



The RAZZA

WHANGAMATA RSA NEWSLETTER

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"If you see someone without a smile - give them one of yours"



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and more...

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Geoff March

We can now say 2020 is behind us, for most of us it will be a relief and a chance to make the most of a new year ahead. So far 2021 has been good, with large numbers of people using the RSA and Ying's, our membership is still growing at an alarming rate, we approved 184 new members in our January and February Committee meetings combined which is still a pleasing amount. The magical figure of 2500 members is getting very close, what a milestone that will be, if we can reach it.

The Christmas Tree forest went well even with its shorter hours it still attracted a good number of people of all ages, I am extremely proud to say that we donated over \$1800.00 to the Community Trust from the door taking of that event. I think you will agree it is good for our RSA. Opera @ the RSA and Bringing Country to the Beach were both well supported again, both of these events are diverse and attract a very different crowd than we would normally get at the RSA.

We are so lucky to be able to travel freely and with our personal efforts and those controls at our borders we have managed to stay very safe and free of COVID, so please remember to respect others and keep up the individual controls we have been asked to do.

ANZAC DAY is approaching fast, we have decided to do a couple of working bees to tidy up and paint around our RSA, Sunday 7th and 14th March are the days we have chosen. The type of work involved is light, weeding, sweeping, prepping, and painting, if you can help for an hour or so you will be most welcome. A chance for some social fun as well, working alongside other members and getting to know them while doing good for our RSA. If you would like to help but cannot make those days, there will be things to do to prepare beforehand, which would help. Bruce Moore is co-ordinating these working bees if you want to know more contact Bruce 865 9089. See you on those days, thank you in advance.

Surprisingly, we have had quite a few entertainers approach us and ask if they can perform for us. So far, we have booked Helen Riley for Sunday 7th February, Dennis Marsh and Brendon Dugan for Sunday 14th February. Then we have Beach Hop in March, with a good line up of entertainers over the five days.

In April on Easter Sunday 4th, we have John McGough (The Trumpet Guy), he has played here before and was well received. We will let you know of the other entertainers and the dates they will be here in the next edition of the RAZZA.

We have had a few changes around the place as well, we have a new container and storage area out the back, the entry driveway has been dug out and redone, so cars will not scrape anymore, plus a new dishwasher has been installed in the restaurant area, all good improvements.

I have been approached about supporting a bus service for the Coromandel, I think our community needs such a service, there will be a petition that will be available to show support for it. I have asked for an article to be written to give more information and details, this will be printed in the RAZZA.

Thank you all for being so welcoming and friendly to other members, guests, and families this is what makes our RSA the success it is.



Important information for Veterans/Service Persons who have: NZ Operation Service Number, including CMT and National Service.

Contact: Whangamata RSA Support Advisor
Angela Baker – 021 246 6223

Veterans Independence Programme (VIP)

This programme is designed for service persons who joined the NZ Defence Force prior to 1974, to help Veterans stay independent in their own homes.

The services are based on a needs assessment of the Veteran and you do not need to have suffered a service-related injury or illness to access these services. You may also be able to get Social Rehabilitation if you have a service-related condition.

To qualify for this service, you must need help to stay independent at home and live at home. Services available include: Lawn mowing, gardening, weeding. Exterior house wash. Gutters cleared, windows and paths cleaned. Basic home care, and medical alarm. Podiatry and Hearing Aids.

Scheme Two

This scheme is designed for Veteran's post 1974. The vast majority of services members will work in civilian life for longer than they served in the military. Veterans Affairs are there to help you transition to civilian life.

Check out the Veterans' Affairs web site for comprehensive information or phone Veterans Affairs on freephone 0800 483 8372



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March

Covid Alert Levels may postpone/cancel entertainment/events

Sunday 7th
Country Music Club
12pm
'Guest Artist - Dave Ewart'

Sunday 7th
Dave Ewart
4.30pm



Sunday 14th
Kevin Greaves
4pm



Sunday 21st
Welfare Bowls
Tournament

Beach Hop

Wednesday 24th

Toucan 6.30pm

Thursday 25th

Tony Wellington and Woody 7pm

Friday 26th

Crowd Pleazers 7.30 pm

Saturday 27th

Pick-Up Truck Show

Crowd Pleazers 12-2pm
in carpark

Crowd Pleazers 7.30pm

Sunday 28th

Kevin Greaves 5pm

April

Sunday 4th

John McGough
6pm

Sunday 11th

Kevin Greaves
4pm

Sunday 25th

ANZAC Day 'Ebonivory'

Coming soon

May

Sunday 2nd – Country Music Club

Sunday 11th – Kevin Greaves

Saturday 15th – Rebecca Nelson

June

Sunday 6th – Country Music Club

Sunday 7th – Helen Riley

Sunday 13th – Kevin Greaves



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Womens Section

Lyn Ward - President

Our first meeting for 2021 was held on Tuesday 2 February at the usual time of 1.30pm. We had approximately 26 members attend.

We had a good meeting with the raffles being well supported and the members who had celebrated their birthdays in January and February were acknowledged.

After the business part of our meeting was over, we held a general knowledge quiz. Our quiz master was John Aislabie who set a particularly good set of questions. We had five teams of five with one team getting 19 out of 20 right and winning some lovely chocolates.

Three teams scored 16 and the last team scored 14. This team won the chocolate fish but not because they had the lowest score, this team was the only one who got the question about what makes up 80% of the brain correct and the answer to this, by the way, is water.

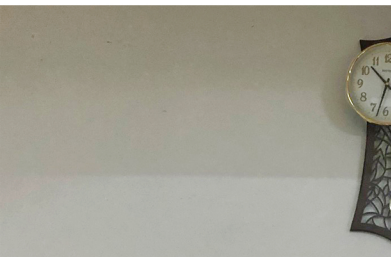
Unfortunately because of Covid and being moved to Level 2 we were unable to hold our meeting on Tuesday 2nd March. Our speaker was to be Jo Jukes talking about their therapy dog. We have rescheduled her visit to our May meeting.

I wish all our women section members well and stay safe during this time. All going well our April meeting will be held as usual and all members will be contacted to let you all know what will be happening.

Take care and reach out to any committee member if any help is required.



Mah Jong



New clock donated by Mah Jong



Need a day out of town?



Fancy a bus service from Whangamata to Thames?

This is something we don't have here in Whangamata now, and it is sorely needed by those that can't drive over the hills anymore. This can happen to anyone, often unexpectedly!

We do have shuttles available for medical appointments only, but no bus service if you fancy a days shopping, or wish to travel further afield, e.g. going to Auckland, Tauranga, etc by meeting intercity buses. Sit back, relax and enjoy the journey without the hassles of driving!

A Waikato Regional Councillor, Denis Tegg, is keen to get this up and running. He is the councillor that got the local Thames town bus service operating. Denis is proposing a weekly service with 2 return trips, so that people from Thames and elsewhere could visit our beach or town. Hopefully to start this winter.

He says that it will be well subsidised by central government as well as local government, adding only \$3 - \$4 dollars per household to our annual rates.

To achieve this service, we need to let our local councillors know that we would like this to happen, either by phone calls or emails. Attending the May Community Board meeting to show support would be helpful, also.

I have listed our councillors below, with phone numbers/email addresses, please contact if you are interested in having a bus service like this.

- Gary Gotlieb, gary.gotlieb@council.tcdc.govt.nz
- Terry Walker, terry.walker@council.tcdc.govt.nz ph. 021 536 580
- Dave Ryan, dave.ryan@council.tcdc.govt.nz ph. 027 496 5406
- Kay Baker, kay.baker@council.tcdc.govt.nz ph. 07 865 6895
- Ken Coulam, ken.coulam@council.tcdc.govt.nz ph. 021 195 3247
- Tamzin Letele, tamzin.letele@council.tcdc.govt.nz ph. 021 964 360

This bus service won't happen if we don't show support for it!! *Carol Smith.*



Valentine's Day with **DENNIS MARSH AND BRENDAN DUGAN**



WW1 - NEW ZEALAND SILVER WAR BADGE

by Ian Martyn

Posted on Facebook

Medals Reunited

Some years ago a decision was made by some short-sighted numbskull in the NZ governmental 'corridors of power' to destroy the only complete records of the 814 known NZ Silver War Badge (NZ SWB) numbers and the names of the NZEF soldiers and nurses they were issued to.

Amazingly, 210 of these numbers and names somehow escaped destruction, turning up in dribs and drabs from the UK Archives – these are preserved; the detail of the remaining 604 were lost forever.

Unfortunately WWI records of the SWB being issued was rarely entered onto personal files so whilst unreliable, there may be the odd entry which could marry a number and name together. I am not aware of any attempt to re-capture this information as no additional information appears to be available however, on this point I stand to be corrected.

The SWB was issued to a WWI soldier (or nurse) who was discharged from the NZEF as a result of wounds, injuries, sickness or some other ailment that precluded their continued war service. The SWB was accompanied by an authority card to wear the badge.

Since I started Medals Reunited NZ, I have been recording any NZ SWB number and (hopefully) the soldier's name it was issued to, that I have come across. These have usually surfaced on the internet in sales, or have been spotted in shops, museums and private collections but rarely are the accompanied by the name of the soldier (or nurse) it was issued to. There is also an unknown number of NZ SWBs in the hands of descendant family members, collectors and others, but of course there is no way of knowing where or with whom these badges might be.

My aim is to continue to compile this record of as many NZ SWB numbers and names for the benefit of future researchers but for the information to be of use, the recipient of the NZ badge number MUST be known, or the data is useless. To this end, may I request viewers of this website who either own, or see a NZ SWB that is attributed to a specific soldier or nurse, to please advise me of the number & name. I will accept numbers only as it could relate to an identity proven in the future. Remember, a New Zealand SWB NUMBER (stamped on the reverse) is prefixed by "NZ".

Please PM me, or send a note through my Personal facebook or the MEDALS REUNITED NEW ZEALAND pages;
EMAIL me: medalsreunitedna@gmail.com ;
or send a msg through the WEBSITE:
www.medalsreunitednz.co.nz

My thanks for your assistance with this project
PLEASE SHARE THIS POST WIDELY - Ian.



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Sunday 5th September

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THURSDAY SNOOKER RESULTS

28th January 2021
Winner: Rhys Vaughan; 3 Wins, 224
Points

Runner Up: Mike Judd;
3 Wins, 208 Points

Hi Break: N/A

Raffle Winner: Mike Judd

4th February 2021
Winner: Glen Adam; 3 Wins, 188 Points
Runner Up: Graham Walder;
3 Wins, 182 Points

Hi Break: Rochelle: 16

Raffle Winner: # 19, Alex van den
Einden

11th February 2021
Winner: Ken Parker, 4 Wins, 219 Points
Runner Up: Paula, 4 Wins, 214 Points

Hi Break: Alex, 22 Points

Raffle Winner: #16, G. Walder

18th February 2021
Winner: Colin Bennett,
4 Wins, 186 Points

Runner Up: Stephen Hinton,
3 Wins, 171 Points

Hi Break: Gavin, 24 Points

Raffle Winner: #12, Ray Hinton

25th February 2021
Winner: M. Judd, 4 Wins, 218 Points
Runner Up: Alex, 3 Wins, 226 Points

Hi Break: Glen, 21 Points

Raffle Winner: # 5, Gill C



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Sunday 21st March 2021 - 8.30am

Played in association with the Members of Whangamata Bowling Club on their Greens at Rutherford Road

Tournament open to all RSA Members - Bowlers & Non Bowlers

Dress: Multi

Flat soled shoes must be worn

It's the weekend after
St Patrick's Day

so wear green or dress in Irish costume

Prizes for Best Dressed

Entry Fee: \$20/player

Covers entry, lunch,
morning & afternoon tea

Put name on list in foyer or
phone 865 9419

Members please bring a plate
for afternoon tea

Bowls can be supplied
All names go in the draw for teams

Raffles

Prizes sponsored by local businesses

Entries close

Friday 19th March at 6pm



Feeling low, upset, or generally not ok?

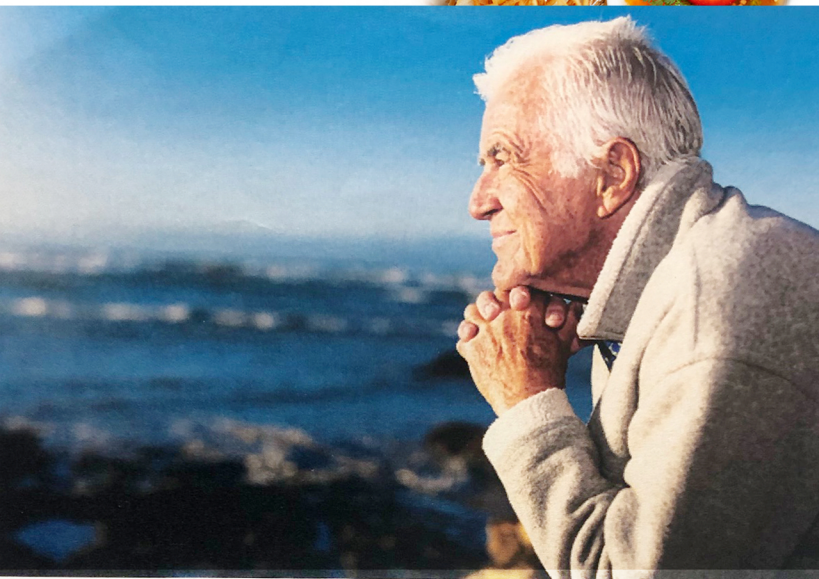


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"It's nice to have someone to confide in who has been in the same boat and who understands what you're going through."

When Whangamata local Ian Hunt was diagnosed with prostate cancer some years ago he found the shared experiences and information available through a support group extremely helpful.

Ian would like to offer that same support for members of the Whangamata community, so if you are living with a prostate cancer diagnosis, are a survivor, or are caring for someone who is, please feel free to give him a call.

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KEVIN GREAVES SOUTH ISLAND TRIP



We made it just, before all the Covid Hit the fan. Well we had to cancel the final show in Rangiora Sunday afternoon. Some of the travellers had to adjust their travel plans to get back through Auckland, especially those from Whangamata, so I am hoping by now Shirley George has made it home safe and sound. She had to change her flight to Auckland to Hamilton and get a friend to pick her up. Might have been a long wait getting out of Auckland from what I seen on the news this morning. The Wilsons are heading home today, Monday, and Frances is staying with her sister in Rangiora until Friday.

But back to the beginning. Myself, Pandora Lukas and Mother in-law Lynley, along with Eddie Low left on Feb 12th. We played shows at New Plymouth Club on Friday, Levin RSA Saturday, then a sold out Upper Hutt Club show, which was the welcome show and dinner for my South Island Tour. I also had Ron Mark (ex minister for defence) and Ainsley Allen as guests on the show. Halfway through the show, it was announced we would go into level 2, Auckland level 3. That was a worry for a while but figured out not too much would change, and hopefully only for 3 days.

Next Morning it was an early breakfast for all and off to catch the Inter-islander Ferry. Smooth crossing, thankfully. (next day the weather turned and it took one of the Ferry's 12 hours to get across, dodged that one) We were met by our coach and driver Murray MacKay, who turns out to be a country singer/guitarist.

We all boarded and first stop was the St Clair Winery, where we had an amazing lunch and wine tasting. Then to our Hotel in Blenheim.

Next morning we left about 8-30, stopped in Murchison for an early lunch, then on to the Country Music Museum in Hector, about 20 mins north of Westport. An amazing collection of memorabilia of Country Music and it's artists, including myself, my dad and even my brother Bruce was featured there. New Zealand, Australian and USA all had their own area. Records, signed pictures, and other interesting pieces, all put together over 50 years by Barry Skinner, musician and radio DJ. It's out of the way, but well worth the trip if you are ever in the South Island. Could have spent a bit more time there, but we had 2 other stops to make before making Greymouth for the night. I sang a couple songs there, before getting back on the coach and heading to Tauranga Bay.



After a short walk, we were able to view a seal colony, mostly young pups waiting for mum and dad to come home with a feed. Tauranga Bay Seal Colony.

Finally, we stopped at the Punakaiki, and the Pancake Rocks. Because the weather was so good, it wasn't as spectacular as my past visits, but still very interesting for all that were with us. So after 450 k's, we made Greymouth, we had dinner and I did a show at the Australasian, Armadillo restaurant.

Tuesday. First stop, Shanty Town in Hokatika. This is a great park, but with not many tourists, wasn't as busy as normal, but we did the steam train ride, panned for gold and walked around the township which was depicting the gold rush period. I love history, and there was plenty of history here.

Because of road closures, we couldn't get to the Fox or Frans Joseph Glaciers anymore Murray new of a great spot we could at least see the Fox and take some photo's. Then onto the Haast, dinner and music at the hotel.





that gave you a sense of what was happening in the area in the late 1800's to the 1950's.



Wednesday. On to Te Anau lots of beautiful scenery along the way. Tonight's performance was at the Moose Tavern. Next day Friday, we were off to the Milford Sound, this was on a different bus, The trip out there was nothing short of spectacular, passing through Glacial Valleys, Mirror Lakes,

Rivers and Gorges, not to mention the Homer Tunnel. Milford Sound to me rivals any where in the world, including the Grand Canyon. I hope some of the pictures included give you a hint of how awe inspiring and beautiful this place is. Once again blessed with great weather, w didn't get to see as many waterfalls as normal but still spectacular.

Saturday. We arrived in Gore, NZ's home of Country Music. You'll see some of the pics of the group in front of the Country Music Monument and the "Hands Of Fame Tributes) Later that night I performed for all the local country music fans at the Mataura RSA, just a few ks outside Gore. I was joined on stage by some local guests, including Max McCauley, one of NZ's Country Pioneer's, great yodeller. He is a long time friend of my dads and now in his 80's. It was a pleasure Max.

Sunday. We started with a quick visit to the Gore Heritage Museum, which was just opposite our hotel, another great collection of historical equipment and things

Invercargill. What a great day, we got to Invercargill and stopped off at The Richardson's Transport Museum. World Class Folks. A collection of cars trucks and motor bikes, all displayed in a huge venue. Lots to see folks. We had an early dinner at the Workingmen's club, then went to the Civic Theatre for the Howard Morrison Quartet Take 2. Another World Class Show. They performed some of the old songs, but added some new things to make it current, superb harmonies, very funny along the way. Next morning, Monday I gave the tour party a big surprise by stopping at the boys hotel and got them to board the bus and say g'day. Chris Powley and I then did an impromptu version of an old Lou and Simon song "You Gotta have Skin" a parody on "You Gotta Have Heart".

We went to the Bluff where I did a lunchtime concert at the Oyster Cove restaurant. A week to early for the Oyster Season, bummer. Ended up at Queenstown, here for the next 3 nights.



Tuesday. Went for a ride across Lake Wakatipu, on the TSS Earnslaw, to this beautiful old Manor, The Colonel's Homestead. A beautiful old home converted into a beautiful venue for tourists. They said we were to have a BBQ lunch. That was the biggest understatement on the tour. Yes the meat was Bar B Q'd. But the rest was fine dining. Finished with a farm show, then back on The TSS Earnslaw and back to Queenstown.

Wednesday, a free day until 3pm, so a couple of the guys wanted to play golf, so I arranged a round at the Queenstown Golf Club. Brian Wilson, had to beg out last minute due to a back injury. But we all enjoyed the course especially for it's beautiful scenery on every hole. Most took the opportunity to ride to the top of the mountain on the Gondolla. 3pm we went to Arrowtown, another Gold Rush Time Period Town. Done really well, then I was joined by good friend Reg McTaggart, local Country Artist. And we performed for all the folks at the New Orleans Hotel.





Thursday. Left early but agent got the timing wrong so we were late for our tour of Larnach's Castle in Dunedin. Which wouldn't make much difference most days, but there was a film company there, making a movie or series for Netflix, so we couldn't go outside and look at the front of the Castle.

Had a great lunch and toured the internal parts of the castle. We stayed at the Scenic Hotel in Dunedin, I met Sam Whitelock, staying at the hotel, there was the Crusaders Rugby Team, plus both the womens NZ and England cricket teams, and the Black Caps and Australian Cricket teams. It was my birthday dinner, then we played some music in the bar.

Friday, On way to Oamaru, we stopped at the Moeraki Round Rocks. They weren't as Big as I remembered, I guess the ocean has washed them away, but it was interesting to see new ones appearing from out of the banks as the sea collapses the dirt away. To Oamaru, and played that night at the club there, with a couple young friends who came down from Oamaru, Mitch Lowe and Shane Clarke, who would also be with me Saturday night in Christchurch.



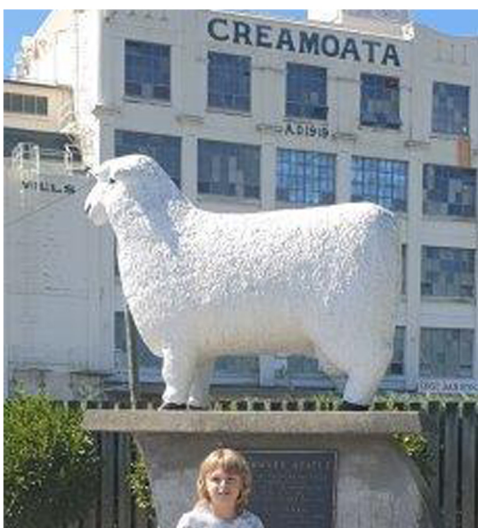
Saturday. Straight to Christchurch, with a short stop at the statue of Phar Lap the wonder horse, an extremely interesting story and part of NZ history. When we arrived at our hotel, it was wall to wall people. All in town for a big Concert in Hagley Park.

They were all over town, so we gave up the city tour. Got ready for the big show at the Woolston WMC. With Eddie Low. Sold Out again. I also had NZ's best Steel Guitar Player, Paddy Long with Sha-Low joining us. That's Shane and Mitch and Ashlee. Great harmony, I hope you guys in Whangamata get a chance to hear them sometime. Great young NZ talent.

It was halfway through Eddie's show that the mobile phones all went crazy with the emergency alert for the change of Covid-19 Levels.

Everyone seemed to have a great time. Hope you enjoy the pics.

Kevin



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WAYNE JOHNSON

MUSIC BY
TOM MAIN

AN EYE ON U FILM

TRASH 2 DASH

ONE MAN'S JOURNEY TO BE
THE FASTEST IN NEW ZEALAND



One man's journey to be the fastest in New Zealand

Dean Hart, the subject of a new film "Trash 2 Dash".
In cinemas across New Zealand from March 4th 2021.

A New Zealand documentary exploring jet car pilot Dean's attempts to set a new land speed record, using a vehicle built from scratch over 12 years in a tiny shed and made from second hand parts.

He broke the New Zealand land speed record last year, reaching a top speed of 458km/h.

Dean's story featured in Canvas Magazine (NZ Herald) last week and he was a guest on CRC Motorsport.

Dean is a Whangamata RSA Current Serving Member.



Dean Hart, on CRC MOTORSPORT.

Subject of a new film, with director Wayne Johnson.
PHOTO / MICHAEL CRAIG



Driveway Fixed

Our front entrance driveway has been fixed. No more scraping the bottom of your car.

These photos show the work during and some of the workers from 'duffin landscaping'.

Gardening Tips

Runner beans are perennials. The thickened root or crown can be left in the ground after it dies back in autumn. It will resprout in spring, reaching harvest two to three weeks earlier than runner beans grown from seed. Replace plants after 2-3 years.

Always try and stagger your plantings to encourage continuous harvesting throughout the season, rather than having all of your vegetables mature at the same time.

Autumn Garden

Autumn is an ideal time to plant broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, beetroot and spinach.

Plant lettuce early autumn and you can get a good harvest from most lettuce varieties.

Sow seeds for your winter crops like carrots, swedes, turnips and radish.

Pumpkin grown by Mike Judd



Are you are
Gardener?

PRO OR NOVICE...

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF THE PLANTS YOU HAVE GROWN?
FRUITS, VEGES, FLOWERS... INDOOR AND OUTDOOR.

OR MAYBE YOU HAVE SOME TIPS AND GARDENING
ADVICE TO SHARE...



In the Garden

Plants and Photos: Sara Bain

Pretend We're Married

- submitted by Graham Walder

A man and a woman who had never met before, but who were both married to other people, found themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a Trans-continental train.

Though initially embarrassed and uneasy over sharing a room, they were both very tired and fell asleep quickly, he in the upper berth and she in the lower.

At 1:00 AM, the man leaned down and gently woke the woman saying, "Ma'am, I'm sorry to bother you, but would you be willing to reach into the closet to get me a second blanket? I'm awfully cold."

"I have a better idea," she replied "Just for tonight, let's pretend that we're married."

"Wow! That's a great idea!", he exclaimed.

"Good," she replied. "Get your own f***ing blanket."

After a moment of silence,... he farted.

Theory of Intelligence (From Cheers)

- submitted by Ashlee Brown



'Well you see, Norm, it's like this . . .

A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first.

This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells.

Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine.

And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few beers.'

Jokes

AT LAST, THE BLONDE MAN HAS FINALLY ARRIVED

- submitted by Chris Halpin

A blonde man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?" He answers, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do... it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

A blonde man goes to the vet with his goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy," he tells the vet. The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me." The blonde man says, "Wait, I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet."

A blonde man spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND". He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

A blonde man shouts frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor. "No!" he shouts, "this is her husband!"

A blonde man was driving home, drunk as a skunk. Suddenly he has to swerve to avoid a tree, then another, then another. A cop car pulls him over, so he tells the cop about all the trees in the road. The cop says, "That's your air freshener swinging about!"

A blonde man's dog goes missing and he is frantic. His wife says "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?" He does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing. "What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks. "Here boy!" he replies.

An Italian tourist asks a blonde man: "Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?" To which the blonde man replies: "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat."

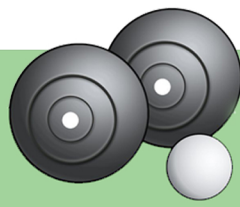
A friend told the blonde man: "Christmas is on a Friday this year." The blonde man then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."

Two blonde men find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a police station. One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?" The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."

A woman phoned her blonde neighbor man and said: "Close your curtains the next time you & your wife are having sex. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday."

To which the blonde man replied: "Well the joke's on all of you because I wasn't even at home yesterday

FROM THE BOWLING ALLEY TO THE MAT



2021 has started with a few hiccups due to the Caronavirus.

We are bowling through as well as we can. With the inclusion of Thursday night bowls which seems to be popular we are bowling along well.

A few new members have joined us, so welcome to you we hope you have as much fun as we do. One new member as well as lighting up our Christmas seems to be doing the same to her score each week.

Tuesdays with most wins goes to Ann Purcell closely followed by Marilyn Steel.

The runner ups being Ellen Martin and Bruce Rollo on same points.

Thursdays most wins goes to Erin Wyatt.

The runner ups on the same points are John Aislabie and Jim Bell.

NEW BOWLERS are always welcome. In Whangamata Town it is possible to bowl 5 days a week there is a time to suit everyone. So just BOWL on up.

Tuesday 9.45am and Thursday 6.45pm

WHANGAMATA RSA SHIRTS

They come in both Ladies and Men's styles and are available in a wide range of sizes. We are offering a special rate of \$25.00 and they can be purchased from the Office.



If so we would like to meet you

No matter how long you served, with which Service or Country.

We are meeting the first Wednesday of each month. 5pm at Whangamata RSA.

A casual gathering to chat and if you want, have a meal.

We hope to see you there!

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Lawn Mower Shop/Casement Rd
Whangamata



THE WHANGAMATA CAMERA CLUB is aimed at all levels of photography. We try to improve our techniques through taking, sharing and critiquing our photos. We meet at RSA once a month.

The current project is a 2021 Calendar, all welcome! People can contact me through the Whangamata Photo Group FB page, or just msg me - Pete Stretch.



MARCH 2021



Calling all ladies to the Hawkes Bay

Take off to the Food & Wine Classic in 9-14 November, for 6 nights. Enjoy the very best the region has to offer. After a highly successful tour to the Barossa Valley & the Adelaide Hills, NZ Music Icon Tina Cross ONZM and Travel Partner Kay Gregan, are heading to this gorgeous region. We will sample the best wine the region has to offer, meet the vintners, experience artisan cuisine, music with the delightful Tina Cross, boutique accommodation, with two special surprise evenings and much more. There are limited places available on this Bespoke tour.

Rebecca Nelson - on tour July 2022

'The voice of an angel' is one accolade Rebecca Nelson has received. Mezzo Soprano & Classical Crossover Singer - Recording Artist - Poppy Ambassador - AMUS Royal NZ Navy and Founder of Te Kiwi Māia (The Courageous Kiwi). Join the delightful Rebecca Nelson on Tour.

"I think it's really important that people today don't forget where music has come from. All music has come from the past and is always going to be brought back and inspire other music." - Rebecca Nelson.



ART'S TOUR

Shirley Cresswell

Postponed to May 2022

Details out soon.



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THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ

MUSIC & LYRICS BY
STEPHEN SCHWARTZ



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WINNIE HOLZMAN

Starring **TINA CROSS**

Thurs 23 September 2021
Small escorted group tour



STEAM PUNK TOUR 2022



REBECCA NELSON
ON TOUR 2022



WINE, WOMEN & SONG II - THE HAWKES BAY

ADJUNCTS AND GROUPS



GOLDEN OLDIES SNOOKER

Monday
1pm

SNOOKER

Thursday
6pm



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Wednesday
1pm

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Wednesday
6.30pm

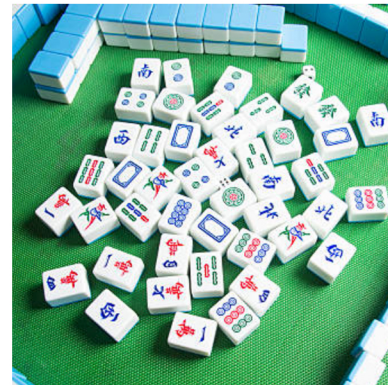
INDOOR BOWLS

Tuesday
9.45am
Thursday
6.45pm



FISHING

Please check
noticeboard by
8 Ball tables for
trip info



MAH JONG

Thursday
10am



8 BALL

Wednesday
Register by 6.30pm
Play starts 7pm
All Welcome
\$3 Entry
Pub Rules

UKULELE 'HIGHLY STRUNG'

Thursday
1.30pm



TAI CHI WITH CHERRY

Wednesday &
Thursday
9am - 10am
\$5



BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING

Sunday
4pm - 6pm
all skill levels
welcome



LINE DANCING

Friday
9.30am - 12 noon
\$5/person
all ages, abilities
welcome