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Waihi Athletic has been named 2024 premier rugby champions after defeating Paeroa 37-19 in the McClinchy Cup final on Saturday. Full report, P13

Waihi Athletic's Matty Axtens makes a run during the final.
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Rates rises signalled in long term plans

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

Rates are set to increase across the region, as councils look ahead to manage challenges like ageing infrastructure and climate change.

July 1 saw Hauraki District Council, Thames-Coromandel District Council and the Waikato Regional Council adopt their long term plans for 2024-2034.

Hauraki district ratepayers will see the largest rates increase, rising to 17.4 per cent in the 2024/25 financial year.

Mayor Toby Adams said the increase was due to rising inflation, interest and depreciation of the council's assets.

"Councillors are well aware of the pressures that everyone is under. We worked really hard to keep it at 17.4 per cent. It started at 25 per cent and we cut out stuff that we felt... we could do without until the economy's looking better.

"But we didn't want to drop any levels of service that we currently have. We didn't want to drop the levels of service or mowing, we didn't want to have library hours reduced or swimming pool hours reduced. We're doing things right and balancing the budget as much as we can."

Mayor Adams said the council had also invested heavily in wastewater infrastructure, including the replacement of the Paeroa wastewater treatment plant. "Those costs to do that - yes, they're big, but they're much needed to



Hauraki district Mayor Toby Adams

make sure that we have got good wastewater plants, [and] that we can cope for the current needs of the district and any growth."

Other key decisions in Hauraki over the next 10 years include increasing the height of stopbanks in the Western Plains from three metres to four metres, replacing the roof of the Waihi museum, and bringing the museum up to code with seismic strengthening work.

Meanwhile, ratepayers in Thames-Coromandel will face an increase of 13.2 per cent - up from the 12.9 per cent initially proposed by the council.

The council said its LTP had to "prioritise the essentials", focusing on maintaining ageing infrastructure and dealing with the impacts of climate change.

It has also increased fees and charges, such as dog registrations and boat ramp fees, by three percent overall in an effort to minimise rates increases.

The council will be investing \$744.7 million into roading, water services, coastal protection and other services over the next 10 years.

Waikato Regional Council chair Pamela Storey said its rate increases were "amongst the lowest in the country". Regional council ratepayers will see an increase of 7.4 per cent over the next financial year, up from the initially proposed figure of 6 per cent.

Included in this is an increase in the natural heritage rate, from \$5.80 per property to \$15 per property; and a uniform annual general charge of \$99.72 per rating unit. The council will also introduce a new primary industry compliance rate, targeted at properties 20 hectares or more in area. The full policy for the new rate will be developed for inclusion with the 2025/25 annual plan.

A region-wide public transport rate will be developed for Waikato, with public consultation to take place in 2025. Meanwhile, the council will continue to fund the five-year Te Huia rail service trial.

The regional council has also made the decision to disband its regional development fund, saying it was under-subscribed. Unallocated funds totalling \$3.9 million will be redirected to the council's other strategic priorities.



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

Martial artist honoured

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

When Thames woman Ava Strong was inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame in Wellington on June 28, her first thought was of how far she had come over her 40-plus years of hard work.

"I never thought a little girl from Coromandel would end up here, getting an award for getting in the Martial Arts Hall of Fame," she told *The Profile*.

"I had that thing called the impostor syndrome, where you think, what have I done? I just felt very proud to have come this far."

Martial arts crept into Ava's life when she met husband Lance, an avid karate devotee, and took up training alongside him.

After searching for a system that would better reflect their personal philosophy, the couple decided to create their own, and in 1990 they founded Kiaido Ryu Martial Arts.

Kiaido Ryu is grounded in Okinawan karate, but over the years Lance and Ava have incorporated many different martial art styles into their syllabus. Their aim, Ava said, was a system which focused on health and wellness, self-defence skills and growing self-confidence. "There's lots of kata (training exercises) - every move you do is actually a self-defence move, so you learn it really well and it just happens automatically.

"When you get in close, there's elbows and knees and throws, just basic jujitsu. And then judo, so you learn how to fall, how to roll, and weaponry."



Ava Strong

On the mind side, Kiaido Ryu uses the Warrior's Wisdom, which incorporates meditation and skills like goal-setting. From their first dojo in Thames 41 years ago, Kiaido Ryu has grown to include schools from Kaitiaki to Taupō, with many former students becoming masters themselves. The martial arts scene had changed over the years, Ava said.

"There's not as many women in the Hall of Fame. Obviously in the past it's been something that males did. [But] I'd say with Kiaido Ryu, we're probably 60:40 male:female," Ava said.

"Nineteen of our students throughout New Zealand came down [for the awards], and there were seven female instructors of ours amongst it."

Ava's life has changed too, in ways she never could have imagined.

"It's taken us all over the world,

really. We've trained with Masters in America, Vancouver, Hawaii and, yeah, all over the States. Getting into stunt work was wonderful too. *Xena* and *Hercules*... *The Last Samurai* was the last thing that I did," Ava said.

"They set up a scene where all the dead Indians or stunt crew were laying down here and Billy Connolly was on his horse up here, and he had to shoot the gun. He shot, and the horse trampled on our first stunt person... The horse went forward and came around, and still stood on me. It reminded me why I'd got out of stunt work."

"I did one for Greenstone Productions as well. I was a Māori in a village. I got shot again - I always get shot and have to die. But I would never have done any of that if I hadn't been in martial arts."

The best part of her journey though, has been watching her students grow.

"You see in the juniors, they'll come in and they'll have no confidence. And you just keep working with them and you see the change - even the way they stand and relate with other people," she said.

"Running the women's self-defence courses have been great too, so they can get their own confidence. It's good to see the students grow in a positive way."

At the award ceremony, Ava was presented with a ceremonial black belt and a greenstone necklace. She's now in the company of Lance, who was inducted into the Hall in 2021.

"Without [Lance] pushing me, I wouldn't have done any of this. Some people can't work with part-



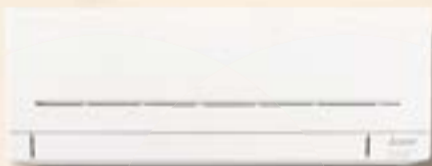
ners, but we're together pretty much every day," Ava said.

"We're semi-retired - we are looking at moving to Brisbane because our grandchildren are over there. But we'll be still coming back for all the events that we have

planned through the year, gradings and seminars. I don't think we'll ever stop. It's become a way of life."



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Op shop returns \$70k to Ngatea

By TERESA RAMSEY

Thrifiers opportunity shop in the main street of Ngatea has donated more than \$70,000 to its community since it opened just two years ago.

The op shop and charitable trust, which offers low-priced donated items, celebrated its two-year anniversary last month with a morning tea for volunteers and supporters.

Managers Kate Main said a team of more than 20 volunteers donated their time to run the shop. "It's the only way we can run really, it's because of the generosity of the volllies. We have a really good team, all different ages," she said.

"We never thought it would be such a machine really, because it's not a big shop but... the formula is working and we're happy with it. Everyone just works together, that's what's great, that's what I find really good."

The op shop was working well, she said. "Everyone just works together, that's what's great, people are just really, really supportive. If we weren't getting the goods, we wouldn't be able to be doing the job."

"We definitely took a plunge but we knew what we were doing and we knew what worked. We have an amazing landlord... and we've got all the community supporting us as well."

Kate and Sally Johnstone set up the shop to take the pressure off local businesses, who were giving out thousands of



Thrifiers volunteer Rachel Osborne, left, and store manager Kate Main.

Photo: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

dollars in sponsorship to community groups.

"These little businesses are just hounded constantly, we've got 12 communities feeding into Ngatea," Kate said.

"We just wanted to do something that we knew the money was actually supporting the businesses and staying local."

People can apply to the trust for funding, which is distributed in four rounds per year,

with the trust giving vouchers for local businesses where applicable.

"If the scouts want a sausage sizzle, we'll say well you put in an application and we'll give you vouchers for the butcher's shop next door in Ngatea."

Nothing went to waste in the shop, which rotated its clothing every two months, she said.

"There's nothing wrong with the clothing... it goes back out

to the community for free and what doesn't go for free goes to Tonga, we have very, very little wastage in this place.

"We've got our ear to the ground and we know when people are needing stuff."

"We try and make sure it's an op shop that people who need to stop at an op shop feel comfortable here."

DETAILS: To enquire about Thrifters, phone: 07 867 7763.

Briefs

FUNDING RECEIVED

Thames Valley Tangata Ora Trust has received enough funding and other income for 4-6 months of operational income, which will delay the closure of the organisation. Tangata Ora's Mackay St premises is currently still open for business, though its hours have changed to 10am to 1pm Monday to Thursday, closed on Fridays.

POETRY GET TOGETHER

Poetry lovers in the district are invited to come along to Thames Library at 10am on July 24 to share with others one or two poems from their favourite poets. "Bring along your special books of poetry or print outs and a sympathetic ear," organisers said. "Heart-centred poetry has a way of giving insight and broadening the mind - enriching our life experience." New Thames residents Melissa Ireland and David Benson will host the informal gathering which, if there is enough interest, will meet on a monthly basis.

RATING DATABASE

Thames-Coromandel District Council's online rating database is currently being updated with property rates for the new rating year. From July 18, people can check their rates online using their property address, however, the online rating information database will be unavailable until then. Council also has some new weekly and fortnightly direct debit options to pay rates available from August 1.



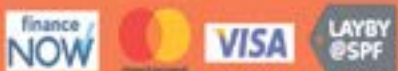
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'Colossal crops' grown on the Hauraki Plains



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** searches through old newspapers to bring you the stories Thames Valley locals once read about themselves.

1922

The fertile Hauraki Plains appeared to be responsible for an outbreak of colossal crops. Speaking at a dinner for the Minister for Agriculture, Mr Nosworthy, at Thames, a Mr Scott stated that he had received from the Hauraki Plains the biggest radish ever grown in the world. It would provide a meal for a dozen men. When the Minister visited Pipiroa he was presented with three fine samples of sugar beet, grown without manure.

When he asked: "If I help you to get the lime will you grow enough to keep a sugar factory going?" the reply was that they would grow enough to keep the whole Dominion going. Scotch thistle, though not as welcome, was also flourishing on the Plains. Along miles and miles of road were hedges of these pests, which were rapidly spreading. Women, too, were growing strong on the plains – at the local Sports Club's picnic they took part in the wood chopping contest.

Meanwhile, the Thames Chamber of Commerce was disgruntled with its treatment by the



An interesting event at the Hauraki Plains Sports Club picnic: women taking part in a wood chopping contest. SUPPLIED

Telegraph Department. Before the war, Thames was promised a metallic circuit for the town and a direct telephone line to Auckland. Some materials for these had arrived, but were removed and used in other towns.

A metallic circuit had just been installed at Waihi, and indignation was expressed that promises came to Thames but performances went elsewhere. The telephone connection between Thames and Auckland was completely unsatisfactory. Sometimes, after a long delay, it was possible to get Auckland and sometimes not. A direct line for the convenience of the lower part of the thickly-settled Thames Valley was badly needed.

A Technical High School for Paeroa was finally on the cards. Residents were to supply a quarter-acre section near the railway station, and the Mackaytown infant school building, which was

not in use, was to be brought into Paeroa and re-erected with 16 feet added. This was another step in the progress of Paeroa, and would provide facilities for children acquiring their technical standards of education without having to undertake the long and tedious journey to Thames. Having to travel to Thames in all weathers and under other unpleasant conditions, the children encountered a great deal of hardship and inconvenience.

One of the Dixon brothers, well known prospectors of Thames, had been trying his luck at Waihi Beach and reported having encountered a large reef with heavy mineralised hard brown stone. Some of it was on view in Waihi and those miners who viewed it announced it should prove payable. Several years previously Mr Barrett, of Paeroa, claimed to own a large reef cropping out of the

surface facing the seafront. This reef was thought to be a continuation of the Martha lode. There was no doubt that some of the lodes of Waihi branched out towards the sea, and would eventually be discovered.

The deplorable state of the Waitakaruru-Miranda Rd, which formed part of the main road from Thames to Auckland, was brought up for discussion at a meeting of the Hauraki Plains County Council by a resident, Mr Coxhead. He said about a mile and a half of the Miranda Rd spoiled the whole road to Auckland. There were two streams which came down with a rush and it was a tidal area.

He wanted the county to spend his rates there, and he offered to do work on the road to put it in order. He had been working and living in the mud for 20 years – if the planks were supplied he would see that they were laid.

Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. Which Dire Straits song contains the line "you play the guitar on the MTV"?
2. Does the United States flag contain more white stripes or red stripes?
3. What is the name for both a citizen of the Isle of Man and a cat breed?
4. Which four-letter social network was sold in 2008 for USD \$580 million, followed by its bankruptcy just five years later?
5. Which paper size is half of A4?
6. The islands in the Arethusa Pool near Wanaka in the South Island are unique in New Zealand for what reason?
7. True or false: apples are in the same plant family as roses?
8. A solid waxy substance originating in the intestine of the sperm whale, which can often be found on beaches in New Zealand and can be used to stabilise the scent of fine perfumes, is known as what?
9. What is the name of the oldest sibling in *The Chronicles of Narnia*?
10. What is the address of the official residence of the British Prime Minister in London?



ANSWERS: 1. Money for Nothing; 2. Red stripes (seven red and six white); 3. Manx; 4. Bebo; 5. A5; 6. Being islands on a lake (the Arethusa Pool); on an island (Mou Waho) on a lake (Lake Wanaka) on an island (South Island); 7. True, the family (Amberg); 9. Peter Revenste; 10. Number 10 Downing St.



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Revamp underway for bowls building

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

In the mist-filled morning hours of July 9, members of the Waihi Bowling club turned up to watch the end of an era as their clubrooms were prepared for a relocation to the Recreation and Community Centre complex on the Baker St side of Morgan Park.

The bowling club has been located at 128 Kenny St since its beginnings in 1905. On May 8, the final game was bowled on the Kenny St greens. In the following weeks, the interior of the 1950s pavilion was cleared out and the building split into two pieces in preparation for its relocation.

By 8am on moving day, the first half of the building was on a trailer, heading across the field. It was followed by the second half on July 10. Over the next four weeks, the pieces will be reconnected and settled into their new location next to the netball building.

Gary Samson of the Sport'n'Action Charitable Trust said the building was to be connected to the netball building via an annex, to form the heart of the recreation centre.

"[It] will be renovated and formed into quite a nice spacious hub, which will be shared by all member sports," he said.



The first half of the building in its new location, left. The second half at the old location, in preparation to be loaded on to the moving truck.

Photos: ALICE PARMINTER

"Stage two is to put showers and bits and pieces in it and rearrange the toilets. And then there'll be sort of a third stage of sprucing it up, [but] we've got to modify the bones first."

Former bowling club president Clare Boyd said the move had been almost a decade in the making.

"It's quite a historic moment really. In 2015 we signed an agreement with Sport'n'Action to move the building to Morgan Park beside the netball building, and an artificial green

would be provided," she said.

"Although we're sad to be moving, we're focusing on having a nice carpet green which will give us good playing facilities.

"We've got about 40 members, it's not a big club at the moment and we've been restricted because of this impending move. I've been with the club for 11 years now and it's been very hard to grow the club under those circumstances because there was always this question mark about what was

happening and so, once we're all settled and everything we'll be able to grow the club much more positively."

Several sports clubs use the Morgan Park Recreation and Community Centre facility, which already has new netball and tennis courts in place. The bowls turf is currently being constructed at the building's new location, and the trust has plans to develop a second football field on the building's old site.

Separate plans from the

Waihi Community Forum Community Trust are also underway to develop an outdoor recreation hub at Morgan Park, which will include a pump track, revamped skate park, playground upgrade, community barbecue area, and exercise park. The community forum has so far received \$150,000 from Hauraki District Council and \$200,000 from the Lottery Community Facilities fund for the project.



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Matariki celebrated

On the morning of July 7, the hangi fire was lit at 2am ready to be lifted at 7:30am then taken to the Paeroa Community Carehouse for breakfast. Before the hakari though, hot pumpkin and tomato soup plus hot drinks were served to keep everyone nice and warm who braved the early morning start of the Hautapu ceremony gathering at 5:30am at Paeroa Racecourse.

The hangi consisted of the usual pork lamb chicken veggies and stuffing. There were five different salads, fried bread, rewana bread, taro kangawai tiiti and puha kutai tio creamed paua prawns smoked tuna and smoked fish heads. Steam pudding brownie slices apple and rhubarb pie with custard fruit salad and cream for dessert. The kai on offer fed at least 250 people over the day, with many refilling takeaway plates and still more kai leftover.

This year's kaupapa for Matariki was Heri kai. We were blessed and honoured to have Matariki whetu reveal themselves on a clear but very cold morning as well as Tuatoru Koopu and other surrounding whetu before our Hautapu ceremony began just after 6am.

Karakia was recited then those who had lost loved ones during the year were able to call their names and there were many. This was then followed by the lifting of the pot lid for steam to rise to feed the whetu and to honour Taramainuku for the year-long journey and to replenish him af-

ter he releases the souls he carried in his kupenga, dispersing them as stars into the universe. Thus the new year begins Te Matahi o te tau hou Maori.

Food in the pot consisted of Waiti tuna from the river, Waita fish from the ocean, Tupuanuku kumara, potato, puha, from the ground, Tupuarangi chicken from above. Also added was rainwater water from the river, seawater and tap water. Waipunarangi and Ururangi nga whetu associated with the winds and rains. Karanga is then followed by wahine kaikaranga, a final karakia is said followed by some waiata and korero.

Back at the Carehouse, our esteemed whanau, friends, kaumatua, kui, and tamariki, mokopuna from Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Omokoroa, Te Kuiti, Thames, Waihi, Kerepehi and our local community were present as well as Wayne Wright and Basil and Kay Morrison.

Activities for tamariki were popular as well as the cinema and some mokopuna didn't want to leave the mahi toi stations to have kai. Mahi raranga too.

We wish to acknowledge our funders through to koha kai koha giveaways koha resources and all those who attended from near and far. To our facilitators, kaikaranga kai-karanga hangi crew kitchen hands lighting and setup hands mahi toi mahi raranga and the venues.

Nei ra te mihi aroha ki a koutou. Manawatia a Matariki te Matahi o te tau hou Maori. Nga Uri o Nguhutoitoi.



A weaving group concentrate on their task.

Photos: KATHY BLAND



Aroha Kapi, left, Geraldine Wharerau, Horolletta Whitlock, Colleen Renata.



Kanui Wilson is busy creating a masterpiece.



Ellina, left, Harmony, Eira, Heavenlee, Nalana with their creations.



Jennifer-Reign Ngatai gets painting.

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Rural Life

Eighteen years of improving the environment

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

Nearly two decades of waste reduction was the catalyst for celebration at The Seagull Centre on July 6, as the Thames-based recycling and recovery centre celebrated its 18th birthday.

The event was a community affair, with the public invited to join in. Along with a storewide sale and raffles, there was also sausages, soup and cake.

The climax of the event was the unveiling of the education centre's new name. It was graced with the moniker "Robin's Room" in honour of Robin Plummer, one of the centre's original trustees with a passion for community education.

Community waste educator Lucci Hennah said the centre's longevity and success was a sign of the community's commitment to reducing waste.

"We can't do any of this without our community, having their buy-in and having their support is so awesome," she said.

"And making Coromandel that really green, beautiful environment that everyone thinks of when they think of Coromandel is really important as well."

The project began in 2004 as a vision of reducing the amount of material heading for landfill. In July 2006, the shop



Lucci Hennah and Vanya Wilson in the sorting room at the Seagull Centre.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

was opened, and from there the centre continued to grow and evolve. Today, it employs 20 paid staff and three volunteers.

"I don't even think [the trustees] knew what they were going to be expecting," Lucci said.

"As the shop became really more successful, and the buy-in

from the community grew, and the understanding and that respect and mana from the community was there, we were able to expand, and they continuously looked for new ideas and new projects."

The Seagull Centre runs a number of initiatives alongside

its pre-loved goods store. It collects hard-to-recycle items like batteries, e-waste, scrap metal, polystyrene, soft plastics, food and beverage containers, and plastic lids, sending them away to recycling operators around the country. It has drop-off locations at Pauanui and Tairua,



Robin Plummer's wife, Pam, attending the education centre's renaming ceremony to Robin's Room, below.



regularly partners with the Kerikeri Recycling and Reuse Centre, and offers mentoring to other waste minimisation groups throughout the Waikato.

It also offers annual community grants for local environment-focused projects. This year applications are open from July 20 to August 20.

"Our grants are important, because we can't do everything," Lucci said.

"We just need people doing one thing, and then that changes the next thing, and the next."



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ENTERTAINMENT

Ties that Bind play unmask 'shocking truths'

By TERESA RAMSEY

A new play explores the darker side of what can happen behind closed doors, including twists and turns that uncover shocking secrets held between two neighbouring families for many years.

Writer and director Hilary Rodley said her latest play, *Ties that Bind*, was "not for the faint hearted".

It's the second play she's written for Thames Music and Drama, following her debut last year with *Number Five Birdwell Road*.

"That was my first foray into playwriting... last year's one was a bit of a comedy but this one is a bit darker - a bit of a darker look at life," she said.

The play is about two families who have been neighbours for a long time.

"There are secrets abound in this play. Part of what the audience will find interesting is they will be kept guessing right up towards the end about what's happened behind closed doors," she said.

"There are some very shocking truths unmasked, it's not for the faint hearted, it's sort of twisty and turny."

Hilary said there was no main character - out of a cast of nine, six had equal footing.



Cast members Ewan Grant-Mackie, Jesse Seymour and Sheryl Baynes rehearse *Ties that Bind*, by Hilary Rodley, right.



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However, the play does centre around Patricia, an agoraphobic woman who had not left her home for 16 years.

The play also explored the story of Patricia's daughter, Carol, who still lived at home and looked after her mother.

"I think it's intrigue - that's what we're going for here.

"Uncovering secrets, all sorts

of things can be going on in homes and relationships between people."

Hilary said she'd always been interested in writing, and being involved in Thames Music and Drama piqued her interest in playwriting after experiencing being on stage.

"I really appreciate the playwrights and directors at

Thames Music and Drama, they're really supportive, but there's also been support from the whole team, from set builders and back stage crew, all the actors, wardrobe - it's very much a team effort and our tech crew are amazing. It's just everybody pulling together to pull it off.

"We're excited, the cast are

really relishing getting their teeth into some meaty roles.

"I hope the audience will be ready to be taken on a journey with some fairly shocking events that happened all that time ago."

DETAILS: *Ties that Bind* will be staged at the Tararu Cultural Centre from July 19-27. Tickets are \$26 from thamesmad.co.

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Woolly wonders on display

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

Thames Civic Centre's conference room was stuffed full of cosy woollen goods on July 5-6, hand-crafted by knitters and crocheters across Hauraki and the Thames Valley.

The display is Operation Cover Up Thames' annual showcase of donated items, which will soon be joining other donations from across the country in two 40-foot shipping containers destined for those in need in Eastern Europe.

Carol Wilkes, who co-ordinates the knitting effort in Thames, said the donations would be especially welcome this year.

"I keep saying to people, look at this and you see a room full of love," Carol said.

"And it's heading overseas to the ones who are worse off than us. We've been hearing that a lot of children from Ukraine are heading to Romania. [There's] just so much need there."

Carol said they were always on the lookout for new knitters, and she was especially

keen to draw in some younger people. "We've got a great bunch of ladies here and they're just helping out so much, [but] it would be nice just to get that next generation to come in," she said.

"It does your heart good." Frances Harrison, of Karangakaha, was in Thames to see the display and drop off some knitted squares. She said it was easy to get involved.

"It's not a big commitment, and it's great for the mind," she said.

"I prefer to knit the squares to go into blankets, because knitting the little garments is lovely and pretty, but the kids grow out of them so quickly."

It was simply a matter of knitting a few squares here and there between other projects, Frances said.

"And then I deliver them to the... wool shop. my pile will add to somebody else's pile, and then somebody will crochet them together."

Operation Cover Up is an initiative by Christian charity Mission Without Borders NZ.



Kathie Sangster brings her knitting along to the display.

Photos: ALICE PARMINTER



After the display, the donations are packed into bales with a wool press, in preparation for shipping. Photo: SUPPLIED



Carol Wilkes, back right, with volunteers.



Woollen goods were on display for Operation Cover Up Thames' annual showcase.



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Here comes the Boom! Waihi's Te Huia Kutia, left, runs into Oneone Faafau.

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TV RUGBY

From the soothsayer Tighthead Ted

What a bloody fantastic day for finals footy. Glorious sunshine, and three rip roaring matches before the McClinchy Cup final, which went pretty much as THT predicted it on the Rugby Chat thing with the boys on Friday - Quinn Collard kicking three penalties in the first six minutes to put Paeroa on the back foot before the echo of the opening whistle had stopped echoing off Mt Te Aroha.

There were some other top matches first though, THT arrived early and was wandering through the curtain-raisers, Paeroa U18 and Hauraki Plains U18 were at each other like a couple of young bulls, neither side backing down before the junior Green Machine took the match 21-13. Running just 30 minutes later was the Senior C final, where the last men standing for Hauraki North beat their old enemies Thames quite comfortably by the 80th minute, 36-14. Good to see old warhorse Rikki Sherrock charging around like one of the under 18 players, leading the way for the young Blue Bulls.

Then the match of the day, Coromandel taking on the might of the COBRAS. Game score this season one each after each side taking a win on their home turf. And what a match, the sun was punishing, minimal wind, and two sides in an arm wrestle for 80 minutes, and 80 minutes it took to separate the sides. After being locked up 8-8 for almost all the second half, both goal kickers looked like they'd have trouble kicking over a sandcastle, let alone a match winning penalty, I think COBRAS missed three, and Coro two before Jordan Olliff landed the one that matters, and an 11-8 win for Coromandel.

The main event then kicked off, after the rousing Coromandel victory haka, and after six minutes, Quinn Collard had slotted three penalties, and Waihi were up 9-0 before Paeroa had held the ball in anger. The Waihi pack was clinical, taking the ball from kick-offs, going wide for one hit up, which was invariably Dylan Horne

in the match of his life, before Collard would pump the ball back into Paeroa territory, where they would concede a penalty, then the first knockout blow. The ball swung to the right in a threatening attack, before heading back left for Dylan Bellamy to outflank the Paeroa defence and head around under the posts for the match's first meat pie. The regulation conversion to Collard, and with less than eight minutes on the clock, Waihi were 16-nil ahead, with Paeroa maybe having one possession at this stage, it was getting embarrassing.

Paeroa again had a sniff of carrying the ball instead of tackling wave after wave of black and red jerseys, but it was short lived. Waihi were starting to give the ball some width, and a big run from fullback Cam Gerlich, a couple of pick and goes on the line from the fatties, and big prop Matt Pettard crashed over under an avalanche of defenders for Waihi's second try. Collard must have been getting tired as he missed the conversion, but a 21 to zip lead after 12 minutes and the trophy looked to be heading to the engravers before the first quarter was over.

Thankfully Paeroa are made of sterner stuff than most teams, and as the shell shock of the opening blitzkrieg started to wear off, the Green Machine started to click into gear, the match started to look like a final again, neither side gaining ascendancy as they traded blows like a couple of heavyweights. Paeroa then broke their downtrou, John Penu scoring down the left after a nice Keanu May-Matefao break. A scoreline of 21-0 became 21-7 after the customary Nathan Emery conversion, and with 30 minutes clicked over, it was finally game on!

The battle continued through the last few minutes of the half, both teams slamming into rucks and mauls with glee, another Collard penalty, but no real try-scoring chances being created until in the final moments of the half. Waihi made a break down the left wing, with a try looking on, it took a brutal tackle from Oneone Faafou on Bellamy to prevent the try scoring ma-

chine adding to his season's tally. The second half got underway, and within five minutes of the orange break being over, Paeroa were back in the hunt, a breakout score to fullback May-Matefao, and at 24-14 with 35 minutes left on the clock, and the wind at their backs, Paeroa were in with a sniff again. That is, until their discipline let them down again, and Collard landed his fifth penalty, 27-14 with 30 to go. Paeroa though, were certainly still in the hunt, but with their lineup again imploding like a supernova on steroids, they were having trouble maintaining enough pressure to break the Waihi defence.

With just over 10 on the clock, Waihi finally put the match beyond doubt. After a good build up with some tough ball carrying from the Waihi pack, Paeroa finally cracked and Dylan Rangi dotted down in the corner. No conversion from Mr Boot, but at 32-14 with time almost up, it was now game over but for pride. Paeroa pulled back one more try and with eight on the clock, 32-19 the score, two converted tries could steal the game. We all know it was not to be, and man of the moment, Quinn Collard had the final say. Paeroa were hammering on the Waihi line, before after about a billion phases, they knocked it on. Defensive scrum, and a clearing kick from behind his line by Ethan Seymour saw a nasty bounce for the Paeroa fullback, and the kick regathered by Seymour. He fed the old campaigner Brett Ranga, who found Collard on his outside, and 102 metres from the kick, an exclamation mark was put on the win, a try to Collard and a 37-19.

Dylan Horne led the way for the Waihi pack, who stood up and subdued the Paeroa eight. He carried like a hungover Viking berserker upset about being woken up after a night on the juice and tackled himself to a standstill. Axten's and Ranga were not far behind in effort and effect, and prop Te Huia Kuta had his best game for Waihi. Big Matty Petard and Brad Nightingale were tigers in the tight, and as per usual Kenan Gilson tackled anything



A strong run for Coromandel's Sahn Povey in the Senior B match against Cobras.



Hauraki North's Jess Allen makes a break in the Senior C final with Thames.



Paeroa's Harry Campbell Spinks looks for support in the under 18s final against HPC.

that moved, stifling many a promising Paeroa attack. Isaac Seiuli at number was not quite as prominent in the open, but his hard carries in the close quarter combat saw Paeroa put on the back foot more often than not.

Not a great game for the outside backs, but Cam Gerlich at fullback had some big runs, and the midfield of Dylan Bower and Kahu Craig-Ranga contained the dangerous Paeroa midfield. Collard at 10 though was the king pin, racking kicks, and a personal tally of 22 points on the day, a fine reward for a great season.

Paeroa was found wanting in the discipline front, and punished early via Collard's boot taking those chances. In the first spell it was hard for anyone to stand out, Oneone Faa Fou and Hendrix Beazley

tried to spark things up, but often lacked support. Fullback May-Matefao and John Penu combined well and proved a handful at times for Waihi. Overall though, the Green Machine was not allowed to get on a roll, and their lineout let them down.

Man of the match, THT hasn't picked many of these this season, actually none, but it would have to go to Horne, huge effort, he must have had the Valley selectors putting a few ticks by his name as the match wore on. Collard too gets a nod, but he wears two digits on his back, so single digit always trumps that, the lower the digit the better.

Waihi 37 (D Bellamy, M Pettard, D Rangi, Q Collard tries; Collard conversion, 5 penalties) beat Paeroa 19 (K May-Matefao 2, J Penu tries; N Emery 2 conversions).

FOOTBALL



Thames Football Club's Le Roux surveys the scene. Photo: MARK BROWN

Thames remained on the coat tails of the title contenders with a 2-1 win against Otorohanga FC on Saturday.

Clear blue sky accompanied the early start for the boys as they embarked on their longest away trip of the season, aiming to extend their good run of form against a spirited Otorohanga side struggling at the bottom of the table. What appeared to be a straightforward match on paper turned into a tightly contested affair with late drama.

Early signs were good for Thames as they broke down the right in the game's first attack - James Harvey, with a long defense-splitting pass, found Harry Willisroft, whose low cross was flicked goalwards by Ryan Le Roux, forcing GK Davin Signal into a smart save. Harvey, in excellent recent form, created another opportunity with a driven cross that came close to finding Mike Kim at the back post. Twenty minutes in, Thames got their reward for a lively start as Willisroft and Le Roux combined, with the latter firing a powerful shot against the post; Matt Baines re-

acted quickest and tapped in the rebound for 1-0. A scrappy period of the game followed, with a bobbly surface making it increasingly difficult to maintain possession. Otorohanga grew in confidence - capitalizing on Thames' lackluster passes to create half chances of their own; Gregor McKenzie and Brady Cooper tried their luck with long-range efforts, however, Keegan Apperley in the Thames goal remained untroubled.

The second half followed a similar pattern with frequent turnovers, preventing either side from controlling the game for extended periods. Tackles intensified, though the referee maintained a lenient approach, booking only Ben Taylor for an off-the-ball incident.

A big chance for Thames then went begging as Bains won the ball in midfield before playing a perfect pass through to Willisroft who broke the offside trap, Esteban Villagra rushed out and saved well with his feet. With only 10 minutes to go, Otorohanga dealt Thames a blow with a well-worked counterattack finding Rylan Percival on the edge of the area, who fired a low left-footed shot into the

corner to make it 1-1. With the clock nearing 90 minutes, Thames started to take risks, committing more men forward and playing direct - Le Roux's speculative volley went over the bar before Kim came close with a shot that was well blocked. Xavier Brown was next to try his luck from a distance, forcing a corner. Kim's pinpoint cross found the front post run of Derroncourt, who made no mistake in heading in from close range, restoring the lead amid jubilant celebrations from the visiting supporters. A collective sigh of relief was breathed as the referee blew for full-time a few minutes later.

Thames left it late but secured a vital three points for Thames, now just six points off the top with a game in hand.

"We are delighted to bring three points from our furthest game away. I'm proud of the team and their contribution to this well-deserved victory," captain and goalscorer Mickael Derroncourt said.

"That was a gutsy performance from the boys showing grit and determination to grind out a win against opponents who made it very tricky for us with their physicality," manager Mike Kim said.

Don't ignore the rust - it will continue to grow

OPINION



By MICHAEL WILKES

I have a bit of a secret love I need to confess.

I know I'm not supposed to, but I just love my old truck. I've spent countless hours fixing and tinkering and imagining what I could do next on a budget.

Painting it yellow like a Hummer is one such idea.

But recently I was forced to replace the windscreen. And

when it was removed, they discovered the rust had become too bad to put a new one in.

The disappointing thing is I saw the bubbling paint and the hint of dirty orange starting to come through.

I knew it needed to be sorted but I kept focusing on everything else instead.

But eventually it caught up with me. So, I striped it back, grinded out the rust, and busted out the paint to treat it. This stuff was potent.

It's like magic but if you get it on your skin, it sets and stains

and can't be removed. Only time will wash the black stain away.

So, my vehicle is back on the road, with a shiny new windscreen and the rust removed.

And yet the stains on my hands remain - serving as a reminder of the years spent neglecting the rust that was allowed to spread.

Looking down at my hands I smiled and considered life. For so many of us there are things going on, broken relationships, deep trauma, stuff buried so deep that it is easier to ignore

it. But sometimes it's like that rusty spot on your car. You ignore it and it simply continues to grow and fester. And when left for too long, we find it will come to a head. Often at the most inconvenient time.

I meet people along the way in my work who have experienced things that they never speak of. Or have a child going through the most horrible time. And they try carry the struggle all on their own.

And yet the sooner we find someone to share it with, the sooner we can start to find heal-

ing, or the burden halved.

If you can relate, maybe it's time to choose to face that thing head on. Don't wait for it to continue to grow.

The longer it festers, the greater the stains that will remain afterwards.

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.

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Ngatea Primary School held its eighth Learning in the Making conference on July 1-2.

Deputy principal Melissa Taafe said the conference was the brainchild of their school principal Neil Fraser.

“Our Learning in the Making conference is an opportunity for students to take part in a conference where they get to book themselves into eight workshops over the two days using an on-line platform.”

There were junior workshops for year 0-4 students, and senior workshops for year 5-8 students,

Melissa said - with workshops run by staff, year 7-8 students and parents and grandparents.

“This event was a monumental endeavour, having organised an impressive array of 226 workshops over the course of the two days,” she said.

“There were a wide variety of workshops on offer ranging from building birdhouses and rat traps to flower arranging, hair braiding, go-karting, rugby league skills, pizza making, science experiments, candle making, crocheting, plus loads more.”



Alyssa Hill with her beach mobile design, left, and Brittnee LeGros and Hope McGrath with their flower arrangements.



Students with their rat traps that Mr Sixsmith taught them to make.



Bird house construction, left, and Sarah Hogan teaches students how to braid hair.



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Applications close: 5pm, Monday 22 July 2024.

ENTERTAINMENT

Terminator fundraiser for St John

In an event that promises to be both entertaining and meaningful, a special fundraiser invites the community to enjoy a legendary film, celebrate local achievements, and support an organisation that makes a difference in the Mercury Bay Community.

Whether you're a long-time fan of Arnold Schwarzenegger in the original *The Terminator* movie, a supporter of Hato Hone St John, or simply looking for a fun and meaningful afternoon out, this fundraiser is for you.

The fundraiser screening is being sponsored and hosted in collaboration with All About Whitianga and Mercury Twin Cinemas, with proceeds from ticket sales and raffles to go directly to the local Hato Hone St John Whitianga team, who have already attended to 795 callouts this year.

“As part of our 10-year business celebrations, our team wanted to host a special fundraiser for St John Whitianga and felt this 40th anniversary screening of *The Terminator* would be a fun way to support this vital local cause,” Cathy Klouwens, of All About Whitianga, said.

“The fundraiser is an opportunity to enjoy a classic film on the big screen while contributing to the awesome local St John team.

“We'd love to see as many people as possible getting tickets and coming along for a fun afternoon of nostalgic movie viewing, good company, raffles, and great seat spot prizes.”

In Whitianga, Hato Hone St John played a crucial role in ensuring the well-being and safety of residents and visitors alike, she said.

Their services range from emergency medical response and patient transport to education and support initiatives that foster healthier communities.

Cam Rota, of Hato Hone St John Whitianga, said they were excited to be working with All About Whitianga and Mercury Twin Cinemas on this fundraiser.

“Our motto is, ‘St John – here for life,’ which encapsulates our commitment to



A special screening of the *The Terminator* will raise funds for St John. File Photo/SUPPLIED

providing emergency medical services, first aid training, and community care,” Cam said.

“The funds raised from this movie event will directly support updates at our station that will benefit our paid and volunteer operational staff and our wonderful shuttle volunteers, who are also based out of the station. We look forward to seeing everyone there.”

The Terminator, directed by James Cameron and starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, is a landmark in the science fiction genre.

Released in 1984, the film's thrilling narrative, groundbreaking special effects for the time, and memorable one-liners have cemented its status as a classic for fans worldwide.

“We're bringing Arnie back for this special screening of this iconic movie which features an awesome cast and some classic one-liners,” Anne-Maree McDougall, of Mercury Twin Cinemas, said.

“It's great to be partnering in support of this St John Whitianga fundraising event and I'd encourage everyone to get their tickets online or at Mercury Twin Cinemas as soon as possible as there are limited tickets available.”

DETAILS: Hato Hone St John fundraiser and anniversary screening of the original sci-fi classic *The Terminator*. Limited tickets are available from Mercury Twin Cinemas for 4:30pm August 4 screening.



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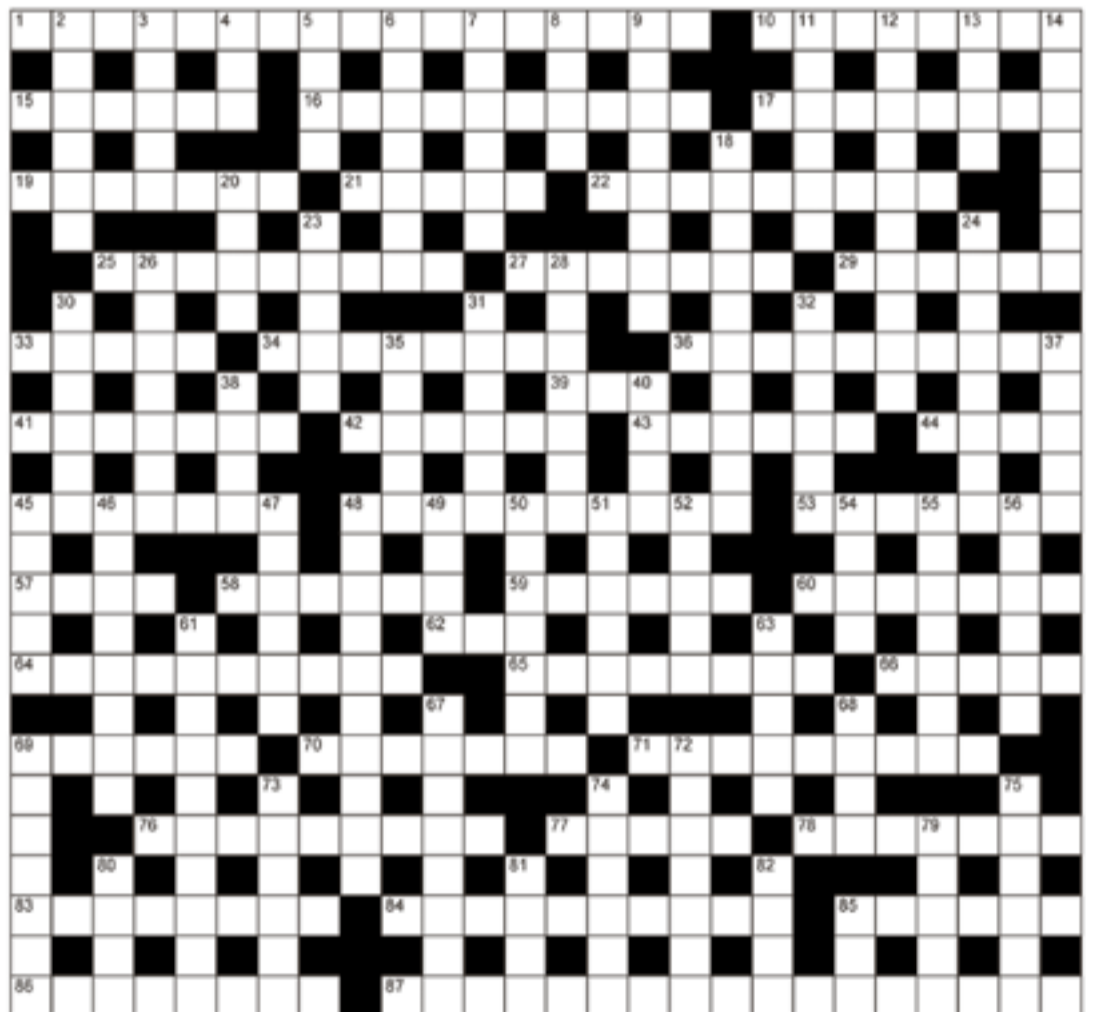
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The Supported Life Style Hauraki Trust will celebrate its 30 Year Anniversary on July 27.

The Trust believes that people with disabilities should have choice and control over their own lives. We work with disabled people tāngata whaikaha, their families and communities to support them in creating good lives for themselves.

One of the Trust's key objectives is to encourage quality relationships and interactions with the wider community and help people reach their goals with residential support and vocational services.

With a week of celebratory events kicking off on July 22 - the Trust has planned fun things such as: roll call, a disco, art exhibitions and movies, ending with a formal celebration on July 27.

DETAILS: If you would like more information please give the Trust a call 07 8685 038.

Life Stylers

At the core of everything the Trust does, you will find the Life Stylers. They are not just participants - they are the very heart and reason the Trust started, and why it continues to thrive today. Their stories paint a picture of community spirit, inclusion, creativity and growth. Here are some of their experiences:

Rachel

Rachel has been a Life Styler with the Trust for 17 years, where Rachel said she's always happy and has lots of fun and friends.

Being involved in kapa haka is something Rachel said she enjoyed. She said she was also very proud of her art exhibition where she sold most of her art pieces.

Rachel said she has been working at Thrifters op shop in Ngatea for two years. She hangs clothes, talks to lots of people, vacuums and makes tea.

Alice

"I moved into the Trust in 2017. I am 77 years old and got to ride a horse again. It had been a long time since I had ridden. I was so proud to be able to get onto the horse riding again in my 70s and I loved it. I enjoy living in the Trust and share a beautiful old home with four other people."

Margaret

"Hi my name is Margaret and I have lived at the Trust for 18 years. I live in my own flat with my beautiful cat. I have been working at Car Collision Repairs cleaning and washing cars after they had been repaired. I liked this job. I am also the office cleaner at the Trust administration office."

Jean

Jean, who is 20 years old, is one of the Life Stylers who moved in last year. There were lots of different things Jean said she was involved in at the Trust, such as playing basketball for the Special Olympics, being part of the Kapa Haka group, celebrating Diwali, and learning how to cook more independently. Jean is into woodworking: "I'm making plant shelves right now".

Jean said she was doing volunteer work through St John. But the best thing for Jean being part of the community at the Trust is "I feel like I'm more independent and I feel more included with my disability".

Paul

The first Life Styler joined the Trust on December 6, 1994 and is still part of the community today.

Paul was 20 years old when he became a Life Styler. Now 50 years old, he has seen many changes, made lots of friends and is a familiar face in his home community of Thames. Paul said he had a really good relationship with Peter Rutherford and Murray Lynds, the founders of the Trust. Paul keeps busy with his paper run delivery, and has done a lot of volunteer work for the Thames Rugby Sports Club, he said. The rugby club even made him a cake for his 50th birthday.

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900 Queen St was the original workshop for vocational services, a place where Life Stylers could unleash their creativity through various art forms.

It was a bustling hub of activity, offering woodwork, computer facilities, a music room, and a laundry service that catered to the needs of the Life Stylers.

The founders envisioned it as "somewhere to go, something to do," embodying the spirit of purpose and empowerment.

The Trust has continued to grow these spaces to further enhance opportunities for Life Stylers and the community. Artsider, nestled on Kirkwood St, is a sanctuary where individuals unleash their creativity to produce remarkable works of art. OriginalWorx acts as a catalyst for imagination and innovation, empowering individuals to craft masterpieces worthy of public display.

Our music hub cultivates a space for harmonious therapy, honouring and celebrating the voices and musical talents of all who engage with it.

The Farm, surrounded by rolling hills, is a sanctuary where Life Stylers nurture the well-being of animals and support in the management of farm work.

The Equilibrium space, while harmonising with the flowing river, offers therapeutic and healing experiences through working, riding, and spending time with horses.

In each of these spaces, we have tutors who have expertise and lived experiences and nurture the Life Stylers to bring out their worth, skills, and hidden abilities to the true essence of life.

At the heart of the Trust is the "104 Cafe" that offers delectable meals fit for a king and an environment of socialisation, music and engagement.

Message from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees for The Supported Life Style Hauraki Trust is proud of the achievement of the Trust's 30-year history in Thames.

The whole community at the Trust gives so much to each other and we are very proud of the way the Life Stylers and the staff have helped us develop a unique model over many years. As the organisation grew, there were challenges and opportunities to develop relationships within the local community, which has always supported the Trust.

For the past 30 years, we have continued to innovate and hold to the values of support and independence for those who live within the Trust.

The Board has commissioned an oral history project to record the memories and voices of the people that contributed so much over the years.

The commitment of our staff and our Board members is an inspiration.

- Chairperson, Gordon Jackman

History

Through their individual skills, the Trust was founded in 1994 by Peter Rutherford and Murray Lynds.

Peter having experience in working with people with mixed abilities living in Kimberley hospital and his passion to ensure life was as good as it could be for the men and women needing support.

Murray, bringing his experience of working in the hospitality sector where he ensured everyone had their expectations met along with his love for working with people. Peter, having hands-on experience working with people with differing abilities, took the role overseeing the service delivery aspect of the Trust through its development.

Murray took the reins on the financial and operational requirements.

Between the two of them, they paved the way for The Supported Life Style Hauraki Trust to be a successful and much respected organisation within the Disability Sector.

