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WHANGAMATA RSA NEWSLETTER



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



Inside...

- ANZAC Day
- What's On at Whangamata RSA
- Rebecca Nelson + Te Kiwi Maia

and more...

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

May

Sunday 30th
Kevin Greaves
4pm



June

Sunday 6th
Country Music Club
12noon - 4pm



July

Sunday 4th
Country Music Club
12noon - 4pm



MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Please have your Membership Card with you at all times as you will be asked to scan your card in order to receive Member's Prices.



Sunday 6th
Helen Riley - 4.30pm

Sunday 13th / Sunday 27th
Kevin Greaves - 4pm

Sunday 4th
Dave Ewart - 4.30pm

Sunday 11th / Sunday 25th
Kevin Greaves - 4pm

Coming soon

Combined Services Day Sunday 29th August

All welcome to join, come in and see us!

'family friendly atmosphere'

8 ball and snooker tables | quiz night | housie | kid's club | live shows and entertainment | member draws
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Whangamata RSA



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Geoff March

Midyear already and what a lot has happened this year, all good and positive. I hope this finds you healthy and happy. This year's ANZAC DAY was extremely well attended, our Beach Service was once again appreciated, and the releasing of the pigeons was a highlight that many enjoyed. Di Wood our Guest Speaker was entertaining and poignant as the theme for this ANZAC DAY was Sacrifice in Service celebrating women's roles in conflict and support of the war efforts as well as recognising women's roles in service today.

The entertainers we have had have been good and worth coming to listen to, and ones we have in the next months are great as well.

The new sound system is working well, we just need to get used to how it works as it is able to do so much, we have certainly future proofed ourselves. There are still a few things that need to be done once we have used it for a while so it can be tuned to our use and will be so much easier to use for all involved.

Our new members numbers are still increasing at a surprising and pleasing rate, 2500 members is not a long way off, around 100 members to go. The way we are going 2500 members should be reached before the end of the membership year at the end of June, wouldn't that be good.

Wild Women's Weekend was last weekend, we didn't have a lot of involvement, but we did have people attending the weekend come and enjoy our RSA.

We had Rebecca Nelson who is a real drawcard for us, and she is so supportive and passionate about the RSA Organisation. Her show was to enlighten us about her charity "Te Kiwi Maia" supporting Defence and Support workers who suffer physical and emotional injuries and getting them back to normal life. Her range of talent enthralled those who attended.

We have set the date for our 2021 Combined Services Day, Sunday 29th August. These days are looked forward to by many especially our Veterans and it gives them a chance to catch up with old mates again. But it is not only for our Veterans, our Members also enjoy the interaction and the magnificent lunch that Ying puts on. Put this date on your calendar.

As I said earlier, we have some great entertainment coming up over the winter months, keep an eye on the notice board, website and Facebook for more details.

We have also agreed to continue our sponsorship of the Whangamata Junior Soccer Club, this has been a good partnership with players enjoying our facilities after their games and holding the prizegiving event with us each year.

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, and is talked about by other RSA's, well done all.



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



NUMBER PLATE SURROUNDS

PROUD MEMBER

\$15 A SET OR \$12 FOR

WHANGAMATA RSA MEMBERS

AVAILABLE FROM THE BAR

RSA

Volunteers Wanted

for our Support Services.

If you are interested, please contact Kerry at the RSA or rsamanager@outlook.com



WOMENS SECTION

Lyn Ward - President

Our May meeting was held on Tuesday 4th at 1.30pm. We start our meetings by singing the section song or the national anthem alternately. This month was the section song and we now have a CD of Joy Adams singing this which we played and the members sang along with her. When we sing the national anthem we have two members, Witirina Mackenzie and Sara Sullivan, who lead us which is wonderful encouragement for us to sing both the Maori and English verses.

Our guest speaker this month was Jo Jukes with their therapy dog Charlie. Jo's eldest daughter has a range of health issues and Charlie was brought into the family to be her support. Jo gave a powerful and emotional insight into the family life with their daughter before and after Charlie's arrival. Charlie is a lovely dog and loved meeting and getting pats from the members. Thank you again Jo for sharing your story with us.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st June at the usual time of 1.30pm. If you would like to become a member or just to find out what the women's section is all about you are welcome to come along and join us.

ANZAC DAY IN WHANGAMATA

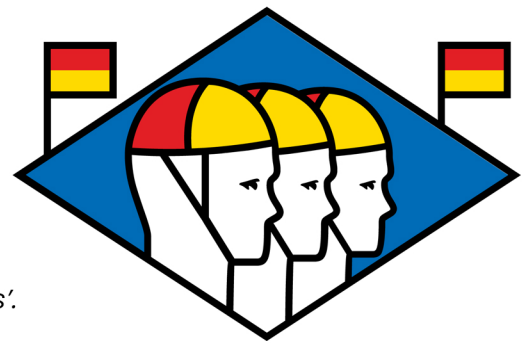
25 April 2021 – a great feeling knowing we were able to hold our ANZAC Day commemorations this year and to have everyone together. We held a sunrise service once again on the beach and the number of people including lots of families who came to be part of this was amazing. The coastguard and surf lifesaving representatives on their IRBs made a great show bringing the NZ and Australian flags onto the beach. There the flags were passed onto four members of our Women's Section representing women who have served, those that are in service today, those that took on all the roles to keep the country going during conflict times and last but not least those who are supporting our veterans today. The four women were Jackie Moore, Adrienne Aislibie, Jocelyn Wright and me. We passed the flags onto the head girl and boy from the Whangamata Area School who had the honour of holding them during the following proceedings of speeches, national anthems, last post and ode and the reading of our roll of honour from WW1, WW2 and Korea which I was very proud to read out. Pigeons were released after this to honour those brave men and all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. A very moving and amazing service.

Later in the morning we met up at the RSA for a mix and mingle before the parade and civic service. About 10 'Beach Hop' cars came to the RSA to pick up any veterans that wanted a ride to the parade start point and this was enjoyed (and appreciated) by those that took up the offer. Our veterans marched up the main street supported by Police, Fire, Coastguard, Scouts, and other community groups led by the Bay of Plenty Pipes and Drums. The civic service was held in the Memorial Hall next to the RSA. Our guest speakers were Chaplain Di Woods RNZAF, MP Scott Simpson and Kaysha Lawson (Head girl) and Keegan Pace (Head boy) from Whangamata Area School. All speakers gave wonderful and inciteful speeches. At the end of the services wreathes were laid at the memorial wall followed by the last post, ode and reveille. As a final gesture we have had seven streets that are named for WW1 ships become poppy streets with a poppy on the street signs and Geoff (our president) gifted these to the town and again pigeons were released in honour of this, one for every street.

After the wreath laying a light lunch was put on at the RSA followed by entertainment by Ebonivory and a display by the Bay of Plenty Pipe and Drums and Highland and Irish dancing by some very talented young people. A lovely afternoon enjoyed by all who were there.



WOMEN IN SERVICE DURING WW2 SURF LIFE SAVING CLUBS



I would like to tell of a seldom known contribution of women who gave mostly unrecognised service during World War 2 – ‘women surf lifesavers’.

When all the fit, active men went off to war there was no-one left to patrol the beaches so several wives, girlfriends etc filled the gap, this was 1939-41 approximately. My mother was one of these and in 1941 Wellington Ladies Surf Lifesaving Club was formed. At that time there were many other ladies' clubs being formed. Thus, my brother and I were bought up into surf lifesaving. My father was a member of the Lyall Bay SLSC but this was not functioning at that time. The ladies trained at the beach after work and in the weekends avoiding the barbed wire that was placed in strategic places to prevent or hinder enemy landings. Some of the more senior male lifeguards helped with the training of the new recruits. Surprisingly, the beaches were well patronised during this time but unfortunately there seems to be very little in the way of records of rescues or first aid incidents.



The Wellington Ladies' Surf and Life-saving Club's team at the opening of the season at Lyall Bay beach, Wellington. Photograph taken 7 December 1940 by Sports Post. natlib.govt.nz

When the men returned, they said "thank you now you can go back to just sitting on the beach" or words to that effect. The ladies said NO!! and they were reluctantly accepted though not quite on an equal footing. Equality took some time to achieve but achieve it they did. Today Surf Lifesaving Clubs would find it hard to maintain membership and beach patrols without their valuable membership.

Currently there is a woman President of SLSNZ who started her lifesaving career with Wellington Ladies SLSC in the 1970's. The Wellington Ladies SLC amalgamated with Lyall Bay SLSC in 1976 as has happened to the other ladies' clubs around New Zealand.

Whangamata SLSC is a very strong club and has a good number of women and girls as members.

Jocelyn Wright
Member Whangamata RSA Women's Section and Life Member Whangamata SLSC



COME JOIN OUR

KIDS CLUB TODAY

We have over 300 kids club members!

Kids will get their very own membership card and special Kids Club Member benefits.
Kids Club Membership is Free!

Kids Club Members

OUR KIDS CLUB MEMBERS HAVE SHARED WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN UP TO.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US?

ART, SOMETHING FUN, HOLIDAYS, SPORTS, SCHOOL, ACHIEVEMENTS?...

ACHILLES AVE

A big thank you to Colin and the rest of the guys from Ventia who install the street signs around Whangamata including our new Poppy Signs.

We have seven signs. Tamaki Rd, Achilles Ave. In the next few issues of the "Razza" we will bring you info on the following: Ajax Rd, Bellona Rd, Exeter Rd, Leander Rd and Philomel Rd



Ship History

HMS Achilles was built by Cammel Laird & Company of Birkenhead, England, being laid down on 11 June 1931 and launched by Lady Stanley, the wife of the Parliamentary Secretary for the Admiralty, on 1 September 1932 and commissioned into the Royal Navy on 5 October 1933. The ship was acquired on loan from Britain, along with HMS Leander to replace HM Ships Diomede and Dunedin respectively. A result of the acquisition of these two ships was the expansion of dockyard and naval base facilities and lengthening Calliope dock. These cruisers were smaller and lighter than the 8-inch cruiser classes of the 1920s and reverted to 6-inch guns in twin-gun turrets.

Achilles commissioned for New Zealand at Chatham on 31 March 1936, departing Sheerness on 22 April. After calling at Spithead to embark the Walrus aircraft, the ship sailed 26 April for New Zealand. Nine weeks were spent with the Home Fleet at Gibraltar before Achilles sailed on 1 July via Jamaica, Panama and various small mid-Pacific islands before arriving at Auckland on 6 September 1936.

After arrival from England Achilles toured New Zealand ports and also participated in exercises in home and Australian waters, as well as undertaking Pacific Islands winter cruises. The ship returned to England at the end of 1938 to change Royal Navy loan personnel and undergo a short refit. She departed Auckland early December 1938; proceeding via Panama, A severe storm was encountered in the Atlantic which caused some damage to the ship and the Walrus. Achilles arrived Portsmouth 24 January 1939, recommissioning on 27 January and sailed again for New Zealand on 21 February, reaching Auckland 8 May 1939 having travelled via Suez and Singapore.

War Service

Sailing from Auckland 29 August 1939, Achilles made for Panama and then patrolled down the west coast of South America to Chile, searching for German shipping. The ship passed through the Straits of Magellan on 20 October 1939 to join the newly designated South Atlantic Station, based on the Falkland Islands. From there similar patrols against German shipping and for the protection of British shipping were conducted.

Battle of the River Plate

Achilles, under the Command of Captain W.E. Parry RN took a very active part in the Battle of the River Plate, 250 miles east of Uruguay, on the morning of 13 December 1939.

The superior and more powerful German 'pocket battleship' Admiral Graf Spee was damaged and cornered by three British cruisers of much smaller size and lighter armament, but having the advantage of numbers and speed.

Achilles suffered one near-miss from an 11 inch (280 mm) shell which damaged the ship and killed four ratings, and wounded seven other men, three seriously.

The Royal Navy ships in the action, Ajax and Exeter received much more serious punishment, Exeter being hit several times and forced to withdraw with 61 dead and Ajax hit twice, with seven dead.

Ajax and Achilles chased Admiral Graf Spee towards the neutral port of Montevideo. The German ship, which had 36 killed and 60 wounded, was scuttled off the port four days later. After the destruction of the Admiral Graf Spee, Achilles remained on patrol off South America, visiting Buenos Aires and Montevideo in January 1940. She departed Port Stanley on 2 February bound for a refit at Auckland. She arrived back on 23 February 1940 to a hero's welcome

In New Zealand Waters

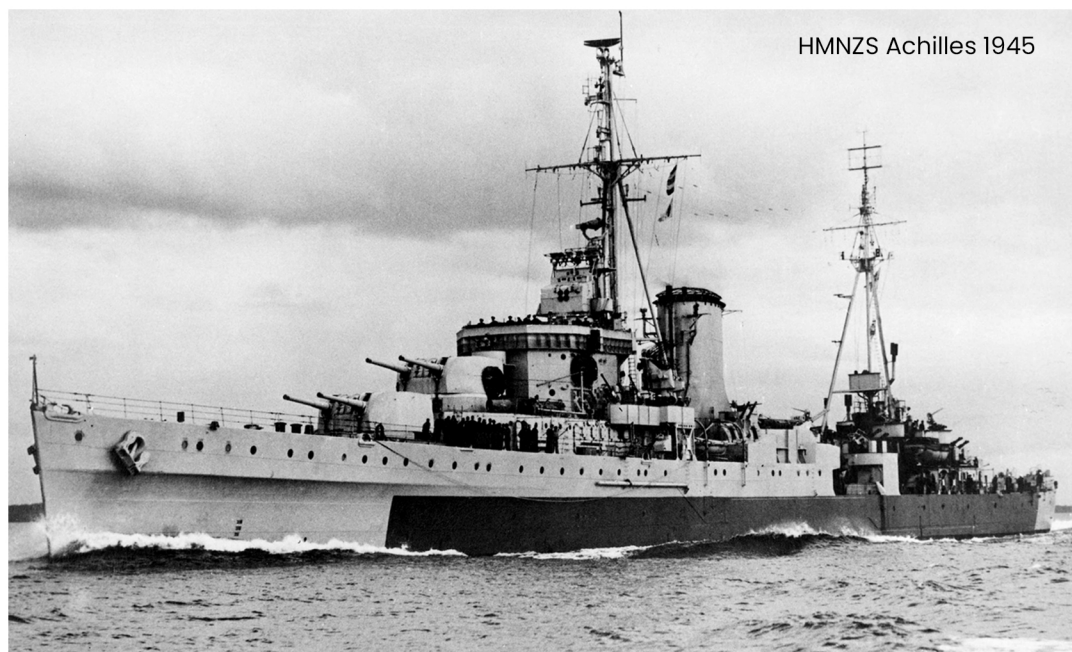
In the months following her return from South America Achilles was primarily employed on escort duties around New Zealand and in the immediate South Pacific. During this time she had several near encounters with German Raiders.

The first of these was on the night of 13 June 1940 when Achilles and the Armed Merchant Cruiser HMS Hector arrived at Auckland, at about the same time that the German raider Orion was laying a minefield across the entrances to the Hauraki Gulf.

Twice in 1941 Achilles again, just missed German raiders. The first occasion was 1 March 1941, when Orion and the captured tanker Ole Jacob were probably close behind in the East Cape region, all heading south. The second near miss was with Adjutant, whale chaser which had been captured by the German Raider Komet that laid magnetic mines off Lyttelton and Wellington on nights of 24 and 25 June 1941. Achilles and Adjutant must have passed close by each other, east of Cape Palliser early on 26 June 1941, as the German fled to meet the raider Komet off the Chatham Islands and Achilles was transiting from East Cape, arriving at Wellington early that morning.

With the entry of Japan into the war, the cruisers of the Royal New Zealand Navy came under the operational control of the United States Commander, Pacific, Admiral Nimitz, specifically the South Pacific Command. Achilles was generally employed in escort duties, but did provide cover for the occupation of Wallis Island by United States Marines in May/June 1942.

The Achilles was involved in a Solomon Islands Campaign and was later involved in the British Pacific Fleet.



HMNZS Achilles 1945





ANZAC DAY 2021









Rebecca
Nelson

Live at
Whangamata RSA
Saturday 15th May



Providing rehabilitation, recovery and respite to our people, who - as a result of their role in safeguarding and caring for New Zealanders - have physical or psychological injuries. We enable our people and their families to continue healthy, positive lives.



Our Mission

Providing rehabilitation, recovery and respite to our people, who – as a result of their role in safeguarding and caring for New Zealanders – have physical or psychological injuries. We enable our people and their families to continue healthy, positive lives.

This will be achieved through the provision of facilities, equipment, services or assistance for the rehabilitation, recovery and care of such individuals, as well as their immediate families, who are in need.

Our aim is to establish a homestead and working farm designed and equipped to foster physical, psychological and emotional rehabilitation and recovery; somewhere for those who have committed to our country, and who have been injured through their work, to recuperate and refresh. This will be achieved via the provision of a supportive and inclusive environment, professional assistance, access to a variety of services, and opportunities to participate in activities that promote mental wellness; such as pottery, cooking or yoga classes, building tuition, sports and fitness, or assisting on the farm.

Ultimately Te Kiwi Māia’s goal is to support and assist those whose role has been to safeguard and care for all New Zealanders, so they can continue healthy, positive lives.



Rob Mocaraka with his new Whangamata RSA shirt sending his aroha and love back to our RSA.

“Shot Bro is more than a show...it is theatre for social change. It’s aim is to provide all New Zealanders with an internal perspective on mental health and depression in a safe way”

It was a wonderful few days of Health and Wellbeing presentations and seeing how we can support with some of the community issues that we face.

Furthermore, to attend the RSA was a blessing to relax with Rebecca’s music, whilst enjoying the festivities of the facility and members as well.



Rebecca Nelson with friends Andre (Wgm RSA member), Danny and Rob.



Le Quesnoy Memorial Forest

On Thursday 15th April students from Whangamata Area School visited Le Quesnoy Memorial Forest.



MIKE ELLIS OBE (OVER BL***DY EIGHTY)

There was a surprise for Mike on the Wednesday afternoon prior to his eightieth birthday on 8th May.

His wife Sue had secretly planned an hour's flight for both of them from Pauanui in a 3-seat Cessna, with a very experienced & informative pilot.

In bright sunshine with clear blue skies and a calm sea, they flew down the spectacular Coromandel coastline past Opoutere and Onemana to Whangamata, circling over their house & the town – then back up as far as Whitianga – then returning to Pauanui.

"An unforgettable experience" said Mike "What a brilliant way to celebrate!"



VETERANS / OPEN DAY

Tuesday 18th May, we hosted the Veterans Open Day, it started at 3pm and quite a few came from local RSA's around us, Waihi, Tairua / Pauanui.

We had 4 exhibitors, Whangamata Community Trust, RSA Support Services, Whangamata Medical Centre, and Ture (Legal advice). Many of those who were processed were surprised to learn how much they were entitled to and how easy it is to access. With word of mouth we hope to get more who we can help.

Nine Veterans were registered and processed through, with various other enquiries dealt with, Community Trust had some referrals and Mandy from the Medical Centre informed us there were ten doses of COVID vaccine that were not used at Moana House so ten of our members who were available had their first vaccination.

The event has been deemed a success and there maybe a chance to host another one later this year, we hope there will be more exhibitors and trusts.

Thursday 27th Veterans Affairs are hosting an EXPO at Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton from 10am to 2pm. They will have 15 exhibitors which includes a couple of welfare trusts. If there is anyone wanting to attend this event please let myself or one of the committee know so we can coordinate a carpool.

Finally thank you to the ladies from our Women's Section who fed and watered those who came through and our exhibitors, the exhibitors said they will be back for the food, so well done. Thank you to all those who helped, we have had some very positive comments.

Geoff

DONATION TO ST JOHNS

On Anzac Day this year a donation of \$750 was presented to St Johns Whangamata to go towards the shuttle service. The money was raised through our Provisional Membership option.



MEMBERSHIP

RSA

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\$35



until 30th June 2022

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

For all Visitors, please enquire about our Provisional Membership

A \$2 donation to St John's Ambulance will give you the opportunity to trial our clubs facilities for 30 days

THANK YOU FOR ANZAC DAY

Thank you everybody who helped make this year's ANZAC day wreath laying a wonderful success.

The following persons made a great contribution to making the day a moving and memorable occasion:

Mike Judd for reading out the names of the wreath layers, Kerry who coordinated the list of names.

Lyn Ward for arranging the wreaths and floral decorations, The Garden club for making the wreaths, Sara for setting up the wreaths in the hall and bringing them back to the RSA.

Bill Watson and Chips for raising and lowering the flags, Geoff March for marshalling the wreath layers.

The Harvey's for releasing their birds and John for the sound system.

All those who contributed to the laying of floral tributes to those who gave so much for us.

Bruce Moore, Executive Committee Member.



\$3

Line Dancing

AT WHANGAMATA RSA

FRIDAYS

BEGINNERS 9.30AM

10.30AM - 12PM

every 4th Friday 1pm



CONTACT

Gayle: 021 475 771 Ann: 027 857 7307



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"Let us do your grocery shopping for you"

Whangamata Community Services are offering a personal shopping service to our community.

Stay warm and dry this winter and let our lovely staff do your shopping for you when you are unable to.

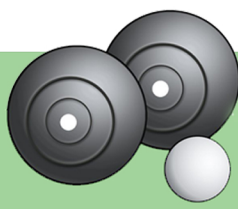
The process is easy – simply give us a call with your grocery order and we shall deliver it to your door.

Payments can be made online or by arrangement.

Contact us on 07 865 7065

www.whangacst.co.nz

FROM THE BOWLING ALLEY TO THE MAT



The qualifiers of the Men's Singles in March.



Shaking hands are John Hares Winner and Runner up Patrick Cairns. The comradie between the finalists was great to behold.

Patrick 's style, watchful... learning... John more laid-back.



Joy, Brian and Trish. Qualifiers for Open Singles. Final was between Joy and Trish. Won by Trish.

Coming up we have a visit from Waihi Beach RSA and an away trip to Omokoroa.



Tuesday 9.45am
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.



**DID YOU
SERVE IN THE
ARMED
FORCES?**

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!

If so we would like to meet you

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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.

All welcome! People can contact me through the Whangamata Photo Group FB page, or just msg me - Pete Stretch.

YOUR GENERATION

- Submitted by Geoff March

While at the check out at the supermarket, a young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment...The woman apologised to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days." The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said that she was right our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day. The older lady went on to explain: Back then, we returned milk bottles, soft-drink bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilised and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable besides household garbage bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalise our books on the brown paper bags.

We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 240 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn fuel just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got blunt.

Back then, kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their parents into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$50,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing." We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances.

And we didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

We didn't have the "green thing" in our day. But isn't it sad the current generation which enjoys a much easier life, laments how wasteful we old folks were.

★★ WHANGAMATA ★★

COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Great Entertainment and Raffles

12pm Start

AT WHANGAMATA RSA

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Guest Artist for Sunday 6th June is
JANICE COLHOUN

Door Charge: \$3.00 Members of the Music Club - \$5.00 Non-Members

ALL WELCOME

**Whangamata Country Music Club
Elected Committee Members
effective 2 May 2021**

President: Kevan Neems
Vice President: Robbin Durbin

Treasurer: June Wilkinson
Secretary: Janette Reid

Committee Members:
David Reid
Noel Morris
Dawn Morris
Julie Moyle
Joan Bennett



Whangamata RSA
**TRADIES TROPHY
 8 BALL
 TOURNAMENT**

"Our annual Tradies and Workers tournament is under way with two weeks to go to see who's on top of the leader board to take the Trophy home."

Some of Whangamata's finest pool players are battling it out every Monday night for 5 weeks. It's definitely worth coming down and checking it out. Although our wonderful restaurant is not open on Monday nights we can treat you to a BBQ sausage.

We have had the pleasure of Peter, a now local musician play his guitar and sing for us each night.

Overall good times had buy all.



**Tai Chi
 WITH CHERRY**

Wednesday &
 Thursday

9am - 10am

\$5

**THURSDAY
 SNOOKER RESULTS**

Date: 15th April 2021
 Winner: Tanya B, 4 Wins, 200 Points
 Runner Up: Mike J, 4 Wins, 163 Points
 Hi Break: -
 Sponsor's Prize: COR
 Raffle Winner: Chips

Date: 22nd April 2021
 Winner: Stephen H, 4 Wins
 Runner Up: Ray H, 3 Wins
 Hi Break: Gavin, 38 Points
 Raffle Winner: Paula

Date: 29th April 2021
 Winner: Gavin, 3 Wins
 Runner Up: Glen, 3 Wins
 Hi Break: Gavin
 Raffle Winner: #19, Chips

Date: 6th May 2021
 Winner: Colin B, 3 Wins, 208 Points
 Runner Up: Ken P, 3 Wins, 200 Points
 Hi Break: Glen A.
 Raffle Winner: Glen A.

**GOLDEN OLDIES
 SNOOKER RESULTS**

Golden Oldies Tournament

Date: 12th April 2021
 Home/Away Game
 Played: Waihi RSA
 Won: 12 - 4

Date: 3rd May 2021
 Home Game
 Played: Katikati
 Lost: 7 - 9

Golden Oldies Practice Round

Date: 19th April 2021 Players: 11
 Highest Break: Barney - 18
 Winner: Jack Tarrant; 3 Wins, 259 Pts
 Runner Up: Bob S; 3 Wins, 255 Points
 Raffle: No. 9 - Jack Tarrant

Date: 10th May 2021 Players: 6
 Highest Break: Bob S, 23
 Winner: Bob S; 4 Wins, 258 Points
 Runner Up: Jack; 3 Wins, 212 Points
 Raffle: No. 12, Bob S.



Raffles

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Nights

from 5.15pm



Member Draws

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Nights
between 6pm - 6.30pm

To win you must: be at the RSA, have your membership card with you and be financial.

Trev's **JOKERS WILD**



Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Nights
6.30pm

Tickets on sale from 5.30pm

NATIONAL BOWEL SCREENING PROGRAMME

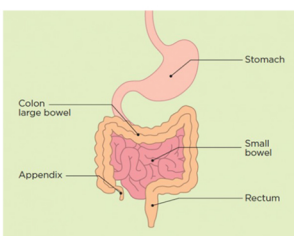
An Open Invitation

The Whangamatā Kaumātua Rōpū welcome everyone to join them for morning tea followed by

a presentation by **Karena Birt**

Community Care Co-ordinator
Waikato DHB Bowel Screening
followed by question time

- **WHEN** Wednesday 26 May
- **WHERE** Whangamatā RSA
- **TIME** 10.00 am – 11.30 am




HOUSEIE

TUESDAY NIGHTS 7PM START
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 4PM START

Grey Power

Social Meeting

on

Friday, 28th May 2021

10am to noon
at

Whangamata RSA
Port Road

Guest Speaker - Baird Fleming
Director, Hamilton Zoo

Baird will give two presentations. The first about his background and how he got working with wildlife, zoos, aquariums and botanic gardens. The second about the changing roles of zoos, aquariums and botanic gardens in our modern world.

Baird's passions include animal welfare, animal training and conservation.

Coffee, tea and biscuits from 9.30am

All welcome

For enquiries about Grey Power, please phone:
Cushla Jarvis on 865 7111, or
Maree Burt on 865 8924

Who is eligible to receive a kit??

60 – 74 year olds

If you have family/whānau history of bowel cancer you may be eligible to be included in the programme

Weather Permitting - Colin the Colon will be here

A 6 metre colon model will be available for you to walk through and explore your "innerself".

Inquiries to:
JACI HARRIS

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Phones: 07 865 7997 or 027 710 4550

Jokes

The Winning Donkey

- submitted by Janet Randell



A Pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won.

The Pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again and it won again.

The local paper read: PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT.

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the Pastor not to enter the donkey in another race.

The next day the local paper headline read: BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR'S ASS.

This was too much for the Bishop so he ordered the Pastor to get rid of the donkey.

The Pastor decided to give it to a Nun in a nearby convent.

The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day: NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN.

The Bishop fainted.

He informed the Nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey so she sold it to a farm for \$10.

The next day the paper read: NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10

This was too much for the Bishop so he ordered the Nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild.

The next day the headlines read: NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE.

The Bishop was buried the next day.

The moral of the story is . . . being concerned about public opinion can bring you much grief and misery and even shorten your life.

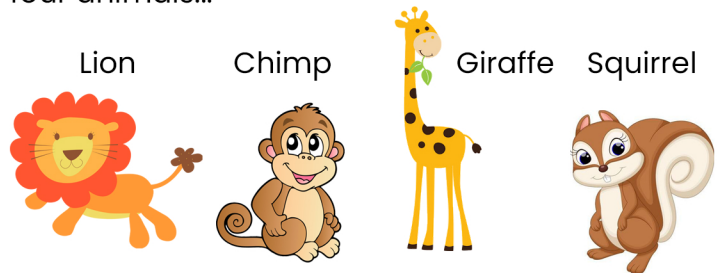
So be yourself and enjoy life. Stop worrying about everyone else's ass and just cover your own !!!

The Banana Test

- submitted by Chris Halpin

Do not look past the animals until you have decided upon your answer....

There is a very, very tall coconut tree and there are four animals...



They decide to compete to see who is the fastest to get a banana off the tree.

Who do you guess will win?

Your answer will reflect your personality. So think carefully..... answer within 30 seconds. Got your answer?

If your answer is:

Lion = you're dull.

Chimpanzee = you're dense.

Giraffe = you're a complete moron.

Squirrel = you're hopeless.

A COCONUT TREE DOESN'T HAVE BANANAS.

Friday Quiz Night

6.30pm start (after Jokers Wild)
Lots of Fun - Test your Trivial Knowledge
Teams of up to six players - \$2/person
Come and join in - All Welcome!

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TRAVEL NEWSLETTER

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Hello from my desk, on a wet day in Hamilton. I met my #2 grandson yesterday and what a delight he is. His big brother adores him. The NZ/Australian travel bubble is seeing activity in the market. Its wonderful to see families and friends connecting. There are many amazing deals for those wishing to stay closer to home. My escorted group tours to The Lion King & Wicked are selling; don't miss out. I have access to several amazing travel package deals throughout NZ. I can design any travel plans, so give me a call and we can make it happen.



THE LION KING

100 million people worldwide have witnessed the phenomenon that is Disney's THE LION KING and finally New Zealand audiences can experience this unparalleled theatrical experience for themselves.

Michael Cassel Group, in association with Disney Theatrical Productions, and local presenting partner Spark Arena are proud to announce that Disney's THE LION KING will premiere in New Zealand in June this year.

After a hiatus of over a year, The Lion King International Tour will finally be back on stage and thrilling audiences - and Aotearoa has been chosen as the host!

THE LION KING will open for a strictly limited season on Thursday, 24th June 2021 at Spark Arena in Auckland, in a specially designed theatre-mode layout.

"There is simply nothing else like it" The New York Times

"A perfect marriage of entertainment and art" - New York Daily News

- 7-8 July 2021, 2 days/1 night
- Return seat in coach transfers ex Whanga
- Villa Maria Wine Tasting,
- 4.5* Accom. Superior Room @the new Sudima Hotel CBD incl. Breakfast
- Group Dinner - East St Restaurant
- Show Ticket Gold Class
- Twin share per person \$586.00
- Single cost \$685.00
- (Ticket upgrades available @ additional cost \$65 to Platinum, \$130 to Diamond)
- Price subject to availability until booked & paid in full. Deposit \$300.00 due @time of booking. Valid for sales to **1 June or until sold out**. Lion King tickets are non refundable once booked. Credit card merchant fees apply
- There are limited places on this tour
- Group escorted by Kay Gregan

WICKED THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Wicked is the longest-running musical on Broadway, and it will be staged at Auckland's SkyCity Theatre for a limited season in September 2021.

"So much happened, before Dorothy dropped in..."

WICKED tells the incredible untold story of an unlikely but profound friendship between two girls who first meet as sorcery students at Shiz University: the blonde and very popular Glinda and a misunderstood green girl named Elphaba.

The show features fantastical sets and spectacular costumes, and of the spell binding songs like "Defying Gravity" and "Popular" made famous by Idina Menzel, and Kristin Chenoweth in the original Broadway version.

This production will feature an all NZ cast, including Kiwi music royalty Tina Cross as 'Madame Morrible', this show will wow audiences young and old.

Don't miss out on the most 'swankified' production this side of the Emerald City – coming to SkyCity theatre for a limited season in September 2021.



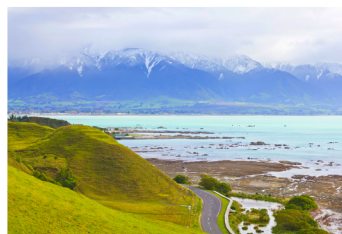
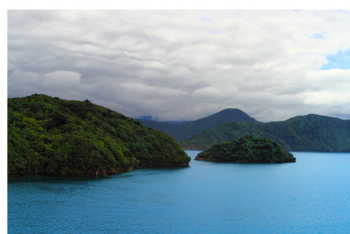
- 23/24 September 2021
- Return seat in coach transfers ex Whangamata
- 2 days/1 night - at the new Sudima Hotel CBD 4.5 star
- Wine tasting tour Villa Maria included, (lunch @ own cost)
- Includes breakfast, dinner at East Street & show ticket
- Special stop in Parnell on the way home, plus lunch @ La Cigale own cost
- Twin share \$493 per person
- Single cost \$572.00 per person
- Non refundable deposit \$250 per person, T & C's apply
- Show ticket is non refundable once booked
- Group escorted by Kay Gregan
- **Sale ends 31 July 2021 or until sold out**

Hot Travel Specials, more deals available on NZ destinations

Wine, Food & Sounds 3 nights from \$359 per person, incl daily breakfast, full day Marlborough Sounds Cruise & Wine Tour, Rental car option available. - **Valid for travel commenced & completed 01 May - 30 September 2021, for sales to 31 July 2021**

Kaikoura & Hamner Springs - 5 nights from \$999 per person including breakfast, car rental, Whale Watch excursion & thermal pools !! - **Valid for travel commenced & completed 20 May - 30 September 2021, subject to availability at time of booking. For sales to 30 June 2021**

T & C's apply to all bookings with full disclosure and info given at time of enquiry. I can package these deals up with Air NZ airfares, extend your stay and add on to you trip other activities and destinations.



ADJUNCTS AND GROUPS



GOLDEN OLDIES SNOOKER

Monday
1pm

SNOOKER

Thursday
6pm



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Wednesday
1pm

EUCHRE

Wednesday
6.30pm

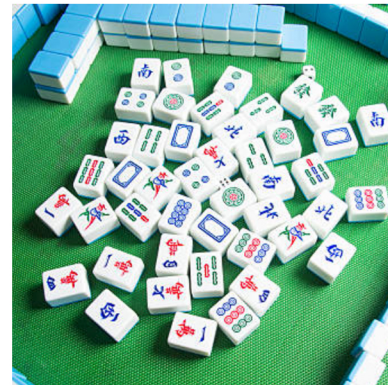
INDOOR BOWLS

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

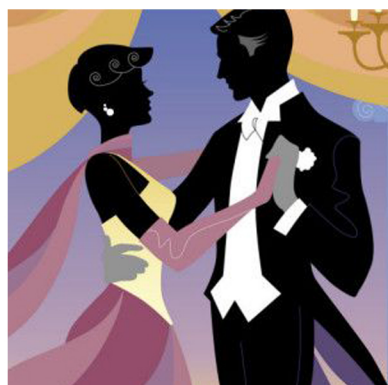
UKULELE 'HIGHLY STRUNG'

Thursday
1.30pm



TAI CHI WITH CHERRY

Wednesday &
Thursday
9am - 10am
\$5



BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING

Monday
4pm - 6pm
all skill levels welcome



LINE DANCING

Friday
(every 4th Friday 1pm)
9.30am beginners
10.30am - 12pm
\$3/person
all ages, abilities welcome

HELEN RILEY



Kevin GREAVES

WHANGAMATA RSA
SUNDAY 30TH MAY,
13TH & 27TH JUNE

4PM

Sunday
6 June 21

4.30PM



WHANGAMATA RSA
324 PORT ROAD
WHANGAMATA

Dance & Sing to music from
50's, 60's, 70's, 80's

Music you will remember.

Previously bass player and backup vocals for
NZ Country Music Legend Patsy Riggir.

Touring with Suzanne Prentice & Maria Dallas.

Helen has focussed on her own successful musical journey in NZ, in the past
22 years, delighting all those she entertains.



YING'S @ THE RSA Thai & European cuisine

Come in and see Ying and her team for a delicious meal

OPEN TUESDAY - SUNDAY

Lunch: 11am - 2.30pm

Dinner: 5pm - 8.30pm

Friday - Saturday: 5pm - Late

Dine in or Takeaway

Phone orders or table bookings

865 9419 Ext. 4

324 Port Rd, Whangamata

Thai & European Cuisine

Chefs Specials of the week

Light meals and snacks

Dessert of the week

Gluten free meals available on request

Vegetarian with or without tofu

Catering & Buffet available

Authentic Thai taste Friendly family atmosphere

Good food
PREMIUM QUALITY



All our food is cooked with fresh ingredients

Entertainment

AT WHANGAMATA RSA



DAVE EWART

SUNDAY 4TH JULY 2021
4.30PM