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Petrol prices have hit the spotlight in recent weeks, with locals keeping a running commentary online of daily prices and a day of protest planned over the higher price of fuel in Thames.

According to data from price-tracking app Gaspy, prices at Thames' four petrol stations - Mobil Thames, Mobil Kōpū, BP 2go and Gull - have consistently been between 20 and 30 cents per litre higher than the national average.

The Commerce Commission is now investigating Thames' higher prices at the pump, which protest organisers Goldie Anderson and Brendan Walsh say locals have been fed up with for years.

"I'm doing this for all those pensioners and all those beneficiaries that are suffering because of the petrol price in Thames," Brendan said. "This has been going on for too long... so I put my hand up and I said, look, I'm going to do everything I can in my power to try and force the hand of these gas stations."

Goldie agreed, saying once she realised Thames was getting "such an unfair deal", she leapt into action. "Something more needed to be done because we just weren't being heard."

Brendan said although he had noticed small drops at the pump over the past week, it wasn't enough. "We want to see them on par with everybody else," he said.

"I have not filled up in Thames for a long time now. And I refuse to. Even if my tank was on E, I would go as far as possible to somewhere else before filling up in Thames. That's how passionate I feel about the whole situation."

"These guys in Thames, they know what they're doing, but they keep trying to come out with all these excuses trying to tell us why they're trying to charge [more]. It all adds up. There's no justification for what they're doing."

The protest is planned for August 3 at 11am. Goldie said participants planned to meet at Goldfields Mall, and march down Mary St and Pollen St towards Gull.

"It will be peaceful, we just really want to get some attention to the issue. All of the business owners that I spoke to were really encouraging it," she said.

"They were hoping this would bring other business back to the town as well because I know a lot

of people are going out of town to get their fuel at the moment and they're also getting their groceries or anything else they need."

Brendan encouraged participants to bring banners and posters along. "The idea is to draw awareness for these guys overcharging for their petrol and gas. And to make them feel the pain."

"And hopefully while we're there protesting, nobody comes in and

buys petrol from that gas station, although we won't be impeding anyone," he said.

Managers at three of Thames' fuel stations refused to comment, deferring instead to the parent companies. Mobil Thames manager Sharon Drought could not comment on fuel prices, but wanted to draw attention to the treatment of her staff. "We're sick of being targets of something that we cannot

# Protest at the pump



**Public debate about the higher price of fuel in Thames is spilling on to the streets as fed-up consumers plan a protest march to air their grievances. But front-line staff at Thames' petrol stations say some of the anger is being unfairly pointed at them. ALICE PARMINTER reports**

Fuel protest organiser Goldie Anderson. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

help. "My staff are upset because we get abused on the daily. We get called mongrels and cockroaches and all sorts of ugly things over the Facebook pages," she said.

"It's disgusting the way people are. Instead of going about it the right way and getting in contact with the people that supply our fuel - rather than thinking that abusing the people down the front

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# \$21m investment for damaged roads

Storm-damaged Hauraki-Coromandel roads will get a \$21 million boost as part of a \$609m government investment in North Island roads affected by last year's extreme weather events.

The funding will allow Waka Kotahi NZTA to repair various under and over slips on State Highway 25 as well as repairs to SH2 in the Karangahake Gorge. It also allows for culvert repairs on SH25 at Waikiekie Stream, along with repairing drainage between Whitianga and Waihi. The road works are expected to be complete by mid-March, 2025.

Transport Minister Simeon Brown said regions in the North Island suffered extensive and devastating damage from Cyclone Gabrielle and the 2023 Auckland Anniversary floods.

"In Budget 2024, our government committed \$609.25 million in capital funding for state highway recovery to restore roads back to their previous condition," he said.

"Investing in the recovery of our road networks is critical to

restoring vital access to goods, services, and employment opportunities for affected communities across the North Island."

The regional breakdown includes around \$131.3m for Northland state highway recovery projects, \$21m for the Coromandel, \$250m for the East Coast, \$114.95m in contingency and \$92 million to cover previous recovery costs.

Budget 2024 also invests an additional \$330 million over two years to continue the response and recovery work on roads affected by the weather events.

"In addition to the state highway recovery funding, the Coalition Government is investing \$50m in local road response to enable Gisborne District Council and Hastings District Council to continue critical response work across their districts.

"Recovery funding of \$280 million will support 13 councils affected by North Island weather events, and NZTA is working with councils to prioritise and accelerate delivery of this funding to local road recovery projects."

# Fuel protests planned

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line is a bit bloody terrible."

Goldie said she did not condone the abuse of service station workers in any form. "That is definitely not acceptable in any case, I would hate to think that anyone in our community would single out the workers. It's not on them at all," she said.

"We would like the business owners to address our concerns because once we could talk to them and explain, 'drop your prices, you will get the customer back', it will just make a happier working environment for the workers too I'm sure, not having to deal with that."

Spokespeople for Mobil Oil NZ, BP Connect and Gull NZ all provided statements saying the Thames stations were independently operated, with prices set by their owners.

Attempts by *The Profile* to reach the owners of the stations have so far been unsuccessful.

A search of the companies register showed three of the four station owners also owned other petrol stations around the country, including in Matamata, Te Aroha and Waihi. Only one of the owners lives in Thames.

The Commerce Commission was looking into Thames' fuel

prices, it told *The Profile*.

"Since 1 May 2024, we have received 28 enquiries regarding fuel in Thames with high pricing being at the core of the issues raised," a commission spokesperson said.

"We have recently written to fuel operators in the region, and their suppliers, to ask them to provide us with information to help us understand the reasons behind the prices we are seeing.

"While we don't have the power to set fuel prices, in a competitive market we would expect to see retail fuel prices reflecting the cost of supplying fuel to the pump." The commission said the companies have until mid-August to respond.

A petition from radio station CFM also urging the commission to investigate fuel prices in the region has so far received more than 1000 signatures.

**Fuel price (91 unleaded, cents per litre) on Monday: Mobil Thames, \$2.87.9; BP Thames, \$2.85.9; Gull Thames, \$2.85.9; Mobil Kōpū, \$2.87.9. Average price elsewhere: Tapu, \$2.61.9; Ngatea, \$2.75.3; Paeroa, \$2.78.8; Waihi, \$2.79.2; Whitianga, \$2.75.9. National average: \$2.67.7. Data: www.gaspy.nz.**



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|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| <br>Morning: 2:51am 3.2, 3:32pm 3.2<br>Afternoon: 9:04am 0.7, 9:47pm 0.9<br>Sunrise: 7:17am, Sunset: 5:32pm<br>Best At: 8:25am, 8:54pm<br>Rise: 3:44am, Set: 1:03pm | <br>Morning: 3:52am 3.1, 4:37pm 3.2<br>Afternoon: 10:08am 0.7, 10:48pm 0.9<br>Sunrise: 7:17am, Sunset: 5:32pm<br>Best At: 9:23am, 9:52pm<br>Rise: 4:49am, Set: 1:56pm | <br>Morning: 4:55am 3.1, 5:37pm 3.2<br>Afternoon: 11:10am 0.7, 11:44pm 0.9<br>Sunrise: 7:16am, Sunset: 5:33pm<br>Best At: 10:20am, 10:48pm<br>Rise: 5:47am, Set: 2:56pm | <br>Morning: 5:56am 3.1, 12:05pm 0.7<br>Afternoon: 6:29pm 3.3<br>Sunrise: 7:15am, Sunset: 5:34pm<br>Best At: 11:15am, 11:42pm<br>Rise: 6:36am, Set: 4:00pm | <br>Morning: 12:35am 0.8, 12:54pm 0.6<br>Afternoon: 6:52am 3.1, 7:15pm 3.3<br>Sunrise: 7:14am, Sunset: 5:35pm<br>Best At: 12:07pm<br>New Moon<br>Rise: 7:16am, Set: 5:05pm | <br>Morning: 1:22am 0.8, 1:38pm 0.6<br>Afternoon: 7:41am 3.2, 7:58pm 3.4<br>Sunrise: 7:13am, Sunset: 5:36pm<br>Best At: 12:31am, 12:54pm<br>Rise: 7:48am, Set: 6:09pm | <br>Morning: 2:06am 0.7, 2:18pm 0.6<br>Afternoon: 8:25am 3.2, 8:39pm 3.4<br>Sunrise: 7:12am, Sunset: 5:36pm<br>Best At: 1:17am, 1:38pm<br>Rise: 8:16am, Set: 7:11pm |

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| Whitianga   | -0 01 | -0 05 |
| Tairua      | +0 11 | +0 21 |
| Whangamata  | -0 02 | -0 05 |
| Waihi Beach | -0 11 | -0 12 |

# \$659k 'nightmare' for owner of yellow-sticker home

**The Profile's investigation into storm-damaged homes continues with a look at a Thames property facing extensive remediation costs. ALICE PARMINTER reports**

A 17-month old slip from Department of Conservation-owned land has left Thames homeowner Paula Wallis with a problem she can't afford to fix, and her attempts to reach a resolution which won't leave her in financial ruin have been "a nightmare".

Paula's home was flooded with debris on February 14, 2023, when Cyclone Gabrielle hit the peninsula. Up to 120 tonnes of debris slipped from the hillside above her property, washing down her driveway and on to Upper Albert St.

The 80-metre slip was stopped in its tracks by Paula's garage and the corner of her home.

"It came down at four o'clock in the morning, and the noise was absolutely appalling," Paula said.

"A huge privet sort of went through the garage wall, and the slip was stopped, obviously, by that wall of the garage, and the back wall of the garage, and this wall of the house... There was water up to windowsills."

Paula's house initially received a red placard from Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC). However, while the garage was heavily damaged, the home appeared to be unharmed apart



Paula Wallis stands near the top of the slip, where she has planted dozens of trees and laid drainage.

**The fix will cost an estimated \$659,000, which is more than double the value of Paula Wallis' property.**

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

from dampness caused by slip water sitting against the concrete wall of the ground floor. The property was reallocated with a yellow placard in the days following the storm, allowing her restricted access to the main dwelling.

She has since been issued a remediation report from the former Earthquake Commission (EQC),

now known as the Natural Hazards Commission. The report required her to build a retaining wall at the edge of her property to prevent further slips. The fix will cost an estimated \$659,000, which is more than double the value of her property.

Like many others across the country, Paula has spent the

months since the storms filing insurance and EQC claims, and trying to repair the damage to her property.

"I've been trying to deal with DOC, TCDC, EQC, and really it's been an absolute nightmare beyond imagination," she said.

The slip came from the hillside above her property, which

is owned by DOC. Paula said she "naively" thought the organisation would have some responsibility to repair the damage.

"I thought it's their debris, they will pick up responsibility. They'll repair the damage and they'll assess the stability of their land above my property," she said.

"They sent me such a blah, nonsensical response that said 'many people have been badly affected. We'll await EQC taking control of everything and we're not going to do anything.'"

DOC's Hauraki operations manager Avi Holzapfel said the organisation was not legally liable for situations where a natural event has caused damage to private property, saying it was the responsibility of landowners to understand the potential risks involved in purchasing such land.

"These situations can become complex and difficult," Avi said. "The issue of land instability [at Paula's property] is not limited to public conservation land but also includes private land.

"DOC will not be making any payments toward remediation of this property... We sympathise with the landowner's situation, but any resource we directed to this situation would take away from core conservation work."

Avi said DOC did assist Paula with the clean-up "on the basis of being a good neighbour".

"We sent a team of five or six staff - with two vehicles and trailers - to the property to assist. Based on a previous exchange of emails and agreement made with the resident, our staff removed

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piles of vegetation the resident had accumulated. We made clear our agreeing to clear the vegetation was not an admission of DOC's liability for the damage. The resident emailed us after the job to thank us for the work done."

Paula said DOC "finally took away a couple of trailer loads. But that doesn't quite measure up to the 120 tonnes".

Six months ago, Paula also demolished the damaged garage. So when TCDC renewed the yellow placard on June 13, she was surprised to see the garage was still listed on it.

"A woman from the council turned up with a new yellow sticker and I thought, gosh, this will be interesting. They must have noticed that a lot of work's been done," Paula said.

"And I read the sticker... it had on it 'garage, do not enter or use'."

The yellow placard describes the property as a "garage - debris flow heavily damaged", alongside the main dwelling.

In a statement, TCDC said the placard was replaced as it had become unreadable, and the demolished garage was noted at that time. However, the wording was left the same "as the owner has indicated she may rebuild" on the same platform. Council said the placard could be amended to omit the garage if the owner wished, as the point of the placard was to inform the occupants of the risks on site.

Paula said the lack of care around the placard's wording was indicative of the insufficient communication and help she felt she had received from the council.

TCDC staff visited the site in the weeks following the storm, and Paula said she has had three visits from a social navigator tasked with supporting property owners working through the EQC process. However, she said the "wrap-around support" council said it offered in a previous Profile article had not been her experience.

The council wouldn't comment on the specifics of the assistance offered to Paula, but said it involved "multiple visits to the property, texts, phone calls and emails over more than a year".

"Information and advice as to what steps needed to be taken to progress claims with insurance and EQC was provided, potential council rates remissions were identified, contacts with social and mental health service providers were made available, and council staff contacted EQC and insurance companies on behalf of property owners," the statement said.

Paula was also disappointed to



Debris from the slip caused severe damage to the garage. BELOW: Neighbours help clear the slip.

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find she was not able to sell the property under the government's Future of Severely Affected Locations (FOSAL) buy-out programme. However, the council noted "no properties in our district have met the criteria for buy-outs" under the FOSAL scheme.

"Once the slip area is remediated, as per an engineer's report requirements, council will be able to lift the placard," the statement said.

Paula's attempts to seek help through the Earthquake Commission, now known as the Natural Hazards Commission, was also unhelpful, she said.

"The [EQC] land remediation actual cost was estimated at \$659,000. And their offer was \$70,000," Paula said.

"I've got to comply with what EQC remediation is... the bulk of this \$659,000 is really to build a massive wall with poles spaced one metre apart. The poles have got to be 8.5 metres high. And this wall is, put simply, to prop up DOC land."

EQC Toka Tū Ake chief executive Tina Mitchell said EQC contributions were calculated on the market value or the cost of repairing a portion of land, up to a cap.

"EQCover provides a limited financial contribution for certain areas of damaged land under and up to eight metres around a home and some related buildings, as



well as some defined land under their main accessway up to 60 metres from their home," Tina said.

Paula said the \$589,000 shortfall in funding was putting her in an "impossible situation", and she took issue with being asked to do \$659,000 worth of remediation on land that has a current capital value (CV) of \$310,000.

"[It's] a pretty harsh punishment for someone else's land falling on top of me, isn't it?" she said. "But it certainly seems, having been through the system, as though the whole mechanism of the EQC Act is set up to ensure that true remediation costs will not be paid. Because, really, most

slips don't start eight metres from your house."

Tina Mitchell said the EQC Act, and the new Natural Hazards Insurance Act, which replaced the EQC Act on July 1, provide only limited coverage for land as a buffer against extreme natural hazards.

"It is rare globally for damage to land to be covered by insurance. In New Zealand, the scheme does provide some limited coverage for land... one of the only schemes in the world to do so," she said.

"The new Act was intended as a modernisation of the legislation based on the lessons from the Canterbury earthquakes. It did not in-

volve a fundamental review of the hazards covered by the scheme. The level of cover provided and the level of risk accepted by homeowners therefore remains the same."

Since the storm, Paula has done her best to mitigate future slips on her property. She has planted around 200 plants near the top of the slip. Further down, she's installed a drainage system with erosion drainage fabric and rocks, which she says has redirected water flow away from the house.

"But, as I said, I'm stuck because I haven't done what I should have done," she said.

"I think the drainage issues have been totally resolved. However, I would have to get a geotech structural report that would cost me [another] \$70,000. And of course there's no guarantee that they'll accept it."

"The consequences for me financially are ruinous. I can't afford to sell because I'd be lucky to get even 20 per cent of what the property is worth..."

"I've become a prisoner in my own house. I've exhausted all attempts to get DOC, EQC or TCDC to do anything to help me out of this situation with zero response."

"People like me are really left with very few options."



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# Enrolment zone for Paeroa College

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

Paeroa College is implementing a school zoning scheme for all new enrolments from 2025.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) told *The Profile* it was establishing the scheme to address increasing roll numbers at the college. The roll currently sits around 360 pupils.

“The purpose of an enrolment scheme is to prevent potential overcrowding, provide a fair and transparent process for enrolments and to make sure we’re able to make best use of existing capacity within the school network,” MOE’s central region deputy secretary Jocelyn Mikaere said.

“Paeroa College has experienced significant roll growth over the last three years, and we have been working with them to address this, both in the short term and the long term. The proposed enrolment zone will mean that children who live in a school’s zone have an automatic right to enrol at the school.”

Paeroa College’s acting principal Kieran Udy said there was a need for zoning at the school.

“We’re already way over our building capacity, and so to get additional buildings, one of the requirements is you have to put in an enrolment scheme,” he said.

A draft document outlining the zone scheme is currently available on the ministry’s website. The ministry is inviting the school parent community, wider community



A ministry map shows the zone extending partway along Awaiti Canal Rd to the west, southwards to 5623 State Highway 26, south-east to the middle of Pukekauri Rd, east as far as Maratoto Rd, and north to just south of Hikutaia.

and other interested parties to give their feedback, with submissions closing on August 9.

Students outside the zone will still be able to apply to enrol, with applications going to a ballot if numbers exceed available spaces. Priority will be given in descending order to: students attending the Rūmaki Reo Māori language school; siblings of current Paeroa College students; siblings of former Paeroa College students; children of staff or the school board; and all other applicants.

Full map available at [www.education.govt.nz](http://www.education.govt.nz); submissions close August 9.



# A new era for Carnegie Library

Two iconic heritage institutions are joining forces to reopen the historic Carnegie Library in Queen S, Thames.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga’s Thames School of Mines and Te Whare Pātaka The Treasury Heritage Research Centre and Archive will share the Carnegie Library, creating a unique heritage hub. The collaboration aims to revitalise heritage operations within the Carnegie Library and inspire future generations with the rich history of the Hauraki-Coromandel region.

The Carnegie Library, a category two heritage-listed site, has housed The Treasury since 2009. Due to a lack of funding, it temporarily suspended services at the end of 2023 as the charitable trust could no longer pay administration and specialist staff.

The library will reopen from Wednesday to Sunday in early August, when the Thames School of Mines relocates its operations there. The School of Mines retail shop will occupy the reception foyer, and an education room will be set up in the current meeting room. Future tours of its historic school and museum will begin from the library, and restoration efforts will commence on the historic electricity room at the Thames School of Mines site.

The Treasury will continue operating the library’s reading room, which houses paper-based records from the Hauraki and Thames-Coromandel districts.

The board of the Treasury is working with volunteers to reopen the reading room for part of the week, welcoming visitors to explore the stories of those who



Staff from the Thames School of Mines and the Treasury, from left: School of Mines property manager Kay Kendall with Treasury trustees Jan Wright, Lise Cook and Anne-Louise Robertson. Photo: SUPPLIED

shaped the region. Other research and archival services will be reintroduced over time.

“The taonga cared for by Te Whare Pātaka The Treasury tell the post-colonial stories of our region’s rich industrial, economic, and trading history,” interim chair Anne-Louise Robertson said.

“Most are the records of European settlers but we also have some extraordinary records that give us a glimpse into how the relationships between Tangata Whenua and Pākehā shaped this area. We hope to grow these collections so we can tell a fuller history of our unique rohe.”

Alongside the 1905-built Carnegie Library is the trust’s ultra-modern state-of-the-art archive facility. The archive’s strict temperature and humidity controls and fire-suppression system safeguard the region’s post-colonial

documentary heritage. The collections, which include letters, photos, newspapers, telegrams, maps, ledgers, and minutes, provide details of Hauraki-Coromandel’s early days of colonisation.

Efforts to diversify the records in the reading room and archive are expanding the collections to better represent Pare Hauraki iwi and the many communities that make up the region’s cultural heritage.

The partnership between the Treasury and the Thames School of Mines marks the start of a new era of community engagement and collaboration, The Treasury said. “By uniting and working with other local heritage sites, these institutions aim to create a heritage hub in Thames that attracts visitors and establishes the town as a premier heritage destination in the Coromandel region.”

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Toby Adams, Mayor Hauraki District

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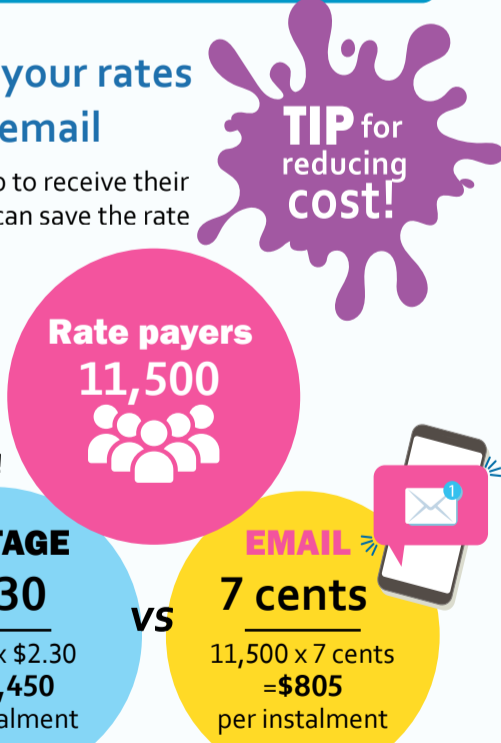


Check out the video of Mayor Toby showing how easy it is to download and use Antenno.

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Sign up online - Request to receive your rates or water bills by email at My Hauraki - <https://my.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/do-it-online>



### Hauraki District Representation Review 2024

Appeals and Objections to our final proposal for the make up of Council for the 2025 triennial Local Government elections close at 4pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024.

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# Mānawatia a Matariki

The students and community of Te Puru School gathered together to welcome Matariki with an activity-filled day recently. The hāngi fire was lit at 5:15am under the morning stars, followed by a karakia with those who had gathered. During the day, students and whānau flew kites on the beach, played Ki-o-Rahi, took part in a kapa haka performance, and gathered to share the prepared kai. "It is such an amazing celebration at our kura," teacher Hayley Fenton said. "Our unique environment always makes it the most beautiful day."



Kite flying on the beach.



Sharing kōrero on the beach.

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Isla and Alina enjoy their hāngi.



Preparing the hāngi.



A kapa haka performance.

# Concerns over cost of Thames pool

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

The Thames Coromandel District Council is exploring new location options for an aquatic facility in the region.

A report tabled at Thames Community Board's July 17 meeting said council staff had "significant concerns" about the financial impact of several of the options on Thames ratepayers.

The report said 81 per cent of respondents to a community survey thought a swimming complex was of "high or vital importance", with a preferred location of Thames High School or Kōpū. However, the council's financial analysis predicted a possible annual rates increase of between \$1100 and \$2000 per year depending on the chosen option, if the project was 100 per cent funded by ratepayers. The council's long term plan had initially forecast a ratepayer impact of around \$850 per year.

The report also noted that external grant funding was likely to be minimal, and recommended the council continue its investigation into aquatic options which will cost less to implement. The board is expected to receive a final business case from the council towards the end of the year.



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## Rural Life

# District council fined for discharge of wastewater

Matamata-Piako District Council was convicted and fined \$67,500 in the Hamilton District Court last week for unlawfully discharging a large volume of wastewater, including untreated human effluent, over a five-day period in April, 2023.

The case related to an ongoing discharge over the Easter holiday period from the district council's wastewater treatment plant in Matamata into the Mangawhero Stream, which flows to the Waihou River.

The discharge occurred when there was a failure to turn on key equipment, and then a series of automated warning messages that the system was at critical

levels were not responded to.

The case was taken by Waikato Regional Council following a formal investigation.

It was estimated that no less than 2.8 million litres of wastewater was discharged to the river.

In passing sentence, Judge Melinda Dickey said she found the council's offending "highly careless" and "that multiple alarms were raised, and their being ignored had serious consequences".

Judge Dickey acknowledged the significant cultural, spiritual, historical and environmental importance of the receiving waterways.



The case related to an ongoing discharge from the district council's wastewater treatment plant in Matamata into the Mangawhero Stream, which flows to the Waihou River, pictured. File Photo



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# Subsidised gold prospecting scheme successful



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.

## 1932

Interest in the gold mining industry was revived by the Unemployment Board which created a subsidised gold prospecting scheme on the Thames-Coromandel fields.

When the new scheme was introduced, most of the men went up the different creeks and to the back country. The idea that rich deposits of gold lay on the foreshore at the mouths of the Karaka, Waioahi, Moanataiari, Kuranui and Tararū Creeks still existed in the minds of many of the old miners and several applications were lodged at the Warden's Court for permission to prospect over these areas. Several prospecting parties on the Thames goldfields were reported to have discovered new reefs and leaders carrying payable gold.

The scheme was a success – the lure of gold, together with the handiness of Thames and Coromandel to Auckland, attracted more men than the board could subsidise, leading to the deputy-chairman of the Unemployment Board announcing "There is no



Echo of past gold mining days - an old cabin discovered on the route from Coromandel to Mercury Bay in 1932.

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room for any more men on that work on the Coromandel Peninsula".

When fire broke out at Turua's cheese factory in Huirau Road staff immediately organised a bucket brigade and shortly afterwards the staff of the Hauraki Plains Dairy Company's factory at Turua arrived armed with extinguishers. A number of Turua residents also helped by bringing extinguishers from the Turua Hall. The flames were subdued, but not before the cheese waxing plant was com-

pletely ruined.

The main factory building had a very narrow escape - if the wind had changed nothing could have prevented the whole factory building being gutted. The staff of the factory, and also the members of the public and staff of the Hauraki Plains Dairy Company's factory were praised for the promptness with which they attacked the blaze, and for the save they made of the building.

At Netherton Hall, the Blue Sparks Orchestra commenced a

new series of card tournaments and dances, running free buses from Paeroa, Hikutaia and Hauraki Plains.

Each bus carried a full load of pleasure seekers, who were not disappointed on arriving at Netherton, where the orchestra played all the very latest dance hits and the card room was well patronised. The Apache Dance Hall at Netherton also ran a fortnightly card and dance programme where Claude Fisher and his Collegians performed. One evening a large crowd of patrons sang en masse the latest American hit 'Bye, Bye, Mr Dry.' Claude Fisher rendered a saxophone solo 'Saxophobia' in his usual brilliant manner.

A 'Learn to Swim Week' was held at the Paeroa Municipal Bath by the members of the Paeroa Amateur Swimming Club. The club arranged for instructors to be in attendance throughout the week, and the council agreed to grant concession tickets, the rate being eight swims for one shilling. The ability to swim was promised to open an avenue of great enjoyment, and perhaps as a result Paeroa might produce an Olympic Games swimmer.

The dismissal of a dozen 'elderly' Waihi miners led to a stop work meeting. The men were to be replaced by those under 45 years of age. Over 500 miners attended the meeting at which a resolution was carried "That the matter be referred to the Conciliation Commissioner to arrange a conference between the union and the Waihi Gold Mining Company, in the meantime the men to return to work when the Waihi mine reopens at midnight".

## Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. How many Rugby World Cup final matches have been won by the All Blacks?
2. *Bohemian Like You* was a 2000 hit for which band, whose name is based on an artist?
3. Defenestration is the act of throwing someone or something out of what?
4. Approximately how long after canned food was invented, did it take for the can opener to be invented? a) 5 months, b) 5 years or c) 50 years?
5. Yerevan is the capital city of which country?
6. After English and Mandarin Chinese, what is the third most widely spoken language in the world?
7. Little Spotted, Great Spotted and Okarito are all species of which animal?
8. In which year was the final episode of the New Zealand TV show *Outrageous Fortune* screened? a) 2010, b) 2013 or c) 2016?
9. CHT is the airport code for which New Zealand airport?
10. *Eat, Pray, Love*; *Erin Brockovich*; and *Pretty Woman* all starred which actress?



ANSWERS: 1. Three (in 1987, 2011, 2015); 2. The Dandy Warhols; 3. A window; 4. 50 years; 5. Armenia; 6. Hindi; 7. Kiwi; 8. a) 2010; 9. Chatham Islands/Tuvalu Airport; 10. Julia Roberts.

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# Education

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## New youth forum to give rangatahi a voice

By Pūriri School student Amelia Humphries

In 2023, our learning support co-ordinator (LSC), Lisa Barnett, invited three kura to become part of a Youth Forum.

It is an idea that has grown from a conversation around youth having a recognised voice in our community and in our local council.

My journey to this project started back in year 6, when I decided to join a workshop run by India, the communication representative from Thames Coromandel District Council, with my peers, Lexi, year 8, Shawn, also year 8, and Lucas, year 7.

Our focus was to learn about how to write editorial for publication.

A year on, Shawn and Lexi are now at two different high schools and are still very active in the Youth Voice at TCDC. Lucas, myself and the new addition of Axel, year 6, are also active in the mahi (work).

In our meetings each term at the council chambers, I got to meet the adults in this group, and re-connect with councillor Robyn Sinclair and the other

students from five different kura (schools) in our district. At this meeting, we broke up into groups for a review of the ideas that we had previously discussed. This led to us deciding to focus on four key areas: art around the town, trails and tracks, water access for animals and people in town, and business development.

From here the adults have found us mentors to support us with council submissions, meetings that are relevant to our projects, as well as being a guiding ear to help us along our journey.

Recently, two of our students presented a district-wide tracks and trails hui at the council chambers.

My group, art, is about to learn about funding for art materials, scope out where we can refresh art on the pavements by the waterfront and find other potential areas to paint with the guidance of local artist Rick Fisher, our mentor.

I am excited to continue this journey of learning. It is helping me and my peers to understand local government and process. At times this can be stressful but in a motivating way.

## Engage, educate, empower: The role of community at Pūriri School

By Pūriri School principal Lydia Lester

So much of the talk regarding education is about what we learn, and yes, what we learn is important. Children need a firm grasp of reading, writing and mathematics.

But kids also need to learn context, to understand where they are and what events have led to now.

It can be as simple as walking the river that carved the valley or panning for gold with a local enthusiast.

It can be as fun as starting a hāngī fire or watching the stars rise on a crisp Matariki morning. To hear all of the stories that have flowed into this moment. Reading, writing and math are the tools we use to understand the world around us, and if we are brave, to change it.

At Pūriri School, our last term was full of learning in meaningful contexts - all wrapped up in community, making the most of our local resources, people and teachable moments.

Term two had us delving into our local history - what were the Thames and Pūriri Valleys like when only Tangata Whenua (the people of the land) were here? How did this change with the great gold rush Thames is so well known for?

We linked this learning with Matariki, the specific way it is celebrated in Hauraki and the local Pūrakai (narratives and world-views) of our area. It would have been impossible without connection, without the wisdom and knowledge from those in our community.

Learning is about making connections, connections are what make the learning worthwhile. We take our learning to places that make it come to life. At Pūriri School, knowing our pepeha (introduction) and sharing it at school became real as our kids introduced themselves in the whareniui of Matai Whetū Marae.

Researching gold mining and the tools used in the Thames mines all those years ago became tangible when holding gold bearing quartz at the Thames Goldmine. Learning all the names of the Matariki cluster and what they represent became magical in the whispered discussions before dawn on a brisk July morning looking up at

the starry sky.

The children shared with their whānau (families) what they had read, written and learnt about.

At Matariki we gathered around the hāngī fire to warm up and bring in the day together, learning and celebrating as a community, making intergenerational connections with each other, from toddlers to retirees.

Whānau who go back generations in the area shared stories and traditions with our new families and friends.

You can teach a child all the facts and figures and frameworks, but how much richer is it to see the real gold that a local panner found in your river, to stand ankle deep in water and try it out yourself, the sparkling flecks sparking the motivation to learn more, to research more, to work out the maths, the weights, the prices, the percentages.

To be involved in the design of a new playground and see the project through from start to finish. To bring student ideas and concerns to the local council and having those ideas change and impact the local township.

As schools we can teach our next generation reading, writing and maths, but as a community we can help our schools unlock creativity, inspire passions, make learning unforgettable.

At Pūriri School we are so grateful to have a community surrounding us who are willing to help us make those connections with the wider world, whether it be down at Te Kura O Awa (River School) connecting with nature; in the classroom understanding the structures of learning; writing on the walls of a playground company that helped us make our vision come to life; at the local Marae singing Waiata and playing traditional games; or in the council chambers of TCDC, having ideas heard and implemented.

Everyone has something to offer, everyone has something to gain, kids can learn from adults, adults can learn from kids. Let's make community integral to our learning spaces.

*Mā mua ka rite a muri, Mā muri ka ora a mua. Those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to those who lead.*

## Playground ready for action

Pūriri School formally opened its new playground on July 5, after months of fundraising and planning. The students were involved from start to finish - from fundraising, designing and selecting their favourite equipment elements, visiting Playco factory to see the build in progress, and finally helping to spread the bark beneath. After blessing the playground and cutting the ribbon, the kids took to the ladders and swings to give everything a try. The opening ceremony also incorporated a Matariki celebration, and students watched as the hāngī was prepared alongside the new play area.

On June 17, Pūriri School welcomed Seth and Luke from Playco Auckland, to install our brand new playground.

A few students went out to watch the progress. Axel stated, "I want it done now!" and a few others were excited about the playground.

Henry said, "It's gonna be awesome", and another said, "I can't wait for it to be done!"

Everyone at Pūriri School was hyped about the new playground. After a few days of watching and waiting in anticipation, Seth and Luke had finished the building part, and it looked amazing!

Pūriri students were lucky to be part of the process from the beginning. This started in 2023, with classroom mahi (work) around design options. David from Play-Co joined us at kura to assist in the process, telling us about what different aspects of play help us to develop our physical fitness.

He listened to our ideas and

added them to the designs.

This year in term two, the whole school went to the PlayCo factory to learn about how they would make our playground and the manufacturing processes. We saw what would be our playground in pieces. Mid term two the playground rolled into our kura (school) and we were able to watch our dreams come to reality. Pūriri School had a community working bee to pack the bark and edging. Can you believe over 40 people came to help? It was challenging but definitely worth it.

We all celebrated the new equipment for our aakonga (students) at the opening and it has been non stop play on our playground.

A big thanks to Luke and Seth and all the community for the donations and participating at our events. You have made our dream come true.

Bring on the next challenge.

- By Pūriri student Amelia Humphries



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10am Wed 21st August 2024.  
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**Western Plains Drainage District Committee**  
Thursday, 1 August 2024, 10.30am  
Ngatea Service Centre

**Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee**  
Thursday, 1 August 2024, 1.00pm  
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**Regulatory Hearings Committee**  
Monday, 5 August 2024, 9.00am (confirmed)

**Planning Committee**  
Monday, 12 August 2024, 9.00am (if required)

**Adaptive Planning and Emergency Management Committee**  
Monday, 12 August 2024, 1.00pm

**Audit and Risk Committee**  
Tuesday, 13 August 2024, 9.00am

**Community Partnerships Committee**  
Wednesday, 14 August 2024, 9.00am

**Regulatory Hearings Committee**  
Monday, 19 August 2024, 9.00am (if required)

**Finance Committee**  
Monday, 26 August 2024, 10.00am

**Council**  
Wednesday, 28 August 2024, 9.00am

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# Mixed media, copper to feature

The first of Thames Art Gallery's featured artists for August is Whitianga's Wendy Walls.

Wendy is a professional artist whose genre is mixed media, her subjects being landscapes, still life, flora and fauna. She combines a wide range of art materials in her mixed media painting, including gels, pastes, fluid acrylics, inks, skins, collage and heavy body paints.

Wendy paints both abstract and realistic works and she is not shy of trying new themes and resources, using vibrant colours and rich textures. She has a local and international clientele.

Being a qualified teacher specialising in art, Wendy has conducted art workshops throughout the North island, in her own art school in Auckland and later in her studio and classroom in Whitianga.

Wendy says it was an "Eureka" moment when she read Mary Todd Beam's mixed media book *Celebrate Your Creative Self*, which had been a Christmas present from her late mother, also an accomplished artist. She was so inspired to take her creative energy in a new direction that she set out to attend Mary's workshop in the North Carolina mountains, USA, where she found the experience was enlightening - even travelling from New Zealand to Springmaid Mountain was a journey in its own right. Once there she soon discovered her previous knowledge of design methodology and materials had been limited.

Subsequent workshops in the USA further enhanced Wendy's techniques. Wendy says: "My art



Guest artists Wendy Walls, left, and Helen Stuart.

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gives me great intrinsic pleasure and equally rewarding is the satisfaction from encouraging others to discover this amazing art journey themselves."

The second featured artist is Helen Stuart, who produces unique art forms using copper.

She started making copper markers for the garden in the form of butterflies on wire stakes, taking advantage of the off-cuts from her husband's work as she didn't like to see wastage.

This soon progressed into making small shoals of fish and it simply snowballed into making larger items. She has learnt to solder and this has enabled her to produce the larger works of art.

Helen's late husband, Roger, was very artistically talented, too, and he made the special tools to create patterns and details on the pieces he made. After he died, Helen utilised his tools and she has been forming her own techniques. She does not think she could pro-

duce the work she does without those specific and special tools.

Helen uses new copper which comes in a 10kg roll and is .25mm thick, making it very flexible and pliable. The various colours are generated by using a combination of heat and lacquer, which creates quite a variety of shades, depending on the heat and humidity on the day.

Helen often has a stall at the Thames market and enjoys meeting people who appreciate and purchase her work. She says people will often inspire her to try something different. Helen has found living by the sea a great inspiration to her art and at times while travelling she will see an item that will give her an idea, so she never knows when a new idea will come into fruition and join her vast array of creations.

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

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Organist to perform at St George's Church

Organist Dr John Wells will play both the organ and piano at St George's Church in Thames on August 4, at 2pm.

Dr Wells is a graduate of Cambridge University, where he was Organ Scholar for the famous Chapel Choir.

He subsequently established himself in New Zealand as a freelance performer, recording artist, broadcaster and composer.

He gained his doctorate with high distinction from Indiana University and was organ tutor and University Organist at the University of Auckland from 1992 to 2012.

As Auckland City Organist, he spearheaded the campaign to rebuild the Town Hall organ; the new instrument has won international acclaim since its debut in 2010.

He has given concerts throughout New Zealand, and also Australia, the United Kingdom, United States and Europe.

Wells has worked extensively with choirs and was deputy conductor of the New Zealand Youth Choir under Peter Godfrey and Karen Grylls. He was director of the Australian and New Zealand College of Organists.

He made New Zealand's first organ CD and is the only organist to have presented a concert in a woolshed. He was made a Fellow of the New Zealand Association of Organists in recognition of his



Organist John Wells. Photo: SUPPLIED

services to organ music.

He has taught privately throughout his career and was an examiner for the Associated Board for many years.

John Wells is no stranger to Thames audiences, having given a number of concerts in St George's Church.

On Sunday, he will play the first half of Bach's *Goldberg Variations* on the piano and works from France, Germany and New Zealand on the organ.

**DETAILS: August 4, 2pm at St George's Church, Thames. Entry \$20; TMG Members \$15; under 18 years free.**



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**August Featured Artists**

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| <p><b>WENDY WALLS</b></p> <p>Wendy enjoys creating both abstract and realistic artworks using mixed media. She is a well known and accomplished artist and workshop facilitator.</p> | <p><b>HELEN STUART</b></p> <p>Helen is a Life Member of the gallery, and along with her many volunteering duties she creates beautiful hand crafted copper art.</p> |
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# JUMBO CROSSWORD

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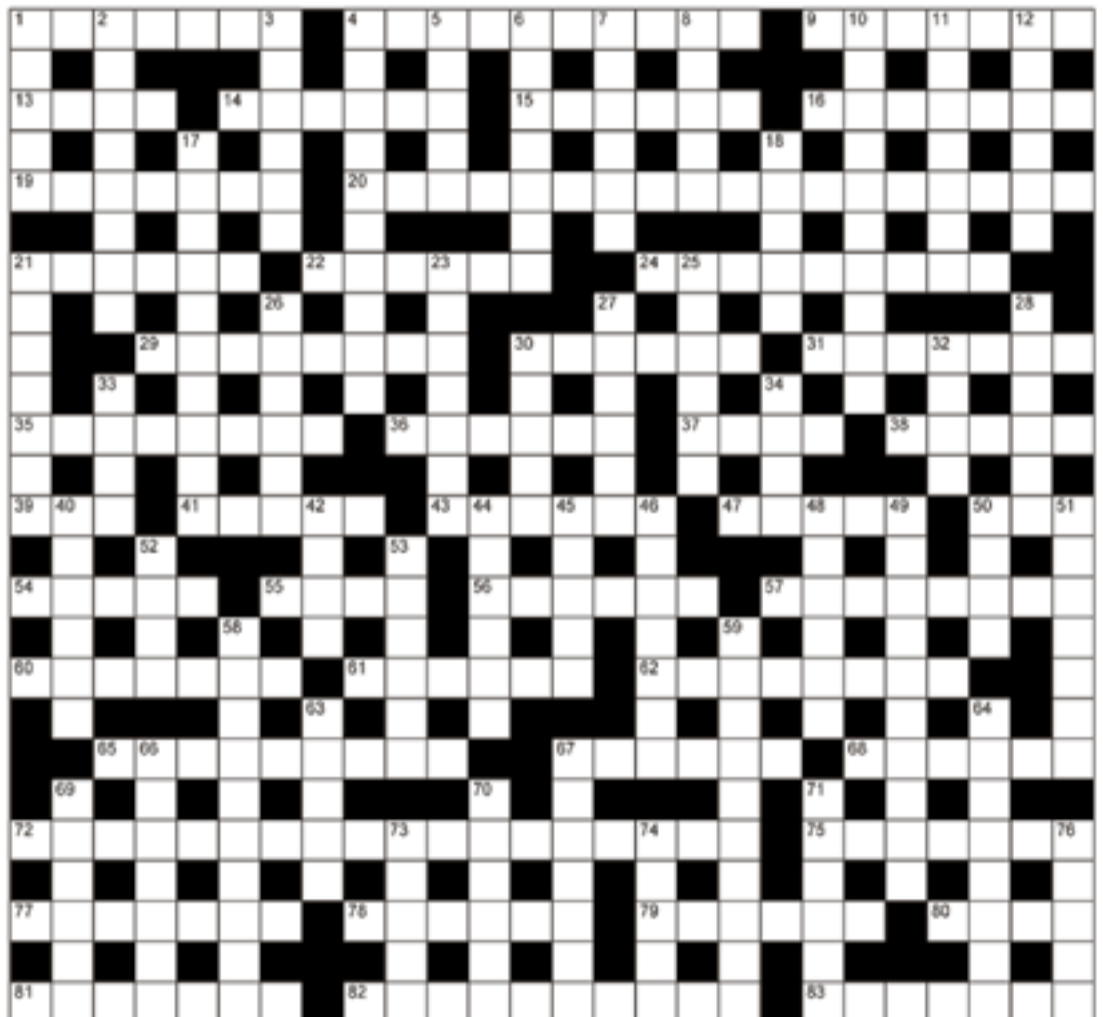
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- 4 Poet-singer (10)
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- 16 Distinguished musician (7)
- 19 Become gelatinous (7)
- 20 Make every effort to keep away from someone or something (5,4,3,6)
- 21 Nonsense (6)
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- 24 Of greatest importance (9)
- 29 Eats (8)
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- 54 Nozzle (5)
- 55 Night insect (4)
- 56 Unhealthily pale (6)
- 57 Telescope (8)
- 60 Hold (7)
- 61 Explosive

**DOWN**

- 1 Joke teller (5)
- 2 Intense unfounded suspicion (8)
- 3 Brief turbulent storm (6)
- 4 Solid ground (5,5)
- 5 Go one better than (5)
- 6 Devoid of all moisture (4-3)
- 7 Hold in custody (6)
- 8 Male relation (5)
- 10 For examination with an option to buy (2,8)
- 11 Keep something going over time (7)

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- 12 Travelling show (6)
- 17 Kind-hearted (10)
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- 63 Messenger (5)
- 64 Shelled animal (8)
- 66 Provide commentary for (7)
- 67 Accept as true (7)
- 69 Heavenly body (6)
- 70 Puffs up (6)
- 71 Noisy quarrel (6)
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- 74 Beginning (5)
- 76 Scum (5)



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# Gardening

## Encourage visitors to your garden

We are into the last month of winter and spring is only weeks away. It has been lovely watching the birds in the garden all vying for whatever food, nectar and bugs that they can find.

There is a distinct pecking order in the bird world and sometimes the smallest are the first in. Put a couple of nails in the top of the fence or on a post and put some citrus halves on to the nails. You will be pleasantly surprised by the visitors to your garden.

August is also a good time for a winter tidy up, clip hedges, edges and last minute pruning. Start a garden and plant your salad greens.

Prepare the vegetable garden for spring planting by digging in compost, blood and bone and sheep pellets. This helps to condition the soil and attract earthworms.

Seed potatoes are available for planting during late winter. They like slightly acidic soil with good moisture levels. Plant about 15cm deep and apply a 5cm layer of mulch. Once sprouts start to show, if you can't mound up the soil apply an additional 15cm mulch to protect from sunlight.

Continue harvesting existing crops and start planting out more cut and come varieties of lettuce. Plant tomato seeds in trays and place on a warm windowsill in a garden shed or under cover so the seedlings are ready to plant out once the last frosts have passed.

Divide old rhubarb clumps which have wintered over and plant out pieces containing new green shoots.



There's a distinct pecking order in the bird world.

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In the flower garden, start planting gerberas, marigolds, hellebores, azaleas and daphne while conditions are right. If it is warm enough, gladioli corms can be planted out. Keep beds well weeded and mulch where possible.

Plant new season roses, they like sun, good air flow and when planting, a seaweed tonic. This promotes good root growth. As existing plants awaken from their winter hibernation, it's time to feed them to prepare for the flurry of new growth. Once fed, they can have a new layer of mulch. Spray with a Copper Oxychloride to prevent infestation.

Attend to your fruit trees with a copper spray now. This will help prevent fungal and bacterial diseases on your pip fruit trees, stone fruit and

berry plants later in the season. Repeat weekly until the little green leaf tips start to appear, especially if you had a problem last season. Always remember to clean up leaf drop around plants to avoid spreading diseases. Sprinkle fertiliser around the drip line of the trees and mulch.

Prune your feijoas to encourage a healthy fruit crop for next season. Spreading a lawn fertiliser over the lawn in late winter will provide a rich source of nutrients which will nurture and improve the soil structure and the integrity of the lawn.

Aerate compost heaps to encourage rapid breakdown. Add your prunings to keep the worms happy and well feed.

Enjoy your garden.  
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## Trust me: two simple words

### OPINION

By MICHAEL WILKES



Trust me. Two simple words that roll off the tongue with ease yet can be so very

hard. It's a phrase that as a teenager my brothers came to know as the signal to step away.

Whether it was pressuring them to join me in making bombs out of fireworks or jumping in the car to go drifting.

I was always full of 'bright' and 'exciting' ideas. The last time my older brother didn't heed the warning, he walked back into his flat physically shaking.

I narrowly missed hitting a parked car on his side. His life flashed before his eyes, and I had the time of my life.

Trust, like respect is earned. At times hard work to build yet shattered in an instant. And trust is something we simply cannot do without.

I have been reflecting on this in my work at present. I am transitioning to spending more time supporting the team, and less time doing the ground-work with our awesome taiohi. And I finally understand. I have always struggled to trust management. And now that I am moving into that space, I am realising that the trust from a manager or business owner is

no small feat.

Trust is something we simply cannot do without.

Every day we trust complete strangers and never give it a second thought. We drive our tin cans at eye watering speeds, full of flammable gas, and point them toward others with the only thing separating us from catastrophe being a painted line in the middle of the road.

The trust we show every day towards total strangers is incredible. But that is because we often don't give it a thought.

Yet as I reflect on trust, I consider the hurt that comes when it is broken. Often when one person hurts us, we struggle to trust other people.

Yet often the only person we continue to hurt is ourselves. We shut people out, we avoid things that are good for us, we miss out on the fun.

All for fear that trust will be broken again. If you know what I am talking about, can I ask you to do something scary? Take a risk and give someone new a chance.

Don't allow the what-if question to stop you from enjoying life right in front of you now.

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The Coromandel Hornets are the first to take home the Karly Forsyth Memorial Cup. Photo: SUPPLIED

## Coromandel Hornets sting in final

The Coromandel Hornets have been named inaugural Women's Club of Origin Champions after defeating Te Aroha 26-0 at the Thames Valley Rugby Women's finals day at Hugh Hayward Domain in Ngatea on Sunday. Coromandel took home The Karly Forsyth Memorial Cup, in honour of former Hauraki North Diamonds player Karly Forsyth, who passed away from cancer at the age of 17. Hauraki North Diamonds beat Whangamata 56-5 in the third and fourth play off, and Ngatea won the fifth and sixth play-off against Thames in a cracking contest.

### FOOTBALL

Thames Football Club's men extended their winning streak to five with a convincing 6-3 victory over Waikato Unicol Red Boys, continuing their impressive late-season surge.

A tricky away fixture awaited for the early Saturday kickoff as Thames travelled to Jansen Park, determined to keep the pressure on Northern United Humblebees and Claudelands Rovers Stallions as the season entered its final stretch.

Thames started with a bang, quickly settling nerves with a flurry of early goals. James Harvey and Mickael Deroncourt thwarted a counterattack before releasing Andy Buchan - the wavy-haired winger delivered a curling through ball to the galloping Ben Taylor, who neatly slotted home with a left-foot finish.

The second goal was almost a carbon copy: Keegan Apperley found Buchan with a precise pass, and Buchan once again set up Taylor, who slotted home from a tight angle.

Undeterred by a poor start, Unicol quickly pulled one back as Dane Mitchell fired a low left-footed shot into the far corner after Thames failed to clear their lines. Gabriel Chand came agonizingly close to equalizing with a superb long-distance strike that cannoned off the crossbar. Thames weathered a period of

pressure before striking again: Taylor found Harry Williscroft on the right, the winger powered through a series of defenders before blasting the ball into the roof of the net for his 12th of the campaign - an impressive tally for his debut season.

Unicol, refusing to give up, responded again as Chand, unmarked at the back post, headed in to cut the deficit. Xavier Brown then extended Thames' lead once more, reacting quickest to a Taylor shot that was parried by goalkeeper Alex Freeman, and tapping it home. Taylor, in scintillating form, completed his first-half hat-trick by pouncing on a loose ball and lashing it into the top corner, capping off an eventful first half.

After the break, Taylor added his fourth of the day and sixth in two games. Ryan Le Roux closed down a loose ball before slipping it to Taylor, who finished neatly with a low side-footed shot.

Unicol added their third as Jose Manuel Gonzalez weaved through the defense before curling a shot into the far corner, scoring the last goal of the game. The final score: Thames FC 6-3 Waikato Unicol Red Boys.

"The team's consistency has been the most pleasing aspect of late," striker Ben Taylor said.

"With four games left to play against the strongest competition, we must continue to be consistent."



Thames Football Club's Ryan Le Roux glides away from Waikato Unicol Red Boys defenders during their match on the weekend.

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