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# Council drain causes concern

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

A Thames resident is concerned a council stormwater discharge pipe emptying on to the slope above her home could put her home and a popular walkway at risk of slips.

The property where Donna Pervan lives with the home's owner Alan Kent is tucked into the hillside beside the Jacob's Ladder walkway.

The driveway, and the steep steps, are on a road reserve or "paper road" owned by Thames Coromandel District Council. The reserve spans the hillside from the corner of Grey St and Heale streets below to Mt Pleasant Rd above.

During Cyclone Gabrielle in 2023, there was a slip behind Alan's garage from the hillside above, within the property boundaries. Another slip, also on the property, occurred further down across the lower section of the driveway. The slips have since been cleared and retaining walls installed.

The garage was initially yellow-stickered by the council as mud and debris from the slip had piled up against its concrete block exterior, but the damage has since been repaired and the sticker removed.

But Donna was worried about further slips on the slope. The issue, she said, was a stormwater drainage pipe which ends just a couple of metres below the bench seat at the top of the ladder, discharging into the ground in the reserve.

"And [the council is] saying because the pipe runs in a straight line, that the water



Donna Pervan stands on the steps of Jacob's Ladder, which she believes is at risk of slips from nearby stormwater drainage. RIGHT: Water and mud piled up behind Donna and Alan's garage during Cyclone Gabrielle in February, 2023, after a slip on the top of the property.



runs straight," she said.

"But you can see the water, what it's doing, seeping all in."

Donna said she could see on the slope where the water had carved a path off to the side behind the property's garage. She said water was also heading in the other direction, pooling under the steps of Jacob's Lad-

der. The steps were beginning to list away from the hillside, she said, and she was worried they were becoming dangerous.

"The water's getting under [the steps]... It's all mud under here," she said.

"It's just a matter of time."

Exacerbating the issue is the amount of

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Whangamata	-0	03	-0
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0

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leaf litter falling from the trees in the reserve, which Donna said was a constant source of blockages in the ladder's drains and at the top of the walkway.

For the five years she's lived there, she has spent a lot of time in the reserve, keeping the steps and drains free from debris.

"I'll come down here with my blower vac and get all the drains," she said. "Once the oak leaves drop, you're just out here all the time because you've got to clean these gutters so that water can run down."

Donna said she rarely saw workers maintaining the stairway.

"They used to come every week, but it's all changed," she said.

"This is what happens. They should be in here clearing all this shit out. And, of course, then [the drains] get blocked."

The council did not respond to a *Valley Profile* query asking who was responsible for clearing the leaf litter, and how often it was done.

A simple way to fix the issue, Donna said, would be to extend the stormwater pipe part-way down the slope, so it discharged directly into the stormwater drain on her driveway.

But because both the pipe and the driveway were on council-owned land, Donna said she was unable to make the fix herself.

*The Profile* asked the council to explain whether the drainage pipe was affecting the structural integrity of the slope and Jacob's Ladder. It replied with the following statement:

"Council's drainage infrastructure adjacent to Jacob's Ladder is adequate and fit for purpose. The overland flow that occurs during wet weather events for example is



Donna Pervan is concerned discharge from a stormwater drain could cause damage to iconic Thames walkway Jacob's Ladder, or slips on to the property where she lives. ABOVE: The new retaining wall behind the garage.

Photos: ALICE PARMINTER



due to natural servitude".

When pressed further, the council declined to respond.

However, an email from the council to Alan, dated September, 2023, said while the road drain did outfall above the site of the upper slip, it was not directly in line with the site, instead pointing down the centre of the road reserve. The email also referred to "subservient rights of discharge".

"The road and road drainage above your property were in existence before your property was created, and I see no liability for council in this case," the email read.

"Council has a right to discharge water downhill, and the property below has a duty to accept the flow."

Donna said the council had refused to look further into the issue unless she supplied them with her post-cyclone geotechnical report. The report was prepared for Donna and Alan in August, 2023, when the retaining walls were put in. It stated that an exploratory borehole at the top of the driveway had found groundwater not far below ground level.

"Groundwater was encountered at shallow depths between 0.4m to 1.86m bgl (below ground level)

within exploratory holes. This is expected to be a seasonally high groundwater table due to the high levels of rainfall in the region has experienced in the recent months," the report said.

"Groundwater levels commonly fluctuate according to the season and rainfall events. As such, groundwater levels may vary and be identified at higher levels than monitored during this ground investigation."

Matt Price, the contractor who put in the retaining walls at the property, said he could see the drain water flowing directly on to Alan's land.

"They're not fixing it properly, and that's what's creating a lot of the issues," he said.

"I think that a pipe needs to come down that hill and connect it to the stormwater. It's definitely going to get worse."

Donna said she just wanted the council to take another look at the drain. "It cost us over \$30,000 [for the report] so why would I give it to them? They know what's going on here," she said.

"They need to re-divert that bloody drain."



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# THS unveils visual tool to promote core values

Since 2018, the values or Tikanga at Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga/Thames High School have been a guiding force in shaping the school community.

These values—Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Mātauranga, Whakamana, and Whakapono—have played a vital role in fostering positive relationships among staff and students, and creating an inclusive, supportive environment.

Now the school is taking a significant step forward in reinforcing these values by introducing a new visual tool.

This tool is designed to help both staff and students recognise and live by the school's values in their daily interactions.

According to the Deputy Principal, Mr Ashforth, who oversees the Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide (PB4L) framework, introducing these visual cues will encourage students (tao-hi) to live and breathe these values.

“The process of designing these motifs took over 18 months and involved consultation with the student body, staff, and local iwi.



Photo of 2024 Thames High School head students standing with Deputy Principals Penny Keet and Chris Ashforth along with Principal Michael Hart. Photo: SUPPLIED

“We are thrilled to see these values in images we can unpick, explain and weave into our curriculum and everyday lives here at the school.

“I am sure these will grow with our school and community and lead to our students achieving their true potential.”

The designing of these icons began by incorporating elements from the school's symbol, or tohu, and adding visual references to the

school environment.

These include the wharenui, Te Puna O Te Pito Mata (The Wellspring of Potential) and the original bell tower, which now stands in the school's front garden.

The designs feature symbols such as Poutama (sun rays) to represent “the climb” or striving for excellence and harakeke weaving is used in a few of the motifs to show that each of these values interconnect.

The Tohu symbolises the local landscape, featuring Te Puke o Raka Maomao, Te Kowhatu whakairi a Ngātoroitangi (Table mountain) and the Firth of Thames/Tikapa Moana o Hauraki.

It also represents the land on which Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga is built, a land gifted by Ngāti Maru for the purpose of educating our people.

This initiative highlights the school's commitment to integrating tikanga and these visual tools are expected to serve as a powerful reminder for the entire school to continue embracing its core values.

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**Our Tohu/Symbol**

*Our Tohu was designed by a Thames High School student Claudia Long in collaboration with Tahjonelle Kaitamaki-Topia.*

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# Forty years' service on the thin blue line

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

There's no routine day for a police officer, Sergeant Tony Mumford says. But as he celebrates 40 years with the New Zealand Police and looks ahead to his upcoming retirement, the Thames officer says he has loved every minute of his career.

Tony began his policing career in Palmerston North and Feilding, after graduating from the Police College in 1985. But he soon found his way to Thames, and for the last 26 years he has relished his role in the small town.

"There's really good community support here - 99 per cent of my career has been in small towns and working with the community is the thing that I like about small town policing," he said.

"Because of the knowledge that you have of the community and that the community has of you, you can use any skills that you might have to get around into different resolutions."

Tony's current role as Prevention Supervisor has him overseeing three youth aid officers, three community constables, a school community officer and the Thames watch officer. Together, the team covers Thames, Paeroa and Waihi.

The role involves a lot of outreach with local youth, one of Tony's lifelong passions.

"Getting young people at the right age and preventing them from becoming offenders is a whole lot more productive than dealing with them when they're



It's been a memorable 40 years in the Police for Sergeant Tony Mumford.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

20 years old, running around committing offences," he said.

"Way back when I first started, you targeted the youth that were offenders... they got arrested and dealt with through the criminal justice system. Over the years there's been a complete flip-flop and now we do everything we can to keep them out of that system, whether it's helping them get a driver's licence or doing whatever we can because once they're in it, they find it really hard to get out."

Tony has always had youths in his life. Besides his own two sons, he and his wife have been foster parents to over a dozen young people, both formally and informally.

"We'd have friends that had a problem with their kids, so we'd take them for a few months and have a bit of time off for them and stuff like that," he said.

"Anything that I've done has really been around youth, and that is something that I really get enjoyment out of."

It's not all about young people though, and Tony said he's had many other memorable experiences in his years of service.

"In 2012, I did a six-month deployment to Bougainville as the team leader of one of the police teams there... helping them rebuild their policing services since the conflict back 30 years ago now.

That's six months away, living in a completely totally foreign environment - experiences like that are just invaluable."

And on New Zealand soil, the work has been just as interesting. Alongside armed incidents, traffic stops and community outreach, Tony has worked on helicopters and provided security at the Commonwealth Games and other high-profile events.

"Back in the days we used to use helicopters and hang by a chain under a helicopter to do cannabis recovery, that was pretty good fun. And the adrenaline rate was always up through the roof," he said.

"At the Tina Turner concert

in Palmerston North I shut the whole concert down after it had been going about half an hour, because there was a bomb scare. I was rather new, I think I was still a Constable and Acting Sergeant at the time when I got the call."

Thames has also had its fair share of interesting work days.

"We were only in Thames for about six weeks when we had the first major flood. You obviously learn how to deal with incident management, with cyclones and floods," he said.

"And obviously here we have our fair share of fatal crashes because of our roads and the way our people drive, unfortunately. It stays with you. It's not something that you want to stay with you, but you can't do anything about it."

"Right from when I first joined, I've tried not to take the job home. But [my wife's] pretty good. She knows when I've had a day that I need some support from, she can pick it straight away, and things have been like that ever since I joined."

Tony will be stepping down from active duty in December, ahead of his official retirement in mid-2025. He plans to stay involved with the community though, and said he has already had a few offers to get involved in some youth-based projects in the area. There's also fishing, diving, and close family nearby to keep him busy.

"There's always something to do here."



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## 'Amazing' camp for Moanataiari School

By Moanataiari School students Ben Ashby and Jacob Kidd

September 10-13 was our senior room 6 and 9 camp. We were overjoyed to leave on our journey through Auckland to Willow Park Christian Camp.

As we left school, you could almost hear the enthusiasm of children excited about four days off school. We arrived at camp and started exploring the immensity and grandeur of the property, which covers a whopping 7500m<sup>2</sup>.

This immaculate camp had a gym called the recreation centre, a full kitchen with the best cooks, and a mini golf course. We discovered the recreation centre but couldn't enter without an adult.

On the first night, we had an extraordinary stroganoff with pasta and vegetables for dinner.

This was one of my favourite dishes in my entire time there.

The activities we participated in were bowling,

swimming at the beach, and tribe sports.

The wonderful teachers booked us a brilliant trip to Howick Village on the second day.

The aim of this village is to capture us into the world of the 1800s. The Howick Village used to house retired English soldiers, which greatly heightened the population of Auckland.

There were a series of activities for the group to go around. After lunch, we explored the rest of the village, from a tiny preschool to a grand manor in the centre of the town.

The vastness and uniqueness of the village piqued everyone's interest.

On the third day, we travelled by ferry to downtown Auckland to swim at Tepid Baths and explore Wynyard Quarter.

Ultimately, this was a wonderful camp that catered to everyone's wants and needs.

We highly recommend it.

## Moanataiari School principal's message

By David Brock, principal

Moanataiari School offers a vibrant learning experience, fostering academic excellence, environmental stewardship, and cultural understanding.

With standout programmes like Writer's Toolbox and Pr1me Maths, enriching camps, and public speaking successes, students thrive in an inclusive and dynamic community. We welcome you to visit.

## Students plant 3000 native plants

By Moanataiari School students Ben Ashby and Jacob Kidd

As students of Moanataiari School, we take immense pride in our involvement in Trees for Survival's environmental education programme. This valuable initiative equips us with knowledge and skills to care for native plant species from their earliest stages as seedlings. We approach this responsibility with great dedication, tending to these plants and enthusiastically participating in planting days to revive our local ecosystem. The visible impact of our efforts is evident throughout Moanataiari, where we have strategically planted native plants and trees by the stream next to our school and in various areas across our school grounds. We have also participated in plantings at Kuranui Bay with Thames-Coromandel District Council.



## Interschool speech winners

By Moanataiari School student Katelyn Sem

On August 27, Moanataiari School students competed against each other from their class speech finals and were picked by the judges to attend the interschool speech competition.

These students were Sapphire Tarua-Stoneham, Macy Donaldson, Sartaj Singh, and Katelyn Sem. The inter school competition took place on September 6 at Parawai School. At the end of the competition, Katelyn Sem won the year 7-8 competition and Macy Donaldson won the year 5-6 competition.

We are proud of all those who competed in our school and inter school competitions. Here is a recount of Katelyn's Sem attendance and ultimate win of this competition:

"I nervously sat in my seat knowing I had to read my speech in front of other competitors that won their school competition.

Every single person's speech went by fast, and my turn was coming quicker and quicker. The next thing I knew, they called out my name, and it was finally my turn to speak.

I was feeling a mixture of nervousness and gladness; the only thing I could do was get up on stage, talk loudly, and speak clearly.

At last, I got to the final sentence.



Inter school speech winners, including Katelyn Sem, right, in first place. Photo: SUPPLIED

I was finally done with my speech.

I walked off stage as the audience applauded for me.

All my nerves were gone now; there were only two speakers left. I was curious about who the winners were, but for now I had to be patient. Finally, everyone was done reading their speech.

It finally got to the point where the judges announced the winners; third place wasn't me, and second place wasn't me.

I was starting to lose hope but the next thing I heard was, 'In first place we have Katelyn'. I was full of excitement and shock."

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## Students attend Conservation Week extravaganza

By Moanataiari student Jacob Kidd

Maggie Carter and I attended the Environment Hui at the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre.

In the morning, when all the schools arrived, we presented our accomplishments to everyone. Afterwards, we had morning tea and went to our first rotation round.

We were at the Lizards with Doug and Jane Ashby and we had a great time looking at the geckos.

After that, we went to the Hillary Outdoors activity, grabbed some water from a nearby stream and inspected it for signs of life.

The following event consisted of lunch and the Sanctuary Mountain activity. We investigated the use of ink pads in tracker tunnels.

We looked at the cards and used the key to identify which animals had left their tracks behind. According to research, Sanctuary Mountain is the most oversized land island in New Zealand. This is an area with a pest-proof fence to protect our na-



tive species.

We then went to our last activity and explored the width of Tane Mahuta (New Zealand's largest tree) with a rope.

In addition to this, we learned about kauri dieback and how it can

affect native bugs and plants like weta. Overall, this was a great experience and taught us a lot about protecting the kauri from dieback and the species that rely on Kauri trees to survive, like the Duvaucel's gecko (the largest gecko).

## Junior trip to Waitakaruru

By Moanataiari School students Ben Ashby and Jacob Kidd

On September 24, the junior school attended the Waitakaruru School play, Ureia. This taniwha has great cultural significance for Thames and our region. The students were very excited about this trip and enjoyed watching this fabulous production. They learnt a lot about Ureia.





# Info centre ready to tell Thames' story

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

Thames' new information centre is set to have a whole new vibe, with a focus on selling Thames and the wider district as an interesting place to explore.

The info centre will reopen with a "soft opening" on October 25, ahead of its official opening on November 12. Run by volunteers and two part-time staff, it will share space with the Thames Business Association (TBA) in the former i-site location at the Civic Centre on Mary St.

The opening will mark the first time Thames has had face-to-face information services since the original i-site was closed in 2021, due to dropping visitor numbers and revenue after the pandemic. For the past three years Thames' tourist information service has been an unmanned pamphlet stand in nearby Goldfields Mall.

The centre will initially be open from Tuesday through Saturdays, from 9am-3.30pm. Between December and February, opening hours will be extended to seven days a week.

TBA chief executive Sue Lewis O'Halloran said the association had big plans for the service.

"We have to think outside the box, because we have to bring in the visitors. Our job is to promote Thames and the district, the whole Coromandel Peninsula. There's tons to do in Thames that people don't even know about," she said.

"It's a brand new experience for the TBA - we are learning as we go."



Sue Lewis-O'Halloran, Rob Johnston and Brent Courtney in the newly-refurbished Thames Information Centre. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

The Thames Coromandel District Council has committed more than \$170,000 to run the information centre for the next three years. An additional sum of up to \$50,000 from the Thames Urban General Purpose Reserve fund was contributed by the Thames Community Board for the refurbishment.

Sue said the TBA aimed to develop the centre into a self-funding endeavour, by offering booking services, merchandise and advertising opportunities alongside its core information service.

"It's been a major capital investment... and it's a different set of expectations that you create when you have a staffed facility. So we're going to have to be quite strong in our revenue development."

A big goal for the service is to re-qualify as an i-site, and Sue said the TBA was also looking into becoming an InterCity Bus agency.

"So our income will come from bookings, including the bus tickets... sales of merchandise, postcards. And we're only selling New Zealand [made] merchandise."

The info centre also plans to offer

mobile device charging and luggage storage.

Thames Community Board deputy chair Rob Johnston said the board was excited for the reopening. "It's a really important thing for the town, to get the information centre up again. Away from being a kiosk in the mall, which was just a sort of push-button sort of thing, to actually get some real people on the counter so that people can come in and speak face-to-face," he said.

The newly-refurbished space has a vintage feel, and is outfitted

with Thames' new brand and tagline, "Explore Interesting".

"We really wanted to change the perception of Thames from being a 'whatever town' into just this vibrant, really interesting town," Brand Matter owner Brent Courtney said. "It's got lots of history, it's got lots of natural beauty, it's got the beaches, it's got the valleys. So what we really summed it up as, is 'come to Thames and explore interesting'."

The TBA hoped locals would get on board with the endeavour.

Two staff and eight volunteers have already been found, and Sue said she wanted another 15 people to fill up the roster. The TBA was also working with tourism students from Thames High School, she said. "They can get their feet wet in tourism, and they can learn skills that they can then take to paying jobs," she said.

"It's been a bit of a journey for us, because the last i-site failed because they weren't able to maintain opening days and hours as long as they'd hoped. We certainly do so far have a very fine calibre of volunteers who are super keen and really want to get involved. We just need a few more."

"A big part of who Thames is, is we are storytellers. It's a selling point when you volunteer," Brent said.

"It's very important for the people that are here to tell that story."

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# Our Coromandel

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## Moanataiari Lookout Track

Work is underway on a great new walking track – the Moanataiari Lookout Track – to showcase spectacular views of Thames and attract more walkers to the town.

The historic gold mining track links up with neighbouring Waiotahi Track, creating a 1hr loop or a 40m return journey to the lookout and back. The new ridge track leads to a lookout with 180 degree views over Thames from the Hauraki Gulf in the north to Te Aroha in the south. The walk is expected to be popular with families and visitors alike.

A community working bee on Sunday 20 October undertook weeding and native planting to improve the entrance to the track, at the end of Moanataiari Creek Road.

Local philanthropists Dave and Trish Malanaphy have



agreed to fund a seat on the ridge for viewing, while Gastronomics Bar and Café will finance a picnic table.

The initiative has been spearheaded by the Moanataiari Lookout Group together with Thames Environmental Alliance, working together with Thames Community Board, Thames-Coromandel District Council and DOC. DOC signs will soon be put up directing walkers along the track.

## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The countdown is on for the opening of the new Thames Visitor Information Centre due to open by Labour Weekend. The centre, based at Thames War Memorial Civic Centre, will be run by Thames Business Association and a team of volunteers and will promote the exciting array of things to do in Thames and the Explore Thames brand. The centre refit has been made possible by a \$50,000 grant from Thames Community Board. [explorethames.nz](http://explorethames.nz)

## GET READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

Our Council has partnered with Age Concern Hauraki Coromandel to offer emergency preparedness workshops.

This initiative aims to educate and support older persons on emergency preparedness. Learn about hazards, how to stay informed and personal preparedness. Participants work through the contents of an emergency plan and how to prepare your own plan.

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### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

- 13 November: Pāuanui Hub meeting room, 9:30am
- 13 November: Whitianga, 3:30pm
- 20 November: Whangamatā, 9:30am
- 27 November: Thames, 9:30am



## BOOST YOUR FUNDING SKILLS FOR FREE

If you're a community group ready to boost your funding game, there's a great opportunity this month to join Funding HQ founder Jenni Giblin for a free, half-day workshop.

Funding HQ is a platform designed to support not-for-profit and community groups with advice and training so they can access sustainable funding options and build essential funding skills.

**THAMES** – 4 November

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## Thames Community Board UPDATE

The Board's next meeting is on **27 November, 10am**, at the Council Chambers, 515 Mackay St, Thames. All meeting agendas are published on [tcdc.govt.nz/meetings](http://tcdc.govt.nz/meetings) two working days before meetings. You'll also find previous meeting minutes and recordings there.

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## LABOUR WEEKEND

Some rules, regulations and schedules may change.



### Kerbside collections

There will be no kerbside collections on Labour Day public holiday on Monday 28 October.

The Red week collections (rubbish and food scraps) will take place a day later than usual. Check out [tcdc.govt.nz/bindays](http://tcdc.govt.nz/bindays)

Rubbish and Recycling Transfer Stations (RTS) will be open on Labour Day Monday from 8.30am–5.30pm. [tcdc.govt.nz/rts](http://tcdc.govt.nz/rts)



### Alcohol Bans

Alcohol bans are in place over Labour weekend from 4pm Friday to 4pm Monday. [tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol](http://tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol)



### Dog Rules

Dog restrictions are in place on some beaches this Labour weekend. Look out for Council's traffic light signage or go to our website to see what rules apply in your area.

[tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide](http://tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide)



### Council offices and district libraries

Closed on Monday 28 October. You can still contact us 24/7 on 07 868 0200 or email [customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz)

# Musos mentored

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Music was something Kerepēhi kids said “brings us together”.

It was a safe space that helped them to communicate with one another and create bonds, they said. Kerepēhi Primary School students who attended music lessons with their music teacher Matua Stu Green were gearing up for something special.

The music students would release an EP of original music at the end of the year, as well as perform the songs for their peers, teachers and whānau. And the plan was “we’re going to release them on Spotify” through the schools record label KP Records, Matua Stu said.

Valley Profile reporter Davidda Hikatangata, who is also a singer-songwriter and musician, was invited to offer mentorship and listen to the Kerepēhi musos perform their music on October 16.

The students were in the writing and planning stages of their processes on the day, and getting ready to record their music this week.

Davidda said she was blown away by the clever writing, fantastic rhythm and interesting melodies from the young music makers.

“The students gelled so well in their bands.”

The most important part was the students looked like they had fun, she said.

“I can’t wait for people to hear the music.”



Davidda Hikatangata shares a song with the school’s youngest songwriters.

Photos: SUPPLIED/DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA



Tori brings in the bass line.



Hinerau plays guitar in her band the Māori Pandas.



Kerepēhi School band Mana Music runs through their original song.



Matua Stu supports Lucy with the melody.



Faith focuses on her chords.

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# Children lost in Ohinemuri River tragedy



## Dead Cert

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

Four children in a boat rowing down the Ohinemuri River near Paeroa on a Saturday afternoon in September, 1912, presented a cheerful sight. The children - Jack Shaw, 9, Kenny Shaw, 13, their adopted sister Mary Moyle, 14, and their friend, Fortescue Moresby, 13, - had just been to the launch *Unuenuku* to retrieve a pair of boots. The children had often been on the river and were skilled at handling the boat.

At the Ohinemuri's junction with the Waihou River, Kenny stretched across the side to push something away in the bottom of the boat. He leaned over a bit too much and the boat took on a little water. Mary became flustered and the subsequent movements of the children caused more water to come over the side of the boat. Then it filled and capsized.

Plunged all at once into the cold water, the children were shocked but didn't panic. Kenny made for the branches of a tree. Fortescue, who had dived to get away from the boat, saw Mary underwater two or three feet away. He



Shaw grave, Paeroa, which also remembers Iris and Frederick, two infant children of the Shaws who died before Kenny, Jack and Mary.  
Photo: SUPPLIED

caught her and tried to bring her to the surface, but the weight of his clothes kept him down, and she slipped away. He then saw Jack and got him to grab the collar of his shirt. This Jack did and Fortescue swam to the upturned boat. He caught hold of the boat and Jack did likewise for a moment but then disappeared in the water. Fortescue threw the oars towards Kenny, but they did not reach him.

The boys began calling for help. Their cries were heard, and Ngaru Tukumanu came running along the bank of the river. A few seconds later the Shaw boy's and Mary's father, Edward, as well as Lionel Sanderson, and two others came running along the other bank.

Just then Kenny disappeared from view about 15 or 16 yards from the capsized boat. Mr Shaw called out to Fortescue and asked where the others were, and he replied that they were in the river. Fortescue had scrambled on top of the dinghy, which now drifted alongside the *Unuenuku*, and he was pulled to safety by Edward and Lionel.

Fortescue was exhausted and suffering from cramp. He was taken to the Shaw's house.

A search was made for the other children. Lionel dived into the river, but the water was very deep and after a few attempts he had to give up. Constable Miles arrived on the scene and a systematic search was made by large party under his direction by dragging the river.

About 5.30pm Kenny was found. Artificial respiration was tried for half an hour, but without success. At 8pm and 8.30pm respectively the bodies of the other two children were recovered. They were almost in the exact spot where they sank. Very deep and sincere sympathy was felt for Edward Shaw, who was the Ohinemuri councils' assistant engineer, and his wife Lena in their terrible loss.

The children were their three youngest, the family altogether consisting of five children. Their adopted daughter, Mary Moyle, had come to them six years earlier at the age of seven after the death of her mother at Waihi.

At the inquest, the verdict reached was accidental death by drowning. On the day of the funeral almost all Paeroa businesses closed and although it was a Monday afternoon, the silent town presented the appearance of a Sunday. The School Cadets headed the funeral procession, some members acting as bearers for their comrade, Kenny.

The coffins were completely covered with flowers, wreaths and crosses. Amongst the floral emblems were those from the Hauraki Rifles, Paeroa Druids' Lodge, Ohinemuri Jockey Club, Paeroa Fire Brigade, West Football Club, the staff and children of Paeroa High School.

The three children were buried side by side at Paeroa's Pukerimu cemetery. An immense crowd gathered at the graveside where there were many weeping eyes and aching hearts. The Reverend Dean made touching reference to the sad event - the saddest perhaps he said, in the annals of Paeroa.

## Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. In which part of the human body is the smallest bone? a) ear, b) foot or c) hand?
2. On October 20, 1972, the boat *Mary Celeste* left New York city with 10 people on board. When it was next sighted on December 5, 1972, how many people were on board?
3. What term refers to the ability to correctly identify a musical note after hearing it?
4. Bangalow, Date, Nikau and Queen are examples of what type of plant?
5. The coat of arms for Belgium contains how many lions? a) 1, b) 2 or c) 24?
6. Which is the only United States state whose name contains the letter J?
7. In what month does the German festival of Oktoberfest begin?
8. Which novel, by Louisa May Alcott, contains the characters Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy March?
9. Patrick Gower's new show, known as *The F#\$%ing News*, promises to showcase what type of news? a) good, b) bad or c) true crime?
10. Te Whanganui-a-Tara, translating to 'the great harbour of Tara', refers to which New Zealand city?



Answers: 1. a) ear; 2. no-one; 3. perfect pitch; 4. palms; 5. c) 24; 6. New Jersey; 7. September (this year it began on September 21); 8. Little Women; 9. a) good; 10. Wellington.



## Thames cinema now showing a wider range of movies

Left Bank Theatre owner David Mulholland is keen for the community to know that the cinema is now screening a wider range of movies.

He said he always intended to screen movies to suit most people, and he's pleased this is now beginning to happen. Although this will only continue if people come to see them now.

An example includes a new comedy starting this Wednesday called *The Hundred Foot Journey* that David thinks older and Indian community members may like. It's about an Indian family moving to France and starting a restaurant across the road from a Michelin-starred eatery. An audience review states that it contains no nudity, no warfare and the person didn't hear one single expletive worth the term, but is very enjoyable. David is aware that a lot of the movies screened so far have contained some violence and is keen to find more movies that don't contain violence. He's keen to screen *The Miracle Club* soon, starring the late Dame Margaret (Maggie) Smith.

Other examples include a blockbuster - *Megalopolis* - that started last week, and *Transformers One* which starts this Friday. *Megalopolis* is a 2024 Ford Coppola blockbuster - an American epic science fiction drama set in an alternate 21st-century New York City. *Transformers One* is an American science fiction action film

based on the Transformers toy line. David hopes younger viewers will like these and take the opportunity to try out the cinema. He wonders if young parents might like to show their children a film showing the toys they used to play with.

Some very popular children's movies were screened at the cinema during the school holidays, and David is getting more. Next week he'll start screening *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, a stunningly original and visually delightful work of stop-motion animation. It's a special Disney re-release for Halloween, and David wonders if children might like to see it instead of neighbourhood trick or treating.

Lots of laughter has been common at Left Bank Theatre, with films like *Wicked Little Letters*, and David expects *Thelma* will deliver the same. He said he's also got more foreign films coming, and will screen seven films from the British and Irish film festival in a couple of weeks that should appeal to a very wide range of tastes.

Left Bank Theatre is currently setting up a Facebook page and will post on the local community pages, but in the meantime go to [www.leftbanktheatre.co.nz](http://www.leftbanktheatre.co.nz) to see what's on, grab a weekly flyer outside the cinema doors, or pop into the cinema when the doors are open. David also anticipates he'll have his liquor licence in a couple of weeks, so patrons can enjoy a glass of wine or beer.

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# Love YOUR HOME

## A sacred space



The former Church of St Peter in Kerepēhi is now a home.  
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By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

One thing that comes part and parcel with living in an old church is the number of visitors who show up.

It's something that Paul and Sian Green said "comes with the territory of being the kaitiaki [guardian] of a church".

"It was a community building, you can't really shut the front gate and lock the doors."

The couple are the current owners of the former Church of St Peter in Kerepēhi. "But we won't own it forever, I'm sure," they said.

"As long as we can do our bit to preserve it and, you know, make it last longer."

Entering through the front door, my gaze settles on the window at the back of the building where the light pours in.

The hallway whispers elegance and a sense of refinement with walls dressed in black as I walk through.

It feels new.

Closed doors on my left, a kitchen island to my right. But as I step out from beneath a mezzanine, the space is vast and I find myself in the centre of what used to be a place of worship. A kauri ceiling arches its arms over top of the sanctuary as I find my footing on the matai floorboards.

The contemporary sits hand in hand with echoes of the building's past.

White walls, a raised floor where the altar once stood, and a skylight above where the sun falls in.

I feel light.

I feel reverent.

Somebody once told Paul and Sian the church had "good wairua", which the couple interpreted as a good spirit or feeling.

"We certainly find a calm and peaceful feeling in the building."

They liked spaces that fostered creativity and felt nice to be in, Sian said.

"It is really just a big open space."

"And the more we take out of the church, to be honest, the better it feels," she said.

"If we declutter it and just let the building speak, the building is beautiful."

"That's our aesthetic though."

It was a shared interest in unusual buildings and interesting architecture that led Paul, a photographer and designer, and Sian, a teacher and artist, to purchase the Kerepēhi property in March, 2019.

The couple, who were living in the South Island at the time, had family in Waihi and Auckland.

They also had two sons who had moved out of home, so the pair had become empty nesters. "So it was just the two of us."

While they were thinking about moving closer to family - they also wanted "a bit of a project", they said.

Sian told *The Profile* she'd been looking at real estate, "especially churches".

They put an offer on an Auckland church 25 years ago, but it wasn't accepted, she said.

"It's just always been something that I've thought, you know, that'd be fun."

"And then this came on the market."

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## Kaitiaki reimagine former Kerepēhi Church of St Peter

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however “the reality for a lot of people doesn’t quite add up,” she said.

But it was a match for the creative pair who saw the building’s potential - and with that, they purchased the property.

The Greens “set about renovating it”, but they weren’t the first to turn it into a home, they said.

“It had been converted to a home in the 90s.”

“There’s a lot of people [who] say to us, ‘oh, is it still a church?’” but the couple said it was “definitely a home”.

However, it was fair to say “when we bought it... it needed some love”.

“It was starting to show some signs of disrepair and lack of maintenance and what have you.”

Even though Sian came from a family who did a lot of renovation work, and Paul did not - this was the pair’s first time renovating a church, they said.

It was also the first “really big project” they’d done together, Sian said.

They wanted to revive the work that had been done in the 90s, they said.

“We wanted to bring that up to date and just improve the flow.”

One thing they really wanted to maintain was the way people would enter into the building.

Originally, of course, it would have just been “one big box” with nothing in it, just rows of seats,



Paul and Sian Green, owners of a former church which is now their home.



Photos: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Paul said. “And so we wanted to retain as much of that as we could, so that when you came in the front door, you could see straight through to the altar area and the window.”

But there were also practicalities they needed like bathrooms, kitchens and bedrooms - “those kind of mundane things”.

The Greens worked with an architect but “because we’re designers and artists, we kind of had a

reasonable idea of what we wanted”.

Sian did a lot of research and looked around at other church conversions and made note of what worked and what didn’t work so well, Paul said. “And so this is what we came up with.”

“But we kind of wanted people to be able to look at this and go, well, ‘all the black stuff is obviously new and all the white stuff is the original building’.”

“From what we can tell from the historical archives we’ve been able to dig up, it’s been modified pretty much from the beginning when it was first built [in 1925],” Paul said.

So that made the Greens feel a little bit more “relaxed” about the changes they’d made.

“I try to preserve as much of it as I can, but at the same time it’s always been modified.”

One thing Paul and Sian said they discovered was the building

had a category C listing on New Zealand’s heritage building list.

“It does have a heritage building listing, but... it’s not regarded as super precious,” Paul said.

“The local community built this church themselves from money they raised at cake bake [stalls] and things like that,” Paul said.

It was very much ordinary material at the time - “so we’ve just put plywood in, but we’ve stained it black”.

Back in the day, it was a “very basic utilitarian” building, Paul said. “These timbers seem exotic to us now, but of course, back 100 years ago, they weren’t.”

In the 70s or 80s, the Greens said there was a bathroom put on the side of the building, which the couple had taken down.

And the main church window, at the front where the altar used to be, wasn’t the original one, he said. “That was gifted to this building in 1955 from St Mark’s Church in Remuera.”

One change the Greens made near the altar space was to remove the “half stage” which was like a middle-step before stepping down to the main floor. “We just decided for practical reasons that [it] wasn’t working very well for us.”

So Paul and Sian lowered it to match the rest of the floor level.

A builder went in to help Paul put on a new roof and also added insulation, they said.

“So that was quite a big job and

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not [a] very pleasant job.”

And although they had some help - Sian said Paul deserved a lot of the credit.

“He has done the majority of this work and he is not a builder.”

Apart from making two holes in the roof to install skylights, and taking off the old bathroom, those were the only changes to the “outside fabric” of the building the Greens had made.

A lot of the work they had done was replace some of the timber and rimu weatherboard that had become rotten over time. It should last another 50 years at least before any of it needed to be looked at again, he said.

But when it came to keeping some of the history, the couple had a special principle.

“We tried to adopt a policy of not erasing all of it.”

A baptismal font that held water for baptisms used to stand in what was now their kitchen - Paul and Sian said they left the markings on the floor to show where it had been. There was another dark circle marked out, this time on the Matai floorboards, which showed the space where a spiral staircase once led to the mezzanine.

When the floor sander arrived to do some work, he told the couple he could sand the mark out. But Sian and Paul decided to keep it there.

“That’s part of it - part of the story that this building tells”.

The Greens found engraved initials in the rafters too.

“We’ve sanded the rafters, but we haven’t sanded it out.”



Paul said he also found the original builder’s signature, A J Innis, on the back of a wooden board nailed to the wall. “But rather than kind of sign it like a painting, he’s hidden his name away.

“Because I guess for them, it was a religious building, and he didn’t want to kind of be boastful. It’s there, but it’s kind of hidden.”

Part way through the project - Paul said it shifted from being a construction and renovation, to more of a design and craft project.

He started to see opportunities where he could create “something a little bit bespoke and a bit differ-

ent” instead of buying something off the shelf, he said.

For example, the doors in the hallway didn’t yet have handles on them - but Paul planned to make something of his own. They also had a “placeholder” light over the dining table as Paul planned to create a light for the spot.

“My aim is to make a light actually with some of the timbers we took out of the steeple.”

He said even if they were a little bit “rotten and wormy” - the beautiful native timbers still had use in them.

“I have a hard time throwing any

of that away.”

Something the Greens really valued was people and their connections to the building.

Paul said they’d learn “little gems” of information from people who stopped by.

One time, Paul and Sian were visited by Frank, the first private owner of the church they said.

He was driving by one day and stopped when he saw that the building had been sold.

Frank was responsible for all the trees planted on the property, they said. Alongside the visitors from outside - there were a few links to

people involved in the project too.

The Greens’ architect, Lisa Webb, of Studio LWA, had a connection to the area because her mother went to school nearby in Waitakaruru.

They also found out their engineer’s father was christened in the church 60 years ago.

“And these are all people based in Auckland, you know, but there’s so many connections.”

Another woman stopped by to talk with the couple about her mother who was married in the church, and the Greens actually had a photo of the newlyweds emerging from the front door on their wedding day.

So everytime someone knocked on their front door and shared a little bit more, they would “soak up” as much information about the building and area as they could, Paul said.

“I can look for their name, like their family name and the history there.

“I like that people feel that they can come through.”

The Greens, who said they were about 90 per cent of the way through their renovation, said it was a beautiful liveable space.

“We’re just trying to do it as well as we can, you know, because it’s about preserving it for as long as we can.

“It still has a role to play in the community”.

**DETAILS:** For readers who have photographs, stories or connections to the old church in Kerepēhi that they’d like to share - please get in touch with Paul and Sian on Instagram: @old.st.peters.kerepehi

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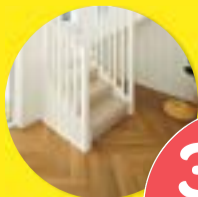
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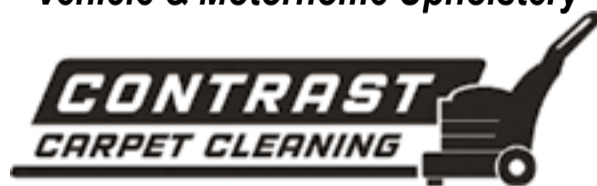


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## HEARTLAND RUGBY

*Kings Under The Mountain v2.0*  
By Tighthead Ted

Yes, ole Tighthead Ted's used that headline once already this year when the Valley beat North Otago in round robin play. But much like my early dating efforts, I was premature, so I'm rolling it out again. Kings under the mountain, Meads Cup Champions! How good is that, how good was Saturday, and how bad must the boys have been feeling as they bussed around the Valley showing off the silverware on Sunday! Bad as in I am sure that one or two fizz producing beverages would have been sampled overnight, a just reward after a season off hard work.

Have I said how good was it a million times yet? Perfect day for code, Boyd Park looked like a picture, much better than the gray days and dismal mud baths when I used to butt heads with me old mates Matt Bartlett and Rog Wilton, with mud up to our knees and an Adidas leather ball. The track was hard, the breeze decent enough but not match deciding, and the crowd was pretty damn amazing. Four to five thousand, but by halftime from the refreshment tent, the ole vision was starting to see things by two, maybe three to four, but we'll go with five, as the day deserved that sized crowd.

The match started like a final too, uncompromising, no holds barred, big carries, big hits, it was a great spectacle. Valley failed to get off to their usual fast start, and were looking a little nervous, forcing passes and trying to make things happen, as opposed to just sticking to their processes and knowing it will come with patience. A Collard penalty after the opening exchanges was replied to by the MC Hammers putting their massive left winget in for a go ahead try.

Valley trailing three to 3-5 after 10 minutes was not on the match day schedule pinned up in the changing sheds.

The home side kept trying to move the ball wide, as has been so successful this season, but the MC brains trust had obviously done their homework, and the high digit wearers in the Valley backline were in general shut down. A nice break from halfback Charlie Marsh was promising, but he was gone from the ruck so fast that he outstripped his support, and then the ball was turned over in the tackle.

Both teams had plenty of chances over the next few minutes, but attacks were diffused as neither team could gain any control. Valley were still forc-



Sione Etoni with the hit, Cam Dromgool about to win the penalty. RIGHT: Skipper Matty Axtens takes clean lineout ball.



Photos: BART'S RUGBY PHOTOGRAPHY

ing passes, and their normal accuracy was lacking. A ruck penalty on the Valley 22 saw the Hammers extend their lead to five, and after 20 minutes the visitors' play was giving their large contingent of fans some hope of taking home the Meads Cup. From the restart the Hammers put their clearing kick out on the full, and the Swampies had the throw on the 22 metre mark. Fletch Morgan in midfield made the initial dent in the Hammers line, before finding Brett Ranga in close support. The big fella barrelled on putting the Hammers on the back foot, before Laulea Mau scored under a pile of bodies. Quinn Collard added the regulation conversion for Valley to take the lead back, 10-8. Valley had a monopoly of possession after the Mau try and hammered (pun intended), away at the Mid Canterbury defence to no avail. The visitors scrambled well and were giving as well as they were taking at the breakdowns. Finally after 35 minutes the Valley cracked the defence again, a lineout drive, then a nice surging run from Rodney Tongotea saw Mau grab a double with another hard earned try. Mau was driven over by his forwards and managed to wrestle the

ball down under the pile of bodies. Ole THT has to mention the Hammers' tryline defence here, all the Swampies' four tries were worked for, me old mate Bart would have needed turf cam to capture any of them. They also held two try efforts up for goal-line dropouts. Monumental stuff. Mau though, two tries in the first spell, and with Collard on fire with the boot, the two extras added, and the scoreline was starting to look more comfortable, 17-8 with five to go until the break for oranges. From the kickoff Mid Canterbury fouled up some good work with a knock on, and the Valley scrum won a penalty after an almighty shove put the opposition eight into reverse. A lineout five metres out was held out by the Hammers, before another scrum was awarded to the Swampies, still five metres out. Sione Etoni with an old fashioned one off charge that Reuben Wiki would have been proud of, crashed over the line, but was held up, for another 22 metres dropout. Mid Canterbury kicked long, Morgan bought it back with a strong run, supported by McVerry with another tough carry. Eventually the Hammers left their feet at the following breakdown and were penalised. Collard did the rest, and 20-8 at the half.

The second spell did not start as planned, with the Hammers having upped their game and cut their error rate. Exerting all the early pressure, they breached the Valley line with a try to their left wing again, and the conversion from the sideline saw the lead slashed to 20-15. The Valley stung by the early setback swung back on to the attack and poured the pressure on. Big carries from Ranga, Alex Thrupp, Tongotea and Cam Dromgool saw the Hammers get pinged and rewarded with a yellow card on the five metre line. Skipper Axtens called for the scrum, and went off the back, and was pulled down just short, Mau and McVerry also had goes for the line before another penalty saw another scrum called by the skip. Ole THT was loving this, almost as much as he loved the seven-one bench split Valley ran with for the final. But unfortunately that stupid held up rule came into play after halfback Marsh was held up over the line after numerous phases. How does that reward attacking play, letting the other team root the ball down the field, we're not playing rugby league here folks, and a good scrum is as much a part of the game as anything those sandal wearers out the back do.

Rant over, no try, and the Hammers get to clear their line, and after a couple of good charges from Oneone Faafou, Te Huia Kutia and McVerry, the ball went loose and the Hammers kicked long. Valley scrambled back but knocked on, and from the ensuing scrum, some wires were certainly crossed on defence, and the Mid Canterbury right wing found himself with 30 metres of space to work in, and dotted down for the try. The cracking conversion saw the Hammers take the lead for the second time in the match, 22-20, and the Valley were looking rattled with 27 minutes to go. But looking rattled and being rattled are two different things, the view from the lemonade stand at the end of the field was obviously getting more blurred, because the Swampies struck back from the kickoff. The Hammers' clearing kick was charged, and with Faafou and Mau carrying like berserkers, a series of attacks saw prop Kutia pick and go from a ruck and make the line. Lead regained, and after the Collard conversion, extended to 27-22.

From the kickoff, Valley made it two in two minutes. Collard launched a kick from his 22 after his forwards bought the kickoff down safely, and the crowd watched it sail over the Hammer fullback's head, bounce, and then roll gloriously into touch five metres from the line. The fatties did the rest, Dromgool took the lineout, and Lealau Mau, in

fine try scoring form, scored his third for the day, all buried under a ton of bodies, much to the disgust of all the cameramen on duty. Collard from out wide slotted the conversion, using the wind perfectly to bend the ball between the uprights. The score had gone from two points down to 12 points up in the blink of an eye. Three more were rapidly added after Dromgool was first on the scene to a ferocious tackle by Etoni, and the Mid Canterbury player was penalised for holding on. From about 48 metres out on the angle, Collard saw the ball bounce in off the crossbar. In an eight minute spell, the Swampies had piled on 17 points and put the game out of reach.

Unfortunately for the home crowd, the buggers from Mid Canterbury didn't get the above memo. As per last week when they came from 6-16 down to beat South Canterbury. With their bench adding some go forward, a try close to the posts against the tiring defence bought the score back to within eight, and still 12 minutes to go. What a 12 minutes it was. A tackling clinic as the Hammers held on to the ball phase after phase, and the Valley defence, led by Kutia, Axtens', replacement flanker Kenan Gillson and replacement hooker Josh Tye, repelled wave after wave of attack. Finally the Hammers coughed up the pill and were penalised, and fittingly, Mr Boot, Quinn Collard tapped and kicked the ball to touch, game over, CHAMPIONS!

Unlike in past weeks, the forwards scored all the tries, earning their post match tea and biscuits, four tries, all from five metres or closer. That tells the story of the match, and the tough defence from the Hammers out wide that shut down the lethal outsiders who had been dotting down on a regular basis.

Geez it's tough to single out any players in a final like this, but I like the tough jobs. First, prop Lance McIntyre. Gave a hell of a shift after getting limited game time all season behind young tyro Will Martin. But rolled up his sleeves and got stuck in, and is now a Meads Cup winner. On the subject of props, try scoring Te Huia Kutia. Eighty minutes. That's what real props did back in the day, well done mate. Our old hooker mate Oneone Faafou was back to his running best, along with his locks, the veterans McVerry and Ranga. Both carried hard, and Ranga got around the field like a spring chicken running some great support lines. The loose trio were outstanding too - Axtens tackled himself to oblivion, Dromgool was a menace over the ball, and Mau, three tires ample reward for a top match. Mentioned the whole forward pack there haven't I. Whoops, but it was a day for the forwards, not to say the back division didn't earn their keep, just that this game was all about trench warfare, not cavalry charges!

The backs though we're not just there to fill out their jumpers and brush their flowing locks. The midfield pairing of Morgan and Tongotea got the pack on the front foot with their strong running, as did Etoni on the wing. Etoni also put in some big hits that would have had the Hammers' ball carriers looking for him. Ole mate the peroxide warrior, Alex Thrupp had limited chances and had to go looking for work, but he made the Hammers' defence work hard to bring him down. Collard and Doolan, the fullback/first five hybrids, controlled proceedings well with their boots, Collard's goalkicking being a masterclass.

Speaking of hybrids, halfback/winger Charlie Marsh cut the Hammers up early and was as per usual cleared crisply and accurately. Geeeee, How PC is THT becoming, everyone gets a prize, but hell, it is the final, it was won, and no one made a prick of themselves, all is well in the world for another year.

Thames Valley 37 (L Mau 3, T Kutia tries; Q Collard 4 conversions, 3 penalties), beat Mid Canterbury 29 (4 tries, 3 conversions, penalty).

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# Cultural arts celebrated

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

An evening of celebration for Hauraki students and their creative expressions took place last month.

The Hauraki Plains College community celebrated its Cultural Arts Award evening on September 25. Hauraki year-13 student Joel Hunt, who was the MC on the night, told *The Profile* it was a wonderful showcase of the school's creative skills.

It was a chance for students to be commended and awarded for their efforts throughout the year for their selected disciplines, he said.

The different art forms acknowledged were visual arts, drama, dance, fashion design, kapa haka, media, music and photography.

The young MC also received a few awards himself - the Leadership Award for guitar ensemble, Brooks Family Cup for contribution to drama and the Rhodes Green Trophy for contribution to The Arts at Hauraki Plains College.

Joel said one of the most significant parts of the evening was when a new award, in memory of the late Trevor Benns, was presented to the inaugural recipient, Matthew Tegg. "This trophy recognises a student who has contributed the most overall to music at HPC."

As the award was presented to Matthew, the kapa haka group honoured him with a haka. "It was a good turn out for friends, whānau and our local community," Joel said.



A group of year 13 award winners with Principal Sharon Moller, left, and Year 13 Dean Anish Chand, centre. Photos: SUPPLIED



Matthew Tegg wins the Trevor Benns Memorial Trophy for Best Overall Contribution to Music.



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# Rural Life

## Pest plant species the focus for Mautohe Cathedral Cove

A team from Predator Free Hauraki Co-Romandel Community Trust is hard at work reducing pest plants in Mautohe Cathedral Cove as part of project to restore the area and reinstate walking access to the popular beach.

Department of Conservation (DOC)'s Hauraki-Waikato-Taranaki regional director Tinaka Mearns said DOC wanted it to be in great shape for visitors when it reopens. "Alongside cyclone damage, the area is also under threat from introduced pest plants that stand to undermine the area's unique beauty and native biodiversity."

Globally recognised for its idyllic small beach and famous rock arch, Mautohe Cathedral Cove has been a marine-only experience since February, 2023, when extreme weather events triggered landslides which significantly damaged the track and resulted in its closure.

The involvement of the Predator Free Hauraki Coromandel Community Trust (PFHCCT) in the Mautohe Cathedral Cove work programme was a great boost for the project, Ms Mearns said.

"They've done some excellent work removing pest plant and tidying up vegetation across the reserve during the last few weeks," she said.

"It's been hard physical work and we've been impressed by the results.

"Involving an organisation like this trust to contribute to walking access reinstatement supports the local community and helps us build a partnership with a recognised conservation contributor in the area."

PFHCCT chief executive Jude Hooson said the members recognised the importance of Mautohe Cathedral Cove – and the significance of opening it up to the public



A weed whacker at work. Photo: SUPPLIED/DOC

– and were thrilled to be working alongside DOC and Ngāti Hei.

"We're really delighted to be part of the collaborative effort. In many ways this is an extension of the recovery support our Field Support Team has already provided to groups across the peninsula," she said.

"In addition to helping to open up the main walkway, this is also an opportunity to remove problematic pest plants as a first step towards enhancing the native biodiversity of this very special place."

Meanwhile, visitors to the site continue to be an issue for staff and contractors working to reinstate the track.

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Beth Torrance will perform her new EP *Tiny Flowers* at Kauaeranga Hall.

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# 'Homecoming' for Thames songwriter

Songwriting is something Beth Torrance uses to articulate and understand her feelings.

"Often, it's only once I've written a song that I'm able to fully express what I'm feeling."

The artist, who spent many summers on the Thames Coast as a child, and then shifted to Thames as a teen, was preparing to go on a mini tour of Te Ika-a-Maui, the North Island, to celebrate her sophomore EP *Tiny Flowers*, which was released last week.

People in the Thames Valley will be in for a treat on November 2 as the music maker was set to "pay tribute to her home" with a performance at the Kauaeranga Hall.

"I'm very excited to be hitting the road," she said.

But Beth was no stranger to performing at her old stomping ground.

She'd played at the Back Room at the Lotus Realm, headlined a show at The Green Room and even played at the opening of Garden Music, she said.

"I also busked regularly on weekends outside Coco Coffee Bar."

Thames was also where Beth said she wrote most of the songs for *Tiny Flowers*.

The six-track EP features the following tunes: *Tiny Flowers*, *Ankle Socks*, *Angeline*, *Danby Fields*, *Corridor* and *Oh, Isn't It So Beautiful, This Life*.

Beth said the EP explored "enduring heartache" and the struggle to reconcile reality with desire - particularly when being present in the place where it all happened.

"I hope the EP resonates with people and that they find a connection to the songs and the rich visual world that accompanies them."

Her tour kicked off in Auckland on October 18, and will take her to Raglan on November 1, Kauaeranga on November 2 and Wellington on November 8.

But Beth was looking forward to heading back home for a show.

"It was important to me to play a show in Thames," she said.

"It really feels like a homecoming to me."

**DETAILS:** Beth Torrance, Kauaeranga Hall, November 2, tickets: [www.undertheradar.co.nz](http://www.undertheradar.co.nz) and search for: Beth Torrance. Exclusive merchandise will also be available on the tour, including CDs and prints which feature the artwork of renowned political cartoonist Chris Riddell.

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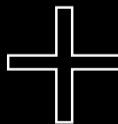
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**The Hundred Foot Journey** (122 mins, 2014) PG. Coarse language. **Wed 1.30pm; Sat 4pm:** A family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant across the road from a Michelin-starred eatery. Viewer's review: "NO nudity. NO explosions.... I didn't hear one single expletive worth the term...."

**Thelma** (98 mins, 2024) M. Offensive language. **Wed 5.15pm; Thu 11am:** 93-year-old Thelma gets duped by a phone scammer and sets out on a quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her.

**Megalopolis** (138mins, 2024) R13. Violence, offensive language, drug use & sex scenes. **Wed 7.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 4pm:** 2024 Ford Coppola blockbuster - American epic science fiction drama film. Set in an alternate, 21st-century New York City. The city of New Rome faces the duel between Cesar Catilina, a brilliant artist in favour of an Utopian future, and the greedy mayor Franklyn Cicero. Starring Adam Driver.

**Wicked Little Letters** (100mins, 2023) M. Offensive language & nudity. **Thu 4.30pm; Fri 1.30pm:** People receive letters full of profanities & rowdy Rose is charged with the crime. The town's women investigate.

**Show Me Shorts: Aotearoa - Ka Awatea** (97 mins, 2024) Violence, domestic violence, offensive language & drug use. **Thu 7pm:** Homegrown short films as part of Aotearoa's international short film festival.

**Rosalie** (115 mins, 2024) M. Sex scenes & self-harm references. Subtitled. **Fri 7pm:** 1870s France, Rosalie concealed her hirsutism until a bar owner marries her for her dowry. Inspired by historical figures.

**Transformers One** (104 mins, 2024) PG. Violence & scary scenes. **Fri 4pm; Sat & Sun 1.30pm:** The story of Optimus Prime and Megatron, known as sworn enemies, but were friends bonded like brothers & changed the fate of Cybertron. American science fiction action film based on the Transformers toy line.

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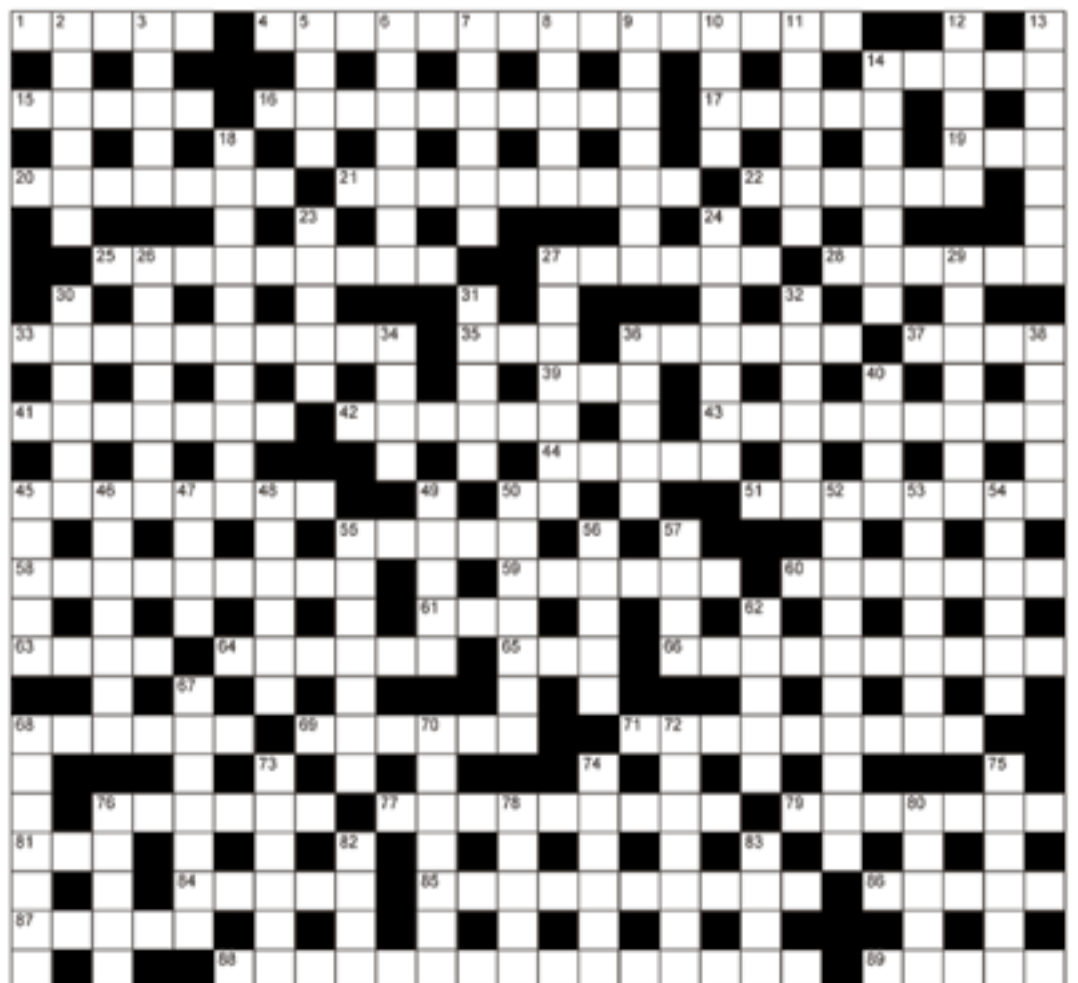
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# JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- 1 Chide (5)
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  - 14 Happen again (5)
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  - 17 Investigation (5)
  - 19 Rodent (3)
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  - 37 Concept (4)
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  - 79 Supervise (7)
  - 81 Point (3)
  - 84 Supplementary (5)
  - 85 Incarcerated (10)
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  - 87 Spinning blade (5)
  - 88 Irving Berlin musical (5,3,4,3)
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  - DOWN**
  - 2 Dress (6)
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  - 6 Shots (7)
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  - 9 Maximum size (7)
  - 10 Water outlets (4)
  - 11 Imagined perfect place (6)
  - 12 Derision (5)
  - 13 Guard (7)
  - 14 Entourage (7)
  - 18 Making trouble (2,2,2,4)
  - 23 Loosened (5)
  - 24 Sugar pill (7)
  - 26 Pestors malevolently (7)
  - 27 Make strong and secure (7)
  - 29 Fortified white wine (7)
  - 30 Garden pavilion (6)
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  - 32 Pungent bulb (6)
  - 34 Rip (4)
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  - 40 Idol (4)
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# From anxiety to adventure: the power of exposure

OPINION



By MICHAEL WILKES

Rising for school after a late night of gaming, a young "James" feels as though he might vomit.

Overwhelmed by the day ahead, he opens the front door, glances at the car waiting in the driveway, and bolts back inside.

This scenario is not exclusive to James; it plays out in various forms for many young people—and even for adults, if we're honest.

A few years ago, I worked with James, and my solution was simple: exposure. We faced both his known fears and those he hadn't yet recognised. We visited shops where he had to ask for help and explored the bush, even abseiling off cliffs.

What I witnessed in James was trans-

formational. By confronting both current fears and real dangers, he grew in confidence. He realized that if he could overcome the fear of a cliff, he could tackle the school day. Eventually, school became a source of excitement rather than anxiety.

Solo rock climber Alex Honnold observes, "If we don't experience real danger, our mind will create fear out of nothing".

While this might sound harsh, it's worth considering.

The young people we meet who engage in challenging activities with their parents - like hiking or hunting - often struggle less with anxiety and face the world with a sense of adventure.

Facing hard situations fosters resilience and growth.

So, what fears are we ready to confront today? What adventure is waiting to be explored?

Parents, take a moment to consider what activities you can make time for with your kids.

Whether it's a hike, a new sport, or a weekend camping trip, these shared experiences can help them build confidence, develop resilience, and learn to embrace life's challenges head-on.

*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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October 25th  
**The Valley Profile**

## CLASSIFIEDS - Deadline 4pm Friday

Death Notices	Church Notice	Garage Sale	Pets	Trades & Services	Trades & Services	Painters	Tiler
<p><b>DUGGAN, Pat Vanoye:</b> Peacefully at Thames Hospital on 13th October, 2024. Loved family member of his siblings and their families, his wife Rose and family. We will miss his humour, his big heart and 'live in the moment' attitude. Pat's funeral was held on Thursday 17th October.</p> <p><b>WILLIAMSON, Warren:</b> Passed away on 19th October 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Aged 88 years. Darling husband of Jill, adored Dad of Vicki, Elizabeth &amp; Marcus &amp; Dad-in-law of Brett, Leonard &amp; Julz. Much loved Pa of Tamzin &amp; Matt, Talaya &amp; Jeff, Josh, Reuben, Ashton, Ava, Leah, Mason, Beckett &amp; Harper. Our sincere thanks to the caring staff at Thames Hospital &amp; Hospice NZ. Rest easy now Pa... we will love &amp; miss you always.</p>	<p><b>Assembly of God</b> 10am Sundays. Scout Hall. Baker St, Waihi</p> <p><b>For Lease</b> Yards for lease, Thames and Kopu. Suitable for trucks, vehicles or trade business base. Ph 027 440 7101</p> <p><b>For Rent</b> Ngatea 3br, 2bth, 2gge. Tony 027 637 2024</p> <p><b>For Sale</b> Weightlifting set for sale. Has about 200 pound in weights \$450. Ph: Ted 021 167 6777</p> <p>Jigsaw puzzles and McDonald's toys. Ph 027 869 0634 to view</p> <p><b>CLASSIFIEDS</b> Call Nikki: Ph 022 130 3885</p>	<p>83 Pukekauri Rd, Waikino. Sat &amp; Sun 8.30am start. Good assortment, Christmas ideas and lots more.</p> <p><b>Gardening</b> <b>STUMP GRINDING.</b> All sizes, all areas. Thames based. Ph 021 060 7659</p> <p><b>Grazing</b> Available for yearlings or calves. Long term, until 31st May 25. Ex dairy farm on Hauraki Plains. For more info ph 027 354 3432</p> <p><b>Monument Services</b> <b>HEADSTONE DETAILING SERVICES</b> Cleaning and re-inscription. Thames, Paeroa, Waihi, Morrinsville and Te Aroha. Areas not listed please enquire. Ph 027 315 8559</p>	<p><b>KENNELS</b> WAITAKARURU Boarding Kennels and Cattery. "A great place for your pet to stay." Shane &amp; Sherrin Hansen. Ph: 07-867-3344, SH25 Waitakaruru, RD6 Thames</p> <p><b>Wanted To Buy</b> Kauri gum. Good quality. Any amount. Cash buyer. Ph: 027 238 8009 or 09 409 4839</p> <p><b>Storage</b> Thames Valley Storage - secure, dry units available, two sizes. Call Trev 027 4076966</p> <p><b>STORE 4 U Waihi.</b> Clean, dry, alarmed. Call Lyn 0275 759 173.</p> <p><b>TOTAL STORAGE LTD</b> <b>KEREPEHI / PAEROA</b> 10FT CON. \$125 per mnth 20FT CON. \$240 per mnth T&amp;C's apply 021 67 67 99 info@totalstorage.co.nz</p>	<p><b>DIGGER SERVICES</b> * Post hole drilling * Small earthworks * Tipper trailer * Metal delivery * Stormwater remediation Thames based Call Kevin 027 286 9288</p> <p><b>Storage</b> <b>STORAGE KOPU, PAEROA TE AWAMUTU</b> "New Units" Ph 027 440 7101 07 868 3033 Safe n Sound Storage www.safestorage.co.nz</p> <p><b>Storage Unlimited</b> 25 Ngati Maru Highway Kopu, Thames Clean, secure, dry Units available 7 x 3.6m and 7 x 5.5m Phone 07 868 9944</p>	<p><b>Burrows Roof Cleaning</b> EST 1971. For moss, mold etc removal. Industrial chems. Gutters cleaned, paths, drives, fences etc. Ph Murray 0800 287 7697</p> <p><b>STORAGE</b> 25 Ngati Maru Highway Kopu, Thames Clean, secure, dry Units available 7 x 3.6m and 7 x 5.5m Phone 07 868 9944</p>	<p><b>Roof painting, Dulux products.</b> Free quotes. Ph 021 204 4495</p> <p><b>Professional roof painter.</b> Mario Kerkhof 027 961 4055</p>	<p><b>Professional tiling services.</b> Ph Rob 022 408 4136</p> <p><b>CLASSIFIEDS</b> Call Nikki: Ph 022 130 3885</p>
<p><b>Public Notice</b></p> <p><b>Parking Bylaw/Ture ā-Rohe Tūnga Waka and Traffic Bylaw/Ture ā-Rohe Waka Haere</b></p> <p>The Thames-Coromandel District Council gives notice that, under the Land Transport Act 1998,:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It has made the Parking Bylaw/Ture ā-Rohe Tūnga Waka. The bylaw came into force on 15 October 2024.</li> <li>It has amended the Traffic Control Bylaw/Ture ā-Rohe Waka Haere. The amendments come into force on 01 November 2024.</li> </ol> <p>Copies of the bylaws may be inspected and obtained at the Council's offices in the following locations: 515 Mackay Street, Thames 355 Kapanga Road, Coromandel 10 Monk Street, Whitianga 620 Port Road, Whangamata</p> <p>The bylaws can also be viewed on the Council's website at this link: www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Council/Bylaws-Codes-and-Policies/Bylaws</p> <p>www.tcdc.govt.nz</p>							



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## Handyman Services



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## Home Maintenance

### Waihi Home Maintenance Services

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## Public Notices

### Change to Kerbside Rubbish and Food Scraps collection



Due to Monday 28 October being a public holiday, the kerbside collections for Rubbish and Food scraps will be collected one day later than usual for the week.

#### Tuesday 29 October

Whiritoa and Waihi Zone 1

#### Wednesday 30 October

Waihi Zone 2, Waikino, Mackaytown and Karangahake

#### Thursday 31 October

Kerepēhi, Turua, Kaiaua, Ngātea and Waitakaruru

#### Friday 1 November

Paeroa

Remember to put your bins on the kerbside by 7:30am with about a 30cm gap between each bin so the trucks can easily pick them up.



<https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling>

### Extraordinary Meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee



Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Hauraki House, 1 William Street, Paeroa.

### Extraordinary Meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee

For the purpose of reviewing the Draft 2023-24 Annual Report on Tuesday, 29 October 2024, 10.30am

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Chief Executive

Hauraki District Council



[www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

# Classic cartoons for Halloween Alternative event

Children and families are invited to attend the annual Halloween Alternative event at the Paeroa War Memorial Hall on November 1, from 5pm.

Attendees are invited to dress up in this year's theme which is Classic Cartoons, and prizes will be awarded to

the best outfits.

Event organiser Bob Turlington told *The Profile* it was a safe and fun event many locals enjoyed going to.

Last year there were more than 300 people who attended the popular annual event, he said.

People could expect to see

and play silly games such as Pick your Nose and Smack the Rat, Bob said.

"There will [be] lots of lollies, food, and door prizes like free pizzas, movie passes."

**DETAILS: Entry: gold coin; Paeroa War Memorial Hall on November 1 from 5pm to 8pm.**



Dress up as your favourite cartoon character. File Photo: PIXABAY

## Applications open for Department of Conservation's community fund

A \$9.2 million fund to assist community conservation groups is an opportunity for local conservationists to apply for support to enhance biodiversity in our region, Coromandel MP Scott Simpson says.

"Conservation Minister Tama Potaka has announced applications for the Department of Conservation's Community Fund have opened for community-led conservation projects that protect New Zealand's unique wildlife and places," he said.

"Our region has a proud tradition of conservation.

"Across the Coromandel, Hauraki and Western Bay of Plenty there are hard-working and passionate people doing their bit to protect and revitalise our natural environments.

"These groups and individuals play an essential role in protecting native species and their habitats.

"I encourage our local conservation groups to apply for support through the DOC Community Fund."

Projects must meet all the eligibility criteria: Project is focused on protecting and restoring threatened species and/or ecosystems; Project is community-led, for example, led by whānau, hapū, iwi, community conservation groups, not-for-profit organisations or umbrella groups; Government departments and local authorities cannot apply; You are seeking funding for up to three years; You are applying for a minimum of \$150,000, excluding GST. For example, \$50,000 per year.

Applications for the Community Fund close on November 28 and successful applications will be announced from late March, 2025.

**DETAILS: Visit [doc.govt.nz/doc-community-fund](http://doc.govt.nz/doc-community-fund) for more information.**

## SPORTS REPORTS



Winners of the first division Matthew Hodgetts and Keith Robinson Waihi with Thames tournament manager Dennis Karl and handicapper Sue Karl. Photo: SUPPLIED

### CROQUET

Results of an inter-club tournament held at Thames Croquet Club Saturday 12 October. Players from Thames, Paeroa, Hamilton East, Claudelands, Waihi, Leamington and Pukekohe braved the cool conditions. Special thanks to our sponsor Richardson's Real Estate

Thames. First division winners were Matthew Hodgetts and Keith Robinson of Waihi. Runners up were Marie and Brian Kendrick from Claudelands (Hamilton). Second division winners were Earl McLarnon and Georgia Jones of Waihi Runners up were Sheryl McConnell and Lyn Robertson of Thames.

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## Public Notice

### Proposed Temporary Road Closure

Pursuant to the Section 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of a Christmas Parade organised by Go Waihi it is intended to close the following roads to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder. During the proposed period of closure provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road, to use alternative routes.

**Period of closure:** Saturday 7 December 2024, 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

#### Roads to be closed in Waihi:

- SH2 – Seddon St and Rosemont Rd, from School Lane to Kenny St.
- Seddon St – From Rosemont Rd to Gilmour St.
- Mueller St – From service lane to Seddon roundabout.
- Haszard St – From Seddon St to Haszard St Service Lane (RP/0.220).
- Moresby Ave – From School Lane to Seddon Rd roundabout continuing on to Kenny St.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic will be made with signs, cones and barriers to redirect traffic on detour.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the proposed period of closure.

Any objections should be directed to Transport Manager on 07 862 8609 or [info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz) by 6 November 2024.

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**Period of closure:** Friday 6 December 2024, 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

#### Roads to be closed in Paeroa:

- Wharf St, Queen St and Princes St Paeroa.
- Normanby Road/Belmont Rd (SH2), (from Arney St intersection to Marshall St).
- Corbett St from (Belmont Rd intersection to King St intersection).
- King St (from Corbett Rd intersection to Arney St intersection).

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## Situations Vacant

### Retail Sales Industrial Supply Specialist

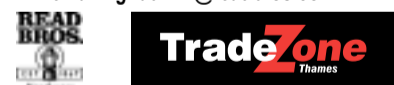
We are looking to add to our growing team and need someone with a passion for customer service and the industrial supply business.

Applicants must have excellent communication skills, be able to build long term customer relationships and enjoy the challenge of problem solving.

You'll need to be comfortable working in a busy retail environment and have proven industry/trade knowledge.

Hours are Monday to Friday and rostered Saturday mornings.

**Application packs and further information are available from Dave in-store at 308 Pollen Street Thames, [www.readbros.co.nz](http://www.readbros.co.nz) or can be requested by emailing: [admin@readbros.co.nz](mailto:admin@readbros.co.nz)**



### Thames High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga

### Vocational Pathways Assistant (Permanent Part-time)

We seek a Vocational Pathways Assistant to support the Vocational Pathways Manager. The role includes administrative and organisational support to ensure our Gateway and Trades Academy students experience successful outcomes. This includes co-ordinating placements, completion of assessments and reporting functions

We promote a collegial work environment, valuing teamwork, respect and culturally responsive practices.

12 hours per week (term time only)

Start date: Monday 18 November 2024

**Applications close** Friday 1 November 2024 (4.00 pm)

For full details go to our website, [www.thameshigh.school/vacancies](http://www.thameshigh.school/vacancies)



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**Miranda** 326 Front Miranda Road

**Coastal lifestyle meets modern living**

This stunning 23-hectare (more or less) lifestyle block in sought-after Miranda offers rural charm and modern comfort. The flat, fertile land, currently leased, complements the renovated two-bedroom home. A sleek kitchen with Smeg stove, large windows, and a cosy living area make it perfect for relaxation. Polished wooden floors and a modern bathroom with a free-standing tub add warmth and style. With a reliable metered council water supply to all paddocks, excellent fencing, and protected waterways, it's ideal for outdoor enthusiasts. Zoned for quality schools, and close to fishing, bird watching, and bush walks. Overseas vendors are motivated to sell.

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**Auction (unless sold prior)** 11am, Thu 14 Nov 2024  
 96 Ulster Street, Hamilton  
**View** 5-5.45pm Mon 28 Oct  
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 karl.davis@bayleys.co.nz  
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**Puriri** 107 Neavesville Road

**Serene rural haven: family home with panoramic views**

Escape to rural tranquility with this three-bedroom lifestyle property on 3.2 hectares (more or less) of rolling hills and lush greenery. The home features a master bedroom with ensuite, two additional bedrooms, and an open-plan kitchen, living, and dining area with modern appliances and an island bench. Large sliding doors lead to a spacious deck with stunning rural views. With 6.8kW solar panels, a double garage, fully fenced paddocks, extra shedding, and a private river beach, it's perfect for hobby farming or equestrian pursuits. Just a short drive to Thames, this property blends serenity and convenience. Call today!

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## Waihi 729 Waihi Whangamata Road

### Entry level dairy farm in prime location

Here is an opportunity to purchase a 77-hectare (more or 77ha less), dairy farm with excellent free draining soils. When considering all aspects of the property this is an ideal opportunity for a first farm or a welcome addition to any farm portfolio given its simple nature and robust soils. The farm is divided into 66 paddocks which are easily accessed via a central race system. Key infrastructure includes a tidy 16 ASHB shed with in shed feeding system, an effluent solution with clay lined pond and travelling irrigator complying with regional council requirements, multiple shedding options centrally located. Call today!

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**Asking Price** \$2,299,000 + GST (if any)

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## Hikutaia 306 Ferry Road

### Highly Profitable Dairy

Rare opportunity to secure such a strategic farming investment in a sought-after location. This tidy 177 hectares (more or less) property contains 119-paddocks that are spilt across four titles and both sides of Ferry Road, with a 21.8 hectares (more or less) Environment Waikato lease available. The current vendors have adopted an effective milking operation with the last seasons production being 193,465kgMS supplying Fonterra. The tidy 44 ASHB is complete with a standoff pad and rubber matting. The race system has been well maintained ensuring all weather access to the paddocks. The soil type is a mix of peat, clay and silt loam. Call today!

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**For Sale by Deadline Private Treaty**

3pm, Fri 29 Nov 2024

**Phone for viewing times**

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**Puriri 248 Puriri Valley Road**

**Rural charm**

Settle into this 4.19ha (more or less) property where rural charm meets modern comfort. The open-plan dining, kitchen, and lounge lead to a Northwest-facing deck, ideal for relaxing in the sun. It includes four bedrooms, with the master featuring an ensuite, and is currently used as a three-bedroom home plus an office. A spacious lawn, gardens, double garage, and 7-bay half round barn offer ample storage. With flat land and four paddocks, it's great for livestock. Conveniently close to Thames, Paeroa, and local schools, and just a short drive to Coromandel beaches, this property is the perfect lifestyle retreat!

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**Puriri 250 Puriri Valley Road**

**Endless potential awaits**

Looking for substantial land with great potential? This property in Puriri could be the one. It offers a mix of flat, rolling, and steep contours with versatile Waihi Ash soils. Divided into 26 paddocks, it features 7-wire post and batten and 5-wire electric fencing. The disused cow shed currently serves as storage but offers many possibilities—reuse as storage, a workshop, or a project base. Ideal for dairy, grazing, or other rural ventures, it's close to Thames and Paeroa with easy access to Auckland and Hamilton, just over an hour away. Don't miss this opportunity filled with potential!

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