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Townie reality check

Jeff Hayward (NZ Herald 22/11/21) questions the validity of farmer protests and asks what they intend to do about methane emissions and pollution of waterways.

Rather than making accusations of ignoring these issues, Hayward should conduct his own reality check. Farmers have invested heavily and continue to invest in riparian fencing and planting to protect waterways and are levied to cover the cost of research into methane mitigation measures.

There is wide acknowledgement of the plight of Auckland businesses and the crippling of the tourism sector means our primary industries will play a vital role in the recovery of our economy

That is the reality.

George Williams

WHANGAMATA

Our footpath to nowhere

It is beautifully sculpted but its purpose is unclear. I stupidly thought that we were getting a footpath from the new pedestrian crossing that's going in on Ocean Road, to go into Williamson Park, turn right and meet up with the Park Road. This would then have enabled wheelchair and pram users access to not only the park, but also easy and safe access to the beach.

As it is, it seems to start from a grass verge and end up back on Ocean Road, the design of which I am told will make it safer for everyone. In its present design I'm not sure who will use it. Maybe a new skateboard path?

How anyone in a wheelchair will access it from Lowe Street corner (the busiest corner in



Whangamatā at Christmas)? I do not know, as there is no footpath on that side of the road. Plus wheelchair users really do prefer straight footpaths to travel on.

However, I am hoping that it is just the start of a great new footpath to go somewhere?

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Stage Two is underway and we implore people to donate

Fantastic news - the first target of \$16,000 has been met to purchase the adult and child beach wheelchairs and the walker.

HERE'S THE UPDATE:

Dave Ryan, who is heading the Toes in the Water committee, explains "the second trial run was made last week, with a disabled person in the chair coming back off the soft sand and onto the boardwalk. It is still difficult to work with... that's why we really need 40 metres of beach matting to get traction."

The matting is \$20,000 for the 40 metres required. We also need a shed to house the chairs beside

the Whangamata Surf Club, and that must use galvanised metal framing to ensure longevity.

The shed is over \$16,700 and also will require a concrete pad put in underneath for the flooring

So this is Stage Two: We need to raise another \$40,000.

The committee still has the trial chair and a sample of the matting, they just need more donations to get this all underway – and get the pad down hopefully just before Christmas. Whangamatā News can not emphasise enough: this would make an incredible difference to a disabled persons life this summer.

\$16,000 \$40,000 GOAL! REACHED For beach matting and storage shed \$4,000

HOW TO HELP

You can donate at any of the collection boxes at Whangamata Information Centre, Luv Coffee, Mums Corner Store, Smoky Pallet, 100% Whangamata, Unichem Whangamata, RSA, Whangamata Club and the Ocean Sports Club.

Or you can contact Dave Ryan on 0274 965 406 or email him on redryan1948@gmail.com.

You will also be able to donate at the Santa Parade Saturday, 4 December, from 3pm. Please get some cash out to give.

Pay it forward and help a disabled person put their 'Toes in the Water'. Better still, use the 'Toes in the Water Whangamata' ANZ account: 06 0457 0768992 00.



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Delivery Drivers entering the RSA premises will need to scan their Vaccine Pass, either paper form or on their phone.

POLICE REPORT

Offending in Pauanui area



Waikato Police are investigating a spate of offending involving the theft of property from vehicles in the Coromandel Peninsula.

Overnight on November 17 to 18, there were 14 incidents of vehicles broken into around the Pauanui township.

Most vehicles were parked outside homes and in driveways where the offenders have entered the vehicles and rummaged through belongings, targeting cash and valuables and in one case taking a wallet.

Within hours the victim's bank card was then used in multiple transactions in Waihi to the value of \$450 and again in an attempt in Tauranga.

In most cases the vehicles were left unsecured on properties and Waikato Police would like to remind everyone to ensure their vehicles are secured and any valuable property is removed, Detective Sergeant Ben Norman said

As we head into the summer season beachside towns across the Coromandel are likely to experience an influx of people. Police urge all residents and visitors not to be complacent. Make sure you lock your vehicles, park them off the road where possible and remove any belongings and valuables.

Police have also had recent reports of the theft of high-end boats.

"We encourage all boat owners to ensure their property is secure, use a wheel lock and remove expensive fishing and watersports equipment, and fuel tanks overnight."

Offenders regularly travel distances to target certain areas they believe maybe vulnerable and will take these opportunities for their own gain.

Police are following strong lines of inquiry to identify and locate these offenders.

It's also important that if you see something suspicious or feel something is out of place, you report it to police immediately via 111.

- Phillipa Yalden



Dire need for night ambulance services

How many Whangamatā residents have needed an ambulance at night?

Well, that's the question I asked when it came to light that there is no service here from 7pm to 8am. It borders on the ridiculous

Whangamatā News caught up with local woman Sandra Perry, as she spoke of her concerns, so much so that she wrote to John Armitt, Territory Manager for St John Hauraki Coromandel, You can see his response beside this

Sandra found everyone she spoke to very helpful towards her belief, that there is no ambulance service available during night call outs.

John Armitt told her the problem was a shortage of volunteers.

"We are in the process of training some but because of Covid we are yet to start training the two or three people who have shown interest," he said.

So, although we have two ambulances here, locals end up waiting for urgent assistance at night from Paeroa, Waihi, Tairua or Thames

Whangamatā man Murray Cleland, who recently had a fall in town one night, breaking his hip, said he lay on the ground for about two hours in the rain.

"I had help from friends who comforted me while they endeavoured to get an ambulance through the 111 service but it seemed they really didn't understand that help was

"In the end an ambulance came from Paeroa, but was delayed due to the fact they had to deal with another call on the way to Whangamatā.'

I can add an experience I recently had with a friend, who dislocated her shoulder starting a weed eater. This is early afternoon, so taking her straight to Whangamatā Ambulance Bay (wearing masks of course). I saw an officer sitting in the sun on a chair behind two empty ambulances. He told me to stop, I asked if he had a wheelchair because my friend is now out on the footpath screaming in pain.

He said he did not and I would have to call 111. Incredible - I'm standing 10 metres from two empty ambulances! I couldn't believe my ears. Protocol or not, clearly he was not rushed off his

Luckily, two volunteers came out of the station and all three gentlemen got it together to get my friend in the ambulance, medicated and off to Thames Hospital.

In essence, we need volunteers urgently - it can not be stressed enough, especially with our large proportion of over-65s in the community

How would you feel if your loved one was experiencing any complaint, life threatening or not, and couldn't get an ambulance locally in a timely fashion?

Yes, there are first responders who can get a doctor from the medical centre with the defibrillator for those types of

However, I am deeply concerned about the lack of volunteers -Covid-related training issues or not, people still need the lifesaving service here in this township.

As helpful as senior St John management has been, is the training underway as yet?

And will they service this area rather than outer areas over the

My question is, should the government fund permanent or part time ambulance staff - is this the only way to get enough qualified personnel?

A 12-hour shift for any ambulance volunteer is stretching it - many people don't have 12 hours free. Eight hours seems more normal.



urther to our letter dated 1/11/2021 and our phone conversation on the 16/11/2021. Is twant to acknowledge your concerns you raised, with the St John ambulance railability in Whangamata. Thank you for this opportunity to explain our service and ow it has evolved over the last few years. Just to confirm.

- Whangamata has a permanent ambulance station in Whangamata
- Till recent years was manned by volunteers and one paid station ma John with extra government funding has been able to staff the hangamata ambulance with two full time staff 12 hours every day.
- The skill matrix is that one of the p paramedic (excepting relief cover).
- The nights are covered by volu
- Whangamata as with all small coastal towns is covered by the nearest available ambulance outside of paid cover if not staffed by volunteers.



Whangamatā News welcomes anyone to write to The Editor on your experience, and I'm not knocking the wonderful people we have now, it's just not good enough at night to expect an ambulance which can be up to two hours to arrive.

- Jennie Black, Whangamatā News

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Vaccination status employment minefield to ensue

On one hand the Government today has attempted to simplify My Vaccine Pass verification with the launch of the NZ Pass Verifier app.

On the other, it opened up a potential employment relations minefield as Minister Michael Wood announced requirements for workers in businesses where vaccine mandates apply to be fully vaccinated against Covid by January 17, says National's Spokesperson for Workplace Relations, Scott Simpson.



"Business will welcome the extra tool to validate the vaccine status of employees but the threat of employers still being entangled in personal grievance or constructive dismissal actions remains.

"People who have their jobs

terminated because they are unvaccinated are highly likely to take legal recourse that will be both costly and time consuming for employers who just want to get on with doing business.

"National would give employers

protection from such actions as long as either this new tool or a formal health and safety risk assessment has been conducted.

"It's a pity the Labour Government has been so slow in establishing this new tool. They've had more than a year to consider it and leaving its introduction to the eleventh hour and rushing legislation under urgency is poor policy process."

Authorised by Scott Simpson MP, 614 Pollen Street, Thames

Radio pops up for summer beat

We Love It Here - might be our catch cry but it's especially true for Whangamatā. John and Lynda Grant are the local owners of Coromandel's CFM, local radio for and by local people. John and Lynda are residents of the Coromandel and have a long history and association with Whangamatā.

A family batch on Ocean Road across the road from Achilles Store where every summer was spent while their children were growing up provide a connection for the town "we spent many hours and days with the kids on Whangamatā Beach and the





daily family walk along the beach and into town for an evening ice cream are just some of the great memories", say Lynda.

This love for the Coromandel made the decision to return and set up a radio station an easy one. Coromandel's CFM started broadcasts from Whitianga in November 2018 and rapidly expanded so the signal can be heard around the Peninsula and from the Bombay's to Hamilton and across the Hauraki plains to Paeroa to give an audience potential of over 60,000 listeners

With studios already in place in Whitianga and Thames it was just

a matter of time before finding a place to set up as a base in Whangamatā. It's been a challenge to find affordable premises in the right location, but we have set up temporarily in the old Jennian Homes office at 626 Port Rd, right next to the mini-golf.

John and Lynda also have shares in Coromandel Insurance Services, so it was a no-brainer to set up joint offices at this location. Pop by and say hello. Daily broadcasts will commence from 1 December so tune in on 95.1FM to hear about everything local and some great summer music from your own local station.



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Celebrate the artists this Sunday

Art in the Park is nearly here! Artists and musicians will come together for a celebration of the Arts at Bushland Park on Sunday, 5 December, from 11am - 4pm. The new Traffic Light system will be in place and the Arts Collective committee will manage the event, according to the traffic light colour identified for Whangamatā.

Bushland Park in the Wentworth Valley is idyllic and the perfect setting for a picnic. To enhance this, two food trucks, the Leveret wine stand and water spring stations will be on site. However. visitors should note it is not permitted to take their own alcohol on to the property, in accordance with the liquor licence.

The 34 artists from Whangamatā, Whiritoa, Opoutere and Tairua reflect the diversity and vibrancy of the local arts scene, displaying many different art forms and some Christmas gift pieces. The art will be for sale, via cash or online banking. You will find the artists in the leafy boulevard and the village green of Bushland Park.

People are always hugely impressed by the really high standard of art within the Arts Collective artists and here we are excited to introduce three younger artists, who are relatively new to the Collective. Their work is colourful, bold and dramatic and will add plenty of 'zing' to the



Dianna Smith, Christina McGrath and Merel van den Nieuwenhuizen (Birdy),

exhibition: Dianna Smith: Christina McGrath and Merel van den Nieuwenhuizen (Birdy).

Exploring their styles and philosophies in art and their individual journeys, it is evident why their art is so refreshing and

Dianna Smith enjoys exploring textures and abstract shapes using mixed media. Lately she has been developing her skills around paper-making techniques and recycled fibres. She gains

support and inspiration from the Arts Collective, exhibiting for the first time with them in last year's Harcourts Challenge. Dianna will be multi-tasking at Art in the Park; she will also be serving doughnuts and coffee from Dandelions Food Truck

Christina explains that her art explores fluid media. "I'm always in the water in my mind, that is why the fluid mediums appealed to me. I love to see the paint flow across the canvas, a little out of control and morphing into different

shapes. It's like the ocean. There is a certain richness that pouring and layering the deep blue colours creates.

Merel is a mural artist who came from the Netherlands to New Zealand three years ago. In the past, she has created a lot of black and white prints on paper with paint markers or designs on the iPad in procreate, but now has started to experiment with colours on murals and canvasses. Merel's company is Birdy Design, her mural designs are in various places around the town, and so named because 'merel' is a black bird in Dutch.

Musicians will also keep you entertained throughout the day in two chill-out zones; the line-up including Garnham Woodruffe, Julia Smithson, Kevin Prout, Roger Drury, Evan Vaughters, Jim and Denise Carbery, Andy Warneford, Jono Peet, Parko, Pete Aldrich, the poet, and the Surfin' Ukes.

Entry is by koha and parking is in the DOC site opposite; just follow the flags. A shuttle service will operate between the Information Centre and Bushland Park from

We have booked a fine day but if necessary, there is a weather postponement date on 12

- Lynne Robinson, Arts Collective

MEETING OF THE WHANGAMATA PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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E-Waste Drives coming to Whangamata & Whitianga

Whangamatā Resource Recovery Trust is holding an E-Waste Drive on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th December 2021.

A temporary drop-off centre will be set up at 101 Lindsay Road. Inwards vehicle access is located opposite the gym on Lindsay Road. Operating from 10am to 2pm on both days, we will be accepting any unused or unwanted electronic waste (anything with a plug or batteryoperated)

A donation for smaller items is welcomed. Larger items may incur a small fee. Examples of electronic waste (e-Waste) include TV's, computers, mobile phones, and batteries. We will also be accepting printer cartridges.

All funds raised will go towards the planning and construction of the Whangamata Resource Recovery Centre. Funding is provided for this e-Waste Drive from Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) out of their Waste Minimisation Fund.

They have also kindly donated the use of the premises for the two days

We would like to thank them for their financial and promotional support.

We would also like to thank Whangamatā Residents and Ratepayers Association, Aspire Refillery & Eco Store and MenzShed Whangamatā for providing promotional support in getting the message out to all of our local businesses, residents and ratepavers.

Our Whitianga Resource Recovery Centre Trust friends have an e-Waste Drive the same weekend at the proposed new Refuse Transfer Station (RTS) site on Moewai Road in Whitianga. Head past the airport towards the bike park, and you will find them on the right-hand side of the road, just past Paradise Pets Whitianga (located on the left).

There will be signage showing you where to enter. If you are heading in their direction, you can take your e-Waste items there instead. Alternatively, we will be holding two more drives in 2022, so make sure you join our Facebook group and keep an eve out for an announcement on when these will be happening

WHAT: e-Waste Drive WHEN: 18 & 19 December. 2021, 10am to 2pm WHERE: 101 Lindsay Road,

Whangamatā

Dear Britsers...

It is with a very heavy heart we have to bring you the sad news of our decision to cancel the 2022 Brits at the Beach Festival

We apologize to all those who will no doubt be as terribly disappointed by this news, as we are, but we hope you understand our reasoning behind making this extremely hard decision.

It is also made in the full knowledge that Covid is here and it will show up some time (verv) soon on the Coromandel once Auckland and Waikato fully open up. Whangamatā is only a small beach resort and although our town would be considered well serviced, our solitary medical clinic would not cope with a major outbreak.

After examining the new 'traffic light' policy for events of our size, we've concluded "the uncertainty surrounding running events makes it simply too risky.'

We would be continuing to organize an event without knowing what colour light we will have in February, but at the same time knowing that two out of the three colours means cancellation of the event and the associated large losses. The new policy framework also adds costs at the front end with a new administration workload and extra event staffing to comply fully. There may also be the erecting of fencing to control public access again at

a considerable cost. Finally, we feel most uncomfortable asking untrained volunteers to be responsible for checking the general public's health status. The only answer would be to install security (at great cost) to man compliant entry gates.

Over the last 13 years we have been truly blessed at Brits. We've been able to run your event with an incredibly tiny group of volunteers, made possible of course, through your cooperation and the genuine good nature of our festival attendees. Unfortunately, common sense is of little value under this new traffic light system.

We must now ask you to have patience with us as we work through the crediting process. We have 177 orders to arrange refunds for and this will take some time. We have all of your online purchasers and associated email addresses, so all online purchases for the 2022 festival will receive an email from us before the end of this week detailing how credits will be issued.

Again, we are very sorry to be the bearers of this bad news. We hope our early decision allows you to make other arrangements for that weekend.

All the very best.

- Col McCabe, Organizer, Brits at the Beach

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The students, aged 3 & 4 years old, proudly danced their way through a range of their favourite dances! Dressed up in their 'glow' leotards, lycra and tutu's they showed off their moves including demi plie's, pointed toes and dancing dinosaurs

Keeping with the Government's guidelines of a maximum audience of 100 people, dance teacher's Debbie Anderton and Amy Miller were thrilled that the children were able to perform and complete their show!

Many thanks to the wonderful parents and audience who came and supported our students! We are super proud of each one of them!

- Debbie Anderton











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Brraaaap! Enduro Sprints a dirty race

Saturday, 27 November, at Parakiwai Quarry Road saw the first and new event to the Whangamatā Dirt Rider Club.

The club ran the event professionally, with transponders, accurate timing and medical assistance on site to make for an awesome day of dirt and tree

An incredible 81 entries registered on the day with 60 seniors (17 years+) and 20 juniors (smaller 85 cc size bikes) even a small track for the Pee Wees, just so the little ones could have a ride on their

Winners of the Junior 'Unders' 85cc where Hayden and Caleb, our locals who were the only ones to finish all their races, and Hayden's

Mum, Kelly, told us "Out there it's pretty gnarly and they got battered and bruised, but to see them on their 85's going up the massive hills and down those hills...

Her children Hayden and Rylin have been participating and riding motocross before they could even ride a push bike.

Kelly said 'It's real character building too, for them to go out into the bush, battling out in the mud, and Mum and Dad aren't there, they have to do it on their own. To be brave enough, build their confidence and show actual heartiness, being strong and fit for it, it creates a healthy lifestyle. It's friendships too, something in common to have these youngsters go off and do it together."

Seeing the super fast seniors. Kelly told us there were professional athletes at the event. With at least 6 women racing across the

"Sprints are a time trial, you have your transponder on, you go out at separate times so everyone could have a clear track to see how fast they could do it in. Then the overall points are counted up on each lap to see overall leaders.

"The fastest time at 12 minutes, 38 seconds is real quick!"

Whangamatā News also spoke to Alan Jamieson, also on the committee and he backed that up, professional riders

Ethan Harris, Jason Davis, Chris

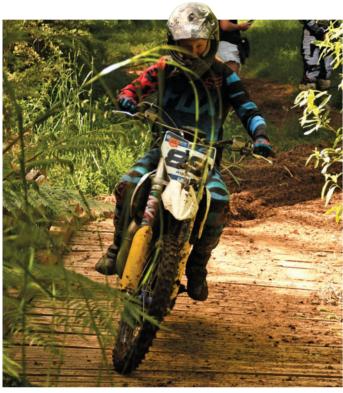
Birch all attended on Saturday, and they continue to participate in all the cross country series throughout North and South

Special thanks to the committeewho did the hard yards to get the race ready,

Cameron, Alan, Steve, Brendon, Roy and Kelly making this an inaugural event of success, weaving through the woods, dirt flying and blood flow pumping for riders and spectators alike.

Twilight rides, Thursday night rides and trail rides could well be on the upcoming agenda for the club.

If you want to know more about these events contact Kelly on 021 078 4941.





Results

JUNIOR UNDERS 85CC

1st Caleb Jameson 2nd Hayden Tunnicliffe

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1st Zion Jolly 2nd Logan Smith 3rd Oliver Singlilton

Jordyn Watt 2nd Alivia Singer 3rd Lisa Flanagan

1st Guy Johnson 2nd Jack Mclean 3rd Nick Wightman

SENIOR A

Ethan Harris 2nd Callum Dudson 3rd Kayne Lamont

Spencer Mcclintock 2nd Shane Firth

3rd Andrew Gaddes





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WE NEED YOUR HELP! CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL

As a result of the pandemic we are unable to proceed with our annual foodbank collection. However, we still need your help to support our local foodbank with food and funds this Christmas.

From now and leading up to Christmas, we need the help of our community to provide festive parcels for local families who are facing hardship.

HOW TO DONATE:

Non-perishable goods can be dropped off at:

- Whangamata Real Estate Office 328 Ocean Road, Whangamata
- OR
- Whangamata Community Services Trust 505 Port Road, Whangamata

OR

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

One of our team will happily come and collect any items from you – phone us on 07 865 8499

Thank you from the team at Whangamata Real Estate





Colour, scent and skill

The final meeting for the Whangamata Garden Club this year saw the usual array of monthly competitions.

The overall winner for the monthly competition with a beautiful gladioli was Irene Tyler.

Show and the potato competition.

The potato competition saw Gael

It was also the month for the Rose

The potato competition saw Gael Elliot winning the highest single-weight, with a potato weighing in at 184 grams.

The total weight was won by

Angela Scott with an overall weight for her entry of 936 grams.

ROSE SHOW RESULTS:

Miniature Errin Roigard
Decorative Errin Roigard
Exhibition Catherine Kidd
Full Bloom Dianna Eastwood
Floribunda Errin Roigard
Vase of Roses ... Irene Tyler

Congratulations to Catherine Kidd (pictured) for being awarded Best in Show, with her award-winning Exhibition Rose.

- Photos by Sara Bain















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Pinnacles of success with learning

The Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award is open to 14 to 24-year-olds. It's an award that creates opportunities for our youth to learn a new skill (or develop an existing one), get physically active, give service to their communities, and take part in an adventure exploring the natural beauty New Zealand has to offer -whilst being self-sufficient for the two to four day exploration.

The award challenges young people to leave their comfort zones and to learn about themselves - which is definitely what it's done at Whangamata Area School.

At the start of 2020, we had four Year 11 girls sign up to do their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

With the adversities of Covid it has

taken longer for them to complete the bronze award than anticipated, but they are now there (or near enough).

They have all completed different parts of the award on their own, across different activities including dance, cheer-leading, snowboarding, piano playing and learning a different language to name just some.

They can be diverse in their activities then come together as a group, completing two great explorations of the Pinnacles and through the Karangahake Gorge, to complete the adventurous section of the award.

It has been a great adventure for them, learning a lot about themselves along the way. They enjoyed it so much that they're



Left to right: Students Amber-Leigh Williamson, Cheyenne Clark-Smith, Bella Muir, Sidney Woodroffe.

going straight to the Gold Award, which also incorporates a residential activity aspect. One student has already signed up for the Spirit of Adventure for their residential experience. They will be doing four day adventurous explorations as a group, their biggest, and hardest, decision being which parts of New Zealand to explore.

This group has been the pioneer at Whangamata Area School, but following in their footsteps, we have 20 Year 10 students who have been able to use some of their activities from Toku Ara, at the beginning of the year, to put towards their Bronze Awards.

Many of these students will complete their award over the summer holidays and will be starting their silver award next year. In 2023, we will have all three levels of the award running for the first time

Congratulations Vicky Bradshaw - Whangamata Area School teacher, motivator and leader of our youth!

- Jennie Black, Whangamatā News

Bella and Travis: Smart and leading the way

Whangamatā News met with the new Head Girl and Head Boy of Whangamata Area School 2022.

Head Girl Bella Muir and Head Boy Travis Ogg have maturity and perspective beyond their 17 years. I asked both of the Year 12 students how they felt about their recent attainment.

Bella is passionate about everything in our environment

"Growing up in Tairua, and the daughter of a charter boat business Dad, I have grown up beside the ocean. I scuba dive and I do surf lifesaving as well, so I'm passionate about keeping the sea safe and protecting it for our future".

I asked her: if a student came to you with a problem, how would you handle that scenario?

"I would talk to the student and ask if they were comfortable to tell me what's happening, put my own experience in to play to show



how they can get help". Clearly in my opinion Bella exudes passion, empathy and strength.

Travis is very involved in the Sports Academy at WAS, with 10 students in the group all playing individual sports. Travis is into multi-sports activities of cricket and soccer as well as golf, skating and surfing.

I asked Travis how he would assist a youngster who still wasn't getting over the line with his sport of choice.

"I would tell him that sport doesn't come naturally to everyone, a lot of hard work goes into sport, so when you see the big players and athletes you don't see the training and hard work that gets put in. The 10,000 hour rule says after all that time you will get good, so put in the work and effort and then eventually it will start to click. Also surround yourself with people who will push you to be great."

Of course, I had to ask the question... how Bella and Travis felt about 12-year-old students, and older, getting vaccinated. If a student said to them 'I can't do it' or 'I don't know much about it', what would you say?

Because their world is a different one to mine, in my late 50's.

Bella answered "I would say get the vax, make an informed decision for yourself. I don't think it is a blanket statement that everyone should get it, I definitely think it's something personal."

Travis said "there are two sides to every story, if there was someone who didn't want to get the

vaccine I'm not going to pressure or enforce it, I going to let them know, like, what's up? If they give me a valid reason, I'd say, how can we work around that and maybe change it."

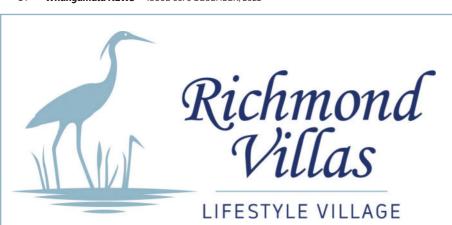
Both students told me it's quite a touchy subject here, and even with our community here in Whangamatā and Tairua. It's 'real iffy' and 'almost eerie'. "You don't know where anyone stands. It's a scary thing."

"I feel like here in Whangamatā, people feel secluded from it, like it's a little safe town and we don't want to get it, I can see where they are coming from but, probably, eventually it will creep in", Travis said.

I have to say, interviewing these two moved me, all day I realised they 'speak it the way they see it' and there can not be a better way of understanding our youth.

- Jennie Black, Whangamatā News





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Waireka Native Tree Reserve Working Bee with Lions

Just across the Moana Anu Anu River causeway is a small 3-acre valley which is fast becoming the town's own Native Tree Reserve The land was once the site of public water-supply bores ("Waireka" means "sweet water"). Now, astonishingly, after 20 years of planting & track development - and despite a disastrous storm in early 2017 - there are over 570 Kauri trees (saplings mostly bought by the public & many planted by the purchasers) and over 2,200 other native trees (the majority planted by the Whangamata Lions Club & its members and by Opoutere School children and Council

It's really easy to find: the Reserve can be accessed from below, via a right of way beside 123 Waireka Place or from above, via the right of way to the water tanks next to 105 Te Pamahue Drive, which is up - and to the right of - Tirohanga Drive, in the suburb of Moana Point. We extend an invitation to the public to come and enjoy the peaceful ambiance of the Reserve and to see & learn about our native trees.

How did this project start?

During the year 2000, when the Kauri 2000 Trust celebrated its 20th Anniversary, Lions Clubs around the Coromandel received and answered a call from the 'Kauri 2000' campaign to re-clothe the Coromandel in Kauri trees (Agathis australis). The Trust has facilitated the planting of more than 53,000 kauri trees on the Coromandel since its inception. So our Lions Club took up the challenge, with approval from the Whangamata Community Board, to develop Waireka Place (which was basically waste land), as a public Reserve within walking distance of the town, with a picnic area and walking tracks through the native bush, enabling residents & visitors to learn about our native trees and to experience the tranquil atmosphere of the Reserve.



Looking to the Future

Whilst extensive work has continued by members of the Lions Club, with help from the public, over the past 20 years. with planting, construction of tracks, steps, seating and removal of exotic trees and weeds, there are still ambitious plans for further development which will include preparing a plan of the tracks in the Reserve, installing track signage, erecting Native tree identification labels adjacent to selected trees, detailing the tree's common and Maori name, some statistics and the tree's value in days gone by. It is intended to undertake control programmes for invasive plants such as blackberry, ginger, wattle, pampas, banana passionfruit and jasmine, as well as improving the information displayed in the Information Kiosk, such as local Iwi's use of the land, a map of the Reserve to show, in particular, the layout of the tracks and the location of the Kauri trees, including a list of the respective owners. Planting of Native trees is virtually complete apart from a few bare patches of land that still require attention.

Our objective has been to provide a valuable asset for our community and when this essential work has been achieved, our Club will pass the continuing responsibility for the reserve over to Thames-Coromandel District Council.

The working bee led by the Whangamata Lions team recently shows how the work carries on, perhaps unnoticed by us all, but incredibly important in all aspects of future proofing for all of us!

Special people leave lasting footprints on our shores

Many saw the farewell to Whangamatā New World management at the Whangamata Bowling Club on 19 November.

Terry Walker, of the Community Board, gave this very fitting

"Firstly I would like to thank Peter Burgess and the Whangamata Bowling Club for hosting this farewell evening for a Neville, Ricky and staff at Whangamata New

Today is a special day for special

Neville Singh and his family arrived in Whangamatā in 2015 to take over the Whangamata New World.

Married to Rose, the quiet supportive women in the background, along with family they settled quieting into town.

Neville, not unaccustomed to working 80 plus hours a week, set out to turn the supermarket into a thriving business and succeeded in 2018, 2019, 2020 by becoming one of the top three New World stores in New Zealand.

When Neville had the business ticking along, he looked around town to see who he could support, well he has ended up supporting



Ricky Mataura and Neville Singh.

most if not all community groups at some stage during his time in Whangamatā.

Neville said when he arrived in our town, I may not be able to give you my time but I will support you with goods and product.

Neville is the greatest example of a business volunteer who is prepared to do what it takes to support a community function and make it a success.

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He is a person of integrity and

Many businesses and clubs he has supported, including the following, would like to thank Neville and his staff personally:

Whangamata School - Alister Luke Whanga Police - Will Hamilton

Onemana Fire Bridge - Jo Adams Bowling Club - Keith Miles.

Some of the other organisations he has supported wanting to say thank you include:

Letters of thanks from Arts Collective - Graeme Smith Golf Club - Richard White Surf Club - Andrea Paynter

Along with the Rugby Club, Soccer Club, Tennis & Squash Club, Surf Lifesaving, Ocean Sports Club, Softball, Cricket, Bowling Club, Fishing, Whangamata & Opoutere School, Fruit for Kids. sport and fundraising events, kids' playcentres, Whangamata Club, RSA, Community Trust, Lions Club, Golf Clubs Titoki and Williamson, local real estate agents, Beach Hop, Bunnings, Carters... and the list goes on. A key one to mention is Gold Card Tuesday - now that's been a great success.

There is bound to be several groups I've missed, and on behalf of them a big thanks for the amazing support and service you

have provided to our community over the last six years.

Neville, what can I sav...

You, are the example of what these Community Service Awards stand

We wish you and your family all the best in your new adventure and your new PAK'nSAVE, it's a big step up but we are confident you will have it running smoothly in short order.

Please accept this Community Service Award Medal on behalf of our community, CB and TCDC.

We could not let this evening pass without mentioning your 2IC, Ricky Mataura. He has been your rock, working quietly but very efficiently behind the scenes, helping community groups, and keeping the New World flag flying.

Ricky is a valued member of the community and he will be a valuable asset to Neville in his new store, we thank him also for his contribution and wish him well in the future.

Please also accept this Community Service Award on behalf of our community, Community Board and

- Terry Walker



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DECEMBER: Shannon Hughes, Onemana Fire Brigade

At just 20, Shannon is already a legend and one of our most valuable volunteers. From a well-known local Opoutere family, Shannon began as a junior at Onemana Fire Station. Station boss

LIVING THE DREAM Jo Adams was impressed right from the start.

"His enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to put his hand up for anything made him an early standout. He's come along in leaps and bounds and we're now lining him up for crew boss courses. Unbelievable

for someone of his age."

Well done Shannon - we are very grateful for your service.

Like to help put out fires this summer? Contact Joe Adams 027 449 3034 or just turn up to the Onemana Fire Station every Wednesday at 6.

Book

Living the Dream

BY DEREK MORRISON

When your beach holiday ends, don't you wish you could stay on?

Many people dream of a waterfront home and a laid back lifestyle, of finding another way of working so they can surf, swim, kayak, bike or go fishing every day.

They imagine pulling their kids out of mainstream schools so they can live on a wild beach.

This book tells of the stories of a range of people who made it happen.

From humble baches passed down through generations, to architect designed beach houses, These homes and their occupants show how it can be done.

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Not surprisingly this causes some push-back.

The procedure is not that difficult and the law is governed by the Fencing Act 1978. A helpful website for finding this piece of legislation is www.legislation.govt.nz.

The main provision is that neighbours should share equally in the cost of the erection of a boundary fence. The law provides that any occupier who wants to compel a neighbour to contribute to the cost of work on a fence shall serve a notice. This notice has to follow the

form in the schedule to the Act and this is where people get unstuck as they frequently fail to do this.

If you get served with a fencing notice which complies with the Act you still have rights to object and you should within 21 days of service of the notice prepare and serve a cross notice (again following the form in the schedule to the Act).

Fencing Disputes can be quite expensive when lawyers get involved so at the very least endeavour to discuss options. Your neighbour may even have a better proposal than you so be open to creative solutions. If it becomes difficult a mediator can be a good idea as such a person is skilled in helping parties reach their own decisions.

- Neil Evans, Keam Standen Lawyers, neil@keam.co.nz or 021 859 303

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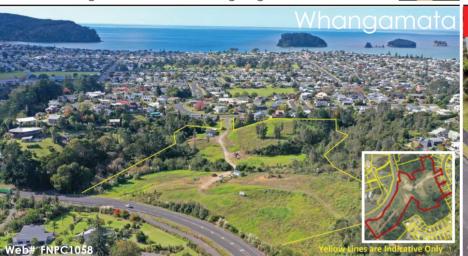
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442 Onemana Drive

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109 Moana Anu Anu Avenue

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- Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, open plan living and modern kitchen
- Dual deck areas for outdoor entertaining
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God I miss you, Billy Boy.

Sports results

GOLF CROQUET

22 November:

John Flinn - 21; Norma Devlin - 20; Pat Worth - 20.

TABLE TENNIS

First day back saw only a handful with Keith Gribben and Brendon Ryan taking out top spot. By the second week, word was around and a much better turn

out with Gary Small in the lead just pipping Roger Wolfe. This week, back to normal, with Wayne Broome in top spot with Brian Ford next.

WHANGAMATA TWILIGHT CROQUET

22 November:

Dare Devils 15 v Come Backs 22 Rumblers 20 v Quizzers 16 Cornerstone 17 v Bits & Pieces 18 Bridge Buddies v Probus 20

Whangamatā Tides 2021

November 2021

New Moon: 5th Full Moon: 19th

Date		High tide	Height (m)	High tide	Low tide	Height (m)	Low tide	Sun rise	Sun set
		AM		PM	AM		PM		
19	Fri	7:58	1.7	20:08	1:37	0.3	13:59	05:53	20:09
20	Sat	8:40	1.8	20:49	2:19	0.3	14:41	05:52	20:10
21	Sun	9:19	1.8	21:29	2:58	0.3	15:22	05:52	20:11
22	Mon	9:58	1.8	22:07	3:36	0.3	16:01	05:51	20:12
23	Tue	10:36	1.8	22:46	4:13	0.3	16:41	05:51	20:13
24	Wed	11:15	1.7	23:26	4:50	0.3	17:21	05:50	20:14
25	Thu		1.7	11:55	5:29	0.4	18:02	05:50	20:15
26	Fri	0:07	1.6	12:37	6:10	0.4	18:46	05:49	20:16
27	Sat	0:51	1.6	13:22	6:55	0.4	19:34	05:49	20:17
28	Sun	1:40	1.6	14:11	7:44	0.4	20:24	05:49	20:18
29	Mon	2:34	1.6	15:03	8:38	0.4	21:18	05:48	20:19
30	Tue	3:33	1.6	15:58	9:36	0.4	22:15	05:48	20:20

December 2021

New Moon: 4th Full Moon: 19th

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	3	Fri	6:34	1.8	18:47	0:09	0.2	12:33	05:47	20:23
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	5	Sun	8:25	2.0	20:38	1:58	0.1	14:26	05:47	20:25
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BREWERS . CONVENTION

A brewers convention was held at Ian Laybourne's place in Ocean

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The winner was Mr and Mrs O. Treen. The judge was Mr Chook Thompson. A good time was had by all and another tasting will be held soon.

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The Flash memories...

Whangamatā News thought our readers would thoroughly enjoy excerpts from the Whangamata 'Flash' - we are fortunate to have hard copies from 1979 and 1980

Read the clippings on alcohol prices, vehicle sales, property pricing and even bloopers in classified adverts - there are even three digit phone numbers!

If you also have old newspaper cuttings from this era or earlier, I would love to photograph them to keep this series of memorabilia publishing for a while.

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Thank you

On behalf of the parents, relatives and friends of the four people lost at sea please accept our heartfelt thanks for your magnificent efforts to locate them.

In particular the local co-ordinators of the Seal Air Rescue team and the Police department. The individual efforts of the launch owners and their helpers who spared no time and effort in their endeavours can only be described as magnificent.

Pat Cameron

PETROL SHORTAGE CAUSES CONCERN

Petrol restrictions over the Christmas and New Year period will still cause problems for petrol resellers and motorists on the Coromandel Peninsula. Resellers see the problem of handling the demand during restricted hours demand during restricted hours over this period when their facilities are normally stretched to their limit as a real problem. The number of pumps a reseller has is controlled by the average sales over a year not by the peak gallonage he sells. It is envisaged that long queues will form at times especially on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

Motorists will not have petrol

and New Years Eve.

Motorists will not have petrol available from the Saturday noon prior to both these days until 6 a.m. and then pumps will close at 9 p.m. on these two Monday nights and remain closed until 6 a.m. on the Wednesday mornings. Local resellers who normally over this period operate extended hours to cope with the seasonal influx will have their hours cut between 22nd December and 6th January by approximately 41%. At this time of the year their pumps are working above the capacity that they are designed for and the reduction in hours will place even further pressure on equipment and forecourt staff. Local customers are advised to fill up early in the mornings or Local customers are advised to fill up early in the mornings or in the evenings to avoid the expected queues. The carless days

scheme has been totally lifted over the holiday period but comes back into operation on January

Over Anniversary Weekend the petrol restraints mean that there will be no petrol sales from noon on the Saturday until Monday 6 a.m. This weekend is usually the busiest of the year for local garages as most families with school-children return home on the Monday to prepare for the return to school. Most petrol resellers on the Coromandel Peninsula have

GALA FINALS

The Gala Day Committee have had a final meeting and report the total takings of the Gala was \$5630.00. The Sports Complex will benefit by \$2750.

This is by far the largest amount ever raised. The fine sunny afternoon was certainly an important factor to keep the crowds lingering, and the decision to start the parade and Gala later than other years may have also helped.

The Gala Committee who worked so hard were Mesdames Margaret Martin, T. Martin, P. Murphy and Messrs Dave Leov, Peter Waters and Mel Hollands.

Thanks were extended to every-one concerned who made the 1979 Gala such a great success.

MOVIES

Ron Slater Theatres Whangamata

Sat. 17th Nov., 1979

8.15 p.m. HEAVEN CAN WAIT (GY) Hot Comedy.

Sun. 8th Nov., 1979

8.15 p.m. ROCKY II (GA) The story

Sat. 24th Nov (1979

8.15 p.m. GO TELL THE SPARTANS
(R16) War action.

Sun. 25th Nov., 1979

8.15 p.m BUTCH & SUNDANCE, THE EARLY DAYS (GY)

HERALDING SUMMER

A flight of approx. 150 Godwits was seen along the harbour beach last week. These migratory birds fly from Siberia, and are a sure sign that summer is coming.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOC.

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At a recent meeting of drivers and attendants it was decided to give a new method of rostering a trial until the end of the year.

Volunteers have been split into teams of 6, 3 drivers and 3 attendants to form their own roster over a period of three weeks. Each team is then off for 6 weeks when two other teams are on duty. When the team members meet to arrange their roster a training will take place. It is hoped with this new system to increase a volunteer's chances of practical experience on the ambulance.

As usual, anyone wishing to

As usual, anyone wishing to volunteer for ambulance duty will be warmly welcomed.

'Birthday of a Queen'

In all the world, humanity is One,
Though widely differing in all that can be shared.
Reject it, and our Race may not be spared!
This is the greatest thing beneath the sun:
Alas! we see throughout the world today
Insistent emphasis on drive to arms —
As though Security permits no other way
But that of frightfulness and monstrous harms! From ancient times we've strained this way to 'live',
This way of wolfishness, of herding into packs —
Intent on what we 'get', whate'er we choose to 'give',
Hold tense resistance, poised for sneak attacks! Thus highly ego-centred, we've built the State And then the Empire, tensions in between, Commonwealth reclaiming, still with hate, But honour well the birthday of a Queen!

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