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### Workplace discrimination

Discrimination in the workplace is a serious problem, not only for the individuals who are affected by it, but also for businesses and the wider economy. It can lead to lower productivity, higher turnover, and a more hostile work environment.

When we experience discrimination, it can be a chance to learn more about ourselves and about the world around us. It can also be a chance to develop empathy and compassion for others.

And when we witness discrimination, it can be a chance to stand up and speak out. It can also be a chance to educate others and to make the workplace a more inclusive and equitable environment.

Here are a few tips for dealing with discrimination in the workplace:

- Educate yourself about your rights. The more you know about your rights, the better equipped you will be to stand up for yourself and to protect yourself from discrimination.
- Keep a record of everything. This includes any emails, letters, or text messages you have received, as well as any notes you have taken of conversations you have had.
- Talk to someone you trust. This could be a friend, family member, colleague, or therapist. Talking to someone about what you are



going through can help you to cope and to develop a plan of action

- If you feel comfortable doing so, you can report the discrimination to your supervisor or HR department. They may be able to take steps to resolve the issue and to prevent it from happening again.
- Seek legal advice. If you believe that you have been discriminated against, you may want to seek legal advice from an employment lawyer

It is important to remember that you are not alone. Discrimination is a problem that affects many people. But by working together, we can create a more inclusive and equitable workplace for everyone.

For further information visit www.cwc.org.nz

- Benjamin Rudolph Co-founder Coromandel Workers Council

### Dog Park pawtastic!



It's been a challenging few months but we have finally got through the Park Avenue Reserve dog park work we had scheduled this year. The Tyre jump was a bit wobbly and the rain had affected a couple of other jumps so they have been replaced with our new 'Bone' jumps which were kindly provided and cut to shape by our local Bunnings team.

Barbara painted them in our colours and Noel Snook dressed them for us with some doggy themed artwork. Wayne Hambling and Grant Johnstone then constructed and installed them. Many thanks to all these lovely people for their volunteer contribution to our local fun dog agility course.

Dog owners can access the massive grassed park on foot anytime from

the lower access off The Drive or from the Park Ave access.

Even if your dog is not into agility jumps this huge reserve is a perfect exercise and play area for you and your dog. It can be used anytime of the day on any day. Some lovely oak trees provide shade over several park seats where you can rest when the games are over.

Please bring your dogs water and lead should you need it as normal dog handling courtesy applies.

We have a couple of advertising spaces left to sell and the funds will go into The dog park project account for future work when required.

Just send a text to 027 286 5709 and we will get in touch to arrange installation.

### Welcome to the second November 2023 edition of Whangamatā News

- a magazine By Locals, For Locals, About Locals

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### S.O.S – save our seats!

Whangamatā News learned last week that two family memorial seats had been removed from Access 16 and Access 18, apparently from instruction by the Whangamata Dune Restoration Group.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for dune planting and the enormous effort that goes into the restoration of our beach projects.

However, where was the 'consultation' in removing the seats, they would have cost these families \$1000 to build and maintain them with plaques of









their loved ones, looking at the glorious view of which they all enjoyed.

Was it really necessary to boldly pull them out in a hurried fashion? Whangamatā News found them in the yard of the TCDC contractor (who I understand was not keen to be a part of this job) leaning on a wall, like lost headstones.

We asked Terry Walker, Councillor Southeast Ward, for his comment on the removal of memorial bench seats.

"I find it concerning, that if correct, the removing of memorial seats without full consultation with the affected families, is not in keeping with the MOU (Memorandum of understanding) that Council and the deceased family agreed on".

"The family have paid for their

seat and own it, with any ongoing maintenance at the families cost, therefore, they must be contacted before the seat can be removed or work is carried out".

As we go to print, Governance Advisor Kaitohutohu Mana Whakahaere sent this correspondence:

"The plan is to reinstate the seats, but the families will be consulted first, as the seats may be shifted slightly within the same area. Also, the staff needs to consult with the iwi about one of the seats, as it was originally placed on tapu land without any consultation. Thus, it is essential to seek their opinion on where the seat should be placed."

In my opinion, all a little too late and somewhat disrespectful.

- Jennie Black

### SH25A to reopen by Christmas 2023

The reopening of State Highway 25A by 20 December is an early Christmas present for our region, says Coromandel MP Scott Simpson.

"I'm delighted that NZTA has announced repairs to SH25A are well-ahead of their schedule and the route is expected to reopen in time for Christmas and summer holidaymakers to visit the Coromandel.

"By the time the highway reopens it will have been 11 long months of disruption, heartache and financial anxiety for our region

"I was very critical that it took six months for work to get underway, but I couldn't be happier with the efforts of the contractors and the workers on the ground. To be in a position to reconnect our communities and fully reopen the Coromandel in time for Christmas is only possible because of their professionalism and hard-work.

"This year has been brutal for local businesses, but I'm hopeful that today's news will be a much-needed boost as they prepare for summer. While the Peninsula has remained accessible, a fully operation SH25A is a signal to the rest of the country, and the world, that we are back in business.

"We were already looking forward to enjoying another the classic Coromandel summer and a fully reconnected Peninsula will make it all the more sweeter."

- MP Scott Simpson







### Whangamata Ratepayers Association (WRA) launch rebranding



WRA have just launched their rebranding with a new logo and new design for their e-newsletter, WRAP (Whangamata Ratepayers Association

Amanda Stevenson states, "The purpose of the rebranding and new logo is to identify our association and differentiate it from other associations and boost recognition".

"To present the associations values of professionalism, trust and confidence with our new logo and rebranding launch, in conjunction with the Survey 2023 was timely as we make presentations

to the Whangamata Community Board, Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC) and our ratepayers and residents of Whangamata".

The WRA brands new mission statement will now appear at the footer of our WRAP e-newsletter and has been inscribed in our recently updated constitution.

If you would like to become a member of the WRA and receive our WRAP e-newsletter, please visit our website: whangamataratepayers.org.nz or email: whangaratepayers@gmail.com

### WRA Survey 2023 results

WRA would like to thank all 561 residents and or ratepayers that took the time to complete the WRA survey 2023.

The purpose of the survey was to find out what Whangamata Ratepayers and Residents see as issues facing the community and what can be done to make Whangamata a more desirable place to live.

The primary objective, to find out what is important to ratepayers/residents and where our rates should be spent, has been achieved and the key strategies identified have been presented to relevant organisations.

Please visit our website to see the full PowerPoint presentation made to the Whangamata Community

Board and Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC) who received the results of the survey very positively and were willing to work closely with the WRA to achieve the best outcomes for our community

WRA website: whangamataratepayers.org.nz

Community Organisations that supported the survey are acknowledged in the presentation.

WRA presenting a community service award to Whangamata Area School for creating the online version of the survey. Principal Alistair Luke, deputy principal Rebecca Whatley and Chairman of WRA



To help preserve, safeguard and promote the unique natural character and environment of Whangamata and enhance its social, cultural and economic wellbeing now and for generations to come.

### Pride of the Coromandel - Whangamata Lions

It seems appropriate following a recent article in the Whangamatā News concerning volunteering, to talk about the Lions of Whangamatā.



The Whangamata Lions have been volunteering in our community for over 45 years. Our motto - 'We serve' - says it all.

Coming up on 2 December, the

annual Christmas parade, organised and run by the Lions in conjunction with Whangamata Real Estate, will roll down Port Road at 3pm on its merry way to the market at Williamson Park.

Our annual Christmas Tree Forest will be in full swing at the Memorial Hall from 5pm to 7pm from Thursday 14 to Saturday 16 December. Father Christmas is taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

Our Lions Christmas Cake is

available once again and going out fast. If you would like one, they are available, for \$20, at the Information Centre and Harcourts Whangamata.

We are currently working on the 46th edition of the 2023/24 Lion Information Booklet. This will also be available at the Information Centre and will be packed full with new articles about our wonderful town and region.

Please don't forget to follow us on our Facebook page, Whangamata Lions Club, for more information

and lots of photos.

A message from our President, Chris Brown:

We are delighted to bring the annual Christmas Parade to you once again this year, along with the Christmas Tree Festival. Many thanks to the Lions of Whangamatā and all our volunteer helpers for the work you have done for us in 2023. Best wishes to all for a very happy Christmas and New Year.

- Kath Thornton, Lions Whangamata

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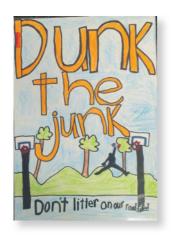
### Opoutere Youth Voice Rubbish Concerns

Dear T.C.D.C.

Pollution is really, really bad for our environment! Hello and welcome to my letter about plastic pollution. I'm Reef, now let's get into it, plastic pollution is affecting our country. It's like me eating a doughnut filled with broccoli... yuck! Our roadsides are getting filled up with rubbish so much that I might just throw up, so we need to fix this now!

Our class has already made a start with this by cleaning up the roadside from Opoutere school to the Onemana turn-off, but there's still heaps and heaps and heaps more litter getting put on our roadsides daily! We need to put a stop to this immediately, I mean like it's crazy that our green country is filled with pollution.

It is up to us to make a difference and if you could, please make a stop to throw away plastics and help



keep our roads clean! Our school Opoutere would be really happy if you could fix this problem in our area and across our country.

Roadside litter will kill marine life and other animals. We can do better, Whangamatā!

- Reef Woodhouse, Totara Class

Dear T.C.D.C.

I cannot believe how much rubbish my class picked up from the roadsides. It was so disgusting! We filled up a whole tandem trailer, with sides, in only two hours! Roadside litter travels through the drains to the rivers then into the ocean. If you see rubbish, especially plastic, pick it up and put it in the bin!

All this pollution is damaging to our environment. Me and my friend did an inquiry about pollution and we did it on Maui dolphin. The rubbish found on the roadside goes into the ocean and every year 300,000 whales, dolphins, and porpoises get accidentally entangled in nets and lines or eat plastic and die a slow and painful death, through suffocation, starvation, or exhaustion. Let's help our planet and don't litter!

As our community council I think you could be doing more roadside clean ups to improve our local environment. Let's reduce this pollution problem... now!

- Brodie Hohaia, Totara Class



Dear Whangamatā Community,

I am speaking to every single person in the Whangamatā Community. I am so embarrassed about everybody talking about the rubbish on our roadsides all around our community. Many of you talk about it but you don't do anything about it! Take a second and think about all the trash that is sitting on our roadsides. You know it's there but you don't think much about it, do you?

My class and I at Opoutere School are traumatised by the deadly rubbish we found on our roadsides: this is a virus! But it can be fixed if we all do our part! Have you ever walked on the beach and noticed any plastic? Well, that plastic travels from our roadsides into drains, rivers, and creeks, where do you

think that leads? Into the ocean! Which leads to animal habitats which can cause death!

Please pass this message on. We really must make a change, not tomorrow, not next week, now! I feel so embarrassed when my family and friends come to our town just to find out it's a dump-site! This problem is caused by humans with disrespectful manners! it all starts with us humans, one plastic bag travels to our ocean, animals get stuck or think its food and will eat it... and that can be deadly. Horrifying... we can do better Whangamatā! When I drive out to Opoutere School I would like to see the roadsides crystal clear, stop roadside pollution, take your litter home!

- Azura Stokman, Totara Class



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#### **DID YOU KNOW OUR HEALTH SHUTTLES** ARE FUNDED BY THE OP SHOP!

Thank you to the community for their donations and for their ongoing support of our Op Shop which enables us to provide this service.



For bookings please phone 07 865 9011.

St John Health Shuttles run Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays).

Looking forward to seeing you all this Saturday!

## What a great life for our youngsters

A fun day for our 2023 Board Riders Club Champs. A great 1.0m swell and light sea breeze in the afternoon with a good turn out and great surfing.

Thanks to all those that came down, joined in and made for a fantastic atmosphere. And thanks to those that pitched in to make it happen.

#### **Results**

#### SALTWATER OPEN MEN

1st ...... Matt Scorringe 2nd .... Rangi Ormond

3rd ..... Jos Kennings 4th ..... Ben Kennings

#### SHANKS OPEN WOMEN

1st ...... Chloe Groube

2nd .... Pia Rogers 3rd .... India Kennings

4th ..... Ruby Milne

5th..... Ella-Rose Luke

#### MEAD JUNIOR WOMEN

1st ...... India Kennings

2nd .... Chloe Groube

3rd ..... Ruby Milne

4th..... Ella-Rose Luke 5th..... Vivi Myer

#### ANDERSON SURFBOARDS UNDER 16

1st ...... Harrison Biddle

2nd .... Taj Millar Dal Bosco 3rd ..... Zeke Wyper

4th..... Manu Roberts

#### **MYERS UNDER 12 BOYS**

1st ...... Arlo Scorringe

2nd .... Ace Kennings

3rd ..... Jett Kennings

4th ..... Kasey Smith

#### **SPIERS UNDER 12 GIRLS**

1st ...... Bella Biddle

2nd .... Harper Luke 3rd .... Zahlia Wyper

4th ..... Charlotte Oswald

5th..... Megan Luke

#### **BOB DAVIE LONGBOARD**

1st ...... Rangi Ormond

2nd .... Mark Wyper

3rd ..... Dylan Care 4th ..... Lewis Booth

#### **KENNINGS OVER 40S**

1st ...... Mark Wyper

2nd .... Dave Falconer 3rd .... Dylan Care

4th ..... Aaron Webb

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### **Thames Driver Training**

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### Armistice Day respected

Saturday 11 November, at the frontage of our RSA, welcomed our RSA Piper Peter Broad and Bugler Adrian Botting, to recognise those who fought in 1918. On the 11th hour, on the 11th day on the 11th month in 1918, the Armistice saw the end of World War I.

After four terrible years, fighting in the First World War finally ended with the signing of an armistice between Germany and the Allies on 11 November, 1918. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the guns fell silent. New Zealanders celebrated enthusiastically, despite having recently celebrated the surrenders of the three other Central Powers - Bulgaria, the Ottoman Empire and Austria-Hungary - and the premature news of an armistice



with Germany

Geoff March, RSA President, tells the small and humbled crowd "We commemorate today to honour those who gave the ultimate sacrifice during WWI and to remember those who have fallen



since in the many other conflicts".

Whangamata RSA Padre Ross Falconer blessed the occasion. "War is the consequence of failed diplomacy, when people stop genuinely talking and genuinely listening to each other, and giving utter mutual respect to one another, then conflict arises".

Variations of the 1918 celebrations reflected the perceived importance of the various surrenders, the depth and spread of the influenza pandemic, and the forethought given to the preparations. The limited amount of advance warning and the disruption caused by the influenza pandemic contributed to the enthusiasm with which New Zealand's official peace celebrations in July 1919 were embraced.

Humanity hasn't yet learnt the futility of war - despite all the men and women who fought in the 'War to End All Wars'.

- Jennie Black



### RSA 8 Ball hosts tight games

Last Saturday, the Whangamata RSA 8 Ball Club hosted Point Chevalier RSA and the Waihi Beach RSA teams on home tables. Point Chev took the trophy and close behind with one point difference the Waihi Beach RSA. Coming third still meant a great day for our members!







Everyone welcome **Lunches daily 11am-3pm Dinner from 5pm** 

### First night buzzing at croquet



Kneeling (left to right): Lynda Callaghan, Ann Costar, Sue Potter, Coralie Augur, Catherine Kidd, Ray Jarvis. Middle Row: Mike Somerville, Ross Glen, Murray Hall, Chris Somerville, Dawn Burgess, Marje Russ, Heather Ardley, Jill Churstain, Pat McCartney, Erin Wyatt, Carol Robson, Pam Johnston. Back Row: Cherie May, Toni Pascoe, Lisa McLeod, George Williams, Gina Williams, Joy Robinson, Cushla Jarvis, Sue Parker, Carol Daly, Lorraine Ward, Brian Wyatt, George McCartney, Michael Paris, Jan Findlay.

Twilight Croquet is run in two rounds of seven games. The first round ends on 11 December with a shared Christmas plate and a sausage sizzle. The second round starts on 15 January, 2024. This culminates in a final with a Prize Giving and BBQ to celebrate a season of running hoops and having fun. Larissa and Ian from Reef Refrigeration & Air Conditioning are once again sponsoring the event and this is very much appreciated by the Whangamata Croquet Club.

Twilight Croquet has been running since October 1988. That is 35 years of commitment and though the team names might change the fun doesn't! This year the 8 teams are made up from Bridge Buddies, Rumblers, Dare Devils, Bits & Pieces, Quizzers, Cornerstone, Rebus and

If you are interested in seeing this game played, it's taking place on Monday night, 5pm to 7pm, at Bond St. Come and watch the fun.

### Just 23 spots left in golf tournament

The new Paradise Coast Golf Classic has piqued the interest of many golfers with the field nearly full. It's the first time the three courses have combined like this, and the concept is certainly appealing.

Many liking the idea of the variety. Three different courses in three days and each one quite different. It's hoped the tournament will become a permanent fixture and start to include other Coromandel Courses

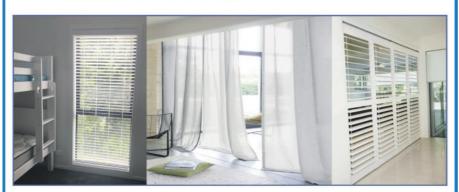
Patrick Kerr, Chair of Enterprise Whangamata, the business association running the tournament believes "... there's a huge worldwide golf trade in stay and play packages and the Coromandel is perfectly placed to capitalise on this."

Short distances between courses, close to major cities, happy to host campervans and a real variety of

resort and country tracks gives the Coromandel another string to its

The Paradise Coast Golf Classic, or the PCGC, is played over Lakes Resort-Pauanui, Tairua and Whangamatā courses from 1 to 3 December. Entries still open at www.whangamata.org.nz

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Lakes Resort, Pauanui, 18th and 19th hole.



### Art After Dark – the dazzle, the talent



Artist Donna MacDonald.

What a great event last Friday night, with an eager crowd, dressed to the nine's at Whangamatā's Titoki Golf Club.

Fantastic musicians played four sets in the background to set the night of great art talent, indoor and outdoor, with a wee bubbly or two and delightful canapés.

23 artists and 98 exhibits filled the surrounds and 150 enthusiastic guests dressed to win the best male and female prizes, with a generous raffle from New World, Magnums from Super Liquor, meal vouchers and bubbles from Whangamata Club with a very supportive Whangamata Golf Club.

14 pieces of art were sold and loads of



commission work enquiries.

Congratulations again to the Arts Collective Committee members, it was as always a highlight on my calendar.

- Jennie Black, photos by Mark James











### WAS prize winners for 2023

Pia Rogers, Yr 12, Blues Award: For winning a national title and being selected for the NZ Junior Surfing Team

Leia Millar, Yr 12, Blues Award: For being selected for the NZ Junior Surfing Team

Rory Bathurst, Yr 13, University of Otago McKay Entrance Scholarship: Awarded to students who have demonstrated academic ability and potential to succeed at university.

Lily Homeycombe, Yr 13, University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship: Awarded to Māori students who have contributed positively to their communities.

Jayna Monk, Yr 13, University of Otago Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship: Awarded to students to celebrate the excellence of students enrolling at the University of Otago.

Ruby Woodroffe, Yr 13, University of Otago Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarship: Awarded to students Pacifica who have contributed positively to their communities.

WAS Survivors - students who have completed all 13 years of their education at WAS: Otis Baxter, Rory Bathurst, Christopher Higgins, Jamie Jacobs, Mekhi Jensen, Charlotte Mills, Violet Moxsom, Bridie Pugh, Brock Taikato, Lewis Tilsley and Olivia Tollemache.

Angel Penning, Yr 12, Beach Hop Scholarship - presented by Noddy



The WAS Survivors.

Watts: In recognition by the Beach Hop Community for a student transitioning from school to an apprenticeship

Rory Bathurst, Yr 13, Dianne Bluett **Memorial Trophy:** Awarded to the Year 11-13 student who shows outstanding determination, motivation and balance in all

Jamie Jacobs, Yr 13, Whangamata Anglican Award: Student showing effort and endeavour throughout their schooling

Bridie Pugh, Yr 13, Omni Award: Personal Development Award for Young Women

Alison Mills (Board Chairperson) - Drewery, Wray, Gordon Cup:

Significant contribution to the wellbeing of the Whangamata Area School Community

Otis Baxter, Yr 13, BOT Scholarship

Nathan Azulay, Yr 12, Most improved NCEA Student for 2023

Kayci Goldsmith-Houghton, Yr 11, Academic Excellence Year 11 2023

Pia Rogers, Yr 12, Academic Excellence Year 12 2023

Madison Matthews. Yr 13. Whangamata Area School Dux 2023: Madison completed Year 13 English and Maths two years ago, has been completing University Math papers for the last two years and is currently completing three scholarship exam papers.



WAS Dux, Madison Matthews.



Angel Penning, winner of the Beach Hop Scholarship, with Noddy Watts.



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### Māori wards in 2025

**Our Council voted unanimously** at its October meeting to establish a Māori ward (or wards) in time for the 2025 and 2028 local elections.

Similar to a General Election, a Māori ward at local level allows voters who've chosen to be on the Māori roll to elect a representative to council to ensure that a specifically Māori perspective is part of decision-making. People who opt to enrol on the Māori roll vote only on that roll, not on the general roll

as well.



The Council Chamber was packed with community members and Māori leaders supporting the Māori ward vote.

The move aims to redress under-representation of Māori in local government and recognises Māori knowledge and perspectives are hugely important when Council considers land use, the environment, business, tourism etc.

Our Council now needs to undertake a 'representation review' by July next year to look at the details of the ward(s), according to provisions in the Local Electoral Act. The public will be fully consulted.

tcdc.govt.nz/maoriwardsvote



#### SAVE WATER **NOW**

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#### Whangamatā **Community Board** UPDATE

#### A word from our Board Chair, Dave Rvan -

"We're really looking forward to welcoming more friends, family, and visitors over the holiday season. It's warming up and we hope everyone looks after one another while they're out and about. In particular, make sure you have a plan to get home safely if you're out celebrating . Please note there is no official celebration being held in Whangamatā on New Year's Eve. For key safety tips this summer, you can follow @SaferCoromandel on Facebook, or look out for their pop-ups throughout the holidays." dave.ryan@council.tcdc.govt.nz

The next Whangamatā Community Board meeting will be at 10am on Tuesday 28 November at our Whangamatā Service Centre, 620 Port Road. See our website for agendas and minutes - tcdc.govt.nz/meetings



#### **Recreational Biking** Strategy

The Hauraki-Coromandel Recreational Biking Strategy was endorsed by our Council in its October meeting, following community feedback which showed high levels of support and enthusiasm towards its goals and vision. The Strategy was initially developed by our regional destination management organisation, Destination Hauraki-Coromandel, to understand how mountain biking and cycling experiences in the Coromandel can be developed. The Strategy has a vision of creating a regionally significant, collaborative, sustainable cycling destination.

tcdc.govt.nz/recreationalbikingstrategy



#### **LONG TERM PLAN**

Our Council recently held a series of drop-in sessions, including one at Thames market, to hear from communities about their thoughts on Council priorities for activities, facilities and services over the next ten years. We also held an online session which you can view on YouTube.

Recovery from the extreme weather earlier this year and building resilience into communities, infrastructure and facilities will be a key focus, as is economic recovery and better protection of our coast through the Shoreline Management Pathways project.

We're still working on budgets and priorities and will be formally consulting our community in March/April next year about what we're proposing.

tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034



#### Beating the heat: Top tips to keep your dog cool during summer

**NEVER** leave dogs in hot cars, outbuildings, or caravans on warm days. It can be fatal.

Protect their paws. Test the ground with the "five-second rule".

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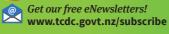
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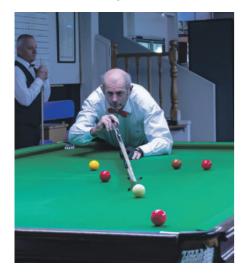
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The finalists line up before battle.



Dave Brewer took second place in the 2023 Championship.









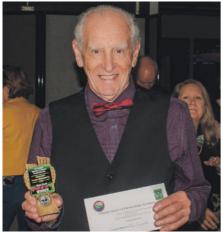
Dave Brewer had Champion Ian Russell worried!



### "I finally got there... Dave had me worried"

Infamous words from Ian Russell (Tauranga Citizens Club), 2023 Champion at the Whangamata Masters Snooker Championship, after the final and extremely tense win over Dave Brewer (Waihi Beach).

Whangamatā News was extremely







proud to be the Major Sponsor of this exhilarating event held 3-5 November at the Whangamata Club and RSA snooker tables.

The event attracted 48 players and their supporters from all over New Zealand, and as I'm fairly new to Snooker rules and etiquette, I was amazed as the games hyped up on the last evening of the championship, the crowd was just

Organised by Whangamata Club Snooker Adjunct, Alex, Kathy Van Den Einden and committee, it was of truly international standard. The Silver fox hair, suits, bow ties and the dazzle of true professionalism.

#### THE WINNERS WERE...

Championship 32: Ian Russell (played Dave Brewer) Flight 16: Neil Staite (played Kevin Whynn) Plate 16: Diane Clarke (played Terry Brumby)



Consolation Plate 8: Darren Fox (played Kevin Haycock) Congratulations to Ian Russell and all division winners.

High Break including handicap: Karen Trass 77.

High Break excluding handicap: Mark Crosby 49.

Come back again soon -Whangamatā welcomes you to enjoy new and old friendships with this sport, great food and a memorable visit!

- Jennie Black



Diane Clarke - Plate Winner.



Kathy Van Den Eiden gives it her all.

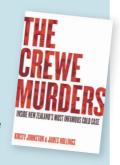


#### **Books**

### THE CREWE MURDERS

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The murder of Harvey and Jeanette Crewe in their Pukekawa farmhouse in 1970 remains New Zealand's most infamous cold case.



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Combining gripping narrative, detailed research and striking new testimony from those who were there, this book tells the complete story of the case for the first time.

This book is available from Whanga Books







Along the Wentworth I did walk Not with a friend nor with someone to talk I passed the ford, went along the track Up to the waterfall and then turned back

Along the way I thought of things Like that which is cruel and that a blessing In these thoughts I noticed a turn To those who were buried or kept in a urn

Of this lot I knew only a few But join them someday I know I will too Then at the bridge I did realise That I should not worry about my demise

Until that occurs I'll be humble and kind To sow seeds of goodness in another's mind I stepped off the bridge, went round the next bend And there before me stood a possible friend

There was in his hand a long black dagger Though to me what I'd seen did not seem to matter I said "Hello" and went on my way But the man before me was in the mood to slay

So quickly did the violent act occur That wiped my soul from the face of the earth Of what happened next I have plenty to say But that shall come later on another day

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### Magic, colour and true delight

'Cinema Magic' was the 25th show for Whangamata Dance Studio. A collaboration of music and dance from movies. From Top Gun to Trolls, Bond to Barbie and many

25 years on, Don Stewart and Sheana Miller have been part of the WDS team since day one. Amy Toroa (nee Miller) was one of the original students of WDS, and is now a teacher, and her 5 year old daughter performed in her first show this year. Second generations of WDS dancers are now starting to come through the ranks which is pretty cool.

Approximately 140 students on stage ranging from ages 5 - 18yrs. Hip Hop, Tap, Jazz and Contemporary styles performed.

Special thanks must go to teachers Jo Cullen, Debbie Anderton, Amy Toroa, Maddie Airey, Summer Cunningham, Charlotte Lima and Olivia Tollemache are very proud of their students and their achievements.

Big shout out to Sue Ward, Sheana Miller, Belinda Lima, Debbie McKillop and Trudi Conway for their continued support and hard work during show time.

A huge amount of effort goes into producing these shows, with sewers, side of stage crew and parents helping out backstage and fantastic local lighting and sound wiz J-Mac entertainment.

Aren't these photos awesome? Thank you Debbie Anderton and Katrina Brickwood.















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### **FOR SALE**

#### 228A Chartwell Ave, Whangamata

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This property is sure to capture your heart with its great features both inside and out. Enjoy the outdoor lifestyle with a large deck, a comfortable entertainment area, and a tranquil courtyard without the maintenance of a large section.

Inside, the house is well-appointed with five bedrooms and two bathrooms, including an ensuite, so there is plenty of room for a growing family or extra guests. The upper level offers lovely views of the surrounding area.

So don't delay – contact us today and come and take a look at this incredible house. This could be the start of something special.





#### **FOR SALE**

#### 104B Aickin Rd, Whangamata

Situated on a low maintenance 353 square meter section, this home could be your own slice of paradise. With four spacious bedrooms, two bright bathrooms, and an expansive 115 square meters of home, this property has everything you need to live a life of luxury and comfort. This unique property can be utilized as one large home or completely separated into two functioning areas.



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of space for family and of space for family and une poat, the tents, all the cars, and still have plenty of space for the kids and dogs to run around in a safe, fully fenced yard. With two bedrooms in this chicly decorated property, there are also two lined spacious cabins for extra guests. So close to town, everything is within walking distance.



**FOR SALE** 

2D/105 Aickin Road, Whangamata

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#### 104 Moa Street

- Boasting two bedrooms and two bathrooms
- Open plan living and a fully lined and carpeted single garage
- Covered deck area, perfect for entertaining friends and family all year round
- The section is level and fully fenced
- The two garden sheds provide ample space for storage
- Situated close to the 9-hole golf course and Whangamata Real Estate Community Pool
- Do not miss this incredible opportunity to own this delightful property

View 12pm Sat 18 Nov, Sun 19 Nov, Sat 25 Nov, Sun 26 Nov Deadline Sale closes 4pm 30 November 2023, enquiries over \$795,000



Nancy Millett 021 517 708

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#### 108B Aickin Road

- The name Te Puninga ("camping place") was given to this much loved bach as it is a place for family to come together
- The bach has 3 bedrooms plus a large rumpus room
- The layout of the bach and the land has allowed it to be used by 2 families
- Located very close to the cafes, shops etc and an easy walk to the beach
- Fully fenced, perfect if you have small children or pets
- Here is your opportunity to create your own special memories

View 11am Sat 18 Nov, Sun 19 Nov, Sat 25 Nov Deadline Sale close 3pm 28 November 2023



Dave Anderson 021 790 488 Renee Jacobsen 021 250 8541

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#### 709 Tairua Road

- Excellent views of the ocean, islands, harbour & rural landscapes
- Great value for money being a substantial 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom home & 3 car garaging
- Tastefully and fully refurbished interior, new kitchen, bathrooms, joinery, flooring furnishings throughout
- Beautiful much admired mature grounds & trees. Land area 2639sqm
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#### 104A Hunt Road

- Desired prime beach and town position
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Colin Thompson 021 723 723

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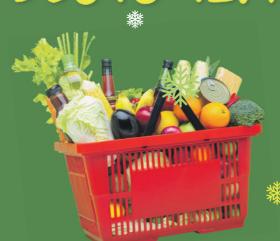
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#### Gilbertson, Mavis

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#### Winchester, Graham

Our family are all home to celebrate Graham's life Friday 1st December 2023 at 11.30am at Melville Rugby Club Rooms, Collins Road, Hamilton.

Dress casual... remember Graham would have been wearing shorts, teeth optional.

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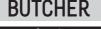
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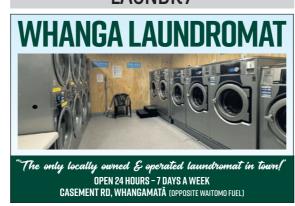
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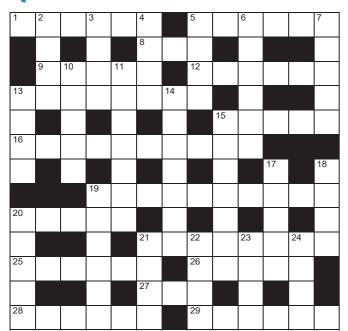
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#### Across

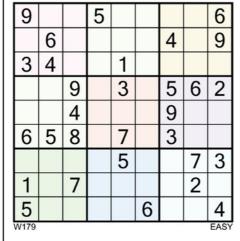
- 1. Song's refrain (6)
- 5. Strong distilled alcoholic drink (6)
- 8. Sing with closed lips (3)
- 9. Rascal (5)
- **12.** Referee (6)
- 13. Competitor expected to lose 10. Strangely (5)
- **15.** Lean (5)
- **16.** Basic principle of action
- 19. Representing several churches (10)
- 20. Shabby and untidy (5)
- **21.** Unseemly (8)
- 25. Narrow strip of fabric (6) 26. Angry (5)
- **27.** Small barrel (3)
- 28. Broadly (6)
- 29. Scatter liquid (6)

#### Down

- 2. Brass instrument (4)
- **3.** Fury (4)
- 4. Small wooden hut (4)
- 5. Self-satisfied (4)
- 6. Pierce (6)
- **7.** Larceny (5)
- **11.** Haste (7)
- 13. Entreat (4) 14. Rower (7)
- **15.** Slim (7)
- **17.** Eightsome (5)
- **18.** Smudge (4)
- 19. Fit for consumption (6)
- **20.** Spiral pin (5)
- 21. Very dark (4)
- 22. Excavates (4)
- 23. Make a brief visit (4)
- 24. Current affairs bulletin (4)

#### SUDOKU

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



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#### **DECODER**

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

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**DECODER** 

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#### **TRIO**

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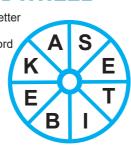
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