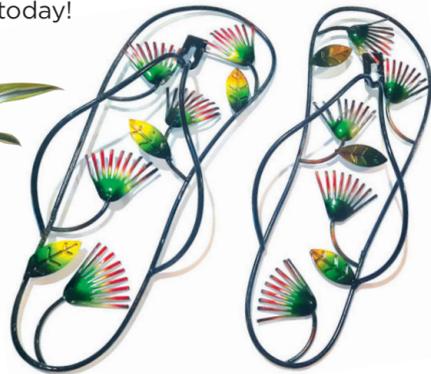


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Non-perishable goods can be dropped off at:

- Whangamata Real Estate Office – 328 Ocean Road, Whangamata

OR

- Whangamata Community Services Trust – 505 Port Road, Whangamata

OR

- Monetary donations can be made at givealittle.co.nz/cause/whangamata-christmas-foodbank-appeal

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Craft markets and song



The Whangamata Summer Festival's Annual Craft Markets and free New Year's Day concert are on!

It has been a tough year for everyone, and the Festival Committee is looking forward to welcoming stallholders and market-goers to Williamson Park.

The Twilight Market will be on Monday, 27 December, 2pm - 8pm, and features live local performers.

The Annual Craft Market Day follows on Tuesday, 28 December, 9am - 4pm, with even more stalls and performers.

The markets will look a little different as the Committee works

to accommodate all humans within the traffic light system. However, the team is optimistic they are going to be able to welcome everyone.

Big thanks to our sponsors of the Market Days: the Whangamata Community Board, Whangamata Club, Trust Waikato, NZCT and Lion Foundation.

The Committee will once again welcome Ian Campbell's Garden Opera Company to the New Year's Day Opera at the RSA from 7:30pm January 1st, 2022; in partnership with Creative Communities Coromandel & Trust Waikato.

The RSA is asking audience



members to please bring their vaccine pass with them to this free community concert.

Restaurant and bar facilities will be open and there is no need for a membership as the RSA applies for a licence for the event - although do consider becoming a member as it is a great

community club.

The Summer Festival team acknowledge that many of the Whangamata Community work over this busy time, and hope that everyone will be able to get to at least one of their offerings.

-Renee Meiklejohn



There's a new vibe in town!



DAILY MENU TO 1.30PM

- Big Breakfast** \$24.00
Bacon, eggs, sausages, grilled tomato, hash browns, tomato relish & toast
- Pancakes or Waffles**..... \$19.50
Bacon, banana or blueberry, yoghurt or maple syrup
- Toast & Spread ^**..... \$ 8.50
Choice of jam, marmite, honey, or peanut butter
- Eggs Benedict ^**..... \$19.50
Poached eggs, crusty bread, hollandaise
Bacon OR Smoked Salmon OR Tomato
- Bacon and Eggs**.....\$17.00
Bacon, eggs, grilled tomato & crusty bread
- Vege Stack ^**..... \$19.50
Potato rosti, spinach, tomato, mushroom, poached egg & hollandaise on crusty bread
- Fish and Chips ^**.....\$24.50
Tempura battered market fish of the day, chips, salad & tartare sauce
- Caesar Salad ^**.....\$23.50
Chicken, bacon, green salad, croutons, parmesan with poached egg (anchovies optional)
- Steak and Camembert Sandwich**..... \$21.50
Steak, camembert, avocado (seasonal), beetroot relish, salad on Turkish bread, & fries
- Seafood Chowder** \$21.00
Served with crusty bread
- Vibes Tacos x 2 with fries**..... \$19.00
Fish - Tempura battered fish goujons, pickles, slaw, chipotle mayo & tartare sauce
Chicken - Panko crumbed chicken, slaw & chipotle mayo
Popcorn Shrimp - mango salsa, slaw, mayo & sour cream
^ Gluten Free option available on request
- Extras available with main meals**..... \$ 5.00
Bacon, Smoked Salmon, Eggs, Sausage, Tomato, Mushrooms, Hash Browns, Garden Salad, Avocado (seasonal), Hollandaise
- Extra Toast \$1.50 Gluten Free Bread/Toast \$2.00**

ALL DAY MENU

- Vibes Gourmet Burgers**
Served on a toasted bun, tomato relish, beetroot, cheese, salad, with fries
- Beef and Bacon Burger ^** \$22.00
Gourmet beef pattie, bacon, pickles, burger sauce
- Chicken and Bacon Burger** \$22.00
Crumbed chicken, bacon & avocado, burger sauce
- Fish Burger ^** \$22.00
Tempura battered market fish, pickles, tartare sauce
- ^ Gluten free burger option available add** \$5.00
- Vibes Gourmet Pizzas**
- Pepperoni**.....\$22.00
Sliced salami, mozzarella, tomato, red onions, basil
- Supreme** \$23.00
Bacon, ham, salami, tomato, mozzarella, red onions, smokey BBQ sauce
- Margarita - vegetarian**..... \$21.00
Mozzarella, tomato, basil
- Chicken** \$22.00
Chicken, bacon, mozzarella, tomato, cranberry sauce
- Vibes Bar Snacks**
- Chicken Wings (x8)** with buffalo sauce, and small fries \$17.00
- Crumbed Calamari (x8)** with chipotle mayo, and small fries..... \$17.00
- Nachos ^** \$19.50
Corn chips with cheese, spicy mince, sweet chilli sauce & sour cream
- Toasted Sandwiches ^**.....\$10.50
Choice of two fillings - ham/cheese/tomato/pineapple/onion/mushroom/egg
- Extra filling add**..... \$ 1.00
- ^Gluten free option add**..... \$ 1.00
- Basket of Fries with aioli - curly or straight fries**..... \$ 9.00
- Basket of Loaded Wedges**..... \$18.50
Bacon, cheese, sweet chilli sauce & sour cream

Pull up a leaner & enjoy wine, beer, RTDs or a coffee!

KIDS' MENU

- Kids bacon & eggs** \$10.00
- Baby bene**..... \$12.00
- Chicken Nuggets (x4) & fries** \$ 8.50
- Kids Hot Dogs (x2) & fries** \$ 8.50
- Fish Bites (x2) & fries** \$ 8.50
- Lil Pancakes OR Waffles** \$10.00
Served with ice cream and chocolate sauce

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Whangamata Resource Recovery Trust Compost 2 Go Project.

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*Wishing all my clients, past and future, a **very merry, safe Christmas** with family and friends this summer.*

Enjoy the fabulous weather and atmosphere of Whangamata – **there's no place like home!**



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COASTGUARD REPORT

24/7 communication



An important service provided to boaties by Coastguard is 24/7 communications at sea. Your Marine VHF Radio is the most reliable means of maintaining contact with Coastguard and other vessels. Cell phones also play a role but are less reliable as they can be affected by low battery power or areas of poor signal coverage. The other key difference is that a cell phone call has only one recipient whereas a radio call will be received by Coastguard and other vessels. In an emergency situation those other vessels could be a vital part of the response and the outcome.

Logging a Trip Report with Coastguard as you leave harbour is recommended as it provides information on your plan for the day including your destination, the number of persons on board, your expected time of return and also identifies your vessel. This information can be important if things go wrong and you require assistance. The free Coastguard app is also available for trip reports.

The other advantage of making a Trip Report part of your routine is that it will make you more familiar with using your radio, making it a key tool in keeping you safe at sea.

To contact Coastguard Whangamata your local Marine VHF Channel is 04. The 24/7 phone number is 07 865 8800.



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ON THE STREET VOX POP *with Jennie*

How do our retailers feel about people returning to Whangamata when the borders open this month?

Cindy from Sorensons Hair



"We welcome all our Auckland clients back. We missed you and the weather is fabulous! I'm excited to see my family members returning after so long"



John from 100%

"We can't wait for them to turn up. Welcome back to Whangamata, Aucklanders! Our team at 100% will greet you with great service and a smile!"

Phil from Whangamata Ocean Sports Club



"We are really looking forward to seeing our 'out of town locals!'. We can't wait to see you all again at your 'Million Dollar View' club."



Sarah from Pumice Patch

"We love your company. We need you guys. We miss you. Welcome back to your second home!"



Janene from Meat at the Beach

"We are really looking forward to Aucklanders, and from all regions, returning to Whangamata. Join us for the BBQ season with fresh, local, made from scratch and delectable meats. We've missed you!"



Mark from Marjos Pizzas

"One team, one country. You are just as welcome as anyone else in NZ. Come see us for soft serve ice cream & pizzas!"



Sam from LuvCoffee

"Miss you Auckland! Can't wait to serve you with hot coffees and delicious meals. You're always welcome at LuvCoffee!"

Angela from Kitcheneese Deli



"I miss their smiles and banter. Welcome back. I've missed having them celebrate their milestones with family here at their second home - a special place!"

Come and make memories @ Whanga!

"In support of the retailer community, now is the opportune time to have two large billboards welcoming all our visitors back.

Regardless of differing points of view, our retailers have done it tough - we need Visitor 'spend'. We need to survive and we need to be united in a welcoming approach.

As Chairperson of Enterprise Whangamata Business Association, and with the help of Terry Walker of the Community Board and the great lads at Menzshed, the billboards are up and standing proud!"

- Jennie Black,
Chairperson of Enterprise Whangamata.



THANK YOU!

Whangamata Grey Power Association

Wishes to thank all the local businesses who provide discounts to members of Grey Power. Your participation in our Discount Scheme is greatly appreciated.



The Discount Book issued to financial members sets out discount provisions and conditions offered.

- Arrow Florist & Gifts
- Bella Design
- Bettie Monroe
- Blake Court Motel
- Bliss Hair Studio
- Bodywork Gym
- BRN Kitchens
- Bubba's Fishing & Outdoors
- Carters Whangamata
- Challenge Whangamata
- Chilli Cove Eatery & Bar
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- Laser Electrical Whangamata
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- Whanga Books
- Whanga Cool
- Whangamata Chiropractic Clinic
- Whangamata Cycles & Outdoor Equipment & Peddles & Paddle
- Whangamata Dental Care
- Whangamata Flooring Xtra
- Whangamata Foodmarket
- Whangamata Furniture & Bedding (Beds R Us)
- Whangamata Plumbing, Drainage & Gas Fitting
- Whangamata Real Estate
- Whangamata Service Centre
- Whangamata Upholstery Services
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For new member enquiries, please call Maree on 021 211 9879.

Art in the Park full of colour and skill

If you missed the inaugural Art in the Park by our Arts Collective, make sure you don't miss it next year.

There's a really great atmosphere with music and minglers admiring a huge variety of artistic talent. Tables, chairs, nibbles and beautiful Leverets wine, set in the serene

surrounds of Wentworth Valley - a better day couldn't be had.

With such diversity and high standard of excellence, it was well worth the visit. Thank you to Graeme Smith of the Arts Collective - again, another dynamic event for our locals.

- Jennie Black



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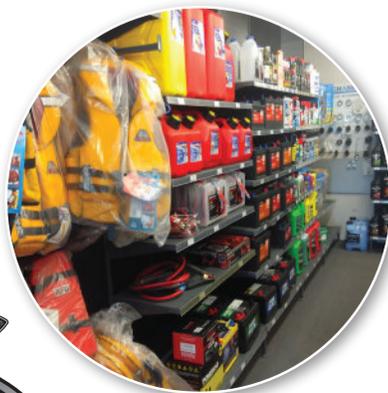
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Summer Calendar

DECEMBER 2021 / JANUARY 2022			
<p>JUNIOR SURF SEASONS</p> <p>From 10am please refer to www.whangamatasurf.co.nz/juniorsurf for age group times.</p> <p><i>Summer Peak Season:</i></p> <p>December & January</p> <p>December 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 29th, 30th and 31st. January 5th - 30th, excluding Monday and Tuesday.</p> <p><i>2022 Shoulder Season:</i></p> <p>Every Sunday from 6th February to 17th April</p>	<p>MONDAY 27 DECEMBER</p> <p><i>Bar open</i></p> <p>4pm-7pm daily. Members only. Social membership \$40-00 per person. Vaccination pass required.</p>	<p>TUESDAY 28 DECEMBER</p> <p><i>Surf Club Classic Harbour Swim</i> A WhangalNee® event</p> <p>9.15am. Register at the surf club from 8am. Compulsory briefing 8.30am. Vaccination pass required.</p> 	<p>WEDNESDAY 29 DECEMBER</p> <p><i>Whangamata Real Estate Family Sandcastle Competition</i></p> <p>Join us from 11am for some family fun these summer holidays. Bring the whole family down to the Whangamata main beach for a sandcastle building battle! Gold coin donation per individual, look for our flags by the Surf Club.</p>  <p><i>Don't just dream it, live it</i></p>
	<p>SATURDAY 1 JANUARY</p> <p><i>Annual appeal</i></p> <p>We can't visit you at home this year, Whangamata. Please keep an eye out for our bucket shakers, who will be in town, on the beach and riding in vehicles during the day. And keep an ear out for our sirens as we hit the streets in our vehicles from 5pm. Please give generously and help us so we can keep on helping you.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY</p> <p><i>Surf Club Beach Fun Run & Walk</i> A WhangalNee® event</p> <p>5.00pm. \$10-00 pp. Register at the surf club from 4pm. Vaccination pass required.</p> <p>G.J. Gardner. HOMES</p>	<p>SATURDAY 8 JANUARY</p> <p><i>Quiz Night!</i></p> <p>Tickets \$30-00 limited to 100. Doors open 6.30pm. Strictly 18 years and over. Vaccination pass required.</p> 



- **37 people home for Christmas!** Last season our lifeguards gave over **5000 hours** of lifeguard patrol service to the public, rescued **37** people, and assisted another **26** to safety. They treated **94** first aid incidents with **8** people requiring further treatment at either the Medical Center or hospital; acted on **2100** occasions to prevent harm occurring so that risky situations did not become rescues, searches, first aid incidents or fatalities and provided educational services to **270** children through our Junior Surf programme.
- **Always swim between the flags. If you see someone in trouble dial 111 and ask for Police.**
- **Want to be a lifeguard?** Email us on manager@whangamatasurf.co.nz

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To all of our sponsors, members, supporters and friends; we couldn't do what we do without you.
 Thank you from the bottom of our collective hearts. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Whangamata 'FLASH'

This local newspaper was owned by Pam Ryan and her husband back in the 70's. We're lucky to have a few hard copies and thought our readers would enjoy historic pieces. Below left are photos of the Parakiwai Valley MotoX, 1976 - legends.

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THE OLD AND THE NEW

Telephone trouble probably happened far more than it does now, in the 'good old days'. In those days Whangamata was on the Hikutaia Exchange. The wires track was not just a tramper's track then, but the route over which the telephone wires passed. The late Mr Philip Williamson spoke of the times he and other residents "rode the wires" to find breaks. Sometimes this would be a tree fallen on the wire.

There was even a small telephone directory about the size of the Flash. The names in it could be nostalgic to some old residents with their memories of their early link with the "outside".

The fine new telephone exchange with, it is hoped, STD in the offing and free dialling to Paeroa and Waihi, is a far cry from that first little directory. It is possible that a copy of one of these will be lodged in the library shortly.

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DIVE CLUB TAKES FIRST OUTING

On the 2nd August the Whangamata Dive Club had its first dive trip. . . We went with 8 divers to Slipper Island, which we reached in 18 minutes. We had a dive at Easternbay Light-house. The weather was fine with some clouds. The visibility was 80 feet. Everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously and afterwards had lunch on board the 'Calypso Cat'.

Our second dive was at the mainland catching crayfish at the Southern Coves. I'm sure that after this first successful trip many will follow.

Our next club meeting will be in the Captains Table, 7 30 pm on 17th August. A speaker from Moray Industries will tell us everything about a dive computer and show us some slides. We want our club meetings to be a social event where everybody has a great time, so come on and bring your family and friends too. Next club dive 23 Aug. C. Fokke, Safety Officer.

Jim Has The Secret

A carrot of immense proportions has been grown in our sandy Whangamata soil. The huge vegetable is a full 15" in circumference, measures 11" (of edible carrot, not including the tap root) and weighs in at 1.585 kgs (approx. 3½ lbs).

Jim Birse grew the carrot and when asked about his success, he said, "Fowl manure makes 'em grow, that's my reason to crow!"

Driver Licence Training

I've got my Learner Licence, but how do I...

- Learn the right skills?
- Apply the Give Way rules?
- Know when it's safe to go?



What I need is someone to help me...

- Avoid Mum & Dad's bad habits!
- Learn how & where to position the car on the road correctly
- Know where to look and how to determine when it's safe to go
- What is expected of me to pass my test!



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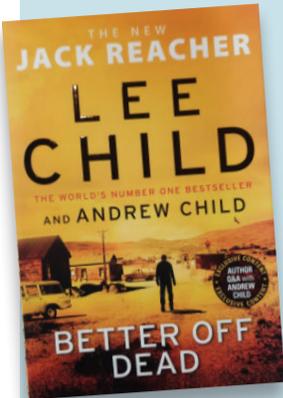
BY LEE CHILD

Reacher never backs down from a problem. And he's about to find a big one.

On a deserted Arizona road, where a Jeep has crashed into the only tree for miles around and under the merciless sun, nothing is as it seems.

Minutes later Reacher is heading up into the nearby town. Next to him is Michaela Fenton, an army veteran turned FBI agent, who is trying to find her twin brother. He might have got mixed up with some dangerous people.

And Reacher might just need to pay them a visit.



Go Tell the Bees that I am Gone

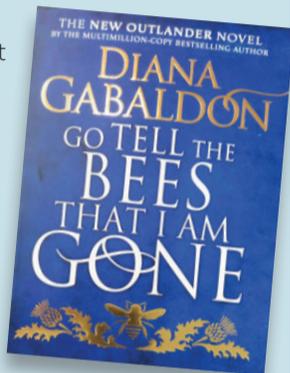
BY DIANA GABALDON

Jamie Fraser and Claire Randall were torn apart by the Jacobite Rising of 1745 and it took them twenty years to find each other again. Now the American revolution threatens to do the same.

It is 1779 and Claire and Jamie are at last reunited with their daughter, Brianna, her husband Roger, and their children on Fraser's ridge. Yet even in North Carolina back country, the effects of war are being felt.

Tensions in the Colonies are great and local feelings run hot.

Not so far away, young William Ranson is still coming to terms with the discovery of his true father's identity, Lord John Grey.

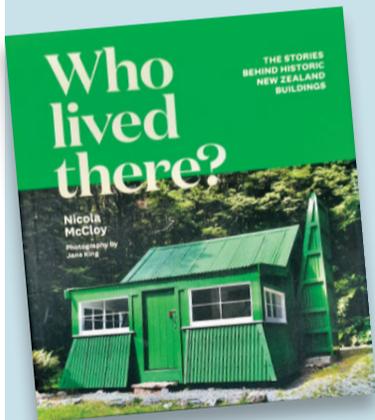


Who Lived There?

BY NICOLA McCLOY

What is that building?

From stone cottages in barren-looking countryside, to pretty coastal villas, romantic churches and small-town taverns - New Zealand is full of buildings whose back stories are in danger of being lost.



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Sports results

TABLE TENNIS

2 December: Denise Wallace shared top points with Wayne Broome and Karen Branks was second. Go the girls!

9 December: Gary Small beat 17 players for first, with John Wallace, Ken Allen and Wayne Broome just one point behind. There were no girls this week.



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Web# FNPC1101**

Grooving In The Grove

Just a short stroll to the beach... what a delight! Superb spot close to Onemana's seaside. Down to the beach for your morning swim, back home for lunch then back down to the beach again. Summer perfection. This very comfortable beach home has open plan living/dining which flows onto the spacious decks on two sides to follow the sun and take in the serene rural views. 3 double bedrooms, master bedroom has access to the deck. Full sized 704 sqm site - plenty of room for the kids and pets. Treat yourself to a wealth of relaxation and entertaining at this beautiful beach.

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**207a Tuck Road
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New Listing



Waihi

New Price



Waihi

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Quarter Acre Kiwi Dream

Looking for a fab 4 bedrm family home in the heart of Waihi? So close to the great schools & to town. The family living areas flow perfectly from one to another, Step down conservatory, heatpump & woodburner w wetback. Dble gge.

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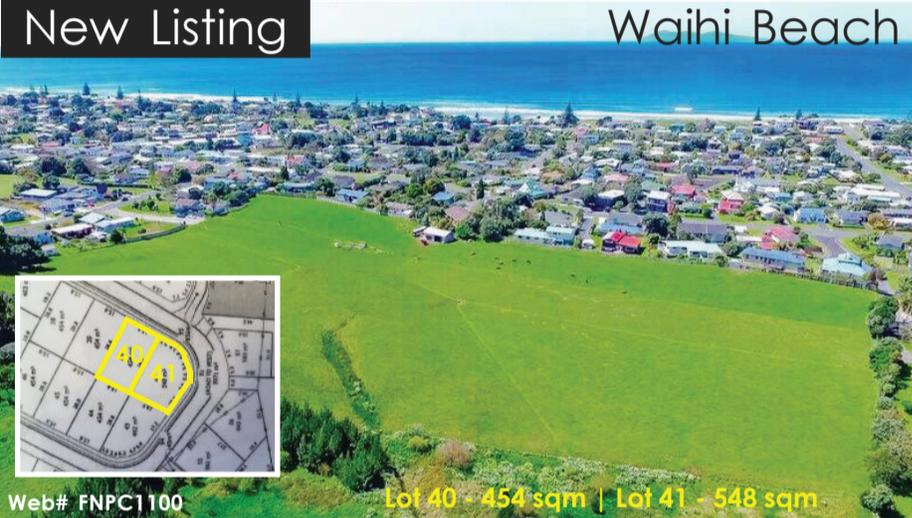
Spectacular Rural Outlook

Set on 4000 sqm of lifestyle paradise. Away from the hustle & bustle, this 3 bedrm, 2 bathrm home is an absolute must see. 2 living areas, single lockup garage & a dble carport. Wide, serene rural views. Seize this rare opportunity.

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New Listing



Waihi Beach

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Lot 40 - 454 sqm | Lot 41 - 548 sqm

Vacant Residential Sites

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Waihi Beach

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Subdivide Or Landbank

Huge potential here. 1.6232 Ha of residentially zoned land with family sized home approx 400m walk from the sand & surf. 3 dble bedrms, master w ensuite. Develop as a new subdivision, or landbank.

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Whangamata Christmas Tree Forest & Santa's Grotto

Come along and experience a magical forest featuring over 30 real Christmas trees beautifully decorated by our community businesses, organisations and school children.

The big fellow himself will be waiting for children to visit him in his whimsical Grotto and photographs are welcome.

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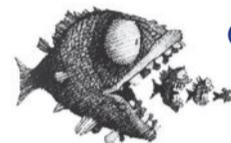
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