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# Back to Bouganville

*Thames psychologist Beryl Riley has taken up her second volunteer assignment in Bouganville, where trauma from a civil war is generational, violence is commonplace and "basically everyone has got PTSD".*  
**TERESA RAMSEY reports**



Beryl Riley, centre, during her previous volunteer assignment in 2011. Photo: SUPPLIED

**B**eryl Riley is taking "one last adventure" to Bouganville to help those still suffering from the trauma of a decade-long civil war.

The Thames psychologist last week left for Arawa in Bouganville, an autonomous region in Papua New Guinea, to take up a Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA) assignment as a mentor and to set up counselling services at a secondary school.

"It's kinda like a last adventure. I saw that assignment... and I thought 'oh that's me'. I suppose it just spoke to me," she said. "[The school] is where the big copper mine was, but that all got bombed during the conflict."

Conflict over the Panguna mine was the primary trigger for the Bougainville Civil War from 1988 to 1998, in which around 20,000 people were killed.

It's the second time Beryl's volunteered in Bouganville, where she says trauma from the war is generational.

"The reality is there's still a lot of trauma from the conflict time, so kids at the high school, they wouldn't have been born but their parents would've been," she said.

"I know that many of the men, either they or their fathers may have been in

the resistance - local resistance fighters. There's a lot of trauma, a lot of those guys, well basically everyone, has got PTSD.

"I saw it in my last assignment, men being very violent to women and children, and also women to women."

Schools in Papua New Guinea (PNG) didn't have any counselling services, she said. However, the principal at

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# Gunshot scare doesn't deter volunteer

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Arawa High School had recruited someone with some counselling training. "The idea is that I mentor that person and help them set up counselling services within the school, similar to what they have here in New Zealand with our guidance counsellors," she said.

"And to do some training with the teachers about how to identify kids who need that sort of support, and I've already been asked if I can do workshops with teachers from other schools. I'm looking forward to it."

Beryl has been a psychologist for more than 30 years, mainly working with young people, but also for the Department of Corrections, in private practice and at Oranga Tamariki Ministry for Children's specialist unit in South Auckland, which was "not for the faint-hearted", she said.

During her career, she has always volunteered, spending time with Women's Refuge and helping to set up Parentline, for children who have been traumatised by abuse and domestic violence. She also has experience in schools, having previously worked for six years as a guidance counsellor and teacher.

Beryl previously volunteered in Bougainville in 2011, where she was stationed for seven months at the regional hospital in Buka. "That was working with a woman who was the only mental health nurse for the whole of Bougainville... helping set up what was called a family support centre for women and children in domestic violence.

"It was marvellous, I really enjoyed it... so I'm really looking forward to going back and



Beryl Riley left for Bougainville last week.

seeing people I knew."

Despite the region's history of violence, she wasn't concerned about her own safety while on assignment. "The VSA is held very highly in Bougainville and in Papua New Guinea, but I wouldn't go there [PNG]."

In 2011, she was part of a group to visit the PNG capital, Port Moresby, which was "pretty scary".

"I couldn't have gone by myself. There was a guard on the bus with a machine gun and the bus was told not to stop for anything."

Bougainville was not as bad, she said, however, there was a "bit of a scare" when she was there last. "A ferry... went down and they lost a whole lot of young people. It was terrible. About a month after that, we had a meeting of volunteers on the water, having

a couple of drinks, and all of a sudden we heard some gunshots.

"The rascals, as they're called, or combatants, had gone aboard another vessel owned by the same company and they were demanding that the company pay what they call payback."

An Australian Army Major who was part of the group took charge and led a convoy to the rural area and dropped her safely home, she said. "We didn't go through the main streets because the people were all gathering. That was the only time I thought 'shit', so there's that kind of thing."

This time, Beryl will be on assignment until Christmas, and may return in the New Year. VSA will provide travel and accommodation and a small allowance for food and living costs while she's there.

She's looking forward to reconnecting with people she met last time, tucking into some tropical fruit and brushing up on her Pigeon English with a language tutor while she's there. "I've had a book out of the VSA library trying to sharpen up a bit but the kids all learn English at school and I imagine the teachers will be pretty good."

"The kids all have local tribal dialect languages, but everybody speaks Tok Pisin, which is their version of Pigeon English."

So for now, Beryl farewells her family, friends and colleagues in New Zealand by saying: "lukim yu behain - it's kinda like see you later, goodbye, farewell".

**DETAILS:** To follow Beryl's volunteer work, email [briley459@gmail.com](mailto:briley459@gmail.com) for access to her blog.

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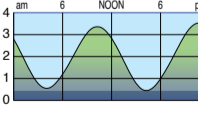
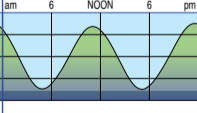
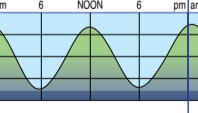
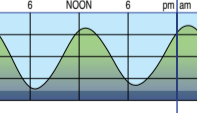
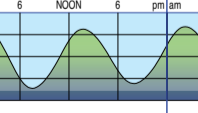
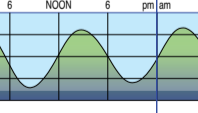
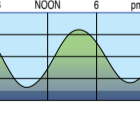
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Tairua	+0	11	+0	21	
Whangamata	-0	02	-0	05	
Waihi Beach	-0	11	-0	12	

# \$15.3m marine precinct officially opens

By ALICE PARMINTER, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

Kōpū's \$15.3 million Marine Servicing and Business Precinct was officially opened to much fanfare on June 21, with visiting dignitaries Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters; Minister of Regional Development, Oceans and Fisheries Shane Jones; and Minister of Customs Casey Costello, invited along for the event.

The 80-metre commercial wharf and floating pontoon will enable in-water marine servicing and vessel loading. It includes an upgraded commercial slipway and unsealed haul-out area, and a public boat ramp with trailer parking for 34 boats alongside the main structure.

Up to 100 new jobs are expected to be created as a result of the precinct's opening, in aquaculture, light engineering and secondary services.

Friday's ribbon-cutting was the culmination of seven years' work to develop the facility. Mr Peters said the new infrastructure was expected to double the value of the region's aquaculture exports over the next 20 years to \$180 million.

"[The precinct] will deliver enhanced maritime productivity for Thames Coromandel by improving access to the Hauraki Gulf. Currently 11 per cent of aquaculture industry jobs in New



The Kōpū Marine Servicing and Business Precinct was officially opened by Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters on June 21.



Photos: ALICE PARMINTER

Zealand are based in Thames Coromandel," he said.

"This used to be a world-leading province once, not just in New Zealand, but world-leading; and it's time you got your mojo back."

Mr Jones said the government was committed to growing the aquaculture sector in New Zealand's provinces.

"[The government] made a commitment in 2018 and 19: let's upgrade the maritime infra-

structure around the coastline of New Zealand so that those of us who hail from these areas are able to celebrate that birthright of ours. The connection between people, the coast communities, the coast - and enable the coast to play a larger role in driving forward our economy," he said.

The ministers also announced the government's new \$1.2 billion regional infrastructure fund at the opening, which will start from July 1. The fund will be for

"projects that build new infrastructure and enhance existing infrastructure for the benefit of regional businesses, organisations and communities," Mr Peters said.

A \$20 million project to upgrade Te Arika Tahī Sugarloaf Wharf in Waipapa Bay is also underway as part of the push to develop aquaculture infrastructure in the region.

Kōpū Marine Precinct's opening ceremony was attended

by Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki Mayors Len Salt and Toby Adams, Waikato Regional Council chair Pamela Storey, and representatives of the Thames-Coromandel District Council, Thames Community Board, Thames Business Association, and Ngāti Maru.

The facility opened to the public on June 22.



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# Education

## National chess finals in sight for THS

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

It was a clear “checkmate” for a group of Thames High School students who competed at the Regional Chess Challenge recently, coming away with a 24-point win to secure five spots at the national competition in October.

Thames High students Felix Milner, Jay Majurey, Immanuel Huwald, Til Guernth and Guido Fiorenzi were dubbed the top five individual players of the challenge held at Hauraki Plains College on June 5, which means they qualified for the Chess Power ONSITE Team National Finals in Wellington.

Seventeen-year-old Kou Ichikawa was part of the team and placed 11th, but missed out on the national qualification.

Thirteen-year-old champion Felix Milner told *The Profile* even though his team was expecting it - “it still felt great to win”.

Felix said he played seven games, and even though the first three were relatively easy - he struggled most in the one he lost against a player from Ngaruawahia High School.

“They had a few good players. There were two Year 13s I think that I struggled a bit against,” Felix said.

“And those were probably the two hardest games.”

Overall, Felix said he usually played “quite positionally and fast”, but during the last few moves of the game he would find



THS regional chess challenge champs, left, Felix Milner, Immanuel Huwald, Til Guernth, Jay Majurey and Guido Fiorenzi.

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himself getting “locked up”.

“I need more movement in my end games, so that’s probably the biggest thing,” he said.

When asked if he could create a new chess move, Felix said he’d like to see a further reaching knight - one that moves three squares forward and two squares across.

His inspiration came from chess videos and tournaments, but it was: “playing with my Dad that always got me started”, he said.

Meanwhile, 16-year-old Jay Ma-

jurey said he first took up the game when he saw a chess board in the library office in 2022.

Jay said he wasn’t really preparing for the national competition in any way - but was looking forward to playing with new people.

A similar sentiment was expressed by 15-year-old Immanuel Huwald, who said he always enjoyed the challenge of playing against others - but in terms of preparation: “I just play chess”.

He said it’s like any other sport.

“If you want to get good you

need to practice and play against other people, most importantly people of varying playing ability.”

Meanwhile, 16-year-old Til Guernth said the most important thing about chess was just “playing a ton”.

“You can learn theory and everything, but playing chess against people who are stronger than you is the best way you can improve.”

Til is an exchange student and will head back to Germany in August so unfortunately wouldn’t be able to go to the nationals.

He said he would have prepared for the competition by watching chess videos from Youtuber GothamChess.

But when it came to winning, 18-year-old Guido Fiorenzi said it was not always a good thing.

“The fun part of this game is to squeeze your brain to overcome the opponent’s tactics.”

He said the most important thing in chess was how you can play 100 excellent moves: “but just one blunder will lead you to lose the game”.

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### CELEBRATING SUCCESS



#### Chess Champs headed to Nationals

On Wednesday 5 June six students competed in the regional chess tournament held at Hauraki Plains College, aiming to secure a spot in the Chess Nationals in Wellington this October. Five of the students qualified:

Felix Milner (Year 9)

Jay Majurey (Year 12)

Immanuel Huwald (Year 11)

Til Guernth (Year 12)

Guido Fiorenzi (Year 13), who also ranked in the top five individual players.

Kou Ichikawa (Year 12) finished 11th among the 45 participants from Hauraki Plains College, Ngaruawahia High School, Paeroa College, and Thames High School.

Well done and good luck for the Nationals in October!



#### Waikato Swimming Champ Results

Congratulations to the students below for competing in the Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming Championships on Wednesday 5 June.

Results are:

**-3rd Overall Boys 14-15 50 SC Metre Butterfly**

Lorenzo Yamamoto (Year 11)

**-3rd Overall Girls 13 & Under 100 Short Course Metre Breaststroke**

**-4th Overall Girls 13 & Under 50 Short Course Metre Breaststroke**

**-7th Overall Girls 13 & Under 100 Short Course Metre Medley**

Nova Sawyer (Year 10)

**-3rd Overall Girls 13 & Under 50 Short Course Metre Backstroke**

**-6th Overall Girls 13 & Under 50 Short Course Metre Freestyle**

Maia Whitney



#### International Food Festival

Thames High School's annual International Food Festival delighted attendees once again on Wednesday 12 June.

Students showcased a diverse array of culinary delights from various cultures, including German, Turkish, Canadian, Japanese and Indian, receiving widespread praise for the high quality of food on offer this year.

Special thanks go to Student Leader Izzy Fitzsimmons for overseeing the event, International Student Manager Pauline Managh, Food Technology kaiako Dianna Phillips, and the whānau volunteers for their invaluable guidance and support to the students.



#### Competition won with Guitar Mastery

Luca Yamamoto (Year 9) competed in the annual New Zealand School of Music Competition held at Pukekohe on Saturday 8 June.

As a self-taught guitar player, he earned impressive accolades:

**Gold - Open Competition Category**

Song: “Spanish Nights”

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Song: “Open Seas”

**Silver - Text Piece Category**

Song: “Someone you loved”

Amazing achievement Luca!

# Minister put on notice by Kōpū protesters

By ALICE PARMINTER, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

Protesters took to Kōpū's streets on June 21, in a bid to get the attention of the visiting Minister of Regional Development, Shane Jones.

Mr Jones was in Kōpū for the opening of the new marine precinct. In anticipation of his arrival, around 30 people from various community groups, led by Coromandel Watchdog Hauraki, set up camp on the corners of Kōpū Rd and Queen St with banners and flags. Coromandel Watchdog chairperson Catherine Delahunty said the intention of the peaceful gathering was to show their opposition to the proposed fast track bill, currently being debated in Parliament.

"We're here to protest the fast track bill and the Minister's attack on the Coromandel, Hauraki area on mining. He's been very clear that he is going to do everything in his power to help this area be mined, including areas where sensitive creatures live: 200 million-year-old frogs and other things," Catherine said.

"People around here really, really care about the future of



A peaceful protest met Minister Shane Jones, left, on his trip to Kōpū on June 21.

Photos: ALICE PARMINTER

"There's quite a lot of activity going on that we need to be aware of, and normally that would be preparing to go to court. The court has never been a level playing field because we don't have the money for the expensive witnesses, but now they're taking away the playing field altogether."

Catherine said the protesters were not opposed to the new marine precinct, and had deliberately placed themselves several metres away from the official proceedings.

"We're not here to disrupt

that moment - we're here because Minister Shane Jones is coming."

Mr Jones fronted up to the protesters after the marine precinct opening ceremony. He could be seen chatting to protesters on the roadside as deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters, dignitaries and invited guests dispersed from the marine park. He told *The Profile* the natural resources of New Zealand needed to be utilised if the region wanted to grow.

"Economic growth at the moment in this rohe is stagnant,

zero. So there will be trade-offs. And I have never hidden from the fact that I am a pro-industry, development-orientated politician," he said.

"Whether it's more aquaculture or more gold mining, that's what I came into politics to push. Now, I fear that the odd frog has been given biblical status, [but] there's probably more frogs in the belly of the local wild pig population than under the machinery of the local miners."



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# Ngatea settler mauled by 'belligerent bull'



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** explores our local history by seeking out stories of life and death in the Thames Valley

Bad tempered bulls were nothing new to 46-year-old Ernest Phillips of Ngatea.

Ernest had been born in the Falkland Islands and when he was 16 started working for the Falkland Islands Company.

The company, which had been granted a Royal Charter to Trade by Queen Victoria in 1852, was originally founded to tame the island's thousands of wild cattle as well as develop sheep farming, establish a general store and provide regular postal communication on the islands and with mainland Europe.

By Ernest's time, in the late 1890s, workers lived in camp settlements – areas with coastal pasture where wild cattle and sheep could easily be corralled.

Ernest's brothers also worked for the company, some of them starting at the ages of 13 or 14. The Phillips family was large – Jesse and Harriet had 15 children of whom nine would survive. They had



A settler and his first house on the Hauraki Plains, 1910. SUPPLIED

moved to the Falkland Islands in the 1870s; Jesse working for the company.

In 1898, when Ernest was 23, he left the islands for Chile and went on to fight in the second Anglo Boer war. At the end of this, in 1902, he returned to the Falkland Islands eventually leaving in 1905 for Canada.

Over the years three of the Phillips sons, including Ernest, made their way to New Zealand and settled in Ngatea and Pate-tonga.

After 38 years' residence at Falkland Islands, most of the Phillips family left for Liverpool, England and in 1913 Jesse, Harriet, two sons and one daughter came to New Zealand. Over the years, more of the family would follow them.

The Philips' were among the first settlers at Ngatea and the

boys' farming operation on the Canal Rd was known as Phillips Brothers.

In 1915, 66-year-old Jesse died followed in 1916 by his son Henry, 37, who died of measles and bronchial pneumonia at Featherston Military Hospital, Wairarapa.

His funeral at Thames was accorded all military honours - returned soldiers acted as pall bearers, while large numbers of his friends, some coming from great distances, marched to the cemetery.

The Phillips brothers were well respected at Ngatea and on the Hauraki Plains.

Early in 1922, extensive alterations were made to the Ngatea Hall.

The labour was provided by Ernest who guaranteed the work for 30 pounds.

He, together with his two brothers and another man they employed, constructed the building.

The whole 30 pounds paid for the employees' work, the Phillips brothers giving their labour for free. They were recognised as being real benefactors to the Ngatea township.

Just over a month later, Ernest was driving the belligerent bull from a paddock into a yard when it suddenly turned and charged him. His brothers rushed to his aid.

Ernest was severely injured and taken to Thames Hospital as quickly as possible but he died at 2am the next day.

The bull which inflicted the injuries was said to be a fierce one, and on previous occasions had given Ernest trouble. He had intended to dehorn it.

The funeral of Ernest, who was single, was largely attended. He was very popular on the Plains, and the hearse was followed by a large number of farmers from the district.

Wreaths were sent from the Farmers' Union at Ngatea and the Ngatea Hall Committee. Ernest was buried at Shortland cemetery with his father.

At the opening of the newly renovated Ngatea Hall two months after Ernest's death tribute was paid to the "highly esteemed gentleman".

There was a small debt from the renovations and it was proposed to hold a bazaar to reduce it, the residents of Ngatea being urged to all take up the generous attitude of the late Ernest Phillips.

## Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. How many stars make up the Matariki cluster?
2. Which actress became a princess in 1956 by marrying Prince Rainer III of Monaco?
3. Which US state has the lowest boat ownership per capita? a) Arizona, b) Hawaii or c) Minnesota?
4. Since 2018 the band Fleetwood Mac has included which New Zealand born musician?
5. The flag of Wales features which mythological creature?
6. The Suez canal passes through which country?
7. Between 2018 and 2023, did the North or South Island have the greatest population growth?
8. Osso buco is an Italian dish made with which meat?
9. Which autobiography sold the most copies in 2023? *Spare* by Prince Harry or *The Woman In Me* by Britney Spears?
10. Aute or paper mulberry was a plant introduced by ancestors of Māori. What product was the bark mainly used for?



Answers: 1. 9 (some areas of Aotearoa recognize 7 stars); 2. Grace Kelly; 3. b) Hawaii; 4. Neil Finn; 5. a dragon; 6. Egypt; 7. South Island - 7.3% compared to North Island at 5.9% growth; 8. Veal (beef); 9. *Spare* by Prince Harry (1.19 million print copies sold, compared to 417,947 for *The Woman In Me*); 10. tapa (cloth).

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# Paeroa's historic buildings inspire author

By TALLIS AUSTEN, Gateway Journalism Student

Tricia Legg is no stranger to creativity and artistry.

Along with her husband Mike Legg, the Paeroa author and illustrator has produced a number of children's books inspired by real places, people and sparks of imagination.

Tricia illustrates the books that she and Mike create with a range of visual art styles, from watercolours and pastels, to poster paint, collages and coloured pencil.

"Mike writes most of them, I illustrate all of them, and we have the most amazing life," she said.

Tricia is both author and illustrator of her latest project, one which draws inspiration a little closer to home. The book she's working on will feature her hand drawn illustrations of historical buildings and houses found throughout Paeroa.

"We write stories that are based on all sorts of other places, all sorts of other towns, but I always thought that Paeroa was missing out," she said.

"I'd seen these beautiful buildings and I thought, everyone talks about the antique shops, they all talk about stopping for food, but nobody's noticing all these amazing old original buildings."

Mike and Tricia, among



Tricia with one of her illustrations of an historic Paeroa building for the upcoming children's book. Photo: TALLIS AUSTEN

many other jobs and ventures, are both former teachers. Tricia taught art from intermediate to polytech, and says she "has an issue with any kids book that is too dull or dumbed down".

She hopes this book will provide children in Paeroa a creative connection to their home and place.

"I think our kids deserve to be treated as intelligent little hu-

mans that have a lust for learning, so let's teach them good stuff, but in a real fun way.

"So this will actually be quite a fun story when it's finished and they can walk through Paeroa and say 'that's in my book' and appreciate our old buildings".

The storyline of the book is yet to be revealed, but Tricia has been teasing snippets on

Facebook, uploading peeks of illustrations and challenging those who may recognise the Paeroa area to guess where the building drawn is located. To add another touch of fun and competition, whoever guesses correctly first will be invited to the Paeroa launch of the book.

"That's the fun of the social media and all the different posts, whoever's guessed

right first gets an invitation," she said. "When people see the houses they live in, it gives a real sense of community and pride. Pride in the old things that are here and are still living and wonderful.

"It's this whole big community thing that I think over winter, when everyone's cold and a little bit sad, will brighten everyone up."

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# Oils and wood carving to feature

The first of the July featured artists at Thames Art Gallery is Dennis Matthews, an artist whose preference to paint in oils began when he started dabbling in this medium in his mid thirties, but he didn't get serious about painting until he fully retired some 10 years ago.

His initial creative outlet was photography, which he pursued while living and working as a civil engineer in various parts of the Pacific and Asia for 16 years. While there, he found that the strong lights, colours, tropical landscapes, sunsets and different cultures of places like Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Indonesia, Fiji and Laos greatly influenced the creative ideas for his paintings.

After experimenting with watercolor and acrylic paints, he made the decision to concentrate on oils. Dennis has developed a style that suits subjects such as landscapes and portraits, to semi surrealism and somewhere in between. Recently Dennis has revived an old skill of using pen and Indian ink, a technique he learnt while training as a mapping draftsman.

Thames Coast resident Mike Tate's extremely varied and interesting past has led him on a journey to becoming the unique artist he is today. His proficiency in carving recycled native timbers began years ago with his pursuit of the outdoors, whether

ocean swimming, diving, sailing and tramping around New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, to name a few.

Mike says he can't keep still, and that seems to be the way his head works. His swimming achievements have included crossing the Firth Of Thames in 7.5 hours, (one of three people to do so), swimming the Colville channel to Great Barrier in five hours and circumnavigating Rangitoto Island in 7.5 hours. Retirement has not seen an easing of his outdoor activities and trapping for the Thames Coast Kiwi Care has enabled him to get out into the rainforest around him and "go mad" with videoing and photographing of his surroundings. He even dabbled in rock art for a while and collected rocks from all over New Zealand.

Mike's move into carving began when he inherited an old bandsaw his great grandfather used. He started cutting out boards and carving what he saw in the bush and this has extended to other subjects, including boat wrecks, whales, fish and wall art.

Mike says he enjoys the creative process and when he is on a roll he can't stop. He hopes people can relate to what he's doing because he loves to share his experiences and love of his craft with everyone.

**DETAILS: Thames Art Gallery, 604 Tararu Rd, open Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm and weekends 10am to 4pm.**



Painter Dennis Matthews, left, and wood carver Mike Tate.

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**Rural Life**



The annual NZ garden bird survey kicks off on June 29.  
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During the survey period of June 29 to July 2, participants are asked to choose a day to spend one hour in their garden, and count all the birds they see or hear during that time.

Observations can then be submitted to the survey website. The website has a number of useful resources for participants, including bird identification tools and tally sheets. The processed data will be published in the State of New Zealand Garden Birds | Te Āhua o ngā Manu o te Kāri I Aotearoa report.

This is the 17th annual survey run by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research. Since 2007, more than 70,000 surveys have been submitted by tens of thousands of volunteer citizen scientists, helping to establish definitive trends for increasing and declining numbers of birds.

The agency said the survey is the only one of its kind that informs policy makers, scientists, bird enthusiasts and other organisations nationwide with an interest in the state of New Zealand's garden birds and their environment.

The collected data acts as a backyard barometer, providing an early warning system to highlight any health issues, as well as evidence that birds are thriving.

There are some prizes to be won, including an OM System OM-5 camera with 14-150mm lens for the best bird photo submitted during the survey period, and prizes for the tamariki with the best colouring-in skills.

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# Rural Life

## Success through change



By Dr Ilyse Jennens

Over the past few weeks, we have been meeting with dairy farmers to review animal health performance in the previous season and more importantly to plan the season ahead; working together to ensure there are plans in place to meet the farm's goals.

For many farms, goals include increasing production by improving pasture utilisation and animal health.

What has been exciting for us as veterinarians is to see the success of the changes made the previous season, with improvements for many farms being seen in reproductive performance, lameness, somatic cell counts and mastitis.

The benefits of these gains flow on to production gains and, while harder to quantify, improvements in cow welfare and farm staff time availability, i.e. not stuck at the shed for hours treating cases of mastitis.

The availability of welfare monitoring and benchmarking tools such as WelFarm and technology such as wearable tags and collars to measure live cow data has greatly assisted our ability to provide true measurements and proactive, rather than reactive advice.

Additionally, these improvements in animal health and productivity offer opportunities to reduce on-farm emission intensity to enable the supply of products sought by



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As we await the arrival of technology to reduce emissions, there remain further opportunities for emission reductions through improving herd performance, optimising cow nutrition and nutrients from fertiliser and minimising farm energy use.

Within the sustainability space, with animal health, farms have made significant changes in recent years in reducing antibiotic usage, again mainly through prevention-focused strategies.

With the emergence of anthelmintic (drench) resistance, we are also making recommendations to consider a more planned and monitored approach to drench usage to ensure these work on individual properties and are used as required alongside other management-based prevention strategies.

Farmers have been able to sell their story of the improvements they have made in this space already and want to lead the way forward, so the opportunity is now before us to demonstrate that this can be achieved.

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# Look up - 'where does my help come from?'

**OPINION**

By MICHAEL WILKES



Like many of you, I found myself standing outside staring at the night sky looking up recently. Arms folded tight and hands tucked into my armpits, I strained to see the subtle hues of red in the night sky. I was a bit late to the party and didn't hear about it until it was almost over.

Yet the following day, I found myself in an early morning meeting and the excitement around the aurora event was tangible. It was talked about with excitement, and I found myself taking a moment to pause. It's not very often we have an event that causes us all to look up in awe together. But when we do, in general we see excitement, we share joy, and we celebrate together.

And I paused to simply consider - what is it that we are looking at most the time? Because whatever we are looking at, it is not creating the same joy or excitement. A relentless pace of life, news bombarding our feeds that's mostly negative (because that's what sells), and Netflix binge watching - it's no wonder we find little time to look up. We simply do not find the time to even hear ourselves.

I like the lines from an ancient psalm where the writer pens: "I look to the mountains" and paus-



The aurora from Primrose Hill, Paeroa. File Photo: ALICE PARMINTER  
es. That's the value of looking to the grandeur of the world, we can pause a moment in the awe of it all. And in the pause he considers: "Where does my help come from?". As we come off our aurora highs, having seen something grand and somethings majestic, having experienced shared joy and excitement. Maybe, just maybe we could all take a moment to pause long enough during the next few sunsets to consider ourselves and hear the deep questions of our own heart.

*Michael Wilkes is a Living Well Trust Youth Worker. He and his team provide mentoring and resilience programmes across Thames and Paeroa to more than 300 students a year. They are passionate about supporting our young people to thrive. Much of this work is funded outside of schools and it becoming increasingly challenging in the current climate. Email michael@livingwell.org.nz to sign up to their quarterly newsletter or to become a supporter.*

# Gardening

## Cheerful mid-winter flowers bloom

We are almost to the middle of winter, although the temperatures are reasonably warm and there have been no frosts to speak of so growth is still good. With welcome rain, it becomes a bit gloomy, but many cheerful flowers begin to emerge in the garden, camellias, leucadendrons, daphne and some early spring bulbs to brighten our days.

Vegetables - If the soil is dry enough, the empty spaces in the vegetable garden can be cultivated, fertilised with blood and bone and sheep pellets and then planted out.

You can also apply a heavy dressing of compost and leave as a mulch on the surface to be dug in later if you don't want to plant straight away.

Sow your favourite veges like beetroot, broad beans, cauliflower, lettuce, mizuna, potatoes, silverbeet, kale and cabbage. Cover where possible to protect.

Continue harvesting beetroot, carrots, cabbage, kale, leeks, lettuce, mizuna, peas, radish, rocket and silverbeet, if lucky enough to have all this produce in your garden.

When planting new crops make sure you put plenty of slug bait and derris dust around the seedlings to protect from pests. Stake or support broad beans as they grow.

Flower Garden - now is the time to plant winter sweet, camellias, viburnum, winter roses, hellebores, dianthus, leucadendrons, violets, daphne, kowhai and flowering kale.

Fruit trees - in the fruit garden it is all about planting new season fruit trees. Check for earliest signs of bud



Daphne flowers will brighten winter days.

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movement on early season plums and peaches. Inspect terminal leaf buds critically. Green tip sprays are vital for control of leaf curl and bladder plum infections. Apply copper spray or similar.

Prune your deciduous fruit trees now. Ensure that your cutting tools are clean and sharp, and clean and protect cuts with a pruning paste.

Citrus - harvest citrus carefully. Cold temperatures are responsible for intensifying skin colour but it doesn't necessarily indicate full maturity. Provide protection against cold.

Grapes - select the strongest growing canes when pruning. Cut out old wood which bore last season's fruit. Remove those which are thin and weak. Passionfruit - apply copper spray to protect against grease spot disease. Berry fruits - complete pruning and plant some extras like raspberries, gooseberries, boysenberries

or blackberries, if you have room. They are so good for us. Strawberries - carefully cultivate around plants, side dress with a balanced fertiliser. Mulch with either peas straw or pine needles. Be wary of possible frosts so make sure you have frost cloth to cover susceptible plants.

Roses - to promote healthy rose bushes and a fabulous floral display, there are two simple steps to take during winter: prune and spray. Completely remove any dead stems (usually grey) then prune each stem to just above an outward facing bud. Spray with Conqueror oil and Copper and again in two weeks' time to help break the pest cycle.

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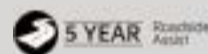
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Rehearsals begin for *That Bloody Woman* rock opera

Rehearsals have begun for Waihi Drama Society's latest rock opera, *That Bloody Woman*.

"Kate Sheppard is a kiwi icon known for getting women the vote but what do we really know about her life and those of her fellow suffragettes?" a spokesperson said.

"How, against unbelievably fierce opposition, did they win the right to have a say in their futures?"

Their struggles are immortalised in *That Bloody Woman*, which Waihi Drama Society will stage in October.

Written by Luke Di Somma and Gregory Cooper, the play re-interprets historical events and showcases Kate as a rabble-rousing rebel.

Much to her surprise, Kati-kati's Tracey Carter has been cast as Kate Sheppard.

"It's such a ballsy play, I can't wait to get into it," she said.

Whangamata Theatre's new president Tracey Blake plays her best friend, Jenny, and was also looking forward to rehearsals.

"I don't really find my character until I'm on the stage, so having a dedicated theatre is brilliant," Blake said.

It's the story that's intrigued



The Cast of *That Bloody Woman* at their first get-together. Absent: Stephen Tankard, Amy Tankard, Joe Buckley.

Photo: JASON URLICH

some of the younger cast members with Waihi College student Tessa Menary wondering why she didn't know how the vote came about.

"Why don't we learn about this at school?" she asked.

The play is directed by Bianca Till with musical direction by Victoria Menary.

Both are founders of Youth Theatreworks in Waihi and Till, who is also a Waihi Drama committee member, welcomes

the opportunity to bring the two groups together for the show.

"Part of the Theatreworks strategic plan is that we contribute to a community theatre show every two years. This fits

the bill. It's had rave reviews in every town it's been staged".

**DETAILS: Evenings Oct 17-19 and 24-26, matinee October 20. Tickets released August, with early bird price during August. Info: www.waihidramasociety.co.nz.**

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## TV RUGBY

Round 11 - hot from Tighthead Ted's telegraph

A pair of half tons for the winners this week, as teams began flexing their muscles as semi-finals approach. Unfortunately, the team with the biggest flex this season, Waihi, won by default after COBRAS pulled the pin on Friday. However, a rest before next week's clash of the titans against Paeroa might not be a bad thing. These two teams have one loss between them this season, and this match is potentially a foreshadowing of the final, but I expect Waihou and Whangamata will have something to say about this next week. But we digress, this week's matches - read on MacBeth.

### THAMES v WHANGAMATA

Rhodes Park Ice Rink, Thames. Referee: D Tui

A cold and blustery afternoon greeted the teams in this must-win match for Whangamata. Thames, depleted by injuries, as most teams have been this season, still managed to field a competitive 15, and kept Whangamata honest for the full 80.

It looked ominous for the Taniwha early however, as the Red 'n' Whites exploded in the opening minutes. A try to lock Finn McCall after a minute when Thames were caught napping waiting for a kick to the sidelines, which was duly tapped and after a couple of passes, a 40 metre run in for the five pointer.

A few minutes later and a short side attack saw Takarangi Kerepeti put Tupou Tonga in for his weekly try. A conversion from Tiaontin Raoren, it was 12-0 after ten minutes, and the floodgates looked to be opening.

Thames were made of sterner stuff though, and on the back of some strong running from number-eight Laulea Mau, and astute decision making from Mitch Murphy, fought their way back into the game. A try for Murphy from his own kick and chase and nasty bounce saw them back into the fight. A 5-12 scoreline at the break would have been just reward for the Taniwha, who defended well, and forced many errors from the hungry, but trying-too-hard Whangamata side. It was not to be though, with Ben Clarke slicing through a tiring defence in the 39th minute to blow the score out to 19-5.

The second half started with a hiss and a roar for Whangamata, and two tries in the first ten minutes. The first to winger Sonny Rau, dotting down for his fifth try of the season after a jinking crossfield run from Clarke. Then the Whanga pack flexed and drove hooker Jack O'Halloran over from a lineout. The score blowing out from 5-19 to 5-31, and the floodgates had been forced open again.

The tries kept coming at regular intervals through to full time, with subs dotting down for the four final five pointers as Whangamata ran the bench with plenty of time left on the clock.

While the score did quickly mount, at no stage did Thames make it easy for the visitors. The scores were hard earned, except for perhaps when big Thames lock Corbin Saunders had a clearing kick charged

down and Fozz Gilbert took the easiest of tries under the bar! But we won't mention that!

Speaking of Mr Saunders, but for that kick, the big man had a massive match, carting the ball forward (usually) for the full 80, and tackling himself to a standstill. His locking partner, Luke Chambers, was impressive too, tireless on defence and a great source of lineout pill. Number eight Mau was a menace with ball in hand, and Mitch Murphy as always was in the thick of everything, starting at ten before slotting into halfback after injury. Also worthy of a mention, hooker Tate Payze, gutsy for the duration.

Among Whangamata's best were props Jordan Cordice and veteran Brad Laurensen. Cordice's highlights included a couple of big runs, looking like a cross between a giraffe and a baby elephant as he galloped up the field. Laurensen, also a hybrid giraffe/baby elephant in his younger days, has turned into a tackling machine, and again this week put in many big hits. His pre-season training regime\* is paying off. Flankers Jake Barfoot and Jacob Chaplin were menaces over the ball, and dangerous on the carry.

Halfback Tiaontin Raoren had his lethal running game on display and distributed well. Midfielder Joe Perawiti was powerful and led many charges, while out wide at fullback, Telly Hemopo must have had the Valley selectors sitting up and taking notice.

Next week Thames travel to Mercury Bay for their final match of the season, in what should be a cracker - both sides out of the race for semifinals, so nothing to lose. On the hard track at Whitianga it should be open rugby and plenty of tries we hope!

Whangamata are off to Te Aroha to take on Waihou, who already beat them this season. With Waihi playing Paeroa in the match of the round, winner and loser in this match could face either of the big boys a week later. So, all to play for regardless.

Thames 5 (M Murphy try), lost to Whangamata 55 (F McCall, T Tonga, B Clarke, S Rau, J O'Halloran, C Tuilotolava, T Bond, K Gilbert, D Dyer tries; T Raoren 5 conversions). HT 5-19

### PAEROA v MERCURY BAY

Centennial Park, Paeroa. Ref: S Pinny

With one game in a month, and no game for a fortnight, Paeroa were champing at the bit for some time on the field with a referee's whistle blowing, instead of a coach's. And it showed in the early stages of the match as forced passes, missed tackles, wrong options and general over enthusiasm saw the Green Machine make life hard for themselves. This along with Mercury Bay hitting the ground running in the first 25 minutes, and forcing many of the errors and bad decisions, kept the scoreline at 14-10 through the first quarter and a bit.

However, as Paeroa shook off the ring rust, and started to hit their straps, their big men running at the depleted Bay side, holes started to appear and tries started to be scored. Two tries late in the half blowing the score out to 26-10.

The second 40 saw the home side crack the game



Laulea Mau and Joe Perawiti.

Photo: TVRFU

wide open, two quick tries to Coel Kerr and Tyrone Keith putting paid to any chance of a Marlin's fight back, and with Kerr completing his hat trick, and a penalty try by the 54-minute mark, it looked like Paeroa could rack up a massive score.

Brave defence from the visitors kept the home side scoreless for the next 20 minutes before Silao Talimao scored his second. Not to be outdone, Whiti' scored a nice try through teenager Jacob Corley. Paeroa finished the day with hooker Brooklin Toia dotting down for a well-deserved try.

Standing out for the Green Machine, in a great team effort were hooker Toia with big tackling and danger-

ous ball carrying. Number eight Silao Talimao, who relished the close quarter running and Tyrone Keith of the backs was outstanding.

Mercury Bay's best were prop Anzac Waterhouse, Coleville Green at fullback, and Taine Wilson in the midfield. Yes, Taine Wilson, becoming the first man to be able to hang three club team photos from the same season in the hallway. Four photos if you add in the Mongoose B team, he's going to have to get a bigger hallway - but well done mate, Tighthead Ted hopes you managed to accidentally take home a jersey from each team... Paeroa travels to Waihi next week for a match for the ages - if it's half as good as Tighthead Ted thinks it's going to be, it'll be twice as good as that bloody Super Rugby final... Mercury Bay await Thames in what will top match too, both teams wanting to head into summer with a final win. Paeroa 64 (O Te Oka-Cox, H Beazley, C Kerr 3, S Talimao 2, T Keith, B Toia, penalty tries; N Emery 6 conversions) beat Mercury Bay 17 (C Green, J Corley tries; C Curren 2 conversions, penalty). HT 26-10

\*Veteran Prop Pre Season Training Programme. Watch two matches of the A team, play two matches for the B team, and then into it, none of that gym or running carry-on, that's for beginners. Copyright B Laurensen 2011-2024.  
**SENIOR B** Whangamata 13 lost to Coromandel 19  
 Waihou 42 beat Waihi 19  
**SENIOR C** Ngatea 16 lost to North 18  
 Mercury Bay 12 lost to Thames 32  
**UNDER 21** Hamilton Marist 59 beat Rugby United 14

## Thames Valley Club Rugby

### SENIOR A

Saturday June 29th

Waihi	V	Paeroa
Hauraki North	V	Te Aroha COBRAS
Mercury Bay	V	Thames
Waihou	V	Whangamata



All Senior A games start at 2.00pm (unless stated)

Teams named first indicate home team



### SENIOR B

Coromandel	V	Waihi	Sat June 29th	12.25pm
Te Aroha COBRAS	V	Whangamata	Sat June 29th	12.25pm
Waihou - Bye				

### SENIOR C

Hauraki North	V	Thames	Sat June 29th	12.25pm
Ngatea	V	Mercury Bay	Sat June 29th	12.25pm



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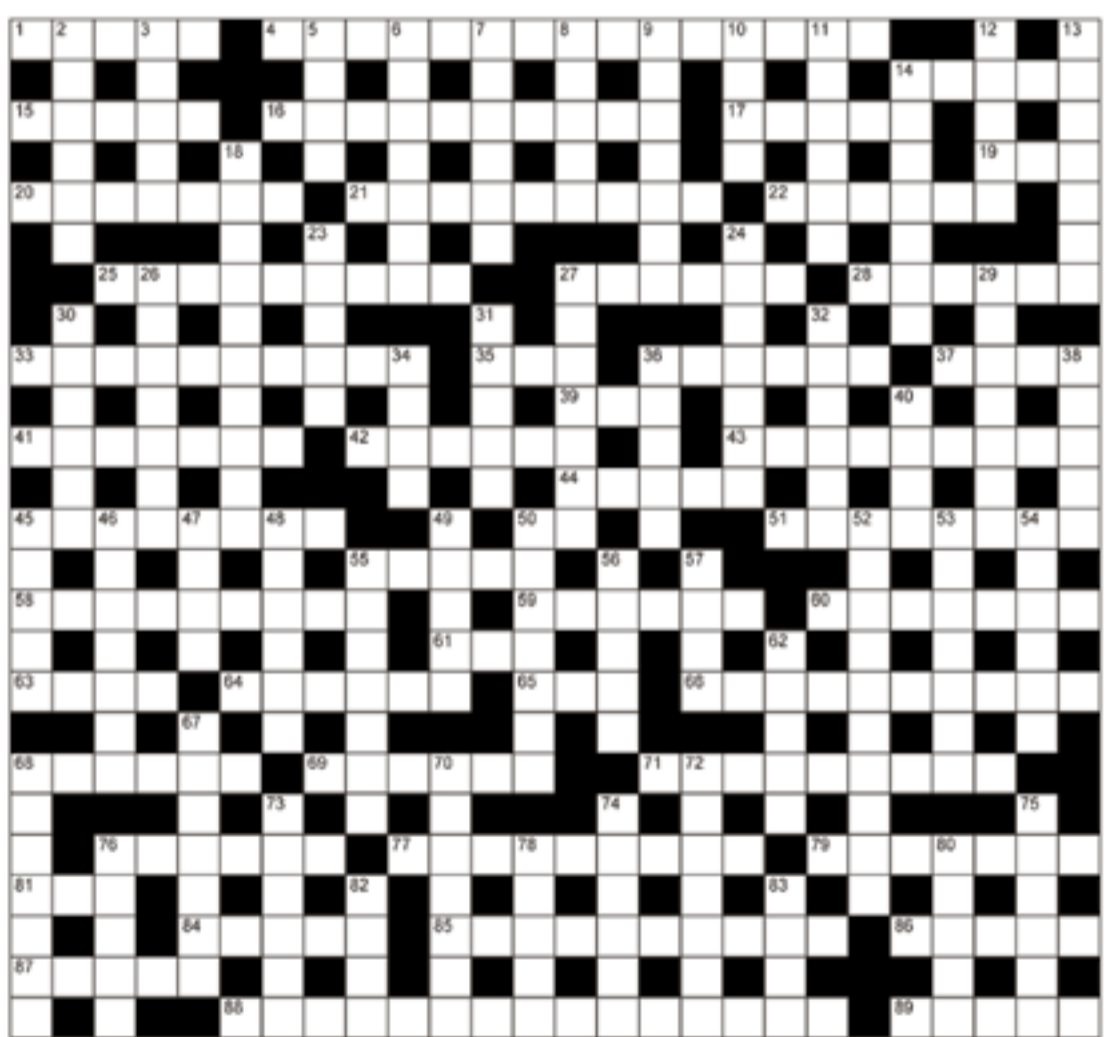
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# JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Damp (5)
  - 4 Overnight accommodation (3,3,9)
  - 14 Might (5)
  - 15 Smell (5)
  - 16 Famishment (10)
  - 17 Work out (5)
  - 19 Enjoyment (3)
  - 20 Badly behaved (7)
  - 21 Add up; ring true (4,5)
  - 22 Chewy confectionery (6)
  - 25 Height instrument (9)
  - 27 Beat (6)
  - 28 Thin paper (6)
  - 33 Intentional (10)
  - 35 Small carpet (3)
  - 36 Speech of praise (6)
  - 37 Percussion instrument (4)
  - 39 Totally (3)
  - 41 Neck vein (7)
  - 42 Cut into two (6)
  - 43 Alliance (9)
  - 44 Subject (5)
  - 45 Naked runner (8)
  - 50 Egyptian sun god (2)
  - 51 And so on (8)
  - 55 Nimble (5)
  - 58 Clever and inventive (9)
  - 59 Stone fruit (6)
  - 60 Make clear (7)
  - 61 As well (3)
  - 63 Carried off (4)
  - 64 Mediterranean island (6)
  - 65 Tank (3)
  - 66 Skilful (10)
  - 68 Hearsay (6)
  - 69 Filch (6)
  - 71 Life story (9)
  - 76 Pattern of inlaid pieces (6)
  - 77 Magic part (anag) (9)
  - 79 Wound dressing (7)
  - 81 Prompt (3)
  - 84 Relation (2-3)
  - 85 Study leave (10)
  - 86 Practical joke (5)
  - 87 Leather belt (5)
  - 88 Third place-getter (6,9)
  - 89 Foot lever (5)
  - DOWN**
  - 2 Trial (6)
  - 3 Oscillated (5)
  - 5 Consumes (4)
  - 6 Flying charge (7)
  - 7 Dealer in fabrics (6)
  - 8 Elevate (5)
  - 9 General pardon (7)
  - 10 Closed hand (4)
  - 11 Rarely (6)
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  - 13 Hard rock (7)
  - 14 Antarctic bird (7)
  - 18 Retaliate (6,4)
  - 23 Hinder (5)
  - 24 Ceremonial goblet (7)
  - 26 Free time (7)
  - 27 Boating event (7)
  - 29 Inspection and repair (7)
  - 30 Outcome (6)
  - 31 Basket for fish (5)
  - 32 Horrified (6)
  - 34 Heinous (4)
  - 36 Young eel (5)
  - 38 Craze (5)
  - 40 Excessively abundant (4)
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  - 48 Foreign; non-native (6)
  - 49 Unclean (5)
  - 50 Get back (7)
  - 52 Knock off work (4,2,1,3)
  - 53 Stain (7)
  - 54 Money return (6)
  - 55 Pain-killing drug (7)
  - 56 Wharf (5)
  - 57 Let fall (4)
  - 62 Sidestep (5)
  - 67 Pinkish (anag)(7)
  - 68 Energy sugar (7)
  - 70 Predict (7)
  - 72 First (7)
  - 73 Column (6)
  - 74 Curved fruit (6)
  - 75 Programme (6)
  - 76 Unit of length (5)
  - 78 Triangular wall part under ridged roof (5)
  - 80 Mournful song (5)
  - 82 Elegant bird (4)
  - 83 Overtake (4)



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SPORTS

# Hauraki jumpers take out top prizes

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By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

A team of Hauraki jumpers galloped home with more than just a “good experience” after cleaning up at the North Island Secondary School Eventing Championships last month.

Hauraki Plains College year 12 student Ella Wiggins and year 10 student Talia Robitaille returned home from the competition with accolades in tow: Ella placed first in her division for the 80cm championship, and Talia placed third in hers, but that’s not all.

Jo Street, who helps the HPC Jumpers and is also Talia’s mother, said the team’s combined effort also resulted in them winning the 80cm championship overall, and walking away with the Sportsmanship Award for the entire competition.

The team also included Hauraki riders Ava Sweatman and Chloe Aitchison.

Fourteen-year-old Talia said she prepared for the competition by training for each of the eventing disciplines, which include dressage, cross country and showjumping.

“Usually it takes a couple of weeks.”

Talia said dressage was her



Happy HPC Jumpers, left, Ella Wiggins, Talia Robitaille, Ava Sweatman and Chloe Aitchison, with Rachael Aitchison, front.

forte, and during this part of the competition she was thinking about keeping focussed, and getting a clear round in the jumping phases.

She rode her horse Oak Park Rock Star, also known as Flower at home.

Even though Talia said she always felt nervous going into

the cross country - after a few jumps her nerves disappeared.

Meanwhile, Ella said she felt most confident going through the finish flags “knowing that you’ve gone clear and had a good day”.

Ella rode her horse, Mahogany Supreme, “but at home we call him Bronson”, and said the

cross country phase was their strength throughout eventing.

However, the most challenging part for her was the dressage and “being able to keep my horse calm and [in] the right mindset for going into the arena”.

“My horse is always on the move and always ready to do



The Happy HPC Jumpers team also won the Sportsmanship Award for the entire competition. Photos: SUPPLIED

something,” she said. “So I’m always busy trying to keep him settled, and changing my riding all the time to make him happy and keep him calm”.

One thing the young equestrian riders expressed was how proud of their team they were.

“Being part of a team means to support each other,” Talia said.

“Working together to [succeed] and have fun together.”

Ella said being able to encourage and help each other meant a lot, “whether it’s helping each other in the yards, like... mucking out, or just helping each other with their riding and giving each other tips”.

Another Hauraki Plains College team, HPC White, also had two riders place second and fourth in their divisions.








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