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Let's all do the Hop

It's Beach Hop time again! Beach Hop 2024 runs from next Wednesday 20 March to Sunday 24 March and will bring thousands of visitors, and hundreds of the best classic American vehicles to the Coromandel Peninsula.

Beach Hop was established in 2000 and was initially called the Whangamata Rock'n'Roll Festival. Within a couple of years "Beach Hop" was added and now everyone knows the event as this. Over the years, event organisers have added the drawcard of car, caravan and motorcycle prizes and this year registered entrants and programme buyers will be in the draw for a classic Ford Mustang, a Harley chopper

motorcycle, or \$10,000 cash!

In the tradition of spreading the event around the Peninsula, this year's Wednesday Warm-Up Party will be hosted by Waihi. The next day, participants will take part in a "Sunday Drive", cruising the Coromandel Loop. This day event has been organised with the idea of giving Beach Hop attendees a look at the region, fitting well with the idea of spreading the event Peninsula-wide.

In the "Sunday Drive" excursion, Beach Hop entrants are being encouraged to visit any town on the Loop, stopping to make a purchase. Proof of their visit will be the purchase receipt and a digital

photo of their vehicle in that town. These will get them into a \$5,000 prize draw at the Onemana Thundercruise on the Friday.

Saturday and Sunday are Whangamata-based. The cars, caravans and motorcycles will be on show and the town will be alive with entertainment of all descriptions. Some eighteen musical acts will perform in various venues, bringing the rock'n'roll of the 50s and 60s back to life.

Having sampled the hospitality and shopping here in previous years, Tairua and Pauanui are sure to attract a fair proportion of the cars on the Thursday 21 March as the "hoppers" head north from Whangamata. Tairua and Pauanui businesses are being encouraged to consider "deals"



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Shaping our democratic system

We are currently being called to "have our say" on our democratic system, namely the way the election system in the Thames Coromandel District should look in the future. The process is called the "Representation Review."

To ensure district councils retain effective and fair representation for their communities, the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires them to review their representation arrangements at least every six years. So, the review aims to find out what we think about the current representation structure and what our preferences for the future might be so that our communities are fairly and effectively represented at Council.

Last October, TCDC unanimously voted to establish one or more Māori Wards for the 2025 Local Elections. The review does not revisit the decision to establish Māori Wards. What it does look at is the number of councillors we should have, whether councillors are elected from wards or "at large" (like how we elect the district mayor), the boundaries of our wards and community boards, and even the ward names, among other things.

The Representation Review is available on the TCDC website (tcdc.govt.nz) with easy-to-follow instructions until Sunday March 31, 2024. Hard copies can be uplifted from Council offices and public libraries. The enticement to take part is a lucky draw to win one of two \$100 Prezzy Cards.

Our feedback will help to inform and shape the district election system for the future. The final version of the proposed system will be available for formal consultation later in the year. Check out the website or direct your questions by email to: repreview@tcdc.govt.nz

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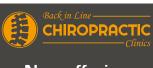
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