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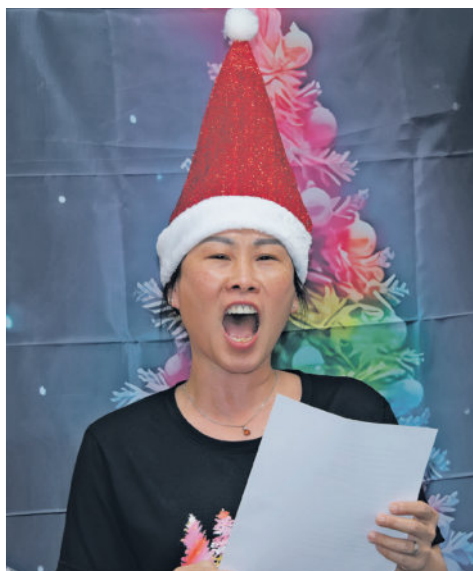
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The festive season is here

Happy holidays to everyone who has chosen to spend this special time of the year in our region. Whether you're a local, someone returning for their annual visit, or you're making your first trip here, I'm sure you'll agree there's no better place to spend the summer than on the Coromandel.

You can feel the vibe shift when we get to summer, there's just a positive atmosphere as our towns fill up with family, friends and travellers who want to experience what our region has to offer. That feeling never gets old, no matter how long you've been here, and long may it continue.

While the focus of the summer inevitably turns to welcoming our visitors, there's no reason why locals can't get in on the action. There's simply no better time to explore our backyard, to discover something new, or to enjoy your favourite spots than right now.

I also want to acknowledge the work that NZTA have done around our region over the past couple of months. Reinstating the Boundary Creek Bridge on the western side of the Coromandel Peninsula to two-lanes, as well as completing the repairs to SH25A ahead of schedule was welcome news for local businesses looking to make the most of the summer trading season.

With more people travelling to our region, there will inevitably be more traffic on our roads. If you're driving around the Peninsula, be safe and enjoy your journey. There's no need to rush, the Coromandel isn't going anywhere.

Finally, I want to wish a Merry Christmas to all the readers of the Whangamatā & Waihi News. I hope that you have a terrific festival season with your friends and family.

– Authorised by Scott Simpson MP,
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Action needed

Climate change is happening and the effects are evident when we watch the news.

Adverse weather events are getting worse. Droughts, cyclones and dangerous heat waves are increasing, and the vast majority of scientists warn that it will only get worse if we don't reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Right wing misinformation will try to say that climate politics is simply a Green invention and ignore the fact that organisations, such as NASA, state that there is unequivocal evidence that the earth is warming at an unprecedented rate and that human activity is the principal cause.

Yes, the climate has always changed, but it is now changing at a very dangerous rate. It is undeniable that human activity has produced the atmospheric gas that trapped the sun's energy.

Carbon dioxide from human activities is increasing 250 times faster than it did from natural sources after the last ice age.

Scientists do not ignore "biogenic methane", but as NASA has pointed out the concentration of methane in the atmosphere has almost doubled since the start of the industrial revolution. This increase in methane is responsible for 20% to 30% of the earth's warming.

NIWA and the Ministry for the Environment have produced evidence that most of these methane emissions in NZ come from agriculture. Our current government ignores the weight of this evidence and does nothing to counteract this looming climate disaster.

In the future our children and future generations will pay the price for our blindness and our failure to act in a responsible manner.

John Lipscombe
WHANGAMATĀ

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Freedom campers response

I saw the article on freedom campers in issue 155. I think it's important to understand a broader perspective of the Beach Road Reserve site. The mud hole displayed in the original article was in fact caused by freedom camper traffic in the first place and was not a mud hole given to folks to camp on. The vast majority of freedom camper's sites across New Zealand and the Coromandel are sensibly located on hard surface areas and not on grass park areas that are not suited to constant traffic. The Beach Road campers are positioned a mere 12 metres from front gates and constant noise and movement is stressful for many. The Beach Road site is constantly abused by campus; exceeding designated

numbers, randomly camping outside of the designated areas, exceeding multiple stay-nights, parking boats and support vehicles alongside their camp vans. Many local residents have been exposed to campers leaving litter, pouring out grey waste water, urinating (and worse publicly). The majority using the site do not meet New Zealand camp vehicle regulations.

I am not against freedom campers but there needs to be a reasonable process in place when establishing camping locations.

Come on Council please locate and designate freedom camping sites in Whangamatā at appropriate and sensible locations such as on hard surfaces, close to toilet and washing facilities and a reasonable distance from residences houses.

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Police report

Another year nearly over and as we enter the holiday season I would like to pass on a sincere thank you to the community from my team and I. There have been some great results achieved through engagement with our community and the confidence of people to speak up when they see or know something is not right.

Unfortunately it is the time of year where popular items that are not put away sometimes go missing due to light fingered people. They are very much the minority though. There will be plenty of Police staff around the peak period to keep everyone safe, please do not hesitate to call 111 if you need Police then and there or 105 (or online to 105) if it is not urgent.

Speaking of great results. Directly as a result of information from many members of our community, Police executed two different search warrants at different addresses in Whangamata on the 10th of December. Police recovered a significant amount of Methamphetamine packaged



and ready for sale to vulnerable members of our community. An arrest was made. Unfortunately, one of the addresses which we knew of prior, is where a young child resides also. I am sure you will join me in labelling these dealers selfish scourge's who have absolutely no place in our community. It is disgusting and will not be tolerated. That makes three different search warrants executed by my team in the last few months. Guess what, more to come. Our confidential informants are still talking to us. Those informants are the heroes here. They have the guts to stand up for their community. If you would like to pass information confidentially to us, pop in and see us. Your identity will be very well protected. If it is preferred, Crime Stoppers online is also a great option to get information through to us.

Over the New Year period we consistently have one major issue. Young persons supplied with alcohol and sent on their way. When we come across these young people, often breaching the liquor ban or involved in some kind of disorder we contact their parents. We find that some parents are sitting in another city and had sent their young ones with friends and their parents. Don't get me wrong, there are plenty of local young persons let loose with alcohol also. The parents' attitudes have been pretty average at best some of the time. The 'She'll be right'. Please keep your young ones close or at least know where they are or going. Have those adult conversations with them. After all they are beginning to learn how to grow into an adult. Remember, alcohol can only be supplied to a person under 18 by their legal guardian, so...Their own parent (not grandparent, uncle or aunty and friends parent). If the young person is legally adopted, then that is the adoptive parents. Pretty black and white and fines for people who supply alcohol illegally apply.

In October 2024, three Kayakers were blown well offshore in what can only be described as horrific sea conditions. A multi agency response kicked into gear. A long time member of the Whangamata community and life member of the Whangamata Surf Club Mr Bryan Black, saw the urgency and without hesitation took his Helicopter to the air, locating one of the Kayakers approximately 6.5 NM off the coast of Whangamata. Because of this all three were rescued. Mr Black received a Police District Commanders Award for his heroic actions at a Gala event at the Whangamata Surf Club a few weeks ago. Well done Bryan and congratulations.

There certainly is no shortage of heroes in our community. In the last few weeks of writing this, an unresponsive swimmer who got caught in a rip was rescued by a local surfer. The person was revived and survived the ordeal. Watch this space.

- Sergeant Will Hamilton, Officer in Charge, Whangamata Police

Onemana Rural Fire report



Summer is fast approaching, fire conditions are ramping up into some areas very dangerous, fire restrictions are not in place as yet,.

Coastal areas, due to coastal conditions, are drying out rapidly, which is bringing the fire risk to medium - high. What we need to be cautious of is overcharging battery tools, exhaust on long dry grass, barbecue coal embers and general outdoor fires. Although the above might sound okay to some people, the results can be absolute major.

Awareness is needed to the very highest level.

When travelling on the highways Towing trailers, please be aware of wheel bearings overheating brakes,

these are another cause of grass fires which can spread to large fires. Our firefighters in this region are all volunteers, we all like to have time with family, so please give consideration to what the fire risk is.

We don't only attend fires, medicals, MVAs, but any emergency that we get a call to. Stay safe, and enjoy your holiday break.

Fires can spread very fast and be absolutely devastating to a community. As we see at Tongariro National Park. So please be cautious, and do not hesitate to call 111 fire and doubt.

- Joe Adams, Onemana Rural Fire CFO

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Pools vital for survival skills

In a recent NZ Herald editorial, it was reported more than 60 people have drowned in New Zealand waters this year. This number is likely to climb even higher during the upcoming holiday period.



Sadly, thousands of kiwi children do not have the opportunity to learn to swim confidently, or at all. They will enter their adult lives with no idea of how to save themselves should they find themselves out of their depth and struggling to stay afloat.

Before entering the ocean, river or pool, people must know their limits, being able to float is a fundamental basic skill.

Who will teach these skills, as the number of school pools close due to funding restrictions, and lack of suitably qualified staff? ACC has cut its \$1.1 million annual support of Water Safety NZ who provide excellent education programs targeted at teaching these aquatic survival skills to local communities and schools.

Our pool management committee knows firsthand the complexities of running a community pool, funding, staffing, pool management, following H & S requirements, training of staff and meeting community expectations.



Thanks to generous supporters, the pool will remain open every day, with extended hours from 13 December to 31 January 2026 for the busy holiday season.

Weekdays: 6am – 6pm
Saturdays: 7am – 5pm
Sundays: 10am – 5pm

Public Holidays: Open 10am – 5pm, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day, pool is closed

In recent weeks pool staff have in association with Swimming Waikato run a Water Safe programme with approximately 260 year 1-6 students learning water-based skills that will help keep them safe.

Our Learn to Swim program has once again proved popular with 75 youngsters involved, 8 have qualified to join swim club.

Whangamata Amateur Swimming

Club has wound up for the year with 60 active participants, totalling approximately 120 swims a week. These young swimmers show great resilience and commitment, with training sessions scheduled 3 mornings and 4 afternoons a week, several swimmers travel from Tairua, Waihi and Thames to take part.

This year an adult swim fit class was introduced, this proved to be a popular innovation with 15 swimmers taking part.

A wide range of holiday activities are being planned, the regular Aquarobics classes will continue throughout the holiday period every Monday, Wednesday morning 8:00 - 9:00, and Tuesday evenings 5.00 - 5.45pm, except for public holidays, newcomers are welcome.

A new event is being planned, Whangamata Scaffolding Manu

Competition, due to take place on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 Jan, more information to be posted on our website

Several Inflatable Days are planned; these are extremely popular and provide lots of fun and challenges for our younger patrons.

For those pool swimmers who are considering ocean swimming right here on our doorstep, a clinic is being planned to assist that transition. This will include coaching and fitness requirements, practicing open water swimming techniques in the pool, choosing and correctly wearing a wetsuit, entering and leaving the ocean and learning to relax in open water.

The pools management committee and staff thank our regular and visitor patrons as well as the user groups who have supported the pool throughout the year.

2026 will be a defining year as we await TCDC's deliberations regarding the future funding of community pools throughout the Coromandel Peninsula.

One thing is certain, if we are serious about reducing the number of preventable drownings, cutting funding is not the answer, we are a country of beaches, rivers and lakes, providing opportunity to learn aquatic survival skills must be supported and encouraged.

- Rob Boston, Chairperson

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	WED 24 DEC HAM GIVEAWAY <small>TICKETS DISTRIBUTED 4 - 6PM</small>	Merry Christmas THURS 25 DEC CLUB CLOSED	SAT 27 DEC Super Saturday Members Draw <small>DRAWN FROM 6PM - 7PM</small>		Bar Meals FROM 3PM DAILY
	7.00PM SAT 27 DEC Live Music "GROUND ZERO"	4.00PM SUN 28 DEC Outdoor Live Music <small>WITH MARK HUCKSTEP</small>	TUES 30 DEC Must Go Members Draw <small>DRAWN FROM 6PM</small>		Dinner EVERY DAY FROM 5PM CLUB RESTAURANT
	8.30PM WED 31 DEC NYE with "BEAUTIFUL MACHINE"	10AM THURS 1 JAN World's 1st Car & Bike Show <small>ADULTS \$5 SCHOOL KIDS \$2 UNDER 5 FREE</small>	7.00PM SAT 3 JAN Live Music "Tim Armstrong Band"		FROM 5.30PM FRI TO SUN DAILY FROM 5.30PM 26 DEC - 11 JAN
	4.00PM SUN 4 JAN Outdoor Live Music <small>WITH MARK HUCKSTEP</small>	FRI 9 JAN Must Go Members Draw <small>DRAWN FROM 6PM - 7PM</small>	SAT 10 JAN Super Saturday Members Draw <small>DRAWN FROM 6PM</small>		Carvery EVERY SAT & SUN FROM 5.30PM
JANUARY 26	7.00PM SAT 10 JAN Live Music "Crowded Trousers"	5.30PM WED 14 JAN Summer Quiz Night <small>QUIZ STARTS AT 6.00PM</small>	FRI 16 JAN Must Go Members Draw <small>DRAWN FROM 7.00PM</small>	Leander Social DAILY FROM 26 DEC - 11 JAN 3PM - 7PM	

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Carols in the Park 2025



Once again, on 24 December, Carols in the Park will be on at Williamson Park, beginning at 7pm. The previous night it will also be on at Onemana at 7pm so there are two opportunities to join in the fun.

Becoming a well-known tradition for Whangamatā, it is an opportunity for locals and visitors to come together to listen to a great assortment of Christmas Carols. Musical Director Sandie Moss, assisted by Sandie Snook, has selected a great assortment of much-loved Christmas Carols. An enthusiastic group of choristers are rehearsing in anticipation of the performances.

Huge thanks must go out to our main sponsors; Enterprise Whangamata, Bayley's Real Estate and TCDC for their support. Several coffee bars, Craft Haus and Smoky Pallet have provided vouchers as draw giveaways. All you have to do is make donation for a numbered Carol sheet and you could be in to win a prize throughout the night.

The funds collected go directly to the local food bank at Eastern

Coromandel Community Services Trust at 505 Port Road. Foodbank requires support to ensure they can continue to help families in need throughout the year. In the last year 793 people were fed, and 1,669 meals were provided through Comfort Kai, which is their free weekly community meal. With this great service anyone can donate directly to their office or by adding to the Foodbank Collection at New World. If you have large garden or fruit trees with excess, Foodbank are happy to receive fresh fruit and vegetables after mid-January.

Santa has indicated he will be dropping in to say a quick hello and give out sweets during the evening of Carols in the Park.

Put the date on your calendar now. Last year, we raised more than \$1,700 for the food bank, and we are optimistic that this year's efforts will be equally successful.

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- Aisne Edwards

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Community Feedback to Help Set Path for New Board

Connecting with its community and providing appropriate and effective engagement, have been identified as two critical objectives of the new Whangamata Community Board.

Having held their first formal, plus several informal meetings, Board members have agreed how they want to work and achieve the best outcomes for their communities.

Mark Dury will chair the board - being in his second term. He is joined by Sally Smith, who is also secretary of Enterprise Whangamatā, Neil Evans undertaking a second term, and former councillor and deputy mayor, Terry Walker.

Alison Smith and John Freer are the district councillors.

Board members want to maximise the opportunity being driven by the new mayor and his councillors to increase the impact of community boards, this including having the chair attend council meetings with speaking rights.

Aligned is the need to now determine the key matters that residents, ratepayers and stakeholders want the board to focus on.

The steps to achieve this have started with board members all being allocated areas of interest across the three communities of Whangamata, Onemana and



Opoutere - examples being who will link and be the key contact with the many groups and clubs that make up the communities.

Primary here are the residents and ratepayer's associations and the local business association which the board hopes to partner with on some initiatives. Added are the many groups, clubs and organisations which cover everything from education to health services, emergency services and sports and recreation.

Feedback on what are the topics which are most top of mind for stakeholders is already underway. Board members want to hear from residents and ratepayers on where they want the board's focus to be applied.

Chairman Mark Drury said holding rate increases to an affordable level was at the top of the list and he is pleased this is also an objective of district councillors.

Mark said board members would now engage with the groups that they had identified to work with to determine the things that community members see as priorities.

"In most cases the board members have agreed to work with groups where they already have a connection - it could be a club, an organisation or a community sector. This way we can use the contacts and links we already have in place."

Mark shares a similar view as other board chairs that the list should

consist of aspects which can be achieved.

As he said there is no point in taking on things that will never be achieved, saying they didn't have the time or the resources.

"Therefore, we don't want to create a huge wish-list and then end up not delivering anything."

The residents and ratepayer's associations will be asked to assist with the gathering of the information and feedback, Mark said board members would attend events and meetings to listen to what people wanted the board to work on.

Information will then be collated by the board members with recommendations back to stakeholders during February.

He said the board was not spending a whole lot of money on this, they did not want to complicate the situation, rather to simply determine what matters to everyone, providing board members with the information to go into the community plan, which will be the guide to delivering what communities wants.

He said all board members are looking forward to working with the many groups and clubs, Mark encouraging people to contact both board members and the councillors.

SUMMER GROUP FITNESS TIMETABLE

TIME	MONDAY 22/12	TUESDAY 23/12	WEDNESDAY 24/12	THURSDAY 25/12	FRIDAY 26/12	SATURDAY 27/12	SUNDAY 28/12
7:00 AM	SPIN	SPIN	SPIN		SPIN	SPIN	SPIN
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TIME	MONDAY 29/12	TUESDAY 30/12	WEDNESDAY 31/12	THURSDAY 01/01	FRIDAY 02/01	SATURDAY 03/01	SUNDAY 04/01
7:00 AM	SPIN	SPIN	SPIN		SPIN	SPIN	SPIN
8:00 AM	HYROX	HIIT 45	HIIT 45		HYROX	HIIT 45	HIIT 45

TIME	MONDAY 05/01	TUESDAY 06/01	WEDNESDAY 07/01	THURSDAY 08/01	FRIDAY 09/01	SATURDAY 10/01	SUNDAY 11/01
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TIME	MONDAY 12/01	TUESDAY 13/01	WEDNESDAY 14/01	THURSDAY 15/01	FRIDAY 16/01
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Summer services update from Whangamata Medical Centre

As we head into another classic Whangamatā summer, the team at Whangamata Medical Centre would like to extend warm Season's Greetings to our community and visitors. Summer is our busiest time of year, and we want everyone to enjoy a safe and healthy holiday season, so we are sharing a few important updates about our services, hours, and how we can best support you.

The clinic will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, although a doctor will still be available for emergencies. From 27 December through to 23 January, we will be open 7 days a week. Please note that weekend and Public Holiday appointments incur a 40 dollar after hours fee in addition to standard charges.

We would also like to gently remind our community that Whangamata Medical Centre is not an Accident and Emergency service. As a small rural clinic, we have limited equipment, staffing, and space. Whilst we do manage many urgent issues, there are times, particularly during the summer months, when we may need to redirect people to more appropriate emergency care. Serious or life threatening symptoms such as chest pain,



shortness of breath, severe bleeding, or sudden collapse should always be treated as an emergency and you should call 111 immediately. If you are unsure, please ring the medical centre's urgent care team for advice.

Our Urgent Care Clinic will run daily throughout summer and is triage based, with emergencies seen first. It is not a walk in service, and we ask that all patients phone us before attending so we can safely manage patient flow. At busy times there may be a wait to see a clinician.

A standard GP appointment is 15 minutes, which allows most doctors to safely address 1 to 2 health concerns. If you have several matters to discuss, please book an extended consultation so your doctor has enough time to support

you properly. Extended appointment fees apply. GPs cannot issue repeat prescriptions for casual patients and these require a consultation, with standard visitor fees applying. If you no longer need your appointment, we would appreciate as much notice as possible, as there is always someone who could use that time. Missed appointments without prior cancellation incur a 20 dollar fee.

We encourage everyone to check their prescription needs ahead of the holiday period. Standard prescription requests require 48 hours to process, and requests made through the online patient portal require 72 hours. Same day urgent prescriptions incur a 30 dollar fee. GPs can only issue repeats for long term medications, which must be reviewed every 6 months. Patients can also sign up for MyIndici, our online portal, where you can request prescriptions and view test results.

We are delighted to welcome several new faces to the team this summer. Dr Catherine Carragee joined us in November and will be with us for the next 12 months. We are also pleased to welcome Dr Anjum Rajpura from Canada, who is with us over the holiday period. In January, we look forward to the return of Dr

Ali Hamilton. Many of you may also recognise Luke Phillips, who has joined our administration team over the summer.

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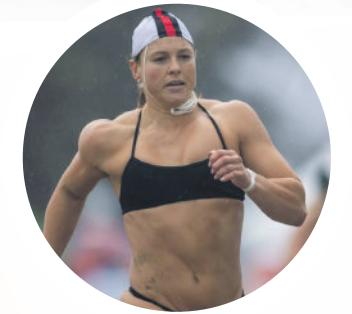
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Summer Calendar

DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026			
JUNIOR SURF SEASON <i>Peak Season:</i> Every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday from 28 December 2025 to 20 January, 2026.	PATROL TIMES Patrols run every weekend from Labour Weekend until Easter and during the week from 9 December, 2025, until 16 February, 2026. South beach flagged area patrols operate from 23 December until 12 January, 11am to 5pm.	MONDAY 29 DECEMBER <i>Surf Club Classic Harbour Swim</i> (a Whangal/Week® event) 8.30am. \$40-00 pp. Register online or at the WLSLSC from 7.30am. *swim caps compulsory 	FRIDAY 9 JANUARY <i>Whangamata Real Estate Sandcastle Competition</i> Registration open at 12pm, gold coin donation entry per person. Sandcastle creations start at 1pm for 1 hour.
WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY <i>Spectator Events</i> <i>Coro Cup</i> Junior members from the clubs across the Coromandel participate in this introduction to surf sports event <i>Coro Coastal Clash</i> Under 15-year-old open athletes participate in quick fire, novel races!	THURSDAY 1 JANUARY <i>Annual collection</i> Keep an eye out for our lifeguards late this afternoon as we drive around the streets with sirens blaring! Come out and see us! We will be carrying donation buckets and pay wave machines.	TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER <i>Surf Club Beach Fun Run & Walk</i> (a Whangal/Week® event) 9.30am. \$15-00 pp. Register at the WLSLSC from 9am.	Whangamata Real Estate <i>'A Whangamata Real Estate Event'</i>
		SATURDAY 3 JANUARY <i>Quiz Night!</i> Held at the Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club. \$40-00 per ticket purchase online @ whangamatasurf.co.nz from 20 December.	BAR <i>Members only!</i> Wednesday - Saturday 4-9pm closed 24th, 25th and 26th December and 31st and 1st January



We had **110** volunteer lifeguards, who together contributed **3,357** hours on the beach this season. Thanks to their efforts, **six** people who may otherwise have lost their lives returned home safely to their families, and a further **14** individuals were assisted to safety before their situations escalated. Of the 18 first aid incidents recorded, more than half were major and required ambulance support. Our team also delivered valuable educational programmes to over **200** children through Junior Surf, and we are proud to be ranked among the **top 10** clubs in Life Saving Sports.

- **Always swim between the flags. If you see someone in trouble, call 111 and ask for Police.** Email us on admin@whangamatasurf.co.nz
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James, Bre, Zeb, Monique and Pipey

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- Simi - 3rd in the Surf Swim
- Will - 3rd in the Beach Sprints, Flags & Board Finalist
- Max - Finalist in Beach Flags, sprints, Ski & Board
- Josh - Diamond and Beach Sprints semi-finalists
- Ruby Milne - Finalist in all water events
- Ella-Rose - Semis in both Ski and Iron
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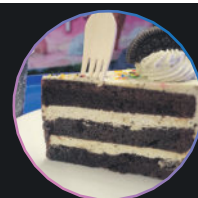


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Contractor in place for Tairua bridge replacement

Another milestone has been reached in Tairua's Pepe Stream Bridge replacement project, with a contract signed for the design, consenting and construction of the new bridge on State Highway 25.

Fulton Hogan will build the new 2-lane bridge, working with engineering consultancy WSP to support the design and preparation of resource consent applications.

"Getting a construction contract in place is a major milestone in the project and now the countdown is on for final design and consenting so we can start building late next year," says NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Regional Manager Infrastructure Delivery Darryl Coalter

"This community has been very patient while we work through the procurement process since



The current footbridge and single-lane road bridge will be replaced by a single structure.

funding was announced last year. It's great to see things are on track, a contractor is in place with some innovative construction plans, and we are less than 12 months out from starting."

The new bridge will replace the single-lane structure, built in 1943, and also the current wooden pedestrian bridge. A 3-metre wide shared path will be on the seaward (eastern) side of the new bridge, and a 1.5-metre footpath on the western side. A pedestrian crossing with a safety refuge is planned near the Pepe Road intersection. The project has a \$22 million budget.

The Fulton Hogan-WSP partnership will now press on with finalising design and consents ahead of

construction expected to start in spring 2026, with traffic on the new bridge by December 2027.

Funding was confirmed last year for the project - as part of a national priority bridge replacement programme - which includes 2 other SH25 Coromandel bridges. It aims to improve safety, efficiency and resilience on the state highway around the peninsula.

Boundary Creek Stream Bridge on the Thames Coast road had a new deck installed recently and is back to 2 lanes, while the single-lane Ramarama Stream Bridge north of Whiritoa will be replaced by a 2-lane bridge when land negotiations are completed.

Mr Coalter says a community

information session is planned for late February to provide more details on the Pepe bridge design, traffic management and other construction details.

SH25 through Tairua will remain open while the new bridge is built and the old one demolished, with occasional brief closures at night.

One of the first tasks will be to install a temporary shared path on the upstream (western) side of the existing bridge, then remove the current shared footbridge.

Meanwhile traffic management staff will again be in place over the summer holidays to assist traffic over the old bridge.

- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency



An artist's impression of the new 2-lane bridge shows a shared path on one side and a footpath on the other. Photo supplied.

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Coastal Rockers donate to ECCS



On 22 November the Whangamata Coastal Rockers hosted their Christmas Hop with Tim Armstrong playing live music with many regional clubs attending.

Raffle tickets were sold at this event and the \$660 raised was donated to the Eastern Coromandel Community Services, Children Christmas Present Fund to provide a little Christmas

cheer for those children who would otherwise miss out.

Photo shows Coastal Rockers President, Sandra Whitmore and Eastern Coromandel Community Services Administrator, Renee Wallis receiving the donation at their offices on Port Road on 10 December.

New beams needed for Whangamata bridge



The bridge deck has been removed to reveal further work is needed on the beams.

Deck repairs to the Moana Anu Anu Bridge on SH25 on the outskirts of Whangamata have been extended to include replacing some corroded beams.

The road has been closed to all traffic since 29 October and is now scheduled to be open by 19 December.

The deck on the bridge (also known as the Wentworth Bridge) needs to be replaced, and other strengthening work is being

carried out during the closure.

The need for more extensive work, including replacing 3 corroded beams, came to light once work was well underway. The replacement beams are currently being fabricated.

The detour through Whangamata uses Mayfair Avenue and Martyn Road and adds only a few minutes to normal journey times.

- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

A vibrant poster for the "Rainbow Rush" event. It features a large, colorful rainbow slide that goes down a grassy hill. A person is shown sliding down the slide. The text "EXPERIENCE the Rush" is at the top in large, bold letters. Below it, "TAIRUA" is written in large, white letters. At the bottom, it says "School grounds December 28 - January 11 10am - 8pm". There is a logo for "Resene Rainbow Rush" and a "Thrillseekers" logo at the bottom right.

A poster for the "Whangamata Lions Monster Book Sale". It features a stack of colorful books on the left. The text "Whangamata Lions" is at the top in blue. Below it, "Monster BOOK SALE" is written in large, stylized letters. To the right, "Summer Festival" is written in a cursive font. At the bottom, it says "Sunday 28th December 9am - 2pm at Williamson Park".



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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

December 2025

Meri Kirihimete

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We're reaching the end of what's been a busy and challenging year for our district. Our local elections have brought many new faces to the Council table and our Community Boards. We're looking forward to the year ahead as we continue the collective mahi of building deeper ties with our communities, groups and iwi partners. For those in the community who work to take care of those fortunate enough to have a break over the holidays, thank you for everything you do.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

From Mayor Peter Revell
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From L-R: Michael Barlow, John Freer, Robert Ashman, Robyn Sinclair, Tony Brljevic, Peter Revell, Flemming Rasmussen, John Grant, Martin Rodley, Alison Smith and Greg Hampton.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your elected members and staff at Thames-Coromandel District Council.



What's happening over Christmas and New Year?



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Whangamata Harbour Birds: The Spur-Winged Plover

The spur-winged plover, also called the masked plover, is another recent self-introduced species from Australia. It was first recorded in New Zealand in the late 1880's near Wanganui and again in 1892 at Hokitika.

The first breeding record here was near Invercargill Airport in 1932. Their numbers grew rapidly from that pairing with about 1250 breeding birds counted within a 16km radius of the original breeding site by 1971. Since then they have colonised the remainder of mainland NZ and nearby off-shore islands as well as the Chathams and Kermadec Island groups. They are abundant in Southland, coastal Otago and Canterbury, Manawatu and southern Wairarapa, and are common elsewhere. Their success is directly linked to the clearing of land for agricultural and urban development. Their Conservation Status is unprotected self-introduced native. They can be seen feeding out on our harbour mudflats and on adjoining grassed areas at times in numbers of up to around twenty. They can also be seen on various town grassed reserves and the two Whangamata golf courses on a regular basis.

Spur-winged plovers are a largish plump wader, with a prominent yellow bill, face mask and wattles. They have black feathering on the crown of the head and hind neck which extends down to become a collar to the sides of the upper breast. The rest of the head neck



and under parts are white and the back and wing coverts a uniform light brown. The primary and secondary wing feathers and tail feathers are black and the long yellow spurs that give them their name are located on the carpal joint of each wing. Other distinctive identification features are their call which is best described as a shrill staccato rattle, and its flight which consists of slow shallow beats of its broad rounded wings. These birds fly around a lot at night and their loud raucous calls can be heard over long distances. They are a particularly aggressive species during the breeding season and will protect their territories, driving off other birds by screaming and dive bombing humans and potential predators that threaten their nests and chicks.

Their preferred nesting sites are rough ungrazed open pasture

with an open outlook, but they will also nest on bare ground such as chewed-down turnip and choumoellier paddocks and on shingle riverbeds. Nests are usually simple scrapes in the ground but sometimes lined with small amounts of grass and other vegetation they find nearby. 1-4 eggs are laid, incubated by both parents and hatch at around 30 days. The chicks leave the nest soon after hatching then follow the adults finding their own food. They fledge at about 7-8 weeks old. Their diet on pastureland and plowed paddocks is mainly earthworms, and a variety of adult and larval insects, also some seed and leaves. In tidal areas and other coastal habitats, small crabs, shrimps and shellfish are taken.

Although these plovers have earned the ire of some farmers by their habitat of nesting in open grassed and cultivated paddocks and their

noisy aggressive behaviour, they are a useful natural tool in the control of insect pasture pests such as grass grubs and Porina moth larvae. Unfortunately their preference for open grassed habitats for feeding and nesting has also proved problematic for airport management as this attraction has resulted in them posing a serious aircraft bird-strike risk. Between October 1999 and September 2004, 37% of all bird strikes (or near misses) reported to the Civil Aviation Authority were spur-winged plovers.

In 2020, the increasing frequency of these occurrences along with a number of other complaints from a broad spectrum of the community finally led to the removal of their "Protected" status.

- John Adams, Whangamata Harbour Care
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Many of the bowlers taking part

have been playing in the Classic for many years, with one bowler from Hinuera participating in the first Classic in 1995.

Such an event like this requires a lot of hands on help from the club members and once again that need was reached with so many volunteers looking after the visitors needs which included a Monday evening dinner of baked ham and

dozens of salads made by the members.
After the first two days the field was split into three divisions with the winners of the first division the silver tray that marks their success. They were the team from Riverhead, Auckland skipped by Steve Cox with

two other Auckland teams, Howick and Orewa, taking out second and third place.
Our own team of Stephen Hughes, Alan Cotter, Lee Young and Ivan Unkovich finished a credible fourth.
- Keith Miles



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Music, market stalls, food trucks, and entertainment give the public lots to see and do. The following day (28 December) from 9am to 3pm adds even more market stalls and more entertainment. Musicians from near and far perform on stage and the Magic Man (Paeroa) will offer two FREE magic shows: 3pm on 27 December and 12:30pm on 28 December. Two FREE days of fun – you can pack a bag and spend the day at the Park, enjoying the Festival vibe and popping down to the ocean for a swim when you get hot!

The funds raised from grants and donations go directly

back into the Festival and also support local youth initiatives. Massive thanks to the 2025 Funders: The Whangamata Club, Trust Waikato, Pub Charity, Creative NZ, Mercury and Lion Foundation. Also, huge thanks to Bunnings Whangamata, Collins James Whangamata, the Whangamata Area School and Whangamata & Waihi News for their support.

We look forward to having you join us for these awesome FREE family events! Make a note in your diary, and try to attend both days as the offerings do change. Bring the family and enjoy the festival atmosphere! Check the lineup on their Facebook page for stage times closer to the date.

Thank you for your support, and have a safe and happy summer holiday period!

– Renee Meiklejohn,
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- Jennie Black
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Waihi NEWS

Open day – a great learning experience

A fantastic morning at Waihi Vets Open Day on 6 December! Everyone made their way around the clinic to find the X ray room, cats seeking homes, dogs seeking homes, stethoscopes and yes skulls and bones, we loved it all, as did all the wee people! Thanks for a wonderful and educational morning Waihi Franklin Vets!

- Photos by Mark James, Whangamatā & Waihi News





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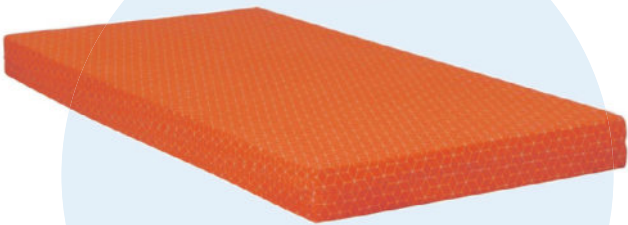
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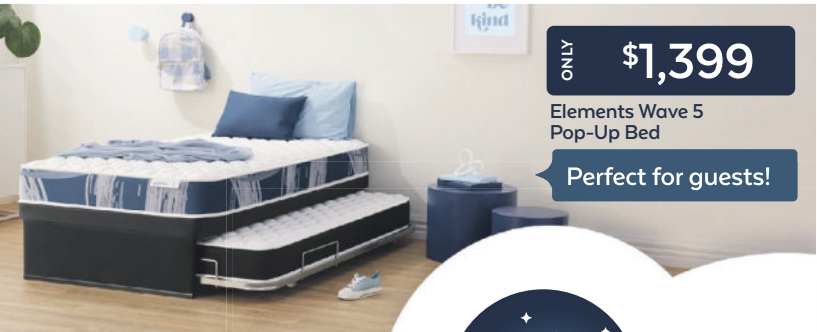


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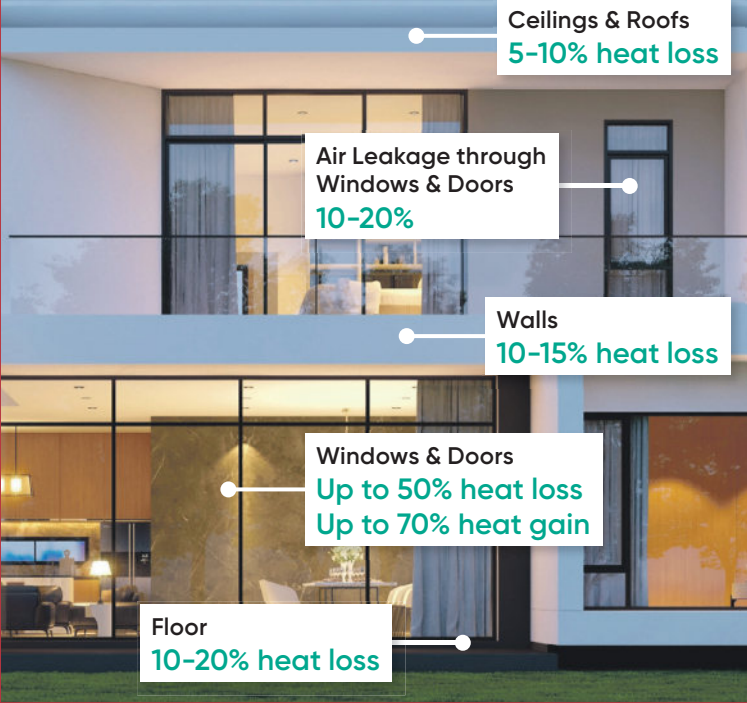
A Christmas like no other for Waihi!

Congratulations to Go Waihi Business Association, on 7 December was a cracker! Christmas at the Lake, fabulous weather, incredible music, wee pony rides, food and stalls and oh my, Santa did arrive – we loved it all!
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Waihi NEWS

‘Knit-mas’ the wonder of giving to residents

Whangamatā & Waihi News were delighted to be invited to the Hetherington House Christmas party. It was fantastic, the theme this year was Knit-Mas and it did not disappoint.

Warmly welcomed by Carol Wert, and her trusty helper, Raewyn Stollery, both Diversional Therapists “for our residents and families, we hope you all enjoy your afternoon, residents have done a lot of knitting since August , for Knit-Mas, we have lots of fun going on today and we welcome our entertainer Glen – enjoy yourselves!”

Michele Wilson, Facility Manager told us “isn’t this amazing, isn’t it wonderful, I want to make a

special thank you to Carol and Raewyn, without their dedication and support to our residents, we wouldn’t have these amazing events, this display and how many hours they put into it, limitless hours with residents on knitting machines and then putting those works into these wonderful pieces you see today, I know Hetherington House is the envy of most Diversional Therapy teams the Waikato.”

The staff were so excited to sing *Jingle Bells* to the families , and yes, they were really good, and I mean it was a performance of the highest festive vocals.

Keep in mind, Hetherington House is not your ordinary home, they are

all madly committed to bowls and scrabble, the residents are very involved in everything planned, they have 51 residents and 70 employees, even the staff kitted decorative Christmas chains, I can tell you, down to every detail, from the gingerbread house, reindeers, wee mice, Gingerbread babies, Christmas cakes, nativity scene, table settings and even Grinches, but what was so incredible was a knitted full size Christmas tree, it was nothing like we had ever seen, not only because

of stature but knowing this project kept busy hands, busy minds and engaged therapy practice, for everybody.

You can see in the residents eyes, when chatting too, they have dignity, self worth and independence, it was a fabulous and caring afternoon for all of us in the Waikato.

- Jennie Black, Editor
Photos by Mark James





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Waihi NEWS

Santa a hit



The Waihi Beach Tennis club welcomed S. Claus as a wild card entry to their mid week Christmas event. Claus was naturally seeded Number 1 and displayed a surprising range of tennis strokes from snappy first serves, smooth ground strokes and sharp volleys.

This well subscribed tournament was played over 3 rounds, used table tennis scoring and drawn partners each round. Ivonne took both the overall title and the women's title with 98 points. Not far

behind was Jimmy with 91 points. Club Patron Don thanked Mr Claus and all the players for taking part in this fun event.

For the record S Claus finished mid table. He needed to leave quickly after savouring both a tasty savoury and cake from the sumptuous after event feast. Apparently he has very important business to attend to.

Pictured are Waihi Beach Tennis' S. Claus & Elf Diane.

– S. Claus

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Waihi NEWS

Waihi Police News

As the warmer months roll in and our district fills with holidaymakers, beachgoers, and the occasional overly enthusiastic reveller, it's the perfect time to brush up on a few important community safety matters. From trespass notices to alcohol bans, from beat cops to beach safety, here's everything you need to know to stay safe, informed, and on the right side of the law—preferably while wearing sunscreen.

Trespass Notices: What They Are (And Why You Can't Ignore Them)

A trespass notice is a formal instruction from a property occupier telling someone to leave—and stay gone—for up to two years. It's backed by the Trespass Act 1980, which helpfully reinforces the idea that "no, seriously, please leave" is not a negotiable suggestion.

How to Issue One (Gracefully, If Possible)

Verbal notice:

Simply tell the person to leave and not return. Strongly recommended: jot down the time, date, and who you spoke to—your memory may be perfect, but it never hurts to have receipts.

Written notice:

Clear, calm, and much harder for anyone to claim they "didn't get the memo." Prepare three copies—one for you, one for the trespasser, and one for the police. Serve it by hand, by courier, or via registered mail. If the person refuses the paper, you can still drop it at their feet with all the dignity of a courtroom drama.

Always Notify the Police

Once you've issued a notice, let the police know—online, at the station,



or by phone. If the person refuses to leave *right now*, takes the scenic route off the property, or decides to return for round two, dial 111 immediately.

Legal Consequences

Ignoring a properly served trespass notice can result in:

- * A fine of up to \$1,000
- * Up to three months' imprisonment
- * And possibly a stern lecture from a judge who also didn't want their day interrupted

Alcohol Bans: Knowing Where You Can (and Can't) Sip This Summer

Nothing says "holiday season" like sun, surf, and a cold drink—unless you're in a 24/7 alcohol-ban zone, in which case the only drink allowed is the bottle of water you should be consuming anyway.

Waihi Township – Permanent Alcohol Ban

A full-time alcohol prohibition applies everywhere within the 50 km/h zones. If the sign says *slow down*, it also means *put the drink down*.

Waihi Beach – Year-Round 24/7 Ban

The Alcohol Control Bylaw 2022 means no alcohol in public spaces—beaches, reserves, car parks, pathways—essentially anywhere you could plausibly picnic.

Hosting an Event?

Waihi town events may require

special permissions.

Waihi Beach events involving alcohol need a special licence.

Plan early—councils and paperwork go together like sunscreen and summer.

Beat Cops: New Faces Keeping the Peace

Waihi Police Station is welcoming extra beat officers for the busy summer period. You'll see them around the town centre, beachfronts, and parks—on foot or on bikes—bringing a friendly, visible presence to our community.

These officers help deter low-level offending, respond quickly to local issues, and generally make the place feel safer. Please say hello—they won't bite, and they're very good at pointing people towards the nearest functioning public toilet.

Waihi Police Station is open 9am–3pm weekdays, closed only on public holidays. For non-emergencies, call 105. For emergencies, dial 111.

Holiday Scams: 'Tis the Season to Be Wary

Scammers love Christmas even more than children do.

Remember:

* NZ Police never issue fines by text or email.

* There is no "Christmas bonus" payment for seniors (nice try, scammers).

* Never click suspicious links or share personal details with someone who unexpectedly wants to "help you."

Report scams via the NZ Police

website or by calling 105.

Summer Water Safety: Because We'd Like Everyone to Go Home Again

Whether you're swimming at Waihi Beach, relaxing around rivers, or splashing in backyard pools, please remember:

* Alcohol and water do not mix. If you wouldn't drive after drinking, don't swim either—it's one of summer's most preventable hazards.

* Watch children constantly. "Just for a moment" is longer than you think.

* Swim between the flags at patrolled beaches. Lifeguards are excellent at saving lives, but they prefer not to demonstrate those skills unnecessarily.

* Know your limits. The ocean does not care how confident you felt before you ran into the water.

* Use sunscreen. No, really. You are not invincible.

Let's Keep Our Community Safe

From respecting trespass notices to following alcohol bans, from greeting your local beat cops to staying alert for scams and staying cautious around water—our combined efforts help ensure Waihi and Waihi Beach remain safe, enjoyable places for residents and visitors alike.

Have a safe, sunny, scam-free, trespass-free summer—preferably with plenty of hydration, good humour, and zero encounters with rips, fines, or uninvited strangers in your garden.

– Rachel Gillingham, Community Constable, Waihi / Waikato East

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Tuesday, 20 January 2026

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The purpose of this Special General Meeting is to **ratify and adopt** the new Constitution (as recommended by the Executive Committee) for re-registration of the Society prior to 5 April 2026.

Copies of the new Constitution will be made available prior to the meeting.

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Sports results

500 CARD CLUB

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3 December: We had 23 players.

Winner & Highest Score:
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Runner-up: Lloyd May - \$10 voucher
Average Score: Leticia Murray - \$10 voucher
Lowest Score: Sue Parker - bar of chocolate
Raffle Winner: Mike Tyne - \$25 New World voucher

Congratulations Overall Winner (highest score), from April to December 2025, goes to Snow

Harris. He was presented the 500 Card Slub Trophy.

Overall Runner-up goes to Linda Harris and she was presented with a small trophy.

TABLE TENNIS

4 December: Played at the Whangamata Club. Michael Snell and Wayne Broome were our winners winning 9 games, Albert Driver came 2nd with 8 games and Martin Singer was 3rd winning 7 games.

11 December: Played at the Whangamata Club. Roger Wolfe won 10 games, Alby Driver, Wayne Broome and Denise Wallace won 8 games and Rob Knight and Brenda Smith won 7 games.

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Year Results

Highest Score for the Year:
Donna Lowrie 69
Runner-up: Philipa Dennison 64
Jacqui Godfrey Trophy (highest aggregate score):
1st Donna Lowrie
2nd Gael Butler

3rd Philipa Dennison

Most Improved Aggregate:
1st Eleanor Leopald
2nd Robyne Curd
Player of the Year – Beth Wigmore Trophy:
Donna Lowrie



Donna Lowrie with past recipients of the Trophy. Left to right: Donna Lowrie, Philipa Dennison, Joy Speedy and Judy McClintock

Whangamatā Tides 2025/2026

DECEMBER 2025				🌑 New Moon: 20 th				🌕 Full Moon: 5 th			
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			
19	Fri	7:32	1.7	19:34	1.7	1:06	0.4	13:30	0.6	05:49	20:35
20	Sat	8:15	1.7	20:18	1.7	1:48	0.4	14:14	0.5	05:49	20:36
21	Sun	8:56	1.8	21:00	1.7	2:28	0.4	14:56	0.5	05:50	20:36
22	Mon	9:36	1.8	21:42	1.7	3:07	0.4	15:37	0.5	05:50	20:37
23	Tue	10:16	1.8	22:23	1.7	3:47	0.3	16:18	0.5	05:51	20:37
24	Wed	10:56	1.8	23:05	1.7	4:26	0.3	17:00	0.4	05:51	20:38
25	Thu	11:36	1.8	23:48	1.7	5:07	0.3	17:43	0.4	05:52	20:38
26	Fri			12:18	1.8	5:50	0.4	18:27	0.4	05:53	20:39
27	Sat	0:33	1.7	13:02	1.8	6:36	0.4	19:14	0.4	05:53	20:39
28	Sun	1:21	1.7	13:50	1.8	7:26	0.4	20:04	0.4	05:54	20:39
29	Mon	2:15	1.7	14:40	1.8	8:19	0.4	20:57	0.3	05:55	20:40
30	Tue	3:14	1.7	15:35	1.8	9:18	0.5	21:55	0.3	05:55	20:40
31	Wed	4:17	1.7	16:35	1.8	10:20	0.5	22:54	0.3	05:56	20:40

JANUARY 2026				☾ New Moon: 19 th				☾ Full Moon: 3 rd			
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1	Thu	5:21	1.8	17:36	1.8	11:23	0.4			05:57	20:40
2	Fri	6:24	1.9	18:39	1.9	11:55	0.2	12:26	0.4	05:58	20:40
3	Sat	7:23	1.9	19:40	1.9	0:54	0.2	13:27	0.4	05:59	20:40
4	Sun	8:20	2.0	20:38	1.9	1:51	0.2	14:26	0.3	05:59	20:40
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6	Tue	10:06	2.0	22:27	1.9	3:37	0.1	16:14	0.3	06:01	20:40
7	Wed	10:56	2.0	23:18	1.9	4:28	0.2	17:05	0.3	06:02	20:40
8	Thu	11:45	2.0			5:17	0.2	17:55	0.3	06:03	20:40
9	Fri	0:07	1.8	12:32	1.9	6:05	0.3	18:43	0.3	06:04	20:40
10	Sat	0:56	1.8	13:18	1.9	6:54	0.4	19:30	0.4	06:05	20:40
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To all our clients, past and present – have an amazing summer at our beautiful beach! Enjoy family time, BBQs, and all the fun the season brings. Stay safe in the water and look out for each other. Our team is on hand all summer for any real estate inquiries.



Whangamata Real Estate

WHANGAMATA REAL ESTATE 2024 LTD (LICENSED REAA 2008)

Don't just dream it, live it



Horizon Views Way Subdivision

409 The Drive, Whangamata

- Titles have now been issued
- Five elevated sections in Whangamata's newest subdivision
- Outstanding views of Pacific Ocean, Outer Islands and Whangamata
- Natural surrounds and bush backdrop and ocean views
- Established post-and-rail fencing
- Access via private road (auto gate)
- Lot 1 \$755,000
- Lot 4 \$765,000
- Lot 5 \$875,000
- Lot 6 \$775,000
- Lot 7 \$825,000



Sharon Laurenson
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View Listing whanga.co/8473



Thank you!

♥ Grateful for Our Local Heroes

A huge thank you to our amazing emergency services teams and their dedicated volunteers for supporting this year's foodbank collection.

🎄 Our Community Shines Bright

We're incredibly grateful to our community for their overwhelming generosity.

🛒 Special Thanks to New World

Thank you for providing the crates that helped make this collection possible.

🎁 Your kindness has helped restock our local foodbank just in time for Christmas.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and Merry Christmas

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANDCASTLE COMPETITIONS

WHIRITOA BEACH

3PM 27 DECEMBER 2025

WHANGAMATA BEACH

1PM 9 JANUARY 2026

ONEMANA BEACH

1PM 12 JANUARY 2026

REGISTRATIONS 1 HOUR BEFORE

Get your crew, get creative, and see who can rule the sand – it's sandcastle battle time!

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ENQUIRY
OVER
\$880,000

Lock 'n Leave on Leander

212A Leander Road, Whangamata

2 1

- Close to beach and town
- North facing deck creates central gathering space
- Cabin providing extra space or storage
- Low maintenance features

Check QR Code for viewing options



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ENQUIRY
OVER
\$950,000

Beachside Sweetheart

511C Ocean Road, Whangamata

2 1

- Overlooking Williamson Park and surf beach
- Refurbished unit
- Easy lock and leave option
- A great position so close to the beach

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ENQUIRY
OVER
\$1.045M

Home to the Hamptons

112 Hampton Road, Whangamata

4 2 2

- 568sqm Freehold Title, level with easy access
- Open plan kitchen and bonus kitchenette
- Supersized garage and workshop
- Selling fully furnished and ready for Summer

Check QR Code for viewing options



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ENQUIRY
OVER
\$2.1M

Size, Space, Surf, and Sunshine

107 Rangi Avenue, Whangamata

4 2 1

- Freehold 809sqm full site
- Popular address near surf beach and estuary
- Open plan kitchen and living area flanked by dual decks
- Second lounge or games room

Check QR Code for viewing options



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\$2,195,000

Barrowclough - Beach & Bar

103B Barrowclough Road, Whangamata

4 2 2

- Desirable location three back from beachfront
- Sought after address in quiet beach side cul-de-sac
- Handy to beach, harbour, surf bar, town, cafes
- Views of the beach, bay and outer islands

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BY NEG

Barbara Avenue - Prime Location

9/106 Barbara Avenue, Whangamata

1 1

- Sunny, elevated one-bedroom unit
- Ideal for weekend getaways or AirBnB
- Selling fully furnished
- Open-plan living with nice flow to balcony patio

Check QR Code for viewing options



Sarah Speedy
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\$1,245,000

Fantastic Family Home with View

17 Manatu Close, Whangamata

3 2 2

- Elevated upper estuary view and rural outlook
- Modern home built in 2020
- Great kitchen with scullery
- Freehold 619sqm flat site

Check QR Code for viewing options



Sarah Speedy
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\$1,090,000

The Bigger the Better!

127 Tuna Place, Onemana

5 2

- Well-maintained & generous holiday home
- Spacious kitchen, dining and lounge taking in an ocean view
- Multiple outdoor living options
- Furniture package available

Check QR Code for viewing options



Sarah Speedy
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ENQUIRY
OVER
\$785,000

Sun, Surf & Simplicity

211B Weka Street, Whangamata

2 1

- Handy to Island View Reserve, estuary, & Surf Club
- Open plan kitchen, dining, and lounge area
- Excellent indoor/outdoor flow to sheltered deck
- Bonus Caravan and garden shed

Check QR Code for viewing options



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\$815,000

A Honey for the Money

106 Everitt Crescent, Whangamata

2 2 1

- Easy access level site in a quiet cul-de-sac
- Good indoor / outdoor connection to north facing patio
- Open plan kitchen, dining, lounge
- Additional family room plus office / playroom

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First Home Buyers **\$849,000**
104A Casement Road
2 1 1 whanga.co/8517



Onemana Hideaway **\$895,000**
338 Onemana Drive
3 2 whanga.co/8446



Easy Living **\$955,000**
135 Everitt Crescent
3 2 2 whanga.co/8547



Lifestyle & Location **\$1.050M**
201 Ocean Road
3 2 1 whanga.co/8464



Must See **\$1.175M**
109 Te Tutu Street
3+ 2 2 whanga.co/8525



Views & Location **\$2.195M**
611 Beach Road
3 1 1 whanga.co/8511



Surfside **EO \$2.195M**
106 Saint Patricks Row
3 2 2 whanga.co/8310



Low Maintenance **By Neg**
105 Everitt Crescent
2 2 1 whanga.co/8553



Tropical Escape **By Neg**
324B Mary Road
4 3 2 whanga.co/8496



Harbour Views **By Neg**
623B Harbour View Road
4 2 2 whanga.co/8490



Premium Apartment **By Neg**
4/111 Hunt Road
3 2 3 whanga.co/8440



Elevated Style **By Neg**
107 Pacific View Drive
3 2 2 whanga.co/8567

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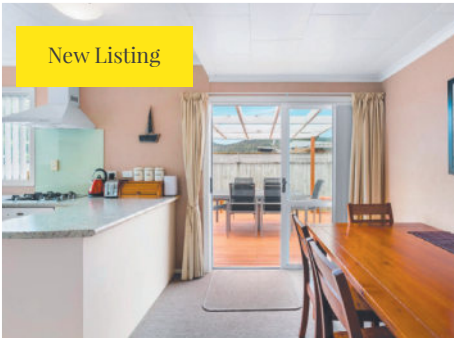
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Proven local results with
31 sales in 2025!

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New Listing



RayWhite



FOR SALE

216A Hetherington Road, Whangamata

- Unbeatable central location, just a short stroll to the supermarket, town, marina, harbour, and the beach.
- Two decks for relaxed outdoor living
- Fully fenced, off-street parking, small grass area, meaning more beach time!

For Sale
\$930,000

View
by appointment or
advertised open home

3 1 444

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New Listing



RayWhite



FOR SALE

10/6 Campbell Close, Whangamata

- Low-maintenance and so private outdoor living areas
- Laundry and generous single internal-access garage with auto door opener
- Heat pump plus HRV unit

For Sale
\$735,000

View
by appointment or
advertised open home

2 1 1

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Price Change



RayWhite



FOR SALE

124 Tirohanga Drive, Whangamata

- Photos simply don't capture the true feel of this home, truly unique and instantly charming.
- Glimpses of the upper harbour
- Sun drenched deck, internal access garage and space to park the boat.

For Sale
\$999,000

View
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advertised open home

3 2 1 612

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New Listing



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FOR SALE

64 Waitete Road North, Waihi

- Open plan Modern kitchen with waterfall stone breakfast bar
- 2 living rooms with indoor outdoor flow onto patio & rural views
- Property with Paddocks for grazing, having 1.8209 ha and 2 garages.

Set Date of Sale
15th Jan 2026 3pm

View
by appointment

3 2 2 1 3 1.820

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FOR SALE

47 Fishermans Bend, Whiritoa

- Modern coastal home sits just across the road from the northern beach and safe swimming lagoon.
- Designed by award-winning Kyle Anaru of Tohu Workshop
- Views stretching to the hills beyond.

By Negotiation

View
by appointment or
advertised open home

2 2 1 401

Sarah Kennings
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Jos Kennings
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RayWhite



FOR SALE

103 Estuary View, Whangamata

- Master bedroom with sea views
- Deck and patio area, ideal for alfresco dining or soaking up the sun
- Built in 2004, this modern home boasts a stylish kitchen, open-plan lounge and dining area with gas fire

By Negotiation

View
by appointment or
advertised open home

3 2 2 600

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Another
SOLD



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SOLD

153 Mayfair Avenue, Whangamata

Original charm shines throughout this beautifully maintained home, featuring hardwood floors, timber weatherboards, and classic wooden windows. Ideal for families needing extra space, with plenty of opportunity to add value in the future.

Sold

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Price Change



RayWhite



FOR SALE

105B Tirohanga Drive, Whangamata

- Freehold section, this property is ideal for your next investment.
- Outdoor living with a covered deck and patio area with fire pit
- Carport and ample space for vehicles and garage storage.

For Sale
\$839,000

View
by appointment for
advertised open home

3 1 1 555

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FOR SALE

4 Manuka Drive, Whangamata

- This contemporary recently refreshed three - bedroom home sits proudly on an elevated site in a peaceful semi-rural setting
- Capturing expansive green valley views and beautiful natural light

By Negotiation

View

Sat 20th Dec
12:30 - 1:00pm

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Jos Kennings
021 707 533

Sarah Kennings
021 707 544

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FOR SALE

LOT 1 The Square, Whangamata

- Brand New 2025 GJ Gardner Home
- Four spacious bedrooms, each with built-in robes. Master suite with a walk-in wardrobe and ensuite.
- Sleek, modern kitchen flows seamlessly to the open-plan living

By Negotiation

View

by appointment or
advertised open home

4 3 2 400

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FOR SALE

319 Otahu Road, Whangamata

- Generous Freehold site, this home (plus utility) seamlessly blends original high ceilings and polished timber floors with a bright, modern extension filled with warm, natural light.
- A lined garage, decks on both sides

For Sale

\$1,560,000

View

Sun 21st Dec
11:00-11:30am

3 2 2 1 675

Roxy Pease
021 030 7589

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FOR SALE

213a Rangī Avenue, Whangamata

- Steps from the beach and Island View Reserve with ocean views.
- Master with ensuite and private access to the back deck.
- Louvre-covered ground-floor deck flows seamlessly to the backyard.

By Negotiation

View

by appointment or
advertised open home

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FOR SALE

101 Esplanade Drive, Whangamata

Main Beach Grandstand, Luxuriously rebuilt, contemporary home offers an exceptional, front-row position directly above Whangamata Main Beach, providing panoramic ocean views. Engineered for long-term excellence & premium interior

For Sale

View

by appointment

5 3 2 2 522



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Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Thank you for all your support this year!
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305 Winifred Avenue

350m²

Price By Negotiation

Metres to the Beach!

Footsteps to the sand and shops.

- Rear section 350 square metres more or less plus ROW.
- Extra Density Residential Zone, 45% site coverage, 8 metre build height gives unlimited beach & sea views.
- New Freehold Title due early 2026, rates and Capital Value yet to be struck.

The cabin will be moved off or a negotiable extra post auction.

Chris & Basil

Chris Brown
027 257 6602
Basil Lennan
021 224 9425



229A Ocean Road

446m² 4 2

Price By Negotiation

Super Low Maintenance - Easy-Peasy Living

A haven where comfort, space, and contemporary living come together with ease. Every detail designed for relaxed, effortless living.

Hayley

Hayley Hayward
021 800 686





301 Beach Road

499m² 4 3 2 2

Price On Application

Stunning Harbour Vista

Vendors motivated to sell, genuine offers welcomed. Make the move to this wonderful spot where almost every room offers views over the crystal-clear waters, with boats bobbing in the tide, seabirds foraging, and the dark forested contours of the reserve in the distance.

Hayley
Hayley Hayward
021 800 686



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31 Manuka Drive

9569m²

Price By Negotiation

Outstanding views across Whangamata

Wake up refreshed and invigorated everyday with what can only be described as a superb vista that most people can only dream of having on a daily basis.

This piece of paradise is perfectly elevated to give uninterrupted views across the harbour, the marina, Whangamata township to the harbour entrance and beyond.

Finding a slice of heaven as large as 9569sqm (approx) is near on impossible particularly with such sensational views. To be able to design and build your forever home here will surely satisfy the creative juices within you.

Basil
Basil Lennan
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107 Bellona Road

812m² 3 2 3

For Sale \$1,850,000

Location Is Everything. This One's Got It Made

Space and convenience, an entertainer's delight with expansive outdoor living space covered decking. Oversized garage, for all you beach hoppers and car enthusiasts.

Hayley
Hayley Hayward
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104A The Square

409m² 2 1 1

Price By Negotiation

1950s Beach Bach in a Prime Location

Welcome to your coastal retreat—just a short stroll from the golden sands. Move in and enjoy as is, or explore the potential to further develop the property to suit your vision.

Hayley
Hayley Hayward
021 800 686



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Foodbank pantry replenished – thank you!

We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our amazing locals who donated food and funds for this year's Food Drive.

Thanks to your kindness, our Foodbank is well stocked and ready to keep supplying kai and delivering our wrap-around services throughout the year ahead, easing the pressure for so many local families who need it most. Last year alone, we provided food support to 793 people and served 1,669 Comfort Kai meals.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to our main sponsor and organiser, Whangamata Real Estate Ltd, and our incredible Emergency Services and volunteers for their support. We're very grateful to you all.

Finally, a special thank you to ADCR – Aotearoa Disaster and Community Resources for the van load of much-needed food items. Every contribution counts, and together, we've made a real difference.

– Jess Morrison, ECST





WHANGAMATA

Lunch en Blanc

Saturday 21st February 2026 12-4pm

Back by popular request, don't miss out this year, this is your excuse to take a pause from your busy lives, invite your friends, with an opportunity to make new friends.

Location – well that is a well kept secret, until the day.

So simply gather your friends, put the date in your diary and scan the QR code to register.



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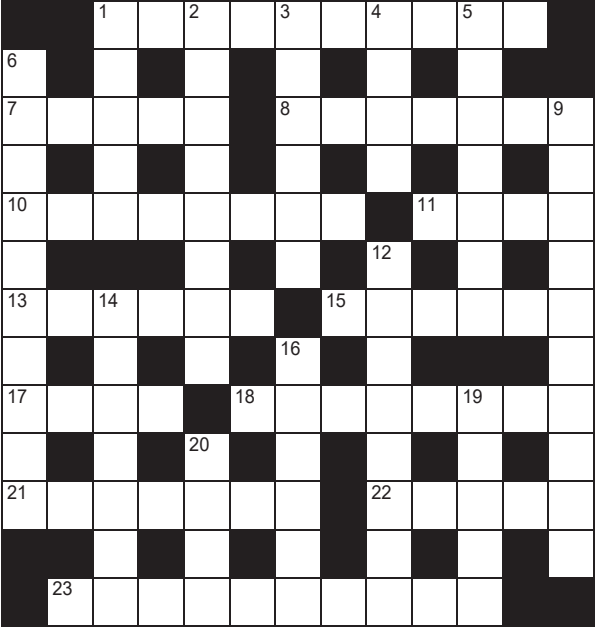


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GET IN QUICK WHILE STOCKS LAST!

13x13 QUICK



- Across**

1. Necessities (10)

7. Wipe out (5)

8. Congested (7)

10. Old-fashioned (8)

11. Jewels (4)

13. Peak (6)

15. Debacle (6)

17. Evening (4)

18. Flummoxed (3,2,3)

21. One who accepts the truth (7)

22. Untethered (5)

23. Impotently (10)
- Down**

1. Precise (5)

2. Hurry up! (4,2,2)

3. Scratched (6)

4. False god (4)

5. Borders (7)

6. Think again (10)

9. Out of place (10)

12. Marvels (8)

14. Error (7)

16. Cheerful (6)

19. Tale (5)

20. Hobble (4)

Across: 1. Essentials 7. Erase 8. Crowded 10. Outmoded 11. Gems 13. Summit 15. Flasco 17. Dusk 18. All at sea 21. Realist 22. Loose 23. Helplessly
Down: 1. Exact 2. Step on it 3. Nicked 4. Idol 5. Lodgers 6. Reconsider 9. Dislocated 12. Miracles 14. Mistake 16. Blithe 19. Story 20. Limp.

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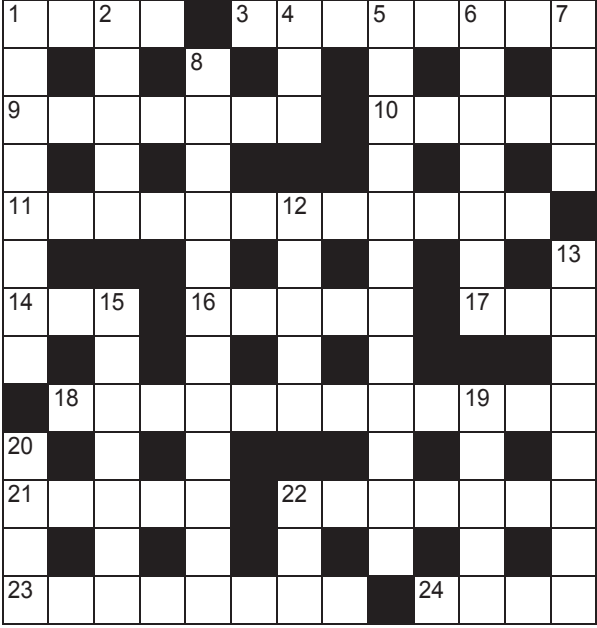
Insert the missing letters to make five words reading across and five reading down.

Note: more than one solution may be possible

Target solution

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CRYPTIC



- Across**

1. Cheese with iron gets little thanks (4)

3. Spy a myth, but gets commiseration (8)

9. Wandering around with downgraded goal (7)

10. She is a student with a certain ambience (5)

11. Usually included whereas batteries are not (12)

14. A hole you will find in cooking apples (3)

16. Indescribable and comes out from the night (5)

17. Returned with tree from Zimbabwe yesterday (3)

18. Gregory Saul & I change socially (12)

21. The beginner will get paid to be educated (5)

22. Anna gets a "10" for reception device (7)

23. Toucan is terrified when kept in a container (8)

24. They will inherit the earth if it is OK with you (4)
- Down**

1. Bird was a duck on fire! (8)

2. Product of the newspaper (5)

4. What's "Make eyes at" got to do with a positive answer? (3)

5. Where those standing may get their number (7,5)

6. The reason some students are outclassed? (7)

7. Paymasters have no stamps for a period of time (4)

8. Spies looking for the Coca Cola recipe? (6,6)

12. His news may bring him to tears? (5)

13. 100 swab yak which has spine curvature (8)

15. Belong to exercise routine on train, somehow (7)

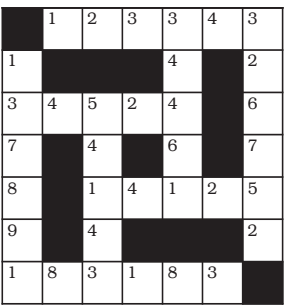
19. Feeling is not worth much, we hear (5)

20. Will collect suspended particles like a group of birds, reportedly (4)

22. I have heard you will get sick of beer (3)

Across: 1. Feta, 3. Sympathy, 9. Aimless, 10. Laura, 11. Instructions, 14. Gap, 16. Thing, 17. Yew, 18. Gregoriously, 21. Learn, 22. Antenna, 23. Canister, 24. Meek
Down: 1. Flamingo, 2. Times, 4. Yes, 5. Polling booth, 6. Truancy, 7. Year, 8. Secret agents, 12. Crier, 13. Swayback, 15. Pertain, 19. Sense, 20. Floc, 22. Ale.

CLUELESS CROSSWORD



Numbers have been substituted for letters. Use the letter(s) given to work out the rest of the puzzle.

1 = T
5 = M

WordWheel



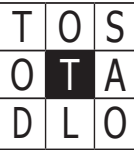
Insert the missing letter to make an eight-letter word reading either clockwise or anticlockwise.

Vocabularian

- Choose the correct definition
- Paliform**
- a) Shaped like a stake
b) Standard in appearance
c) Having no fixed shape
- Hapaxanthic**
- a) Of unknown origin
b) Of foreign origin
c) Flowering once only

TARGET

How many words of four letters or more can you make? Each letter must be used only once and all words must contain the centre letter. There is at least one nine-letter word. No words starting with a capital are allowed, no plurals ending in s unless the word is also a verb, e.g. he burns with anger. Good 15 Very Good 20 Excellent 25+



5x5

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WordWheel

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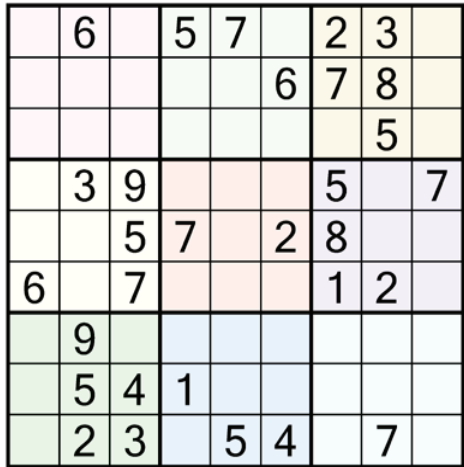
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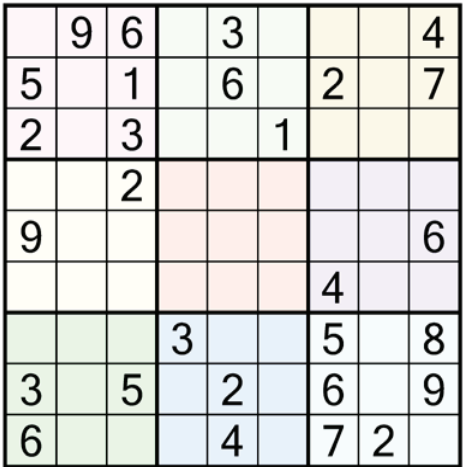
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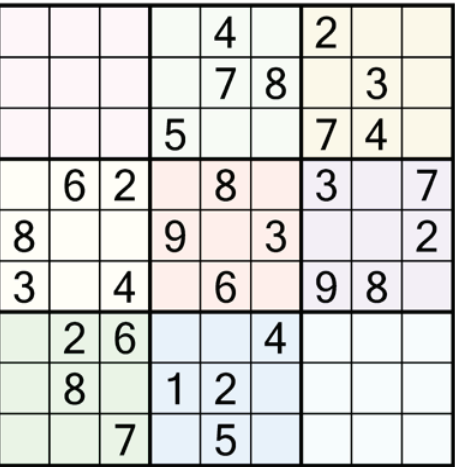
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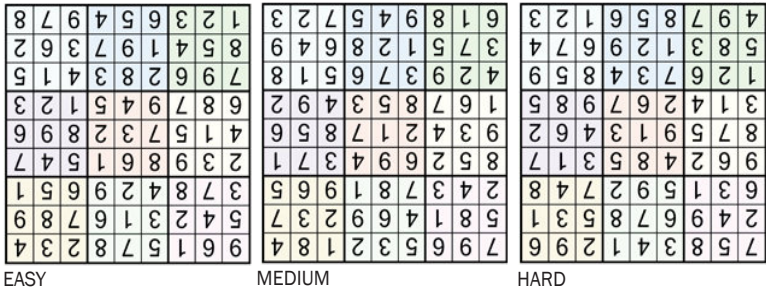


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Sudoku solutions



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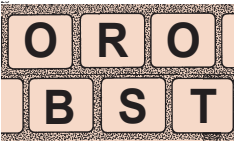
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WordBuilder solution

ROBOT'S, robs, roo, roos, roost, root, roots, rot, rots, sob, soot, sort, too, tor, tors, torso, Boo, boor, boors, boos, boost, boot, boots, bort, bots, bro, bros, orb, orbs, rob, robot.

WORDBUILDER

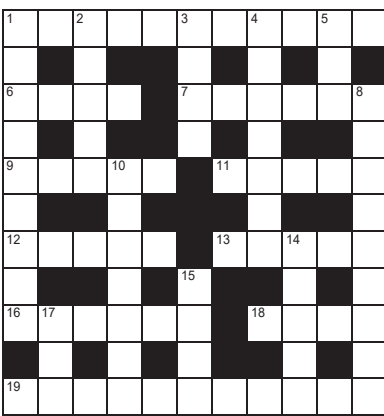
How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the six letters, using each only once? No words beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one six-letter word. Good 16 Very Good 22 Excellent 28+



11x11 quick solution

Across: 1. Birds of prey, 6. Mask, 7. Trip up, 9. Tot up, 11. Radil, 12. Onset, 13. Lyric, 16. Swerve, 18. Stop, 19. Unwholesome.
Down: 1. Bumpious, 2. Reset, 3. Oath, 4. Primary, 5. Emu, 8. Principle, 10. Unearth, 14. Ratio, 15. Well, 17. Wan.

11x11 QUICK



- Across**

1. Raptors (5,2,4)

6. Disguise (4)

7. Make a mistake (4,2)

9. Add (3,2)

11. Spokes in a wheel (5)

12. Start (5)

13. Words for music (5)

16. Veer (6)

18. Halt (4)

19. Unhealthy (11)
- Down**

1. Arrogant, pushy (9)

2. Readjust (5)

3. Curse (4)

4. Of first importance (7)

5. Flightless bird (3)

8. Rule or law, or rule of personal conduct (9)

10. Discover (7)

14. Proportion (5)

15. Healthy (4)

17. Pale (3)

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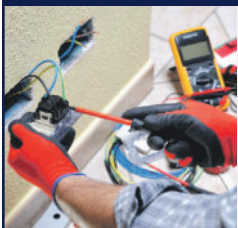
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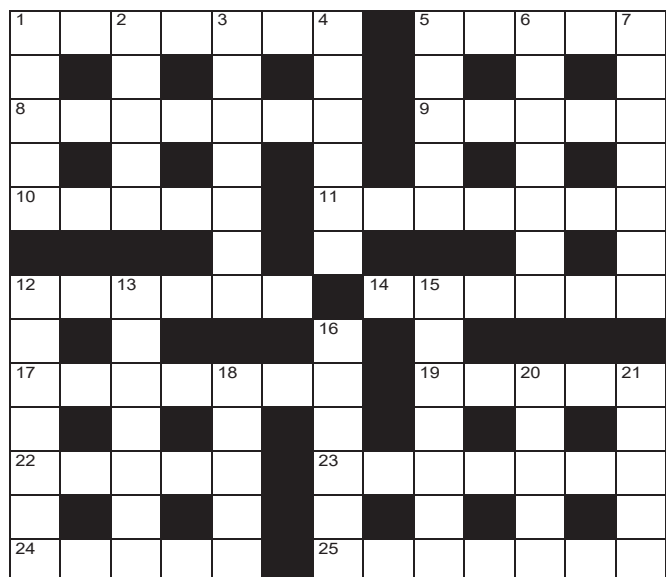
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Across

1. Laughable (7)
5. Jeer (5)
8. Unfinished (7)
9. Go in (5)
10. Sailboat (5)
11. Anxious (7)
12. Shade (6)
14. Submit (6)
17. Copy of an original (7)
19. Transactions (5)
22. Geographical book (5)
23. Copy (7)
24. Motif (5)
25. Idea (7)

Down

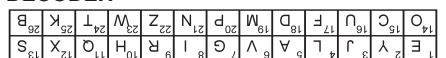
1. Retort (5)
2. Relating to audible sound (5)
3. Easily cracked or snapped (7)
4. Motor (6)
5. Javelin (5)
6. Result (7)
7. Anticipate (7)
12. Sleeping (7)
13. Drive back (7)
15. Soften (7)
16. Madman (6)
18. Give out (5)
20. Depart (5)
21. Brushed (5)

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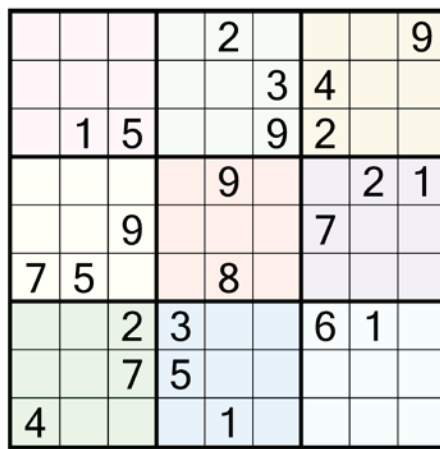


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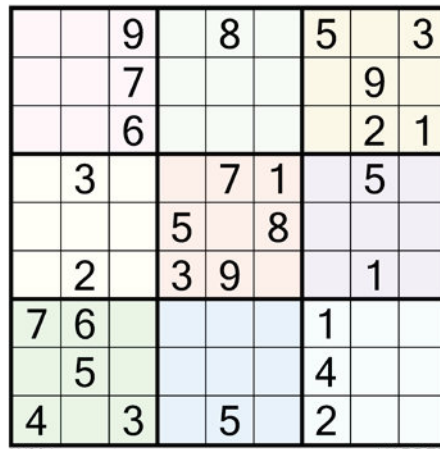
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- Down: 2. Nexus, 3. Whaler, 4. Dwarves, 5. Avers, 6. Prince, 7. Censure, 13. Surreal, 14. Drapery, 16. Eggnog, 18. Mirror, 20. Apple.

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

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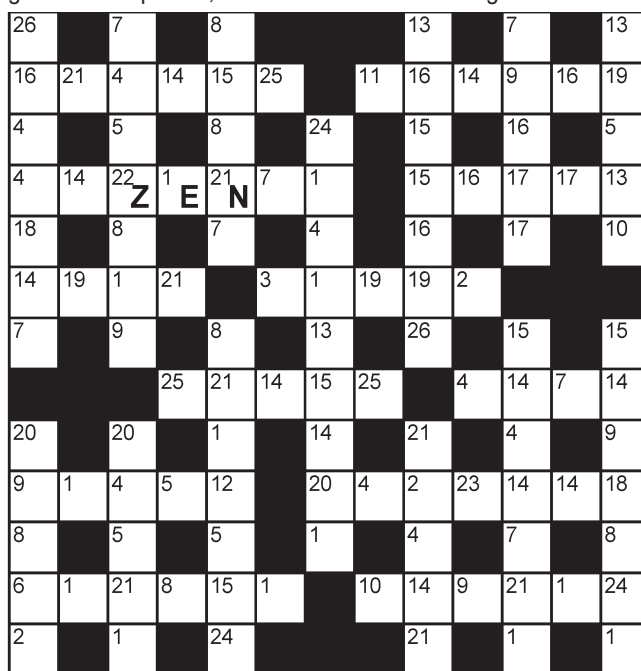
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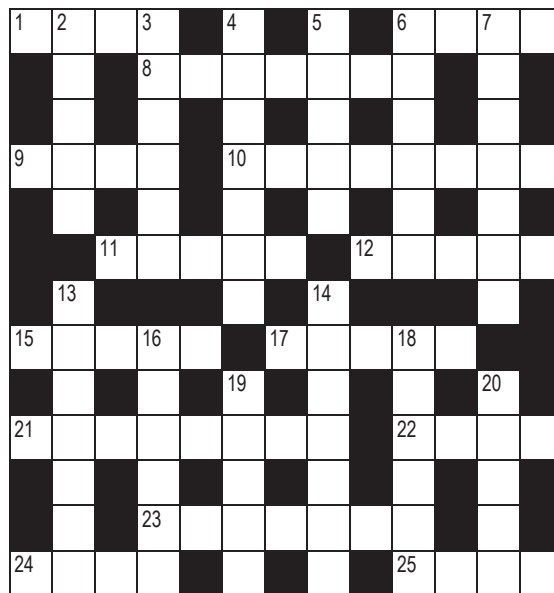
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 & 19dn. The fairest – on reflection (4,5)
6. Speed step (4)
8. Remove "H" in somehow, anyway (7)
9. Oil lubrication returns lack of steering on the farm (4)
10. Sean errs maybe but with uncommonness (8)
11. A bay window from the Loire (5)
12. It could be the centre of attention (5)
15. She's on the board – and envious of 1... (5)
17. ...and the best suit is on the cards (5)
21. Re: leaving Reg and Roger – maybe hops round to the liquor store (4,4)
22. Lariat was partly European (4)

Down

2. Connection ex US has the vital link (5)
3. A boat for the fisherman (6)
4. Reportedly Mini Minors 1 picks up with (7)
5. Raves about protests (5)
6. Has the "X" factor for 1 (6)
7. Reprimand when denouncers nod off (7)
13. Fantasy like, as ruler perhaps (7)
14. Where you may get something per yard oddly enough (7)
16. The horse has gone back in for a drink (6)



18. Where 15 sees 1 (6)
19. See 1 Across
20. 15's answer to 18's showdown (5)

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