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# A DOGGONE MESS

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

Three dogs, a \$300 fine, one Paeroa business owner and two retirees are at the centre of a three-year dispute which has become very public in recent days, prompting a petition to the district council.

Country Dog Garden Centre owner Donna Jamieson was issued a \$300 fine by the Hauraki District Council for having her dog off-leash in the public/business part of her property on August 21.

The dog in question is Daisy, a white Maltese shih tzu, but her German shepherds Axyl and Xena have also faced complaints.

Donna, who lives on a large fenced section directly behind her garden centre, has received multiple notices from the council regarding her dogs since she moved to the property in November, 2021.

She said the council notices stemmed mainly from one neighbour's complaints.

"I just want to be treated fairly, and I want my dogs to be able to be at their home," she said. "We've been fined for our dog being loose on our own property."

"I'm a small business in a small town, I've done nothing but be kind and generous to this community and it's a big kick in the guts."

Meanwhile, retirees Martin and Margaret Raddatz, who live across the street, said they were

concerned about noisy and potentially dangerous behaviour from the dogs. They have complained to the council about the barking, which can be heard from their home, but said they were not solely to blame for the fine.

"It's multiple complaints, not just us," Margaret said.

"And the council has a procedure. [But] we've witnessed so many near misses over there. She doesn't have them under control... She might think it's personal against her, but it's not."

Now, a petition from local resident Gail Ellis has called for council to withdraw the fine.

"We the undersigned customers think this is ridiculous," it read. "We have never had any problem with the owner's dogs... the dogs are well disciplined and friendly."

The council animal control team said in a statement they had been aware of concerns about Donna's dogs for some time.

"There are two issues we are dealing with here: numerous complaints received from multiple people about barking coming from the premises over a nearly three-year period, [and] three dogs being off leash on the public side of the business premises," they said.

"In this case the dog owner was given the opportunity to comply, however after three years council has regretfully had to take enforcement action. To date the

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Donna Jamieson with her dogs. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

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# Doggone mess for garden centre

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dog owner has not complied with written requests, and/or notices.”

Donna is currently subject to a Section 55 barking dog notice, which requires her to keep the dogs away from the public areas of her property and out of sight of any stimuli that may cause them to bark. The dogs must also wear bark collars.

Donna said the complaints began when her dog Axyl barked at an intruder at 2am one night and she approached the neighbours with concerns about someone in their driveway.

“It kind of escalated from there. If one of my dogs makes any noise, there’s a call to the council. I’ve been accused of the dogs barking all night and all day, which they don’t.

“I’m being singled out... I can’t even go into my car park without him watching or him yelling rude stuff across the street.

“I’m not an unreasonable person. I’ve tried to be neighbourly and have an amicable outcome that’s suitable for everybody. I’ve just been met with hostility and swearing and nastiness.”

However, the Raddatz’s said they were the ones feeling attacked.

“I’m not a dog hater [but] they’re not under control,” Margaret said.

“We have the right to complain. We have the right to live our retirement in peace and quiet.”

Margaret said the police had been called on them for “intimidating behaviour”, but



The petition had around 200 signatures on September 13. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

she said they had a right to walk about their own property, and they would continue to watch the dogs from their deck out of concern that someone would eventually get hurt.

“The dogs do approach aggressively and bark at people, and as you saw in Thames just the other day, a lady’s little dog got killed by dogs, and I’m very concerned that that’s going to eventually happen... The little dog is lovely, the two Alsations are lovely, but they could act as a pack if aggravated.”

Public opinion on the matter is divided. In the hour *The Profile* spent at the garden centre, five people came in specifically to sign

the petition, which already had around 200 signatures on September 13.

“We just don’t think it’s fair. We’ve come in before when the dogs have been out and they’re lovely,” one customer said.

“They’re saying it’s a public place... It’s a private business.”

A social media post, which has since been removed, also elicited multiple comments in support of Donna. Several commenters were retailers who said they also had their dogs at work with them.

“We understand that some people are concerned about dogs. But on this occasion, the dogs are needed. For Donna, who lives here, it’s a bit of security,” Gail said.

“We thought if council realised that the customers are aware of the dogs and it isn’t a problem, [it would show] it’s being singled out.”

Along with the fine, Donna has now been issued with a letter from the council warning her of formal action, including the potential removal of her dogs, if she doesn’t comply with the barking notice requirements.

“If for a moment I thought there was some justification, sure, I’d do bark collars and sure, I’d do whatever, but they’re not barking extraordinarily often,” Donna said.

“I don’t feel as safe now.”

“The German shepherds were a good deterrent... [but] they’ve never been aggressive to anyone at all,” Donna said.



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Whangamata	-0	02	-0	05	
Waihi Beach	-0	11	-0	12	

# Brigade appoints first female deputy chief

By TERESA RAMSEY

Teresa Ludlow has been appointed the first female Deputy Fire Chief of the Turua Fire Brigade after responding to the "call of the siren" for the past 17 years.

Teresa joined the Turua brigade a year after she moved to the rural Hauraki town.

"My neighbour was in the fire brigade and she said 'come on down' so I had a look and... nearly 17 years later I'm still here," she told *The Profile*.

Teresa, who works in Thames, also rides with the Thames brigade occasionally.

"I'm a cycle postie in Thames, so when the siren goes off there and I'm on my bike, I roar into the station there - just filling in when they don't have an officer."

Being appointed Deputy Fire Chief "hasn't quite sunk in yet", she said.

"I'm lost for words really.

"I feel absolutely privileged and proud to be having that rank and I think the ones that have come before me, they did all the groundwork with me and put me in my place to rise up through the ranks."

As for being appointed the first female Deputy Chief: "It's nice to get the recognition, but I shy away from all that being in the limelight... I'll just continue doing what I've been doing".

More women were getting involved with their local fire brigades, she said.



Teresa Ludlow has been helping keep the Turua community safe for 17 years.

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"I think it's just the change of FENZ [Fire and Emergency New Zealand] now putting it out there, promoting it. Anyone can do it - it's not just a male oriented thing anymore, anybody can do it, all walks of life.

"It's for everybody, like I tell my brigade: we're here for one reason, to serve our community and keep our community safe. "So if you're willing to put the time into obtaining these skills, we can protect our community." Teresa said the camaraderie at the brigade enabled her to

make many friends both within and outside the fire service.

"It's the people around us and the call of the siren - [the adrenaline] still kicks in after all these years," she said.

Teresa is officer in charge of the Turua station under Miles

Shelley, who is Chief Fire Officer of both Turua and Ngatea stations.

"Without his support and for him to say 'you can do it', I don't think could've done it, so Miles Shelley is just a champion. He's driven us.

"We lost quite a few high-ranking members quite quickly and I believe it's him that's kept the Turua brigade open and going."

The brigade now had a succession plan in place to support those coming up through the ranks in case members stepped down or moved away, she said.

The Turua brigade has one fire truck and just 10 members who responded mainly to motor vehicle accidents, medical events, and a lot of scrub fires during summer, she said.

"We're only little so we don't have as many calls as what Thames or Ngatea would have."

The Turua brigade members were all volunteers and the fire station struggled to find enough members for events during the day, as six members were needed to mobilise the fire appliance, she said.

"Most of our members actually work outside of Turua and we sometimes cannot get the appliance out the door.

"We are always looking for members."

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# Commemorations by the sea

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

The annual commemoration of the Battle of Britain was held at Thames Sailing Club in Taranu on September 15.

The event was to honour Thames-born Sir Keith Park and others who fought in the Battle of Britain 84 years ago during World War II.

Sir Keith's grand-niece, Lesley Park, was present for the event, along with sculptor Joanne Sullivan, who was commissioned to create a bronze statue of Sir Keith for display at Thames Airfield.

The attendees heard from the Royal Navy Commander Richard Greenwood-Bell representing the British High Commission, Royal NZ Air Force Group Captain Mike Cannon, retired Captain Rus-

sell Skeet, and Sir Keith Park Memorial Airfield trust chair Geoff Furkert, along with Thames Coromandel Mayor Len Salt and Coromandel MP Scott Simpson.

Commander Greenwood-Bell said Sir Keith was more often remembered in the United Kingdom for his leadership qualities, rather than his role as an unsung hero of the battle.

"He intuitively understood that leaders must be seen... to be prepared to do what they asked others to do," he said.

Group Captain Cannon agreed, saying he thought Sir Keith was an example of a man who should be held up as a role model for the next generation.



Cadets stand to attention as the retreat is sounded.

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The Thames Air Cadets flank the room for the ceremony.



RN Commander Richard Greenwood-Bell from the British High Commission, front, with retired Captain Russell Skeet, who led the proceedings.



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# Funding needed for Valley youth to thrive

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

The Living Well Trust won't let a lack of funding be a barrier to its work supporting the youth of Thames and Paeroa.

The trust has set up a Givealittle campaign to raise \$10,000 for its ongoing resilience and confidence-building programmes. Youth and family programmes director Michael Wilkes said he was hopeful the trust would be able to continue offering the initiatives.

"Every year we need money, that's just the nature of charity," he said.

"We don't get any government funding and everything's funded through either individual donations, [which] probably make up 25 per cent of our costs, and then the rest is all through fundraising.

"But I always want what we do to be available to everyone, and as soon as we start putting fees on stuff, you'll have some schools that can afford to and others that won't."

Since the trust began its outreach work in Thames in 2016, it has worked with more than 300 students each year.

At the primary level, the trust takes its adventure-based programmes, Res-Kids and Thrive, into local schools to work with 11- and 12-year-old students on resilience, confidence-building and relationship-strengthening skills to prepare them for the challenges of high school and teenagedom.

This year, it has also begun a pilot programme at Paeroa College, which Michael hoped would even-



Living Well Trust's Michael Wilkes, centre, says funding is needed to continue boosting the confidence and resilience of youth in Thames and Paeroa.

tually be rolled out to other high schools.

Rather than structured programmes, the pilot involves youth workers who "linger with intent", building rapport and offering support to individual students on campus on an as-needed basis.

Additional community support, such as information for whānau

and training for school staff, is also on offer at the trust.

Michael said the programmes were all about equipping kids with the skills and language they needed to tackle hard thoughts and tough life transitions.

"The kids that are quiet and reserved, they internalise everything. [For] our original pro-

gramme called Res-Kids, that was the target," Michael said.

"These are the kids who, when things get real tough, because they haven't learnt to share what's going on and offload, they're the ones more likely to end up [in trouble]. The hope's always been to see those statistics reduced through the work that we do."

Photo: SUPPLIED

But the programmes had benefits for all children, Michael said, and most of them simply needed a little support.

"When someone actually believes that they're worth it, and when they believe that they've got something to give the world, you see kids realise, 'actually, I am worth it and I am valuable'."

From the beginning, Michael said he had seen a huge difference in the kids involved.

"You get parents mentioning that their kids are actually talking to them at home now... teachers will see certain students may start to engage a lot more in class," he said.

"One parent shared that her kid's moving into high school this year, she said it's incredible how much she's matured off the back of it."

Many of the kids also said they felt an increased sense of connection and trust with their peers, Michael said.

"There's a kid I can think of who, in primary school, he was a rascal... just getting into fights with a particular other student," he said.

"So I took them into the bush. We made some bread, cooked it over a fire... I got them hanging out regularly. The whole idea was just that we were building common ground, common interest between them. They became mates."

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# Onam harvest festival celebrated

The spirit of Kerala, a southern state of India, came alive in Thames recently as the Malayali community gathered at Thames Civic Centre to celebrate Onam.

The traditional harvest festival event was a vibrant mix of cultural performances, traditional games and mouth watering feasts, bringing together hundreds of Thames Malayalis.

The festivities began with the traditional pookkalam (floral carpet) arranged by community members, symbolising the welcoming of the mythical king Mahabali. A variety of cultural performances followed, including Thiruvathira, a classical dance performed by women dressed up in special Kerala attire. The highlight of the event was the grand Onam Sadya, a traditional vegetation feast. The event included a variety of games including Vadam Vali (tug-of-war), which added to the festive spirit, bringing joy and excitement to both participants and onlookers.

The Onam celebrations provided an opportunity for generations of Malayalis living in New Zealand to reconnect with their roots while sharing the essence of Kerala heritage with a global audience.



Thames Malayalis recently celebrated Onam, a traditional harvest festival, which began with the traditional pookkalam, left. Photos: SUPPLIED



# Exhibition for Paeroa artist

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

When Robyn Wilson has an idea about a piece of art she wants to create, she can't ignore it. "If I leave it [for] two or three days it drives me nuts. I have to go and do it," she said.

The Paeroa-based artist makes paintings, pottery, scarfs, jewellery, ceramics and cushions.

For the month of September, the community is invited to see Robyn's artwork exhibited in the Crosby Gallery at the Paeroa Arts Centre.

"At the moment we're open from 11 to 3, when the flags are out."

Robyn said she'd never had any official training for her creating - "a lot of it, I'll just pick up". However, she had taken part in the odd course, she said.

"I'm just a very lucky person. I see how something's made and I

can do it." Robyn's method for creating was "run by my brain".

Ideas would come to her in the middle of the night, she said, "and I'll just start creating".

But her reason for making art was "I just enjoy it".

"And I also like repurposing stuff. If I see something [and] I don't want it to go to rubbish, I'll repurpose it into something else.

"I get a big kick out of it".

For people interested in getting involved in the arts, there is a painting group and pottery group who meet together on Tuesday mornings at the Paeroa Arts Centre.

**DETAILS:** To find out more about the groups, or to check out Robyn's art exhibition, visit the Paeroa Arts Centre at 109 Normanby Rd, Paeroa, or check out the Paeroa Society of Arts on Facebook.



Robyn Wilson's art is on display during September. Photo: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

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# Seagull grants seed community projects

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

Several community groups and organisations were celebrated at the Thames Seagull Centre's community grants celebration on September 10.

A total of 28 grants of between \$250 and \$1000 were handed out for community-focused projects across Hauraki and the Coromandel Peninsula.

In total, the trust gave out just over \$20,000. The projects included planting and gardening initiatives, sewing workshops, pest control, equipment, and social research.

Seagull Centre Trust chair Ian Coatsworth said the trust had only planned on awarding 20 grants.

"The calibre of the applications... we can't not give them anything, you know?"

Among this year's grant recipients were several school groups. Kerepēhi School's Pippi, aged 7, and Ngataierua, 6, presented their plan for a sensory and mara hupara garden space at the school.

"We've got a sensory garden slash traditional Maori garden," their teacher said.

"It's going to be like a playground, but all natural things like big logs, big boulders. Lots of stuff from the environment."

Also present were 11-year-old Pippa and Storm, and eight-year-old Jacob, from Pārāwai School. Their school envirogroup had plans to develop a wheelchair-accessible raised



Grant recipients gather at the Seagull Centre, which has allocated more than \$20,000 in grants.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

garden.

"We realised that [fellow student] Lucas and other members of our community, they can look at our gardens, they can smell our gardens, but they can't be interactive," they said.

"So, we decided, wouldn't it be cool to have a wheelchair access garden."

The Seagull Centre's community waste educator Lucci Henah said the trust was always happy to support projects that had a positive effect on the community.

"We had 35 applicants this

year, all with some really, really awesome projects," she said.

"[There was] lots of growth from our tamariki in regards to gardens, which was awesome.

"Next year I want to look at the United Nations sustainability goals and get community groups to see how they're meeting those standards as well so that we can show on a big picture level, how it connects to everybody."

**Grant recipients:** Pauanui Lakes Resort, native flora planting; Colville Junction, pest trap; Thames South School, native planting;

Netherton School, fruit trees; Thames Coast Kiwi Care, winch for vehicle; Pūriri School, mulch and garden equipment; Barnardos Turua, raised garden beds and rain-water collection; Thames Mountain Bike Club, pest traps; Hikutaia Hall, table and kitchenware; Sarah Elyse, community sewing machines; Stepping Out Hauraki, garden beds and fruit trees; Thames High School, hāngi equipment; Te Mata Jasmine Death Squad, weed spray; Predator Free Pauanui, pest traps; Matatoki School, native plants and soil; Tairua School, worm farm and recycling bins;

Central Kids Thames, excursion equipment; Kerepēhi School, garden structures and plants; Turua Domain Irrigation Project, pump shed; Thames Scout Group, overnight packs; Whitianga Bike Park, native trees; Hue Kotahi, garden supplies; Pest Free Tairua, pest traps; Moanataiari School (two projects), bokoshi and recycling bins, chook project; Whakaora, research funding; Central Kids Ngatea, compost tumbler and pataka shed.



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# Three marriages celebrated in Miranda woolshed



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.

## 1950

At Miranda, residents enjoyed an evening's fun in a manner reminiscent of the good times of earlier days when entertainment wasn't dependent on an expensive band and a big polished hall.

Starting out in a number of cars they travelled Miranda's quiet roads first arriving at the home of the Perry family where they serenaded the occupants with bagpipes, the blowing of car horns and the beating of tin cans.

This was to tin-can a newly married couple, Mrs Shirley Carter (nee Perry) and Mr Carter, who were laughingly invited to make haste to Mr Eddowes' woolshed.

Then the revellers paid a similar call with the accompanying clamour to the home of another recent bride and groom, Mr and Mrs Ian Hastings, who were also asked to go to the woolshed.

On the road again the merrymakers went to the home of the Miranda schoolmaster, Mr Peter Winks, who had also taken himself a wife and they too arrived in quick time in response to the urgent invitation to the woolshed.



Roadside view near Miranda, looking towards the Firth of Thames, 1950.

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There the three young couples found the community gathered in force to welcome them and a very jolly evening was spent with dancing games and cards.

Allan Lane played dance music on the piano, with several willing assistants helping on a piano accordion and there were also several vocal solos. So popular was the party that it went on into the "wee small hours."

Meanwhile, not everyone could sit on a nest of wasps without very unpleasant consequences, but Mr H E Harden was fortunate indeed when, near his residence in Warahoe Rd, Matatoki, he suddenly discovered that he was doing just that. Mr Harden was, at the time of getting one of life's surprises, sitting on the side of the road playing with his grandson. The nest was of European wasps and many such

nests had the year before been found at Matatoki. It was the time of the year when wasps began their work of destruction and steps were being taken to combat the pest. Large quantities of DDT had previously been sent out for the eradication of nests in Turua, Hikutaia, Mangatarata and Whangamatā.

Over in Waihi, seven people were injured when a Railway Road Services bus carrying about 35 workers from Waihi to Waihi Beach left the road and struck the side of a cutting. Three were admitted to the Waihi Public Hospital. It was believed that a blow-out caused the bus to swerve to the left-hand side of the road, where the front wheels were forced into a ditch. The bus slid along the side of the ditch for 150ft before finally ploughing into the wall of the cutting. All the passengers

were thrown violently forward and the seats were wrenched from the floor.

On the Thames Coast, after what seemed like a fruitless search (it lasted for two hours) for a patch of unclaimed shade on one of the beaches between Tararu and Tapu, an Auckland picnic party finally found a deserted pōhutukawa tree some distance past Te Puru, and settled down to what they hoped would be a peaceful day by the sea. Hardly had they spread their rug and commenced to eat their lunch, however, when a large modern car drove past and a beer bottle was hurled from the window to smash on the rocks below. Had the bottle been thrown a second or two sooner it would either have struck one of the picnickers or else the broken glass would have been scattered amongst them all.


## Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. The bands Heart, Soundgarden, Nirvana, Pearl Jam and the Foo Fighters all formed in which US city?
2. The cartoon mascots of the cereal Rice Bubbles are known as Snap, Crackle and what?
3. Which Australian city's name is a combination of the names Homer and Bart?
4. True or false? The term artery comes from Latin artēria, which usually referred to the windpipe.
5. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of the Sherlock Holmes character, died in which century? a) 18th, b) 19th or c) 20th?
6. What colour is the liquid in a classic Red Bull energy drink?
7. The abbreviation PTO, the US equivalent of annual leave, stands for what?
8. Which country eats the most pasta per capita? a) Italy, b) United Kingdom or c) United States?
9. New Zealand's only native land mammals are three species of what type of creature?
10. Falchions, scimitars and sabres are all examples of what?



ANSWERS: 1. Seattle, Washington; 2. Pop; 3. Hobart; 4. True; 5. c) 20th; 6. Yellow; 7. Paid time off; 8. a) Italy (23kg per person per year); 9. Bat; 10. Swords.



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# St John cadets claim top spot at district comp

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

It was teamwork, focus and “quick thinking” that resulted in a group win for four Thames Valley St John Cadets.

A group of students marched their way to first place in the Senior Drill team and Inspection at the Hauraki/Coromandel District St John Cadets competition on August 4, which was held at The Goldmine Experience in Thames.

Hauraki Plains College student Kiarna Bergersen and Thames High School students Lexi Thomas, Skyla Swindells and Eli Lester made up the team of four who swept up the competition.

Hauraki Plains year 9 student Kiarna Bergersen told *The Profile* she was “over the moon” when she found out her team had won.

The thing Kiarna said she enjoyed most about being part of a drill team was working together and their quick thinking.

Being involved in St John was “a passion I always had” from a young age, Kiarna said.

“[It] may have stemmed from my parents being involved in search and rescue and aviation.

“My passion is still as strong as it was, as I hope to go into a medical related career,” she said.

Kiarna’s advice for other students interested in being a St John cadet was: “I definitely recommend joining”.

“Not only do you learn some



The winning team from left: Skyla Swindells, Eli Lester, Kiarna Bergersen and Lexi Thomas. Photo: SUPPLIED

valuable skills, but you’ll also meet people, make friends from across the region and have the opportunity to attend camps, leadership courses, competitions and inter-divisional activities.”

Across the Valley, Thames High year 9 student Lexi Thomas’ advice was “if you want to join, just find your local cadet group”.

Just go in, have a trial and see how you like it, she said.

“It’s not too bad on a CV either.”

For the competition, there was a part where the cadets needed to test out their skills and techniques on pretend patients.

Lexi said one of the challenges was that the patients were really good at acting “and that

could be a struggle at times”.

Lexi, who wants to be a nurse one day, said she’d like to “get all the knowledge I can” because it will help in her career.

But the thing Lexi enjoyed most about being part of St John was the experiences and the friendships, she said.

“All four of us have got a connection.”

Fellow team mate and

Thames High year 10 student Skyla Swindells said the most memorable moment for her was “just how shocked” people were that the group came first.

Skyla said she heard how surprised their regional manager was from the audience too.

Team members Skyla, Lexi and Kiarna had all been involved with cadets for around eight years, Skyla said.

Meanwhile, Thames High year 10 student Eli Lester said he had only been involved in cadets for two years.

Eli had a few ties to cadets with his little brother who had just joined, and an uncle who used to be involved too and was the youngest cadet to earn his Grand Prior Award, he said.

The Grand Prior Award is the ultimate Award for St John Cadets to obtain.

Eli, who was also the team leader, said the group was “pretty decent friends in real life”. The main thing Eli wanted to get out of St John was first aid knowledge, he said.

“If I didn’t do St John, I would not really know what to do if someone just passed out in front of me - but now I do.”

If something happens to someone, “then I can help them in some way”, Eli said.

His advice for students who wanted to join cadets was “just do it”.

“I wanted to do it for a couple of years, but I held off,” he said.

“If you even think about doing it, just do it... It’s been really fun.”



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# Rural Life

## ‘No evidence of culpability’ for sediment discharge

An investigation into the discharge of orange sediment into the Ōhinemuri River is in its final stages, with no clear evidence of culpability other than it being the result of mining activities from more than 100 years ago, Waikato Regional Council says.

Council regional compliance manager Patrick Lynch said there was no evidence of any manmade structures in front of the mine entrance that would have caused the buildup of the sediment inside, which discharged during an event on August 23.

The sediment discharged from a mine entrance associated with the Comstock Low Level Drive, an exploratory mine that was mined between 1896 and the early 1900s, which never proved profitable, council said.

“There’s a tideline inside the drive that shows the sediment had built up to a depth of about 96 centimetres,” Mr Lynch said.

“The mine entrance is in the face of a steep bank that drops away to the Nohopane Stream, and this entrance has over the years become overgrown and covered with branches and foliage.

“This vegetation created a natural dam effect, enabling the build-up of sediment in-



The Ōhinemuri River turned bright orange on August 23 when an old mine discharged years of built-up sediment.

File Photo: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

side. It appears that gravity and the weight of the sediment has overcome the strength of the natural barrier, causing the discharge into the stream and then into the Ōhinemuri River.”

On September 6, Waikato Regional staff met with stakeholders to brief them on their investigation.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Hauraki

iwi, staff from Hauraki District Council, the Department of Conservation and Ministry for the Environment, Waikato regional and Hauraki district councillors, and Coromandel

Watchdog of Hauraki.

Mr Lynch said the purpose of the briefing was to generate conversations about “where to from here”, with Waikato Regional Council committing to provide ongoing support through environmental monitoring to help provide information about the impacts of the event.

The council tested for 30 heavy metals and cyanide in all water and sediment samples taken. A solid sediment sample taken from the streambank and from the mine outlet showed very high arsenic levels that would pose a human health risk if ingested.

“This sediment is still in the Nohopane Stream and has settled along parts of the Ōhinemuri River,” Mr Lynch said. “We continue to urge people to avoid contact with this sediment, which is bright orange in colour due to high iron.”

The sediment could pose longer term risk to aquatic organisms where it has accumulated. Initial results from water monitoring in the Ōhinemuri River also showed elevated arsenic levels from suspended sediments (unfiltered water samples), however, all levels were back to normal by the Monday following the incident.

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# Rural Life

## The Great Matuku Muster a call to action

New Zealanders are being urged to take action for nature by joining The Great Matuku Muster.

An advocacy and education project involving the Bittern Conservation Trust, Love Bittern and Department of Conservation (DOC), the Great Matuku Muster calls on people to listen for the “boom” or “whoomp” sound made by male matuku-hūrepo/Australasian bittern in spring.

Shy and elusive, matuku-hūrepo are classified as “threatened – nationally critical”, with an estimated New Zealand population of less than 1000 individual birds. Their habitat is generally wetlands, where they are seen as an indicator of wetland health.

Wendy Ambury of Love Bittern said muster events were one day each month between September November, for up to an hour from sunset.

The muster is supported a series of workshops around New Zealand help people learn more about the cryptic species and know what to listen for.

“We’re keen to have volunteers around the country sitting somewhere safe on the outskirts of their local wetland to record male matuku-hūrepo booming.



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Photo: COLIN O’DONNELL

“Volunteers are supported in most cases by regional coordinators who can help qualify and assign listening spots to optimise their reach.

“This may just be the best chance New Zealanders have of

seeing or hearing a matuku in their lifetime.”

Bittern Conservation Trust spokesman John Sumich said only a large landscape scale monitoring activity can give an accurate idea of the matuku-

bittern population. The birds are highly mobile and if the count is not done at the same time across the country, some birds may be counted twice.

“The Great Matuku Muster is a great event but its maximum

usefulness, as with all monitoring, is with future repetition.

“It is really gratifying to see an initial community-initiated exercise supported by DOC and other agencies.”

Henry Caley, a DOC Science Advisor who specializes in matuku-hūrepo, said the birds faced a range of threats – including habitat loss, introduced predators and disturbance.

DOC is practicing methods for monitoring bittern and their calls, and staff involved in that work welcomed the chance to involve communities in expanding matuku-hūrepo surveys.

“The global population of these remarkable birds continues to decline, so The Great Matuku Muster is hugely valuable in raising awareness of their plight and presents a method to do our largest population counts to date.

“Long-term repeated annual surveys will be very informative for the management and protection of this species.”

**DETAILS: Visit [www.lovebittern.com](http://www.lovebittern.com), contact Wendy at [lovebittern@gmail.com](mailto:lovebittern@gmail.com) or the Bittern Conservation Trust at [bittern-conservation@gmail.com](mailto:bittern-conservation@gmail.com) for more information on The Great Matuku Muster.**

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# A Father's Day surprise

**OPINION**

By MICHAEL WILKES



This Father's Day just gone, my daughter ran up to me at church. "Dad, Dad, can I go have a play date." I looked her and without thinking responded. "No, it's Father's Day. We are going to hang out this afternoon and go for an adventure!" "Oh yay," she replied, running off in excitement. My wife looked at me sideways. I had no plan, and we had not discussed one. What we had discussed was getting out more with the kids. So, by the

time we pulled into the driveway that afternoon I declared: "We are going to take the whole family abseiling!" And that is just what we did.

Everyone had a stunning time, my older two bossed the abseil, my youngest went to the halfway point strapped to my back, and the next up cautiously looked over the edge and declared, "I'll do it when I am five."

As everyone worked their way down the trail and I was left to pack up and catch up, I got reflecting. Sometimes we can find ourselves falling into the trap of giving gifts to win the affections of our kids and loved ones. Gifts are nice,

but for most the feeling is fleeting. But creating memories. Now that is something that can last forever. They become points of connection and conversation for years to come. They become moments captured in time that teach our kids lessons about life that can ring true for years to come.

So often the temptation is to chill at home, sit back and enjoy a coffee, and let the kids play on their devices.

But as we step into spring and celebrate the longer and warmer days approaching, why not look for the opportunity to create memories with your loved ones that will last a lifetime?



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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Wayne says the development has been over a year in the making.

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**Swampies win try fest in Ruatoria**  
*Tighthead Ted Match Report for Saturday, September 14.*

Fourteen tries, 12 conversions and three penalties. There's no way you can say the crowd didn't get their money's worth as the Swamp Foxes beat Ngati Porou East Coast (NPEC) on their home patch of Ruatoria.

It was a genuine ding dong battle as Valley threatened to put the game away numerous times, before the Coasters would feast off mistakes and claw their way back into the match.

Certainly something for the Valley's big brains in the coaching box to work on over the week, before they host Buller next week at Whangamata.

A 15-3 lead was turned around to a 15-17 deficit in a nine minute scoring burst from the sky blues, and with the match sewn up at 60-31 with 15 minutes to go, two tries to the home side saw the final score 60-45. A few dodgy exits from kickoffs, not taking the ball cleanly, kicking the ball out on the full, and basic errors kept letting NPEC back into the hunt for the Heartland points. But the Valley had enough firepower to keep ahead of the eightball and bank the win.

Not to say there wasn't plenty of good play from Thames Valley, there must have been, you don't score 60 points by accident! Once again the scrum was dominant, props Will Martin and Te Huia Kutia leading the way like a couple of supercharged D8 bulldozers. Kutia and Martin also prominent in the fringe defence and tireless in carting the ball forward.



Tayne Tupia, who was on for the injured Finn McCall, was also a human wrecking ball on defence, jackal hungry, and capped his game with a five pointer, he certainly starting to hit his straps after an injury-plagued club season. Another forward try scorer, captain Matty Axtens had a massive game, leading from the front, the bloke is a perpetual motion machine that just never stops for 80 minutes. The lineout again operated well, earned a penalty try, and was the starting point in three other tries, with twin towers Cam

Dromgool and the man tougher than a 10 minute steak, Connor McVerry, the reliable targets. Fletcher Morgan is starting to look comfortable at centre, and was into everything like a kid in a lolly shop, and his break and kick through for debutant Zack Coffey to score was poetry in motion, if the Valley can get more ball to the big fella in full flight more often it could wreak havoc on opposing defense lines. Jake O'Connor added plenty of zip when he hit the field, his clearance from the base of the rucks

was sharp and accurate, he's rapidly becoming a super sub, lifting the team late in the game. Speaking of the bench, regular starters Oneone Faafou and Laulea Mau both added more punch than Mike Tyson when they hit the field. One Faafou tackle looked like an out of control Khaibar missile when he levelled the ball carrier. More selection problems for the boffins next week, as 10 into eight just doesn't doesn't go. Tighthead expects his selection suggestion of just putting more forwards on the



LEFT: the Swamp Foxes beat Ngati Porou East Coast on their home patch of Ruatoria.  
ABOVE: Thames Valley U19 Boys beat East Coast 29-5.

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field to start with once again will be ignored!  
East Coast 45 (6 tries; 6 conversions; penalty), lost to Thames Valley 60 (A Thrupp, I Seiuli, M Axtens, T Tupia, L Neels, T Doolan Z Coffey tries; Q Collard 6 conversions, 2 penalties; penalty try).  
Meanwhile, the Vixens put in a hearty last performance as they go down to Counties Manukau Development 22-48. And congratulations to Thames Valley U19 Boys who beat East Coast 29-5 in Round 2 of the Northern Regions Tama Ora Competition.



## THAMES AT THE TOP

The Thames team attended the helloworld Travel conference and Gala awards event in Auckland last weekend and had a fantastic time connecting with other helloworld members, upskilling with our travel suppliers & celebrating our years success. They were amazing achievements for the store, but for Jo, who took out the number 1 spot in the country for Top Travel Professional-Owner, it was a goal she dreamed of achieving.

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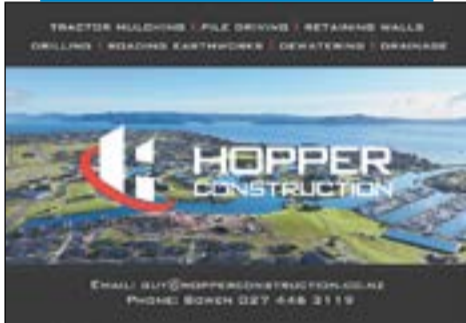


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## Death Notices

**GILL, Kevin John:**  
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**LOWE, Thomas Henry (Tom):**  
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**LOWE, Thomas Henry (Tom):**  
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## Death Notices

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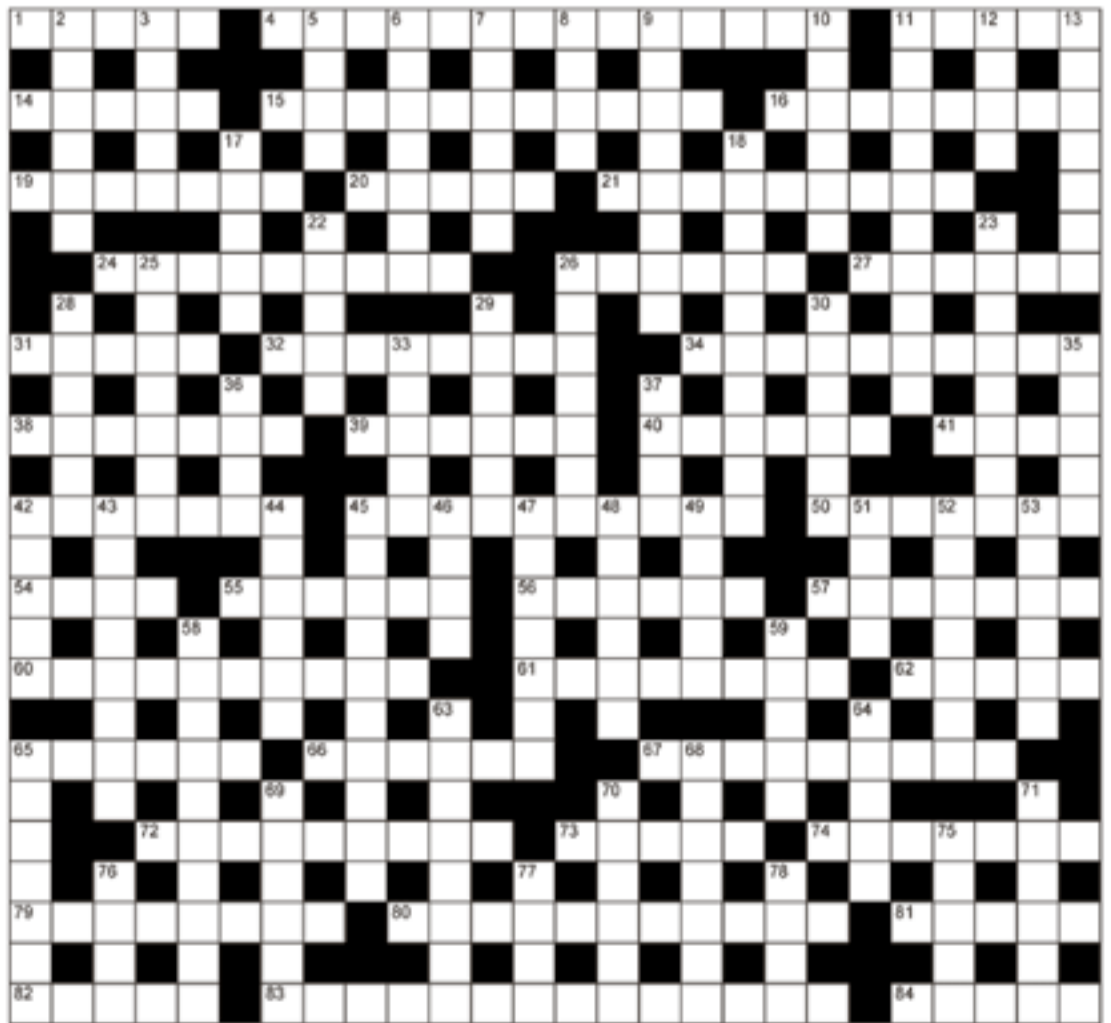
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Core (5)
  - 4 In very good health (2,3,2,1,6)
  - 11 Mix and combine (5)
  - 14 Ventriloquist's doll (5)
  - 15 Doggedness (11)
  - 16 Water sport (8)
  - 19 Train stop (7)
  - 20 Hauls behind (5)
  - 21 Lotion to deter biting insects (9)
  - 24 Alpine flower (9)
  - 26 Attach securely (6)
  - 27 Handsome youth (6)
  - 31 Aromatic food additive (5)
  - 32 Tunsmith (8)
  - 34 Sanitises (10)
  - 38 Kept watch over (7)
  - 39 Idiosyncrasies (6)
  - 40 Evoke (6)
  - 41 Horseback sport (4)
  - 42 Last in line (7)
  - 45 Emergency tyre (5,5)
  - 50 Flemish (anag)(7)
  - 54 Holding device on workbench (4)
  - 55 Bendable (6)
  - 56 Distinctive tone quality (6)
  - 57 Oar rest (7)
  - 60 Faster than sound (10)
  - 61 Suggestive or disparaging oblique remark (8)
  - 62 Restrict (5)
  - 65 Fantasies (6)
  - 66 Snub (6)
  - 67 Male do (4,5)
  - 72 Common virus (9)
  - 73 Hush money (5)
  - 74 Hereditary (7)
  - 79 Foliage (8)
  - 80 Argumentative (11)
  - 81 Strong, tough (5)
  - 82 Anxious, nervous (5)
  - 83 Old-aged (4,2,3,5)
  - 84 Water mammal (5)
  - DOWN**
  - 2 Fairness (6)
  - 3 Send payment (5)
  - 5 Cast off (4)
  - 6 Covers for loss (7)
  - 7 Allocate (6)
  - 8 Mimicked (4)
  - 9 Become greater (8)
  - 10 Make possible (6)
  - 11 Fed up (7,3)
  - 12 Go (4)
  - 13 Stray from the subject (7)
  - 17 Lace mat (5)
  - 18 Advantageous (10)
  - 22 Fiend (5)
  - 23 Entertaining account (8)
  - 25 Propriety in conduct (7)
  - 26 Predicted (7)
  - 28 Improvement (6)
  - 29 Loan shark (6)
  - 30 Come to an end (6)
  - 33 Portly (5)
  - 35 Jeer (5)
  - 36 Optical glass (4)
  - 37 Bazaar (4)
  - 42 Roof overhang (5)
  - 43 Decode (8)
  - 44 Candle fat (6)
  - 45 Saturated (7,3)
  - 46 Singing voice (4)
  - 47 Twist together (7)
  - 48 Compassionate or benevolent (6)
  - 49 Ghostly (5)
  - 51 Golf club (4)
  - 52 Lone singer (7)
  - 53 Acid in sour milk (6)
  - 58 Conspicuousness (10)
  - 59 Proverb (5)
  - 63 Greek instrument (8)
  - 64 Rubber tree sap (5)
  - 65 Long dry spell (7)
  - 68 Hot-pepper sauce (7)
  - 69 Flower-patterned (6)
  - 70 Ornamental wall band (6)
  - 71 Halfway point (6)
  - 75 Spot on (5)
  - 76 Blood vessel (4)
  - 77 Fine gravel (4)
  - 78 Give off (4)



**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

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SPORTS

# Waikato lacrosse scores with Paeroa talent

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

It was “the joy of the game” that motivated Abigail Cox to give her best in the sport she loved.

“I really enjoy it, so it makes me thrive. It’s the one thing I am good at and I love.”

The 16-year-old was selected to play in the U18s Waikato Development Lacrosse Team last month.

She told *The Profile* she was shocked when she heard the news.

“I know there are a lot of great players out there who are older than me and I was surprised to get a shot at it at 16 as one of the younger players on the team.”

Abigail has been part of the Waikato U15 team for the past few years, and even represented Waikato at the Australian Nationals.

Abigail, who is in her fourth year of playing lacrosse, said she played midfield.

“As middi, you have to be able to run the whole field, you also do centre draws.”

But she had also played goalie and attack before, she said.

“You have more chance of getting picked if you are able to play wherever the coach puts you and not just one position.”

Abigail’s objective this season was to win at the New Zealand nationals “or at least better my skills” so she could make it into the top team next year, she said.

“And perhaps trial for the New Zealand U20s.”



Lacrosse player Abigail Cox has played midfield, goalie and attack.

But one thing on Abigail’s bucket list she hadn’t yet crossed off was getting a scholarship to play lacrosse in the United States, she said.

She would also love there to be a Thames Valley League.

“We have the gear to help to get schools going, they just need some people to run with it.”

While lacrosse does “take my attention”, the Paeroa College student said she was also aiming for a merit endorsement at school.

When Abigail gets home from training, she does “heaps of homework” and would catch up at school too, she said.

Her mother, Penny Cox, said Abigail had been really lucky to have had several different teams and coaches.

“She’s learned so many skills from so many different people that are just giving back to the



Abigail Cox has been selected to play in the Waikato U18 Development Lacrosse team.

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kids all the time.”

Abigail, who also played for her school’s lacrosse team, said she was coached by Ursula Johnson, her former science teacher.

Not only is Ursula a lacrosse coach, but she is also a “top New Zealand player” who currently worked for World Lacrosse, Abigail said.

One piece of advice from Ursula that’s stuck with Abigail was to turn nerves into energy.

“That’s what Ursula tells us. She says the nerves are good because they give you heaps of energy.”

Abigail said there were a lot of people involved in the sport and she’d made “quite a few friendships”.

In her Waikato team, they take cowbells to ring “when we score” or when the players need encouragement, she said. And one pregame tradition was to huddle around, put their sticks in and “do a cheer”.

As well as playing the sport, Abigail is also a referee. “I spend most of my weekends at Tamahere at the lacrosse fields,” she said. After she had warmed up and played her game, she refereed the next two matches, she said.

But it was clear Abigail’s journey was a team effort.

Her coaches from across the years, including Ursula and this year’s U18s coach, Richard Banks, were some people Abigail said she wanted to thank.

“I wouldn’t be where I am without these people that support me on my journey.”

Abigail’s advice for students who would like to get involved in lacrosse was “just give it a go, it’s amazing”.

“All the adults are there to help you grow. It’s safe, friendly and keeps you fit.”

Abigail was currently preparing for her U18 development season to start in late September.








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